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For Online Dating, Lox Club Tries to 'Reinvent the Whale'

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LOX CLUB DATING APP co-founders Alec Lorraine and Austin Kevitch were on their way to a wedding in Las Vegas last weekend.

The pair, childhood friends since meeting in the second grade at Germantown Academy and growing up together in Blue Bell, were the best men for their roommate, who met his wife on — you guessed it — Lox Club.

Though Lorraine, the app's head of engineering, described the match as a typical "boy meets girl," he co-founded Lox Club with Kevitch, Lox Club's CEO, to be more than just the average dating app experience.

Lox Club is taglined as a dating app for "Jews with ridiculously high standards." It was created in late 2020 as a foil to apps designed to facilitate hookups, ones that took themselves too seriously, yet drew an audience that wasn't at all serious about dating.

"I just thought they're all so corny and superficial and awkward," Kevitch said. "I understood why people were embarrassed to

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▲ Temple Sinai in Dresher

Photo by Edy Israel

High Holiday Services Mostly in Person Again

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AREA SYNAGOGUES WILL REOPEN for the High Holidays this year after months of mostly virtual services during the pandemic.

A sampling of Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist shuls showed that all are planning on hosting

full in-person crowds for the September events. Rosh Hashanah starts at sundown on Sept. 6 and ends the night of Sept. 8. Yom Kippur is on Sept. 15 and 16.

Last year, to keep crowds small, Orthodox and Chabad synagogues separated congregants into different areas, either inside and outside or in different rooms, and held simultaneous

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CHERRY POKE CAKE

Poke cakes date to the 1970s, but food columnist Keri White has discovered how far out and groovy they can be. In her most recent Philacatessen column, she explains how to make a cherry poke cake that doesn't require too much fuss and will appeal to fans of almond flavor, too. Read 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.

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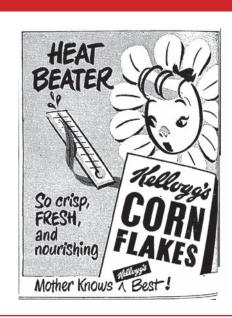
Israel and Syria Sign Armistice Agreement

After three and a half months of bargaining, Syria and Israel signed an armistice agreement last Wednesday. Both sides agreed to keep their military forces behind their international frontiers and to establish demilitarized zones in the contested areas.

The ceremony, which took place in a tent midway between the Israeli and Syrian fighting lines in north Galilee, will lead, it is hoped, to an early settlement of the issues still outstand-

ing between Israel and the Arab

frontier within twelve weeks. It has been estimated that the Syrians will evacuate about twenty-one square miles of terriANY ADVERTISER'S OFFERS FEATURED IN SNAPSHOT ARE NULL AND VOID



Survivor, Business Owner Suzy Ressler Dies at 93

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who died at 93 on July 3, was a Holocaust survivor, which, of course, is a feat unto itself.

But it was what she did with the blessing of survival that ultimately defined her life, according to her grandson, David Israeli.

Ressler left behind a successful, Philadelphia-based food business, Mrs. Ressler's Food Products, a daughter, four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, as well as the indelible memory of her Holocaust experience in the Auschwitz and Stutthof concentration camps. She living on borrowed time," started speaking about those he added. "And she certainly experiences later in life at made the most of that time."

schools and synagogues, as well as in the media.

Ressler survived the menace of Nazi Germany only to face EDITH "SUZY" RESSLER, another one after World War II: communist Russia, which invaded and took over the native home, Transylvania, that she had returned to upon liberation.

> So Ressler and her husband, Emerich, who died in 2004, "fled in the middle of the night with few possessions," as a 2017 Exponent story explained. The couple reached the United States two years later.

But the eventual matriarch never expected to get here. She never even thought she would live past 17, Israeli said.

"She often said she was



▲ Suzy Ressler was a Holocaust survivor, successful businesswoman and matriarch of a large family.

Suzy and Emerich Ressler founded Mrs. Ressler's Food Products in 1954 and built it from a small chopped liver company into a national business, with more than 50 products and 130 employees. Suzy Ressler still came into the company's Philadelphia headquarters every day into her 90s.

Israeli, now the president of the business, learned all he needed to know from watching his grandmother.

"Business, like life, is about relationships," he said. "That's what she was really good at."

Ressler valued relationships because she lost most of her family in the Holocaust, Israeli said. But no relationships were more important to her than those with her family members.

The Resslers had one daughter, Katherine, who had four children with her husband, Joseph Israeli: David and his siblings Lisa, Michael and Emily. All four married and had their own kids, transforming Ressler gatherings into full-scale family reunions.



▲ Suzy Ressler, sitting, with all 13 of her great-granchildren at a gathering in

The matriarch hosted her and three of Ressler's four kids loved ones for Shabbat every work for the business. Friday night. Every Ressler born in the U.S. remains in the area, according to Israeli,

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Author Recounts Harrowing **Childhood Tale**

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IEWISH WRITER and Chicago resident Ellen Blum Barish grew up in the Philadelphia area, living in Mt. Airy and attending the Germantown Friends School.

But for most of her life, a single troubling memory overshadowed an other- high school reunion evokes a wise pleasant childhood: a traumatic memory and sets a car accident at the intersec- woman on a transformational tion of McCallum Street and journey."

University writing teacher, worked on the book for five years but thought about it for well over a decade, she said.

Finally, with Jenny's permission, she published the 140-page book through Shanti Arts Publishing.

The author described the memoir on the back cover as: "A conversation between two former childhood friends at a



Seven Springs" author Ellen Blum Barish Photo by Suzanne Plunkett

Carpenter Lane. The 1972 The conversation accident left Barish with a In 1997, Barish returned to wheelchair.

After that day, Barish's ters were back in Chicago. parents filed a lawsuit to pay for her dental work - pitting when she noticed Jenny, who the families' insurance companies against each other — so the girls were never allowed to talk about what happened to came rushing back. them, Barish said.

Until now.

a book, "Seven Springs: A and its impact on her friendship with Jenny, the other girl in the car. Barish, a Northwestern

missing tooth and jaw and Philadelphia for her 20th high neck pain, Barish's friend in a school reunion. Barish's two coma and her friend's mom, best friends from Germantown who was driving the car, in a were not in attendance, and her husband and two daugh-

Barish was about to leave she had not seen since graduation, in the front hall of the school. Suddenly, the memories

Their friendship before the accident, just two giggly Barish, 62, has published young girls — Jenny was 12 at the time of the accident, Memoir," about the accident Barish was 13 — jumping on the couch in Jenny's basement,

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Former Temple Gymnastics Coach Talks Olympics

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AS A GYMNAST, Fred Turoff tried to make the U.S. Olympic team in 1968, 1972 and 1976. But injuries to his right knee and shoulders prevented him from realizing his dream.

"I said, 'Enough," Turoff recalled of his '76 effort. "My body won't take it."

and Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame member retired coach, leading Temple won 18 conference championto international competitions.

One, Dominick Minicucci, the dream that he had long

So, the Philadelphia resident since retired from: making the Olympics.

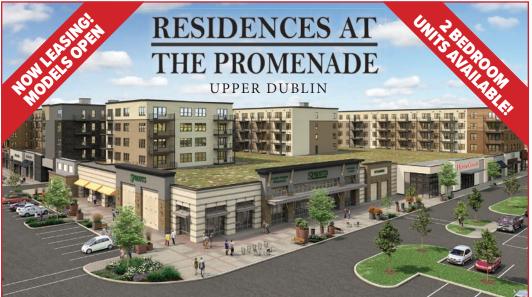
In 1992, Minicucci qualified from competition and became for the Summer Olympics in Barcelona as part of the U.S. University's men's program men's gymnastics team. The from 1976-2014. Turoff's Owls team brought each gymnast's personal coach to the games ships and sent several athletes as part of the coaching staff, so Turoff went with Minicucci.

The gymnast didn't medal even helped his coach realize after making a single mistake, but told Turoff on the floor



▲ Fred Turoff competes as a gymnast.

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after his last event, "I'm satisfied with my career."

The Temple coach was satisfied with his own career, too, he said.

Olympics starting July 23 in Tokyo — barring any further COVID-related — Turoff will be among the billions watching the events what it's like to be there and to He won the all-around compeparticipate.

So this past weekend, he shared reflections on the experience, the one he waited almost two decades to enjoy.

onto the floor?

Turoff: When you walk into the competition hall and you have all those people watching, and the apparatuses are all up on platforms, it's a great feeling.

It just makes you smile. All the work you put in to get there is paying off. It's an uplifting feeling. A feeling of path. I would have preferred to satisfaction.

How did you feel watching Minicucci perform?

Turoff: I was just hoping he would perform as well as he did in practice. I was watching

saying there's an awful lot of great gymnasts here. These are the top guys in the world.

It was neat. It just makes you smile. You say, 'Boy, he With this year's Summer does that so well. He makes it look so easy.'

setbacks Did you witness any all-time great gymnasts up close?

Turoff: Vitaly Scherbo on television or via streaming. from the Unified Team. The But unlike most, he knows Soviet Union had broken up. tition. The (Unified Team) men won the team (competition). He won five individual (gold) medals. He was quite the dominant gymnast.

It was seeing a guy that had What was it like to walk out reached the pinnacle of his sport. He does the hardest stuff and makes it look easy. That's what a performer aims for: He wants you to enjoy what he's doing.

Did the experience of coaching make up for not getting there as an athlete?

Turoff: It was just another compete myself. But I did have several international competitive experiences. I was proud to help produce an Olympic gymnast.

I know how hard it is to get to an Olympic team. So the other people perform and fact that USA Gymnastics sent

personal coaches over there to education. The coaches made a very nice gesture to acknowledge the work we did.

you were there?

Turoff: I went to see some striking. of the other sports. The diving event was held in a pool that had the city as a backdrop. It was quite a site to see. Watching these guys and girls dive with the city as their background.

I was also going to track competitions and marveling at how fast people move compared to me. Same thing with watching swimming.

How much fun did you have in Barcelona outside of the than just the gym. • games?

Turoff: Whenever you go jsaffren@jewishexponent.com; to another country, it's a good 215-832-0740

help out with the team was a point of traveling around and seeing the society. Barcelona is the home of (Antoni) Gaudi, an avant-garde architect. What else did you do when There are a number of buildings there that are really quite

There are also Picasso paintings and sculptures in a Picasso museum. So we made a point of appreciating our time

What advice do you have for anyone going to this year's games in Tokyo?

Turoff: Train well. Keep a clear head. Perform as best you

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▲ Fred Turoff, top right, with the 1992 U.S. men's gymnastics team that competed in the Summer Olympics in

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Mikveh Israel Has First Women's Eicha Reading

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THIS TISHA B'AV, Congregation Mikveh Israel observed the fast day differently than it had in previous years.

On July 16, women congregants from the synagogue recited the five books from the Scroll of Eicha, or Lamentations, to the wider congregation over Zoom.

This was the first time women publicly read from the Scroll of Eicha since Rabbi Albert Gabbai's tenure as rabbi began in 1988, and one of a series of public readings Gabbai organized for women at the shul, including a women's reading of the Book of Ruth and Book of Esther earlier this year.

These readings are a part of a greater initiative by women congregants at Congregation Mikveh Israel, as well as Gabbai, to engage with Jewish texts and become more spiritually involved at the synagogue.

Congregation Mikveh many Orthodox practices of Sephardic Jews, including the separation of men and women

Gabbai said the shul's creation are not active participants," predates the current delinea- Gabbai said. tions of denominations, which is why he does not consider the who haven't had the same synagogue to be Orthodox.

About three years ago, several women from the congregation formed a women's in his shul. group, wanting to become more to also gain more knowledge about Orthodox rituals.

giving weekly lectures to the group, which soon became twice a week to accommodate growing interest.

One of the women who helped to create the group, Rachel Harbon, said members not only gained a foundation of Talmudic knowledge, but also a deeper spiritual connection.

"[Gabbai] his time for us to have more synagogue ... which is pretty cool," Harbon said. "It's nice grow stronger into Judaism."

The women's group doesn't readings Israel is the oldest synagogue just benefit women congrein Philadelphia, and it follows gants, though, Gabbai said. It's for the whole community.

"Unfortunately, in synagogue with a mechitza, people go to High Holiday and only allowing men to read services ... And they are passive nities are not just present at

By educating congregants opportunities as men to learn Jewish texts, Gabbai hopes to "break the cycle" of passivity

Technology, such as Zoom connected with each other, but has allowed spiritual engagement in new ways.

According to Rabbanit They asked Gabbai to start Dasi Fruchter of the South Philadelphia Shtiebel, aesthetics in synagogue matter. When Zoom was introduced, aesthetics of the synagogue — the arrangement of seating, the position of a bimah — were disrupted. While this was an adjustment, it allowed changes to ritual and programming, including new opportunities for women, to be volunteered less surprising to congregations.

"It's so different in the knowledge about what the first place, that it doesn't feel upcoming readings are in the as aesthetically shocking," Fruchter said.

In addition to a women's to have a rabbi that's involved reading over Zoom this year, with his community, for us to Gabbai will work with the women's groups to organize of its women congregants. during person. Gabbai envisions a way of increasing engagement women being able to sing Rosh Hashanah prayers on their side many of the mechitza.

These growing opportu-



▲ Rabbanit Dasi Fruchter, spiritual leader at the South Philadlephia Shtiebel Courtesy of Dasi Fruchter

necessarily new to all Orthodox spaces in the community.

Lechu Neranena Partnership Minvan in Bala Cynwyd, an Orthodox shul, women are permitted to "lead Kabbalat Shabbat, give Divrei torah, receive aliyot and read Torah for the community," balancing "both halacha" -Jewish law — "and equality," which has helped to forge stronger connection to Judaism for some

"It's an experience beyond Hashanah, which will be in ritual,"saidCarolynHochstadter, a board member and past president. "There's just something beautiful about leyning (reading from the Torah) and davening that really speaks to me."

Beyond the Philadelphia srogelberg@jewishexponent.com; Torah and stand on the bimah; attendants in the service. They Mikveh Israel, and are not area, in Israel, Rabbanit Shira 215-832-0741

Marili Mirvis became the first woman spiritual leader of an Orthodox synagogue in April, The Ierusalem Post reported.

However, every Orthodox synagogue's path forward to incorporate women into ritual is different and must proceed at its own pace.

"It's important to get creative and not assume that there's only one way forward, both philosophically and also spiritually," Fruchter said. "Creating prayer spaces, it's a dance, to help it be a transformational place, a place where people feel valued, where their voices matter, where you really feel like you're praying in community." •

Jewish World Responds to Ben & Jerry's

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are rethinking their inventory. Politicians are emptying their freezers. And the foreign to get involved in local U.S. politics.

& Jerry's set off July 19 with Territory."

The Vermont-based minister of Israel is vowing company, founded by two Jews and long known for its gone farther. left-leaning politics, had gone The reactions were all part dark on social media for two markets in the U.S., various

of the firestorm that quirky months since the recent outbreak ice cream manufacturer Ben of violence in Israel and Gaza. The announcement broke that its announcement that it silence, simultaneously infuri-KOSHER SUPERMARKETS would no longer sell ice cream ating Israel advocates who said "Occupied Palestinian the decision was an unfair attack on Israel and disappointing pro-Palestinian advocates who said the company should have

Israeli politicians, super-

pundits and even Ben & Jerry's reactions to the company's current Israeli licensee went freezing out of its business after the ice cream maker and its corporate parent, the British multinational Unilever, for its Israeli politicians go on the statement. (The company's Jewish founders, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, no longer leaders were harsh. Despite the manage the brand but have often used their frozen treats in its statement between Israel to push social justice causes.)

Here are some of the

relations in Israel.

offensive

Reactions from Israel's distinctions Ben & Jerry's made

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listening to The Who.

The destructive collision with the Mack truck.

The coma that caused Jenny to miss several months of school and she had to relearn to walk and talk.

The conversation in which Barish told Jenny, now back in school, that she couldn't talk to her because of the lawsuit.

Barish, who didn't remember all the details from the accident itself, asked Jenny if she did. Jenny looked her in the eye and recounted them in a tone that Barish described as "reportorial."

But the women still agreed to exchange numbers and talk more.

The journey

Barish's book is called "Seven Springs" because she would always think about the springtime accident during the season of rebirth. After the reunion, she even visited Mt. Airy again to look deeper into what happened and to try to process it.

talked to her two best friends from high school and dug through old journals and papers. She even visited the accident site.

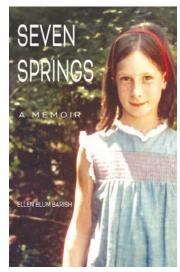
But Barish didn't really learn anything new, she said. Nonetheless, in 2006, she emailed Jenny, asking if her old friend would be willing to talk to her for a nonfiction book about the accident.

Jenny said no.

"So then I put it away," Barish said.

And she started to work on herself, she added. The writer reconnected with her faith by reading Torah. She meditated, did yoga and went to therapy. Over time, Barish began to feel better, like she was carrying a little less weight.

Then, she returned to the said. • area for her 40-year reunion, and she called Jenny to make a jsaffren@jewishexponent.com; dinner plan.



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"My goal that night was to apologize," Barish said.

Barish picked up Jenny at her home in North Wales and drove to a nearby Olive Garden. It was a Monday night and hardly anvone else was in the restaurant. The women were free to talk candidly, and they did for more than three hours.

Barish apologized and Jenny apologized back. They had both been told to be silent in those days, they reminded each other.

Jenny reminded Barish that She interviewed her parents, Barish had visited her in the hospital after the accident.

> "I hadn't remembered that," the author said.

Finally, toward the end of the night, Jenny told Barish that she needed to write about their experience. Barish gulped and then started crying.

She had already started thinking about the memoir. But she wanted Jenny's blessing before following through.

"We realized it was unhealthy to not talk about horrible things that happened to you," the author said.

Barish talked to Jenny over the phone once a month during the writing process. Now, the women see each other whenever the author visits the

"It's a friendship," Barish

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The Arizona Diamondbacks picked 17-year-old Jacob Steinmetz of Long Island, New York in the third round, 77th overall, on July 12, while the Washington Nationals chose Elie Kligman of Las Vegas with their final and 20th round pick the following day.

Kligman, 18, has pitched and played shortstop, but appears to be moving toward becoming a catcher — and is likely to attend college before pursuing a professional playing career, while Steinmetz is a pitcher.

The New York Post reported that Steinmetz keeps kosher and observes Shabbat, but does pitch on the Sabbath. He books hotels close enough to games that he can walk to the ballpark on those days.

British Jews to Get Apology — 800 Years Later

British Jewish leaders say it's "better late than never for an anticipated apology from the Church of England regarding antisemitic laws enacted in 1222, JTA reported.

The church plans a formal "act of repentance" in 2022, the 800th anniversary of the Synod of Oxford. That set of laws restricted Jews' rights to engage with Christians in England, according to the Telegraph, and ultimately led to the expulsion of England's Jews in 1290. Jews were not officially readmitted until 1656.

"The phrase 'better late than never' is truly appropriate here. The historic trauma of medieval English antisemitism can never be erased and its legacy survives today — for example, through the persistence of the 'blood libel' allegation that was invented in this country," said Dave Rich, a British antisemitism watchdog group policy director.

Protesters Disrupt Commemoration Ceremony for Polish Jewish Pogrom Victims

Nationalist protesters disrupted a July 10 commemoration ceremony for Jewish victims of a 1941 pogrom in Jedwabne, Poland, JTA reported.

The protest symbolizes the country's debate over blame for World War II-era atrocities.

Several dozen nationalists brought flags and signs and disturbed those praying at the pogrom site on its 80th anniversary.

A larger group, including Poland's chief rabbi and Catholic clergymen, met the following day to commemorate the victims. A few nationalists showed up that day as well.

The Jedwabne pogrom saw many of the small town's 300 Jews murdered — the exact number is disputed by experts — most of them in a barn set on fire.

Fired Professor Who Alleged Antisemitism Sues for \$4M

A professor fired by Linfield University in McMinnville, Oregon, after publicly criticizing its president for antisemitism and neglecting sexual harassment allegations has sued his former employer for \$4 million, JTA reported.

Daniel Pollack-Pelzner, a tenured English professor at the Baptist-affiliated university, accused President Miles Davis of making multiple antisemitic remarks to him.

The university fired Pollack-Pelzner in April, citing "serious breaches of the individual's duty to the institution." •

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Israel the First Nation to Offer Third COVID Vaccine Dose

ISRAEL BEGAN INVITING immunocompromised adults to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine because cases there are rising due to the Delta variant's spread, JTA reported.

Israel was a world leader in vaccinating most of its population in 2021, and the country fully reopened as COVID-19 cases dropped to lows of single digits in late May and early June. Cases have since spiked to more than 400 per day.

Pfizer recently asked countries to approve a booster dose for those who have received a vaccine — and the Tel Aviv-area Sheba Medical Center invited heart transplant recipients to get a booster shot.

Aside from authorizing the booster shot, Israel brought back an indoor mask mandate as a way to halt rising infections.

Bill Introduced to Raise Retirement Age for Israel Women

The retirement age for Israeli women would be gradually increased from 62 to 65 by 2032 under the draft of Economic Arrangement Bill slated to be introduced to the Knesset by Minister of Finance Avigdor Liberman, Globes reported.

The retirement age would increase to 63 by 2024 and to 65 by 2032. After 2038, the retirement age would be linked to life expectancy statistics published by the Central Bureau for Statistics.

The bill notes that in most Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, the retirement age for men and women are equalized. The retirement age for Israeli men has stayed at 67 for years and would not change.

Israel, Morocco Sign Cyber Defense Deal

Israel and Morocco signed a cyber defense accord that includes operational cooperation, research and development and the sharing of information and knowledge, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Israel National Cyber Directorate Yigal Unna visited Rabat, Morocco, to sign the accord with his Moroccan counterpart Gen. El Mostafa Rabii and the minister delegate in charge of National Defense Administration Abdellatif Loudiyi.

The two countries are deepening ties that were established in 2020 under the rubric of the Abraham Accords. Airlines in both counties are expected to launch direct flights in the weeks ahead.

Desert Food Security Center Established by BGU

Ben-Gurion University announced the creation of the Moshe Mirilashvili Center for Food Security in the Desert on July 14 in Beersheba, The Jerusalem Post report.

BGU President Daniel Chamovitz will guide the center's development, which will be located in Sde Boker at the Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research.

"The [institute has] made it our mission to make the wilderness bloom and develop water and agricultural sources in drylands in general, and the Negev in particular. In light of the global changes we are experiencing, creating a center focused on water and food security is vital," institute Director Noam Weisbrod said. "We are confident that the center will serve as a catalyst for more research as well as finding solutions for water and agricultural problems in many regions of the world, and particularly in arid countries such as Israel, the Gulf region and, essentially, the entire Middle East." •

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Vancouver, British Columbia, a Stellar Destination

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH

Columbia is a great trip: Canada's Pacific coast gem of a city is a cosmopolitan and approachable metropolis that is overflowing with great vistas, good food and friendly people.

Vancouver, Canada's major gateway to the Orient, is strategically located where the mountains of the coast range meet the Pacific Ocean and form a picturesque and busy harbor.

The town has been a center of trade and transportation since the First Nations (the Canadian term for Native Americans) era. The 1858 discovery of gold in the Yukon and the completion of the Canadian Pacific Transcontinental railroad in 1887 launched Vancouver on an urban trajectory that has transformed it into a worldclass city with a metropolitan population of 2.5 million that is still growing.

High-rise condominiums are sprouting up all around town because both Canadians and foreigners find the town such a pleasant place to live. Not surprisingly, throngs of visitors flock there as well.

Many Americans fly to Vancouver to catch a cruise ship to Alaska and see little besides the Canada Place cruise port and their hotel. That is a missed opportunity because the city is full of night life, gorgeous sights and attractions that should not be missed.

This cosmopolitan mix of east and west has become a delightful cultural crossroads with a mixture of food, cultures, sights and sounds that will delight even the most urbane traveler. If your travels take you through Vancouver, stay for a while and explore it. Better yet, plan a visit.

Before You Go:

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- tourismvancouver.com
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Getting There:

Vancouver is a transportation crossroads.

- Vancouver International Airport (YVR), is nine miles from the city center. It is served by 66 air carriers and offers service to 121 destinations in Asia, Canada and the U.S. It is connected to the city by the Skytrain rail system.
- By train, the transcontinental Canadian calls on Vancouver thrice weekly in summer and twice weekly in winter. Amtrak runs four times daily from Portland, Oregon. There is also train If You Have Several Days: service from Via Rail and The Rocky Mountaineer private train.
- By car, Vancouver is on Canada Route 99, the northern extension of U.S. Interstate 5, 143 miles from Seattle and the TransCanada Highway.
- Downtown Vancouver is a major cruise ship port with frequent sailings to Alaska from May through October

and cruises to Hawaii, This Destination at a California and elsewhere vear-round.

Must-Sees for a Short

- See Canada Place and the waterfront.
- Take a carriage tour of Stanley Park's lush foliage and spectacular harbor and skyline views.
- Enjoy the architecture, food and drink in the Gastown District

If You Only Have Two or **Three Days:**

- The FlyOver Canada flight simulator ride at Canada
- Dinners at Glowbal Restaurant and Gotham Steakhouse.
- The Lost Souls Walking Tour by Forbidden Vancouver.

- A day trip by ferry to Victoria on Vancouver Island.
- Walking Granville Island (market and restaurants).
- A daytrip to Whistler and nearby BC mountains by car or bus.
- Taking a whale watching tour in season.
- Taking a floatplane tour.
- Hiking/skiing the Grouse Mountain Resort in North Vancouver.

Glance:

Mobility level: Low moderate. Most sidewalks have curb cuts at intersections and all Vancouver bus, SeaBus, SkyTrain and West Coast Express trains are accessible.

Getting around: Leave your car at the hotel. Downtown is walkable, and the public transportation is excellent. A transit pass in Vancouver covers buses, SkyTrain and SeaBus services.

When to go: Anytime. Even though it is located north of Seattle, Vancouver is the warmest part of Canada, with an average winter high temperature in the 40s and delightful spring and fall and summers in the 70s. The popular Vancouver International Jazz Festival brings crowds in June and July.

Where to Stay: The St. Regis Hotel is a delightful New Yorkstyle heritage boutique hotel within an attentive staff and fine rooms. It is a 15-minute walk to Canada Place. The Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel at Canada Place is popular for those seeking an upscale experience convenient to the cruise port.

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Jeff and Virginia Orenstein are husband-and-wife travel writers from Sarasota, Florida.



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Jewish Vancouver

VANCOUVER IS CANADA'S third-most populous city and also has the third-largest concentration of Canadian Jews, with more than 7% of the nation's Jewish citizens.

The face of Vancouver's Jewish community is changing rapidly, with 36% of its population born outside of Canada — the largest percentage in the country. It is one of the fastest-growing Jewish communities in the world, despite the high cost of living in British Columbia. Eighty percent of the Jews in the province live in greater Vancouver.

While the metropolitan area does not have the Jewish gravitas of Toronto or Montreal, the community has numerous synagogues, kosher restaurants, a Jewish Community Center and a typical big-city array of Jewish organizations and agencies to serve its population and visitors.

Early Jewish settlers arrived around the 1880s, drawn by the harbor and the railroad and the promise of commercial growth. While they were largely isolated from the Jewish centers of Eastern Canada, they were deeply involved in the growing civic and commercial life of Vancouver. The city's second mayor was David Oppenheimer, a German Jew who was in office from 1887 to 1891 and who is widely recognized as a significant figure in city history.

By the first decades of the 21st century, there were 15 Jewish congregations in the Greater Vancouver area representing all Jewish movements, with the Conservative congregations boasting the largest number of members. Reform congregations follow in the second place, with the Orthodox and Chabad congregations attended by a dedicated minority. However, approximately half of the Jews living in the Vancouver metropolitan area are not affiliated with a religious congregation.

Vancouver also boasts a Hillel House at the University of British Columbia.

Today, the Vancouver Jewish community continues to develop. Sephardic Congregation Beth Hamidrash opened a new synagogue in 2004, while Congregation Schara Tzedeck, the largest in B.C., celebrated a century of existence in 2007. There are also other Orthodox, Reform and Conservative congregations in the city and in surrounding areas, including Victoria, and many of them are growing. ●

— Jeff and Virginia Orenstein



A CALL FOR HELP

Jonathan Newman is in dire need of a new kidney – and he and his family are praying he will find an altruistic donor to save his life.

Newman, who is 39, has polycystic kidney disease (PKD), a genetic disorder that took the lives of his grandmother and great-grandmother. Fortunately his mother and maternal uncle found donors and have gone on to lead healthy lives.

Since this is a genetic problem, and not due to an illness (e.g. diabetes), a donated kidney will not be attacked, and is expected to last many years, if not the patient's full life time. It is expected that once Jonathan receives a new kidney, he will be able to lead a normal life – and enjoy every moment with his wife as they raise their young son.

Jonathan is currently listed for transplant at University of Pennsylvania and two other institutions.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Newman's father, Edward Newman at **enewman591@aol.com** or **(201) 265-2939**.

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say that they were on dating apps." Lorraine and Kevitch were earnest in their intentions to

create Lox Club: More than creating a dating app for particularly discerning users, they wanted to make sure their users were "in it for the right reasons."

They designed an app that required users' Instagram and LinkedIn accounts to be vetted, not for followers, but to make sure they held the Jewish values that were instilled in them: "family-oriented" and "career-driven."

And just like the smoked, cured salmon of the app's namesake, Lox Club membership doesn't come cheap, costing anywhere between \$8 and \$12 a month.

users to take the app seriously, Lorraine and Kevitch were not interested in the app being self-serious. The entire concept in a deli that shared the app's

For Lorraine and Kevitch, who see their app from an aerial perspective, Lox Club's wins

friends' weddings, receive messages and see Instagram posts from lovebirds who found aware of this; they've noticed their match on the app.

"That's like our superpower: People are almost proud to say that they've met on Lox Club," Lorraine said.

claimed exclusivity is what Lorraine and Kevitch believe separates it from other dating apps, it may also be its greatest ambitions on the app was challenge.

Users aren't sucked into the vortex of scrolling and swiping — they can only see six to 12 profiles every several hours on the app. And beyond just a limit in the number of users one can swipe through each day, there used, Lox Club definitely feels just seems to be a limit in users, period.

One user, Michael, a photog-But despite wanting the rapher in New York, has been career ambitions." using Lox Club for about six app notified him that there were no more users in New York and of Lox Club was built around instead displayed the profiles of mark in that regard. a fictional narrative Kevitch users in Philadelphia, and even created about a star-crossed Los Angeles. And within this and Bens on the app — and couple and a speakeasy hidden smaller dating pool, Michael boy, are there a lot of Davids noticed some homogeneity are in STEM professions, own capitalists, Wharton grads, their own businesses and have men in button-up shirts posing

are clear. The founders attend followers than users on the other dating app he uses, Hinge.

> Lorraine and Kevitch are that Lox Club members are also commonly lawyers, doctors and consultants, mostly in their 20s and 30s.

"It is a little intimidating," Though Lox Club's self-pro- Michael said. "Would they be OK with dating a creative who doesn't make a ton of money?"

The centering of career discouraging to Michael, who felt like a "robot" when talking about career goals. He felt like people talking about their jobs was contrary to the app's goal of not taking itself too seriously.

"Out of all the [apps] I've like the most serious," he said. "I can't think of any other dating app where front and center, is

Lorraine and Kevitch wanted months. A few weeks ago, the to "avoid the elitist mentality," but given some user's experience, they may have missed the

Among the sea of Davids significantly more Instagram holding big freshly caught fish



▲ Alec Lorraine Courtesy of Alec Lorraine

or golf clubs in awkwardly cropped photos. It all cements that Lox Club serves a particular clientele, just maybe not the one Lorraine and Kevitch had in mind.

But if even Kevitch admits that dating apps are "cringeworthy," and if Lox Club is subject to user critiques, what does it mean for a dating app to be successful?

Some Iewish matchmakers in Philadelphia, whose job it is to connect young Jews with romantic partners, believe that many people are simply sick of dating apps, which is why they turn to more specifically tailored dating opportunities like matchmaking.

"People with the apps delete and Bens — the profiles seemed them en masse, or they take among its users: Many of them to follow a few trends: venture a week-long break from them, or they farm out swiping to somebody else," said Danielle to play," Selber said. "If you're Selber, assistant director of



▲ Austin Kevitch

Photo by Lindsey Kevitch

Tribel2 and founder of the organization's matchmaking initiative.

But despite dating app burnout, according to Erika Kaplan, senior matchmaker at Three Day Rule Matchmaking in Philadelphia, matchmakers still see dating apps as a viable choice for those looking for

"We don't knock the apps," she said. "I think that there are plenty of relationships that come out of the apps."

Selber described online dating as a "roulette," an unpredictable, unreliable means of meeting a partner. But for love, something just as unpredictable, niche dating apps can be helpful for those looking for something specific from a partner.

"There's room for everyone not for someone, you're for no one."

Ultimately, Lox Club doesn't need to be for everyone. In the realm of dating, when users are trying to find a date or a partner in an unexpected place, failure and flops are to be expected.

For Lorraine and Kevitch, who are able to see the fruits of Lox Club's labor in weddings and Instagram posts, Lox Club is a triumph because it has connected people who may not have otherwise connected.

Though Lox Club might present limited options for some, or might be off-putting for others, it's changed the lives of a lucky few. And there's no denying the success in that. •

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services. Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist temples mostly hosted online events, according to rabbis and synagogue directors.

Orthodox and Chabad communities didn't offer electronic options because Jewish law restricts the use of technology during holidays, according to Rabbi Yochonon Goldman of B'nai Abraham Chabad in Philadelphia.

Especially with emergence of the delta variant, which has caused cases to rise nationwide in the last few weeks, this year synagogues are still going to take COVID-19 precautions, like social distancing, masking and online options, if their congregants are still concerned come September.

But rabbis and synagogue directors feel confident reopening for big events because most of their adult members are vaccinated, they said. And in surveys and conversations, congregants have indicated that they are eager to come back.

High Holidays services just aren't the same at home, rabbis said.

"Religious life is community," said Rabbi Lance Sussman of Reform Congregation synagogue in Dresher, dropped Keneseth Israel in Elkins its crowd size limit for indoor Park. "Without community, it Shabbat services earlier this Alanna Sklover said. doesn't feel right."

B'nai Abraham Chabad and the Chabad of Penn Wynne have been open for Shabbat services for months, according to their rabbis. But at both locations, attendees have worn masks and maintained social distancing precautions in their spacious sanctuaries.

But High Holiday services, of course, are on another level. Each shul has between 100 and 125 families in its congregation, but between 175 and 225 people usually show up for High Holidays events.



▲ The inside of the Chabad of Penn Wynne

Photo by Lee Moskow

so masking will be optional, according to synagogue leaders. And social distancing, if necessary, will not be difficult in sanctuaries that can fit hundreds of people.

"I would love to see life get back to normal as much as possible," Chabad of Penn Wynne Rabbi Moshe Brennan said.

Reconstructionist synagogues, the conditions and plans are similar.

Most congregants are vacciopen. And rabbis are excited to favoring a return to the sanctuary. welcome their communities for gatherings.

summer, Executive Director Ari Goldberg said.

The temple has a 400-member congregation and a sanctuary/ auditorium that, when fully open, can seat up to 1,800 people. Goldberg expects the nated will be required to wear high holiday crowd to approach 1,000 attendees.

together again at Temple Sinai," Goldberg said. "Anyone who wants to come back into the distance. building for services is going to be able to this year."

At Sussman's Congregation moment, Sklover said. Keneseth Israel, the sanctuary/ Most people at each auditorium is even bigger, with beat seeing one another in synagogue are vaccinated, space for about 2,500 people, three dimensions," she said.

but Sussman does not expect the synagogue's 800 families to fill the space. The last time they did that was for a 9/11 memorial service 20 years ago, so the reform synagogue's High Holidays plan for family and pod seating should be manageable, the rabbi said. Sussman is also sticking with At Conservative, Reform and the indoor mask mandate for the time being.

Or Hadash, a Reconstructionist synagogue in Fort Washington, saw overwhelming nated. Sanctuaries will be evidence in recent surveys

The synagogue has 150 their first big, post-pandemic families in its congregation. Out of members 12 and older, Temple Sinai, a conservative 91% are vaccinated and 70% want to return to the temple for the High Holidays, Rabbi

Sklover said Or Hadash's crowds those days usually top out at 200 people, which doesn't leave enough room for social distancing in the sanctuary. As a result, those who aren't vaccimasks. And since kids under 12 aren't yet eligible for the "One of our themes is vaccine, all children's programming during the High Holidays will be conducted at a social

> Those minor restrictions, however, will not dampen the

"There's nothing that can

"First hugs. The feeling you get help members who still feel making eye contact on site."

At the same time, Sklover wants to accommodate the 30% of members who are not comfortable returning, That's why the rabbi will offer online versions of the services via Zoom.

Goldberg thinks as many as half of Temple Sinai's members may prefer the helpful during the pandemic.

unsafe in public, older members who don't mobilize as well and people who may just not be able to make it in person.

Sussman and Keneseth Israel have offered digital services for 10 years. But the rabbi acknowledged that the practice has been particularly

I would love to see life get back to normal as much as possible."

RABBI MOSHE BRENNAN

online option come September so, like Sklover, he's going to continue offering one. Since the pandemic started, the synagogue has offered a digital service option via a livestream on its website.

According to Sklover and Goldberg, the online options 215-832-0740

"We call it multi-access," Goldberg said. "So folks who are able to come in person and then folks who are not able to come in person can still participate via the livestream." •

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Jewish Tradition Celebrates the Rhythm of Nature. What Happens When it's Thrown Off Balance?



BY HANNAH S. PRESSMAN

EVERY HOUSEPLANT I've ever been responsible for could attest, from beyond the grave, that I don't exactly have a green thumb. So it was interesting to move out to Seattle over a decade ago and be thrown into the Pacific Northwest gardening scene.

their horticulture, like their temperatures over 100 degrees there a reverse bracha to mark outerwear, very seriously. in the Pacific Northwest, I saw the sadness of seeing tree leaves Raised veggie beds dot the visibly scorched, crumpled fall when it's not yet autumn? sidewalks, and many houses leaves all over the maple. Two sport carefully tended flowers, lavender and rosemary mixed air moved in and returned with mountain-chic rock Seattle to the overcast mid-60s clusters. The former gardening and 70s days we're used to, correspondent for the local I saw something even worse: news is popular enough to go hundreds of healthy-looking by one name, like Shakira.

Though I felt at odds with this gardening culture when I first arrived here, over the past few years I have gradually taken more of an interest in leaves to fall off prematurely. the art of tending a garden. I've to weed and water can provide a lovely break from the nuttiness of life with three kids. In the spring we upped our sustainability game by planting lettuce, chard, broccoli and berries in raised beds in our backyard. (I freely admit that this required some professional help — I'm even worse at building than I am at growing things!)

from the monotony and strain of pandemic-induced oceans, unlivable condilockdowns, our home garden tions for flora and fauna and the norm."

contribute to the workload: My beds, my 9-year-old digs up weeds and my toddler totes her fuchsia and lavender.

before we moved in: a beautiful base is covered with soft green moss, its branches are the perfect height for kids to hang from, and its leaves change from bright green to vibrant red-orange as the seasons go all year round, in every variety of sunlight.

That's why I was especially dismayed last week when, green leaves carpeting the ground. Clearly the stress of the heat dome, as experts called this extreme weather event, caused a swath of the maple's

is wrong with our planet.

Just as with the West Coast wildfires that kept us shut inside last summer, the heat dome can be directly linked to climate change. Just as kids why this was happening, angry and scared that this new

began to thrive. The kids each humans — is now the reality of the planet that our children, 12-year-old mists the raised and our children's children, will inherit.

Judaism offers us so pink watering can over to the many chances to celebrate the rhythms of the natural My favorite "pet" outside, world: trees on Tu b'Shevat; though, was growing here long spring greens on Passover; fall harvests and outdoor living midsize Japanese maple. Its on Sukkot. But what does our tradition offer when the rhythms of the natural world are knocked askew? We have blessings for seeing large and small wonders of nature, lightning and rivers, animals and by. I take pictures of this maple trees — even a special blessing for seeing a rainbow. What language is available for the opposite of rapture, when we witness something on our People out here take after three consecutive days of earth that should not be? Is

We are witnessing drastic days later, once the cool marine changes to our earth in real time, and no area will be spared: infant son slept peacefully The Associated Press reported under the stars in a shortrecently that while the West is sleeved onesie, while the rest getting hotter during the day, the East Coast is becoming hotter at night, a worrying trend because that means fewer cool studying for his bar mitzvah, nights for relief. As a society, we must be concerned about the public-health ramifications for those who cannot afford or This isn't supposed to access cool indoor air during also realized that taking time happen, I thought. Something ever-warmer days. As parents, it is getting harder to tell our kids that some terrifying weather event is a rare circumstance likely not to repeat itself for many years, when actually these extreme events have with the wildfires and smoke started to repeat themselves plumes, I had to explain to my with increasing frequency. Last week's heat dome was and I felt ashamed. Just as billed as a "once-in-a-millenbefore, I am now incredibly nium" convergence of factors, but as the Portland-based As our area slowly emerged reality — tarnished air quality, journalist Tove Danovich sweltering days, warming wrote in The Washington Post, "Unprecedented is becoming

experienced heat on this level was not 1,000 years ago it was the summer of 2009, born. Like most residences there, our rental house did not have air conditioning at the time; locals took pride in having the least air conditioning of any American metropolitan area. But now I view that heat wave as a grim harbinger of things to come. I remember the moment the houses on our street collectively darkened as the overtaxed electrical grid blew. Local hotels were completely booked with people fleeing the heat, so we had nowhere to go. My parents happened to be visiting from Virginia, and my dad insisted that we'd all be safer sleeping outside since crisis is to care for others and the house felt so stifling. My husband hoisted the bassinet into the backyard and my of us tossed and turned on blankets beside him.

That baby boy is now and the "freak" heat wave that occurred during his first summer on the planet can no longer be considered an outlier. As we recover from the heat dome, he is practicing the blessings for the Torah service. As we gird ourselves for wildfire season, he is starting to learn his Haftorah. At a moment when so much of nature feels off-kilter, the cycle of Jewish life reliably continues. For this mom witnessing climate change affecting our earth in real time, tradition is sometimes a cold comfort.

As parents we learn to compartmentalize our own fears in times of immediate urgency. When my daughter

In fact, the last time Seattle ran into the corner of her brother's metal bed frame a few months ago, I stanched the bleeding, calmed her down and shortly after my first child was consulted with a doctor about whether to come in for stitches. I could see that the wound on her forehead was bad, but I was able to put my fears aside and act out of necessity. Mediating the drastic changes happening to our environment feels like a different level of crisis management, though. When it comes to the wounds being inflicted upon the earth, I am not sure how to compartmentalize my fears, nor do I know whether I should tell my kids that "it's going to be OK" when they can plainly see the vibrant green ferns in our yard scorched to a dark maroon.

> The Jewish response to a take responsibility for those who are most vulnerable. I am trying to turn my emotions about the climate crisis into action, seeking out organizations that are educating and making an impact, and informing myself about policies that might create change. But I still have my garden to tend, and so I will head outside in the cool air tomorrow morning, and my daughter will bring her watering can. I'll sweep up the maple leaves that fell too soon, check on the mulberries still taking root and give the yellow Hakone grass some extra water. I will bless any new raspberries that appear on the vine, praising God, "Baruch atah Hashem, Elokeinu Melech HaOlam, shekacha lo be'olamo" - "Blessed are You, source of all life. Who fills the world with beauty." •

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I Helped Organize the Washington Rally Against Antisemitism. It Wasn't Perfect, But it was Necessary



BY ELISHA WIESEL

WHEN NAZI **TANKS** surrounded Warsaw, my father related in a rare moment of frustration, the Jews were in shul arguing over who should get shishi (the honor of being called up third to the Torah).

It was a story I thought about often on Sunday, on Tisha B'Av. The day marks the destruction of our Temple in Jerusalem and the beginning of exile, the day our sages teach was brought about by our anger at each other. And it's a story I couldn't shake from my head this past month as our small team of organizers worked nonstop to inspire Jews and our allies to join us in Washington, D.C., for a rally against antisemitism.

Critics and doubters awaited us at every turn.

We were criticized for asserting that anti-Zionism was a form of antisemitism. How dare we include groups who praised Donald Trump, many asked. How dare we exclude groups who call for an end to the Jewish state? Cynical left-leaning Jewish publications ran articles claiming that this rally would be a rightwing gathering, warning their readers to stay away.

We were criticized for having a diversity and inclusion statement. Certain right-leaning Jewish leaders circulated concerns by email and social media, arguing that whoever did.

the rally had been compromised by the left. How dare we include groups who use terms like "occupation," they asked. How dare we exclude groups who call for hatred or violence?

And those were just the ideological battles. Every day we received grief for giving not enough kavod, or honor, to one group, for giving too much to another. And we were warned turnout would be low — perhaps a few hundred or fewer — in the intense summer heat.

I understood that some But we were determined to

relatively unknown Alliance for Israel. Within a couple weeks, we had partnered with together the vast majority of the Jewish world from right to left, Orthodox to Reform, to stand with us as sponsors. Together we created a platform for powerful testimony that needed to be put on the record for the thousands who attended and the many more who watched at home.

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers would choose to stay away. described reciting the Viddui (the deathbed confession) take that first step — even if it while a murderer stalked his was imperfect — and on July congregants at the Tree of 11, under the banner of the Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. American Jewish Committee, Just out of the hospital, Rabbi and dozens of other organi- drove eight hours with his arm Tzar Me'od" ("The World

respect and applause from the audience. Ron Klein of the Jewish Democratic Council of the ADL and AJC, and brought America and Norm Coleman of the Republican Jewish Coalition — former members of the House of Representatives and Senate, respectively - jointly declared that antisemitism was a bipartisan problem and that both parties need to work together to stop it wherever it emerges. Their on-stage embrace is a refutation of everything partisan we have heard for the past eight

> In a profound demonstration of allyship, Joshua Washington, the director of the Institute for Black Solidarity

That group was the Israeli army. Both received given how much disagreement there is among American Jews on Israeli policy and how best to combat antisemitism.

> But I believe the cynics are wrong. There is another way.

> Imagine the possibility that your ideological opponent is not an enemy, but is a champion of something rooted in Judaism.

If you believe in land for peace, can you see someone who is committed to holding onto territory for Israel's security as a champion of saving Jewish lives? And if you believe a continued Israeli military presence beyond the Green Line will be needed for the foreseeable future, can you see someone who is committed the Anti-Defamation League Shlomo Noginsky of Boston with Israel, sang "Gesher to Palestinian self-determination as a champion of Jewish values?

Yesterday was Tisha B'Av.

Yesterday we mourned 2,000 years of exile, brought about by our hatred for one another.

Yesterday many of us mourned what is happening now.

Yesterday I felt the sense of loss for our divided community. I am done being angry at Jews with whom I disagree. I am saving my anger for the antisemites who threaten our safety in the Diaspora and in Israel, who lie about us in the halls of Congress and in American universities, who work within social, published and broadcast media to spread bias against us.

Today is the day after Tisha B'Av. It is time to rebuild. •

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zations, some 3,000 Jews and in a sling to tell us how his is a Narrow Bridge") with Jewish solidarity.

rally. I just wanted to attend one.

When Hamas rockets started falling in Israel, and Jews found New York and Los Angeles city streets, I agitated for someone to one I attended in New York, into an in-person national rally in overflowed into the streets?

At first, nobody raised their hand. I vowed to help

allies came together in front of attacker sought to slash the Rabbi Menachem Creditor of the U.S. Capitol to demonstrate many children behind him. Matthew Haverim shared how I never wanted to organize a his parents fled Iran, and how he was beaten for declaring his Jewish identity to a group of anti-Israel protesters in an themselves being attacked on L.A. restaurant. Talia Raab from Illinois described how an anti-Israel mob screamed "kill scale the local rallies run by the the Jews" as they attacked her Israeli-American Council, like family's car. These testimonies could not wait another day.

Rabbi David Saperstein, Washington. I made many calls. a light within the Reform How many Jews would have to movement who feels Israel die or be threatened, in Israel or needs to withdraw militarily here at home, before our anger from Judea and Samaria, spoke moments after Dan Raab quoted Menachem Begin and announced his upcoming enlistment in the

UJA-Federation of New York and reminded us that we do not stand alone.

On Tisha B'Av, I reflected on all the anger sent my way. We had tried to build a broad coalition among those who agree on the Jewish people's right to exist in peace and security here, in the Iewish state of Israel and around the world. The cynics insisted that this Elisha Wiesel is the son of Marion unifying belief was not enough and Elie Wiesel.

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70% of Jewish households with children participate in Jewish-related activities with their children.

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invested in scholarships and grants to 870 day and overnight campers for the 2021 season 6,990+ households participated in Jewish educational programming through Jewish Learning Ventures, day schools, and more (during fiscal year 2020)

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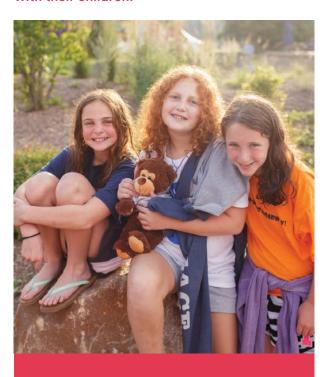
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"Most of my Jewish identity as an adult comes from my Jewish overnight camp experience. I'm so grateful to the Jewish Federation for making this opportunity accessible to my kids as well."

Camp parent passes the experience along to the next generation

Summer Hummus and Salatim

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

I AM A HUGE FAN of hummus. It's something that we always have in the fridge. Mostly, I buy a quality brand at the supermarket, but every so often I get the urge to make my own and, gosh, it is good!

I've developed a recipe that is based on Michael Solomonov's hummus. No, I am not for a second claiming to have improved on the decorated chef's recipe; rather, I have created a version of his dish that works in my kitchen with my equipment, my level of patience and my willingness to fuss with the ingredients.

Further fan-girling the esteemed chef, I created a few summer salatim recipes to go with the hummus. I have written about salatim before until the chickpeas are soft - and the recipes generally and mushy. You can't really required cooking the vegetables overcook them. — in the case of my eggplant, twice, but with the heat waves that roll through our fair city in summer, roasting vegetables is not tempting. Fortunately, local summer produce is so fresh and delicious that cooking is not required. I did some "refrigerator pickling," and the results were quite good.

We paired this with some crusty whole grain bread, and dinner was sorted out for two days.

And if you don't have the time or inclination to make your own hummus, don't bother. You can buy a quality brand from a grocery store or takeout from a restaurant. and round out your meal with salads and bread.

HUMMUS

Serves 8-10 generously

This recipe makes quite a bit; fortunately, it keeps in the fridge for several days. If you wish to make a smaller quantity, you can cut the recipe in half.

For the chickpeas: 1.5 pounds chickpeas Pinch baking soda

the chickpeas overnight, if desired, or do an "express" soak by bringing them to a boil, removing them from the heat and letting them sit for an hour. Regardless of your soaking method, drain needed. It should be smooth the peas and start the cooking process with fresh water.

If you don't have the time or inclination to soak, fear not. They may take a bit longer to cook, but that's not the end of the world. Cover them with water, add a pinch of baking soda and bring it to a boil. Lower the heat, cover and keep it at a simmer for several hours

For the tahina:

- 5 cloves garlic, peeled
- 4 lemons, cut in wedges Salt to taste (be generous start with a teaspoon)
- 1 15-ounce can tahini Cold water

In a blender, place the garlic and lemon wedges with a few pinches of salt. Puree. Add some water to let the mixture move around to blend if QUICK PICKLED and thick when done. Pour this mixture into a strainer over a bowl and press the solids to capture all the liquid, Make sure you get it all, as this is where the flavor comes from.

blender and add the tahini. Puree again, adding cold water thick. Taste the tahina. If it is deepen.

bland, puree some more garlic with lemon juice and salt, and add it to the tahina.

When the chickpeas are done, drain them and return them to the pot. Pour the dressing into the pot and, using an immersion blender, puree to your desired texture. Add salt or lemon juice if needed. Serve warm or chilled with salatim, if desired.

CUCUMBERS WITH CILANTRO

Serves 4 with other sides/salads

A note on the cucumbers: If you use Persian or English cucumbers, they don't really Pour this back into the need to be peeled, which is my preference. But if you can't get your hands on those, just peel as needed to loosen it up; you and slice the cukes — or be may need to add up to a cup OK with a thicker skin. This to achieve the right texture. It will keep for several days in should be pourable, but kind of the fridge, and the flavors will

- 2 cucumbers, sliced into discs
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all the ingredients in a small bowl. Let it sit at room temperature for an hour or two, or longer in the fridge.

QUICK PICKLED CARROTS WITH DILL

Serves 4 with other sides/salads

I feel the same way about carrots that I do about most vegetables: Peeling is optional.

- 4-6 carrots, cut in coins
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all the ingredients in a small bowl. Let it sit at room temperature for an hour or two, or longer in the fridge. •



Philly Fashion: Shani Weiss Creates Schlep and Schmoe

PHILLY FASHION

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LIKE MANY millennials, Generation Z "zoomers" and 20-somethings in between, Shani Weiss turned to TikTok when the coronavirus sent everyone into their home.

By viewing one-minute videos on the social media app, supplemented by watching YouTube videos, Weiss, 29, learned to operate an online apparel business, all while working as a senior associate at an investment company in Philadelphia.

With this self-taught knowledge, Weiss created Schlep and Schmoe, a clothing brand blending Iudaism with popular culture.

Selling T-shirts and hoodies with catchy TikTok-inspired phrases and pop culture references, such as "I'm a Stan For Bubbie's Brisket" Schmoe has gained traction among young Jews.

clothing company wasn't next generation." created just for the fun of it.

wave of violence in the Israel-

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disconnect. Weiss didn't work and Schmoe website and hired job was not a place to discuss politics. But when she looked at her phone during breaks, Israel was the only topic people seemed to be posting about.

in two opposite worlds," Weiss said

She wanted to take action and was no stranger to advocating for Israel - she had formed the Israel activism group Dragons for Israel at Drexel University, where she studied finance and management information systems, before graduating a semester early in December 2013.

social media was "fleeting" and "divisive," Weiss pivoted.

"I was thinking, 'What is something I could do that is not and "Jew-wish," Schlep and now?" Weiss said. "Well, one

Along with the wealth of Hamas conflict, Weiss sat her six-month stint with a down at her computer, ready startup company in Israel after to work her day job, but felt a college, Weiss built the Schlep

with many Jews and felt her an outside printing company to print shirts to order, so Weiss didn't need to worry about keeping inventory.

She reached out to Jewish TikTok users to share infor-"I felt like I was really living mation about the business, and Schlep and Schmoe garnered attention after the Times of Israel published a piece on the brand last month. The company gained more than 550 followers on Instagram "without spending a single dime on marketing.'

> Sales have been good, Weiss said, though sales aren't everything to her.

"This isn't something that Feeling that posting on I'm doing to make money," Weiss said. "This is a way for me to give back to the Jewish community."

Having grown up part of the necessarily just a reactionary Modern Orthodox community action to what's going on right in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Weiss said she's always had way that you could go about a deep connection with her it is really instilling a great Judaism, but hasn't always had But Weiss' side-hustle sense of Jewish pride in the the easiest time finding a space to express her Jewish pride.

At Drexel, which has a In May, after the most recent knowledge she accumulated relatively small Jewish commufrom TikTok, as well as from nity — Jewish Federation estimates that 5% of the school's approximately 23,600 students, or about 1,200, are Jewish -Weiss became involved in Hillel and Chabad on campus.

> "All of those different experiences just allowed me to gain a deeper appreciation for Judaism, build a really great community and have a really positive relationship with Judaism and Israel," Weiss said. "If I could give that back to just one other young Jew or Gen Z Iew, that would be a

> wear their Jewish pride on their sleeves, or more specifically, on the front of their shirts, Weiss hopes to help support Jewish organizations monetarily,

organization

Fund.

entertainment for young

professionals with fundraising.

Schlep and Schmoe is donating

two articles of clothing to

raffle off at the event, with the

proceeds going to One Israel



▲ Shani Weiss, 29, created Schlep and Schmoe to instill a sense of Jewish pride in voung Jews



▲ One of more than 50 available shirt designs on schlepandschmoe.com

success to me."

Beyond just helping others locally and beyond.

To that end, Schlep and Schmoe is partnering with

two organizations: It is Weiss hopes Schlep and donating 10% of sales to Schmoe will grow its offerings the Amit Emergency Relief to towels and bags and also Fund through Amit NewGen expand its reach in the commu-Philadelphia, "a group of nity. Until then, she's just up-and-coming leaders in the excited seeing people wearing world of Jewish philanthropy," Schlep and Schmoe shirts. and for an event for Just Cause Events, a New York-based combining

"It's just been a ton of fun, honestly, to see it out there and to see people reacting positively to it," Weiss said. "And then to see people actually wearing the shirts — it brings me so much joy." ●

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Ambler Screenwriter Pens Newly Released Film

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FOR 10 YEARS, screenwriter and Ambler native Andrew Barrer waited for his film "Die in a Gunfight" to be developed, produced and released in theaters.

And after a decade of anticipation, Barrer's wait is over. "Die in a Gunfight" premiered on July 16 and is now in wide release.

Co-written with Barrer by New York University schoolmate Gabriel Ferrari, "Die in a Gunfight" is described by Forbes' Mark Hughes as a "modern day Romeo and Juliet." As two star-crossed lovers from rival families Ben Gibbon (Diego Boneta) and Mary Rathcart (Alexandra Daddario) rekindle a teenage romance in their adulthood, they must outrun "psychotic and lovable" hitman Wayne McCarthy (Travis Fimmel) and escape the feud that has long afflicted their families.

Barrer knew even as a child that he wanted to be a writer. However, philosophy caught his attention in college, inspiring him to write stories that explored swathes of human thought and life.

"Every story is a thought experiment. So it's not just plot, it's the ethical debate, or the metaphysical debate at the core of the story," Barrer said.

After meeting Ferrari his freshman year at NYU, where Barrer majored in philosophy and Ferrari, visual arts, Barrer was able to create stories that fulfilled his artistic vision.

"The joke is that if you take philosophy and art and smash them together, you get cinema," Barrer said.

It was this synergism of "analytical" and "whimsical" that allowed the pair to become not just colleagues, but "friends first and co-writers second."

Growing up a Reform Jew at Congregation Beth Or, Barrer said that his religious father helped to raise him with an "intellectually some cool guy who has this

Though "Die in a Gunfight" has no explicit influences from Barrer's Jewish upbringing, his open-mindedness around spirituality and truth-seeking snuck its way into the film.

searching for truth in a world that is not necessarily prescribing it for him, this is kind of where my spiritual upbringing came into it," Barrer said.

Through writing "Die in a Gunfight," Barrer came to terms with his own youth and maturation. At the film's core is not only a love story, but the account of a man who has romanticized his own tragic ending and who must confront the reality of his future: one that has a happy ending.

Barrer aged 10 years while his film was stuck in "development hell," a form of purgatory for creative works that have gone in and out of production without being published. (In the meantime, he managed to get a writing credit for Marvel's "Ant-Man and the Wasp.")

In this way, "Die in a Gunfight" is a time capsule for Barrer, who himself was afraid of growing old in his mid-20s and was fascinated with the "27 Club," the trend of renowned musicians who all met a tragic demise at the age of only 27. Barrer is now in his 30s, living in Doylestown with his wife when he's not in New York.

"It's not all about the adventure of self-destruction," Barrer said. "That was a lesson we were learning as we were writing that screenplay."

Not everyone interpreted the lessons of the film the way Barrer hoped they would. The film has received poor reviews by critics, which Barrer said led to the film's release being "bittersweet."

"The thing that disappointed us the most is that it seems as though the joke didn't come across," Barrer said. "We're not actually telling the story about

curious approach to Judaism." death wish and is beating people up and getting into gun fights. It's actually ... the story of a guy who has seen way too many movies having to grow up and live a real life."

But despite movie critics "The idea of a guy who is hoping better for the film, Barrer believes his future looks bright.

> Another film project, "No Exit," co-written with Ferrari, based on a novel of the same name, will be released on Hulu in early 2022. It's a thriller about a young woman on her way to visit her mother in the hospital who sees a young girl kidnapped in the back of a van. It is produced by Scott Frank, writer of "The Queen's Gambit," the acclaimed miniseries on Netflix.

In 2020, Barrer also wrote a trilogy of novellas, the Young Blood Trilogy, a dystopian satire about the unintended consequences of a society that has been able to reverse the aging



▲ "Die in a Gunfight" premiered on July 16 and is now in wide release.

process by using the blood of young people. Published by Amazon Original Stories, the trilogy will be adapted into a film by Amazon.

Barrer looks forward to collaborating with Ferrari on the adaptation of his novella, which he wrote by himself.

"It's never a one-to-one translation from page to screen," Barrer said. "I'm excited to explore and have Gabe inject his specific point of view into it. It will be a lot of fun." •

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Into Our Hearts

BY RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT

Parshat V'Etkhanan

THIS SHABBAT, on which parshat V'Etkhanan is read, has a special designation as "Shabbat Nakhamu — the Shabbat of Comforting." It is the first Shabbat after Tisha B'Av, the day that commemorates the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem.

The Haftorah read on this Shabbat begins a series of seven haftorot, ending right before Rosh Hashanah. These readings all focus on healing the wounds of losing the Temple and, more broadly, also offer comfort for the impact of exile and the experience of being separate and separated from one's home. and even from oneself.

The dimension of personal exile is seen in connection with Moses' journey as he recounts it in the beginning of this parsha. The unusual verb that this parsha begins with, v'etkhanan, which means to plead for or on behalf of oneself. The classic rabbinic Midrash (Deut. Rabbah 2:1) understands this as meaning "to throw oneself at the mercy of the other." A plea for mercy begins the parsha (Deuteronomy 3:23) and words Yet, as it was for Moses and remember me for all that I

for our ancestors, our pleas and prayers are not always responded to the way we would hope, and comfort is not available the way we long for.

In the case of the Torah portion, Moses recounts how he pleaded with God, "Let me, I pray, cross over and see the good land on the other side of the Jordan," but to no avail.

Commentators over the centuries have mulled over why Moses uncharacteristically shares his inner struggle and dialogue with God in front of this new generation bound for the Promised Land. There is the perspective of admonishment: "Because of you, Israel, I do not get to cross the river to the land we have dreamed of do not get there and squander the dream!"

There is the perspective of warning: "Look at what I did instructed to write a treatise or that cost me the thing I most longed for! Don't get to the Promised Land and forsake we are asked ... to listen and to following the Torah and run declare this truth as self-evident. after false gods, thus forfeiting your own dreams!"

interpretations, there is the possibility that Moses was reaching for forgiveness and legacy: "My time is over, I made critical mistakes and am bearing the consequences. of comfort begin the Haftorah As you move forward to fulfill portion (Isaiah, Chapter 40). your promise as a people,

did do, not only where I went include the ability to: understand, 'off-line' from following a Divinely directed purpose."

Whatever the meaning(s) behind his introductory personal reflection, Moses' recollection raises emotional stakes of what will now follow, and the rest of the book of Devarim (Deuteronomy) is now established as Moses' last words.

One verse that follows rises above even the power and primacy of the others:

Shma! Hear, Israel, there is only Oneness (Ekhad) our God.

This declaration to bear witness to the source of all existence and at the same time, Israel's source, our source, is where both particular and universal meet in non-dual, mutually inclusive fashion. To really take this in, we are not discuss our understanding of how God is, and is our God, rather

This may be why, according to Rabbi David Wolfe Blank, of And, among many other blessed memory, Shma means many other things other than "to listen" based on the usage of related words in the Talmud. This idea invites us to pay attention to the many ways we might open up to holiness in our lives and find a connection to our Jewish path.

These meanings of Shma

attend, obey, surrender, gather, assemble, invite, be still, sing, make music, show willingness, take care of, attend to, prove, teach, proclaim and testify.

When our ears and our hearts are blocked to truth and living a committed spiritual life, when listening is difficult, we can try to connect with our soul's purpose and make Jewish values-based and ethical choices through one of the other meanings of Shma. It is an extra blessing this year that Shabbat coincides with Tu B'Av (myjewishlearning.com/ article/tu-bav/), an ancient Temple-centered festival that has flowered again in recent years focused on loving connections and finding joy in each other for who we essentially are.

The words that follow, "Shma Yisrael ..." include, "Place these words of mine on your heart and on your soul ..." (Deut 6:6). Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk points out that the Torah states ahl l'vav'kha, "on your heart." The Torah does not say "in" your heart for your heart is closed at times, and it is impossible to place anything in your heart. But when words are placed on your heart, and the hour arrives that your heart opens up, they are ready to drop deeply into it.

As we move into these weeks

of comforting, rising out of the ashes of the memory of past destruction, of an extended pandemic that has claimed so many lives, and struggling with many challenges we face here, in Israel and Palestine, and with our planet, I pray each of you finds the space to listen in ways that will allow the words we know to be true to enter into our hearts, making for change and transformation as we begin to count the weeks to another new year of possibilities — of us rising out of the shattering to a new and more lovingly connected world of our co-creation. •

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CANDLE LIGHTING

July 23

July 30

Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit is rabbi at Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia. He is co-founder/co-director of the Davennen Leader's Training Institute and is the associate director for the ALEPH Hashpa'ah (Spiritual Direction) program. He is the co-chair of the Philadelphia Faith Leader's caucus of POWER Interfaith. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



Ressler

Continued from Page 4

on Father's Day, Ressler sat out back and watched her great-grandchildren play.

"Later in her life, she said the best thing about starting the business has been keeping her family close," Israeli said.

It was also later in life that, after so many decades, Ressler found the strength to start speaking about her Holocaust mother, father and brother and about sharing this message.

experience. She never liked to being separated from her father when she first got to the U.S., wanting to put the experience Israeli said.

But about 15-20 years ago, Ressler "felt a sense of duty," he tiny bits of extra food to share. added. So, she started visiting Both survived and returned to secondary schools, colleges and synagogues, including her own, Temple Beth Hillel – Beth forget," Israeli said. El in Wynnewood.

train car to Auschwitz with her more active and adamant

and brother upon arrival.

During their year in behind her and start fresh, concentration camps, the daughter and mother would take additional work and earn Transvlvania.

"Her message was not to

In the last 10 years, Ressler spoke of riding in a though, Ressler became even

She was seeing and hearing things, in the media and from politicians, that she never imagined seeing and hearing in the U.S., including the 2017 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

decade that Ressler recorded her life story with the University of Southern California's Shoah Foundation, the Steven Spielberg-founded institute for preserving personal stories from the Holocaust.

"So it will stay in posterity when she's no longer here," Israeli said.

On July 5, Ressler was laid to rest at Havm Salomon Memorial Park in Malvern.

Ressler died peacefully in It was during this final her sleep, according to her grandson. Israeli ended his eulogy saying, "Grandma Suzy, I will miss you, but I promise that I will remember." •

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► ELSON

Cantor Mark and Barbara Elson of Holland and Delray Beach, Florida, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 21 at a dinner with their children and grandchildren. Their celebration will continue on a river cruise in the south of France.

The couple was married in 1981 by five rabbis at the Union for Reform Judaism's Olin-Sang-Ruby camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and the reception included more than 500 campers and staff.

Photo by Ilene Mos



ENGAGEMENT

► SELITTO-KAYE

Gail and Frank Kaye of Churchville, and Laurie and John Selitto of Newtown, announce the engagement of their children, Jillian Kaye and Matthew Selitto.

Matt is a graduate of Bloomsburg University, and Jillian is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University.

Sharing in their happiness are Jillian and Matt's siblings and Matt's grandmother Irene Selitto.

Photo by Tom Ash



► OSLON

Marleene (née Heisman) and David Oslon of Northeast Philadelphia celebrated their 50th anniversary on Father's Day, June 20. They were married on Father's Day 50 years earlier at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

A dinner celebration for family and friends was hosted by their children, Tivia and Brett Oslon and Farryn and Brian Aron.



Courtesy of the Oslon family

BIRTH

► LOGAN ESSEX JACOBSON

Amanda (née Gordon), Scott and brother Maverick Jacobson announce the birth of their daughter, Logan Essex, on Aug. 28, 2020.

Grandparents Marvin and Marlene Gordon of Philadelphia share in their joy, as do aunts and uncles Howard and Robin Gordon, Mindy



and Brad Seiver, and Dana and Orlando Cedeno, along with numerous cousins. Logan Essex (Laila Ahava) is named in loving memory of Scott's father, Eric Jacobson and Amanda's grandmother, Alice Hendel.

Courtesy of the Jacobson family

COMMUNITYBRIEFS

Gratz College, Hartford Seminary to Partner on Course Offerings

GRATZ COLLEGE AND HARTFORD SEMINARY announced a partnership that will expand graduate-level theology and chaplaincy course offerings to knowledge, research and teach about key justice and students of both institutions.

Beginning with the fall semester, students at both schools can cross-register for selected online courses.

"This will appeal to students at both colleges who are interested in chaplaincy or interfaith practices," said Ruth Sandberg, director of Gratz's Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights. "This partnership gives students at both schools the academic grounding they need to succeed as chaplains working with a variety of faith traditions."

Gratz students seeking theological expertise or chaplaincy certification can register for the following courses at Hartford Seminary: Psychology and Sociology for Chaplaincy, Theology and Scriptures in Spiritual Care Practice, Chaplaincy Models and Methods and Religious and Cultural Ethics for Chaplaincy.

Moving Traditions Names Teen Fellows

Moving Traditions, a locally based organization that "emboldens youth by fostering self-discovery, challenging sexism and inspiring a commitment to

Jewish life and learning" announced its 55 nationwide School, who is a member of Reform Congregation Kol Koleinu teen fellows for 2021-22 — including seven from the Philadelphia area.

The fellows will "explore and deepen their feminist equity topics that matter to them, and create tangible change in their communities."

Local fellows include:

Elle Baker, a senior at Central High School, who is a member of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel and serves on her regional United Synagogue Youth board.

Sara Frankel, a junior at Lower Moreland High School, who is president of BAFTY/NFTY and a member of a Rosh Chodesh group at Old York Road Temple-Beth Am.

Leah Levitan, a junior at Lower Moreland High School, who is a member of the Ha Lev Community.

Iules Maylott, a junior at the Downingtown STEM Academy, who is a member of Kesher Israel Congregation.

Dahlia Rosenthal, a senior at Upper Dublin High School, who is a member of Temple Sinai and attends Camp Galil.

Gabriella Schwager, a senior at Harriton High School, who is a member of Mishkan Shalom and attends Camp Havaya.

Sophie Taylor, a junior at Abington Senior High

Keneseth Israel KFTY and NFTY and was previously in a Rosh Chodesh group.

National Museum of American Jewish History to Lead Three-Day Program for Educators

For the fifth year, the National Museum of American Jewish History will host a National Educators Institute dedicated to teaching Jewish history in the United States.

The Aug. 16-18 online conference runs from noon-4 p.m. daily, is exclusively for educators and

The program, which is aimed at those teaching fifth through 12th graders, is designed to expand how educators understand and teach the American-Jewish experience; introduce new ways to stimulate students through inquiry-based learning; and offer opportunities for participants to connect with scholars and practitioners in the field.

NMAJH's Ronit Lusky directs the institute along with Benjamin M. Jacobs of George Washington University and Jonathan Krasner of Brandeis University.

See nmajh.org/nei/ to register or for additional details. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

Ben & Jerry's

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and the "Occupied Palestinian Territory," Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, a longtime supporter of the settlements, called the decision a "boycott of Israel" and said Ben & Jerry's "decided to brand itself as an anti-Israel ice cream." His predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, tweeted, "Now we Israelis know which ice cream NOT to buy."

Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, the architect of the current ruling coalition who is generally to Bennett's left regarding the Palestinians, went even further, calling the decision a "shameful surrender to antisemitism, to BDS and to all that is wrong with the discourse." He called on U.S. states to take domestic action against Ben & Jerry's based on state laws that prohibit government contracting with entities that boycott Israel.

Israeli cabinet minister Orna Barbivay posted a TikTok video of her throwing a pint in the trash.

appeared to compare the ice proclaiming that Ben & Jerry's cream company's settlement is "bad for your moral and a boycott to terrorism. Eran physical health." The call was in

Cicurel, an editor at Israel's public broadcaster, tweeted that the color scheme on Ben & Jerry's statement was similar to that of the flag of the terror group Hamas.

Amichai Chikli, a rightwing lawmaker in Israel's Knesset, tweeted, "Ben & Jerry's You picked the wrong side" and posted an infamous photo from 2000 of a Palestinian who had just killed two Israeli soldiers displaying his hands through a window, covered in the soldiers' blood.

In American responses, a mirror for Israel sentiment

American-Jewish groups offered varied responses to the company's scoop that mapped to their political orientation.

Anti-Defamation anti-Israel and anti-Jewish League, a centrist group, said it was "disappointed" by the move, adding, "You can disagree with policies without feeding into dangerous campaigns that seek to under- echoed by others such as the to convince kosher certifier cream, saying that the hundreds mine Israel" but refraining from calling for specific tator Ben Shapiro, who said he kosher certification. actions.

And the right-wing Zionist Organization of America called Other Israeli public figures for a boycott of the ice cream, consider practical changes



▲ Ben & Jerry's co-founders Jerry Greenfield, left, and Ben Cohen serve ice cream following a press conference announcing a new flavor in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 3, 2019.

[Ben & Jerry's] did this because we would not agree to stop selling ice cream in all parts of Israel."

would stop eating the brand.

Kosher food purveyors

Glatt Express Supermarket, kosher grocery store Teaneck, New Jersey, announced via Facebook that it would no longer carry Ben & Jerry's products following the company's announcement.

Aron's Kissena Farms, a kosher market in Queens, made the same decision.

Glatt Express did not immediately respond to a request for comment; nor did Morton Williams, the New York-based grocery chain whose co-owner, Avi Kaner, also tweeted at Ben & Jerry's. His 16-store chain would be meeting to discuss "ending sales of your ice cream in our supermarket chain," Kaner wrote.

Access to Ben & Jerry's could be constrained another way: A few figures in the American-Jewish right wing also began a social media push

Jewish conservative commen- KOF-K to remove Ben & Jerry's of local workers who manufac-

are not satisfied

Vermonters for Justice in Palestine, an activist group based in Ben & Jerry's home state that has been leading a years-long campaign against the ice-cream makers for doing business in Israel at all, said the move didn't go far enough.

Meanwhile, CodePink, an international left-wing women's group, praised the decision for showing that pressure works. company should do more.

The Israeli Ben & Jerry's licensee explains its side

The Israeli licensee of Ben & Jerry's, which operates a factory in the town of Be'er Tuvia, took to social media hours after the announcement to denounce the American corporation and its parent company.

The Israeli distributor called on Israeli consumers to continue purchasing Ben & Jerry's ice Passover. •

ture it need their support.

In a recorded video, CEO Ben & Jerry's critics say they Avi Zinger said he had been notified earlier on July 19 that the company would not be renewing his license when it expires at the end of 2022.

> "They did this because we would not agree to stop selling ice cream in all parts of Israel," Zinger said, stopping short of specifying the distinction between Israel proper and the country's settlements in the West Bank.

"The reason they did that is But the group also said the because of BDS pressure," Zinger continued. "We are not surrendering and it's important that you support us. I ask you all to stand by us, help us fight because our fight is everyone's fight."

In happier times for Ben & Jerry's-Israel relations, the company had made a concentrated outreach to its customer base with original, Israelexclusive flavors, including charoset and "Matzah Crunch" - both certified kosher for



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AURITT

Shelly Auritt (nee Einbinder), July 9, 2021, of Wynnewood, PA; beloved wife of Leonard Auritt; loving mother of Robert (Suzanne Landau) Auritt and Stephanie (Dave) Schlosser; cherished grandmother of Ethan, Zara, Zachary, Joshua, Finley and Riley Shelly is predeceased by her parents June and Zvee Einbinder and her brother Alex Einbinder. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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June Bernice Codell was born July 1, 1935, in Philadelphia and died May 31, 2021 in Berkeley CA, just short of her 86th birthday. She was the loving daughter of Maurice and Manya (Marian) Codell who last resided in Lake Worth FL. She was predeceased by her parents and sister Helen Miller of Boynton Beach FL, and survived by her brother Richard Codell of Sandy, UT. June was an aspiring actress on local Philadelphia TV while also working as a magazine editor in New York. She moved to San Francisco in the early 60's and led an active and interesting life on the coast. She was loved by her family and friends, and in later years taken care of by her dear caregiver and friend Rosie Galindo (who is by the way, an angel). At her request, Rosie and her family scattered June's ashes in San Francisco Bay.

DEATH NOTICES

FINEBERG

Marsha E. Fineberg (nee Becker), died on July 12, 2021. Wife of Martin. Mother of Beth Fineberg and Rachel (Stephan) Sylvan. Grandmother of Logan Fineberg, Mira and Carlie Sylvan. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Chandler Hall Hospice Program, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, Pa. 18940 or a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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GOODMAN

Harold (Hal) I. Goodman, age 84, was born in Philadelphia on February 12, 1936. He passed away on June 30 at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, with his wife Florence by his side, after suffering a massive heart attack. Hal was a graduate of Akiba Hebrew Academy (presently Barrack Hebrew Academy), class of 1954. He also graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia. Hal was a pain control doctor who did not use pharmaceuticals, and a clinical psychologist. Hal and Florence bought a vacation home in Eastport in 1988 and once retired, he moved there permanently. Hal served as flotilla commander of the Eastport Coast Guard Auxiliary, was vessel examiner and taught boating safety courses. He was a ham operator and volunteered with the Maritime Mobile Services Network. He played his flute at several music meets in Washington County. Hal was sick for several years, with encephalitis and then a stroke, which confined his once active life to a wheelchair and hospital bed. He missed his activities but never complained and kept his wonderful sense of humor. Hal was predeceased by his son. Lee Allen Goodman, an artist In New York City and his parents Margaret and Samuel Goodman. He is survived by his wife Florence Brunner: his sister Hermina (Norman) Kranzdorf; his daughter Robin (Mark) Way; grandchildren Melissa and Matt Way and Samantha (Alex) Roth, and three great grandchildren. Donations in Hal's memory may be made to the Cobscook Institute in Lubec, ME 04652 or Drexel University in Philadelphia PA 19104

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KAYSON

Gilbert ("Gil") Kayson, age 89 years of Elkins Park, PA passed away peacefully on July 10, 2021. Beloved husband of Sandy (nee Blatt) for 66 wonderful years. Predeceased by his loving parents, Harry Kosonsky and Eva and Ben Malamud, his dear in-laws, Etta and Barney Blatt, and dear aunts, Ida and Doris Kosonsky. Gil is survived by his sister Dr. Marilyn Bergman (Garrett) and his children Helene Newman (Neil), Randi Hershgordon (Hal), and Mark Kayson (Heather). Loving and very special Pop-Pop to his grandchildren Samantha (Scott), Ashley, Morey, Emily, and Drew and great-grandson Skylar. Also survived by his nephew, Ben Bergman, and niece, Aviva Moore. Gil was a graduate of Central High School and Penn State University. An avid Philadelphia sports and Penn State fan, he never missed a Nittany Lions football or basketball game. Gil was an active member of The Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association and created the Junior Blind Golf Program at The Overbrook School for the Blind, along with his wife and dear friend Norman Kritz. In spite of being blind for almost 50 years, Gil had an incredible zest for life and was proud that he was able to help blind and visually impaired children develop a love for the game of golf. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hadassah at 135 Colwyn Lane, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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LOWENTHAL

Ruth S. Lowenthal (nee. Sawitz), on July 5th, 2021. Wife of the late Morris Lowenthal; mother of Norma (Lloyd) Stopek. Grandmother to Lance (Jennifer) and Joshua (Sara); great grandmother to Emma, Devon, Harry, and Isaac. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Ann's Choice Resident Entertainment Society or Jewish Residence Council at Ann's Choice 31000 Ann's Choice Way Warminster PA 18974 or to the Special Olympics www.specialolympics.com/donate. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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MARGULIES

Shirley Margulies (née Sagot), June 5, 2021. Beloved Wife of 66 years to Henry (Hank). Loving Mother of Michael (Elissa) Margulies. Andrew (Marcy) Margulies, Steven (Alysa) Margulies. Proud Grandmother of Mark, Jake, Jamie and Julia. Devoted aunt to many nieces and nephews. Contributions in Shirley's memory may be made to Hadassah, Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach

MAZER

William (Bill) Albert Mazer, passed away on July 11, 2021. Loving father of Scott Mazer and Nicole (Ethan) Parker. Proud grandfather of Gia and Sloane Parker. Beloved brother of Jules Mazer. Private services are being held.

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MUSIKER

Morton Musiker, 96, died peacefully on June 21, 2021, in Philadelphia. Mort was a most kind and generous man who was loved and respected by all. His legacy is his gift of unequivocal love and sincere interest in everyone he knew. Mort was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, to whom he was happily married for 72 years; his parents, Benjamin and Goldie; a sister, Ethel; and a brother, Leonard. He is survived by his children, Sandy (Paul), Brian (Lori), Susan (Doug), and Helene (Cary); as well as 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mort's ashes will be buried at a graveside service at Roosevelt Memorial Park on August 16, promptly at 3 p.m. (suggested arrival: 2:45 p.m.) Donations in his honor may be made to the Chil-dren's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

OSTROFF

Marilyn Rose Ostroff on June 8, 2021. Sister of Paul (Joan) Ostroff. Aunt of Andrew (Stephanie) Ostroff, Contributions in her memory may be made to JCHAI, 274 S Bryn Ave, Bryn Mawr PA 19010. www.jchai.org GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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SIMON

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the death of Nannette Leis Simon on July 14, 2021. Nannette was the sister of Dr. Sher-man Leis, Henry (Bonnie), Harvey (Susan) and Kenneth (z")) (Lynn); predeceased by husbands Bernard and Harry and two chil-dren. The family requests that contributions in Nannette's memory be made to Hadassah or the Lower Merion Symphony c/o Dr. Sherman Leis. May her memory be a blessing and her family be comforted among the mourners in Zion.



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STAMM

Stephen Louis Stamm 88, of Merion Station, PA died Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Born in Berlin, Germany in 1932, Stephen, his parents Marianna and Carl and his sister Gabri-elle escaped during the onset of the Holocaust and made a new life in Philadelphia. Steve said that "his greatest blessing was to become an American." After graduating from University of Pennsylvania and California Institute of Technology, Steve started his career working for General Electric's fledgling Aerospace division where he would go on to design, develop and manage peacekeeping reconnaissance satellite systems such as CORONA, GAMBIT and HEXAGON.Steve retired after 34 years with GE and began his second career as a physics teacher at the Agnes Irwin School in Bryn Mawr, PA. He later volunteered as a tour guide at cultural institutions in Philadelphia: The Kimmel Center, The Academy of Music, The Preservation Alliance, as a concierge at the Independence National Historical Park Visitor Center and as a member of the MLRT Caring Committee at Main Line Reform Temple. Steve and his wife of 60 years, Elayne, were also Charter Members of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Steve loved world travel and the arts, and he shared these passions with Elayne, his children and his grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife, Elayne, and his parents, Marianna and Carl Stamm He is survived by his children David Stamm (Lisa) and Victoria Colby (David), his grandchildren Ethan, Charles and Madeline, and his sister Gabrielle. Services were private. Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

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WEIZER-WEISS

Rena Weizer-Weiss (nee Spiller) on July 11, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Edward Weizer and the late Norman Weiss; Loving mother of Paul (Katherine Bray) Weizer, Frank (Lisa) Weizer, Steven (Roni) Weiss and Ira (Mariann) Weiss; Beloved daughter of the late Diane and Morris Spiller; Dear Sister of Mark (Amy) Spiller and the late Brian Spiller; Sister-in-law of Barbara Spiller; Devoted grandmother of Nicholas, Anthony, Jessica (Calvin), Aaron (Krystal), Evan (Michele), Eric (Meaghan), Julie and Brian; Adoring greatgrandmother of Jaiden, Logan and Declan. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Adath Jeshurun or to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaeljfox.org GOLSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia

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ESTATE OF DONALD MILLER, DE-CEASED.

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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON The above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to, Laya Khadjavi and Pere Medicial Seesthers (As Roya Khadiavi, Executrixes c/o: Albert G. Weiss, Esquire

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ESTATE OF JAMES C. FANG, Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
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ESTATE OF JAMES RAPHAEL O'CONNOR, IV, DECEASED.

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7 Larkspur Ln. Newtown, PA 18940

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▼ FRIDAY, JULY 23

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▼ SATURDAY, JULY 24

Kids Dance Class

Learn some new moves, play some games and make your own dances with the Koresh Kids Dance teaching artists. This free, 45-minute class at the Di Silvestro Playground at 4:30 p.m. is aimed at dancers in grades K-5, but all ages are welcome, and no dance experience is required. Classes are capped at 25 participants to observe social distancing. Preregister at koreshdance.org/ koresh-kids-dance to save your spot.

Tu B'Av Concert

Artists Neta Elkayam and Amit Hai Cohen will perform as a duo as part of the Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival, highlighting the music and experiences behind Moroccan filmmaker Kamal Hachkar's "In Your Eyes, I See My Country," previously streamed at FallFest 2020. A live audience Q&A will immediately follow the performance, which begins at 8 p.m. An encore performance will

take place on July 25 at 4 p.m. Email info@pjff.org or call 215-545-4400 for information.

LGBTQ Support Group This Jewish Family and Children's **Service** support group is for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual — grandparent, child, cousin, parent — and is looking for a space to process. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. RSVP: jfcsphilly.org/ supportgroups; Zoom link provided upon registration and meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcsphilly.org or call 267-273-6006.

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▼ WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

► Unveiling a portrait tribute to retired President and CEO Barry R. Freedman at Einstein Healthcare Network's annual meeting are, front row from left, Meryl and Barry Freeman and, back row from left, Kenneth D. Levitan, president and CEO. Einstein Healthcare Network, and Lawrence S. Reichlin, chairman, Einstein board of trustees.

NEWSMAKERS

From left: Arnold Cohen, a longtime member of the Einstein medical staff and past chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology who recently retired, joins board of trustees member Bob Lipstein.

> Courtesy of Einstein Healthcare Network



Einstein Healthcare Network's board of trustees honored the retirement of past President and

CEO Barry R. Freedman by presenting his portrait to take its place among honored past leaders.



NA'AMAT USA National President Jan Gurvitch and NA'AMAT USA National board member Susan Miller participated in the NO FEAR rally against antisemitism and in support of Israel in Washington, D.C., on July 11.

From left: Susan Miller and Jan Gurvitch Photo by Elliot Miller







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