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Ian Kinsler Switches from Team Israel Star Player to Coach for 2023 World Baseball Classic

Ian Kinsler is trading in his bat for a lineup card.

The former All-Star second baseman will manage Team Israel in the upcoming 2023 World Baseball Classic. He has no plans to play for the team as well.

The Jewish 14-year MLB veteran played for Team Israel in the 2020 Olympics that were held last year, telling the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the time that his goal was to raise the sport's profile in Israel.

"Medaling for Team Israel would create that buzz," he said, and "obviously bring more attention to the sport. So it's exciting to think about all that."

The World Baseball Classic, founded in 2006 and normally held every four years, is the only international baseball tournament outside of Olympic competition.

"I was very excited when I was asked to manage Team Israel at the WBC, and it didn't take long for me to accept the position," Kinsler said in a statement. "I enjoyed my time playing in the tournament and now that I know Israel Baseball well from my time in the Olympics, I am convinced that we will have a very competitive squad that will go far."

Kinsler won two Gold Gloves during his career, and is among the all-time MLB Jewish baseball leaders

in stolen bases (243), hits (1,999), home runs (257) and runs batted in (909). He played the first eight years of his career with the Texas Rangers, but also spent time on the Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Angels, Boston Red Sox and San Diego Padres. He won the 2018 World Series with the Red Sox, and was also a member of Team USA's championship team in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

While Team Israel came up empty in the 2020 Olympics, the team rose to prominence during a surprising run at the 2017 WBC, beating several highly-ranked teams and entertaining fans with its beloved mascot, the Mensch on the Bench. Coach Eric Holtz stepped down after the team's unsuccessful Olympic run last summer.

The 2023 World Baseball Classic was originally scheduled for 2021 but was postponed due to the pandemic. Qualifiers are set to begin this September, and the tournament will expand from 16 to 20 teams. Israel has automatically qualified for the tournament.

Peter Kurz, president of the Israel Association of Baseball and the team's general manager, told JTA that Kinsler's leadership will also help with recruit-



Ian Kinsler played for Team Israel at the Olympics in Tokyo after 14 MLB seasons.

ment. Any ballplayer with Jewish heritage is eligible to play for Team Israel.

"Ian has been recruiting major league Jewish players who are eligible to play for Team Israel in the WBC, and our goal is to surpass what we achieved in 2017 and reach the final four," Kurz said. "We have had multiple inquiries from potential players, coaches and trainers who all want to be a part of this and the choices will be tough this time around."

According to the Jewish National Fund-USA, which provides funding for Israel's baseball program, Kinsler will visit Israel this summer, where he will be a torch-bearer at the opening ceremonies of the Maccabiah Games.

"I can't wait to visit Israel this summer and see the young talent that will be on display at the Maccabiah Games," he said. "We are already hard at work putting together a winner roster for Israel at the WBC, and I look forward to making all of our fans proud."

— Jacob Gurvis

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Day Schools Support Supreme Court Ruling on Religious School Tuition Assistance

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

On June 21, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that states that use taxpayer dollars to provide tuition assistance to students attending nonreligious private schools must also use taxpayer dollars to provide assistance to students attending religious private schools.

The decision was met with support from Philadelphia day schools and Jewish education advocates, but it has garnered criticism from those worried about the separation between church and state.

The case, *Carson v. Makin*, originated in Maine, a rural state where over half the school districts do not have a public school option. As a result, the state relies on public schools outside a student's school district or private schools to provide necessary education opportunities.

The ruling expands tuition assistance to religious schools that are "biblically based." Majority opinion writer Chief Justice John Roberts said that denying tuition assistance to students looking to attend private religious schools is "discrimination against religion."

"It removes any questions or potential challenges anyone might have brought against existing programs that support Jewish schools and other religious schools alongside other kinds of non-public schools," said Nathan Diament, executive director of the Orthodox Union Advocacy Center, which oversees the Teach Coalition and Teach PA projects advocating for Jewish day schools.

The ruling is a reinforcement of the belief that government neutrality on religion and religious institutions is a threat to religious freedom, Diament said. He believes it bolsters previous government programs, such as the Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which the government also provides to religious institutions.

But nonprofit security grants and other assistance programs, despite their prominence in Jewish communities, haven't been met with unanimous support, said Democratic Jewish Outreach Vice Chair



Burt Siegel. Some Jews ideologically oppose auxiliary services to religious private schools, such as transportation services, claiming it is a violation of the First Amendment.

"More and more, we're seeing a blurring of the lines" between church and state, Siegel said.

The Anti-Defamation League joined an amicus brief on *Carson v. Makin* in November stating that "the history of the Free Exercise Clause reflects it does not require states to fund religious education. To do so, would be an unwarranted and substantial expansion of the Free Exercise Clause contrary to the Court's existing precedent."

While Siegel believes the ruling is a slippery slope and that the current Supreme Court is dictated by ideology, Diament doesn't see the ruling as a threat to the First Amendment.

"What the Establishment Clause, in particular, of the First Amendment was intended to ensure is that there is no preference by the government or one religion above all others," Diament said.

In the case of *Carson v. Makin*, religious schools have equal opportunity to take advantage of tuition assistance programs, giving more opportunities for religious freedom, Diament argues.

For area Jewish day schools, the ruling is less of an ideological victory than a practical one.

"Any generosity of spirit and money is not only needed, but greatly appreciated," said Besie Katz, the principal of Politz Hebrew Academy.

Katz hopes the ruling will not only take the burden off of day schools and parents looking to give their children a

But the Jewish Federation now provides assistance to Jewish schools, Siegel argued, which can create a precedent for ways the Jewish community can increase financial support for religious schools.

"The lack of finances shouldn't prevent a Jewish family from providing a day school education," he said.

However, he argued that the power to provide tuition assistance should come from within the Jewish community, not from the government.

"It is a responsibility of our community, really, to make Jewish day school education affordable and available," Siegel said. [JE](#)

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Jewish Democrats Remain Focused on Abortion

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's June decision to overturn the Roe v. Wade ruling protecting the liberty to have an abortion, we tried to shift the conversation a little: We attempted to ask local Jewish candidates, most of whom are Democrats, for one big policy idea to help pregnant women and mothers in a post-Roe America.

We did this because we already know where they stand on the abortion issue. And if you don't, you can sign

to the query, Shapiro and PA House candidates from different Bucks County districts Gwen Stoltz (143) and Ilya Breyman (178), started their answers by reaffirming their support for abortion access.

"We need to keep abortion safe and legal in Pennsylvania," Stoltz said. "That is truly how I feel because abortion is health care."

Stoltz's solution?

"Vote for pro-choice candidates up and down the ballot in November."

Breyman, who is running in a lower Bucks County district, echoed his Upper Bucks contemporary.

"If Roe hadn't been overturned, we would still be talking about women as mothers, making sure their pregnancies are safe and that when children are born they can enjoy educational and health care opportunities."

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"This is a tragic day for our country, as a woman's freedom to choose now depends on the state in which she lives," Shapiro wrote on June 24, the day of the ruling.

We were not asking Shapiro and other Jewish Dems to give up the fight and accept the post-Roe state of the union. But we were asking if they could be proactive and perhaps work with the other side in one area where they agree.

The answer was, well, sort of.

The three politicians who responded

"The most important thing we have to do is prevent a constitutional amendment from being passed to prevent the right of women to make reproductive health care decisions for themselves," he said. "That's why it's important that we elect those candidates to the General Assembly."

At the same time, when pushed, both Stoltz and Breyman came up with ideas for helping and protecting pregnant women and mothers.

Stoltz, a mother of three, outlined policies like paid family leave, accessible pre-K and affordable and transparent health insurance. In the health insurance industry specifically, she



Gwen Stoltz is a mother of three.

Photo by Tony Oppenheim

advocated for “patient-centric policies.” As anyone who deals with providers and doctor’s offices knows, it’s an opaque system that can feel adversarial to the consumer. Stoltz wants more transparency about what the prices are and which medications are allowed.

She thinks this is particularly important for pregnant women.

“Let’s say a woman is pregnant, and she has another health condition. She still needs the medication, and she can’t afford it. Or let’s say the newborn needs something,” Stoltz said.

Breyman, a father of two, outlined a similar agenda but focused more on costs than transparency. He believes that even pro-lifers can agree that no woman should have to make an abortion decision for economic reasons. That’s why he thinks it’s essential to invest in reproductive health care and child care, as well as to pass laws that will help both parents find time to take care of children.

According to Breyman, the big problem with child care is that you either have to be poor to qualify for government benefits or rich to be able to afford it. He hopes that the U.S. reaches a point “where we’ll have universal pre-K,” he said.

“For many kids, those years are formative, and they define how successful they’ll be in college and in careers,” Breyman added.

The Holland resident believes that, at the very least, Democrats can use this moment to show that they are “pro-life and pro-choice at the same time.” They can promote a pro-family agenda without sacrificing “the right of women to make reproductive health care choices.”

But Breyman still thinks that the abortion issue comes first and that the pro-family ideas are relevant with or



Ilya Breyman is a father of two.

Photo by Maria Shamkalian

without Roe.

“If Roe hadn’t been overturned, we would still be talking about women as mothers, making sure their pregnancies are safe and that when children are born they can enjoy educational and health care opportunities,” he said.

Shapiro, like Stoltz and Breyman, believes the abortion issue is paramount. He says often on the campaign trail and to the media that the Pennsylvania General Assembly is poised to send a bill to the governor that would criminalize abortion. He also explains that his Republican opponent, Doug Mastriano, would sign that bill.

In his response to that question, Shapiro reasserted his priority.

“I believe abortion is health care — and access to abortion must be protected here in Pennsylvania,” he said via email. “I will veto any bill to further restrict abortion access, and as governor, I will continue to protect Pennsylvania law and the abortion rights of Pennsylvania women.” **JE**

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Do US Jews Care About Israeli Politics as Much as the State Itself?

HEATHER M.ROSS | STAFF WRITER

Jews living in the United States profess a strong sense of care toward Israel, but are they as deeply invested in Israeli politics?

According to a study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 80% of U.S. Jews said that caring about Israel is an essential or important part of what being Jewish means to them. Yet only 57% said they follow news about Israel somewhat or very closely.

Given the recent turmoil in Israel — with the coalition government dissolving and a fifth round of elections in the past three years on the horizon, the Jewish Exponent contacted several Philadelphia Jews and asked a few general questions to gauge the level of interest in Israeli politics locally.

“I’m an immigrant, the son of Holocaust survivors. I know what happened without Israel,” said Richard Tems, a Jewish Doylestown resident, retired business owner and veteran.

Tems expressed concern about American Jews debating and judging policy in Israel while being uninformed and not putting in the energy necessary to staying up to date.



According to Tems, people don’t need to look very hard for information if they want to stay involved: “It’s there if you want it. It’s on the internet. Left and right Israeli newspapers, in English!”

Only one person said they followed politics in Israel closely, although most knew and regularly interacted with at least one person who did so.

But is it a problem if U.S. Jews don’t follow Israeli politics?

According to Theodore Kosin of Bucks County, it is.

“If you don’t know history and the news, the news is history — you’re destined to repeat it. And knowing our history, we don’t want that,” said Kosin, who added that he tries to address the issue by making sure his own family is educated and involved.

“Just talk about it (with your family),” Kosin said.

Kosin said the way young people consume news is changing, and many don’t follow it because they are too busy.

Some news platforms have adapted

to that by adding TikTok — its users are primarily between the ages of 16 and 24 — to their list of social media accounts. Videos on TikTok can be as long as 10 minutes, but it’s rare for one to be longer than 3 minutes.

Why are some Jews in the United States less attached to Israel?

Research indicates that the level of attachment to Israel varies primarily by age and religion.

Jews ages 50 and older are more attached to Israel than younger Jews are, according to the 2020 Pew study. Attachment to Israel also varied by religion, with Orthodox Jews having the highest number of participants saying they are very attached to the Jewish state. About 60% of Jews with no particular denominational affiliation say they are either “not too” or “not at all” emotionally attached to Israel.

The same survey reported that Jewish Americans who were 65 and older reported the strongest emotional attachment to Israel. Most (90%) Jews reporting a very or somewhat strong attachment to Israel had been there more than once. **JE**

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Former Exponent Business Manager Pleads Guilty to \$1.44M Fraud

ANDY GOTLIEB | JEWISH EXPONENT EDITOR

Former Jewish Exponent Director of Business Operations Cheryl Lutts pleaded guilty in federal court on June 28 to 24 counts of wire and mail fraud involving both the Exponent and subsequent employer the Philly Pops, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Lutts, 43, of Philadelphia, admitted that

she used the money to pay off thousands of dollars in credit card debts associated with travel and lodging, legal services, and funeral costs, as well as things such as utility bills and her cellphone.

Lutts, who will be sentenced in October, faces a maximum punishment on each count of 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

The Inquirer reported that Lutts

didn’t explain in court what prompted the embezzlements, but her attorney, Maranna J. Meehan, said Lutts was undergoing outpatient treatment for opioid addiction.

Prosecutors said Lutts siphoned about \$1.19 million from the Exponent between 2016 and 2019, as well as about \$255,000 from The Philly Pops, where she worked as controller after being fired from the Exponent in August 2019.

Lutts, who was an Exponent employee for 18 years, was fired for poor performance before the fraud was discovered. Her replacement found a fabricated bank statement in Lutts’ desk drawer on his first day on the job.

She concealed her actions with doctored bank statements and secretly took out a corporate credit card in her name. **JE**

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Setting Course: Tracy Gordon Steers Women's Philanthropy Group

Not afraid to turn away from a challenging role, Tracy Gordon has been a devoted leader in the Philadelphia Jewish community for 25 years. As Gordon attests, it was the encouragement she received from those close to her that empowered her to take on new roles with confidence.

It is with this same confidence that Gordon enters her next leadership chapter as chair of Women's Philanthropy, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia that brings together and uplifts women changemakers to create a better world through giving and hands-on volunteering.

"I am so grateful for all of the extraordinarily talented women I have met through Women's Philanthropy, who have been my role models," explained Gordon, who was installed as chair on May 25 during the group's closing board meeting at Green Valley Country Club. "Women's Philanthropy is highly skilled at identifying leadership opportunities for women which are slightly outside their comfort zones, and then providing an encouraging and safe space in which they can inhabit these roles. I was encouraged to take on roles which seemed daunting at first, but ultimately laid the groundwork for my growth and development."

Among Gordon's vast experience within the Jewish Federation, she has served as the co-chair of the Board for Jewish Life and Learning — now known as the Committee for Jewish Life and Learning — and as a member of the campaign team and a member of the board of trustees. Within Women's Philanthropy, she has served as the group's campaign chair, co-chair of Women's Leadership Development Program, and vice chair of the Women's Philanthropy Board. For the last year, Gordon has served as chair-elect of the affinity group, learning from Immediate Past Chair Julie Savitch.

We spoke with Gordon to learn more about her leadership journey and aspirations for Women's Philanthropy.

What has been one of your most meaningful experiences in Women's Philanthropy?

One of the most meaningful experiences I have had in Women's Philanthropy was being asked to share my "camp story" at a Pomegranate Society event a few years ago. I shared that I had been the recipient of a scholarship from a Jewish philanthropist when I was 10 years old. That donor's generosity enabled me to attend Jewish overnight camp for nine years, which ultimately changed the course of my life. At camp, I met my future husband, George, when we were 12. We would go on to create a Jewish home, and raise four children who attended that same overnight camp (Camp Harlam) and Jewish day schools. Any contributions I have been able to make to the Jewish community originated with that single act of philanthropy 45 years ago. Sharing my personal experience was not only profoundly meaningful in terms of empowering me to "own my own story" but also felt deeply significant in its potential to inspire others to appreciate the power of their own philanthropy.

What advice would you give to someone who is looking to get involved with Women's Philanthropy?



Tracy Gordon

Courtesy of Tracy Gordon

My advice to someone looking to get involved with Women's Philanthropy is to take the initiative. Please do not sit back and wait to be asked. I remember when I was new to Women's Philanthropy, and I was hoping to be asked to take on roles in the organization. After feeling "passed over" a few times, I shared with my husband that maybe I should direct my energies elsewhere. Fortunately, he gave me the excellent advice to take the first step and reach out to the lay and professional Women's Philanthropy leaders, express my interest in getting involved, and explore ways in which I could contribute to the organization. My inquiries were met with warmth and enthusiasm. As chair, I encourage anyone interested in deepening their involvement with Women's Philanthropy to please reach out to me, Lindsay Davidman (director of Women's Philanthropy) or Sarah Lefkowitz (development associate for NextGen and Women's Philanthropy). We are always looking to engage new leaders in our work.

Why do you give to the Jewish Federation?

Although our family supports many different Jewish institutions and agencies, our gift to the Jewish Federation is a philanthropic priority, largely due to the breadth of its impact. The Jewish Federation provides the infrastructure for the entire Philadelphia Jewish community and is uniquely positioned to marshal resources and comprehensively meet the community's needs at a moment's notice. Having worked in allocations for a decade as co-chair and member of the Board of Jewish Life and Learning, I have a deep respect for the exhaustive vetting process through which the Jewish Federation's allocation decisions are made. I trust that the Jewish Federation values my commitment and will be a responsible and visionary steward for my investment in Jewish continuity.

As the new chair of Women's Philanthropy, what do you hope to accomplish for the next two years of your term?

My primary objective as chair is re-engagement. Women's Philanthropy, under Julie Savitch's outstanding leadership as past chair, has been impressively successful in navigating the unique and unprecedented challenges of COVID-necessitated virtual programming. Nevertheless, over the past few years, we have become less connected. Our priority moving forward is providing meaningful opportunities for self-identifying women to connect with one another, hopefully in person, in supporting the most pressing needs of the Jewish community.

Personally, I am deeply committed to the values of expansiveness and inclusivity. I hope to broaden our tent, and help create a space in which women who have not felt drawn to Women's Philanthropy in the past will be inspired by the relevance, transparency and consequential nature of our work. I have found my involvement in Women's Philanthropy to be deeply gratifying and feel blessed to help galvanize others to join us in building and sustaining a strong and vibrant Jewish community.

For more information about Women's Philanthropy, contact Lindsay Davidman, director of Women's Philanthropy, at ldavidman@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0502.

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Stacy Seltzer



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Even years before the pandemic, finding community and warding off isolation was hard. It's something Stacy Seltzer learned firsthand.

The founder of 3G Philly, an organization connecting the grandchildren (or third generation) of Holocaust survivors and advocating for Holocaust education, Seltzer, 38, had trouble bringing a group of Philadelphia 3Gs together when she moved to the area in 2012, despite co-founding Boston 3G a few years prior.

The problem wasn't finding young Jews with whom to gather; it was the life stage the cohort was in: Many 3Gs, Seltzer included, had young children and didn't have the same spontaneity or bandwidth to meet up with a group for a weekend gathering.

"Having the time to have a full-time job, do a full-time nonprofit, raise a family — it's finding that time in your life that you have the capacity to give to it and that you have the energy to be able to attend these events," Seltzer said.

While the early days of COVID disrupted the lives of so many, it also allowed 3G Philly to begin in earnest.

"Everything started being virtual," she said. "So you didn't have that same concern about, 'How are we going to get everybody in a central location?' You were able to virtually get everyone together."

Since its April 2021 founding, 3G Philly has amassed 215 members on its mailing list and nine board members. The organization has partnered with the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center and expanded 3GNY's We Education (WEDU) education initiative to Philadelphia, providing training to descendants of Holocaust survivors on how to share their loved ones' stories with young audiences.

Seltzer has spoken to many Philadelphia audiences about her grandparents' Holocaust survival story. Seltzer's grandmother Esther Bratt was born in Vilna, Poland, and was sent with her parents to live in the Vilna ghetto before being forced to work at the HaKapeh Labor Camp, where she sewed socks for Nazi soldiers. The camp was eventually liberated, and the family immigrated to the U.S. in 1946, where Esther Bratt met her husband, Sidney Bratt.

Sidney Bratt's Guttstadt, Germany, hometown synagogue was destroyed in Kristallnacht in 1938, and his parents later arranged for him, the eldest of four children, to flee to England via Kindertransport. He reunited with his father after the war, and the two came to America in 1948.

The couple eventually settled in Reading, about an hour away from Seltzer and her family, who live in Blue Bell and attend Tiferet Bet Israel.

Originally from Allentown, Seltzer attended Muhlenberg College and met her husband at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. They moved to New York after college in 2006 and immediately joined 3GNY. When they moved to Boston a year later, they created Boston 3G hoping to recreate the warm Jewish community they found in New York.

Boston 3G's first event took place in the living room of the Seltzers' apartment; they ordered pizza, and more

than 20 descendants of Holocaust survivors showed up.

"We just went around and shared our stories," Seltzer said. "And that ended up turning into this amazing, amazing group. We had various events; we had probably several hundred people on our mailing list; we were [featured] in The Boston Globe."

As 3GNY, Boston 3G and 3G Philly continue to grow, Seltzer is working with the various groups to create a national umbrella organization to better oversee programming and hold larger-scale conferences, though the individual branches of the organization will remain autonomous.

As much as Seltzer is looking outward to expand 3G, she's putting just as much effort into furthering her mission of Holocaust remembrance within her own home. Seltzer has three children — ages 9, 7 and 4 — and the oldest one is already taking on the responsibility of learning about the Holocaust.

The work of remembering and sharing the stories of the older generation is getting more challenging. The 3G generation is a sweet spot: Many 3Gs enjoy close relationships with their grandparents and learn their stories after the survivors have had time and space away from the trauma of the Holocaust. Survivors may not have been as forthcoming with information about the Holocaust to their own children as they were to their grandchildren. Great-grandchildren may not be as close with their survivor relatives, or may just not have as much time with them as their parents did.

"The 4Gs will have a similar connection, where ... if they're fortunate enough to hear it from their great-grandparents, then they can continue to pass down these very important stories and make sure that they're not forgotten," Seltzer said.

Though heavy and important work, it's rewarding and grows optimism within the Jewish community for a better future, Seltzer believes.

"It doesn't all have to be sad and negative," she said. "It's about hope, and it's about taking away the hatred of the world." **JE**

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Courtesy of Stacy Seltzer

Kosher Certification Agency Sues JetBlue, Says it Lied About a Kosher Snack

One of the United States’ largest kosher certifying agencies alleges that JetBlue airlines sold a snack it falsely claimed was certified as kosher, JTA reported.

In a lawsuit filed on June 23, Kof-K said JetBlue put the agency’s hechsher, or rabbinical approval symbol, on an artichoke snack that the agency never certified.

The company that makes the artichoke snack, Elma Farms, wasn’t named in the suit. A JetBlue spokesperson told Reuters that the airline is investigating the claims. An attorney for Kof-K declined to comment to Reuters.

JetBlue’s \$9 snack box also included products certified kosher by the Orthodox Union, the Kashruth Council of Canada and EarthKosher.

AI Facial Recognition IDs Rocker Geddy Lee’s Mother in Anonymous Holocaust Photos

Rock star Geddy Lee found never-before-seen photos of his mother’s family thanks to a new effort to apply artificial intelligence facial recognition technology to photographs from the Holocaust, JTA reported.

Lee’s mother, Holocaust survivor Mary Weinrib, died last summer at 95. But the researchers of the AI technology, From Numbers to Names, managed to find a photo of Weinrib from her time at the displaced persons camp in Bergen-Belsen — a photo that then led Lee to find other photos of his mother’s extended family from the Yad Vashem photo collection.

Created by Daniel Patt, a Google engineer and the descendant of four Holocaust survivors, From Numbers to Names allows users to upload a photo and then suggests 10 other photos with faces that could be a match. The technology is now being used by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s photograph collection.

Israeli Emergency Services Group Founder Accused of Sexual Abuse Dies a Year After Suicide Attempt

A disgraced rabbi who had been awarded Israel’s highest national honor shortly before being accused of sexual abuse and rape, including of children, has died, JTA reported.

Yehuda Meshi-Zahav died at 62 on June 29 in Jerusalem, where he had been hospitalized for more than a year since attempting suicide amid mounting allegations against him.

Meshi-Zahav was the founder of Zaka, an emergency medical services organization that provides search-and-rescue aid after disasters around the world as well as in Israel, where the group ensured that Jewish victims would be handled per Jewish law. Zaka’s work made Meshi-Zahav a hero in Israel, which enlisted him to recruit more haredi Orthodox Jews into national service and last year announced that he would receive the Israel Prize, the country’s highest honor.

But shortly after the announcement, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported multiple allegations against Meshi-Zahav from men and women who said they had been raped, molested and threatened by him, some while they were teenagers.

101-year-old Former Nazi Death Camp Guard Receives Five Years in Prison

The oldest former Nazi camp guard ever put on trial in Germany was sentenced to five years in prison, JTA reported.

Josef Schütz, 101, was found guilty of complicity in the mass murder of 3,518 prisoners at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, north of Berlin, between 1942 and 1945.

The presiding judge at the court in Brandenburg-Havel concluded that Schütz was “aware that prisoners were killed there. “By your presence, you supported” these acts, he told the accused, according to a report by Euronews and AFP. “Anyone who wanted to flee the camp was shot. Thus, every camp guard actively participated in the killings.”

Whether Schütz will spend any time in prison remains to be seen. The minimum sentence for complicity in murder would have been three years, the reports said. Schütz’s lawyer, Stefan Waterkamp, had said in advance that he would likely appeal, putting off the start of a prison term to early 2023. **JE**

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Toward an Abortion Rights Solution

There is a school of thought that promotes a practical approach to problem solving: Once you identify the problem, skip the hand-wringing and recriminations and move directly to possible solutions.

That approach seems particularly appropriate in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent Dobbs decision, which overturned the half-century abortion rights ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. Rather than obsessing over the loss through demonstrations, rants and finger pointing — which help vent emotion but do very little to address the issue — focus on the development of solutions for the problem.

That's the approach President Joe Biden took on the issue last week. "I believe we have to codify *Roe vs Wade* in the law, and the way to do that is to make sure the Congress votes to do that," he said. In other words, Biden wants to establish a federal right to abortion under the *Roe* standard.

With anti-abortion laws going into effect in red states, and mounting concern about abortion rights around the country, the enactment

of a federal law on abortion and privacy rights is needed. But given the 50-50 partisan divide in the Senate, it will be difficult to attain — particularly in light of the Senate filibuster rule of procedure which calls for a supermajority to cut off debate. Biden, a Senate institutionalist who respects the filibuster rule, wants an exception here — similar to the exception already in place for the Senate's confirmation of judicial nominees, which allows confirmation by a simple majority. We agree with that approach for the limited purpose of reestablishing abortion rights under a federal standard.

But Democrats may not have the votes. Democratic Sens. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia have signaled that they oppose a change in the filibuster on the abortion issue. And though Biden has said that he would be "happy to go straight around" objections from them should the Democrats prevail in November, the projection of a Democratic Senate majority following the coming mid-terms appears

to be wishful thinking.

So, the time to act is now, with focus on Manchin and Sinema and upon possibly sympathetic Republican moderates on this issue. That won't be easy. But focusing on a solution has the potential to be more effective than endless hours of demonstration, recrimination and continued complaining about the heightened conservative tilt of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Here, the feds can learn from many of their state counterparts: For example, in the Mid-Atlantic area, three states — New York, New Jersey and Connecticut — have moved to protect abortion rights. In Maryland, the right to an abortion has been a state law for three decades. Abortion is legal in Virginia up to the end of the second trimester. And Pennsylvania allows abortions up to the 24th week of a pregnancy.

Whatever your position on the issue, we urge you to express your view with your vote in the upcoming primaries and general elections. Don't sit this one out. **JE**

NATO on the Upswing

Reports indicate that one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's reasons for invading Ukraine was to prevent Ukraine from joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a military alliance that the West had mostly forgotten about. If those reports are correct, Putin's NATO calculations appear to be as flawed as his Ukrainian war calculations. Because, if anything, Putin's war has led to an increased international focus on NATO, the alliance's unification against a common enemy and to its programmatic resurgence and membership growth.

This was all apparent at the NATO summit held last week in Madrid — attended by all 30 Allied leaders, and key NATO partners from Europe and Asia. There, Turkey dropped its opposition to Sweden and Finland joining NATO — and those two countries agreed to do more about Kurdish terrorism and to drop an arms embargo against Turkey, while the United States agreed to explore selling fighter jets to Turkey — clearing the way for Sweden and Finland to join the alliance.

It will likely take several months for Sweden and Finland to officially join, but their inclusion in NATO represents a major blow to Russia. With those two new members, NATO's border with Russia will grow by 800 miles, more than doubling the length of NATO's current presence on



President Joe Biden meets with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the NATO summit in Madrid.

the Russian frontier, along with control of some new strategic territory. Before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Sweden and Finland partnered with NATO for decades but saw no threat to their security from their Russian neighbor. Putin's war changed it all.

Member expansion was not the only significant news to come out of last week's summit. The U.S. announced it is sending more forces to Europe, and the NATO secretary general announced a significant increase in the alliance's rapid reaction force. NATO also released a new Strategic

Concept for the first time in over a decade, clarifying the threat that Russia poses to the West. In addition, NATO is now focused on the danger of China's growing influence. Leaders from Japan, South Korea, New Zealand and Australia joined the summit, reflecting NATO's increasing focus on Asia and the Pacific, and lending credence to the concern that a Russian victory in Ukraine could embolden China.

Outside of the summit, NATO is apparently also growing closer to Israel. NATO has reportedly expressed an interest in Israeli technology. Israel, which has a non-NATO alliance status, sees an expanded relationship with NATO as a possible means to help build or solidify Israel's relationships with NATO member nations, such as its near neighbor, Turkey.

We applaud these developments. It is important that the NATO military alliance not be the "paper tiger" its critics have accused it of being. By expanding its membership, deploying additional troops and addressing the threats posed by Russia and China, NATO is demonstrating that it is able to respond to a changing world and that it is not a Cold War relic. These and other developments at the summit show the world that NATO is on the upswing. **JE**



How Voluntary Were Those Voluntary Prayers?

BY RABBI CHARLES ARIAN

Twenty-five years ago, I spent almost a year living and teaching at a Trappist monastery. I got to know the brothers quite well. Most of the year was quite comfortable and pleasant, but the one moment that stands out as not being so was attending the Easter Vigil.

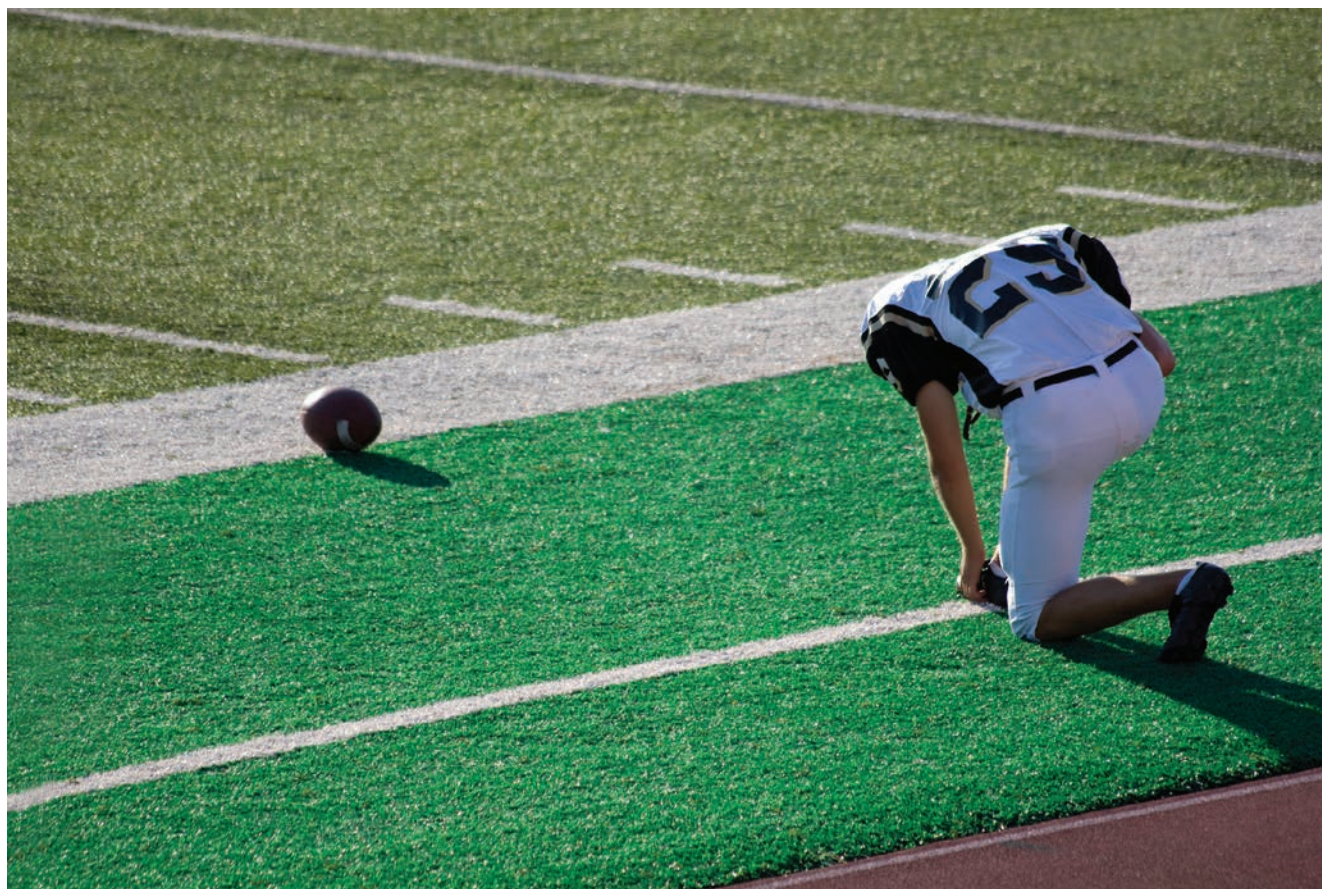
The liturgy of the Easter Vigil contains readings from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, but does so in a way that makes the Jewish story simply a prelude to the Christian one — as if our story has no value in itself. It was very upsetting and I finally got up and left.

Later that day a number of monks sought me out and more than one said to me “as I was sitting there, I was asking myself how Rabbi Charles was hearing this.” That’s a part of what empathy is; hearing something not only with our own ears but with those of the other as well.

Last week, the Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*, and held that a football coach had the right to pray at the 50-yard line after football games. He was usually joined by players who had, in theory, voluntarily decided to join their coach in prayer.

I’ve written and taught a lot in the last few months about the tension inherent between the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The government should not prevent people from practicing their religion, but they must also not create the impression that the government is endorsing religion in general or a specific religion. The Bremerton School Board felt that players could feel pressure to join Coach Kennedy in prayer and this violated the Establishment Clause, but the Supreme Court majority held that by preventing Kennedy from holding his prayer meetings it was violating his freedom of religious exercise.

I went to a public school in New Jersey that was almost entirely white and 90 percent Christian, mostly Catholic. One of the very few non-white students in our class was a Latina girl who was a Jehovah’s Witness. Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that national flags are contrary to the biblical prohibition of idolatry and they do not pledge



allegiance or stand for the national anthem. While everyone else in the class stood for the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, Laura sat quietly and respectfully at her desk.

It was only much later in life that I realized how courageous Laura was and how difficult this must have been for her. It’s relatively easy for six Christian justices to hold that Christian prayer held by a coach does not violate the Establishment Clause and that students who don’t choose to participate won’t feel alienated or penalized. But anyone who has been a teenager knows that peer pressure is real, and anyone who has been involved in high school sports knows not to alienate the coach. I cannot imagine being a Jewish or Muslim or atheist football player in Bremerton, competing with others on the team for playing time, and pondering whether or not to participate in this “voluntary” prayer.

Empathy is asking the question, “How would I feel if the shoe were on the other foot?” We have a real empathy deficit in this country and it is growing. **JE**

Rabbi Charles L. Arian leads Kehilat Shalom in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

letters

Vote for Mastriano?

I have a question for Richard Tems: Do you intend to vote for Doug Mastriano, a man who consorts with antisemites like the Fosdicks — conspiracy proponents of anti-Jewish propaganda about Jewish space lasers — whose ideas build on ancient canards about Jewish control of the world (“Jews Debate Mastriano’s Christian Nationalist Beliefs,” June 23)?

Are you a Jew first or a Republican first? **JE**

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Two Women with Jewish Backgrounds Ascend to Prominence in France

BY GERARD LEVAL

France is the frequent object of accusations of antisemitism. The various attacks on Jews and Jewish institutions in recent years seem to fully warrant the fears regarding the presence and growth of antisemitism in France.

There is simply no denying the reality of this situation but, fortunately, this is not the whole story. One need merely note the identity of the current French prime minister and of the newly designated president of France's National Assembly to know that there is another side to the story.

The French nation remains today, as it has been since the French Revolution of 1789, a schizophrenic nation. Enlightenment philosophy battles a kind of obscurantism. Hospitality clashes with xenophobia. Tolerance is in a continuing struggle with intolerance. And France's treatment of its Jewish population epitomizes this schizophrenia.

Observers of life in France have noted the recent terrible violence perpetrated against some Jews, such as the vile killing of three children and an adult at a Jewish school in Toulouse a few years ago. Or, when a young Jewish man was tortured and killed by a gang of sub-Saharan immigrants who had kidnapped him because they thought that since he was Jewish he must be rich. Just five years ago, a young Muslim defenestrated his Jewish neighbor while shouting antisemitic slogans. The following year, two young Muslims tortured and killed their elderly Jewish neighbor. In recent months, additional violent incidents, strongly suggesting that they were motivated because the victims were Jewish, have occurred.

For years, attending a synagogue in Paris has meant passing through a gauntlet of guards who interrogate every visitor out of fear that one of them could wreak havoc or worse. This has led to the notion that France is a place where Jews must, at all times, look over their shoulders.

This may be so. But there is another side to the story. France has been witness to some of the most important successes for the Jewish community in Europe. It was the first nation in the Western World, even before the United States, to grant its Jewish citizens equal rights. The economic, academic, cultural and even political achievements of members of the French Jewish community have been remarkable and they have been fully recognized by the French nation. You need only



French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne

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look at the façade of the Paris Opera and note that of the seven statues of composers there two are of Jews.

And we do not have to look at the past. Little noted in the United States is the fact that the current prime minister is the daughter of a Polish Jewish immigrant, who survived deportation to Auschwitz. Although she was brought up by her Catholic mother, Elisabeth Borne, whose family name is actually Bornstein, has never tried to hide

her Jewish origins. She was named the nation's second female prime minister by President Emmanuel Macron just a couple of months ago without much fanfare or opposition. Any opposition has had to do with the political weakness of Macron and not with her Jewish origins.

Just a few days ago, for the first time in the nearly 230 years of its existence, the presidency of the French National Assembly was turned over to a woman. The new president is named Yaël Braun-Pivet. She is descended on both sides of her family from Eastern European Jewish immigrants. Her Hebrew first name makes it difficult to dissimulate her Jewish roots.

So, as of this week, two of the most important political positions in France are held by women with Jewish origins. While this cannot in any manner reduce the pain and horror of the various antisemitic attacks to which Jews in France have been subjected in recent years, it does suggest that it may be too facile simply to write off France as an antisemitic nation.

France is a very complex nation. Its history can probably best be described as a rollercoaster ride. Reminiscent of the statement made about the little girl with the curl, it can appropriately be asserted that when France is good, it is very, very good and when it is bad, it is horrid.

Over past decades, the accession of Jews to some of the highest positions of power in France has been taken in stride. The uneventful appointment of two women descended from Jewish immigrants to the very pinnacle of the French governing structure is yet another manifestation of the best side of the French national character. None of this erases the terrible chapters of French antisemitism, but it does suggest that there may yet be hope for the future for the French Jewish community.

Whether the good side of France's national character can prevail over the bad one, remains an open question. Perhaps, the Jewish women who have recently achieved such important political success can help France take some of the steps necessary to ensure that there is a bright future for its Jewish citizens. **JE**

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Don't Use Judaism as a Weapon in the Abortion Debate

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn the Roe v. Wade abortion ruling has set off a political firestorm. Pro-choice forces are enraged at what they believe is the taking away of a right and what some even claim is the enslavement of women. The pro-life movement is thankful after a half-century of activism on behalf of what sometimes seemed to be a lost cause, but no less determined to defend restrictions or bans on abortions whenever they can prevail in state capitals.

Amid the deluge of hyperbole, furious predictions of political fallout and public protests, what is generally lost amid the noise is that polls have always shown that most Americans have demonstrated a fair amount of moral ambivalence about the issue.

Clear majorities have always been found to oppose complete bans on abortion as well as the overturning of Roe, which many have assumed would lead to that outcome. But it is equally true that there has always been broad support for limits on legal abortion. As with many other issues of public debate, how you ask the question largely determines the way the polls turn out.

The fact that many Americans remain in the middle on the abortion debate has been obscured if not altogether lost. It is in that context that the way that some in the Jewish community have sought to frame the issue as one in which Jews are obligated to support abortion under virtually all circumstances is both misleading as well as an unfortunate contribution to an already divisive debate.

There is no disputing that traditional Judaism approaches the issue of abortion very differently from the Catholic Church, or the various evangelical and conservative Christian denominations, that are unalterably opposed to it almost without exception. In Jewish religious law, the life of the mother must always take priority over that of the unborn child. That provides a religious justification for procedures that deal with medical anomalies and life-threatening conditions. Some also interpret the notion that the well-being of the mother must be protected so as to justify a more liberal attitude towards terminating pregnancies.



It is also true that sources in the Talmud do not consider a fetus a full person deserving of legal protections but as a part of its mother until birth. In the first 40 days of gestation, it has an even lesser status.

That is interpreted by liberal Jewish denominations (not to mention non-religious organizations and secular Jews who would otherwise scoff at the idea of looking to the rabbis of the talmudic period for guidance on any issue, let alone for insights on biology) as proof that Judaism regards the disposition of a fetus as purely a matter of personal autonomy and thus inherently "pro-choice" in the context of the contemporary abortion debate.

Yet at the same time, fetuscide is not explicitly permitted by the same Jewish sources. On the contrary, the idea that individuals have an unfettered right to do as they like with their bodies is alien to Judaism, since the body is considered a vessel that is the property of God. Some Jewish sources regard abortion as impermissible outside of some limited circumstances because of the prohibition of "shedding the blood of man within man." Since Judaism forbids tattoos, self-harm and suicide, the notion that it supports the "our bodies, ourselves" approach is, at best, debatable.

That is why Orthodox organizations have opposed laws legalizing abortion virtually up until birth with no restrictions, as is the case with laws passed in New York and other deep blue states, while still also opposing any law that bans all late-term abortions without providing an exception for

saving the mother's life.

The idea that Jews are obligated by their faith to support laws that permit it without any restrictions — the position many liberal Jewish groups are now taking in conformity with that of the Democratic Party — is simply untrue.

Still, most Jews, even those who do not regard abortion as simply a matter of choice, do not favor banning it in the earliest stages of pregnancy, let alone in cases of rape, incest or genuine medical emergencies.

The 1992 Supreme Court decision in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which essentially upheld Roe and

was also overturned by *Dobbs*, itself instituted a fetal viability test that allowed states to implement restrictions based on the viability of the fetus, thereby implying that aborting a viable fetus was a form of infanticide.

With that in mind — and talmudic precepts and modern declarations of personal autonomy notwithstanding — the arguments about abortion must necessarily be influenced by scientific advances.

In 1973, when Roe was decided, there were no sonograms showing fetal life and movement. Modern medical care now means that fetal viability outside of the womb is possible as early as 21 to 23 weeks into the pregnancy with the real possibility that this figure will continue to shrink.

That doesn't change the fact that in the last half-century, many Americans have come to believe that terminating a pregnancy is an absolute right under virtually any circumstances. They regard arguments about the constitutionality of the original Roe decision as irrelevant and dismiss any and all talk of fetuses being unborn children regardless of what science (a term that is liberally invoked as determinative when it comes to vaccine mandates or climate change when it is more to their liking) has taught us about the subject.

Yet wherever one comes down on the issue, it is unacceptable for anyone to be treating this as some kind of religious culture war in which Jews are required to be fully engaged as combatants because of their faith. **JE**

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Ben & Jerry's 'Victory' Is a Hollow One

BY NAOMI GRANT

Jewish organizations far and wide, the state of Israel and even American politicians have rejoiced over Unilever's decision to sell Ben & Jerry's to a local franchisee, thereby resuming the sale of its ice cream in the West Bank.

While it is nice to see a major company standing up to BDS and indirectly contributing to the Israeli economy, this widely hailed "victory" against the BDS movement and antisemitism comes with many caveats.

American Quality Products owner Avi Zinger previously enjoyed exclusive rights to Ben & Jerry's in Israel before his license was not renewed due to his continuing to sell in the West Bank. Following his win in an Israeli federal court, Zinger will resume sales in all of Israel in perpetuity in Hebrew and Arabic.

But not in English.

A lawsuit was also filed against Unilever this month in the United States alleging that it had "concealed a boycott of Israel by its Ben & Jerry's ice-cream brand that shaved billions off its stock market value," JNS reported.

Due to violations of state anti-boycott laws, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Texas had divested a combined \$1 billion in pension-fund investments from Unilever.

However, Ben & Jerry's founders said they still believe it is "inconsistent with Ben & Jerry's values for our ice cream to be sold in the Occupied Palestinian Territory," which is completely missing the point.

Jews have lived in Judea and Samaria (what is today called the West Bank) for about 3,000 years; only in recent history — from 1948 to 1967 — were Jews prohibited from living there, which was apparently long enough for antisemites to concoct a patently false narrative about the land belonging to "Palestinian" Arabs.

In other words, Unilever is off the hook in the eyes of Jewish organizations and Ben & Jerry's boycotters for any controversy because they sold Israeli rights to the Ben & Jerry's brand and put out



A view of the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory and corporate headquarters

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a feel-good statement that doesn't even directly condemn antisemitism; rather, it condemns "any form of discrimination or intolerance" and asserts that "antisemitism has no place in any society."

The statement doesn't even stand against BDS; it says, almost as a disclaimer: "We have never expressed any support for the Boycott Divestment Sanctions (BDS) movement and have no intention of changing that position," instead of actually taking a stand against BDS.

Perhaps the worst is yet to come: Ben & Jerry's apparently now requires new employees to watch videos on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, at least one of which features Human Rights Watch Israel-Palestine Director Omar Shakir.

Shakir was expelled from Israel and participated in a June 2021 conference that also hosted participants from the likes of Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah, and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Refusing to sell ice cream in certain areas (limiting options for the Arabs whom the company purports to champion, no less) was not enough; Ben & Jerry's has now implemented an indoctrination system into new employee orientation. They somehow found a way to politicize something like ice cream, previously among the least politicized, least controversial industries on Earth.

Jewish Insider reported on Ben & Jerry's new system of indoctrination on June 13; it seems likely that Ben & Jerry's knew Unilever was about to sell brand rights in Israel, enabling the sale of ice cream in the entirety of the country, and acted preemptively.

Now is no time to rejoice with ice cream, but rather to continue holding Ben & Jerry's accountable — this time, for indoctrination. **JE**

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‘This Is Spiritual Work’

RELIGIOUS LEADERS LAY BLUEPRINT FOR REPARATIONS

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

When the Israelites fled Egypt, they were demanded by God to take reparations, Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein argues.

After generations of enslavement in Mitzrayim, before their long trek to the land of milk and honey, the Israelites were instructed to take back gold and their wealth; the Torah states, “Afterward shall they come out with significant property.”

To Bernstein, the story of God demanding that Israelites take back wealth from the ancient Egyptians is a central part of the story of Exodus.

Though a midrash from centuries ago, Jewish conversations about reparations — compensation for past harm, loss or damages — have bubbled to the surface in the modern-day reckoning many predominantly white institutions and individuals are having about racism in the United States.

For the Jewish leaders in Philadelphia that are starting conversations about reparations in their communities, beginning the process of giving reparations to Black Americans is urgent.

“My people are dying; my community [of Jews of color in Philadelphia] is struggling,” said Jared Jackson, founder and executive director of Jews of color advocacy organization Jews In ALL Hues. “So while you’re waiting to feel benevolent, our lives are diminished until you feel the need to say whatever words you need to say to yourself and others to get the ball rolling.”

On Juneteenth, Jackson, as well as Reconstructing Judaism’s Director of the Center for Jewish Ethics Rabbi Mira Wasserman represented the Jewish community at the Mayor’s Commission for Faith-based and Interfaith Affairs, in partnership with POWER Interfaith, the Truth Telling Project and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith leaders met as a call to action for religious groups to give reparations to Black descendants of enslaved people. Religious spaces offer the opportunity to talk about the underlying values that drive the practice of reparations.

“You don’t have faith traditions without people,” Jackson said.

In Philadelphia, there’s a push among reparations proponents to resolve tangled titles — which makes home ownership unclear by not guaranteeing the deed to one’s home is passed down to their intended heir if they do not have a will — an issue by which Black and brown Philadelphians are disproportionately affected, Jackson said.

Reparations can take the form of funding legal aid for those looking to protect their home ownership.

But persistent racism can be identified even within Jewish spaces, Jackson said. He uses the example of Jews In ALL Hues to show the past complacency of the predominantly white Jewish community to address monetary inequity.

Jews In ALL Hues relies on private donors and grant money to continue business, Jackson outlined. Though Jackson calls the nonprofit the oldest



Jared Jackson is the founder and executive of Jews In ALL Hues.

Courtesy of Jared Jackson

organization of its kind serving Jews of color, Jews In ALL Hues does not receive funding from the Jewish Federation, he said.

Instead, many Jewish organizations hold workshops about race and racism or invest in initiatives and task forces to conduct research on racism in the Jewish community, Jackson said. These efforts are often helmed by white people and do not fully take into consideration the needs of the people of color they intend to help.

“We need more than just people, mostly white people, studying us,” he said.

Though Jackson advocated for better funding of efforts led by Jews of color to address racism and build community, he’s quick to differentiate between funding and reparations.

“It’s beyond the dollar you put in your JNF box,” he said.

When organizations fund Jews of color-led efforts, similar to philanthropy, they receive a return on their investment in the form of a tax deduction of community programming the organization can hold with increased funding.

With reparations, white institutions and individuals must give back to people of color with the trust that the recipients will use the money for what they need it most, which may be invisible to the reparations giver, or it may not align with the giver’s values or agenda.

“If you’re giving reparations to Jews of color, the people to decide where the money is going, the people to decide the process, the distribution, all have to be Jews of color,” Jackson said. “There needs to be that trust that we will make the right choices for us, in a way that will look different than what white supremacy tells us is professionalism or philanthropic excellence.”

Before monetary reparations are given, there must first be *teshuvah*, Wasserman said.

Within the Jewish community, there must be an understanding of the harm inflicted on a group of people to know how to address it.

For the white Jewish community, this process is hard, Wasserman said. To begin with, many Jews don’t know about reparation efforts in the larger political climate. Others may not fully grasp the breadth and depth of anti-Black racism or don’t see addressing it as a Jewish issue.

Being a group that also experiences discrimination adds to the challenges of recognizing and addressing racism, Wasserman said.

“We have lots of concerns about antisemitism that take up a lot of our attention and energy,” she said.

In white Jews’ efforts to combat antisemitism, they can forget that anti-Jewish hatred comes from the same white supremacist roots as anti-Black hatred, Wasserman argues.

“In a sense, anti-Black racism and antisemitism are just sort of two faces of white supremacy and white nationalism in this country,” she said.

Before the recent Jewish interest in reparations for Black Americans, Jews tackled the topic of reparations after the Holocaust. Even then it was met with mixed opinions.

In 1952, Israeli and German officials signed the Reparations Agreement between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, in which West



Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin protests the 1952 agreement giving reparations to the budding state of Israel.

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Germany was to give money and resources to the budding state of Israel. Germany would also give payments to Holocaust survivors and direct descendants of survivors through the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

While German officials and citizens were either in favor of or indifferent to reparations, Israel had some of the most significant opposition to reparations, according to Thomas Craemer, a University of Connecticut professor of public policy who studies reparations.

Jews worried that accepting reparations from Germany would mean that the trauma and pain from the Holocaust would be “fixed” — addressed enough for Germany’s hands to be wiped clean of the genocide.

Wasserman uses the example of the Holocaust to point out that reparations go beyond just the individual receiving compensation.

“The reparations aren’t only for victims but for the whole society to recognize the wrongs and the society’s complicitness in wrongs,” Wasserman said.

“I get the feeling that reparations probably do have the power to change perspectives and repair relationships,” Craemer added.

Even after overcoming ideological barriers to address reparations, Americans have become para-

lyzed with how to practically approach reparations.

Members of Green Street Friends, a Quaker meeting, shared their blueprint for giving reparations in the Philadelphia area at the Juneteenth interfaith event.

“Our meeting house is located in Germantown, which is a predominantly Black neighborhood where the average household income is below the poverty line, but most of our members are upper-middle class white,” said Afroza Hossain, a founding member of the Green Street Reparations Committee. “So it felt like a very personal thing for our meeting to make reparations and repair some of the wounds of racial injustice that have been done in this country historically.”

Quakers draw on a similar value as *teshuvah*, using the value of “repair” to guide their reparations movement. They have had to undergo their own reckoning with racism as a predominantly white institution; William Penn, a Quaker who founded Quakerism in the commonwealth, owned enslaved people.

The meeting made a 10-year plan to give \$500,000 in reparations over the next 10 years. For the past six months, the meeting held six legal clinics at the meeting house, partnering with Philadelphia VIP and providing pro bono legal counsel for Black residents. They give money to residents who need home repairs.

The goal is to keep Black residents who have lived in the neighborhood for generations from being displaced. The Black members of the meeting decided on the effort to invest in this past year and will be the only meeting members to decide where reparations go, Hossain said.

Hossain believes that reparations is an active process. While larger bodies like corporations can give money, their ability to invest time and emotions into the practice of repair is limited. The “holy” nature of reparations — its foundation on community, trust and repair — is what makes it an obligation for faith-based organizations.

“This is spiritual work,” she said. **JE**

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Green Street Friends Reparations Committee created a 10-year plan to give reparations to the Black residents in their Germantown neighborhood.

Courtesy of Green Street Friends Facebook page

Leonard Cohen Doc will have You Saying ‘Hallelujah’

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

For a documentary to be worth your while, its subject needs to have historical weight. I think of some of the better documentaries or docuseries I’ve watched in recent years.

“Fiddler’s Journey to the Big Screen” was about one of the great movies of all time; “Woodstock 99” portrayed the ominous zeitgeist of the late 1990s; and “The Beatles: Get Back” showed the final days of an iconic band.

Going into “Hallelujah: Leonard Cohen, A Journey, A Song,” I was not sure if Cohen, a Jewish musician defined by a single song, would fit into that category. Was this man important enough for me to spend two hours learning about?

By the second half of this Sony Pictures documentary, the answer was surprisingly yes. Cohen was a vivid songwriter and a spiritual seeker who, with “Hallelujah” and its multiple versions and covers, captured something essential about the human experience. Who Cohen was, how he did that and why he was able to do it can be explained in three quotes from this movie, out nationwide on July 8.

“Leonard, we know you’re great, but we don’t know if you’re any good.”

According to Cohen in interview footage included in the film, this line was spoken to him by Walter Yetnikoff, the president of Columbia Records from 1975-1990. It was Yetnikoff who refused to put out the 1984 album “Various Positions” that included “Hallelujah” in the United States.

Yetnikoff didn’t like the mix, Cohen said in additional interview footage, and was convinced it wouldn’t sell. Before “Various Positions,” the singer-songwriter released five albums through Columbia Records. Yet the one that would include his greatest song was not even good enough to release.

The song and album, of course, came out in the United Kingdom, Canada and several other countries before becoming iconic in the U.S., too. But it was the type of classic that, through its many

lives and recreations, from Jeff Buckley’s 1994 cover to its inclusion in the 2001 hit movie “Shrek” to Alexandra Burke’s UK chart-topping rendition from the reality show “The X Factor” in 2008, transcended a single album release and radio cycle.

This was true of Cohen, too. He never had an album reach No. 1 on the U.S. charts. He never won a Grammy Award until his lifetime achievement honor in 2010. He may not have been any good, but he was great.

“It evokes some of the most primitive human desires, and it marries it with a concept that so many of us struggle with, which is spirituality.”

Brandi Carlile, the critically-acclaimed singer-songwriter, is one of the best interviewees in this film. About 75 minutes in, she explains why Buckley’s cover of “Hallelujah” gets to her when she sums it up with the quote above.

Earlier in the documentary, another interviewee says a review he was reading described Cohen’s career as “pulled between holiness and horniness.” Pulled between the spiritual and the primitive, in other words.

His lyrics in “Hallelujah,” which dig into both the transcendent desire for spirituality and the primitive desire for human connection, connect these two desires more than any of his other songs, and perhaps more than any song. And in their unification, as Cohen, Buckley and so many others sing, we can only say Hallelujah.

“You’re getting things that are so deep and so resonant in your own spiritual journey that you are benefiting from his. And that’s of course the highest compliment to a poet or a songwriter.”

Another good interviewee is Judy Collins, the singer-songwriter whose career spans more than half a century. Collins knew Cohen in the 1960s before he was a singer — back when he was a poet. She recorded her version of a song Cohen wrote on one of her early albums.

In the line above, Collins explains why Cohen was able to marry the primitive and the spiritual. He was, to



Leonard Cohen performing later in life.

Courtesy of Leonard Cohen Family Trust

put it simply, a poet.

Cohen published four poetry collections and two novels between 1956 and 1966, before his first album, “Songs of Leonard Cohen,” came out in 1967. While you can’t really answer the question of why poets and prose writers write, as there’s a certain inherent value and beauty to creation, Collins’ quote above gets about as close as you can to doing so.

But really, as Collins herself was alluding to, the answer was in “Hallelujah” itself. It’s a song that, for a reason that’s hard to express, gets people to stand and cheer and feel, in place after place, decade after decade, from singer after singer.

The man who created that is well worth two hours of your time. **JE**

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Dinner with Seoul

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I have written before about my love of Korean food. The cuisine delivers spice, complexity and a little sweetness. It lends itself well to carnivores and vegetarians alike, and with the right ingredients is quite simple to make.

When cooking Korean-style, I lean heavily on gochujang, which is a delightful blend of chili powder, sticky rice, salt and fermented soybean powder — a glorious red paste that makes everything taste good. Gochujang is increasingly available in traditional supermarkets, but if you can't find it, order it online or head to your local Asian grocery or to Chinatown to secure a supply.

We tossed together a delicious dish of spicy noodles to accompany some grilled chicken and zucchini, but the following recipes can be used with any protein or vegetable that you like.

Korean-Style Gochujang Noodles

Serves 2

A note on the noodles: I bought dry, packaged ramen from my local shop, but any noodle works here — fresh, dry, rice-based, even “zoodles” or spiralized veggies. Use egg noodles or spaghetti if that is all you have on hand.

- 1 8-ounce package dry ramen-style noodles
- 2 tablespoons gochujang paste
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 small handful fresh cilantro, coarsely chopped
- 1 scallion, white and green parts, chopped

In a medium-sized bowl, mix the gochujang, vinegar, soy sauce and sesame oil.



Cook the noodles according to the package directions until just al dente. Drain the noodles, reserving ¼ cup of cooking water. Toss the noodles in the sauce and, if needed, add a little bit of the hot water to distribute (you should not need all of the water). Sprinkle the noodles with the cilantro and scallions, and serve immediately.

Grilled Whatever ...

This marinade is wonderful on pretty much any protein: flank steak, chicken, salmon, tuna or tofu. For steak or chicken, you can let it soak for several hours or overnight; fish and tofu need less time to absorb the flavor — an hour tops. For fish especially, you don't want to overdo it or the texture will break down, and that is not what you are after.

This recipe covers about three-quarters of a pound of protein, which will feed two; it is easily multiplied for a larger crowd.

- 1-inch piece of ginger root, grated
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons canola oil or other mild oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar or honey
- 1 tablespoon mirin (or substitute sake, marsala wine or sherry)
- ¼ cup water

Mix all the marinade ingredients, and use as desired.

Zucchini with Seoul

Serves 2

As local zucchini is starting to come into markets and gardens, a few interesting recipes for this squash are a cook's friend this time of year. The traditional version of this dish uses a salted shrimp paste, but I have adapted it to the Exponent audience with the substitution of miso paste. If you don't have (or don't like) zucchini, any vegetable can be used here.

Just be sure to alter the cooking time to suit what you are sautéing. For example, spinach cooks very quickly, but carrots need more time in the pan.

- 1 large or two small zucchini, cut in half lengthwise, then sliced to make half circles
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 teaspoons miso paste (any type)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 scallion, white and green parts, sliced
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

Heat the oil in a skillet with garlic until fragrant; add the zucchini and miso paste and cook for a few minutes. If the zucchini and garlic begin to stick, add a teaspoon or two of water.

Add the remaining ingredients, and cook until zucchini is softened but not mushy.

Serve hot or at room temperature. **JE**



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ENGAGEMENT

BECK-MAHER

Shari and Jack Nahman of Yardley and Marcia and Tim Maher of Albany, New York, announce the engagement of their children, Jenna Rose Beck and Jason Andrew Maher. Jenna is the daughter of the late Jan Ira Beck.

Jenna is a graduate of Temple University and is a member relationship advisor at Sunmark Credit Union in Albany.

Jason is a graduate of the State University of NY at Oswego. He is a highway safety program analyst for the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

Jenna is the granddaughter of Ethel Cohen, the late Gerald Cohen, Elaine Beck and the late Lenny Beck. Jason is the grandson of Shirley Rabinowitz, the late Lawrence Rabinowitz, John Maher and the late Catherine Reynolds.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are siblings Ilana and Alex Hamilton, Ruth Salem and Seth Maher, and niece Isidae. The couple lives in Albany. An October 2023 wedding is planned in Philadelphia.



Courtesy of the Nahman family

WEDDING

ROSEN-RING

Matthew Carl Rosen of Bryn Mawr and Samantha Jean Ring of Tarzana, California, were married on May 22 at Quail Ranch in Simi Valley, California, officiated by Rabbi Susan Goldberg.

Matthew is the son of Dr. Mitchell and Janie Kowarsky Rosen and brother of Jessica Rosen.

Samantha is the daughter of Paul Ring and Rochelle Gabay and sister of Jessica Ring and Gabriel Boland.

Matthew is a graduate of Ithaca College with a BA in communication and film. He works as a talent manager at Rain Management Group in Los Angeles.

Samantha is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a BA in screenwriting and psychology. She works as a creative development executive of children's programming at Apple TV+.

The couple resides in Beverly Hills, California.



Photo by Todd Danforth Photography

BIRTH

MAX LOUIS NEMEYER

Eric and Cherina Nemeyer of Montgomery County announce the birth of their son, Max Louis, on June 22.

Sharing their joy are son Liam; Cherina's parents, Magno and Leticia Bansag; Cherina's sister, Monaliza; brothers Jay-Ar, Markjoseph, Markangelo and C.J.; Eric's sister, Roberta; and brother-in-law, Jim.

Max Louis is the grandson of the late Frank and Sophia Nemeyer, of blessed memory, and is named in loving memory of Eric's paternal grandfather, Max Nemeyer, and maternal grandfather, Louis Silber.



Photo by Eric Nemeyer

ANNIVERSARY

HEITNER

Jerry and Sandy Heitner celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their son Reese and daughter-in-law Debra's house in Jenkintown.

They also celebrated with their 3 other children, Sari (Eric), Nevin (Susan) and Ian (Gayle), and their grandchildren, Jake, Claire, Raya, Alex and Jonah. Other family members joined to commemorate the occasion.



Courtesy of Gayle Heitner

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Revered OB-GYN Saul Jeck Dies at 90

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Dr. Saul Jeck, the Philadelphia obstetrician/gynecologist who delivered more than 13,000 babies and taught countless students to do the same, died on June 16 at his home in Elkins Park. He was 90.

Jeck “graduated from South Philadelphia High School in 1949, the University of Pennsylvania in 1953 and

the Des Moines College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1957,” according to a death notice published in the Jewish Exponent on June 17. He went on to a 60-year career in his chosen field.

The Jewish OB/GYN, who belonged to Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel and Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, cared for women in Northeast Philadelphia from 1965-1990. In 1990, he became chairman

of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He also led PCOM’s OB/GYN residency program, which he expanded from four candidates to almost 30.

The doctor who was always on call did not wish to slow down just because he was turning 60.

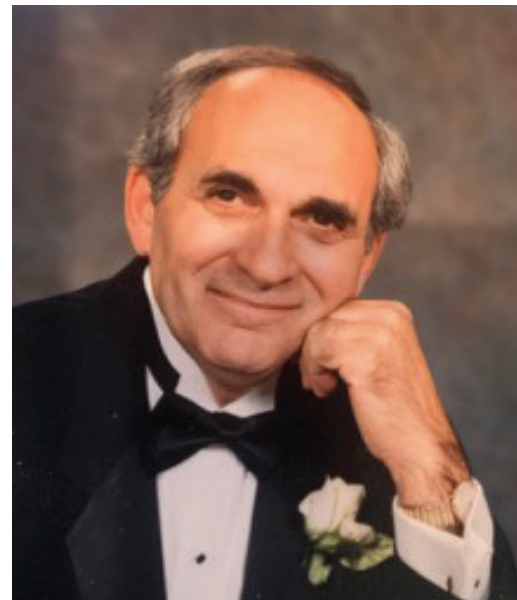
“When you talk to people, they don’t talk about his skill as a doctor. They talk about his demeanor,” said Jeck’s son Daniel Jeck, a lawyer who lives in Lafayette Hill. “They’ll tell you he was a compassionate, kind, very humorous person that made people feel good.”

Daniel Jeck, 55, called his father “one of the hardest-working people I’ve ever met.” The OB/GYN would work all day, take a call at night, go deliver two or three babies in the middle of the night and then see patients the next morning.

The father and son would be out together on the weekends, running errands or eating lunch at Roy Rogers. Then Jeck would get beeped and race off.

He told his son they were going to the hospital. When they got there, Jeck did what he had to do, and then went home with his son.

“You knew something pretty important and cool was happening,” Daniel Jeck said.



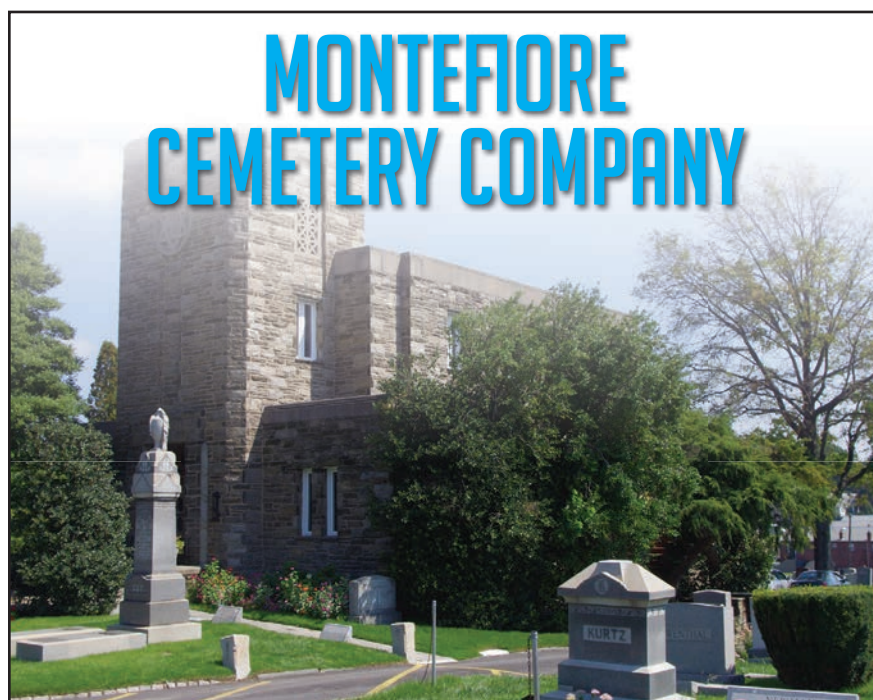
On one occasion, when Daniel was 14 or 15, he finally got to see it. At the hospital, Jeck put his son in a gown and invited him into the delivery room.

“He was like Superman,” the son said.

Through his intimate role, the OB/GYN built a deep connection with patients. Over his years in practice, he became a sort of local celebrity.

When he was in the mall shopping with Daniel, his wife Sheila Ann and their other son Charles, Jeck was often stopped by two or three people. The same thing would happen on the beach. According to Dara Jeck, Daniel Jeck’s wife of 25 years, the doctor’s PCOM

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BERGMAN

Morris (Maury) Bergman passed away in his sleep on June 14, 2022. He was born to Jules and Josephine (nee Mueller) Bergman. Beloved husband of the late Hinda May (Hink) (nee Lashner). Loving father to his daughter Barbara Jo (Bobbie) and his son, the late Steven Scott. Loving grandfather to his granddaughter, Cindy and his grandson, Jesse (Brittany). Great-grandfather to Emory Bergman. Morris grew up in the Logan section of Philadelphia. He met his wife when her family moved to the same block where he lived. He was the one who coined his wife’s nickname as he thought “Hinda May” was too long to say. So he nicknamed her “Hink”. He went to the Birney Elementary School and it made such an impression on him that later on in life, he would remember the school song and sing

it. He graduated Northeast High School as #1 in his class. He was drafted into the Army for World War II and was shipped to the Philippines as a medic. After the war he returned home to attend and graduate from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from Penn, he went to work for Rohm and Haas as a chemical engineer where he worked for over 40 years. He raised a family in West Oak Lane, making lifelong friends from Middleton St where he lived. In 1961, he moved the family to Elkins Park. Maury was a unique and special man in that he was born on Leap Day. He technically was only 24.5 yrs. old when he died. His interests included bowling, football, traveling, working with his hands and cooking and being a part of the B’nai Brith, William Portner Lodge. He was in the B’nai Brith bowling league which morphed into the

Spare Pins. Maury was affectionately known as the "Spare Maker" and he continued bowling until the age of 95! He loved football, was a longtime Eagles season ticketholder and took his family to Eagles football games for 43 years. Maury loved to travel as evident by his many trips to England and Scotland with his wife Hink. He was a very resourceful man. If he didn't know how to do something, he'd research it (by looking in a book) and then do it! In 1980, he bought a home in Cape May, NJ and fell in love with the city's restaurants and quiet casual lifestyle. Touches of his handiwork are still present in the house. He was an amazing man whose life's mantra was "You can agree with me or you can be wrong!" Contributions can be made in his honor to Wounded Warrior Project (www.wounded-warriorproject.org) or the Cape May Volunteer Fire Department (www.capemayfd.org).

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CLAVER

Marilyn Claver (nee Semberg), 90, of Wynnewood, died peacefully on June 11, 2022, surrounded by family. Marilyn was born in West Philadelphia to Jack and Rose Semberg on May 2, 1932. She enjoyed playing mahjong, vacations at the beach and sitting by the pool. Her favorite pastimes included cheering for the Phillies, going to the casinos, reading, needlepoint and knitting. A beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by her spouse of 65 years, Melvin and children, son Alan and daughter Lisa Bliss, grandchildren Melissa, Josh and Alyssa and Rachel, and her great-grandson Chase. No services are being held at this time.

DRATCH

Joan R, nee Lipshutz, June 28, 2022, of Elkins Park. Beloved wife of the late Nathan, devoted mother of Anne (Robert) Bermon and Fran Dratch (the late Barry Bornstein); cherished grandmother of Greg (Brittany) Bermon and great-grandmother of Haley. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joan's memory may be made to the American Lung Association (lung.org) or the Bucks County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (bucksblind.org)

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EDELSTEIN

Frederick Edelstein on June 27, 2022. Husband of Lorraine (nee Simon), father of the late Howard Edelstein and the late Philip (Bernadette) Edelstein. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Educational Center (HAMEC), 8339 Old York Rd, Elkins Park PA 19027.

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GROSS

Joan S. Gross (nee Silverman), age 91, passed away June 20, 2022. Beloved wife of Alan Gross, devoted mother of Patricia (Bill) Poulsen, Andrew (Lisa) Gross and Carol (Robert) Steinberg, loving grandmother of Kevin (Jennifer) Ackerman, Robin Ackerman, Sara (Alex) Zanetti, Allie Gross, Mitchell (Marci) Steinberg, Leslie (Joshua) Sirulnik, Philip (Caroline) Steinberg and wonderful great grandmother of James Ackerman, Elliot Steinberg and Asher Sirulnik. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life at a memorial service on June 23, 2022. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Temple Judea Museum Fund at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park PA. www.kenesethisrael.org

HURWITZ

Irvin, June 28, 2022 of Paoli, PA. Beloved husband of Janet (nee Leight); loving father to Samuel (Kathryn), and Rachel Hurwitz; adored son of Anita (the Late Alfred) Hurwitz; cherished brother to Fran Hurwitz. Contributions in his memory may be made to Abramson Cancer Center, www.pennmedicine.org/cancer; Congregation Or Shalom, www.orshalom.com; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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KAPUSTIN

Brenda (nee Fine), 82, On June 28, 2022. Beloved wife of Dennis; Loving mother of Susan Bruce (Gary), Wendy Wright (Jon), and Marcia Kerrigan (Tim); Dear sister of Richard Fine (Janice); Adoring grandmother of Sam, Jordan, Miranda, and Gabriella. A Philadelphia guidance school counselor at both H.R. Edmunds School and Baldi Middle School. Brenda led a life of service volunteering as the President of the Klein Branch JCC, President of her local B'nai Brith Chapter, and an active participant in civic organizations ranging from voter registration, veterans' affairs, and women's support groups. Brenda and her husband of 60 years, Dennis, traveled the world together exploring different lands, culture, and foods. She instilled this love for life (and her famous chocolate chip cake) in her children and the many students she hosted in her home from around the world. Brenda loved spending time with her children and grandchildren who strive to carry on her values of education, love, and service. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations in Brenda's honor may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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KOCH

Alan Koch passed away peacefully in his home on June 23, 2022. Born on July 22, 1927, He was 94. Preceded in death by wife Ruth (nee Worobe). Loving Father of Bart (Sippy), Gary (Roseann), and Helene (Harris). Grandfather to Spencer (Darren), Jennifer, Brittany, and Andrea. Loving Uncle to Beth Myerowitz and Joshua Sanchez. Dearest friend and companion to Meryl Doxer. He was truly a family man and enjoyed when we all got together for special occasions, for fun and especially for family meals. He loved to travel and visited all seven continents. He used his computer skills for businesses and for archiving at the Keneseth Israel's museum and library. Contributions may be made "In the Memory of Alan Koch" to "Dr. Joyce Wald/Cardiac Shock Team", 11 South PCAM, University of Pennsylvania, 3400 Civic Center Blvd, Philadelphia, PA.

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LEVINE

Sondra, June 25, 2022, of Jenkintown, PA. Beloved wife of George; loving mother of Louis (Colleen) Levine and Wendy Levine; Graveside services were held Sunday, June 26, 2022 at Roosevelt Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sondra's memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation (www.kidney.org).

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LIPPMAN

Gertrude (nee Segal) passed away on June 22, 2022. Wife of the late William Lippman. Mother of Dr. Norman Lippman, Rochelle Bell and Barbara (Dr. David) Tecosky. Grandmother of Meryl Tecosky, Stuart (Lauren) Bell and Dr. Sandra Tecosky. Private Graveside Services are being held. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Family and Children's Services, www.jfcsphilly.org, or to American Heart Association, www.heart.org.

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MEROW

Sonia "Sunny" Merow, on June 16, 2022, the beloved wife of the late Dr. Edwin L. Merow, loving mother of Mindy Merow Rubin (Alan), Joel (Christine Lischak) and Rabbi Andera Merow. Bubbie to Sam and Rachelle Rubin. Devoted sister of the late Lee Evans (Thomas) and the late Albert Bolinsky. Favorite aunt of Jody (Barry) Sysler, Robbie and Herb Migdon, Audrey Kramer, Steve and Melissa Kramer, Rhonna Solomon and many great nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Merow Family Mitzvah Food Pantry <https://www.bethsholomcongregation.org/form/merow-family-mitzvah-food-pantry.html> or The Jewish Center in Princeton, NJ www.the-jewishcenter.org or to Temple Beth Shalom in Needham, MA www.tbsneedham.org

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NEUMAN

Devora "Dora" (nee Mlynarski) of Elkins Park, PA died on June 8, 2022, surrounded by her close-knit

family. Beloved wife of Chaim Yehoshua (Hymie), z"l; Loving mother of Rochelle (Yossi) Brodsky and Baruch (Nechama) Neuman. She was the cherished Bubby to her many grandchildren and a devoted Great-grandmother of more than 50 great-grandchildren, who miss her dearly. She was born in Sosnowiec, Poland and raised her family in Logan and the Northeast. She was a Holocaust Survivor, whose family perished in the Holocaust. She was a member of the Assoc. of Holocaust Survivors. She volunteered at Klein Life gift shop, several shuls, and helped make kosher meals for the homebound. She was a member of Young Israel of Elkins Park and former member of Beit Harambam. "Bubby" as she was called by all, was our inspiration. She was a true eshet Chayil, had a heart of gold and was kind to everyone. She was known for seeing the positive side of everything and everyone. Contributions in her memory may be made to Bikkor Cholim of Phia., www.bikkurcholimphilly.org or Politz Hebrew Academy, www.politzhebrewacademy.org or U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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Dr. Herbert, June 28, 2022, of Bala Cynwyd. Beloved husband of Jafa (nee Priefer), devoted father Sharon Phillips (Edwin Lee) and Doron (Marla) Phillips; cherished grandfather of Sasha, Max, Zackary and Jory. Herbert was a professor and Chair of Finance at Temple University. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Herbert's memory may be made to Southern Poverty Law Center (splcenter.org) or a charity of the donor's choice.

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PLOTKIN

Marlene (nee Clearfield) on June 3, 2022. Beloved wife of David Plotkin. Also survived by loving nieces. Mrs. Plotkin was 80 years old and lived in Cherry Hill, NJ. She was a nurse.

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What's happening at ... Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

Keneseth Israel Starts a New Era

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

With its 800 families, 175 years of history and important programs like the Temple Judea Museum, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park remains one of the area's most prominent synagogues.

And this summer, it welcomes a new rabbi in Benjamin David.

The 45-year-old marathon runner is replacing the 67-year-old Jewish historian Lance Sussman. The latter announced his retirement last summer and formally stepped down on July 1, opening the door for his successor. Sussman led KI for 21 years after moving to Elkins Park from Temple Concord in Binghamton, New York, a congregation of about 250 families.

David, like Sussman, is leaving a smaller community for a bigger one. His former home, Adath Emanu-El in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, has a little less than 400 members.

In the weeks and months leading up to July 1, the two rabbis, one of Generation X and the other a baby boomer, spent time together.

"I think he's much more athletic than I am. He's a distance runner," Sussman said, laughing.

Endurance is a quality David will need if he's going to learn the dynamics of such a big community.

Sussman explained to him that inside KI, there are different cohorts. There's a preschool community, a religious school community, a social action group, an adult education group and a museum team.

Members "cluster around their interests," the older man said. It is on David to "learn all of them and how they work together," he added.

David must build a calendar in which every cohort has space to do its thing. But he also needs to find areas where different groups can cooperate.

"Can you bring religious school families in to talk to preschool families?" Sussman asked.

Sussman's other big lesson was about governance. Sussman has a Ph.D. in

American Jewish history and has taught such classes at Princeton University, so he compares KI's political philosophy to that of the United States.

"It's a congregation of, by and for the congregants," he explained.

David will need members to be faithful Jews who fill the pews, hard workers who keep the building running and philanthropists who pay for it all. To get that kind of commitment, he will have to continue to give congregants the say they have come to expect.

KI has a board of directors that decides on policy and a board of trustees that votes on budget items. The latter includes almost 100 people and acts as a sort of House of Representatives to the board of directors' Senate. The Elkins Park synagogue also has a senior staff of three leaders in the senior rabbi, Cantor Amy Levy and Executive Director Brian Rissinger.

Early on, David must learn how those branches "interface," as Sussman put it.

"To know the people. That is really core," the older rabbi added. "And to help them feel good on behalf of the synagogue."

Before moving to Jenkintown to lead KI, David served as senior rabbi for 10 years at Adath Emanu-El, so he is familiar with this process. He also grew up as the son of a rabbi, Jerome P. David, who led Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, for 47 years. The younger David even ended up at KI many times growing up; he was active in NFTY, the youth organization for Reform Jews.

If there was anyone who was prepared for this position, it was probably David. Yet he still found Sussman's counsel to be invaluable. He just described it as two men having a quality conversation "about what a remarkable community this is and what a privilege it is to be the rabbi there," David said.

David, his wife Lisa and their three children moved to Jenkintown in June. He chuckled when he described the transition as "brutal," with "a lot of boxes, time and schlepping."

Now though, he "can't wait to start," he said.

The new rabbi plans on spending his



Rabbi Lance Sussman

Courtesy of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel



Rabbi Benjamin David

Photo by Colin Lenton

first several months getting "slowly, slowly acclimated to this wonderful community and opportunity." He knows that he probably does not need to change much. But he does still have a couple of ideas based on his conversations with Sussman.

David wants KI's 10th-grade program to bring in speakers from different faiths. The rabbi also hopes to start an 11th- and 12th-grade program

in which he takes students out to four to six dinners a year so they can talk about life.

"He acknowledged that coming off of COVID, this is an area that's going to need attention," David said of Sussman. "Our kids got out of practice of being in the synagogue and being amongst their friends in the Jewish community." **JE**

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Filling in the Blanks

BY RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT

Parshat Hukkat

The word *hukka*, or decree, is associated with the word *haki-kah*, or engraving. The Torah is to be in our hearts like an engraving, etched into our very being — part of our very nature. Parshat Hukkat contains a rich array of rituals and key events in the life of Moshe (Moses) and our people in the wilderness years.

We have the mysterious ashes of the red heifer, a not easily rationalized ritual, from which our sages understood hukkim as laws often beyond our everyday understanding. We have Moses hitting the rock, costing him passage across the Jordan; Miriam and Aaron die after a lifetime of service to the birth of the people of Israel, no longer only the tribes. There are more murmurings amidst the populace just prior to an outbreak of poisonous snakes, at which time Moshe fashions a copper snake that helps as an antidote for faith and healing.

Yet, in the ever-unfolding cycle or spiral of a lifetime in which we engage and re-engage our sacred texts, it is the grand leap of 38 non-narrated years that takes place in this parshah that is often overlooked, given the powerful events in the parsha. It is into this

silence of years that I invite you to join me in a creative imagining of what Moses might have privately thought as he and the Israelites arrived and encamped in the Jordan Valley.

I offer this in our tradition of midrash, that our sages and people have done for centuries, of seeking out interpretations and imaginations to explore not only the written black letters in the Torah, but also the white space between them:

"I am opening my diary for the first time in decades, now that we are finally closing in our lifelong dream, one which most of my generation will not have lived to see in our forty-two stops since leaving Mitzrayim forty years ago. Where have the years gone? Not a word written of the last thirty-eight, except in my heart's silence, and in the knowing poignant look Joshua, Caleb and I exchange on occasion.

In the blink of an eye, the wilderness is no more. Fading memories of laying Miriam to rest, her sustaining waters ebbing away as our tears failed to fill in the drought that followed. Ah, bitter waters overcame me, Source of Life, and I struck the rock — consigning me to my generation's attitudes and a lapse of faith. Years of pent-up feelings burst forth, shattering the sustaining utterance You had been for me these long desert years. Then in sight of all Israel, Aaron's days ended as I took the garments off his aged torso and placed them on the shoulders of a new genera-

tion, which knew not Egypt."

"And now I too hear You calling me to sing a final song — a song I will only sing once with the breath still in me. Yet, I feel strangely relieved. It is as if all the losses, and my own shattering, has brought peace to my heart. I have finally become a free man. At first, I only felt remorse and grief — I would not taste the milk and honey of which we had dreamed. But now, with the future in firmer hands, I can spend my remaining days pouring out my soul to you without concern for status or merit.

I now see how hard I made it for Your people by agreeing to their demand that only I talk to You on their behalf. For in that moment, the intimacy you and I shared, was no longer theirs as well. I awoke today on the Plains of Moab, Jericho before me. Though I will not see the other side of the Jordan, I am no longer a stranger in a strange land. I am home, in You, once again."

What might your words be if you gave the gaps in your own life story, your own Jewish spiritual journey, a voice? What actions are important for you to take, not only ponder in relation to our world now that will help us all in our collective human journey toward the promise of a future that evades us now? What are the moments and events along the journey of your life that do not get mentioned or have been lost to time

that may hold wisdom and meaning if you reflected on them or with curiosity asked others about them?

May we all find what is deeply engraved in our hearts that connects us to a meaningful, just, caring and inspiring life. May we double down to stay engaged and work for laws that free people from oppression and control of their bodies or limiting their lives due to fear of violent aggression and murderous weapons, race, religion, abilities or socioeconomic class. The hukkim (the engraved laws) we established after leaving Mitzrayim were to do exactly this. May all our actions and choices lessen the sadness for the life un-lived and increasing the fulfillment and gratitude for the love, justice, and compassion we expressed and lived out in this one precious life. **JE**

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Jeck

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students would run across the sand shouting, "Dr. Jeck!"

Fifteen years ago, Daniel Jeck was interviewing a secretarial candidate for his law office. The woman told him she knew his last name because of his father. The OB/GYN had delivered both of her babies.

When Dara Jeck was giving birth to the first of her own two children, two people walked into her hospital room.

They asked if Jeck was around. They had heard that a Jeck was in one of the rooms.

Later in his career, the doctor got angry that he had to turn his back on patients to enter data into a computer.

"He didn't want to turn his back for any second on anybody," Dara Jeck said.

Jeck "got a kick out of being well-known," according to his son. Daniel Jeck said his father "had an ego, but it was a really healthy ego."

Superman was also just a man. He

sometimes complained about being on call all the time. But it also energized him. The doctor chose medicine over playing the violin and, as an adult, the instrument became his only hobby.

When he was not working, he tried to be with the family that he created with his wife of 64 years. As Jeck grew older, just as his career took on a second act at PCOM, his family life did, too, as he became a grandfather of four. The Jecks hosted the family at their apartment in Margate, New Jersey, and when the grandkids would arrive, grandpa would

immediately say, "Let's go to Lucy (the Elephant)!"

"I would say, 'We just got here,'" Dara Jeck recalled, laughing.

But they went anyway and came home with Lucy sweatshirts and faces stained with water ice.

One day in late June, Dara Jeck was at her father-in-law's house to clean it out when she ran into his neighbor. The woman told her he was "such a great man." **JE**

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JULY 8–JULY 14

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SUNDAY, JULY 10**JRA FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Join Jewish Relief Agency from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for junior and all ages food packing, as well as food delivery to allow recipients to receive assistance directly to their door, alleviating some of the challenges they may face, such as transportation, language barriers or access. **For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule, visit jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia.**

GRATZ LECTURE

Gratz College Summer Institute 2022 presents: "The Public Library in a Time of National Disunion" with Professor Andrew Nurkin at 1 p.m. This free online program is open to the public. **Pre-registration is required: gratz.edu/news-and-events/event-calendar/summer-institute-keynote-lecture.**

MONDAY, JULY 11**MAHJONG GAME**

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

TUESDAY, JULY 12**BINGO WITH BARRY**

Join Barry at Tabas Kleinlife for an afternoon of bingo from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on July 12, 13 and 14. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on July 13. **For more**

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**HOARDING SUPPORT**

Join Jewish Family and Children's Service and like-minded individuals from April 13-July 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., in a supportive community where you will learn tools to address compulsive acquiring and saving while deepening your understanding of clutter and how you got here. **To register or for more information on sliding-scale options, contact Rivka Goldman at 267-256-2250 or rgoldman@jfcspilly.org.**

THURSDAY, JULY 14**THURSDAYS AT THE J**

What do the '80s, baseball and cowboys have in common? Thursdays at the J. Presented by Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media and Kaiserman JCC, this film series will show three delightful, family-friendly films outdoors at the JCC every other Thursday, beginning July 14 until Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. **Visit phillyjfm.org/tribe-events/category/thursdays-at-the-j for more information. 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood.**

BEND THE ARC MEETING

Join Bend the Arc for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan, ideas for action and start thinking about your role in the movement. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30; **register by the Tuesday before: bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup.**

TALKING WITH TEENS

Abortion is a complicated and politicized topic, and your teen likely has questions, concerns and feelings about the implications on their own lives and reproductive choices in the wake of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling. Join Moving Traditions from 8-9 p.m. for "Talking with Teens: Reproductive Rights & Sexual Health." This free webinar is geared toward parents and educators of Jewish teens and preteens. All are welcome. **Register now: movingtraditions.org/raisingupteens. JE**

Out & About

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- 1 Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park hosted a Holocaust Survivors Day luncheon on June 27.
- 2 M'kor Shalom and Temple Emanuel congregants marched torahs from M'kor to Emanuel to symbolize the unification of the two Cherry Hill synagogues.
- 3 The Abrams Hebrew Academy, Kohelet Yeshiva and other local schools participated in the National Education Advocacy Organization's end-of-year effort to recognize school security guards by presenting cards, doughnuts and coffee to the guards.
- 4 Kehilat HaNahar in New Hope held a 10th anniversary celebration for Rabbi Diana Miller on June 26.
- 5 Sarah Lee, Lauren Wright, Gina DeAnnuntis and Amanda Moscillo from the Young Lawyers of Atlantic County collected and donated products to stock the food pantry shelves at Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties.

Meredith Klein

KEEPS TANGO ALIVE

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Jews started disappearing from Argentina around the same time tango dancing did.

From the 1930s to the '50s, tango, a style of dance and music that originated from the working class in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was in its golden age. Bands of a dozen members would play the syncopated beats and dramatic strings for dancers across classes. The social dance was popular beyond South America in European metropolitans such as Paris, Berlin, Rome and Vienna.

By the early 1970s, however, a military junta and national political disarray saw tango nearly disappear in Argentina. The military dictatorship was also the reason many Argentine Jews — including descendants of Sephardic Jews who fled Spain after the Inquisition — left the country for Israel or the United States.

Meredith Klein, the Jewish founder of the Philadelphia Argentine Tango School, is among the growing effort to rebuild the tango community, both in Argentina and Philadelphia, and she found Jewish camaraderie along the way.

Founded in 2008 and originally located on South Street, PATS has been the center of tango in Philadelphia, offering private and group classes, workshops and social gatherings for tango experts and neophytes alike.

Now in Fishtown, the school hosted the 10th Philadelphia Tango Festival last month. Klein performed with dance partner Andres Amarilla on July 2 at the Philadelphia Welcome America Festival, the first time the festival has included Latin dance.

Klein, 47, has danced tango for decades, partnering with Amarilla, who is also Jewish, for 17 years. After growing up in Narberth, Klein attended Amherst College and studied music theory.

A friend of hers was composing music and had just forayed into com-



posing tango, and he invited her to a workshop in the area. Klein immediately fell in love with the dance.

"We were both blown away," she said. "Blown away especially by the communication that's part of dancing tango, because tango is a totally improvised dance. With every single step, one person is proposing, and the other is receiving the information, and it could be anything at any moment."

Though Klein had a love of music at a young age, studying piano and voice, the discipline did not come easy to her. Her first time dancing tango, her instructor led her through a complicated step, but the ebb and flow of the improvised dance was intuitive to Klein.

"Because of the way you have to

listen to the music in order to improvise with another person, you kind of have an illusion that you're making the music," Klein said.

After dancing tango in the Boston area for several years after school, Klein moved to Buenos Aires in 2005, where she lived and danced professionally for three years. It was there where she met Amarilla and connected with a group of other tango dancers, many of whom happened to be Jewish and had relatives who fled Europe to settle in South America.

"We're from the same culture, the Jewish culture," Klein said. "The culture of being Jewish and valuing education and thinking a lot about morality."

Klein and Amarilla's shared Judaism

helped forge an "instantaneous" connection that transcended their time together in Buenos Aires.

After leaving Argentina, Klein and Amarilla toured and danced in more than 40 cities in short bursts of time. It was expensive to have long, drawn-out tours and stay in one place for too long. But after 15 years away from her Philadelphia-area home, Klein wanted to plant roots.

She returned to Philadelphia with Amarilla and opened PATS at a friend's sculpture studio on South Street.

Even without experiencing the political turmoil that precipitated the waning of tango in Argentina, Klein experienced the faltering and rebuilding of tango culture in Philadelphia.

The studio rent increased rapidly, forcing PATS to relocate. Around the same time, the New Kensington Community Development Corp. was trying to build an arts quarter on Frankford Avenue in Fishtown. Klein took the leap and bought the building at the current location of 2030 Frankford Ave.

"They were enormously successful," Klein said of the project. "They got all sorts of art space businesses to move in, and the art space businesses attracted lots of investment and people moving into the area."

But COVID, which limited the in-person intimacy and community upon which tango was built, threatened PATS' survival, though it tried its best to pivot to online events.

"The pandemic felt like a hatchet," Klein said.

As PATS works to rebuild its audience to pre-COVID levels, Klein sees a silver lining after more than two years of struggling: Supporters within the tango community have responded with generosity, paying beyond what is asked to keep the school and its programming alive.

"It could make you cry," Klein said. "It's so beautiful." **JE**

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in business under the fictitious
name of **Kent Mediation** :
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: Philadelphia County in the City of
Philadelphia :
Pennsylvania, 19107-4242 intends
to register the said name with the
Secretary of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania.
Dated at Philadelphia Pennsylvania,
this June day of 28, 2022

Notice is hereby given to all creditors
and claimants of the **Community
Care Center of the Northeast**, a
Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation,
that the corporation is winding up
its affairs in the manner prescribed
by section 5975 of the Pennsylvania
Nonprofit Corporation Law, so
that its corporate existence shall
cease upon the filing of Articles
of Dissolution in the Department
of State of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania. The registered office
of the corporation is 2417 Welsh
Road, Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA
19114.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pur-
suant to the provisions of Act of
Assembly No. 295, effective March
16, 1983, of the filing in the office
of the Department of State of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, an
application for the conduct of a
business in Philadelphia County,
Pennsylvania under the assumed or
fictitious name, style or designation
of Name: **FMC Dialysis Services
Graduate**, with its principal place
of business at: 1740 South St, Ste
100, Philadelphia, PA 19146 The
names and addresses of all per-
sons or entities owning or interest-
ed in said business are: Bio-Medical
Applications of Pennsylvania, Inc.,
920 Winter St, Waltham, MA 02451.
The application has been filed on
6/21/2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned, desiring to engage
in business under the fictitious
name of **Any Garment Cleaners** :
Located at 100 Spring Garden St
Ste 1 : Philadelphia County in the
City of Philadelphia :
Pennsylvania, 19123-3134 intends
to register the said name with the
Secretary of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania.
Dated at Philadelphia Pennsylvania,
this June day of 24, 2022

Ember Enterprises Inc. has been
incorporated under the provisions
of the Pennsylvania Business
Corporation Law of 1988.
Gibson & Perkins P.C.
100 West Sixth Street
Suite 204
Media, PA 19063

Notice to all creditors
ESTATE OF MARIAALICE
TAVARES aka MARIA A TAVARES
DECEASED
Notice is hereby given by the un-
dersigned, Valdemar T. Vieira 2345
Borbeck Ave. Philadelphia, PA
19152 executor of the last will and
testament of Maria Alice Tavares,

deceased, to the creditors of and
all persons having claims against
the said deceased, to exhibit them
with the necessary documentation,
within one year from date of first
publication of this notice, to the said
executor.
Valdemar T vieira Executor for
the estate of Maria Alice Tavares,
Deceased.

ESTATE OF BETTY KELLY a/k/a
BETTY LOU KELLY, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
on the above Estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who
request all persons having claims
or demands against the estate of
the decedent to make known the
same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment
without delay to ANGELA L. KELLY,
ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Brian L.
Strauss, Esq., Rothenberg Center,
1420 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA
19102.
Or to her Attorney:
BRIAN L. STRAUSS
THE ROTHENBERG LAW FIRM
LLP
Rothenberg Center
1420 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF CAROLYN PLATT
DECEASED of Montgomery County,
PA
LETTERS OF TESTAMENTARY ON
THE above estate have been grant-
ed to the undersigned, who requests
all persons having claims against
or are indebted to the estate of the
above to make known the same to
FRANKLIN PLATT, EXECUTOR AT
208 Fillmore Street
Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF CLIFTON CLYDE
CORBIN, JR., DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
LULA M. CORBIN, EXECUTRIX, c/o
Ronald G. McNeil, Esq., 1333 Race
St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585,
Or to her Attorney:
RONALD G. MCNEIL
1333 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585

ESTATE OF DENISE L. BOWEN,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
on the above Estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who
request all persons having claims
or demands against the estate of
the decedent to make known the
same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to COURTNEY CORRIN
BOWEN, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o
Tom Mastroianni, Esq., 415 Johnson
St., Ste. 102, Jenkintown, PA 19046,
Or to her Attorney:
TOM MASTROIANNI
THE ELDER CARE LAW CENTER,
LLC
415 Johnson St., Ste. 102
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ESTATE OF DI-NEFFA DIAMOND
RAMSON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
DENNIS D. RAMSON, 1909 W.
Somerset St., Philadelphia, PA
19132 and TINA L. BRIGHT, 1733
W. Juniata St., Philadelphia, PA
19140, Administrators,

Or to their Attorney:
DAVID V. BOGDAN
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Broomall, PA 19008

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

ESTATE OF DONNA M.
McKEEVER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
on the above Estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who
request all persons having claims or
demands against the estate of the
decedent to make known the same
and all persons indebted to the
decedent to make payment without
delay to MEGHAN A. McKEEVER
and AMY M. McKEEVER,
ADMINISTRATRICES, c/o Harry
Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd.,
Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to their Attorney:
HARRY METKA
4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF ELSIE C. EVANS a/k/a
ELSIE EVANS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
COLLEEN BLACK-COOPER,
EXECUTRIX, 523 S. Conestoga St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19143,
Or to her Attorney:
DANIEL BALTUCH
104.5 Forrest Ave., Ste. 10
Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF GLORIA QUICI,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
JOHN CAHILL, EXECUTOR, c/o
Vicki Herr, Esq., 14 S. Orange St.,
Media, PA 19063,
Or to his Attorney:
VICKI HERR
14 S. Orange St.
Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF HELEN TERZIAN
GALLAGHER a/k/a HELEN
GALLAGHER, DECEASED
Late of North Wales, Montgomey
County, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
JOHN GALLAGHER, c/o DIANE H.
YAZUJIAN, ESQ. P.O. Box 1099,
North Wales, PA 19454

ESTATE OF JOHN R. HENEHAN,
DECEASED

Late of the City of Philadelphia,
Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
on the above estate having been
granted the undersigned. All per-
sons indebted to said estate are
requested to make immediate pay-
ment, and those having legal claims
to present same without delay to:
Administrator: John H. Henehan
c/o Thomas J. Profy, IV, Esquire
BEGLEY, CARLIN & MANDIO, LLP
680 Middletown Boulevard
Langhorne, PA 19047
Attorney: Thomas J. Profy, IV,
Esquire
BEGLEY, CARLIN & MANDIO, LLP
680 Middletown Boulevard
Langhorne, PA 19047

ESTATE OF JOSEPH N.
MISURACO a/k/a JOSEPH
NICHOLAS MISURACO, JOE
MISURACO, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
JOHN COCHIE and ALAN SMITH,
EXECUTORS, c/o Kenneth R.
Pugh, Esq., 5401 Wissahickon Ave.,
Philadelphia, PA 19144,
Or to their Attorney:
KENNETH R. PUGH
JERNER LAW GROUP, P.C.
5401 Wissahickon Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19144

ESTATE OF LaGRACIA H. JONES
a/k/a LaGRACIA HENRIETTA
JONES, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
on the above Estate have been
granted to the undersigned, who
request all persons having claims
or demands against the estate of
the decedent to make known the
same and all persons indebted to
the decedent to make payment with-
out delay to DEBORAH A. JONES,
ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Ronald
G. McNeil, Esq., 1333 Race St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585,
Or to her Attorney:
RONALD G. MCNEIL
1333 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585

ESTATE OF LAURAL. MURTAUGH,
DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted
to the undersigned, who request
all persons having claims or de-
mands against the estate of the
decedent to make known the same
and all persons indebted to the
decedent to make payment without
delay to MICHAEL MURTAUGH,
EXECUTOR, c/o D. Keith Brown,
Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, PA
18940,
Or to his Attorney:
D. KEITH BROWN
STUCKERT AND YATES
P.O. Box 70
Newtown, PA 18940

ESTATE OF MARIE E.
HUTCHINSON a/k/a MARIE
HUTCHINSON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the
above Estate have been granted to
the undersigned, who request all
persons having claims or demands
against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
ROBERT W. HUTCHINSON,
EXECUTOR, c/o Harry Metka,
Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9,
Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to his Attorney:
HARRY METKA
4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9
Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF MARJORIE A. SMEDILE a/k/a MARJORIE SMEDILE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

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

ESTATE OF MAUREEN E. HELVERSON a/k/a MAUREEN HELVERSON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent

to make payment without delay to CHRISTINE HELVERSON, EXECUTRIX, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. STANTON a/k/a MICHAEL STANTON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DONNA M. TRASK, EXECUTRIX, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF MICHAEL T. GATLING a/k/a MICHAEL TRACY GATLING, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to CURTIS L. WALN, EXECUTOR, c/o Bruce M. Dolfman, Esq., 901 N. Penn St., F-2102, Philadelphia, PA 19123, Or to his Attorney: BRUCE M. DOLFMAN N. Penn St., F-2102 Philadelphia, PA 19123

ESTATE OF MICHELLE DELANGE a/k/a MICHELLE MARIE DELANGE MARCUS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JUSTIN MARCUS, EXECUTOR, c/o Gerard J. Woods, Esq., 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102, Jenkintown, PA 19046, Or to his Attorney: GERARD J. WOODS 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102 Jenkintown, PA 19046

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

ESTATE OF RHODA MARIA JACKSON a/k/a RHODA JACKSON-HARVEY, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION CTA on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of

the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SHERRY TYLER, ADMINISTRATRIX CTA, 3215 Oxford LN NW, Rochester, MN 55901-4175, Or to her Attorney: HENRY A. JEFFERSON JEFFERSON LAW, LLC 1700 Market St., Ste. 1005 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF RICHARD JAY MARCUS, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JUSTIN MARCUS, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Gerard J. Woods, Esq., 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102, Jenkintown, PA 19046, Or to his Attorney: GERARD J. WOODS 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102 Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF ROBERT M. SCHAEFFER Schaeffer, Robert M. late of Philadelphia, PA. Anthony Meli and Jeffrey Long, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., (201), Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Executors. Henry S. Warszawski, Esq. 413 Johnson St., (201) Archways Prof. Bldg. Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF STANLEY D. ZAWISLAK, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION

on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to STANLEY A. ZAWISLAK, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o William J. O'Brien, II, Esq., 4322 Main St., P.O. Box 4603, Philadelphia, PA 19127, Or to his Attorney: WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, II 4322 Main St. P.O. Box 4603 Philadelphia, PA 19127

ESTATE OF SUSAN ICE aka SUSAN M. ICE Ice, Susan aka Ice, Susan M. late of Philadelphia, PA. Alan I. Roomberg, c/o John R. Lundy, Esq., Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC, 450 N. Narberth Ave., Suite 200, Narberth, PA 19072, Executor. Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC 450 N. Narberth Ave. Suite 200 Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF THEODORE T. HOPE, JR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to HAKIM ABDULLAH, ADMINISTRATOR, 1802 Ontario Ave., Unit B, Atlantic City, NJ 08401, Or to his Attorney: DANIEL BALTUCH 104.5 Forrest Ave., Ste. 10 Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF WILLIAM COSOM Cosom, William late of Philadelphia, PA. Richard Cosom, Jr., 1220 W. Wyoming Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19140, Administrator. Mark Feinman, Esquire 8171 Castor Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19152

LINDA BOBRIN, ESQUIRE REGISTER OF WILLS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATE OF GRANT OF LETTERS

ESTATE OF GERALDINE K. SELTZER Late of Warminster Township Date of Death: June 9, 2022 File Number: 09-2022-02308 Whereas, on the 23rd day of June, 2022, my office admitted to probate to probate a/an instrument(s) dated the 19th day of August, 2015, known as the Last Will of the decedent a true copy of which is annexed hereto: Now, therefore, I Linda Bobrin, Esquire, Register of Wills in and for the County of Bucks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify that I have this day granted Letters Testamentary to Robert A Seltzer (a/k/a Robert Abram Seltzer), who has duly qualified as executor of the estate of the above-named decedent and has agreed to administer the estate according to law, all of which fully appears of record in my office at Bucks County Courthouse, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office on this 23rd of June, 2022. Linda Bobrin, Esquire Register of Wills



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Join us each month for coffee and conversation specifically for people with dementia and their caregivers.

What is a Memory Café?

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All attendees will adhere to proper COVID-19 guidelines including masking, staying socially distant and hand sanitizing.

Every Tuesday of the Month

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