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BONNIE AND DAVID EPSTEIN were supposed to head to Brooklyn to visit their son in late June.

David Epstein was recovering from a shoulder injury and their dog, Chance, was sick, so the couple, who retired early to their condominium in Champlain Towers South just outside Miami, delayed their trip and stayed at home, a circumstance that ultimately cost them their lives.

They were among the victims in the Surfside condo collapse on June 24. Bonnie Epstein's body was found on June 30; her husband's was found two days later. Bonnie was 56, and David was 58.

According to the Associated Press, the couple, who were Jewish and had been married for 31 years, lived on the ninth floor of the building.

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▲ Campers play in front of the newly built cabins at Camp Galil Habonim Dror in Bucks County.

Courtesy of David Weiss

Jewish Summer Camps Try To Beat the Heat

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WHEN JULIAN GERSH was a camper at the JCC Camps at Medford in New Jersey, there were days when he just didn't feel like swimming.

Now, as a counselor at the same summer camps, Gersh, 17, said campers don't have any qualms about going in the

water; they all want to jump in because "it's just so boiling hot."

Gersh has noticed that summers have been hotter over the last few years, and he isn't alone.

Some camp administrators in the greater Philadelphia area have noticed the summer heat, particularly in the past three years.

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A reader writes that a friend of a friend holds some bigoted beliefs that she finds problematic and wonders the best way to handle things when their paths cross. Miriam notes that the best step to take it is to simply avoid the person, but to speak up whenever bigotry comes up in her presence. Read Miriam's Advice Well for a more nuanced answer. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2021/07/12/dear-miriam-how-do-you-deal-with-a-bigoted-acquaintance/



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Food columnist Keri White didn't have much food in her house, but after a quick trip to the market, she was able to cobble together what she's calling a Synergy Salad. The recipe features Boston lettuce (any mild green would work), canned white beans (any kind works), an avocado and a handful of mint leaves tossed with a five-ingredient dressing. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for details. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2021/07/12/synergy-salad/

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For athletes, medals and memories make Maccabiah something special

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN
Special to the Exponent

JERUSALEM — For Philadelphia's Jewish athletes, competing in such sports as track and field, softball, judo and rugby, the 13th Maccabiah Games were an opportunity to go for the gold while storing up memories of being a part of the Jewish world's No. 1 sports event.

Nearly 30 Philadelphia-area residents were part of the American contingent in the Games, which began July 3 and were scheduled to wind up last night.

Philadelphia-area athletes like Eric Weinraub, Jodi Silverman, and twins Max and Hannah Kramer were eager to join more than 4,000 athletes from around the Jewish world, from Singapore to Zaire to Norway.

Interviewed just before the opening of the Games, all four said the event had special meaning for them both as athletes and Jews. Relaxing after a visit to Maccabiah, where some 60 U.S. athletes



Jewish athletes from the United States arrive in Israel for the 13th Maccabiah Games, which opened July 3 and were scheduled to wind up last night. Close to 30 Philadelphia-area residents were part of the U.S. contingent.

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Rally Showed Community Seeking Comfort, Strength

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MORE THAN 2,000 people spent a sweltering afternoon in front of the U.S. Capitol at a rally on July 11 that denounced antisemitism as un-American and made the case that Jewish identity and support for Israel are inextricable.

Those were the unifying messages of the “No Fear” rally, but there were differences among the speakers and in the crowd on how precisely Israel figures in the fight against antisemitism.

“To stand united as one with thousands of other voices in a loud cry against antisemitism was empowering,” said Michael Balaban, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, who attended the event. “We must challenge this vile hatred through collective actions and our collective unity in support of a secure Israel and for our existence as a flourishing Jewish community and, on Sunday, we did just that.”

Speaker Ron Halber, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, stressed the need to promote unity among the Jewish people itself.

“While we can have differences, we need to reaffirm the basics: that we’re all Zionists and pro-Israel,” he said. “What joins us together as a community is far greater than what divides us.”

“None of us should need to be at a rally against antisemitism in 2021,” he added. “But we do need

to be here. Because we must again respond to vile rhetoric, physical attacks and symbols of hatred against our people.”

Some of the most searing messages came from people who have suffered antisemitic attacks in recent years. A recurring theme among these speakers was that they never expected to suffer such attacks in the United States.

Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbi Shlomo Noginsky, who sustained stab wounds in a July 1 attack in Boston, appeared with his arm still in a sling and in evident pain.

“I was born in the Soviet Union in the city of St. Petersburg,” Noginsky said in Hebrew, with his brother translating his words to English. “I remember how even as a young child, I experienced terrible antisemitism. Never in my darkest dreams did I imagine that I would feel the same way here in the United States, the land of freedom and endless possibilities.”

The crowd shouted “Hero!” as Noginsky spoke. He had held the attacker at bay outside a Chabad facility where about 100 children were in summer camp.

There was a sense among some attending the rally that Jew hatred was closing in from all sides.

Joel Taubman, a rising second-year law student at George Washington University, noted how, among both the right and the left, there is a “growing acceptance of antisemitic voices that have always been there but until recently were less accepted.”

The only instance of antisemitism being “out in the open” for Ava Shulman used to be when Klansmen marched down 16th Street to the Capitol in 1965.

“My father turned the sprinklers on, and their white outfits got all wet,” she said. “Now it’s just so pervasive.”

Shulman noted that most of the attendees were older, which she attributed to apathy among younger people, who, she said, don’t “remember the Holocaust.”

Notably absent were representatives of more left-wing groups that were asked to join but opted out of attending because some of the sponsoring groups adhere to a definition of antisemitism that encompasses harsh criticism of Israel, including the movement to boycott, divest and sanction Israel. Groups like J Street and Americans for Peace Now oppose BDS, but object to defining it as antisemitic.

Melissa Landa, who leads the Alliance for Israel, a relatively new group with a central tenet that BDS is antisemitic, set the tone at the outset of the event. She first started planning for the rally after antisemitism spiked during the Israel-Gaza conflict in May.

She spoke of the “shared promise for our children, that they will be free to live as proud Jews, and exercise their religious liberties granted by the United States Constitution, free to wear their yarmulkes and Magen Davids and free to speak their love of Israel without being attacked in the streets of New York or Los Angeles.”

Landa, like other speakers,

named lawmakers on the left or the right who have in recent months incurred accusations of antisemitism. Mentions of Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Minnesota Democrat whose criticism of Israel has been seen by Jewish groups and others as crossing into antisemitism, notably garnered much louder boos than those of Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican who has drawn fire for peddling antisemitic conspiracy theories and for likening coronavirus restrictions to Nazi laws on multiple occasions.

Major mainstream groups like the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and B’nai B’rith International, as well as the Orthodox Union and Reform and Conservative movements, signed on as sponsors, but few of their representatives spoke.

Elisha Wiesel, son of Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, appeared to nod to the concerns of some liberal groups — that criticism of Israel and support for the Palestinians would be conflated with antisemitism at the rally.

“We can disagree, even passionately, without being divided. We can even disagree on Israel,” he said. “We must not tolerate calls for an end to the Jewish state of Israel through a one-state solution that once again leaves the Jews defenseless. We must also not tolerate denigration or hatred toward the aspiration for dignity and self-determination of our Palestinian cousins. If we hate, we will not win.”



▲ Shlomo Noginsky, a rabbi who was stabbed in Boston on July 1, addresses the rally against antisemitism at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on July 11.

Photos by Ron Kampeas via JTA.org

Philadelphia-area residents were among those in attendance. The rally made an impression on them.

“The rally was an important statement for the Jewish people,” said Wynnewood attorney Robert Kitchenoff, a past president of the JNF Eastern Pennsylvania board of directors. “The rally was bipartisan, with representatives of the Biden administration, federal congresspeople and some state legislators speaking.”

“After Tree of Life, Charlottesville and the other more recent attacks, we must be vigilant. Never Again must have meaning, and we can’t be afraid to show our Jewishness. If we are truly a pluralistic society, we can’t accept being bullied,” he said. ●

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Mamash! Chabad Hosts First Shabbat in New Space

LOCAL

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

TWELVE YEARS AGO, when Doniel and Reuvena Grodnitzky hosted their first Shabbat dinner as a Chabad house, they

had one guest.

Still, they were eager and excited, envisioning a future when they would be able to grow and become a home to young Philadelphia Jews looking to connect.

After 12 years, three locations

and a global pandemic, the couple’s Chabad house is relaunching, with the same goal of building Jewish connections.

One July 9, Mamash! Chabad, formerly Chabad Young Philly, hosted its “grand opening” Shabbat dinner with almost 90

people in attendance, celebrating the launch of its new building at 1601-03 Lombard St.

The event debuted the 6,000-square-foot space, complete with a new candle-lighting station, kitchen, bar and dining space built to

accommodate 200 dinner guests.

Yet grand opening is a bit of a misnomer.

The Grodnitzkys have hosted events and programming from their new location for around six weeks: Torah study groups, Saturday morning Shabbat

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services and a bris.

However, Rabbi Doniel Grodnitzky felt like the building wouldn't truly serve its purpose until it was home to the Chabad house's Shabbat dinners.

"Friday night is kind of our flagship program," Daniel Grodnitzky said. "So that's why it's a big deal for the community that the most-attended Friday night dinner in the city is finally going to be at its permanent home."

Making the event more special to Mamash! was the dinner's co-sponsorship by Remy and Alexa Moyal, a young couple whose wedding Doniel Grodnitzky officiated last June.

The Moyals met the Grodnitzkys four years ago at Chabad house at the Old City Jewish Art Center and have been part of Mamash! Chabad ever since, frequently attending Shabbat dinners and text study classes. After a small, outdoor and masked wedding ceremony last June, the couple wanted to thank the rabbi for helping out in their pandemic-style wedding, and they provided enough funding to pay for a five-course dinner for the Chabad house's guests.

At Mamash! Chabad's Shabbat dinner, Doniel Grodnitzky announced that the couple helped sponsor the event in honor of their wedding anniversary and that, to keep their ceremony COVID-19-safe, they sacrificed a dinner and dancing.

Before the rabbi could finish his speech, Alexa Moyal said the couple were swept off their feet, and all 90 guests began to dance around them.

"It was just such an incredible release of emotion and excitement for the Jewish community," Moyal said.

For the couple, the event was the opportunity to take part in wedding traditions that weren't available a year ago.

"It felt like the event came full circle, and we were able to finally feel as if we had danced on our wedding night, even though it was one year later," Moyal said. "And we're incredibly grateful for that opportunity."

Though the event was capped, and met, its 80-guest limit, the Grodnitzkys designed a space to accommodate more ambitious goals, especially after their previous location — their home in the Graduate Hospital neighborhood — could no longer fit their Friday night company.

"It was so crowded, people were eating in my kids toy room and in our guest room, even in the basement," Reuvena Grodnitzky said. "It became very apparent that there just wasn't enough space anymore."

Their building on Lombard and 16th Street will not only house a larger dining space and kitchen, but also a kosher wine and Judaica store, a work hub with five available offices for rent and two AirBnBs.

"We were really hoping to be a community destination for all things Jewish," Reuvena Grodnitzky said.

Along with its new space, Mamash! Chabad also underwent a rebranding; its new name (pronounced mahm-ish) is literally translated as "really" or "truly," but in informal conversation the meaning is difficult to put into words; it is generally intended to invoke a sense of jubilee.

"It's not even a word that really means anything, necessarily. It's just a word that can be used with any other word in the English or Hebrew lexicon, and it just emotes excitement. And that's what we're all about," Doniel Grodnitzky said.

Even with all the new bells and whistles, the Grodnitzkys find the same joy in Shabbat that they did back when Mamash! was Chabad Young Philly, when they were hosting Shabbat guests in the single digits.

"It's just pretty magical, all the different friendships that are formed and the bonds that are made," Doniel Grodnitzky said. "And so we're just getting right back to it." •

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Penn President Nominated as Ambassador to Germany

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PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN nominated University of Pennsylvania President Amy Gutmann on July 2 to serve as the United States ambassador to Germany.

If confirmed, Gutmann, who is Jewish, would be the first woman to serve as U.S. ambassador to Germany, and she would likely conclude her 18-year tenure in 2022 as Penn's longest-serving president.

"As the daughter of a German Jewish refugee, as a first-generation college graduate, and as a university leader devoted to advancing constitutional democracy," Gutmann said in a statement, "I am grateful beyond what any words can adequately express to President Biden for the faith he has placed in me to help represent America's values and interests to one of our closest and most important European allies."

Gutmann's father, Kurt Gutmann, was born in Nuremberg, Bavaria, and fled Nazi Germany in 1934 to Bombay, India, before moving to New York, where Amy Gutmann was born.

Her father's refugeedom left a lasting impact on Gutmann.

"The biggest influences on me for leading preceded my



▲ Amy Gutmann
Courtesy of University of Pennsylvania

ever even thinking of myself as a leader — particularly my father's experience leaving Nazi Germany," Gutmann said in a 2011 New York Times interview. "To me, those two things are really important about leadership, to have courage and to be farsighted in your vision, not to be just reacting to the next small challenge."

After graduating from Radcliffe College of Harvard University in 1971, Gutmann earned a master's degree in political science at the London School of Economics in 1972 and a doctorate in political science from Harvard University in 1976.

Gutmann's tenure was marked by her creation of the Penn Compact, a series

of initiatives prioritizing inclusion through the expansion of need-based financial aid; innovation through the creation of the Penn Center for Innovation and the Pennovation Works industrial site; and impact, by investing in projects to build connections in Philadelphia, the U.S. and internationally, such as a \$100 million gift to the School District of Philadelphia.

She also launched the Making History campaign in 2007, a fundraising effort that raised \$4.3 billion before its conclusion in 2012.

In total, Penn's endowment has grown more than \$10 billion during Gutmann's tenure, helping to bolster Penn as Philadelphia's largest private employer.

However, Gutmann's actions as president were not without criticism, including for refusing to take a pay cut from her \$3.7 million salary during the pandemic, as several of her Ivy League peers had done. And after the Penn Museum's announcement that it had, for decades, kept the remains of children killed in the 1985 MOVE bombing, protesters gathered outside of Gutmann's home.

Gutmann's appointment as ambassador requires confirmation by the Senate and the approval of German President

Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Though Gutmann has not previously held a government position, she is no stranger to foreign policy or to her nominator.

Under Gutmann, the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement was founded in 2016. It opened in 2018 and has continued Penn's focus on diplomacy, foreign policy and national security.

Gutmann announced Biden as the Benjamin Franklin Presidential Practice Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and Biden was tasked with leading the center.

Should Gutmann become ambassador, she would replace Robin Quinville, the chargé d'Affaires — and de facto ambassador — of the U.S. Embassy in Germany, who took over for Ambassador Richard Grenell after he resigned in June 2020.

Grenell, known as the "undiplomatic diplomat" in Germany for his dubious etiquette, urged Germany to increase its military defense spending; he and President Donald Trump threatened U.S. military troop withdrawal from Germany and withdrawal from NATO. Grenell also advocated for a ban of Hezbollah in Germany, which took effect in April 2020.

As ambassador, Gutmann

would be tasked with navigating issues such as Germany's defense spending and U.S. sanctions on the \$11 billion Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

Gutmann's appointment as ambassador would resurrect a longstanding tradition of academics serving as ambassadors. In the 1940s and '50s, former Harvard president James Conant soothed the U.S.-German relationship after the war by engaging with local German universities.

Along with Gutmann, Biden nominated David Cohen, former Penn Board of Trustees chair, to serve as U.S. ambassador to Canada. Scott Bok, investment banker and CEO of Greenhill & Co., Inc., replaced him as chair on July 1.

Bok spoke on behalf of the board, expressing his support for Gutmann.

"She is one of the most highly regarded academic leaders in the world and has led the University of Pennsylvania to new heights of eminence," Bok said. "Amy has been a superb president for Penn, and we have total confidence that she will remain fully focused on advancing Penn's agenda until the conclusion of her time at the university." •

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Israeli Baseball Team Coming to Harrisburg

LOCAL

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

STEVEN SCHAUDER, the executive director of the Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg, called the Israeli National Baseball Team qualifying for the upcoming Summer Olympics "a modern miracle." Maybe not on par with the creation of the Jewish state itself, but it's still a huge

deal, according to Schauder.

So to celebrate the accomplishment, and to send the team off to the Olympics in style, Schauder and other influential Harrisburg residents are hosting the Israeli team at their local stadium, FNB Field, on July 16 at 10 a.m.

Team Israel, one of six baseball participants in the Tokyo games, will play the Cal Ripken All-Stars, a group of semiprofessional players,

in an exhibition game. After the game, the Israeli players will hold a meet-and-greet and luncheon with fans, according to Dan Schwab, a co-owner of the Harrisburg Senators, the Double-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals that calls FNB Field home.

"It's a great opportunity to rally around Israel, baseball and Jewish heritage," said Schwab, who is Jewish.

The baseball team is the

first representative from the Jewish state to make the Olympics since 1976. The team is predominantly a collection of American Jews, including several former Major League Baseball players like second baseman Ian Kinsler, third baseman Danny Valencia and utility man Ty Kelly, among others. They are eligible to play for Team Israel because they secured Israeli citizenship. Most of the players are looking

to continue their careers, honor their heritage and help establish baseball in the Jewish state, Schwab said.

Lower Merion native and former Harriton High School baseball star Jake Rosenberg made the Olympic squad as an outfielder. The son of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Chief Operating Officer Steve Rosenberg, Jake was a second team all-state player in Pennsylvania during

his sophomore year, and spent the first two years of his collegiate career at Alvernia University before transferring to Ithaca College. He moved to Israel in 2018.

Israel qualified for the Olympics by finishing in the top five in the 2019 European Baseball Championship, advancing to the Africa/Europe 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournament, which they won.

“They’ll be on the world stage and wearing the Jewish flag,” Schwab said. “It’s great to be associated with an important part of Jewish sports heritage.”

Schwab added that Jewish baseball heritage runs deep. He mentioned Sandy Koufax, the Hall of Fame pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Hank Greenberg, the Hall of Fame slugger for the Detroit Tigers. He also referenced modern all-stars like former

Dodgers’ outfielder Shawn Green and Kinsler, who made four All-Star teams in a career that lasted from 2006 to 2019.

“It’s really Americana,” Schwab said. “Baseball was the primary sport during the melting pot period when Jews were assimilated into the population.”

The Harrisburg businessman believes this pride will draw a crowd on July 16.

The Israeli team reached out because it loved FNB Field, and thought it was centrally located for northeastern Jews, according to Jordan Klein, the Jewish Family Service board member who met with the team to organize the event. Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Allentown and Maryland all have sizable Jewish populations that might be interested in coming to the game.

A portion of the proceeds

will go to the team, according to Schwab. But most will go to the Jewish Family Service, which helps people with mental health counseling, emergency financial services and senior services.

“It supports our ability to give back to people in need,” Schauder said.

Game tickets are \$15 for the upper bowl and \$19 for the lower bowl, according to Schauder. For lunch with the players, fans will have to pay \$180 for two tickets. Visit jfsfhhbg.org to order.

For anyone unable to make the game in Harrisburg, the team will face off against the Susquehanna Valley Stars the following day (7/17) at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster at 12 p.m. •

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▲ Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg board member Jordan Klein met with Team Israel to organize the exhibition game. Photo by Kristen Knoll



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Orthodox Rapper to Appear at B'nai Abraham

LOCAL

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B'NAI ABRAHAM CHABAD Synagogue in Philadelphia's Society Hill neighborhood will hold its first big post-pandemic event on July 21.

As Rabbi Yochanon Goldman put it, the event will be a communal moment of reopening, reconnecting and renewing for the path ahead.

That's why rapper Nissim Black will be the headliner.

Black describes himself on his website as "an African American Hasidic Jew." He found religion and converted to Judaism after years of exposure to drugs, gangs and violence on the streets of Seattle, he told the Exponent. Then in 2015, at 28, he moved to Israel, where he still lives.

All the while, Black rapped about his unorthodox journey and identity.

He has more than 49,000 subscribers on YouTube and more than 47,000 followers on Instagram, and several videos for his songs have received more than a million views on YouTube.

"He came from a challenging place and represents the human spirit, and the ability to turn darkness to light," Goldman said.

The rapper's original plan was to appear in the B'nai Abraham sanctuary via Zoom to talk about his story and then take questions. But now, he's going to show up in person, he said. Black is slated to start a tour in New York City on July 22, but he decided to come to the United States a day early. The 34-year-old said he loves meeting new Jewish people and seeing new Jewish communities.

"I always tell people it couldn't happen without you or your grandparents," Black said of his conversion. "You left the porch light on for me."

Goldman thinks congregants are excited to hear from Black. B'nai Abraham has hosted minor celebrities before, he added, but none on Black's level.

Black's story should make him interesting even to those who don't listen to rap, the rabbi said.

His early life was a cycle of misfortune. Black's parents were "in the drug game" during the crack epidemic in the 1980s, he said, and at multiple points he found religion before being pulled away from the straight and narrow path. He "started running with a street gang" before discovering Islam from his maternal grandfather.



▲ Jewish rapper Nissim Black will appear at B'nai Abraham Chabad Synagogue in Philadelphia on July 21. Photo by Tziporah Litman

But then, his grandfather went to prison for life.

Right before high school, Black tried to save himself by getting involved in a Christian

missionary program after school. But when he eventually got a rap record deal, he was pushed to become a gangster rapper by his label. Finally, Black got into a beef with another rapper and found himself in a "kill or be killed situation," as he described it. So Black's friend, unbeknownst to Black, tried to kill the opposing rapper, and ended up getting charged with attempted murder.

"If there is something that will cause you to become religious, that's it," Black said.

That's when Black picked up the Old Testament again and just started reading, instead of reading it from a Christian perspective.

"The Christian approach is to match Old Testament wisdom with Jesus as the messiah, as opposed to wisdom and values," Black said.

"From the moment I started learning about the Torah and the Jewish people, it had always been in my heart to be here," he concluded.


B'nai Abraham opened in 1910 and also survived the Spanish flu pandemic from 1918 to 1920. Even as COVID-19 raged on, the old temple didn't lose any congregants, Goldman said.

Tickets to the July 21 event cost \$180 and can be bought at tribute.phillyshul.com. A barbecue dinner will precede Black's appearance, open to all 100 families that make up the B'nai Abraham congregation, as well as members of the public interested in attending. The dinner starts at 6 p.m., and the main event takes place in the sanctuary.

All proceeds will go toward the historic preservation of the synagogue, Goldman said.

"Registration is still happening," he said. "It seems like people are excited for this opportunity to reconnect in person." •

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Jewish Teenagers Share Their Summer Plans

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AS THE WORLD slowly returns to normalcy, the question of what was normal in the first place has arisen. Whatever it was, a new normal is being created, and this summer will likely help shape it.

With kids out of school, camps and other summer programs are pioneering this new normal. From sleepaway camp to travel, Jewish teens across the United States shared what their summer of 2021 looks like.

Summer Camp
Jewish sleepaway camp is a staple of summer in the Northeast, so with kids missing out on the experience in 2020, they are even more excited to be back.

“It’s like having a second life,” said Asher Waldman, 13, from Bryn Mawr. He attends Camp Cedar in Maine with his younger brother, Austin, following in their father’s footsteps.

According to his mother, Amy Waldman, going to camp provided Asher with the opportunity to try new things he wouldn’t have been able to do at home.

“My own children have become passionate about activities that they were exposed to at camp, not necessarily things I would have signed them up for at home,” she said. “As a parent, sending your children to overnight camp is incredibly difficult.”

However, all feelings of uncertainty are dissolved when seeing pictures of her kids smiling and getting letters

from them thanking her for sending them to camp, she said.

Many camps have ensured their campers would be safe from COVID-19 by requiring proof of negative tests and keeping bunks separated for the first week or two.

Leadership Training
B’nai B’rith Youth Organization runs training programs throughout the summer for its members. BBYO is a movement for Jewish teens around the world to gain valuable experiences and connect with other Jewish teens — locally and internationally.

International Leadership Training Conference is a 14-day program at B’nai B’rith Perlman Camp in Lake Como.



▲ From left: Ziva Davis, Dara Hammel and Hallie Jayson at Mount Arbel. Courtesy of Dara Hammel

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Survey: Median Age of U.S. Jews Drops

THE MEDIAN AGE of United States Jews dropped from 52 to 48 since 2013, making Jews one of only two religious groups to grow younger on average, according to a Public Religion Research Institute survey published July 8, JTA reported.

The median age for all U.S. residents was 47. The median age for Orthodox Jews (35) was younger than for Conservative (62) and Reform (53) Jews.

The survey said Jews comprise 1% of the population, with 51% living in suburban areas, 40% in urban areas and 8% in rural areas.

Politically, 44% of Jews identify as Democrats, with 31% as independent and 22% as Republican.

Fifty-eight percent of Jews held college degrees, topped only by Unitarian Universalists (59%) and Hindus (67%).

Facebook to Provide Holocaust Education in 12 Languages

Facebook announced that it increased its efforts to combat Holocaust denial by directing users to Holocaust education materials in 12 languages — including Arabic, Russian and German, JTA reported.

Since January, people who searched in English for information about the Holocaust or Holocaust denial were prompted to visit AboutHolocaust.org, which provides facts about genocide and offered survivor testimony.

Beginning July 13, the site — a project of the World Jewish Congress and UNESCO, the United Nations cultural organization — was made available to those searching in 12 languages.

The site expansion continues an about-face for Facebook that began in 2020. That's when it said it would ban Holocaust denial — after years defending its distribution as misinformed but legitimate expression.

Ritual Burial Facility Last Used in 1931 Found Near Moldova

Renovators at a Jewish cemetery in a breakaway province of Moldova discovered a ritual burial preparation facility last used in 1931 that was assumed to be destroyed, JTA reported.

The discovery was made in Raşcov, a municipality in the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic, also known as Transnistria.

The structure is a *beit tahara* — a facility located at some Jewish cemeteries where the bodies are prepared according to halacha, Jewish law. It features a wooden roof, mud walls and a large stone slab at its center.

JTA said its survival is surprising because Soviet authorities regularly dismantled them for use as construction material.

Transnistria, which seceded from Moldova in the early 1990, used to have tens of thousands of Jews and 20 synagogues. Most were murdered in the Holocaust, and today only a few dozen Jews remain.

Jewish Woman Becomes Yankees Batgirl — 60 Years Later

Retired social worker Gwen Goldman became the New York Yankees batgirl for a day on June 28 — 60 years after she was rejected, JTA reported.

Goldman, 70, from Westport, Connecticut, also threw out that night's first pitch, wore the team uniform and met the players.

"It just kept coming and coming," she said of the honors, adding "dayenu."

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman heard about the 1961 rejection and proffered an invite.

Goldman said she still has the rejection letter from then-GM Roy Hamey, who explained that "a young lady such as yourself would feel out of place in a dugout." •

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Average Salaries in Israel Drop 6.9% in April
AVERAGE MONTHLY PAY in Israel in April for salaried employees was \$3,552, down 6.9% from March 2021, Globes reported, citing Central Bureau of Statistics data.

The decline was attributed to the continuing trend of employees in low-paid fields, including catering and entertainment, returning from unpaid leave after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

The number of people working in salaried positions in April was 3.5 million. That's up 33.6% from the same month in 2020 and up 1.3% from March.

The statistics bureau also announced that the broad unemployment rate, which includes people on unpaid leave, fell to 9.5%, or 398,000, in the second half of June. That compares to 9.9% in the second half of May.

Up to a Day's Isolation Now Required for Those Entering Israel

Starting on July 16, anyone entering Israel will be required to isolate for up to 24 hours, the Health Ministry announced, as reported by The Jerusalem Post.

The obligation applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Isolation is required until a

negative coronavirus test taken at the airport arrives or up to one day, whichever comes first.

In addition, the ministry updated its list of high-risk countries. When Israelis return from these countries, they must enter isolation regardless of their vaccination status: United Arab Emirates, Seychelles, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Paraguay, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kyrgyzstan and Tunisia.

That isolation period is typically 14 days, although it can be shortened to 10 days with two negative tests; the second test is taken on the ninth day.

Defense Ministry Announces it Will Take Control of Hamas Virtual Currencies

The Defense Ministry said it will begin seizing digital wallets that contain virtual currencies from overseas donations that Hamas is using, The Times of Israel reported.

Defense Minister Benny Gantz approved the measure after an operation "uncovered a web of electronic wallets" Hamas used to raise money using Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, the ministry said. The cryptocurrency stockpiles were being operated from the Gaza Strip.

Aside from Bitcoin, digital currencies seized including XRP, Ethereum, Tether and Dogecoin, in accordance with the 2016 Counter-Terrorism Law.

"The intelligence, technological and legal tools that enable us to get our hands on terrorists' money around the world constitute an operational breakthrough," Gantz said in a statement.

Israel to Increase Water Supply to Jordan

Israel said it would significantly increase the amount of water it supplies to Jordan, as that nation struggles with shortfalls, The Times of Israel reported.

Under a deal signed July 8, Israel will supply Jordan with an extra 50 million cubic meters (65 million cubic yards) of water to Jordan in 2021, according to Israel's Foreign Ministry. Israel provides water to Jordan annually under a 1994 agreement.

The meeting between Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and his Jordanian counterpart Ayman Safadi at a crossing point over the Jordan River was the first public encounter between top Israeli and Jordanian officials since the new Israeli government was established. Ties between the two countries have grown strained in recent years. •

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“It was where they were supposed to live the best years of their lives,” Jonathan Epstein, the couple’s son and only child, said to the Bucks County Courier Times.

Jonathan Epstein, 26, knew in real time what had happened to his parents.

“I texted my mom, ‘Hey, are you guys OK?’ And then, the message went from blue to green; it hadn’t been received. I’ve spent so much time in their apartment, and I saw which part of the building collapsed and I knew there was no way,” he said to 6ABC on July 7.

David Epstein was a real estate investor. The couple, both Northeast Philadelphia natives, lived in Bucks County for 15 years before moving to New York, then Florida; they had long summered in Ventnor, New Jersey, where they owned a townhouse on the beach.

“I open my front door, and I look right at their deck at the shore,” said Sharla Feldscher, a public relations professional and the Epstein’s neighbor in

Ventnor. “It’s a real sense of loss because I really like seeing Bonnie every year, and David. The whole thing is a shock.”

Feldscher has been neighbors with the Epsteins for more than a decade, but their connection spanned far longer.

Bonnie Epstein’s aunt grew up on the same block as Feldscher’s husband. When the Epsteins moved next store to the Feldschers, it felt like a reunion: “We had a family connection; that was very special.”

The Epsteins loved the ocean, spending seven months of the year in their Florida condo; they spent a recent wedding anniversary snorkeling together.

To honor his parents, following the couple’s July 12 funeral, in lieu of gifts or flowers, Jonathan Epstein set up a fundraiser for Saving the Blue, a marine wildlife conservation nonprofit that his parents had long supported. As of this week, family and friends had raised almost \$8,000.

“My parents were just kind people to everyone, whether they just met you or if they had known you for a long time.

They were generous and sweet; they lived life on their terms,” Epstein said.

Jonathan Epstein said he was close to his parents.

“They were just the absolute coolest,” Epstein said to The Philadelphia Inquirer. “I feel so grateful to be their son.”

He has been keeping loved ones apprised on the “Friends of Bonnie GWHS 82” Facebook page, where the family has received an outpouring of support.

“Thank you all so much for the kindness over the last week — my parents were amazing people and would be touched by the outpouring of love and support we’ve received,” he wrote.

Several other family and friends remarked on the ways the Epstein family had touched their lives.

Joey Feldman, Bonnie Epstein’s cousin, said he had some of the best moments of his life with the Epstein family.

“Growing up, Bonnie was the closest I had to a sister. We were both only children. She is directly responsible for so many things in my life. From my first curse word to my first concert. She introduced me to all the music I would still love to this day,” Feldman wrote on Facebook. “David was one of the best guys around.”

Feldscher described the Epsteins’ lives as peaceful and quiet.

“You hear people talk about their dreams all the time,” Feldscher said. “They really lived their dreams. They had such a wonderful life.”

Hoping to connect with the families of other victims of the collapse, Jonathan Epstein plans to travel to Miami at the end of the month, according to the Courier Times.

“Victims of something as bizarre and tragic as this need to stick together and find comfort in each other,” he said. ●

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▲ David and Bonnie Epstein were married for 31 years.

Courtesy of Jonathan Epstein



▲ Bonnie Epstein died in the Champlain Towers South condo collapse on June 24. She was 56.



▲ From left: Jonathan, David and Bonnie Epstein

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that last month's average temperatures were the hottest in its 127-year recorded history — 2 degrees Fahrenheit higher than the average temperature from 1991-2020.

"We've had more heat advisory days than we've ever had," said Colleen Lane, program coordinator at KleinLife in Philadelphia, host of a Jewish summer day camp. There were five heat advisory days in the first 15 days of camp.

For some day camps, many outdoor activities, such as kickball and archery, are swapped for indoor ones, like art and board games.

"We'd rather them be outside playing, but their safety comes first," Lane said.

Aquatics are the exception to this rule: In addition to increased time at the pool, lake or splash park, campers are encouraged to visit cool down stations and drink water, albeit from reusable water bottles instead of the thousands of plastic cups used in previous years.

But changes in the climate haven't just brought the heat.

"It's less about the rising temperatures, which is something that we can count on. We're now having to pay attention to unusual weather patterns," David Weiss, executive director of Camp Galil Habonim Dror in Bucks County, said.

Sara Sideman, camp director for JCC Camps at Medford, said there's been more storms this year than in previous years, relegating campers indoors for the day.

"It impacts the day and impacts the camper experience," Sideman said. "It's not something we have control over."

Camp administrators are used to greeting challenges with spontaneity and creativity, even when organizing



▲ Camper Max at Camp Shalom, one of the JCC Camps at Medford, at the lake's Wibit Park
Courtesy of Stephanie Dworkin

indoors activities.

Jordan Bravato, director of Camp Kef at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood, helped organize a paper airplane contest indoors for his campers, and Camp Kef hired an occupational therapist to come in and set up obstacle courses indoors.

However, with so many new changes in programming, Camp Kef has had to tweak its spending.

"When we were sitting down and working on our camp budget, we were being much more mindful of the amount of money that we're going to be spending programmatically," Bravato said. "We did have to create these new programs that could be done indoors."

While financial implications were program-oriented for some, for Camp Galil, addressing warmer weather meant building new cabins with good insulation to keep the heat out. These cabins have cost the camp \$55,000 over the past couple years.

But despite so many changes, counselors have taken schedule changes in stride, adapting quickly, Bravato says.

Campers are the ones struggling at times.

While many are happy to be able to return to camp this year after last summer's pandemic restrictions limited camps' capacities, mask-wearing in the heat is unbearable for some.

Gersh has had to deal with his 9-year-old campers having "meltdowns," refusing to wear masks because of the heat.

"It's really bad," he said.

For Gersh, climate change feels more dire than just navigating more water breaks and kids wearing masks. He feels that campers have to pay the price for actions of the older generations, "people polluting in a way that contributes to global warming."

"The fact that it's now their burden that impacts their summer and their experiences in their life — It's just really an injustice," Gersh said.

Many of these Jewish summer camps that weave Jewish values and lessons into their camp activities are trying to take action to combat climate change. They are turning to the concept of tikkun olam, repairing the world, to try to take action to become more "green."

Camp Galil switched its electrical power to source solar and wind power; Camp Kef has worked on ways to make its air conditioning system more efficient; the JCC Camps at Medford have a "green committee" in the works with the counselors.

Though camps feel empowered to take action, there's a looming feeling that this work isn't enough — that more will have to be done. Many camps just don't know what the future will hold, what actions to take next.

"It's absolutely something that our campers and counselors worry about: the notion of global warming and global climate change," Weiss said. "They are incredibly aware that this is going to impact them for the rest of their lives." •

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Banning Critical Race Theory Will Gut the Teaching of Jewish History



BY HENRY ABRAMSON

ANYONE TEACHING the past by skipping over the unpleasant parts isn't teaching history. They are engaged in propaganda.

Jewish tradition understands this: Refusing to sugarcoat their own people's culpability, the Sages themselves teach that the destruction of the Temple by the Romans is a consequence of baseless hatred — among Jews.

Yet in nearly two dozen states, the movement to impose restrictions on the teaching of history is gaining momentum. Incited by a national hysteria over "critical race theory," advocates of these educational fatwas are borrowing a page from authoritarian governments like Vladimir Putin's Russia in a clumsy effort to avoid discussing the messy, controversial and painful moments in America's history.

And as a professional historian, I can tell you that these bans will be terrible for anyone teaching or studying Jewish history.

What exactly is critical race theory, and how is it apparently — in the words of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican who is seen as a potential presidential candidate — teaching our kids "to hate each other" and "hate our country"?

Critical race theory is a body of ideas associated not with the discipline of history, but with the practice of law. Adherents believe that the legacy of slavery is baked into American society and culture to such a degree that African-Americans continue

to suffer long-term, systemic economic harm. It suggests that discussing reparations should be on the national agenda (hence the origin of these ideas among legal scholars).

The impact of systemic racism may be measured, for example, in things as diverse as the wealth gap between white and Black Americans with similar educations and the declining tree cover in neighborhoods with majority African-American populations. Critical race theorists look to the history of government policies from the 1930s, like redlining, under which the Federal Housing Authority refused to underwrite mortgages in African-American neighborhoods with the explicit goal of separating "incompatible

by forbidding the discussion of historical facts or interpretations or by providing vague guidelines that lead to self-censorship."

Compared to Americans, Europeans have less of an allergy to limitations on free speech, and they generally accepted these laws when they were designed to protect victims of historical trauma, for example, by banning noxious phenomena such as Holocaust denial.

Putin, however, pioneered a new approach to memory laws: Rather than protecting the weak, they also can be weaponized to strengthen the powerful. In the context of Russian history, the counterpart to American slavery is the Holodomor, a terrible famine that killed millions of Ukrainians from 1932-1933.

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racial groups." Blacks were, like Jews, forbidden to buy homes in newly developed suburbs, while white Americans received help from the government to purchase homes in these leafy neighborhoods and to build generational wealth.

The CRT framework, decades old, gained popularity (or notoriety, depending on whom you ask) after the summer 2020 wave of protests that followed the murder of George Floyd.

The bans on teaching with a critical race theory framework aren't really against history per se, which is in the past and therefore stubbornly resists regulation. Rather, these decrees fall more precisely within the category of what are called "memory laws." Historian Timothy Snyder described these laws as "government actions designed to guide public interpretation of the past ... by asserting a mandatory view of historical events,

Beginning in 2008, Russia's Duma assembly passed legislation that forbade the discussion of Russian government policies that contributed to the genocidal nature of the famine, and established entities like the "Presidential Commission of the Russian Federation to Counter Attempts to Falsify History to the Detriment of Russia's Interests" (an ideological antecedent to the now-defunct 1776 Commission, then-President Donald Trump's last-minute attempt to promote a "pro-American curriculum").

This is the intellectual home of the CRT bans. They share educational space with Poland's ridiculous, offensive and dangerous 2018 law that criminalizes the suggestion that Poland bears any responsibility for the crimes committed by the Germans during World War II. The object of Poland's memory law is not to prevent

the resurgence of extremist antisemitism; it is to prevent Poles from confronting the complex legacy of collaboration with the Nazi occupation.

This brings us to the American versions of the memory laws. Tennessee, for example, recently passed SB 623, which lists 14 directives all tied to state funding. The requirements oscillate between the painfully obvious and the absurdly comic. On the one hand, Tennessee "does not prohibit... the impartial discussion of controversial aspects of history," or even "the impartial instruction on the oppression of a particular group of people." On the other hand, it bans teaching that "an individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex, is inherently privileged"

or anguish, just as it impossible to teach the Holocaust properly without causing German students to reflect on their national history, or the Holodomor without giving Russians pause to contemplate brutal Soviet agrarian policies.

Despite the 1776 Commission's promise to "unite, inspire, and ennoble all Americans," these laws will chill honest engagement with hard truths, forcing teachers to lie to their students, even if only by omission.

Furthermore, anyone teaching Jewish history will be challenged to find a way to present the legacy of antisemitism without running afoul of these regulations. The historical linkage between Catholic theology and the persecution of Jews, for example, is rife with difficult topics. They range from the medieval charges of host desecration and the horrendous blood libel to the pope's kidnapping of 6-year-old Edgardo Mortara in 1858 (we could, unfortunately, continue at length). Protestants would also be discomfited by Martin Luther's anti-Jewish screed, "On the Jews and their Lies" (1543). The list of countries where Jews have lived in their diaspora is pretty much identical to the list of countries that have discriminated against Jews.

Obviously, the presentation of challenging material must be titrated to the specifics of the classroom, considering factors like the age and background preparation of the students. No responsible teacher wants to teach students to "hate each other" or "hate America." But we all participate in a sacred covenant with our students: They expect us to tell them the truth. These memory laws, if enforced, would ask us to betray that covenant. •

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Dear American Jewish Moms



BY LISA KOENIG

DEAR AMERICAN Jewish moms,

Do you remember where you were when you heard about the deadly attacks on Jews in Pittsburgh? In Poway? Remember the emotions you went through? Did you feel outrage? Were you sick watching the news coverage? If you're like me, you wanted to do something to support those communities.

Do you have the Red Alert app on your phone? If your response is, "I don't even know what that is," then I implore you to download it. It's an Israeli app that sends notifications every time a terrorist rocket, mortar or missile is launched into Israel.

From May 10-18, more than 3,440 rockets were fired toward Israel from Hamas-controlled Gaza in a blatant effort to murder Jews. Not all of them landed in empty fields; that miraculous Iron Dome that saves so many lives isn't infallible. I'm a Jewish mom of two teenagers, and I live in a Philadelphia suburb. I grew up in a Connecticut town with very few Jews, and I was raised in a secular Jewish home with no connection to Judaism; however, Israel and Zionism was an integral part of my upbringing.

L'dor v'dor: I am raising my children to be unapologetic Zionists and Jews. I'm proud that my daughter, who just graduated high school, is taking a gap year living in Tel

Aviv and volunteering through the Maslool program. My son, a rising high school sophomore, will attend the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program in February 2022.

My best friend's son, who used to babysit my children, is a lone soldier in the Israeli Defense Forces. At 18, he left his comfortable, upper-middle-class home and family and enlisted in the Israeli army. Last August, his parents also made aliyah. Now my best friend is an official Israeli mom; she attended the funeral of First Sergeant Omer Tabib, z"l, not just because it's the Israeli thing to do, but also because First

were intentionally aiming for the heartland of Israel — Jerusalem, the metropolitan city of Tel Aviv and smaller densely populated cities such as Ra'anana and Hod HaSharon, the location of the AMHSI campus. There were countless videos from Israel: Israeli Arabs rioting and burning the Israeli flag, burning down synagogues, burning buses; Arabs trying to lynch Jews; fires on top of the Temple Mount; gaping holes in apartment buildings because the Iron Dome missed. And you know what? As the notifications were constantly dinging, as I watched these videos

your phone dings. You should want to help and to unite with Am Yisrael, because the terrorists' motivation is simple: Jew hatred. These attacks are not over land disputes, rent disputes or any other propaganda that they try to use to manipulate the world for their corruption and power. It's pure Jew hatred, and they want to divide us to make us weak, to eliminate us.

Dear American Jewish moms, it's your obligation to learn about, teach and show your children the truth of our people. Teach your children about our history, and I don't mean just the Holocaust. I

the media. It's propaganda.

When you teach your children the truth, you give them an invaluable gift; you ensure your children are links in our long chain of rich history. Don't be the generation that breaks our chain. The way to strengthen our chain is to actively connect with Israel. Don't fear the land; embrace it, honor it, love it.

Assuming you've downloaded the Red Alert app, your phone will ding with notifications at the same time as Jews from all over the world who have also downloaded it. You've just taken an important step in connecting yourself with Am Yisrael.

Now that you're connected, we must stand in unity against evil, so book a flight to Israel with your children. Who knows, you may fall in love with the land and make aliyah. Or at the very least, you'll understand why I am even more determined than ever to send both my children to Israel as planned. ●

Lisa Koenig is North East Director of Herut North America's U.S. division. Herut is an international movement for Zionist pride and education.

Dear American Jewish moms, it's your obligation to learn about, teach and show your children the truth of our people. Teach your children about our history, and I don't mean just the Holocaust. I mean our ancestral history in the land of Israel.

Sergeant Tabib, z"l, was in her son's unit and his friend.

Have you downloaded the Red Alert app yet?

Each notification of an incoming rocket translates to Israelis having mere seconds to run to take cover in bomb shelters or stairways. Knowing this, would you be willing to send your child(ren) to Israel to study or to take a gap year? Would you support your child(ren), who insists on becoming a lone soldier, enlisting in the IDF knowing it's inevitable that he/she will be in the direct path of danger? Does the reality of imminent attacks on Israel frighten you so much you would never visit Israel, never mind sending your children?

Last month, when the locations popped up on the Red Alert app, it was evident that Hamas was no longer targeting only the usual populations adjacent to Gaza. This time they had the capability and

with tears in my eyes, I wasn't scared; I was angry. Anger is a great motivator. I became more determined, not only to go to Israel myself, but to send both my children as planned. I don't fear the enemy. They want fear. Fear is weakness allowing for an easier attack. It's only with unity, strength and never backing down that we will defeat evil.

So, my dear American Jewish moms, who love your children more than life itself, pay attention to what's happening in Israel because Israelis are not just another people living in the Middle East. They are Jews; our brothers and sisters, our sons and daughters. Our people living in our ancestral homeland. Any attack on Israel is no different than an attack on a Jew in Poway, Pittsburgh, or anywhere in the world. The same outrage and deep pain in your soul that you felt then, you should feel every single time

mean our ancestral history in the land of Israel. Start by teaching them that Israel is our ancestral home. Don't blindly parrot what you read/hear in

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Honoring the Past, Eyes on the Future: Carly Zimmerman New Chair of Women of Vision

AS CARLY ZIMMERMAN STEPS INTO her new role as the chair of Women of Vision (WOV), two things are certain: She knows her Jewish community, and she is a fierce advocate for women's rights and empowerment.

"I'm excited, nervous and feel a healthy amount of pressure to do 'big things' in the next two years," said Zimmerman, who begins her position in September. "I'm inspired to lead because of what my mom has taught me and to create a better world for my daughter, Norah, and her generation. I really want to make them proud."

Throughout her impressive career as a Jewish communal professional, Zimmerman served as the Jewish life director of Hillel at the University of Pittsburgh and Temple University, CEO of Challah for Hunger and, most recently, senior relationship director at BBYO.

While Zimmerman left the Jewish professional world this past year to join her family business, Larson Lightning Protection, she remains committed to supporting Jewish life as a lay leader of WOV, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia that transforms the lives of Jewish women and girls through grant-making and advocacy.

In her current role as WOV Grant Review Committee co-chair, Zimmerman, along with fellow co-chair Amy Cohen, oversaw grant cycles that allocated dollars from the WOV Endowment Fund to innovative programs in Greater Philadelphia and in Israel.

This year, WOV members reviewed programs in Israel and voted to grant \$18,000 a year for two years to ELI for a program that creates systematic change through educational programming to reduce sexual abuse against women in the Israel Defense Forces. The group also granted \$25,000 a year for two years to Mavoi Satum's program that reduces gender inequality, discrimination and abuse in Israel's marriage and divorce legal system and advocates for more women representation in the courts.

"My goal is to honor our past and grow Women of Vision's impact. I look forward to welcoming more members and increasing our ability to make larger grants to organizations in Philadelphia and Israel," explained Zimmerman, who is also on the WOV Executive Committee and a member of the Women's Philanthropy Board. "Social change and grant-making is at the heart of Women of Vision, and I'd like to get as many women involved in this process as possible."

We spoke with Zimmerman to learn more about her and her journey within WOV.

Why and when did you first get involved with WOV?

My first involvement was as an applicant to the WOV grant process. In 2013, I became the CEO of Challah for Hunger, a nonprofit that seeks to end food insecurity, and Women of Vision was the first Philadelphia group to make a significant grant to support our work. The grant from WOV came with so much more than financial support.

Many members of WOV became Challah for Hunger's (and my) biggest champions and advocates, and a WOV member even joined our board of directors. I was surprised and flattered to be asked to join a few years later, and it was a very easy "yes" because of the relationships I'd formed with WOV members.



Incoming Women of Vision chair Carly Zimmerman looks to empower Jewish women and girls through grant-making and advocacy work.
Courtesy of Carly Zimmerman

What was one of your most meaningful experiences in WOV?

During my first Grant Review Committee meeting, I remember several members debating and disagreeing fiercely about a specific grant proposal. The room was tense and divided. I was nervous about what would happen when the meeting ended, but as the room emptied out, I watched in surprise as several of the women that were just minutes ago debating each other made plans for lunch and checked in with each other about their families.

This interaction, which I've seen repeat time and time again, has taught me so much about the importance of respectful debate and disagreement in these particularly polarized times. Women of Vision is proof that we can and need to be able to work together with people we disagree with and have relationships outside our own belief bubbles.

What advice has the outgoing WOV Chair Mindy Fortin given you?

Mindy has taught me an immeasurable amount through her actions and mentorship, but the quality I will try to carry on is her commitment to social change. In every conversation, she communicates the importance of our social change grant-making and advocacy and keeps us on mission so that we can accomplish our goals. I admire her conviction and tenacity, and the way she brings others into our work. I will continue to look up to her and call her often (thanks, Mindy!).

How do you think this most recent grant cycle went?

This was a particularly challenging year. Because of the pandemic and the instability of the Israeli government and its inability to pass a budget, there was so much need from NGOs in Israel. Between the Jewish Federation professional team, our committee, Amy, Mindy and me, we read nearly 60 proposals, and every one of them was certainly worthy of support. The challenge was balancing our mission for social change, which takes time, and the request for direct service that would help people immediately.

Our committee certainly rose to this challenge. I'm very happy with the level of engagement from our committee members and our overall Women of Vision community, despite our entire process taking place virtually. I'm very grateful to Amy as well as Rachel Berger and Tali Lidar for their partnership as Jewish Federation staff.

Is there a hobby or skill that you picked up during the pandemic?

I'm one of the many who joined the Peloton world this year, and I'm unashamedly obsessed.

What is something people probably don't know about you?

I recently left the Jewish community as a professional and joined my dad in our family business — Larson Lightning Protection, Inc. I'm learning so much about lightning protection systems and spending a lot of time on construction sites.

For more information about Women of Vision, contact Shara Swift, Jewish Federation's Affinities & Donor Engagement Manager, at sswift@jewishphilly.org.

A Twist on Caprese

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

CAPRESE SALAD is the quintessential summer dish — ripe tomatoes, fragrant basil, a drizzle of the best olive oil, fresh mozzarella — really, it's the season in a colorful bowl.

I had fun this week riffing on this dish, taking it out of the salad bowl and into a soufflé. I also experimented with it as a potato salad, which was dee-lish. Because it is still a tad early in the season for tomatoes, I ended up roasting them before using, which, as my husband and most honest food critic commented, is not very summery. But it is a good back-pocket trick for these glorious orbs if they are less than perfect, or under/over ripe.

As the harvest arrives in the coming weeks and we enjoy this glorious bounty, skip the roasting step and use the tomatoes in all their splendor.

CAPRESE SOUFFLÉ

Serves 2

Regular readers may recognize this simplified soufflé technique from a previous column. It is a slightly less-fluffy version, rather more-custardy, but it is significantly easier, as it does not involve separating the eggs and whipping the whites.

I used the caprese ingredients and a blend of grated mozzarella and ground Parmesan, but you could adjust this according to preference, or skip the cheese and have a pareve dish, if desired. It will be lighter and less salty without the cheese, so you may wish to add a pinch more salt to it if you go that route.

A note on the tomatoes: If they are at their peak, you can just chop them and save the juice to include in the mixture, skipping the roasting step altogether. Roasting

concentrates the flavor, delivers a bit more complexity and depth to the dish and brings a jammier texture to the tomatoes, but for a summer meal, you can skip this if you want.

1 cup roasted tomatoes, with juice

1 tablespoon olive oil

A handful of basil leaves (scant $\frac{3}{4}$ cup), rinsed and sliced into ribbons

3 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons flour

1 cup milk

4 eggs

Salt and pepper

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup grated mozzarella cheese

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup ground Parmesan cheese

Roast the tomatoes: Heat your oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking dish with parchment and spread the rinsed tomatoes in a single layer. Drizzle them with olive oil and toss to coat. Sprinkle them lightly with salt and pepper. Roast them in your oven for about 25 minutes until the tomatoes are slightly charred, bursting and a bit jammy.

If you have more than 1 cup of less-than-perfect tomatoes lying around, double or triple this; these are delightful tossed over pasta, smeared on a sandwich or mixed into a salad.

Remove the tomatoes from the oven and lower the heat to 350 degrees F. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with oil; set aside.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter and add the flour. Mix with a whisk to form a smooth paste. When thickened, add milk and continue whisking until a uniform and creamy texture is achieved, about 2 minutes.

In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs with the cheese, tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper. Add the

milk mixture, and whisk until blended. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish and bake for 25-30 minutes until done — the soufflé will be puffed up, the center will be solid and the edges will be slightly browned, pulling away from the pan. Serve immediately.

CAPRESE POTATO SALAD

Serves 4

If you read my column regularly, you are familiar with my love affair with potatoes. I am forever seeking ways to integrate these beloved roots into my daily meals. Since I had leftover roasted tomatoes and a basil plant in my garden just bursting with leaves, this seemed like a good experiment to try. And it worked! We served it with grilled chicken and a green salad, and it was a perfect summer meal.

I used red bliss potatoes because they were on sale at the supermarket, but any potato can be used here. Peel if you wish; I don't.

8 medium-sized red bliss potatoes (a little smaller than your fist)

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups roasted tomatoes with juice (see recipe above for technique)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup fresh basil leaves chopped in ribbons

$\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon kosher salt
Generous grinding of fresh pepper

1-2 tablespoons of best-quality olive oil

Rinse the potatoes well, and cut them into bite-sized pieces. Place them in a large pot of water with a pinch of salt. Bring the water to a boil and cook for about 25 minutes until the potatoes are soft when pierced with a fork. Drain and cool. Do not add remaining ingredients to potatoes until they cool to room temperature



▲ Caprese soufflé



▲ Caprese potato salad

or the basil will “cook.”

Add the tomatoes, basil, salt and pepper. Stir. If the salad seems too dry, add a tablespoon

or two of olive oil. Mix again. Taste for seasoning; add salt and pepper, if needed. Serve at room temperature or chilled. ●

CNN's 'Jerusalem' Worth the Watch

TELEVISION

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

A SERIES IS ONLY as good as its characters, and when history is its subject matter, the characters are all there. It's just on the producers to deliver an interesting and entertaining product.

In CNN's "Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury," they do just that.

Blackfin, the production company behind the six-part docuseries, premiering on CNN at 10 p.m. on July 18, wanted to explore the holy city's history to help viewers understand its connection to the present-day Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to Executive Producer Jordan Rosenblum.

And if you watch "Jerusalem," you will see the truth in the cliché that history repeats itself: Jews, Christians and Muslims all consider Jerusalem to be their sacred place, so they keep fighting over it, but nobody really wins in the end.

The series makes this historical lesson clear by focusing on charismatic leaders in each religious group, all of whom try to do the same thing — establish absolute control over Jerusalem for their people — and all of whom fail in the long run. There's King David; there's Richard the Lionheart, the ferocious warrior-king of England; and there's Saladin, the tactical mastermind who defeats the Christian crusaders in the legendary Battle of Hattin.

There are several others as well, including David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir, the driving forces behind the creation of modern-day Israel and its strategic alliance with the United States.

Rosenblum and his team use a stylized combination of cinematic, academic and

journalistic qualities to bring these epic characters to life.

Cinematically, actors play out the ancient scenes. This can be an annoying and superfluous feature in documentaries that are designed more to educate than to entertain. But in "Jerusalem," it works, and it adds a layer of entertainment that most documentaries don't have.

In the series' first episode, "The Kingdom," about King David's conquest of Jerusalem, and in its third episode, "Holy War," about the conflict over the city between Muslims and Christian crusaders, the actors who play David, Richard the Lionheart and Saladin use walking styles, facial expressions and postures to leave indelible impressions in the minds of viewers. That they pull this off without dialogue makes it all the more impressive.

The actors don't need to speak, though, because the experts likely have far more to say than any script could. And in "Jerusalem," the experts are a group of academics/history nerds who have no trouble showing their passion for the subject matter. They inflect with their voices and gesticulate with their hands. They offer timeless lessons about history and power, like how a good leader can unite warring factions within a tribe, in accessible and memorable terms. They show almost no bias toward any of the three religions.

Sports TV shows often make the mistake of not using enough writers, the people who spend their days thinking about the games. The producers of "Jerusalem" don't make the same mistake because when it comes to the history of the holy city, these academics are the people who spend their days thinking about it, and Blackfin makes the right call in depending on them to explain it.

"It was a deliberate decision not to do dialogue (with the



▲ Cleopatra, ruler of ancient Egypt, in CNN's docuseries "Jerusalem."



▲ Herod the Great in CNN's docuseries "Jerusalem."

Courtesy of CNN

actors)," Rosenblum said.

Rosenblum also said that CNN was a partner in this project from the beginning of its development, which was logical, as the project, at its core, was journalistic.

The actors and their colorful scenes, the professors and their passionate commentary — all of that works because it's grounded in not just an adherence to factual accuracy, but in an efficient deployment of the facts themselves. Such details are used to deepen the audience's understanding

without overwhelming its senses.

Years and eras are mentioned to give viewers a sense of ancient stories as history, and not just as tall tales. Some gray political realities, like Richard the Lionheart facing a threat to his English throne as he tries to expand his empire to Jerusalem, are emphasized as much as black-and-white battle results.

And in later episodes, like "Independence & Catastrophe," about the birth of modern-day Israel, archival videos and stills

are wielded to bring figures like Ben-Gurion and Meir to life.

"We wanted to tell the facts as they happened," Rosenblum said. "And there's no better partner to do that with than CNN."

By combining cinematic, academic and journalistic qualities, "Jerusalem" shows that, even as history repeats itself, it's a scintillating and riveting ride. ●

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Play Inspired by Concentration Camp Story Debuts

THEATER

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STEVEN FISHER IS NOT Jewish. He actually grew up in a Catholic family in Delaware County.

But he was inspired to write “The Last Boy,” a play about the Holocaust, anyway.

The playwright described the story of “The Last Boy,” which opened a two-week off-Broadway run at the Theatre at St. Clement’s in New York City on July 10, as “Dead Poets Society Meets Anne Frank.” It’s a historical fiction inspired by Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp where a group of young boys created a secret literary society and hand-produced a weekly magazine, *Vedem*, with poems and prose. Toward the end of World War II, as the Allies advanced and the Nazis started burning their records, the only remaining member of the society left in the camp, Sidney Taussig, buried the *Vedem* archives.

Upon liberation, Taussig dug up the archives and brought them with him to Prague, ensuring their survival. Most of his friends in the society, though, about 85 out of the 100, according to Fisher, died in the Holocaust.

Fisher discovered the story in his former life as a youth choir director in the Philadelphia area. Every year he would take his Keystone State Boychoir on performance tours/educational trips. Several years ago, he decided to take the choir to the Terezin site in the Czech Republic because he was worried that the historical memory of the Holocaust was fading, he said. During a pretrip to the site, now a museum, to scout the location, Fisher bought a book with the highlights from those old *Vedem* archives. He took it back to his hotel room, started reading and didn’t sleep that night.

Fisher was hooked on the boys’ stories about missing food and about being excited to be away from their parents, and to be living with other boys their own age. He was also amused by their bawdiness and their evisceration of their “dorm dad.”

“These were teenage boys,” Fisher said.

After the choir trip to Terezin, Fisher learned that Taussig was still alive, and living in Florida. He visited the survivor and got a firsthand account of life in the camp. Taussig told his guest stories about hearing other boys crying themselves to sleep over hunger, and about seeing the Nazis post regular lists of about 1,000 people who would be “transported east.”

“They didn’t know what was east,” Fisher said. “But they knew it wasn’t good.”

Taussig also explained *Vedem*’s editorial process: The 100 or so boys would submit entries to the editor each week, and three or four would be selected. Then, the boys would gather every Friday at sundown — in the attic during winter, outside during summer — to read their poems and stories aloud.

After that visit, Fisher brought Taussig to Philadelphia for the choir to honor him at the National Museum of American Jewish History. For that June 2019 event, Fisher wrote a musical performance about the *Vedem* story. But when the performance ended, he asked Taussig if he could take it a step further: Fisher wrote plays in his spare time, and he was still holding onto a childhood dream of getting one to Broadway. Now he wanted to write a play inspired by the story of Taussig and *Vedem*.

Taussig gave his blessing, on one condition.

“I just want to see it on Broadway before time does to me what Hitler failed to do,”



▲ The title card for “The Last Boy,” a play about Jewish boys who created a literary magazine while living in a concentration camp.

Courtesy of Steven Fisher

“I just want to see it on Broadway before time does to me what Hitler failed to do.”

SIDNEY TAUSSIG

Taussig said to Fisher.

The choir director wrote the play and in October 2020, after 30 years of running youth choir programs, he retired. Then, he decided to raise money and turn the play into an off-Broadway production, hoping it would be ready to debut just as the world was ready to reopen after the pandemic faded.

“The Last Boy” was the first NYC premiere since the theater industry closed in March 2020.

Taussig can’t attend this run because he’s recovering from a broken femur, but the plan was never for him to be there: It was for him to be in the audience for the Broadway opening.

“We do have hopes of moving it to Broadway, and we’ll bring him up from Florida as the inspiration for the story,” Fisher said.

Tickets to the remaining shows are available via the event’s website: thelastboy.info.

Ten percent of the proceeds will go to NMAJH in honor of the late real estate icon Ron Rubin, who was instrumental in the museum’s founding, according to Suzanne Cohn, a Philadelphia resident, Holocaust survivor and friend of both Fisher and Rubin. •

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Dream and Reality

BY RABBI JOE HAMPLE

Parshat Devarim

I'M GRATEFUL TO have a fairly normal summer after the loneliness and boredom of a lockdown year. Coming up: face-to-face office hours! Face-to-face religious school! Face-to-face adult ed! Face-to-face life cycle events! Face-to-face High Holidays! Woo-hoo!

And yet this won't be a normal season at all. Pandemic or no, the chaos and violence over the last 12 months, in the U.S. and in the land of Israel, preclude any full return to familiar patterns. Security will be tighter; attitudes will be warier. The strains and sorrows of the coronavirus helped unleash the year's craziness, but the damage done will outlast the medical crisis.

In this week's Torah portion, we are finally at the brink of the Promised Land after a 40-year delay and much loss of life (Deuteronomy 1:1-8). Moses reviews bonds

broken and lessons learned (Deuteronomy 1:9-18). How easy to sulk and snivel, to wallow in self-pity, to blame our troubles on someone else (Deuteronomy 1:26-28) — but that won't move us forward. The tension is palpable.

We still feel that tension. We American Jews are rousing from a grand reverie, an epic illusion that we are part of the mainstream population. In spite of our contributions to American art and science, American business and politics, we are *not* part of the mainstream population. We are "other": We are a minority upon whom the majority projects its fears and foibles, its vices and vanities. It's a rude awakening.

Suddenly and incredibly, we Jews are again the target of dark rumors, conspiracy theories and acts of violence, like our ancestors throughout history. The synagogue shooting of October 2018 was no fluke, much as we wish it were. Demonized in different ways by right and left, we have

less and less control of our own image, our own definition. What does that bode for our future?

In this week's haftarah, in the Jerusalem of the eighth century BCE, we confront the menace of a rising, ruthless Assyria. "Come let us reason together," says God reassuringly (Isaiah 1:18), but how often we have betrayed this God on whose protection we now depend! Are we too late to reclaim an unaccustomed piety, a half-forgotten faith? What words, what holy acts will mend the threadbare covenant in time to rescue us? Danger hangs in the air.

The danger persists. We Zionists — I trust most of us are Zionists — are stirring from a sweet daydream, a fond fantasy that the world supports a Jewish state, after all it has put us through. In spite of Israel's contributions to culture and scholarship, medicine and technology, the world does *not* support a Jewish state. In the world's eyes, 200 other peoples

around the globe deserve a state — the Slovaks and the Slovenes, the South Sudanese and the East Timorese deserve a state — but the Jews, not so much.

How did we get here? Yes, the Palestinians have suffered; and no, it isn't the Palestinians' fault if the Jews were persecuted in Germany or Russia. Israel has made mistakes, and worse abuses in other countries are beside the point. But how is it possible that one Jewish state is too many and 18 Arab states are not enough? I realize we Jews are a small people, but surely we are 1/18 as important as the Arabs.

The Jew worships an invisible God: a short-term embarrassment and a long-term advantage. I'm square — I believe in the God of the Bible, but I respect other views. For my agnostic friends: God is a metaphor for our search for meaning. For my existentialist friends: By changing for God, we make God real. In any case, a Jew should never say "everyone does it": a Jew is called to be different from "everyone," a light unto the nations (Isaiah

49:6). We dare not stoop to the level of our adversaries — that would legitimate their tactics. If your enemy hungers, give them bread; if your enemy thirsts, give them water (Proverbs 25:21).

On July 18 — Tisha b'Av, the Temple Fast — we pivot from admonition to consolation, as we begin the seven weeks of coming home to God for the High Holidays. Jewry's position in America, Israel's reputation in the world, is shakier than ever before in my lifetime. So be it, provided we renew our ties with the true judge, the one impartial observer of us all.

The world lurches from fad to folly, hokum to hypocrisy. But "Zion shall be saved by justice, her returnees by righteousness" (Isaiah 1:27). •

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Teens

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Rachel Glazer, 16, from Cleveland chose to "spend [her] summer with BBYO to enhance [her] leadership skills and make new friends."

Not only are they making new friends, but they're gaining valuable skills and discovering their Jewish identity, all while being provided with a community by BBYO, according to Maya Sullum, 17, from Clarks Summit, and Hailey Weisberg, 17, from Cleveland.

Like many summer camps, BBYO had to cancel its programs last summer, so teens were especially excited for this year. To

protect the teens from COVID-19, they were required to show a vaccine card or a negative COVID-19 test before arriving, and they are screened daily.

Adam Crasnow, 17, from Orlando, said being connected to his faith and community makes spending his summer there "100% worth it."

Amber Zeitz, 17, from Voorhees, New Jersey, has looked forward to ILTC since the beginning of 2020.

"I chose to spend my summer with BBYO at ILTC to connect with Jewish people internationally and grow a new family," she said.

Travel

Travel is starting to rebound

as well, as countries are beginning to open their borders to tourists. While summer travel programs for teens are limited, some are up and running.

Dara Hammel of Voorhees and Hallie Jayson and Ziva Davis of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, are spending their summers traveling around Israel.

"After spending my time at home for a year-and-a-half due to COVID-19, I can finally say that I am happy to be in the country I love," Jayson, 17, said.

All three girls are attending Ramah Israel Seminar, a six-week travel program for graduated campers who attended a Ramah camp in the United States.

"Whether our daily itinerary includes a sunrise

hike on Mount Arbel or a visit to an IDF memorial in conjunction with a discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, I reflect on how lucky I am to spend the next four weeks in Israel, learning and expanding my connection to Judaism," Hammel, 17, said.

Although she's only been there a week, Hammel said she already feels more spiritually connected to her Jewish roots.

Davis, 17, feels at home in Israel as well.

"It is so comforting to be surrounded by Jewish people who share similar values that I do," she said. •

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BIRTHDAY

► LORI PAIKIN

Lillian Paikin of Jenkintown turned 105 years old on July 14.

She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even does the books for her grandson's car business, Frank Paikin Auto. Her motto is not to worry — because worrying causes wrinkles. Happy birthday to the remarkable "Mama Lily."

Courtesy of the Paikin family



BIRTH

► ZACHARY NOAH ROIG

Jill (née Weinstein) and Jonathan Roig and brother Asher announce the birth of Zachary Noah on March 30 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Sharing in their joy are grandparents Lana and Robert Weinstein of Colmar; Bobbie Berkman of Walnut Creek, California; and Randy Roig and Ellen Sampson of Oakland, California.

Zachary was given the Hebrew name of Zev Raphael in loving memory of his great-grandparents, Ronald and Rosalie Diamond.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Two Local Men Named to Coaching Staff for 21st Maccabiah Games in 2022

PHILADELPHIANS JESSE KITZEN-ABELSON and Evan Eigner were named to the coaching staff of the 21st Maccabiah Games slated for Israel next summer.

Kitzen-Abelson was named head coach for the men's gymnastics team (open division), while Eigner was named to the same post for the women's gymnastics team (open division). For both coaches, this is their first time representing Team USA.

Kitzen-Abelson is the head coach for the Temple University men's gymnastics team. He is a member of USA Gymnastics, the College Gymnastics Association and the Gymnastics Association of College Teams.

"Being Jewish and competing for our country in the sport we have dedicated our lives to is such a unique opportunity," he said. "It defines us as humans. We are Jewish athletes and professionals coming together for sport."

Eigner is the assistant coach of men's gymnastics at the U.S. Military Academy. He is a member of the College Gymnastics Association and USA Gymnastics. His father, Fred Turoff, was a participant and coach in the Maccabiah Games and is a member of the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

"The Maccabiah Games is one of the greatest and most meaningful sports in the world," he said.

The first Maccabiah was held in 1932 in Ramat Gan; 390 athletes participated. By 2017, the games grew to include nearly 10,000 Jewish athletes from more than 75 countries competing in 40 sports. That



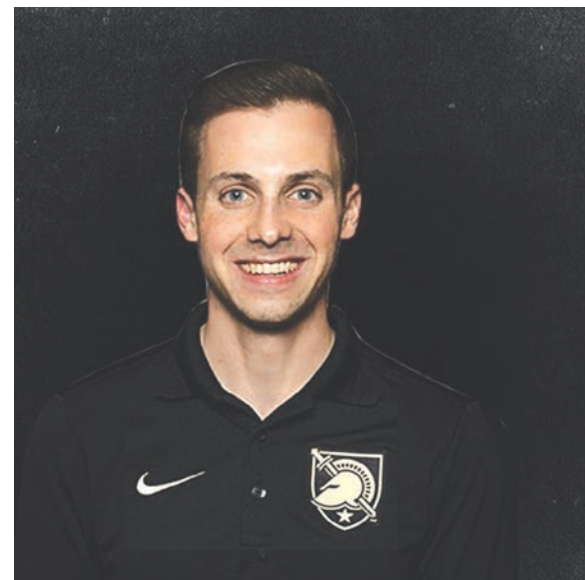
▲ Jesse Kitzen-Abelson

made it the world's third-largest international multi-sport event, behind only the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup. The Maccabi USA delegation in 2017 totaled 1,131 members.

July 17 Cleanup Planned at Har Jehuda in Upper Darby is Postponed

A cleanup of Har Jehuda Cemetery in Upper Darby that was slated for July 17 was postponed, State Rep. Mike Zabel (D-163) announced.

A new date wasn't announced.



▲ Evan Eigner

Courtesy of Maccabi USA

Conditions at the cemetery at 8400 Lansdowne Ave. have drawn complaints in recent years. Multiple people have complained about overgrown vegetation and damaged headstones.

In a Jan. 7 Jewish Exponent article, cemetery President Larry Moskowitz acknowledged the problem and said changing economics make running a cemetery increasingly difficult.

The 30-acre cemetery, which was founded in 1896, holds 20,000 graves. ●

— Compiled by Andy Gottlieb

DEATH NOTICES

EISENBERG

Paul Eisenberg, June 30, 202, of Voorhees, NJ. Husband of the late Ann Eisenberg. Father of Jeffrey (Wendy) Eisenberg and the late Howard Eisenberg (Lena Diana). Grandfather of Kelly (Chad), Shauna, Joe, Ashley and Ethan. Great-grandfather of Aiden, Kane and Casen. Contributions can be made to Temple Beth Shalom, www.tbsonline.org or Senior Citizens United Community Services, Inc., www.scucs.org.

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EVANS

Carole S. Evans, June 14, 2021, of Upper Gwynedd, PA; beloved mother of Eric Evans (Faigel Evans) & Sarah Gilbert (David Gilbert); cherished by 6 grandchildren. Contributions in Carole's memory may be made to Chabad of Abington (www.JewishAbington.com), Chabad Lubavitch Jewish Center, 515 Meetinghouse Rd, Rydal PA 19046.

GITTELMAN

Bernard M. Gittelman of Boca Raton passed away on July 6 from complications from lingering health issues. He was 88. Mr. Gittelman was a family man, corporate executive and business owner, avid golfer and loyal friend. Born in Philadelphia in 1933 to Major and Henrietta Gittelman, Bernie graduated from Drexel University and spent many years as an advertising executive for United Technical Publications and then for Chilton Publishing. He later owned his own advertising sales company, The Gittelman Company, in Fort Washington, PA, near where he lived. In 1991, he and his wife retired to Florida. "Bernie was a natural salesman, with a charming personality and an infectious smile," said Norma Gittelman, his wife of 67 years. First in Brigantine, NJ and then in Boca Raton, Bernie was an ardent golfer and bridge enthusiast, loved to fish, and enjoyed hosting friends at his home. He is survived by Norma, three children (Mark, Marsha and Michael) and eight grandchildren, all of whom miss him dearly. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in Bernie's memory can be made to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

GOLDSTEIN

Judith Marla Goldstein (nee Granat) on July 5, 2021, wife of Mark Nathan Goldstein, mother of Rabbi Gedalia (Chana Chaya) Goldstein, Tuvia (Chana Tila) Goldstein and Daniel (Talia Sarah) Goldstein. Sister of Michael Barry (Kathy) Granat, also survived by 19 grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) www.PanCAN.org
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LIEBMAN

Marcia S. Liebman passed away on May 19, 2021, after a courageous battle. She is predeceased by her loving wife of 30 years, Susan F. Satinsky; her beloved mother, Eleanor Liebman; and sisters Eileen, Vicki and Laurie as well as her Aunt Ida and Uncle Al Jacoby. She is survived by her beloved cousins: Mark Jacoby, Marlene and Arlen Zinn and Beth Brodheim Frank (Ron). Marcy was accomplished and talented on the keyboard, guitar and numerous other instruments. She was a Medical Lab Technician. A private memorial service will be held in her honor. She will remain forever in our hearts and greatly missed in all our lives.

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PRESSSEL

Richard J. Pressel, a civil engineer, died July 5, 2021, Husband of Elinor (nee Greenfield). Father of Michael Pressel (Janet), Grandfather of Lila and Edie. A memorial service was held July 9th at the Chapel at Ann's Choice. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Penn Memory Center:

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RESSLER

Edith "Suzy" Ressler (nee Czitrom), age 93, a Holocaust survivor who established a successful food business, died peacefully on Saturday July 3, 2021. She leaves her daughter Katherine Israeli and husband Joseph; grandchildren Lisa Isaacs and husband Daniel, David Israeli and wife Lori, Michael Israeli and wife Hillary, and Emily Cohen and husband Ted. She also leaves thirteen great-grandchildren- Jacob, Naomi, Eve, Lilah, Graham, Tali, Mae, Eliana, Ayla, Janie, Zachary, Xander, and Zoe. She was preceded in death by her husband Emerich Ressler in 2004. Suzy was born and lived in Oradea, Romania (also called Nagyvarad during years the city was part of Hungary) until 1944, when at the age of 16, she and other Jews in the city were deported to the concentration camp Auschwitz and later Stutthof. After surviving along with her mother, Suzy returned home and soon married Emerich. However, with the Soviet occupation of Romania, they were forced to escape into Austria, and then finally to the United States, along with their infant daughter. In 1954, the Resslers started delivering Suzy's home-cooked chopped liver to stores in Philadelphia, and thus was born Mrs. Ressler's Food Products. Suzy, now Mrs. Ressler, was instrumental in driving the growth and success of her company and was a true pioneer businesswoman in her field. Today Mrs. Ressler's is a three generation family-run business still based in Philadelphia that produces beef and poultry deli products sold throughout the country. However, nothing made Suzy more happy and proud than to see the growing generations of her family that have followed her, especially after losing most of her extended family in the Holocaust. Throughout her life Suzy supported many charities both locally and in Israel. Contributions in her memory may be made to Perelman Jewish Day School (www.pjds.org) or Philadelphia Holocaust Memorial Plaza (www.philaholocaustmemorial.org)

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SILVERMAN

Irene "Renee" Silverman (nee Zeitz), of Warrenton, on June 28, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Barry Silverman, loving mother of David (Randi) Silverman and the late Ted Silverman, sister of Richard (Carol) Zeitz, cherished grandmother of Matthew Silverman and Eli Silverman, and aunt of Wendy (William) Deveaney and Marjorie (David) Mason. Renee was an active member of a local unstructured synagogue (havurah) for over 50 years. Before that, she was a member of Temple Beth Torah in Northeast Philadelphia. Contributions in her memory may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 100 N. 20th St. Suite 405, Phila., PA 19103.

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SOBEL

Marjorie Sobel, July 3, 2021, of Voorhees, NJ. Wife of the late Joseph Sobel. Mother of Dr. Mark (Dr. Janine) Sobel and Edward (Donna) Sobel. Grandmother of Megan (Brian) Yellin, Rebecca (Joshua) Levinson, Isabella Sobel and Zachary Sobel. Great grandmother of Eliana and Ruth. Sister of Harold (Myra) Greenbaum. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Southern NJ www.jewishsouthjersey.org or Temple Emanuel, www.templemanuel.org
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SOSTMAN

Rona "Ronnie" Sostman (nee Goodfriend), 86, of Warwick, PA, and Margate, NJ, passed away on July 8, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Sylvan E. Sostman, Jr. Mother of Mara Brand (the late Sam), David Sostman, Lauren Nathan (Brad Golden) and Abby House (Tony). Grandmother of Adam Brand (Katie), Michael Brand (Kate), Arielle Ran (Michael), Kevin Nathan, Julie Sostman, Debra Sostman, Benjamin House and Alana House. Great grandmother of Harper Ran. Beloved partner of Alan Soler. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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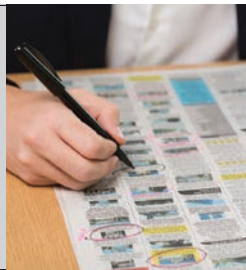
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600 Easton Rd.
Willow Grove, PA 19090

PETITION NAME CHANGE

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, May Term, 2021 No. 2471. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 27th, 2021 the petition of Rachel Victoria Fontana was filed, praying for a decree to change her name to Rachel Gomez Ayuso. The Court has fixed August 5th, 2021 at 10:00am in Room 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

FICTITIOUS NAME

FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 04, 2021 for ALISSA ARLENE WILLIAMS at 6532 Castor Ave. #1096 Philadelphia, PA 19149. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Alissa Williams at 6532 Castor Ave. #1096 Philadelphia, PA 19149. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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▼ FRIDAY, JULY 16

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.

Film Miniseries

The **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** presents a six-part virtual miniseries, “Labyrinth of Peace” will stream two new episodes each week beginning at 7 p.m. on July 12 until Aug. 2. Tickets are \$10 per two episodes or you could buy all episodes for \$20 at pjff.org/event/labyrinth-of-peace-eps-1-2/.

Shabbat Meditation

Cantor Jacob Agar will lead a Meditative Kabbalat Shabbat Service at **Beth Sholom Congregation** in Elkins Park at 6 p.m. Visit bethsholomcongregation.org/ or call 215-887-1342 for details.

▼ TUESDAY, JULY 20

Abolitionist Workshop

Bend the Arc: Jewish Action Southeastern PA is hosting a three-part workshop series “Visioning an Abolitionist Olam Haba,” built around the theory and practice of transforming the world toward justice. The first session is at 7 p.m. Future sessions are on Aug. 17 and Sept. 14. RSVP for the Zoom event at bendthearc.us/paaboseries2021.

Virtual Tour

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p.m. for a virtual tour of the Western Galilee led by Michal Shiloah Galnoor. The tour will feature local artists and small business owners of this region. For more information, contact Sharon Joy, national campaign director, Los Angeles at sjoy@jnf.org or 323-964-1400, ext. 810.

▼ THURSDAY, JULY 22

History of Adoption

In “American Baby: A Mother, a Child, and the Shadow History of Adoption,” author Gabrielle Glaser demonstrates the power of the expectations and institutions that Margaret Erle, 16-year-old daughter of German-Jewish immigrants in Washington Heights, faced when she became pregnant. Glaser and Erle will host a discussion at 4 p.m. on loss, love and the search for identity. Ticket information for the **Center for Jewish History** event: Pay what you wish; register at programs.cjh.org/tickets/american-baby-2021-07-22 for a Zoom link.

Food Discussion

Part of **American Friends of Rabin Medical Center's** Global Connections: Navigating the New Abnormal series, Robert Siegel (former senior host of NPR's All Things Considered) interviews Mark Bittman (food author & journalist; special adviser, food policy, Columbia University), Ruth Reichl (6-time James Beard Foundation awardee, former editor-in-chief, Gourmet magazine), and Mark Fachler and Monica Klausner (co-founders, Veestro) at 4 p.m. For further information, email afrmc@afrmc.org or call 212-279-2522. ●

NEWSMAKERS

The musical leaders from the Old York Road congregations joined together July 7 for a Jewish Music in America Concert at the Mandell Education Campus in Melrose Park.



▲ From left, Mark Daughtry, Cantor Jacob Agar from Beth Sholom Congregation, Hazzan Howard Glantz from Congregation Adath Jeshurun, Cantor Stephen Freedman from Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El, cantorial student Sierra Fox from Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, cantorial soloist Rebecca Schwartz from Congregation Kol Ami and Cantor Elena Zarkh from Old York Road Temple-Beth Am. Photos by Ed Moses



▲ Cantor Stephen Freedman



► Cantorial student Sierra Fox



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