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Jay Spector Reflects on Lengthy JEVS Career

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JAY SPECTOR IS 73. He's worked for JEVS Human Services for more than 40 years. He's led the nonprofit organization as president and CEO for the last quarter-century.

So, when explaining his recent decision to retire, Spector said, "It's time."

"It's time to turn the reins over to some new people," he added. "And it's time to move on and do other things with my life."

Before doing so, though, Spector reflected on his legacy with the organization that, according to its website, helps people "lead self-determined, connected and hopeful lives that strengthen themselves, their families and their communities."

And it's a big legacy.

JEVS now serves more than 25,000 people per year, according to Spector. During his tenure, it has grown from its original mission of helping people find employment to one of helping them build careers and lives.

The nonprofit now has partnerships

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▲ Police presence at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas on Jan. 16

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After Colleyville Crisis, Security Philosophies Widely Differ

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING the Colleyville, Texas, synagogue hostage crisis at Congregation Beth Israel, Lafayette Hill synagogue Congregation Or Ami's Executive Director Scott Allen was in

Zoom meetings about synagogue security all day.

Synagogue administration took stock of the security measures they already had in place — a relationship with the local police department, cameras, alarm systems, security lights — and determined

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Our resident advice-giver is seeking questions from our readers. Are you perplexed about Jewish traditions? Unsure of pandemic-era protocol? Confused about child care and its related issues? Concerned about changes in your life? From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line.
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Philacatessen

FLOUNDER WITH SHALLOTS AND PARSLEY

If you're looking to make a dish that seems like it took a lot of work but was relatively simple, food columnist Keri White has the recipe for you. Her flounder with shallots and parsley recipe can work with any delicate white fish, as the only other ingredients needed are lemon juice, butter and salt and pepper. Check Philacatessen for the recipe, and check the blog regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.
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Discrimination in Employment Theme Of JCRC Conference of Organizations

Employment discrimination against Jews in Philadelphia will be the theme of a Conference of Organizations sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council on Monday, Jan. 31, at 7:45 p.m., at the Fellowship Commission Building, 260 S. 15th St.

Delegates representing the 400 lodges, chapters, posts and auxiliaries of the 20 city-wide organizations affiliated with the JCRC will attend the meeting.

A panel of community relations authorities to discuss the problem and answer questions from the floor consists of Nathan Agran, director, Community Service Department, JCRC; Samuel Glickman, area director, Philadelphia Region, Jewish Labor Committee; Fred Grossman, ADL director, Pennsylvania and West Vir-

ginia Region; Max M. Kleinbaum, regional director, Philadelphia Council, American Jewish Congress; David A. Sawyer, area Director, Philadelphia Chapter, American Jewish Committee. Maurice B. Fagan, executive director of the JCRC, will moderate the discussion and summarize its findings and recommendations.

A special feature of the evening will be the showing of the new film "Fair Play" produced by the Governor's Commission on Industrial Race Relations, which tells the story of employment discrimination in Pennsylvania and what members of one community did about it. Samuel H. Daroff, chairman of the Governor's Commission on Industrial Race Relations, will introduce the film.

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Disability Inclusion Becomes a Year-Round Endeavor

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IN THE EARLY DAYS of the pandemic, Jewish Learning Venture Chief Program Officer and Whole Community Inclusion Director Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer noticed a lot of complaints from people unable to eat in restaurants.

Having an autistic child with a sensory disability, Kaplan-Mayer and her family had adapted to getting take out and eating at home long before COVID-19 began. But her observation struck a chord nonetheless.

“For a moment, many nondisabled people had an opportunity to see what it’s like to be isolated in their homes,” Kaplan-Mayer said.

COVID has changed the way people think about disability and accessibility, Kaplan-Mayer said. People without disabilities are taking advantage of access tools, such as Zoom, that disabled people have been using for a long time.

The right to work from home is something disabled people fought for decades before COVID, Kaplan-Mayer said. Now that so many people are working from home, work flexibility and access tools have become commonplace, and advocates for disability justice and accessibility are experiencing their work come to fruition.

On this year’s Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month during February — a national effort since 2009 for Jews to coalesce around disability justice — disability inclusion and justice advocates are hoping that a greater focus on accessibility in the age of COVID sticks, even after the pandemic is over.



▲ Participants at a Whole Community Inclusion family program prior to COVID
Courtesy of Jewish Learning Venture

“This moment is really important, so we don’t just stop and be like, ‘When it’s safe, everyone go back,’” Kaplan-Mayer said. “Because we’ve learned how technology can support access in so many different ways.”

By highlighting the work of disability inclusion and awareness in February, there’s a greater chance that those not thinking about accessibility from March through January will think about it more deeply year-round.

“It’s not just a month,” Philly Friendship Circle co-founder and Executive Director Rabbi Zev Baram said. “Take whatever the focus is on this idea of inclusion — take it beyond just the weekend you hear about it, or the month that we’re recognizing it, and be able to interact with that

concept throughout the year.”

Philly Friendship Circle, a nonprofit working to build friendships between disabled and nondisabled young adults and children, is part of Whole Community Inclusion, a part of Jewish Learning Venture which hosts jkidaccess, a program focused on disability inclusion.

On JDAIM, jkidaccess brings together many area Jewish organizations and leaders to hold events; synagogues are encouraged to host a Shabbat during the month centered on the topic of disability inclusion or accessibility.

Philly Friendship Circle is co-sponsoring a dialogue with Central Jersey-based synagogue educator Lisa Friedman on

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Holocaust Refugee, Psychologist Jacques Lipetz Dies at 89

OBITUARY

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

PSYCHOLOGIST, BIOLOGIST and Holocaust refugee Jacques Lipetz died on Jan. 11. He was 89.

To escape Nazi rule, Lipetz and his family fled in 1941 from Belgium to Manila, Philippines, where they stayed through the Japanese occupation until the United States' liberation of the country in 1945.

Following the family's escape to New York that year, Lipetz attended Brown University for his bachelor's and master's degrees and Yale University for his doctorate. He studied biology and later psychology, serving as a clinical psychologist for more than 40 years in the Philadelphia area, meeting with patients weeks before his death.

His career as a psychologist was his commitment to helping others after he and his family were helped to escape the Holocaust, according to his wife, Inez Friedman-Lipetz.

"He felt he was a survivor for a reason," she said.



▲ Jacques Lipetz and wife Inez Friedman-Lipetz

Born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1932, Lipetz was the oldest of three boys. He served as a protector of his siblings, brother Eric Lipetz said.

During Nazi bombings in Belgium in the late 1930s, Eric Lipetz would crawl into bed with his brother.

"He said, 'Don't worry, don't worry,' but I think he really was just as scared as I was," Eric Lipetz said.

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▲ Jacques Lipetz (left) with his family in the 1950s Courtesy of Trina Weingarten

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ADL Philadelphia Hires New Executive Director

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THE ANTI-Defamation League's Philadelphia branch has a new executive director in Andrew Goretsky.

ADL Philadelphia announced the decision in a Jan. 10 press release, and Goretsky started in his new role on Jan. 24. He replaced Shira Goodman, who led the regional office for two years before moving to a new position as director of campaigns and outreach for the ADL's national office.

Goretsky, 48, lives in Whitemarsh Township and spent the last six-plus years working as the dean of students for Arcadia University. He wants to lead the local ADL chapter because of the recent increase in "antisemitism, hate in all its forms and extremism," he said.

"My son, Ari Shawn, is 10 and when I think about him, his friends and all children, I want a better world for him/ them," Goretsky added.

ADL Philadelphia is one of 25 regional ADL branches across the United States, along with the national office that is known for its annual report on antisemitic incidents. The local office serves "eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and the entire state of Delaware," according to the press release announcing Goretsky's hiring.

In that release, organization officials praised Goretsky's experience working to promote diversity.

At Arcadia, he advanced the values of "justice, equity, diversity and inclusion through daily interactions with students, faculty and staff," the release said.

Pre-Arcadia, Goretsky served on the diversity and inclusion committee at George



▲ Andrew Goretsky
Photo by Lafayette Hill Studios



▲ Shira Goodman
Courtesy of Shira Goodman

Washington University and the Native American Special Interest Residential Community at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He also helped students with learning differences at Landmark College in Vermont.

"We are excited for Andrew to lead ADL's efforts to combat antisemitism and bigotry of all forms in the Philadelphia region," said Hope Comisky, ADL Philadelphia's regional board chair. "Andrew has a reputation as a dedicated strategic leader, educator and administrator."

The new leader is taking over a strong organization, according to his predecessor. Under Goodman, ADL Philadelphia increased

the number of schools participating in its No Place for Hate program. Now, more than 200 institutions in the region use the "school climate improvement framework," as the ADL's website describes it.

Goodman also said that, despite working from home since the start of the pandemic, her regional office continued to increase the amount of money

it raised on an annual basis.

"That means people believe in that work," she added.

Goretsky hopes to build on Goodman's progress, but he knows he won't do that overnight. He plans to spend his first three months getting to know his staff of 12 and institutional leaders in the region.

The new director's

long-term goal is to continue building relationships with "synagogues, law enforcement, legislators, school administrations and others," he said.

During the Jan. 15 hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, it was pre-existing relationships that helped the four hostages escape unharmed, according to Goretsky. In an interview

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Cold-case Investigators Say Jew Betrayed Anne Frank’s Family

RESEARCHERS SAID THE PERSON who betrayed Anne Frank and her family 80 years ago was a Jewish notary forced to work for the Nazis, JTA reported.

A cold-case team working for six years to identify the persons responsible for the discovery of the Franks by Nazi authorities in occupied Amsterdam said Arnold van den Bergh, a notary and a member of the Jewish Council, which the Nazis established to control Dutch Jews, was the betrayer. He survived the Holocaust and died in 1950.

“The Betrayal of Anne Frank,” a book published Jan. 17 by the Canadian author Rosemary Sullivan, details the accusation.

Anne Frank’s father, Otto, had said in the past that his family had been betrayed by Jews, but never publicly named van den Bergh.

Dutch Jewish leaders say the accusation unconvincingly and possibly unfairly blames the betrayal on a Jew who cannot defend himself.

More than 25% of Swedish Religious Hate Crimes Target Tiny Jewish Population

Antisemitic incidents accounted for 27% of all religious hate crimes in 2020 in Sweden — even though Jews make up just 0.1% of the population, JTA reported.

Sweden, which has a population of about 10 million people, has about 14,900 people who self-identify as Jews, according to a 2020 demographic study of European Jewry.

Hate crimes against Muslims, who make up about 8% of the population, accounted for 51% of the hate crimes against religious groups police documented in 2020, according to a Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention report published in December.

There were 170 antisemitic hate crimes and 328 anti-Muslim crimes documented in 2020.

The council noted that while antisemitism figures dropped sharply from the 280 incidents reported in 2018 — the last time the report was compiled — there were structural changes in the latest report and that the prevalence of antisemitic crimes may not have decreased.

Biden Removes Trump Appointee with White Supremacist Ties from Holocaust Commission

President Joe Biden removed a Trump appointee with ties to white supremacists from a commission that monitors Holocaust sites, JTA reported.

The White House asked Darren Beattie on Jan. 14 to resign from the Commission for the Preservation of America’s Heritage Abroad by day’s end or be removed.

The commission identifies and works to secure the

preservation of European historical sites — such as cemeteries, monuments and Holocaust killing sites — associated with the heritage of U.S. citizens.

Beattie, who is Jewish, was a Trump speechwriter until it was revealed in 2018 that he had attended a conference of the H.L. Mencken Club two years earlier. There he appeared on a panel with white nationalist Peter Brimelow.

2021 National Jewish Book Awards Announced

Dvora Hacoen’s biography of Hadassah founder Henriette Szold won two honors, including Jewish Book of the Year, from the Jewish Book Council, which announced its 2021 National Jewish Book Awards on Jan. 20, JTA reported.

“To Repair a Broken World: The Life of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah” also was named best biography.

Other prominent winners included Joshua Cohen, Dara Horn, Jai Chakrabarti, Judy Batalion and Esther David.

Cohen’s “The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family,” a satirical chronicle of the future Israeli prime minister’s family’s time in the United States, won the fiction award. ●

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Arrow 3 Anti-ballistic Missile System Successfully Tested
ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTRY said it successfully tested its Arrow 3 anti-ballistic missile system on Jan. 18 outside the Earth's atmosphere, The Times of Israel reported.

Defense Ministry's Missile Defense Organization head Moshe Patel said the trial tested several "breakthrough" capabilities for the missile defense system, which the Israeli Air Force can now use.

The live-fire test involved two Arrow 3 interceptors being fired at the same target.

"The operational radar arrays of the Arrow system detected the target and sent the data to the fire management system, which analyzed the data and fully plotted the interception. Once the plans were completed, two Arrow 3 interceptors were fired at the target, and they completed their mission successfully," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Israel to Buy Three Submarines from Germany

Israel's Defense Ministry announced on Jan. 22 that it signed a deal with Germany's Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems to develop and produce three diesel-electric advanced submarines for the Israeli Navy, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The \$3.4 billion cost is more than double the original estimate, but the German government will pay a third of the cost, as per an agreement the countries signed in 2017.

The deal "significantly strengthens Israel's national security. The purchase of the submarines will ensure continuity in our capabilities and strategic superiority for years to come," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said.

It will take up to nine years for the first submarine to be delivered. The deal includes the construction of a training simulator in Israel and a supply of spare parts.

Israel Passes 2M COVID-19 Cases

Israel passed the 2 million mark in COVID-19 on Jan. 18, according to the Health Ministry, The Jerusalem Post reported.

There were a record-breaking 72,120 new cases that day. It was the third day in a row of record numbers of new cases.

Health Ministry Director-General Professor Nachman Ash said the number of new infections could actually be much higher and that Israel hasn't seen an omicron peak yet.

"Our estimate is that there are at least two or three times that," Ash said. "It is not impossible that we stand at 200,000 verified cases a day."

As of Jan. 18, the death toll from COVID-19 in Israel stood at 8,350. There were 393,785 active cases that day and an additional 218,874 people in quarantine.

Unemployment Keeps Falling

The unemployment rate in Israel fell from 4.6% in November to 4.1% in December, according to Central Bureau of Statistics data, Globes reported.

Meantime, broad unemployment — which includes people who stopped working at the start of the pandemic — fell from 6.5% to 6%; that beat a forecast from the Bank of Israel projecting broad unemployment of 6.7% at year's end. The bureau said 262,000 people are not part of the workforce because of reasons tied to the pandemic.

The number of Israelis participating in the workforce declined slightly, from 60.2% in November to 60.1%.

The bureau said the number of job vacancies is on the rise, as are salaries. •

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Edison bought his property along the Caloosahatchee River

in 1885 and built a home the next year. Ford bought the property next door in 1916, which included a 1911 Craftsman-styled bungalow. Edison died in 1931; the estate was donated to the city of Fort Myers in 1947, then opened to the public. The adjacent Ford property was bought and opened to the public in 1990 as part of the complex available for tours.

In the 21st century, the property was transferred to a nonprofit corporation and extensively restored. The entire facility is governed by a board of trustees and has both a professional staff and a large volunteer cadre. It is a National Registered Historic Site, a Florida Historic Landmark and has received numerous awards.

Today, admission to the 20-acre grounds includes access to the combined estate Edison and Ford residences, workshops and buildings, Edison's extensive botanical garden, a small display of early Ford automobiles, a museum, and a gift and plant shop. The residences and other buildings contain appropriate furnishings, mostly original.

Tours and interpretive programs are available. Visitors can download a free

smartphone app for self-guided tours. Garden tours are available by appointment. There is free parking on-site, and the shops can be visited without an admission ticket.

Educational programs, school tours and summer camps are offered, and special events are held throughout the year. The grounds are also available for weddings and corporate functions. The archives and research library are available by appointment.

Before You Go:

- edisonfordwinterestates.org
- visitfortmyers.com
- visitfortmyersbeach.co

Getting There:

- By car, the estate is near downtown Fort Myers and can be reached from the Route 82 exit of Interstate 75 and via U.S. 41.
- By air, the nearest commercial airport is Southwest Florida International (RSW) 17 miles away. Punta Gorda Airport (PGD) is 24 miles distant, and Sarasota-Bradenton International (SRQ) is 80.6 miles distant.
- By train, Amtrak serves Tampa, the nearest station

at 125 miles away.

- The nearest cruise port is Tampa, 113 miles to the north. Miami cruises are 158 miles to the southeast.

Must-Sees and Dos for a Short Trip:

- Explore the Edison-Ford Winter Estate and museum. Tickets are available at edisonfordwinterestates.org/visit/tickets-tours/. Plan on at least half a day for a visit.
- Explore downtown Fort Myers and vicinity.
- Eat at a waterfront restaurant in Fort Myers.

If You Have Several Days:

- Take the Florida Seminole Gulf Dinner/Mystery Train 4.2 miles away.
- Spend a day or two exploring the arts scene in Sarasota 76 miles north.
- Take a day trip to Naples 35.6 miles south.
- Explore Everglades National Park 77.7 miles away.
- Sanibel and Captiva Islands just offshore offer great beaches, great shell collecting and restaurants galore 22.5 miles away.

Ginny O's Tips for Dressing the Simply Smart Travel Way:

Wear comfortable shoes and casual clothing. There is no beach or water access, so beachwear is not appropriate.

This Destination at a Glance

Over 50 Advantage: Nostalgic architecture, leisurely walking, automotive history viewed in an idyllic semi-tropical setting.

Mobility Level: Low and accessible except for a few buildings that have stairs leading to them.

When To Go: Year-round. As for most of Florida, May through September are hot and sticky but a bit less crowded. Winters are superb, especially November through March. January can have some cool days.

Where to Stay: Fort Myers abounds with hotel choices at many price ranges.

Special Travel Interests: History, botany. •

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▲ Entrepreneur Henry Ford is memorialized with this life-sized statue on the grounds of the Edison-Ford Winter Estate.

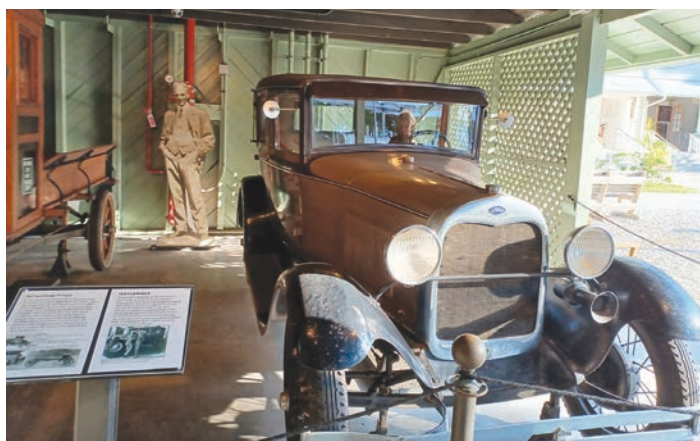
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▲ Mina Miller Edison, the inventor's second wife, was an avid gardener. Her statue sits amid the beautiful plants of the estate's botanical garden, adjacent to the plant shop where beautiful specimen plants are for sale.



▲ One of the bedrooms at the Edison residence. Most of the furnishings here and throughout the buildings are original.



▲ The garage workshop on the estate grounds has vintage Ford vehicles on display.

Jewish Fort Myers

AS WE TOURED the Edison-Ford Winter Estate, we were mindful of Henry Ford's reputation as an antisemite. After the tour, we did some research and found a 2002 Chicago Tribune article ("A Revealing Look at Henry Ford and Anti-Semitism") by Ron Grossman that detailed some of the inventor's anti-Jewish views.

Grossman wrote: "Ford, the father of the modern assembly line, was convinced that the Jews were the source of whatever ailed America. He wasn't alone in the thought. Among his peers, the great business tycoons of the early 20th Century, anti-Semitism was common table talk ... berating the Jews was a frequent practice ... Edison, who was in a close friendship with the antisemitic industrialist Henry Ford, nevertheless resisted falling into anti-Jewish stereotyping in most instances, although he was not impervious to the widespread exaggerations about Jewish economic power in Europe and was not above indulging in antisemitism in some of his early films."

Interestingly, the political and religious views of the former residents of the estate are neither mentioned nor denied in the self-guided tour app or the historical site's website.

While antisemitism can be found in Florida, as well as elsewhere, the anti-Jewish influence of Ford and friends has not had a significant impact on the contemporary region surrounding the estate.

Today the three-county region that includes Fort Myers has a significant Jewish population. The 2019 "American Jewish Year Book" estimated the year-round Jewish population of Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties at approximately 12,000 individuals, with a few thousand more Jews likely as part-time residents. There are 15 Jewish congregations in the area, at least two Jewish humanistic groups and a full variety of Jewish social, cultural and educational organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Lee County in Fort Myers.

The region did not have a significant organized Jewish community until the mid-20th century. Jewish World War II trainees were introduced to the region by several bases in the area, and the Jewish presence in southwest Florida has increased with continued growth and the influx of retirees from the northern United States. ●

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Spector

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across all sectors, including with private, public and philanthropic organizations.

Spector is stepping down on Feb. 7. He will be replaced by Cynthia Figueroa, who comes to JEVS after several years of working for the City of Philadelphia.

"I really had an opportunity to turn JEVS into a significant human service nonprofit allowing individuals to live independent lives," Spector said. "It's been incredibly rewarding."

As he thought back on his career, the outgoing president did some math. Forty-plus years of helping thousands of people each year.

"That's a large number," he said.

When he examined his time with JEVS more deeply, Spector identified one key area where he made a big impact: expanding opportunities for young people.

In 1979, the year Spector joined the organization, JEVS already ran the Orleans Vocational Center. But in 2007, under his leadership, the nonprofit expanded the center into Orleans Technical College.

The school, based in

Philadelphia, offers trade and technology courses that can help launch careers.

"We built a new school that was more state-of-the-art," Spector said.

"That has been a significant piece of my accomplishments," he added. "Being able to keep it flowing with students and financial resources."

Spector also pointed to another youth program, Project WOW, as a strong part of his legacy.

Project WOW focuses on helping kids that JEVS describes as "disconnected youth." Those are young people who are out of school without having earned high school diplomas.

The project is a 22-week course in trades and technologies that is combined with a GED program. That way, students graduate from WOW with the core credential, a high school diploma and the skills that will enable them to compete in the economy.

"That can lead to life-sustaining jobs and careers," Spector said.

Spector said that in helping young people, the nonprofit is staying true to its original mission, too. The organization started in 1941 to help Jewish refugees.



▲ Jay Spector speaks at a JEVS event.

Courtesy of Linette Kielinski

JEVS was aiding a specific group of people with a specific set of problems. It is still doing that to this day, even if it doesn't just assist Jewish refugees anymore. Spector's organization serves both Jews and non-Jews, too.

"It's really about tikkun olam. How to repair the world," Spector said. "As a Jew, I look at it like we have a responsibility to ensure that everybody has

an opportunity."

The outgoing CEO is leaving Figueroa with a wide-ranging and multifaceted organization. JEVS had about 200 staff members when Spector took over in the 1990s. Now it has almost 1,000.

Lisa Washington, the chair of JEVS' board of directors who has served on the board for more than a decade, said those staffers will miss their

longtime leader.

"He is the ultimate mensch," Washington added. "He has the biggest heart and is the most caring person."

The board chair believes that Spector's success is the result of his attitude. Over many years and decades, he has never changed in that regard. He has always stayed positive.

"After being in this business for as long as he's been in, to not be cynical, to have hope, to still be able to feel like he can make a difference, is just amazing to me," she said. "I work at it every day, but it's not that easy."

In retirement, Spector hopes to stay active with JEVS' foundation and as a public policy advocate, focusing on issues around poverty.

He also wants to spend more time with his wife, Genie Cohen, his two sons, Michael and Adam Spector, and his four grandsons, all under 10.

"It's the passage of time," he said of his retirement. "I loved the work I did. It was a hard decision to make." •

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Security

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that though their systems could always be improved, what they had in place felt appropriate in case of an attack of Colleyville's caliber.

"We have a lot of things in place that have been recommended previously, and we got funding from various security grants to enable us to have a robust system that we were pretty happy with," Allen said.

After the Tree of Life shooting, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Jewish Coalition advocated for the creation of a statewide nonprofit grant program for agencies that are victims of hate crimes.

Congregation Or Ami is one of 38 Jewish institutions in the area that received state funding in 2020. Twenty-four local institutions received grants in 2021. The 2022 grant process will open soon, and Jewish Federation has retained a grant writing consultant to advise local agencies applying for these security funds.

The Jewish Federations of North America, which announced a \$54 million LiveSecure security grant in October, will expedite the distribution of those funds, beginning next month, as a balm for anxious synagogue leaders in the wake of the Colleyville crisis.

There also are federal nonprofit security grants of at least \$180 million going through the federal appropriations process, as well as a new \$4.5 million budget allocation from the Pennsylvania Legislature.

As many synagogues across the country, like Or Ami, reconsider or double-down on security precautions in place, others are choosing to forgo security guards and surveillance, examining the meaning of safety in their community.

After Colleyville, Rabbi Ari Lev Fornari of Kol Tzedek synagogue in West Philadelphia

wrote in an email, "In this moment of heightened fear, especially in this moment, we recommit to finding a path to personal and collective safety that does not increase the presence of police in our community."

In the last week of January, Kol Tzedek invited Subduction Consulting, a Portland, Oregon-based nonprofit providing transformative justice and equity training, to host a three-part de-escalation training for community members.

"Even in the best of situations when law enforcement does exactly what they're supposed to do — and we know they can de-escalate — we know that we are better positioned to de-escalate in our own community," Kol Tzedek board President Elana Baurer said.

Baurer describes the synagogue as a "multiracial community," a home to Black Jews and Jews of color, as well as LGBTQ Jews — populations that historically were the victims of police violence. A Nov. 11 Washington Post analysis reported that police fatally shot Black men at twice the rate of white men.

"Many of us don't feel like police keep our communities safe," Baurer said.

De-escalation training provides an opportunity for community members to address interpersonal conflicts, often nonviolent in nature and much more frequent than violent, antisemitic attacks, without law enforcement.

"Security training strengthens muscle memory so when faced with an emergency you know what to do," Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban said.

Jewish Emergency Preparedness Project CEO Yoni Ari said the organization is working on a yearlong three-part training for Jewish institutions to develop a "culture of preparedness" in times of natural disasters or safety breaches, which includes

security training.

In times of conflict, a fight, flight or freeze response is activated in individuals, according to Subduction Consulting founder Theresa Logan. De-escalation training gives individuals tools to distance themselves from an initial response of fear or anger.

"We have the ability to bring some modicum, hopefully, of justice, a little bit of tranquility and a little bit more even-mindedness when conflict does arise," Subduction Consulting facilitator and partner Carlos Kareem Windham said. "It's not that conflicts won't arise — they will. It's part of life. How we respond to them, though, is the piece that, if we practice it, we work at it, it is something we have a choice in."

Congregation Beth Israel Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker attributes similar de-escalation training to his managing of the hostage crisis.

"As a part of rabbinic training, as a part of training as clergy we talk a lot about the idea of being a calm, non-anxious presence, we do that in hospital rooms; we do that during the most difficult individual moments," Cytron-Walker said in a Jan. 17 CBS interview.

Cytron-Walker recalled preparing tea for gunman Malik Faisal Akram when he entered the sanctuary, asking him questions and speaking with him at length, de-escalation strategies Windham recommends and that have been successful in the past.

"One of the strategies is just, can you recognize this person's humanity?" Subduction Consulting founder Theresa Logan said. "Because if you can see their humanity and understand what is happening for them ... Are they trying to get attention? Are they in need of mental health or other kinds of health care? — We can start to identify what strategy might help."

De-escalation training is not a panacea for security threats,

Windham and Logan admit. If one is in immediate danger, one should do whatever they can to protect themselves, including calling law enforcement.

Grant Schmidt, a Jewish armed security guard, is a proponent of synagogues employing more assertive security tactics for this reason.

Security rarely presents or uses a firearm, Schmidt said. He has received de-escalation training and insists that the presence of his firearms is "irrelevant" in conflict situations.

Schmidt, who provides security to synagogues on the Main Line, suggests that arms should always be present at Jewish events.

But Windham argued that if an armed individual approaches a synagogue intending to harm, the presence of an armed guard won't be able to stop an attack.

"What you really should be there to do is to build

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community and worship — that's really the main thing you're there to do if you're there for synagogue," Windham said. "You can't simultaneously prepare for and prevent war." •

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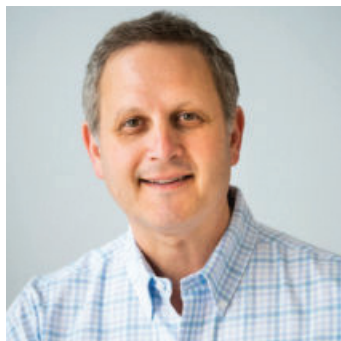
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Security Requires Our United Actions



BY MICHAEL BALABAN

THE HOSTAGE CRISIS at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, was a horrific reminder to the American Jewish community that we continue to find ourselves the target of scapegoating, hate and extremism. Thankfully, all of the hostages at Congregation Beth Israel made it out alive and unharmed.

I am extremely grateful for the work of law enforcement and grateful for the efforts

of organizations that focus on security measures, such as our partners, the Secure Community Network (SCN).

Despite the positive outcome, emotions of fear and sadness cross my mind, but it is mostly anger that I feel. Violent attacks against Jews have happened in broad daylight on the streets of major cities and at Jewish spaces in Pittsburgh, Monsey, Jersey City, Poway, and now Colleyville.

Despite cries of Never Again, antisemitism, hate and extremism continue to rise in our country. We are experiencing the worst wave of sustained and violent antisemitism our country has ever seen. At this moment, our nation is plagued by hate speech, vandalism, desecration, violence, murderous attacks and acts of terrorism. The Jewish community continues to be the target. What used to hide in the shadows is now on public display,

often promoted unabashed. It is a struggle to comprehend how we arrived here. We fought against this hatred and for a time, we thought we conquered it.

Let us be clear, these are attacks on all of us. Antisemitism is not just a “Jewish problem.” Rather it is a societal problem. An attack on Jews praying is an assault on our American right to religious freedom — the very essence of what makes up America.

For antisemitism to flourish, it requires one group to become the “other.” First, it starts with the Jews, but let us be very clear — it never ends with Jews. As a country founded on many beliefs, faiths, backgrounds, religions, and politics, America’s beauty was to be a safe haven for all.

Uniting on this issue, our security must be a top priority for all synagogues, agencies

and institutions who are seeking to ensure that our community is a safe place. For decades, security has been a major priority for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, but Colleyville and the rise of antisemitism demands we increase the following collective actions:

- Increase resources to secure the safety of our communities.
- Instill pride of being Jewish in our children rather than fear.
- Invest in education on how to combat antisemitism.
- Build relationships with communities that are committed to combating hate and bigotry.
- Invest in training to ensure that our community members and institutions are prepared.
- Increase communication

and coordination with law enforcement to stay apprised about any threats facing the Jewish community.

- Engage in advocacy with our members of Congress and senators to double the funding level of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program in 2022.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia calls on all our communities to unite. The more we are united and joining to collaborate on security initiatives, the safer and secure our community will be. I look forward to working with all of you across our communities to bolster security measures and to make sure that we will remain safe, secure and prosperous for many years to come. •

Michael Balaban is the president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Colleyville an Opportunity for American Jews to Rethink Our Approach to Curbing Antisemitism



BY JUDAH BERNSTESIN

THE JAN. 15 ASSAULT on a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas, has renewed the familiar yet always harrowing question: How should Jews combat antisemitism?

Contemporary Jewish leaders, organizations and pundits have offered various answers to this question in the past, but they rarely target the

specific socioeconomic, technological, legal or other systems that give antisemitism life today. Beyond synagogue security measures, American Jews have yet to rally around a coherent policy agenda that may help diminish antisemitic violence.

One obstacle is the way so many Jews and their spokespeople view antisemitism: as ineradicable and inevitable and otherwise unique among prejudices. However, as someone trained in the academic study of modern Jewish history, I see that while Jewish history is rife with Jew-hatred, such hatred takes many forms and has many causes, often specific to various times and places. By separating and distinguishing these causes, perhaps we can recover old solutions as well as

open the door to new strategies to combat antisemitism.

The current approach to antisemitism can be seen, for instance, in the July 2021 “No Fear” rally in Washington, D.C., held in the wake of attacks on American Jews during the most recent Gaza flareup.

That “Rally in Solidarity with the Jewish People” was intended to be a unified Jewish communal response to antisemitism. It offered the ideal forum for politicians, celebrities and other dignitaries to roll out their vision for how to stop Jew-hatred in its tracks. What the speakers at the rally provided, however, were mostly attitudinal or public relations solutions, urging the crowd to embrace vocal protest, bipartisanship,

Jewish education and pride.

Or consider one of the most successful books to grapple with the question, Bari Weiss’s 2016 manifesto “How To Fight Antisemitism.” Weiss’s answers to the titular query included calling out antisemitism even when it’s hard, displaying one’s Jewish pride without fear, expecting solidarity from neighbors and allies, disavowing identity politics, remaining committed to “liberalism,” supporting Israel and striving to “nurture” one’s Jewish identity.

Many feel that these are important first steps, but Weiss’s suite of answers is puzzling given her view that antisemitism is ubiquitous in American politics and culture. By her own argument, antisemitism

is part of the west’s “cultural DNA” and therefore teeming on the political right and left in the United States. It is similar to how Nikole Hannah Jones, the journalist behind The New York Times’ “1619 Project,” asserts that “anti-Black racism runs in the very DNA of this country.”

Regardless of one’s opinions of anti-racism activists in the United States, their efforts have birthed ambitious policy proposals that seek to revamp criminal justice, policing, housing, schooling and more. Why haven’t activists against antisemitism done the same? If antisemitism is indeed a systemic bigotry on par with other varieties of prejudice, doesn’t it demand more thoroughgoing responses than

pride and protest?

I don't pretend to possess any panaceas for an inordinately complex problem, but I can imagine what bolder and more proactive rejoinders to violent antisemitism might look like.

If extremist rhetoric is more of a threat today, maybe Jews should propose limits on group libel that are as of now shielded by First Amendment protections. There is historical precedent for this, as explored in a 2019 article by Jewish historian James Loeffler. In the 1940s and '50s, American Jews engaged in pioneering legal and legislative advocacy to criminalize group libel.

Their efforts resulted in a major 1952 Supreme Court victory in the case of

attack once again suggests it does, maybe Jews should get behind reinvigorated social welfare programs.

If the danger comes from easy access to guns, which may have played a role in Colleyville as well, perhaps gun control ought to be a higher communal Jewish priority. True, gun reform has attracted the tireless work of a number of laudable Jewish organizations, but there's still much more that could be done to place it at the top of the communal agenda.

The dearth of widespread conversations about these or other far-reaching measures, let alone communal consensus, is all the more baffling when you consider the one notable exception: anti-BDS laws that have been enacted in over 30

beliefs about Jews that rarely changes across time and place, and that it is inherently different from other forms of bigotry in its ontological salience.

If that is the consensus, it is natural to embrace responses that focus more on how Jews orient themselves relative to their enemies rather than actually taking on the problems of Jew-hatred. If one sees antisemitism through the prism of ahistorical pessimism, maybe it cannot be taken on at all.

We need not see antisemitism in this way. We might instead conceive of Jew-hatred as not unlike other forms of prejudice even if Jew-hatred, like all prejudices, has certain unique characteristics. We

I see that while Jewish history is rife with Jew-hatred, such hatred takes many forms and has many causes, often specific to various times and places. By separating and distinguishing these causes, perhaps we can recover old solutions as well as open the door to new strategies to combat antisemitism.

Beauharnais v. Illinois, which held that a white supremacist's campaign against Blacks amounted to libel and was therefore beyond constitutional protection. That this history is largely forgotten and required Loeffler's uncovering is instructive.

If social media is a repository of antisemitic bile, Jews should be at the front of those pushing for tech companies to moderate their content more vigorously. The Anti-Defamation League has taken this on, but it appears to be alone in the Jewish space.

If violent antisemitism flows downstream from socioeconomic despair, or if it in some way overlaps with the scourge of mental illness, as this latest

states. Even as the constitutionality of these laws appears increasingly dubious, many American Jewish organizations continue to support them. But why unify around legally brash solutions that may depart from the American Jewish legacy of free-speech liberalism and that invite negative attention only when it comes to boycotts of Israel, and not around remedies that ensure our safety at home?

These are complicated questions. The ways most Jews understand antisemitism adds to that complexity. This includes the notion that antisemitism is the oldest and severest form of group hatred, that it is endemic to Christian civilization, that it ultimately stems from a consistent set of

might instead consider how Jews have devised all sorts of ways of dealing with animosity — against themselves and others — and while some have fallen short, others have successfully met the particular social and political problems of their era and may hold great promise in our own.

Approaching the problem with a more critical eye will help us see our specific challenges in context and, even if daunting, as surmountable. And that might invite bolder responses than the ones currently in play. ●

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KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Saget Obit Missed Being a Full House

AS I PERUSED THE JAN. 14 Jewish Exponent, I saw the full-page obituary for Bob Saget ("Local-born Actor, Comedian Bob Saget Dies at 65"). I settled in to read about this beloved actor with local connections, figuring the Exponent would have an exceptional recounting of Saget's life from local people who had known and loved him.

Boy, was I wrong. I did not know Saget personally, but people I know did. Surely the article would mention he was an Abington High School graduate. Nope. Undoubtedly, it would mention that he was married — to his Abington High sweetheart — at Beth Sholom Congregation, and perhaps that he showed a snippet of his wedding video on "The Tonight Show."

Certainly, locals who knew him and posted loving tributes to him after his death — such as David Tilman, cantor emeritus of Beth Sholom, and local bandleader Eddie Bruce — would be interviewed. Perhaps a beloved Abington teacher would be tracked down, or some of his crowd from his Abington days, or even the then-student reporter for the Abingtonian whose 1994 interview of Saget made the rounds online after the comedian's death. Nope, nope and nope again.

All a JE reporter would have had to do is execute a search for "Bob Saget" and "Abington" on social media, and these local tributes, and many more, would have popped up, leading to a more robust homage to one whom this area called its own. JE, you truly were asleep at the wheel for this one.

Tali Joan Segal | Fort Washington

Groner Responds

I am writing to clarify comments that were included in the article about my upcoming retirement ("Perelman Day School Leader to Retire," Dec. 23), and explicitly recognize the important contributions of our now-retired teachers. I deeply appreciate their many years of hard work and dedication that put Perelman in the strong position I found when I arrived, and paved the way for its continued success.

I have the utmost respect and appreciation for all of the teachers who made Perelman a place where students develop a lifelong love of Judaism while thriving academically. These teachers worked ceaselessly to create a truly warm and vibrant community, one that is cherished by generations of students and parents. I know that I, as well as the teachers today, stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. ●

Judy Groner | Head of School, Perelman Jewish Day School

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MY HUSBAND HAS taken up his place at the stove on Sunday. This time of year, he makes delicious stews and soups and tends toward the hearty, manly, meaty end of the culinary spectrum.

Last week, he dazzled us all with his version of birria tacos. These tacos have become trendy of late—they are a little different from the traditional taco, in which soft tacos (or hard shells) are stuffed with meat or chicken or fish or veggies or cheese, or a combo of these fillings, and dressed with flavorful salsas.

Birria tacos involve a flavorful braise, in our case, short ribs, but rather than offer a DIY set-up at the table, these are served freshly filled and fried in the “birria” drippings to a delicious crisp. Traditionalists fill them with meat, cheese, pickled onions and cilantro, but kosher diners would skip the cheese.

If you have extra pickled onions, save them; they are glorious tossed over green salads, stirred into tuna or chicken salad, strewn over roast veggies or slathered on a sandwich.

BIRRIA TACOS*Serves 4 generously***For the meat:**

- 3 dried guajillo peppers, stems and seeds removed
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 can chipotles in adobo
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- ½ cup tomato puree
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 jalapeños, chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds boneless short ribs (or 3 pounds if using bone-in)

- 1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil
- 2 cups beef or vegetable broth
- 1 cup (approximately) water

In a large, dry ovenproof skillet, toast the guajillo peppers over medium heat for a few minutes; they will become fragrant quickly. Turn them with tongs to hit all sides. Place them in a bowl with boiling water and let them sit for a few minutes.

In a blender, place the guajillo mixture, chipotles in adobo, lime juice, tomato puree, garlic, onion, jalapeños, salt and cumin. Puree until smooth. Set aside.

Heat your oven to 300 degrees F.

Heat the oil on the stove in a skillet over medium-high.

Salt the short ribs, and sear them on all sides. Scrape any bits from the bottom of the pan, and add the sauce, then the broth and enough water to just cover as needed. Cover and place them in the oven for 3 hours. Check occasionally to ensure that there is enough liquid to braise the ribs.

While the meat braises, pickle the onions. When the meat is done, remove it from the oven, and pull the meat apart with forks. Do not discard the fat layer off the top of the pan; this will be used for the tacos!

For the onions:

- 1 large onion, chopped
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- Juice of 1 lime
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Water

Place the onions in a sealable container with the remaining ingredients. Add cool water to cover. Shake the mixture, and let it sit at room temperature until ready to serve. Note: The vinegar brine is extremely



▲ Birria tacos



Photos by Keri White

flavorful, so save it and use in salads or marinades.

Assembly:

- Fresh corn tortillas
- Chopped fresh cilantro

Skim a few tablespoons of the fat off the meat and place it in a clean skillet over

medium heat. Using tongs, place a tortilla flat in the skillet, then flip it over to lightly coat it. Place a bit of meat inside the taco, then some pickled onion and fresh cilantro. Fold the taco and heat, turning so that both sides crisp up evenly. Repeat this procedure for sufficient portions, and enjoy.

Note: These are best made fresh, so if you do not intend to eat all of the birria, I recommend using the leftover for a fresh batch tomorrow. And, if you don't wish to recreate the birria tacos, you can certainly make enchiladas, other Mexican dishes or even use the meat for hearty sloppy joes. •

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Art Exhibit to Honor Faces of COVID Victims

ART

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LIKE MOST PEOPLE, RA Friedman was mostly stuck at home due to COVID in June 2020.

Except Friedman didn't cope with Netflix binge sessions or Zoom happy hours.

Instead, the Philadelphia artist started drawing detailed pictures of local people who died from COVID.

Friedman spent hours surfing the internet, finding the images and backstories of the deceased on Legacy.com and in area newspapers. Then he spent hours more in his studio, honoring these people in the best way he knew how — by sketching them with enough detail to emphasize their humanity. And then by sharing the sketches online through a Facebook page.

Now, almost two years into the pandemic, the Jewish artist is still drawing, and his portraits will be featured in a show at InLiquid at 1400 N. American St.

From Feb. 4 to March 5, Friedman's portraits will hang in the nonprofit's visual art space. Called "The Trouble I've Seen: Drawings from the COVID-19

Portrait Project," the exhibit will show four drawings as oversized mesh prints, 14 others as framed pictures and a wall installation of the other 155 portraits.

Names will not be revealed. Also, in 2022, Friedman has expanded the project to include people from across the United States.

"There was a lot of suffering," he said. "I felt, what can I do as an artist for the community?"

The artist was quick to point out that he didn't craft all the images. He did about 78 of them, while the rest were contributed by artists Friedman connected with online during the project.

"Basically, all of them will be up," the artist said.

Friedman used to get a part-time salary from the University of Pennsylvania for overseeing the Robert and Molly Freedman Jewish Sound Archive in Penn Libraries. But after the pandemic broke out, his 20-hour a week position went away.

He still manages the Yiddish music archive but not in an official capacity. Luckily, he is getting some help on his bills now that his job is gone, but for the most part, he's fine in that area.

Friedman is not getting paid for the art gallery, either. As the



▲ RA Friedman in his studio

► A portrait by RA Friedman

Courtesy of RA Friedman



artist explained it, he doesn't want to profit off of people's pain.

The longtime Philadelphia resident, 62, is drawing the likenesses of real people, not fictional characters. It is just his intention to make viewers feel them as individuals, like he did as he was drawing them.

And if viewers feel this in the same way, they will see the pandemic as more than just a news story defined by numbers, like cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Instead, they will see it as a human tragedy.

"I thought about the people, and felt like I started to know them," Friedman said. "Their energy rubbed off on me."

One guy was a salesman or Realtor, Friedman can't quite remember. But while he was drawing the guy, the artist imagined him as "a really good father," he said. Then Friedman looked up the man's full obituary and learned that he was right.

This happened over and over throughout the process.

"You really do start to feel like you've hung out with them," Friedman said.

It's possible he needed that himself. He's a retiree from a career in nonprofits and not-for-profits, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, with no spouse or kids.

Friedman said his living situation used to "just be me and the cat."

"Now it's just me," he added.

The artist is spending most of his time in his studio, prioritizing, as he put it, quality over quantity.

But soon, his gallery, his creations and his new acquaintances will bring people together. The artist has done exhibits in the past but none of this magnitude.

"Some of the families have seen it on the Facebook page. I'm hoping they'll come out to see it," he said.

Amie Potsic, a Berwyn-based art adviser who has known

Friedman for years, was instrumental in putting the show together.

When Friedman showed her the project, she was so impressed that she wanted to bring it to a bigger audience.

"Philadelphia is searching for a memorial," Potsic said.

So, Potsic reached out to a contact who runs InLiquid, Rachel Zimmerman. And Zimmerman was interested.

"There's been so much loss that we need to look back and remember people," she said.

Throughout the show, InLiquid will be open Wednesday-Saturday from noon-6 p.m. Entry is free, but masks and vaccinations are required.

After the exhibit, Potsic may work with Friedman on turning it into a book.

"Books last," she concluded. ●

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Pediatricians Push for Routine Vaccinations

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IN APRIL 2020, routine vaccinations among children dropped to below 40,000, with total routine vaccinations in the city dropping more than 60% at the pandemic's inception, according to a September report from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

"It's really impossible to overstate how important getting and maintaining, staying on schedule for routine vaccines is for children," PDPH Communications Director James Garrow said.

Despite COVID's toll on pediatric routine vaccination rates, the tides are starting to turn: Immunizations have risen back to near their pre-COVID rates, with about 50,000 children getting their

shots in June 2021, compared to about 60,000 in June 2019, according to the report.

However, some area Jewish pediatricians still have concerns. They believe there's work to do to get those numbers back to what they were before the pandemic, and questions remain about how growing vaccine skepticism due to COVID vaccine misinformation has impacted attitudes toward routine vaccines.

Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Vaccine Education Center, estimates that about 15% of parents he encounters have some form of hesitancy about getting their children vaccinated. He's able to sway about 85% of them.

However, Offit is worried about the low COVID vaccine



▲ A 2021 COVID vaccine clinic at Waterview Recreation Center held by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Courtesy of Philadelphia Department of Public Health

uptake in children over 5. Since Pfizer-BioNTech's use for children 5-11 was approved by the Food and Drug Administration on Nov. 3, only 30% of parents nationwide have taken their children to be vaccinated, Offit said.

A large part of the under-vaccination of children is due to growing partisanship around vaccination, he said.

"Twenty years ago, the anti-vaccine movement did not have a political cast to it," Offit said.

Parents also report not wanting to have their child receive the COVID vaccine due to the speed at which the vaccine was produced, which made it seem untrustworthy, Center City Pediatrics Dr. Craig Barkan said.

"I generally try to explain to them that there's an incredible



▲ Dr. Paul Offit

Courtesy of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

amount of research that has demonstrated safety," he said. "The process that went into making this vaccine has been as thorough as any other vaccine. It's just been done in a more timely way."

Reasons for not giving children routine vaccinations differ from skepticism toward the COVID vaccine.

"There are some parents who argue the now-completely and utterly defunct fear of autism," Barkan said. "And people sometimes are just afraid that there is responsibility for a

child, and they're afraid that they're going to make a bad decision."

Offit added that a lack of education about vaccines also adds to skepticism.

"There's always a hesitancy to inject the child with a biological agent because everyone considers a child to be more vulnerable, even though they're not," Offit said. "Or they view not-vaccinating as the safer, less risky thing to do, which is not true."

For parents with inflexible, negative beliefs about vaccines,



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◀ Dr. Craig Barkan
Courtesy of Center City Pediatrics

though they make up only a small fragment of Offit's patients, convincing them of the benefits of vaccines is challenging.

"When people make a decision, they generally stick by that decision, no matter how much evidence there is that they've made the wrong one," Offit said.

However, vaccine attitudes likely aren't the driving force behind routine vaccine under-uptake among Offit's and Barkan's patients. In the early days of the pandemic, parents were especially wary of taking their kids to the doctor, and children potentially missed important opportunities to receive their routine shots.

"People have avoided going to the doctor out of fear of being in a place where they might get infected or get sick," Barkan said.

As more people have received COVID vaccinations, numbers of visits to the doctor have increased and returned to pre-pandemic numbers at Center City Pediatrics, Barkan said.

If anything, parents of his patients have become even more willing to vaccinate their kids: "For the most part, there has been a strong eagerness for the vaccine."

Though hesitant parents remain few and far between, professionals have warned against the harm lack of vaccination can cause. According to Offit, 75-100 children die each year from chickenpox, a vaccine-preventable disease.

Though COVID hospitalization rates for children remain low, there remains a risk that is preventable with vaccines.

"What people don't realize is that still you have thousands of children between five and 11 years of age who've been hospitalized; you have about 100 children of that age group who have died of this virus," Offit said.

Increased hospitalizations have the potential to overwhelm the system, forcing patients to delay elective surgeries, according to Garrow. Though elective surgeries are often thought to be mostly cosmetic, they also include surgeries for cancer patients, which may be put on hold indefinitely.

"There are people out there right now who do need surgery, lifesaving surgery, but can't get it because hospitals have been so overwhelmed by people who haven't been vaccinated," Garrow said. •

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Accountants Offer Tax Season Advice

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IT'S TAX SEASON, which means you have to do two things.

1) Remember a lot of boring, administrative details that you would otherwise never think about. 2) And figure out how you can get the government to give you as much money as possible in return for paying The Man throughout the year.

Maybe you're one of the millions of Americans who file taxes online at this point. Even if you are, it's still helpful to hear from real humans who think about this process the same way you do, but who just know a little bit more about the

tax code.

Local accountants.

They are here to help. Here's what they say you need to remember when filing your taxes in the coming months.

Don't try to claim the child tax credit twice.

President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law in March 2021. As part of that law, Americans with children could receive an advance on their child tax credit for the year.

If you received said advance, according to Eric Seidman, a partner at Wouch, Maloney & Company in Horsham, you cannot claim that money again.

Whatever you received in advance, say \$1,500, you must now subtract from the total that you are owed, say \$3,000, from the child tax credit.

"When you file for 2021, it may default to give you the entire child tax credit," Seidman said. "But if you received money in advance, you have to do a reconciliation."

For individuals, Seidman called the child tax credit situation "the single biggest headache" that he's foreseeing this year.

If you're a regular American, use TurboTax.

For the 2020s, I'm what you would consider a regular

American. I have no kids, no business and no complicated web of investments.

Therefore, I don't need to pay an accountant to offer me tax advice. I can just have TurboTax walk me through it on some winter night when the Sixers aren't playing, and I truly have nothing else to do.

"Do your own tax return unless it's more complicated, and, if it is more complicated, seek a professional," said a professional, Barry Avrach, the president of Avrach & Co. PC in Philadelphia.

If it is more complicated, as Avrach explained, you want to find a way to take advantage of the tax laws. Guys like Avrach

know how to do that.

With cryptocurrency, the fun is over.

Bitcoin, ethereum and others are now on the grid to the point of having Matt Damon commercials, NBA jersey ads and Uncle Sam's attention.

According to Dana Newsome, a partner with The Focus Group PC in Philadelphia, you now have to report cryptocurrency assets as part of your tax filing. Those investments are classified as property, Newsome added.

Retail investment apps like Robinhood make it easy for anyone to get involved in the



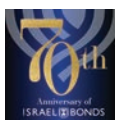
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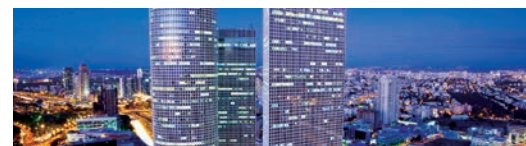


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crypto market, the accountant explained. So the market has grown exponentially in recent years, forcing the government to play its customary role of casino security against the big winner at the table.

“Now they finally started to develop some rules and regulations because it’s become so ubiquitous,” Newsome said. “They need to regulate the purchases and sales.”

However, even though the wild, unregulated fun may be over, there is still a way to ensure that the government takes the least amount of money from you as possible. Newsome, like a true accountant, knows the trick.

What’s the highest price you paid for a crypto asset in the tax year 2021? Whatever that

answer is, list it as the baseline for the crypto sales you made throughout the year.

“That would decrease the amount of gain you have to report,” said Newsome.

In doing so, it would also decrease your tax liability for crypto assets.

Keep accurate records of your income.

Joanne Bryson, a sole practitioner CPA in East Norriton, said a lot of her individual and business clients lost track of all the federal stimulus money they received earlier in the pandemic.

From stimulus checks to unemployment payments to Paycheck Protection Program loans, it was a lot, it was immediately helpful and

it wasn’t normal. So, people forgot to count the money as part of their regular income.

But if you got extra money, you may need to answer for it in your tax filing. If you only received a stimulus check, a service like TurboTax will walk you through how to file that. But if you got a more complicated set of payments, like extended unemployment benefits or business loans, you may want to talk to someone like Bryson.

“Doing estimated taxes can be difficult for people in this environment,” Bryson said. “I can’t say that any of my business clients had normal income in the past year.” •

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The Spirituality of the Mundane

BY RABBI YISROEL ROSENFELD

Parshat Mishpatim

THIS WEEK'S TORAH portion picks up immediately following the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. The Jewish people had just experienced the loftiest G-dly revelation in the history of mankind. One can imagine the state of mind and spiritual connection that was felt at that time.

Adding to this, the Jewish people were already having a spiritual experience while traveling in the desert. Bread fell from the sky in the form of manna. The clouds of glory protected them from all sides. It would be fair to say the spiritual temperature of the

Jewish people, entering into Parshat Mishpatim, was at an unprecedented high.

Yet, the parsha begins by presenting the most practical and seemingly mundane laws to be found in the Torah. In it we learn the laws of servants and maidservants; the laws of working animals in the field; the laws governing one man assaulting another; and the laws of capital punishment.

Notwithstanding the endless wisdom contained in this portion of the laws, it seems rather striking that G-d chooses to introduce us to civil and practical laws immediately following, and in the midst of, the most spiritual and divine experiences.

Why would He not first begin with the loftier laws?

Would it not make more sense to first address us regarding the laws more directly and obviously pertaining to spirituality instead of leaping into the mundane?

The end of this parsha picks up the narrative from where we left off: describing the lofty assent of Moshe up the mountain to receive the tablets. This would seem the most appropriate continuation of last week's narrative. Why then do we pause for the laws of dispute, damages and a slew of other civil matters that appear to be uniquely mundane?

Perhaps we can understand this by taking a closer look at the realities of Jewish life today. The fact of the matter is most of our time and our life is spent involved in worldly

and seemingly unspiritual matters. Most of us are not able to focus on prayer and Torah study for the majority of the day. Temple sacrifices and priestly services are not applicable to our times when we do not have a Holy Temple built in Jerusalem.

Thus one may wonder if service to G-d is relevant today? Are the laws and teachings in the Torah as important to us as they were in a more spiritual time — perhaps as when the Jews were in the desert and were basking in G-d's glory, a time when they had the Mishkan (Tabernacle) and performed daily services with sacrifices to G-d?

For these reasons, G-d sends a very important message. The first laws that He chooses to teach us are specifically not the

laws pertaining to spirituality, but rather the basic fundamentals of daily life, like damage disputes and the proper ways to treat domestic workers, for example. The Torah is telling us that our service to G-d and observance of His laws is equally important to Him no matter the apparent "spiritual content" the mitzvot may seem to have.

So when you are performing your daily work, or when you are interacting with others, know that your observance of G-d's Torah is just as important to Him as the service of the priests in the Temple. For this reason, He set those laws out first. •

Rabbi Yisroel Rosenfeld is the rabbi at the Lubavitch Center and the executive director of Chabad of Western Pennsylvania.

Disability

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inclusive grandparenting.

The dialogue will focus on ways in which grandparents can manage the expectations of their grandchildren with disabilities and adapt to support their needs.

Like Kaplan-Mayer, Friedman believes COVID has already made families think differently about access.

"In a world where everything went to FaceTime and Zoom and Facebook Portal ... suddenly [grandparents] have embraced those tools in different ways," Friedman said. "It actually has been beneficial to grandparenting relationships."

In a time when COVID has complicated so many lives, for some of those caring for disabled kids, the pandemic has made life easier in some ways.

Parents with immunocompromised children who had put in a great deal of planning to take their children safely outside are now in good company, Friedman argued.

"Suddenly, the whole world is speaking about those things," Friedman said. "In some ways, it leveled the playing field for people."

The greater awareness of accessibility and need for access tools has taken place in synagogues and Hebrew school classes, too.

"Our synagogues or educational leaders have become much more aware that teachers need professional development and training to know how to support kids," Kaplan-Mayer said.

In 2021, Jewish Learning Venture piloted a yearlong training program for six jkidaccess guides to get a "deep dive into understanding disability inclusion and family engagement."

Guides learned how to create quiet spaces or prepare alternative activities for children with fine motor or sensory disabilities.

Jewish Learning Venture received a 2022 Covenant Foundation Signature grant for \$100,000 over two years to not only expand the jkidaccess

guides training but to financially support synagogues in partnership with Jewish Learning Venture interested in creating unique initiatives to support accessibility, such as creating Jewish holiday kits for families.

Grants such as the one from the Covenant Foundation allow for disability inclusion work to be done year-round and become a more foundational part of Jewish community infrastructure, Kaplan-Mayer argued.

"There's a shift in the greater consciousness as we think about diversity, equity and inclusion in the big picture — realizing, maybe in the Jewish community, we haven't thought so much about disability issues," Kaplan-Mayer said. "I love that hopefully folks are thinking about things in a different way."

A complete listing of JDAIM events from Jewish Learning Venture can be found at jewishlearningventure.org/calendar. •

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ADL

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with CBS News on Jan. 17, Beth Israel Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker said courses with the FBI, ADL and Colleyville Police Department taught synagogue leaders what to do in that situation.

"What we learned from the hostage situation in Texas was how important it was that these relationships were already strong so that we didn't have to start building them only in a time of crisis," Goretsky said.

But Goretsky also understands that hate is now multidimensional. Since young people spend much of their time online, that's where they often see expressions of antisemitism.

The way to combat that, according to Goretsky, is the same way you would combat it in physical reality: Teach young people to know the signs.

When the director was 7- or 8-years-old, he was given a magazine by some kids in

his neighborhood. He brought it home and showed it to his mom. She saw that it was called PennySaver and then had to explain antisemitism to him.

Goretsky suddenly understood why the kids ran off laughing after handing him the magazine.

The same kind of incident happens when kids today are playing video games or on social media. He said it's their job to do what young Goretsky did and tell an adult; then, it's the adult's job to play the role of Goretsky's mom.

Through No Place for Hate and other educational programs, ADL Philadelphia can play the role of adult for the entire region.

"If we're doing our job well, we will see an increase in reports because people will know to report to us," Goretsky said. "I'm more concerned about incidents of hate, bias and extremism that no one reports." •

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BIRTH

► SHAI COLEMAN FUGITT

Gail and Marty Rosenfeld of Richboro announce the birth of their grandson, Shai Coleman Fugitt, son of Julie Rosenfeld-Fugitt and Brett Fugitt.

Shai Coleman was born on Sept. 20 and was named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandfather Carl Belsky.

Sharing in their joy are aunts and uncles Matthew, Katy and Sharon and Arnie Skolnick, as well as cousins Jason, Jamie, Autumn and Annabella Cohen.

Photo by Gail Rosenfeld



BAT MITZVAH

► MADISON SOLOMON

Madison Solomon was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Nov. 13 at Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood.

Madison is the daughter of Jordan and Jennifer Solomon. Her grandparents are Madlyn and Ira Solomon and Diane and Ted Tryon.

Madison lives in Villanova and is a seventh grader at Radnor Middle School.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Moving Traditions Names New CEO

MOVING TRADITIONS NAMED Shuli Karkowsky as its next CEO, replacing founding CEO Deborah Meyer, who is stepping down.



▲ Shuli Karkowsky

Courtesy of Moving Traditions

Karkowsky starts her new role on Feb. 7.

Most recently the executive vice president of Hazon, Karkowsky's background in the Jewish community includes leadership roles at UJA-Federation of New York and 70 Faces Media. Before her nonprofit career, she was a corporate litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison.

"The board and staff are excited to work with Shuli, who brings to Moving Traditions her passion for Jewish community, a wealth of experience, and the drive to build Moving Traditions so that we reach many more Jewish youth and families," Rabbi Darcie Crystal, who is the board chair, wrote.

Meyer announced last year that she is stepping

down from the organization she founded in 2005. Moving Traditions said it will celebrate her career with a virtual event on March 15.

Moving Traditions says it "emboldens youth by fostering self-discovery, challenging sexism and inspiring a commitment to Jewish life and learning." The organization said that, to date, it has worked with more than 28,000 preteens and teens and trained more than 2,500 adults as family education program leaders.

JFCS Program Manager Honored

Galia Godel, the program manager of the LGBTQ initiative for Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia was honored as an emerging professional by JPro.

Godel has served as an educator in the LGBTQ community for more than eight years and led the JFCS J.Proud initiative, which is a consortium of 40 Jewish schools, synagogues and institutions that support LGBTQ-inclusive programs and resources, and lead citywide holiday observances for the LGBTQ Jewish community.

JPro connects, educates, inspires and empowers professionals working in the Jewish community sector, according to its mission statement.

Godel and the other winners will be honored at JPro22: Going Places, Together May 2-4 in Cleveland.



◀ Galia Godel
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Kohelet Yeshiva High School Earns Diversity Award from College Board

Kohelet Yeshiva High School in Merion announced that it earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles.

The school received the award in recognition of its further expansion of girls' access in AP computer science courses. In 2021, KYHS was one of 760 schools nationwide recognized in the category.

"Promoting STEM subjects to aspiring young women is something that we take very seriously," Associate Principal Jeremy Sullivan said. "We are proud of the young women who have taken Advanced Placement classes in subjects like computer science, chemistry and physics."

Camp Galil Receives Gift for Israel Programs Scholarship Fund

Habonim Dror Camp Galil announced that it has received a \$50,000 gift to establish a scholarship fund for its campers to attend Habonim Dror's Israel programs.

The gift from an anonymous Galil family establishes the Galil Shahar Israel Program Scholarship Fund. The gift will remain invested, and proceeds will go to support ongoing annual need-based scholarship support for Galil campers to attend two Habonim Dror North American Israel programs — Bonim b'Israel, a four-week summer Israel experience for rising 11th graders, and Workshop, the longest-running North American gap-year program in Israel.

Founded in 1946, Galil was established to train the pioneers of the early kibbutz movement working to build the state of Israel. The Bucks County camp is modeled after Israel's early kibbutzim, with a focus on cooperative living. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

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BLACK

Vivian (nee Davis) of Las Vegas and formerly of Philadelphia, passed away on January 15, 2022. Wife of the late Aaron Black. Mother of Meyer (Joanne) Black, Rhonda Black, David (Jeanne) Black, Susan (Richard) Garnick and Beverly (Brett) Fishman. Grandmother of Stephanie, Jamie, Michael, Robert, Tara, Lauren, Brooke, Jonathan and Amelia. Private Graveside Services are being held.

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BRAITMAN

Vivian (nee Kricheff). January 15, 2022 of Narberth, Pa. Devoted wife of the late Dr. Robert. Beloved mother of Arthur (Nancy) Braitman and Renee (The late Edmund) Spelman. Proud grandmother of Daniel (James), William (Judy), David (Carolyn), Andrew (Julie), Rachel and Gregory. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Philadelphia County Medical (or) Autism Speaks.

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CHENETZ

Ann Chenetz, 76, of Philadelphia, passed away January 19, 2022. She was born January 28, 1945, to Gertrude (née Fischman) and Max Chenetz. Beloved sister of Rhona Shane and Marcia (deceased), aunt of Corey and Meredith Shane. A wonderful and loyal friend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kitty Cottage Adoption Center, Norristown, PA (www.kittycottage.org) or charity of choice.

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DISSIN

Dorothy S. (nee Surden) On January 16, 2022. Beloved husband of Stephen Dissin. Devoted mother of Corey Dissin (Elaine). Loving grandmother of Christopher (Lara) Dissin and Jordan Dissin. A volunteer at ERA Food Pantry, Welcome the Strangers, and Cops and Kids. Mrs. Dissin was a longtime contributor and fund raiser for Deborah Hospital and was very active in Hadassah. Contributions in her memory may be made to Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Browns Mills, NJ. www.demanddeborah.org

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ESKIN

Debra Lynn (nee Kimelblot) On January 20, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Bernard Eskin. Devoted mother of JoAnne Sutkin (Steve), Gregg Eskin (Esther Cohen Eskin), and Catherine Eskin (Michael Barickman). Loving grandmother of Jessa Cohen Eskin, Anika Cohen Eskin, Shoshana Sutkin, Mikaela Sutkin, Aiden Sutkin, Tilly Barickman, and Manny Barickman. Contributions in her memory may be made to Literacy Volunteer of America, 418 Federal Street Camden, NJ 08103.

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FELDMAN

Dr. Edwin of Wynnewood, PA & Sarasota, FL. Passed away suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2021 at age 86 following a brief illness. Preceded in death by parents David & Claire Feldman, brother Gerald & son Elliot. Loving husband of 58 yrs., to wife Dale. Loving brother of Bernice Blefeld Grossman. Loving father to Bonnie Feldman, Lee Feldman (Gina Browne). Beloved Uncle of Michael Feldman, Neil Blefeld, (Mauri), Eileen Blefeld, Steve Petrucco (Becky), & Valerie Morrison (Tom). Brother-in-law of Barbara Dranoff. Loving grandfather to Katrina Eroen & many great nieces & nephews. Eddie was a thoughtful, kind & loving soul with a brilliant mind like no other. His sense of humor & sense of the absurd were unparalleled & he brought us all endless laughs & joy. Memorial service to be held at Hillside Memorial Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA.

GOODMAN

George, January 8, 2022, just shy of his 90th birthday, of Ewing, NJ, formerly of Wynnewood, PA. Beloved husband of the late Gail (nee Strauss) Goodman; loving father of Robert (Lisa) Goodman, Leigh (Nancy) Goodman, and Abby Weber and Jonathan Weber; son of the late Emanuel and Lena Goodman; devoted brother of Toby (Howard) Berman. Cherished PopPop of Isabel, Suzanna, Shoshanah, Noah, Sophie, Tara and Mollie. Services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Beth El, www.bethelyardley.org

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GREENBERG

Hon. Melvin J. Greenberg, Esquire, A former Member of the PA House of Representatives and Philadelphia City Council died at Jefferson Hospital on January 15, 2022 at 88. Best known for "opening I-95" during his years in City Council, Greenberg served Northeast Philadelphia. Born in Strawberry Mansion, Greenberg was a graduate of Olney High School, Temple University and the Temple University School of Law. After graduating near the top of his class, Greenberg went on to clerk for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and then practiced law in private practice for many years. Greenberg was also very proud of his service in the US Army. Greenberg is survived by his dear wife Estelle, children Robb, Renay and Debbie (Scott) and grandchildren, Chad, (Logan), Alexis (James), Jake, Jordan, Allie and Zachary. He is also survived by his brother Seymore and sister Sylvia Stein. Although Greenberg held a passion for the practice of law, no love surpassed his dedication and love for his wife and family.

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HERSH

Ira, January 19, 2022. Resident of Richboro, PA. Hardworking and reliable carpet mechanic for 44 years for Barry's Carpet Workroom and Aramingo Carpets. Beloved husband of 48 years to Janet (nee Young). Devoted father of Scott Hersh, and Brooke Pompe (Andrew). Adoring Poppy I to Cameron and Palmer. Loving and devoted son of the late Irwin and Ethel Hersh. Loving brother of Sylvia Stern, Jeanette Speier (Gene), and Gail Domzalski (Robert). Dear brother in law of Marilyn Martell (Dennis). Treasured uncle and great uncle to many. He will also be missed by many friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 21, 2022. Continue to spread his love and kindness by making a contribution in his memory to any charity you choose.

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HERTZBERG

Karl M. Hertzberg of Huntingdon Valley passed away on January 18, 2022. The husband of the late Barbara Hertzberg (nee Gubernick). He is survived by his son Barry M. Hertzberg, daughter in law Donna Comolli, and daughter in law Tiffany Hertzberg of his late son Andrew Hertzberg, and grandson Leon Hertzberg. A graduate of Germantown High School, he served our country in the US Marines, worked for Alfred Angelo Bridal, Franks Beverages, and went on to become a commercial locksmith before retiring and working part time in insurance sales. He was an avid outdoorsman, dedicated to building and launching model rockets, and loved to travel through New England, especially Bar Harbor, Maine. Dad was also an accomplished photographer and SCUBA diver. He enjoyed restoring and repairing furniture and adored smoking his pipes and cigars. He loved watching Science Fiction movies, listening to classical music, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandson, Leon. Dad will be laid to rest next to mom and Andrew at Montefiore Cemetery. Donations in his memory can be made to the SPCA or any organization that helps animals.

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JACOBS

Samuel, January 16, 2022 of Bala Cynwyd, PA. Beloved husband of Iris (nee Witz); loving father of Robert Jacobs (Laurie), Michael Jacobs (Carolyn), and Joanne Jacobs; adoring grandfather of Elizabeth Kapp, Amanda Knapp, Sidney Jacobs, Sophie Jacobs, Isabelle Jacobs; proud great-grandfather of Lillian, Andrew Jr., Max, Jacob, and William; devoted brother of Nancy Casper. Samuel accomplished many things in life. He was the president of Wholesale Furniture Distributors, a former board member of Har Zion Temple, a dedicated family man, and a friend to many. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Har Zion Temple harziontemple.org.

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PIATETSKY

Louis I Piatetsky, age 80, Decorated Navy Veteran, Postal Service worker, and poet passed away on Wednesday morning, January 12th, 2022, in the Veteran Affairs Community Living Center in Philadelphia. Louis was a US Navy Corpsman who served in Vietnam. He received a Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal for Combat, and a Vietnamese Gallantry Cross. He was a distribution manager for the the US Postal Service for over 25 years. Louis was the son of Morris and Molly, and is survived by his brother, Walter, and many nieces and nephews. Louis sought to leave the world a better place than when he came. He was known for saving lives and his generosity toward veterans and active listening clubs.

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RUBENSTEIN

Hal Rubenstein, 1934-2021, of Pembroke Pines, FL., formerly of Philadelphia and Margate, NJ., at 87 years old, passed away on Dec. 30, 2021 after a short bout with cancer. He was surrounded by family. Hal graduated Temple Pharmacy in 1956. He also served in a MASH unit at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri from 1957 to 1959. He was the son of Sam and Celia and stepson of Dorothy (all deceased). Hal met his wife Rena at a USO dance in St. Louis. He is survived by his wife Rena of 62 years, his children, Craig, Lisa Alekotte (Ira) and Eric (Shawna). Also, his pride and joy his 3 grandsons, Skyler Alekotte, Dylan and Jordan Rubenstein. Hal also owned Hal's Pharmacy for over 25 years. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice.



WINNE

Doris R. Winne (Horwitz) 92, of Abington, Pennsylvania passed away on January 17, 2022. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 30, 1929. She is predeceased by her parents, Leah and Jacoby Rothner, Philadelphia, PA and by her husband, Robert L. Horwitz. Blessed to have two children, she is survived by her son, Alan Horwitz, his wife, Diana and their sons, Matthew, David and Robert and her daughter, Susan Georgeson and her husband, Steven and their three children, Andrew, Cory and Taylor. Doris is survived by her sister, Phyllis Lann (Goldberg) now living in Colorado and her children, Jill, Sandy and Lois and Max. Doris made people feel welcome and supported wherever she went. Sewing, swimming and sharing special time with family and friends were her delight. She graduated from Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA. Doris created her own business where she designed and hand-made Happi Coats, (Japanese informal jackets). Later as a design draftsman she produced detailed, technical drawings for an engineering firm. Her custom needlepoint work and beautiful, hand-made tapestries won many awards. To help others suffering from essential tremors, Doris founded a Gama Knife support group. She was a member of Rodeph Shalom Synagogue, Philadelphia, PA. Services and interment were private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association or Friends of Curtis Arboretum, Wyncote, PA. http://curtisfriends.net/ JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS www.levinefuneral.com

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Lipetz

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The Lipetz family fled from Antwerp to Marseilles, France, then to Portugal, where Lipetz's uncle arranged for the family to migrate to the U.S. on a visitor's visa.

After a tumultuous trip to Ellis Island, they were denied entry due to the quota of Jews permitted into the country at the time.

"We thought we were free and that everything would be OK, and nobody was looking to kill us," Eric Lipetz said. "But we were told to go back to Belgium."

The Philippines was an American protectorate after the Spanish-American War, and Lipetz's uncle ran a cigar factory in Manila, making it the safest place for the family to seek refuge on the eve of the Holocaust, but their time there was marked with hardships.

Eric Lipetz recalled watching Japanese forces shoot down an American fighter plane. Eric and Jacques Lipetz raced in the direction of the falling plane, hoping in vain to save the pilot.

"By the time his parachute landed on land, he was dead," Eric Lipetz recalled. "But we didn't know that, so we went right up to him."

Realizing more Axis soldiers were likely to approach the scene, Jacques Lipetz convinced his brother, fixated on the fallen pilot, to run from the plane's debris.

"If it wasn't for Jacques, I would have stuck around, and I would have been caught and killed," Eric Lipetz said. "He literally dragged me out of there."

The event stuck with them both.

"Because he was the oldest, I think he carried the most demons," Eric Lipetz said. "He understood death better than my brother and I."

Jacques Lipetz's story is featured in the 2013 film

"Rescue in the Philippines" and the 2008 book "Escape to Manila: From Nazi Tyranny to Japanese Terror" by Frank Ephraim.

Though eager to share his family's survival story, the Holocaust weighed deeply on Lipetz, Friedman-Lipetz said.

"Memories from the Holocaust stayed with him his entire life," Friedman-Lipetz said. "He just couldn't bury it."

Plagued by food insecurity throughout his time as a refugee, Lipetz tended to buy more food than his household could eat, even decades after the Holocaust. At times in his life, he survived solely on rice and bits of fish, and at one point, while seeking refuge in Marseilles with a man who ran a halvah factory, he only ate halvah for months.

Lipetz was introverted and appreciated more in-depth relationships, said J. Lamar Freed, a friend of Lipetz whom he met at a peer supervision support group for psychologists.

"What he told me was he had to work because if he didn't work, he would not be paying the debt he had for escaping the Holocaust," Freed said. "His dedication to his work was more than just a calling; it was an obligation."

Lipetz mostly worked with clients with injuries or who were fighting for worker's compensation. Friedman-Lipetz recalls Lipetz taking calls from patients at 2 or 3 a.m., reluctant to turn down a request for help.

Though profoundly impacted by the Holocaust and committed to working around the clock, Lipetz had a love for levity and the finer things.

When he and Friedman-Lipetz met at a class the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College held in 1987, she remembers him dressed

impeccably. He bought fine ties and matched them with his shirts, she said.

At synagogue, Lipetz enjoyed talking with the cantor after services, and the two would exchange dozens of puns, many of which Lipetz came up with himself.

"He lived life thoughtfully," Friedman-Lipetz said. "He enjoyed humor."

In addition to his wife and brother, Lipetz is survived by his children, Andrew and David Lipetz; stepchildren, Trina Weingarten and Jed Fishback; and nine grandchildren.

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ESTATE OF , CAROL A. DAHLBERG, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney: MARK D. FREEMAN P.O. Box 457 Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF , MICHAEL P. SHAW a/k/a PATRICK MICHAEL SHAW, M.P. SHAW, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

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Or to his Attorney: ROBERT S. COHEN 1515 The Fairway, Apt. 156 Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN SPOTWOOD, (a/k/a BARBARA MILLER SPOTWOOD, DECEASED.
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Or to her Attorney: DAVID SCHACHTER 1528 Walnut St., Ste. 1507 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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Late of Philadelphia
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Estate of David Michael Goluboff aka David M. Goluboff Goluboff, David Michael aka Goluboff, David M.
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
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ESTATE OF DENNIS OLIVER CARTER, SR., DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to his Attorney: PETER L. KLENK THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

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ESTATE OF DONNA FEATHER, DECEASED.
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ESTATE OF LORRAINE M. DANYLUK, DECEASED.
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ESTATE OF MAN HO IVINS a/k/a KIM MAN HO IVINS, MAN H. IVINS, KIM IVINS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to his Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF MARY BERNADETTE CORY a/k/a MARY B. CORY, MARY CORY, DECEASED.
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ESTATE OF SHEILA MURPHEY, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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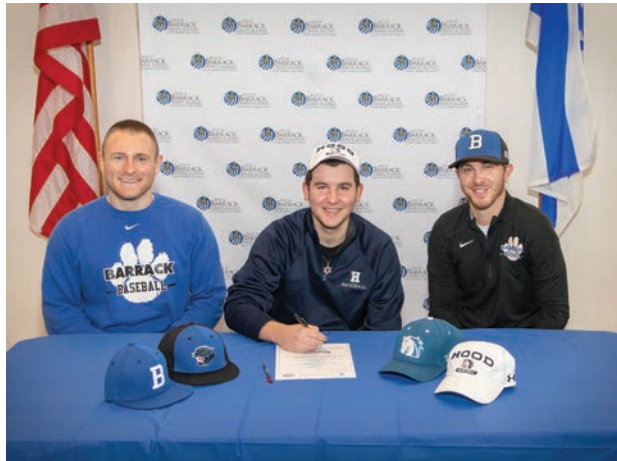
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NEWSMAKERS

Barrack Pitcher Signs Letter of Intent

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy pitcher Aaron Heller signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Hood College.

Heller, a senior, is a fourth-year starting pitcher.



▲ Aaron Heller, surrounded by Barrack Athletic Director Johnny Bistline on his left and baseball coach Jay Glaser, signs his letter of intent to play baseball in college.
Courtesy of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

Local Synagogue Helps Hospital Patients

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El's inclusion committee, led by Carol Weinbaum and Janet Eisenberg, collected woolen items, school supplies, crayons and coloring books for patients of St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.



▲ From left: Carol Weinbaum and Janet Eisenberg lead the drive for helpful items for hospital patients at the Elkins Park synagogue.
Courtesy of Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El

Perelman Students Study Financial Market Basics

Perelman Jewish Day School fifth graders are beginning a study of market basics with alumni parents and investment professionals. In the coming weeks, the students will analyze the performance of different companies and make investments to increase the value of their stock portfolios. Alumni parent Norm Nelson introduced the unit.

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▲ Norm Nelson teaches fifth graders how to analyze the value of a company.
Courtesy of Perelman Jewish Day School

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, JAN. 28

Branching Out Exhibit

The **Old City Jewish Arts Center** will host "Branching Out: A Celebration of Trees" by award-winning artist Diana T. Myers of Elkins Park until Jan. 30. The exhibit commemorates the Jewish holiday of Tu B'Shevat and honors the four seasons. Private showings can be arranged by contacting dianatmyers@gmail.com. 119 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia.

Film Screening

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

Parsha for Life

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

▼ SATURDAY, JAN. 29

Zoom Festivities

The Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is proud to announce our newest Zoom weekend spectacular: "Jam-Packed" January Jubilee, three Zoom programs through Jan. 31 including a showing of theatrical production "The Rain And The Wind" on the life on Bob Dylan and a virtual tour of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience. \$40 for one event or \$80 for three. For more information: 215-677-1600.

MONDAY, JAN. 31

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, FEB. 1

Food Insecurity Program

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▼ WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2

Book discussion

Rabbi Richard Address of **M'kor Shalom** leads us in the study of Joshua-Judges, Isaiah and Daniel at 10:30 a.m. There is no cost for congregants; \$10/person/session for non-congregants. Visit mkorshalom.org/morebooks for more information. 850 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill.

▼ THURSDAY, FEB. 3

Book Lecture

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