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IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED the end of World War II and the end of the Thousand-Year Reich, members of Nazi military and police units, political bodies and the scientific establishment lived on. With the war concluded and their political project in ruins, they had choices to make about how they would spend the rest of their lives.

In some cases, they remained in Germany, serving in the post-war government; others moved abroad, living in varying degrees of self-imposed obscurity, or even anonymity.

Among the latter group, some of them found safe harbor in the United States, working for the U.S. government through the long-secret Operation Paperclip. Other former Nazis were able to come here through normal immigration procedures. The Office of Special Investigations estimated in 1979 that after the war, around 10,000 Nazis who had committed war crimes entered the

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▲ A woman told the Philadelphia Police Department that “three Middle Eastern males dressed as Orthodox Jewish men” had found out that she was Jewish and harassed her on the street.

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Antisemitic Fears Creating a Hyperawareness

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FOX 29 PHILADELPHIA ran a story about antisemitic harassment in Center City on May 29, with news spreading quickly after the story was posted, shared in a popular local Jewish Facebook group and picked up by a Twitter account run by StopAntisemitism.org, an online

antisemitism monitor.

“ALERT Philadelphia,” read a May 29 tweet from the account to its 21,000-plus followers. “- antisemites dressing up as Orthodox Jews are wishing women a ‘Shabbat Shalom’.” The tweet was liked more than 500 times and retweeted 349 times.

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With the pandemic seemingly winding down, mask requirements are starting to disappear, which is confusing in its own right, as a reader writes. Miriam suggests that when in doubt about whether to wear a mask, follow the lead of the people around you and be respectful of the situation in any case. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2021/06/07/dear-miriam-mask-wearing-more-complicated-than-ever/



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Marcella Hazan greatly influenced Italian cooking over the years, and food columnist Keri White favors her marinara sauce recipe because it's so simple. Only a handful of ingredients are needed — San Marzano tomatoes are the star — and all you really need to do is let it simmer for 45 minutes. Read Philcatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philcatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2021/06/07/marinara-sauce-a-la-marcella-hazan/

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Survivor Michael Herskovitz Dies at 92

OBITUARY

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MICHAEL HERSKOVITZ, a Holocaust survivor who spent the latter portion of his life speaking to audiences around the world about his experiences, died on May 30 at the age of 92.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center in Elkins Park released a statement mourning Herskovitz, who was a part of the institution for years and served on its board.

“We at HAMEC are so grateful that he devoted his time to educate so many students over the years about what happened to him and his family because of unbridled hatred he faced as a young

man,” the statement read.

Herskovitz spoke about his experiences at the White House, before Congress, the Navy and countless students.

Herskovitz was born in Botfalva, Czechoslovakia, to Pearl and Joseph Herskovitz, owners of the only grocery store in a small village with no radio. (Today, Botfalva is located in Ukraine). He was one of five children.

During the years of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia, laws publicly marking Jews and restricting their freedoms piled on. Herskovitz’s father, who wore a yarmulke and a beard, was beaten so severely outside of his grocery store by German soldiers that he was forced to close it soon after. As many as 277,000 Jews are estimated to

have been murdered during the occupation and, in 1943, the entire Herskovitz family was sent to Auschwitz.

Over the next few years, Herskovitz was shuttled between camps, sometimes forced into labor, as at Mauthausen, and sometimes simply fenced in, as at Gunskirchen. When he was liberated in 1945, Herskovitz, sick with typhus, weighed under 100 pounds. Reunited with an uncle, Herskovitz learned that his brother, Ernest and his two sisters, Helen and Malvina, had survived, but that his mother, father and little brother, Belala, were killed.

Herskovitz spent a few years in Canada with friends of his parents before he left for Israel.

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► Michael and Tonya Herskovitz on Michael's 88th birthday.
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CookNSolo Announce Lilah Event Venue

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RESTAURANT OWNERS and business partners Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook agreed that their respective b'nai mitzvah were pretty boring.

At Lilah, CookNSolo's newest restaurant and first large venue and catering business, they hope their guests' simchas will be anything but.

Lilah boasts more than 7,000 square feet of space that will be able to accommodate up to 250 seated guests in an industrial-style dining area, especially designed for weddings, b'nai mitzvah and other larger-scale events.

The venue at 1601 N. Front St. will open April 2022 and also will house the second location of their vegan and kosher falafel shop Goldie.

Despite working together for 16 years, Cook and Solomonov hadn't considered catering as a viable business

option; it seemed so different from running a restaurant.

When they saw guests proposing, celebrating birthdays and engagements and holding small receptions at some of their other restaurants, Cook and Solomonov began to reconsider.

Those occasions represent bright spots in a difficult industry.

"We're trying to provide people with special moments," Cook said. "When they choose our restaurant to celebrate these important milestones in their lives, that's like gold for us."

By opening a venue in a larger space in Fishtown (the former headquarters of Honeygrow, the fast-casual food chain), CookNSolo can more easily accommodate guests who wish to hold special events at their restaurants.

Solomonov believes that a catering venue will be able to add diversity to the ways in which

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▲ From left: Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook Photo by Michael Persico



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they get to serve their guests. From “a five-minute interaction with doughnuts and coffee” at Federal Donuts to “a drawn-out meal at Zahav,” “we want to be able to do it all,” he said.

Lilah, the Hebrew word for “night,” encompasses the feeling of jubilee that Cook and Solomonov hope to achieve at their new venue.

“Night is when the magic happens,” Cook said. “The sun goes down, and that’s when these special moments occur.”

CookNSolo’s Director of Events Neira Jackson hopes that Lilah will provide guests with an opportunity to use a venue that is more personable than a hotel ballroom. With exposed brick walls and an “airy” layout, Lilah will offer a modern take on an event space, she said.

CookNSolo have had the

idea for Lilah since 2019, but COVID-19 restrictions challenged Cook and Solomonov to reconsider how they wanted to run their business moving forward.

“We got a chance to really stop and reprioritize the things that were important to us as a restaurant group,” Solomonov said.

Zahav is now closed two days a week, and staff are paid a starting wage of \$16 per hour.

“We’re a better company, actually,” Solomonov said. “I feel like the style in which we serve, the way that we’ve prioritized guest experience and the team’s experience has really lined up nicely.”

“It’s OK to step out of the box, it’s OK to try new things,” Jackson added. “That’s the one thing that COVID did — it made us push our boundaries.”

Though Lilah’s small team of chefs is still developing dishes, CookNSolo plans on



A rendering of Lilah's exterior

Courtesy of Danielle Mulholland

creating an extensive, customizable tasting menu with both new fare and returning favorites, such as pomegranate lamb shoulder with crispy Persian wedding rice.

Guests can expect a carving

station, pita sandwich station and dessert buffet, along with traditional salatim, or salads, and inventive dishes such as foie gras baklava.

“We’re really excited for this new chapter,” Cook said.

“And to be this core part of this community: Philadelphia at-large, Philadelphia dining and the Jewish community.” •

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WHEN RABBI AND transgender activist Abby Stein was growing up in her Chasidic community, there was no word for “transgender” in her first language of Yiddish.

Stein said that she did not witness homophobia or transphobia in her community, but instead had no knowledge that queer or transgender people existed.

“I wish I had a teacher when I was 10 years old who would tell me how terrible trans people are, and that we’re going to hell,” she said. “At least I would have known that people like me exist.”

In her June 3 talk over Zoom,

“Journey for One’s True Self,” hosted by Hadassah of Greater Philadelphia, Stein chronicled her departure from her Orthodox Jewish community and the challenges she faced as a transgender woman.

She asserted that LGBT people in the Jewish community should not just be visible or tolerated, but celebrated.

“Tolerance is meant for lactose or for nuts, or sometimes, for the choice of your friend’s latke toppings,” Stein said. “Tolerance is not for people. People, we need to learn to celebrate.”

Stein, 29, grew up in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, the sixth of 13 children and a direct descendant of the Baal Shem Tov, the founder

of Chasidism. She attended yeshiva and became ordained as an Orthodox rabbi. Before

leaving her Chasidic community in 2012, Stein married, had a child and was divorced by the age of 21.

Her 2019 memoir, “Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman,” recounts her life up to that point and includes in the epilogue the story of when she came out to her father in 2015.

“My dad never knew the word transgender until I came out,” Stein said. “It wasn’t a matter of acceptance. He didn’t know that trans people exist.”

Though Stein remarked on the difficulties of LGBT erasure and lack of support from her family after coming out, she cautioned against

the belief that LGBT people have only recently existed in Jewish spaces.

“Regardless of how we have been treated, we have always been,” Stein said.

Stein asked her audience of more than 80 how many genders existed in traditional Judaism. As audience members typed “two,” “four,” “three,” “zero,” Stein looked shrewd. “I take no pleasure in saying what I’m about to say but ... you’re all wrong!”

Drawing on excerpts from the Mishnah from more than 1,800 years ago, poems from 13th-century rabbis and kabbalistic teachings, Stein assured her audience that she wasn’t making anything up: There are six-to-eight gender identities described in Jewish texts, each with their own



▲ Abby Stein

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Synagogue Admins Built Community During COVID

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The following week,

Wachstein, along with the other DVASA members, realized that things weren't going to be that easy.

Over the past 15 months, DVASA, a group of a dozen-or-so synagogue administrators across the region, went from meeting sporadically to Zooming weekly, sometimes more, trading tips and tricks on how to stay afloat during the pandemic — and forging deep connections with each



▲ A recent DVASA Zoom meeting

“As a group, we are incredibly willing to share our experiences and information.”

BRIAN RISSINGER

other along the way.

At first, DVASA members were emailing each other ceaselessly, trying to make sense of the rapidly changing climate. Wachstein made the snap judgment to host weekly Zoom calls instead as a way of exchanging information and supplies more efficiently: Where were people getting hand sanitizer? Disinfectant wipes? Were they supposed to be wearing masks?

Wachstein feared for his employees safely.

Brian Rissinger, executive director at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel and a DVASA member for 34 years, was challenged with laying off dozens of staff members.

Most shuls had to confront the operation of preschools. Many closed over the course of the pandemic and, when some reopened, administrators were tasked with designing procedures to keep both the children and staff safe.

DVASA's direction quickly pivoted when shuls began to close indefinitely.

According to Wachstein,

20-30% of American synagogues were expected to shutter during the pandemic.

Few administrators knew how to apply for federal Payroll Protection Program loans and feared the worst for their synagogues. One member gave the others a crash course in applying for the loans, another taught them how to receive The Employee Retention Tax Credit. Wachstein said the synagogues saved thousands of dollars because of it.

Rissinger explained that because there isn't a specific training regiment for administrators, some have backgrounds in business and facilities management, and others in social work or past leadership in their congregation.

“As a group, we are incredibly willing to share our experiences and information,” Rissinger said. “There's nothing gained by being tight-lipped.”

Beyond career credentials, DVASA members represent a diversity of Jewish backgrounds. While national organizations such as the National American Association of Synagogue Executives and

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“We haven’t heard of any other local group developing and holding force to provide this type of camaraderie,” said Robin Minkoff, executive director of Beth Sholom Synagogue in Elkins Park. She has been a DVASA member for more than two years, the entirety of her tenure at Beth Sholom.

Jill Cooper, DVASA’s past president and executive director of Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne for the past 14 years, believes that it’s DVASA’s commitment and connection to one another that sets them apart.

“We hold each other up, and we laugh, and we kibitz and we make fun of each other,” Cooper said.

Working up to 80 hours a week, Wachstein, who until recently was the executive director of Temple Siani in Dresher before moving to Baltimore, was exhausted. One day, he remembers being too tired to speak. By the end of the day, he had received texts, calls and emails from DVASA members, all saying they were there if he needed them.

“I don’t think any of us would have gotten through any of this without each other,” Cooper said.

After running a synagogue with closed doors for so long, Wachstein, with the help of DVASA, is finally figuring out how to open them.

Last week, congregants at Beth El Congregation of Baltimore, the synagogue at which Wachstein is newly executive director, were able to attend in-person Friday

night Shabbat services without having to preregister to attend. There were more than 100 attendees, and Wachstein swore he “could see smiles almost through their masks.”

Wachstein can breathe another sigh of relief. Between the two synagogues he worked for over the course of the pandemic, there were no workplace transmissions of COVID-19.

At this point, as administrators are busy planning high holiday services — online, in-person and hybrid — for this coming September, DVASA still holds meetings weekly over Zoom.

But Cooper hopes that doesn’t continue for too long: She’d rather have the next meeting in person. •

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Stein

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relationship to being male, female, both or neither.

Despite the textual evidence, Stein doesn’t believe she should have to use them to prove her existence as a trans woman: “I don’t think we need religious texts to justify who we are. I don’t like that. We need to learn to accept people because of who they are, because that’s the right thing to do.”

In 2016, Stein celebrated her bat mitzvah and naming ceremony at Romemu Synagogue in New York. She showed her audience a portion of the event via a grainy video clip. After the rabbi announces her name, Stein is nearly swallowed by congregants and clergy singing and dancing around her, rejoicing.

Since then, Stein helped found Sacred Space, a forum

for interfaith women and non-binary people to celebrate traditions and spirituality, and reclaimed her title of rabbi that she denounced after leaving her Orthodox community. She is working on a cookbook, another memoir and a television show.

Stein no longer sees her Judaism and queerness in contention with one another, and in her talk, which coincided with the first days of LGBT Pride Month, she wanted to make sure others did not see that way, either.

“Being Jewish makes me a better person and a better queer person; being queer makes me a better person and a better Jewish person,” she said. “And that is something that is worthy of celebration.” •

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HEADLINES

NEWSBRIEFS

Coaching Legend to be Replaced by Jewish Former Star
FORMER DUKE UNIVERSITY basketball captain Jon Scheyer will replace legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski when the latter retires after the 2021-'22 season, JTA reported.

Scheyer, 33, has served as Duke's associate head coach for several years, rejoining his alma mater in 2014.

Scheyer was an all-America team captain in 2010 when Duke won one of its five championships under "Coach K," the winningest coach in Division I college basketball history. Upon graduation, he played one season for Maccabi Tel Aviv and obtained Israeli citizenship.

A native of suburban Chicago, Scheyer has a Jewish father and had a bar mitzvah.

Science Adviser Takes Oath on 500-year-old Jewish Text

When Eric Lander was sworn in June 2 as the White House's science adviser, he did so on a 1492 version of Pirkei Avot — Ethics of the Fathers, a Jewish text of moral precepts, JTA reported.

Lander, who is the first-ever Cabinet-level science adviser, told Vice President Kamala Harris at the ceremony that the volume from the Library of Congress reflected his Jewish and professional values.

"The world has experimented with intolerance, with the view that everybody has to think like I think, worship like I worship," Lander told Religion News Service. "(But) the world experimented in 1492 with tolerance — with the idea that we would have a diversity of people and perspectives. I think the lessons of the 1492 era are lessons for today."

Lander is a geneticist who took leave from positions at both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

French Holocaust Denier Receives Five-Year Sentence for Making Death Threats to Prominent Jews

A French court sentenced a blogger who posted videos of himself calling for prominent Jews to be murdered to five years in prison, JTA reported.

The tribunal of Cusset, a town near Vichy, handed down its guilty verdict and sentence on June 3 to Ahmed Moualek, 53. He posted death threats against Gilles William Golnadel and Alain Jakubowitz, two Jewish lawyers, and also journalist Elisabeth Levy, La Montagne reported.

Moualek is a former associate of Dieudonné M'bala M'bala and Alain Soral, Holocaust deniers who founded the now-defunct Anti-Zionist Party a decade ago. He was among the party's founders.

Hebrew Israelite High School Football Player Forced to Eat Pepperoni Pizza as Punishment

A Canton, Ohio, high school football coach and seven staffers were suspended after they punished a kosher Hebrew Israelite student-athlete by forcing him to eat a pepperoni pizza, JTA reported.

The McKinley High School student was being disciplined for missing a weight lifting session on May 20. Coach Wattley Marcus and staff members presented the student, 17, with the pizza four days later.

"They order him to go into the gym. He sits in a chair," Edward L. Gilbert, an attorney for the boy's family, told Cleveland 19 News. "There is a pizza box on the floor. He picks up the pizza — they tell him he has to, as punishment, eat that whole pizza."

Gilbert said the coaching staff knew of the student's religious practices, which preclude him from eating pork.

The school district issued a statement saying it was investigating the incident. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

ISRAEL BRIEFS

Bridge to Temple Mount in Danger of Collapse
THE MAKESHIFT WOODEN BRIDGE leading from the Western Wall compound to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City is in danger of collapsing, The Times of Israel reported.

The Mughrabi Bridge leading to the Mughrabi Gate was built 15 years ago as a temporary replacement for an earthen ramp, then in danger of collapsing.

Engineer Ofer Cohen wrote to the Western Wall Heritage Foundation that, after examining the bridge, he noticed the wood is "in a state of extreme dryness and has many longitudinal cracks." He called for the bridge's replacement.

But the Times said building in that area might inflame tensions with both the Palestinians and Jordan, who would consider it a provocation against Muslims. The Temple Mount plaza houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque, considered the third-holiest site in Islam. Jordan and the Palestinian leadership don't recognize the site as holy to Jews, even though the first and second Jewish Temples once stood there.

Wildfire Breaks Out Near Jerusalem

A large wildfire broke out in Israel on June 4, The Times of Israel reported.

About 400 families were evacuated from Tzur

Hadassah near Jerusalem for several hours until firefighters gained control over the fire. Residents were allowed back into their homes later in the day.

Thirty-five firefighting teams and 10 firefighting aircrafts worked to extinguish the blaze; there were concerns that forecasted strong winds could spread the fire further.

That same day, a large fire broke out in southern Israel in a factory and warehouse near Be'er Tuvia, The Jerusalem Post reported. The complex makes and stores plastic goods. The fire was contained and prevented from spreading to other facilities nearby.

Honduras Opens Jerusalem Embassy

Honduras President Juan Orlando Hernández announced on June 3 that the country will open an embassy in Jerusalem after years of operating in Tel Aviv, The Times of Israel reported.

Hernández said the move "will empower us on the agricultural side, in the field of innovation and in the field of tourism." The nation already has opened a commercial office in Jerusalem; that breaks its long-held neutrality policy in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Israel plans to open a diplomatic office in Honduras' capital city of Tegucigalpa. It opened a temporary

office there in August.

In February, Honduras, which had difficulty in securing COVID-19 vaccines, obtained 5,000 Moderna shots that Israel donated.

IDF Breaks Up Smuggling Operation, Hezbollah Involvement Suspected

Israel Defense Forces foiled a firearms and hashish smuggling operation on June 2 and said the Hezbollah terrorist organization might be involved, The Times of Israel reported.

Security forces arrested an Arab Israeli father and son from Jadeidi-Makr in northern Israel in possession of 15 handguns, dozens of ammunition magazines and 80 pounds of hashish. The IDF said the contraband was worth about \$616,000.

A soldier operating a surveillance camera spotted the smuggling attempt by the son, who was carrying bags with the weapons and hashish. His father was found in a nearby car.

The IDF said it believed at least some of the pistols were meant for Hezbollah-orchestrated terrorist attacks, but didn't elaborate on how that conclusion was reached. Hezbollah is known for funding itself via drug sales. ●

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Criminals

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United States.

For years, much of the information known today about the existence of Nazi war criminals in the U.S. was unknown outside of the offices of the now-defunct Immigration and Naturalization Services. It wasn't until a campaign by Elizabeth Holtzman, a Brooklyn-born Harvard Law graduate who was only the third Jewish woman to serve in the House of Representatives, that public scrutiny was brought to bear on the phenomenon.

On June 16, Holtzman will deliver the 2021 Sol Feinstein Memorial Lecture on the Meaning of Freedom, an annual address held at Gratz College. Holtzman's speech, titled "Nazi War Criminals in America: The Historic Forty-plus Year Effort to Bring Them to Justice," will cover the legal and moral questions that vexed her and those who joined her initially lonely effort to identify and deport Nazi war criminals. The event is free and will be presented online.

Holtzman, counsel and co-chair of the government relations group at Herrick, Feinstein LLP, worked in the

administration of John V. Lindsay, a former congressman and New York City mayor, before she ran for Congress in 1972. Holtzman upset 50-year incumbent Emanuel Celler to become, at 31, the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. That record held until 2014.

Later in her career, Holtzman, a Democrat, would spend eight years as district attorney of Kings County, the first woman to be elected DA in New York City. She was the first and only woman to be elected comptroller of New York City, ran for Senate on several occasions and served on the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

A 2020 article in Tablet recounted the beginning of Holtzman's political career:

"She used her new office to ask 'unpopular questions' of those in power, probing the legality of military action in Cambodia ordered by President Richard Nixon and criticizing his deflective use of executive privilege. Sitting on the Judiciary Committee, she played a significant, public role in Nixon's impeachment."

In 1973, a man approached Holtzman with a tip. The INS, he said, kept a list of Nazi war

criminals living in the country, a list that they were content to keep and do little else with. To this day, Holtzman said, she doesn't know why she was the one who the man approached with that explosive piece of information.

"I mean, I was one of 535 members of the House and Senate," Holtzman said.

Incensed, but unsure of what to do with what she'd been told, Holtzman didn't move on the information until later that year when two articles in The New York Times corroborated the man's story, according to Tablet. The following April, during a congressional hearing involving INS commissioner Leonard F. Chapman Jr., Holtzman asked him flat-out: Was there a list of Nazi war criminals in the U.S.? He answered yes.

"I said, 'OK. I want to see the files,'" Holtzman recalled. "I didn't take their word for an end. That was just the beginning."

The following May, Holtzman held a press conference excoriating the laxity of the INS, and called for a task force to be created with the purpose of expelling Nazi war criminals in the U.S., with the goal of seeing them stand trial



▲ Elizabeth Holtzman

Courtesy of Herrick, Feinstein LLP

for war crimes. At first, it was a lonely fight; people simply could not believe that the government had allowed such a thing to happen, Holtzman said. But as her fight grew in prominence, many were willing to lend Holtzman their swords in order to slay the "bureaucratic dragons" that had slowed her down.

It wasn't until 1978, five years

after the initial disclosure of the list, that Holtzman was able to form a Special Litigation Unit. The Holtzman Amendment to the Immigration and Nationality Act, passed that year, "provided additional grounds for deportation and exclusion for individuals who collaborated with the Nazi government," according to lawyer Talia Zikel Lissner.

Her work was far from over, as Holtzman knew. The legal process of identifying, trying and deporting Nazi war criminals was a decades-long project. It would eventually outlast her career as an elected official; just last year, a former concentration camp guard named Friedrich Karl Berger was deported from Tennessee, an action made possible by the Holtzman Amendment.

"I'm not someone who gives up," Holtzman said. "I didn't know what was going to happen. All I know is that I had to keep fighting and pushing and prodding and cajoling and persuading." •

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Fears

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retracted, but the story remains posted without a correction. FOX 29 did not respond to a request for comment.

The affair tells a story about the current climate around antisemitism, one that Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia Regional Director Shira Goodman said is emblematic of the “whisper-down-the-lane” problems that can be created by social media furor.

“There’s clearly a heightened sense of anxiety and fear right now,” Goodman said.

According to the police report cited in the article, a Jewish woman was walking in the area of 21st and Sansom streets on May 28 when she was approached by “three Middle Eastern males dressed as Orthodox Jewish men.” They greeted the woman by wishing her Shabbat Shalom, a greeting that she returned. “When the complainant returned the greeting, the males stopped and said ‘Oh, you’re Jewish,’” the report reads. They began to ask her if she “had Shabbat candles for them.”

The woman walked away as the men continued to speak to her. She then ran into a nail salon and called the Philadelphia Police Department, who noted her claims that the offenders were “3 Middle Eastern males, 20s, dressed in all black Orthodox Jewish attire.”

On May 30, the woman issued a statement from her Instagram account, which was once again posted by the StopAntisemitism.org Twitter account. The three men, she’d been made aware, had actually been Jewish, not non-Jews dressed up as Orthodox Jewish men. According to several people familiar with the situation, they were local yeshiva students whose weekly Shabbat afternoon rounds frequently take them to the area where



▲ Yehudah Mirsky, a professor at Brandeis University
Courtesy of Yehudah Mirsky

the incident occurred.

“With the massive rise in antisemitism happening in America these past few weeks, my body and mind understandably went into fight vs. flight mode as I, along with many others, have been traumatically affected by current events in the Jewish community,” the woman’s statement read. “Word of advice,” she added. “Not the best time to approach and follow women walking alone inquiring if they’re Jewish.”

Preliminary data from the national office of the ADL’s Center on Extremism does indeed show “about a 75% increase” in national antisemitic incidents in the two weeks since the most recent Israel-Hamas conflict began, compared to the two weeks before, according to Goodman. And locally, the Israeli flag on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway was defaced on May 16, as reported by NBC 10 Philadelphia.

But preliminary data represents reports of antisemitic incidents that have not yet been verified, or at the very least, properly understood. When tensions are high, as

they have been in recent weeks, easily sharable, unverified reports of antisemitism can spread quickly on social media, regardless of their veracity.

Goodman cited an October 2020 incident where three Orthodox Jewish men at a Black Lives Matter rally appeared to have been harassed in an antisemitic fashion by BLM protesters. Before the facts could be verified, news outlets across the country ran with stories that mischaracterized the event; in fact, the Jewish men, who had come to observe the rally, but not to march in it, were harassed by Black Hebrew Israelites, not BLM protesters. To the ADL, false reports can represent misplaced fear and a waste of law enforcement resources.

“We don’t want to heighten anxiety if we don’t need to,” Goodman said. In an op-ed for the Jewish Exponent (See *Combating Surging Antisemitism Demands Both Vigilance and Fearlessness*, page 16), Goodman expanded on the danger of such reports.

“Law enforcement, government agencies, civil rights organizations and community leaders must trust us when

we sound the alarm about antisemitism,” she wrote. “If they cannot, then we will have fewer allies and tools to fight anti-Jewish hate, which will only lead to more fear and refresh the vicious cycle.”

Yehudah Mirsky, a professor of Near Eastern and Judaic studies as well as Israel studies at Brandeis University, said that Jewish people play a complicated symbolic role for Americans of vastly different political ideologies. During a volatile period, it can be difficult to quickly and accurately identify which of their expressions are indeed antisemitic.

“Antisemitism is clearly a more salient force in American society than we’ve seen in a long time,” Mirsky said. The widespread proliferation of conspiracy theories, hitched to the incentive structure of social media — share-ability and incendiary content — combine

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to create an environment where paranoia and anxiety regarding antisemitism reign.

People are “very not used to it and that’s why, understandably, it’s very, very rattling,” Mirsky said. ●

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Eshel's Welcoming Shuls Project



BY SAUNDRA STERLING EPSTEIN

ESHEL WAS FOUNDED in 2010 by Co-directors Miryam Kabakov and Rabbi Steve Greenberg more than a decade ago as a support, education and advocacy organization, working to create community and acceptance for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Jews and their families in Orthodox communities. We provide resources and sensitively and respectfully help open the doors of Orthodox congregations, schools, summer camps and youth groups, and are dedicated to supporting and validating LGBTQ-observant Jews and providing them a place in the communities they love.

With a generous grant from the Carpenter Foundation, Eshel has been continuing and growing its Welcoming Shuls Project to

assess levels of inclusion that already exist in the Orthodox community and to expand and facilitate greater expressions of welcome. In employing a non-judgmental process, interviewing religious leaders about their experiences and helping to clarify for them the needs of LGBTQ Jews, we have learned about the challenges posed by an apathy that may destabilize norms. Many of the conversations have generated a powerful mutual trust and shown incredible growth during the five years of this project. We have also expanded to include reaching out to camps, schools, youth groups and year programs in Israel and have been able to identify welcoming communities that have all of these resources. The Greater Philadelphia area is at the top of this list.

Our growing confidential database is available to help observant LGBTQ Jews to choose more welcoming communities. Our Greater Philadelphia Area includes 18 shuls/community spaces, schools, camps, medical and social support systems and everything one would need to live a meaningful and observant Jewish life. The database is not public, as discretion is

often preferred both by those seeking communities and our interviewed rabbis. Specific information is shared on an as-needed basis so that the data on a particular city, community, synagogue or rabbi can be available to help people navigate life choices. Increasingly, we have found allies who would also like to become active participants in these welcoming communities. To date, we have conducted 208 interviews and identified communities in 31 states in the United States and four provinces in Canada, as well as others throughout Israel.

The rabbis who have responded to our survey represent a wide range of rabbinic training institutes, from modern to centrist to more right-leaning Orthodox institutions. Of our communities, including those that are highly welcoming and others that are welcoming with some caveats:

1. 100% said LGBTQ people deserve to be valued and treated with respect;
2. 97% are aware of at least one member of their congregation or children of members who are LGBTQ;
3. 90% said that they had at

some point been personally involved with families who had LGBTQ members;

4. 93% said they would advocate for children and teens who came out so they would be able to continue in their schools, camps or youth groups;
5. 90% said that the life cycle events of children with LGBTQ parents could be celebrated in their shuls; and
6. 95% said that gay men receive aliyot and participate as leaders in the service, while many indicated that there are LGBTQ members active in their community leadership.

Just over 50% of the rabbis described their shul community as somewhat more relaxed, less judgmental than most other Orthodox communities. These are “big tent” Orthodox communities with a diverse membership body, whose focus on outreach and being welcoming is geared to attract those on a spiritual journey but who may not be ready to adopt full halachic comportment. In these environments, it can be easier for an Orthodox community to be more accommodating of differences in a general sense, including differences as related

to LGBTQ matters.

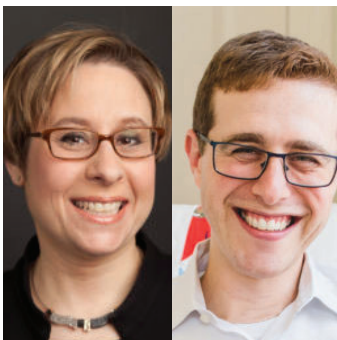
While many of these shuls and communities do have same sex/gender couples, transgender and non-binary members and are able to negotiate how their space works for them, these are the two main challenges to our cause in the greater Orthodox community.

Even so, it is clear that so much has changed in our five-plus years of this work and that more and more Orthodox shuls, schools, camps and communities are addressing the challenges that occur at the intersection of halachah and sexuality/gender identity. As this is a matter of ensuring the wellbeing of our community members and that an increasing number of individuals have people in their lives who are LGBTQ, we know that these conversations are now occurring with regularity in the Orthodox world.

And that alone is a positive development. •

Sandra Sterling Epstein is director of Eshel's Welcoming Shuls Project. Contact her at shulisrose@aol.com for more information on Eshel, the Welcoming Shuls Project and how to have your rabbi and shul interviewed or contact a community.

Combating Surging Antisemitism Demands Both Vigilance and Fearlessness



BY SHIRA GOODMAN AND JEREMY BARNETT

EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS ago,

President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously proclaimed, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” This was a bold assertion: America was in the throes of the Great Depression, which sent millions of Americans into destitution and suffering. Yet Roosevelt knew that the economic crisis was a problem that Americans could solve if they remained resolute, strong and united. He understood that the biggest threat to America was not the Depression itself, but the division, extremism

and inertia that would come from our nation succumbing to fear and anxiety.

Today, as Jews around the world are buffeted by a wave of vicious antisemitism, Roosevelt's words hold important lessons. Fear is not the only thing we have to be afraid of, but fear exacerbates the problems we are confronting. American Jews can defeat this surge in anti-Jewish hate as we have before, but only if we stay focused, vigilant and

undivided — and if we do not give in to fear.

Let us be clear: Jews around the world are facing a very real spike in antisemitism. During the two weeks of the recent military conflict between Israel and Hamas, antisemitic incidents in the U.S. reported to ADL increased by 75% compared to the two weeks before the fighting began. Incidents included vicious assaults on Jews in Los Angeles, New York and elsewhere, people harassed on the street with calls of “Death to

the Jews” and the promotion of antisemitic rhetoric, images and conspiracy theories at rallies, including in Philadelphia.

Since May 16, there have been more than 200 rallies protesting Israel, an unprecedented number, and while many did not include antisemitic language, much of the spike in antisemitic incidents can be traced to individuals attending these events. Jews found no safe haven online, where extremists across the ideological spectrum tried

to take advantage of the conflict to mainstream their antisemitism. Anti-Jewish hate ballooned on sites like 4chan, long a cesspool of hate, but also on mainstream platforms like Twitter, which hosted over 17,000 Tweets promoting some iteration of the phrase “Hitler was Right” during the first week of the conflict.

Placing this recent surge in the context of record-breaking numbers of antisemitic incidents over the last few years, it will come as no surprise to learn that American Jews are deeply concerned. A recent survey

better of us. Fear clouds our judgment, reduces our credibility, divides us and fuels a vicious cycle that undermines our ability to effectively counter anti-Jewish hate.

Fear has played a central role in the uptick in unfounded antisemitic incident reports that have circulated around the region and across the nation in recent weeks. Fear has led some to misinterpret their interactions with strangers as antisemitic incidents. Because our lives are entwined with social media, our first reaction is often to post about an incident so that others

If we want to defeat antisemitism, we cannot allow fear to get the better of us. Fear clouds our judgment, reduces our credibility, divides us and fuels a vicious cycle that undermines our ability to effectively counter anti-Jewish hate.

found that 59% of American Jews feel less safe today than they did just five years ago. Nearly a third of Jews have changed their behaviors out of fears of antisemitism, including avoiding Jewish institutions and events, refraining from wearing Jewish clothing or symbols and not identifying themselves as Jewish on social media. Thirty-three percent of Jews report trouble sleeping because of antisemitism, with smaller but still significant numbers reporting negative financial and psychological impacts from antisemitic harassment.

Indeed, these are frightening times, and many Jews understandably feel afraid. But if we want to defeat antisemitism, we cannot allow fear to get the

know and can share our experiences. This impulse, though well-intentioned, has fueled the widespread dissemination of unsubstantiated allegations of antisemitism, increasing levels of anxiety in the Jewish community. It has caused infighting and increased tensions and strained the community’s credibility with critical partners.

Unfounded reports of antisemitism are a serious concern for the Jewish community. Our ability to swiftly and seriously respond to antisemitic incidents relies on relationships and reputation, which are jeopardized by unfounded reports. Law enforcement, government agencies, civil rights organizations and community leaders must trust us when we

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Jews Always Speak Up for Everyone Else. Now’s the Time to Stand Up for Ourselves



BY ELISHA WIESEL

IN THE 1960S, the Communist Party cut the Russian Jews off from the Jewish people. They prohibited them from wearing tefillin or celebrating b’nai mitzvah or expressing support for the state of Israel. They intimidated and imprisoned them. And the Communist Party governed with one big antisemitic lie: The Jews are the enemy of the workers.

When my father, Elie Wiesel, visited, the Russian dissidents would ask him eagerly: How many in America are marching for us? And my father would be too ashamed to tell them how few there were. He wrote a book about it called “The Jews of Silence.” Many thought he was referring to the Soviet Jews, who had to study our sacred texts in hushed secrecy.

But he was referring to us: the American Jews who refused to speak up for their Jewish brethren across oceans and borders.

Today, we are still victims of a terrible antisemitic lie, one that well-intentioned progressives who care about justice have too often swallowed. This big lie seeks to turn the fire of the racial justice movement against its earliest supporters: The Jews are white, the Palestinians are Black.

The inconvenient truth for our haters is that the Jewish

people are not the enemy of the workers. Or of people of color. Or of social justice. And that the modern Jewish nation has sought peace with her Arab neighbors since before she was created in 1948.

The truth is that when half of our number finally governed themselves once again in their ancestral homeland of Israel, they built the socialized health care system that Sen. Bernie Sanders dreams of. The sons and daughters of the Ethiopian Jewish community, airlifted out of Africa by Israel in the 1980s, are reaching the Knesset and the Eurovision stage. LGBTQ Arabs can follow their hearts and their faith freely in Israel, and an Arab political party may yet be the kingmaker in this year’s elections.

The truth is that Hamas endangers civilians — Palestinian and Israeli — just to feed hatred. Their goal is the total eradication of the state of Israel.

And now, once again, too many of us have shamefully become the Jews of Silence. We have spoken up for every cause but our own.

It is time to shed our silence and speak with a loud voice.

If you have been silent because you feel Israel can take care of itself, think again. Your voice matters. Just weeks ago, Hamas fired thousands of rockets at Israeli population centers with the express intent of maximizing civilian deaths. Iron Dome is why there aren’t thousands of murdered Jews. Some in Congress are clamoring for the United States to defund it.

If you have been silent because you feel Israel can never have security without peace, then commit yourself to peace. And while you build this

critical common ground with our Palestinian cousins, speak up for Israel, which has given up land in the name of peace, most recently with disastrous consequences in Gaza.

If you have been silent because “antisemitism could never happen here,” then take a look around. It is no longer just the Lubavitch asking, “Are you Jewish?” to help you do a mitzvah. Roving gangs of anti-Israel demonstrators in New York and Los Angeles are asking the same question. They brandish knives. They throw fists, bottles and hateful words.

And if you have been silent because you felt you stood alone, I promise you that you are not alone. Over 30 years ago, my father and other leaders of the Jewish community convened a quarter of a million of us and our allies in Washington, D.C., to show solidarity with Soviet Jewry on Freedom Sunday.

It is now our generation’s turn to speak our truth: Neither the millions of us here in the United States nor our Jewish brothers and sisters in Israel are going anywhere. We will not bow to terror.

At the height of this most recent conflict, President Biden defended the dream of a two-state solution and directly spoke against the hatred at the core of the Hamas charter, saying, “Until the region says unequivocally that they acknowledge the right of Israel to exist as an independent Jewish state, there will be no peace.”

I am grateful to President Biden for standing with the Jewish people.

Now it is our turn. Let’s end our silence and join him. •

Elisha Wiesel is the son of Marion and Elie Wiesel.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

StudioLabs: How Israeli Teens are Shaping Their World Through Technology

STUDENTS AT THE DAAT SCHOOL in Otef Azza, Israel, have faced a radical year with unprecedented challenges. Not only must they deal with the day-to-day stress of living through a global pandemic, but also their close proximity to the Gaza Strip means living and learning in a war-torn environment — such as the most recent conflict between Hamas and Israel.

Yitzhak Shlomi, principal at the Daat School, recently had an English class create a “resilience dome,” where students can escape their harsh realities by producing live events and interactive content using novel software and hardware.

“The resilience dome can build and empower you, and that is helpful when times get difficult,” said Aviv, whose last name was omitted for anonymity, a 14-year old participant. “It changed the way I see myself and helped me learn that I can do things that I didn’t know I could do.”

The resilience dome is part of a larger Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia-funded Israeli initiative known as StudioLabs. StudioLabs is a traveling program, tailored for young teens to identify critical problems within their local communities and work with teachers and facilitators to address them through technology and storytelling.

These projects take place in the local Jewish Federation’s partnership regions of Netivot and Sdot Negev. The idea is to make learning experiential instead of passive and to focus the process on real-life problems. Through StudioLabs, students explore science, technology, art, creative expression, storytelling and other 21st century skills, empowering them to grow into strong leaders.

One of the main goals of the program is to foster strong roots or “place attachment” to communities, so that the youth feel invested in the future of their regions. By creating projects focused on unique challenges to a given area, StudioLabs encourages kids to find pride in their communities and view their neighborhoods with limitless potential.

“We introduce young teens to things happening in their community that they otherwise wouldn’t be exposed to,” explained Boaz Israeli, a StudioLab facilitator. “This provides them with pride, a stronger sense of belonging and resilience, because it changes the way they see opportunities.”

During one StudioLab project in Sdot Negev, participants created an interactive media campaign to promote a solution to pest issues which were wreaking havoc on local sunflower farms.

This project not only created a solution for a real-life problem, but it also exposed students to the possible career paths within agriculture, which they



▲ A group of students from Daat School in Otef Azza, Israel, take a break from working in the resilience dome to pose for a photo.



▲ A student from Daat School in Otef Azza, Israel, helps build the resilience dome's physical structure.

Courtesy of StudioLabs

might not have otherwise known. Defying traditional perceptions of farming, the experience revealed that there is an academic side, a food science side and a marketing side to the industry.

StudioLabs is open to all youth, but the real power within its mission is how it transforms and empowers the girls in the region. Women, particularly those who are religious, living in the Sdot Negev and Netivot generally have limited options when it comes to their careers. Combating this reality, StudioLabs provides girls with a supportive environment and women mentors in science.

In the more urban area of Netivot, a group of ninth grade girls spearheaded a StudioLab project to address the issue of food waste reduction through the production of a digital campaign. Praised for its systematic change on a local level, the girls presented their campaign to government officials and at an international conference for corporate social responsibility.

From strengthening identity to mobilizing change, the type of StudioLab project is dependent on the region and the people participating. Given all of these variables, one thing is certain: Wherever they take place, they function as an asset to the community and transform it into an incubator for innovative ideas and tangible solutions.

“The fact that the Jewish Federation helps enable these projects and that so far they have all taken place in our partnership regions should be a huge source of pride for Jewish Federation supporters,” said Tali Lidar, director of Israel and global operations at the Jewish Federation’s Israel office. “Through StudioLabs, supporters are helping to shape young minds and the way they navigate their world.”

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IF YOU'RE LIKE ME, you saw bathing suit season coming, and you went on a diet. You've lost some weight. Maybe you've already met your goal! Now what?

You can't go back to the way you ate before the diet, or you'll gain the weight back. But it's not practical to stay on a strict diet forever. You need an interim approach to eating, one where you can have some fun. Here are some tips:



▲ Fish kabobs
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Don't eat unless you're hungry. This sounds obvious, except that we all do it. Just because someone brings cookies to the office, is munching on chips or offers you a cupcake doesn't mean you have to indulge. Take a pass if you're not hungry.

Avoid snacking. Eat sensibly at meals to minimize hunger between them. For most people, 4-6 ounces of protein keeps hunger at bay for six hours. Lean protein, such as fish, eggs, turkey or skinless chicken, is healthier and lower in calories than beef, lamb and cheese.

Eat half of everything. If you eat half as much as you did before the diet, you'll consume half as many calories. Cut restaurant portions in half and take the rest home. Or share a dish with a friend. Order ice cream cones with a single scoop. Ask the pizza shop to cut each slice in half.

Limit caloric beverages. Fruit juices, sweetened drinks and alcohol go down smoothly but

really jack up calorie consumption. Water and seltzer are best for quenching thirst. Consume no more than one alcoholic beverage per occasion.

Maintaining weight is about making good choices, about being conscious of what you eat. You can eat most anything, just in smaller quantities and not all at one meal.

WHITE WINE SPRITZER | PAREVE Serves 4

This sparkling cocktail is a light summer indulgence.

For serving: 4 white wine glasses

- 1 chilled bottle of pinot grigio, sauvignon blanc or white Bordeaux
- 1 chilled bottle of seltzer
- 1 lemon

The best white wine spritzers come from super-cold ingredients. Place the chilled wine and seltzer in the freezer. Set a timer for 15 minutes and remove them both.

While the wine and seltzer are in the freezer, cut the lemon in half crosswise. Cut two thin slices from each lemon half into circles about 1/8-inch wide. There will be four lemon circles in all. With a sharp knife, cut away the lemon's flesh and discard or use for another purpose. Make a cut in each circle so it can be straightened into one long piece.

Pour 3/4 cup of wine into each white wine glass. Add 1/4 cup seltzer to each glass. Twist the lemon peels into a corkscrew shape and slide them into each glass. Serve immediately.

FISH KABOBS | PAREVE Serves 4

By Marcia Slaminsky

This is lighter alternative to a more meaty shish kabob.

Equipment: 6 (15-inch) skewers

Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice, about 2 lemons
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon fresh dill, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Kosher salt to taste

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and whisk them together until well combined. Reserve.

Kabobs:

- 1 pound salmon, cut into one-inch cubes, about 12 pieces
- 1 pound tuna steak, cut into one-inch cubes, about 12 pieces
- 1 red pepper, cut into one-inch squares
- 1 yellow pepper, cut into one-inch squares
- 1 onion, cut into 6 wedges, which will break in half
- 12 mushrooms
- 12 baby potatoes, boiled for about 3 minutes until softened but not cooked through
- 2 zucchini, cut crosswise into 1-inch rounds
- Nonstick vegetable spray

Assemble the fish and vegetables on the skewers, alternating them. Start and end each skewer with a square of red or yellow pepper. Brush the kabobs with the sauce.

To broil: Coat your broiler pan with nonstick vegetable spray and preheat the broiler. Broil about 4 inches from the flame for about 8-10 minutes. Turn the skewers while broiling and brush them with more sauce. Test to see if the fish is cooked through. Serve immediately.

To grill: Coat the grill with nonstick spray and preheat the barbecue. To avoid flare-ups, do not use the spray after preheating. Grill the kabobs for about 20 minutes. Turn the skewers while grilling and brush them with more sauce. Test to

see if fish is cooked through. Serve immediately.

CHOCOLATE BANANA BITES | PAREVE

Serves 4

A light and mostly healthy sweet treat.

- 1 piece of parchment paper
- 3/4 cup dairy-free, semisweet baking chocolate or chocolate chips
- 1 large ripe, but not overripe, banana

Line a small cookie sheet or other flat pan with parchment paper. Reserve.

Set up a double boiler with water in the bottom pot and the chocolate in the top pot. Cover it with a lid. Bring the water to a boil and stir occasionally until the chocolate melts.

Bring the chocolate to room temperature by removing the top pot from the boiling water. (You can rig a double boiler by placing a heatproof bowl over a pot and using aluminum foil as a lid. Follow the double boiler instructions.)

Meanwhile, cut the banana in half lengthwise. Cut each half crosswise into half-inch slices. There will be about 16 small pieces of banana in all.

Dip each piece of banana into the melted chocolate, covering about half of it with chocolate. Let the excess chocolate drip back into the bowl. Move the banana pieces to the parchment-lined pan.

Place the pan in the freezer for 3 hours or more, until right before serving. It can remain frozen for 24 hours. Move the banana bites to an attractive plate and serve immediately. ●

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'Golem' Considers Death, Associated Jewish Rituals

ARTS

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AT THE OLD CITY Jewish Arts Center, playwrights and theater artists Logan Gabrielle Schulman and Benjamin Behrend are trying something new: an art exhibition.

For Schulman and Behrend, who met as teachers at Congregation Rodeph Sholom before expanding their partnership, it's a totally new experience, one born out of calamity.

"The exhibition basically came about because the pandemic screwed up everything else," Behrend said.

"A Golem Sleeps and Wakes in the Mourning," which opened on June 4, is a combination of new work and reconfigured set pieces from previous performances of Schulman and Behrend. The exhibit runs through July 2 and features images, objects, filmed performances and interactive spaces.

On June 25 and July 2, the pair will present live performances called "Time, Collapsed" — complete with live musical



▲ From left: Logan Gabrielle Schulman and Benjamin Behrend
Photos by Noah S. Thompson

accompaniment, dance and puppetry — alongside public conversations with Aleida Garcia, founder of the National Homicide Justice Alliance; Roz Pichardo, founder of Save Our City Philly; and Benjamin Bass, who will perform in "Time, Collapsed" alongside Griffin Rowe.

"A Golem Sleeps and Wakes in the Mourning" covers many of the same themes that Schulman and Behrend explored in their virtual play, "Welcome to the Shiva House," produced during last year's Philadelphia Fringe Festival.

In that performance, audiences were made to participate in a Zoom shiva, led by Schulman and Behrend, for a fictional character named Sam Bloom.

"Golem" grapples with death and Jewish death ritual in a similarly participatory way, inviting audiences to look into a mirror covered in lace and tool around with an overhead projector. Sometimes the similarities between the show and the exhibition are literal, rather than thematic: Viewers can watch clips of "Welcome to the Shiva House" while they

flip through the program that accompanied it.

"This is basically a retrospective of our partnership over the past four years," Behrend said.

The exhibition, which came about after Schulman and Behrend answered an open call from OCJAC, asks viewers to think about themes like death, abandonment, gun violence, the pandemic and our responsibilities to each other. The names of children killed by gun violence in 2021 are written on butcher paper, rolled into the shape of a megillah; images beckoning viewers in from off the street are displayed on obsolete television screens. The Golem is a frequent touchpoint for the artists, as well.

Schulman and Behrend have given audiences a lot to chew on in OCJAC's cozy, brick-walled space.

Schulman, 26, studied religion and performance at the New College of Florida before receiving training as an actor at the Stella Adler Studio for Actor Training. Their work has been presented by the Chautauqua Institution,

the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Arthur Ross Gallery and Vox Populi Gallery, among other institutions. In addition to their work as a theater artist, Schulman nurses a deep love for puppetry, which is represented in several portions of "A Golem Sleeps and Wakes in the Mourning."

Behrend, 27, a Philadelphia native and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has worked with prominent Philadelphia theater companies like the Arden Theatre Co., InterAct Theatre, Theatre Exile and Act II Playhouse.

Schulman and Behrend's collaboration began in earnest in the wake of the 2018 Tree of Life shootings in Pittsburgh. As each of them struggled to understand how Jews as individuals and as communities should grapple with what had happened, they looked to one another for ideas.

They wrote a complicated play called "Elegy for a Lamb: A Revival," to which the No. 1 response was confusion. With those notes in mind, they reworked it into a new play called "Now at the End, Again,"

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Cantor Concert Comes Together From Afar

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CANTOR DAVID TILMAN was not used to conducting a choir he couldn't see.

Though his ensemble members were invisible to him, they were far from nonexistent. They relied on prerecordings of his conductings to guide them as they prepared for "Shir Hadash - A Virtual Concert."

On June 13, the Delaware Valley Region of the Cantors Assembly and Ohev Shalom of Bucks County will hold a virtual concert celebrating classical and contemporary Jewish songs. The event begins at 7 p.m.

The concert will feature 20 cantors, some with solos, others singing as part of an ensemble.



▲ Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo



▲ The Delaware Valley Region of the Cantors Assembly

Photos courtesy of Annelise Ocanto-Romo

Due to its virtual platform, the concert will patch together the choir parts of each cantor, creating a cohesive quiltwork of song for its audience.

To do this, Tilman, the musical director of the assembly, with the music playing inside his head, recorded videos of himself conducting group

pieces, being mindful of his invisible choir's dynamics, tempo and articulation. Using Tilman's recordings, members of the assembly then recorded

their own parts, some traveling to Ohev Shalom to record their pieces independently, but

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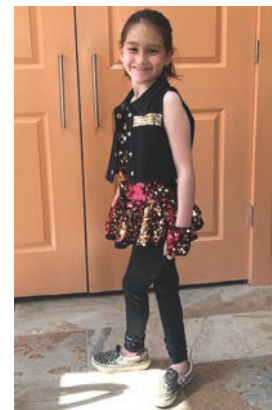
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Congratulations!

to Alexander (Teddy) Mazurek for receiving a doctorate in Classical Archaeology from University of Buffalo. His thesis is entitled 'By Land and Sea: Reconstructing the Culture of Etruscan Warfare'. Dr. Mazurek teaches at St. Bonaventure University.

Mazel Tov, Isabella!

We are so proud of our beautiful, sweet little girl.



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Golem

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which dealt directly with the Golem, shiva, gun violence and many of the themes they would explore together again.

Though much of "Golem" references previous theatrical work from Schulman and Behrend, the ideas they explore need not be given that context for viewers to get a sense for the questions that are being asked about death, mourning and community. Behrend hopes that audiences will walk away with a new critical eye toward "the way we express and exhibit grief, and how it succeeds and fails in our modern life."

If viewers exited "A Golem Sleeps and Wakes in the Mourning" feeling that they'd been in a place that had allowed them to mourn properly, Schulman said, "I would consider it a huge success." •

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Cantor

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in-person.

Tilman attributes his conducting ability to his familiarity with the two ensemble pieces he is conducting: Louis Lewandowski's "Hallelujah"/"Psalm 150" and Charles Osborne's "Samacht B'omrim Li."

With the help of a local production company, the discrete videos were transformed into cohesive clips that will be presented at the concert.

Though they've had to jump through several hoops to achieve a successful presentation medium, the assembly is excited to show what it's all about.

"Cantors are capable of much more than just singing," said Cantor Annelise Ocanto-Romo, one of the event's organizers and cantor at Ohev Shalom. "This is just a part of our Jewish soul that we want to share with everyone."

Ocanto-Romo hopes that the virtual concert experience

will give a broader audience the opportunity to experience Jewish music. Though the cantors are based in different areas, from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, to Bucks County, anyone can access the concert.

The assembly has prepared for more than six months. Ocanto-Romo hopes it will be an opportunity for celebration following a challenging year for the community. But for some, the concert also will be an opportunity to honor some of the hardships endured over the past year.

One assembly member, Art Katlin, is using his concert piece to pay tribute to his wife, Evette, who died from COVID-19 complications in January.

Katlin will sing his wife's setting of "Hashkiveinu," which won an award from Shalsheet: The Foundation for New Jewish Liturgical Music in 2004.

"Hashkiveinu" is a prayer for protection found in the evening liturgy. "It's as if God is sort of lifting you up, carrying you," Katlin said. "God is the wind beneath my wings, if you will."

He and Evette originally planned on singing the piece together. After her death, the piece took on new meaning for Katlin.

"That was the image that I had of Evette, that she was always with my family, like the wind that just went with us, carried us," he said.

The couple sang together for 40 years, beginning three years prior to them getting married. They met at a synagogue choir.

The loss of Evette Katlin was felt by the entire Delaware Valley cantoral community. Katlin's tribute to his wife and the vulnerability of cantoral music is something that Tilman hopes all will feel at

the concert, that the music will "open up the hearts of both the singers as the listeners."

Ocanto-Romo hopes the concert will give the audience not only a window into a cantor's ability to make music, but also into the deeply rooted impact she believes they have on Jewish culture.

"Cantors play such a pivotal role in synagogue life, but not even just in synagogue life, in the greater Jewish community," she said. "I mean, we are part of the life cycle; we're part of tefillah, of prayer within the service; we're part of our family's intergenerational connection."

To register for the event, visit the assembly's Facebook page for a link. Though admission is free, there is a suggested donation of \$18. •

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Korach, Racism and Pruning the Tree of Life

BY RABBI SHAI CHERRY

Parshat Korach

AT THE BEGINNING of each “Introduction to Judaism” class I’ve taught at college, before I even introduce myself to the students, I ask them to yell out things they know about Judaism. Since the vast majority of my students were not Jewish, much of what they knew about Judaism was from pop culture, their friends or grandparents or reading Anne Frank/Elie Wiesel in their high school history class’s Holocaust unit.

After a few minutes, the lists inevitably included bar mitzvah, bat mitzvah, not eating milk and meat together, Chanukah, monotheism and Manischewitz. There were a few others on the top 10 lists, but I circled those listed above in red ink and explained that none of these is biblical. Not one — even “monotheism” — gets an asterisk. Then I would introduce myself and say, “Your first lesson in ‘Introduction to Judaism’ is never to confuse the Hebrew Bible with Judaism.”

When we meet Korach in this week’s parshah, he is mustering his forces to challenge Moses for leadership.

Here’s his charge against Moses: “You have gone too far! For all the community is holy, all of them, and the Lord is in their midst. Why then do you raise yourselves above the Lord’s congregation?” Moses responds that the Lord will “make known who is His and who is holy.”

Who is holy? According to the Hebrew Bible, Moses prevails, but the Torah is short on explanation. It wouldn’t be unreasonable to conclude, based on their dialogue, that Moses is the holy one. But don’t confuse the Hebrew Bible with Judaism!

Unlike Christianity, Judaism doesn’t know of a chosen one. All humans are created in the divine image, which is the biblical idiom for the American creed that all men are created equal. Nowhere in rabbinic literature is there a claim that Moses is holier than his cousin, Korach. The rabbis categorically reject the possibility that Moses believed he was holier than Korach. The Midrash and Rashi (1040-1105) explain the disagreement between the cousins was rooted in a misunderstanding.

When Korach claimed all the community are holy, he meant, explains the Midrash, that all

the community had heard God at Mount Sinai. That experience conferred upon the whole people the status of holiness regardless of behavior. The Midrash and Rashi’s Korach believed that after Sinai, holiness is essential — of the Jewish essence — while Moses believes holiness is purely functional. It’s how Rashi explains what Moses means: “The Lord will make known who is his for Levitical service and who is holy for the priesthood.”

According to the Midrash and Rashi, God did not make the Israelites holy. God chose the Levites and Cohanim (priests) to serve the holy One at the sacrificial altar. Their miscommunication ended in tragedy. Korach and his gang were swallowed up in the sink hole of sedition.

Subsequent commentators used Korach’s rebellion to emphasize that holiness is a behavioral goal, not a given status. But the truth is more complicated. From the Torah to today, there have been those who view Jews as essentially holier than non-Jews. This strain is particularly prominent in the mystical vein of Judaism that runs from the biblical Ezra (Ezra 9:2) to

today’s ultra-Orthodox.

Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan maintained that the idea of a holy people, a chosen people, was irredeemable. It takes too much explanation to circumvent the simple understanding of the term, and the simple meaning of being the chosen people is racist. Kaplan thought the idea of the chosen people was better off relegated to a premodern time when it may well have been a net gain to help Jews survive a world where, too often, gentiles behaved in ways that could only be described as unholy.

In our times, Kaplan gave four reasons for rejecting the idea of chosen people: theological, God does not operate preferentially; psychological, it induces feelings of smug superiority among Jews; sociological, it prompts feelings of envy among gentiles; and political, it is undemocratic. All in all, asserted Kaplan, insisting on superiority smacks of an inferiority complex.

Here’s another reason. We Jews need to model that religious ideology, as our liturgy says, is a tree of life, not petrified wood. Sometimes the tree’s branches need pruning. The Catholic Church included Jews in its circle of the saved

in Vatican II. Wouldn’t it be a harbinger of the messianic days if Hamas were to change its charter and recognize the right of the Jewish people to a sovereign state in what was once Dar al-Islam, the abode of Islam?

Ezra’s racism shouldn’t be confused with how modern, antiracist Jews strive to embody our Judaism today. Let’s learn from Moses and avoid the potential for ugly misunderstandings. Let’s be explicit and retire the term. Pruning the trees of life lets the sunshine in. ●

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In 1948, he joined the army of the newly formed Jewish state, using his skills as an auto mechanic that he’d learned in Canada to fight for the establishment of Israel, and for its occupation of the Sinai in 1956.

In 1959, he moved to Philadelphia, where his sister Helen was living. He and his first wife, Frida, settled in their own home in West Philadelphia with their children, Pearl and

Eddie. Herskovitz worked as an auto mechanic’s assistant while his wife, a survivor who died in 2006, worked in a sewing factory.

Eventually, Herskovitz entered into a partnership that brought him part ownership of a gas station at City Avenue and Conshohocken Avenue. After 16 years, Herskovitz’s partner retired, and Herskovitz took over the entire business. He eventually

expanded his business to include Main Line Auto Center, shoe stores in Philadelphia, Ardmore and Miami, and the Main Line Taxi Co.

It was at one of his filling stations that Herskovitz met the woman who would eventually become his second wife, Tonya (Nowlin) Herskovitz. When she pulled into the station, in from out of town for work, she heard the same

heavily accented voice that she’d hear until the day Herskovitz died, and saw the same twinkly smile.

“Michael was a man of many, many wonders,” she said.

He “held no hatred for people,” Tonya said. “When people asked him how he could drive a [German-built] Mercedes, he would say, ‘These people that made this car didn’t

hurt me. They had nothing to do with it.’”

Herskovitz was predeceased by his first wife, Frida. He is survived by his wife Tonya Herskovitz; his children, Pearl (Jacky) Kouzi, Edward (Jean) Herskovitz and Mercedes Griffin; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. ●

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BIRTH

► LUCY ELAINE ROSENBERG

Nicole (née Kent) and Douglas Rosenberg of Collegeville announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elaine Rosenberg, on April 27.

Sharing in their happiness are grandparents Lisa and Robert Kent of Claymont, Delaware, Robert Rosenberg of King of Prussia, and Julia Rosenberg and Douglas Miracle of Phoenixville.

Lucy Elaine is named in loving memory of her maternal great-grandmother, Lucy D. Charles.

Photo by Nicole Rosenberg



ENGAGEMENT

► COHEN-BAUM

Jay and Betsy Cohen of Malvern and Rabbi Shalom and Debbie Baum of New Milford, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their children, Reba Cohen and Dovid Baum.

Reba is a graduate of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She works as a communications and marketing specialist in New York City. Dovid is a graduate of Marsha Stern Talmudic Academy in Washington Heights, New York, and the University of Maryland. He is a product designer in New York City.

Reba and Dovid are planning a December wedding in New Jersey.



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Buxco Teen Honored

CTeen, THE CHABAD TEEN NETWORK honored Bucks County teen Andrew Belder as one of its “8 Under 18” honorees for 2021.

Honorees are CTeen leaders “who have demonstrated remarkable dedication, engagement, and leadership in their own respective CTeen communities and throughout the INTL network,” according to the organization’s website.

Belder, who graduated from Council Rock High School South and will attend Temple University, organized interactions between teens and Holocaust survivors, led teens on volunteer efforts for the Jewish Relief Agency and ensured that CTeen programming continued through the pandemic.



► Andrew Belder
Courtesy of CTeen,
the Chabad Teen Network

He also is a swimmer and runner and raised money for the Travis Manion Foundation that supports veterans and their families.

Belder is a first-generation American whose parents emigrated from the former USSR, where his

great-grandfather practiced his religion in secret and where his parents were raised knowing little about Judaism.

“To me, being able to practice my Judaism openly and proudly is especially meaningful,” he said.

JEVS Offering College Prep Program

JEVS Career Strategies is again offering the Lasko College Prep Program free of charge to Jewish rising high school juniors and seniors who meet financial eligibility guidelines.

The program will offer two tracks this summer for college counseling and SAT test prep guidance. Each program is tailored to meet students where they are in the college planning process and offers evening classes.

The College Readiness track is geared toward rising juniors. The program includes 10 hours of group SAT test prep, 10 hours of group college-themed workshops and two one-hour individual counseling sessions with an educational counselor.

The College Prep track is aimed at rising seniors looking for guidance through the college application and financial aid processes. The program includes 10 hours of group SAT test prep, 14 hours of group workshops and unlimited individual college counseling sessions throughout senior year. An additional family Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, workshop is offered in the fall, as well.

For more information, call 215-832-0876 or email laskocollege@jevs.org.

Board of Rabbis Names Executive Board

The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia announced that its incoming executive committee co-presidents will be Rabbi Jon Cutler and Rabbi Greg Marx.

Cutler is rabbi at Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County in Eagle, and Marx is the rabbi at Congregation Beth Or in Maple Glen.

Its vice presidents will be Rabbi Beth Janus of Jewish Music for the Mind and Soul and Rabbi Adam Zeff of Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia, while its treasurer will be Rabbi Beth Kalisch of Beth David Reform Congregation of Gladwyne.

Prominent Attorney Dies in Boating Accident

Attorney Andrew Stern died May 29 in a boating accident off Longport, New Jersey, law.com reported.

Stern was a well-known trial attorney, particularly for his role in the Salvation Army building collapse litigation. He represented a woman trapped in the rubble after the collapse. Survivors and families of those killed received \$227 million in a settlement, which was the largest in state history, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. His client received \$95.6 million.

Stern also was the lead lawyer for victims of the 2019 crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 and in 2000 won a \$100 million medical malpractice case.

He worked for The Beasley Firm, then Kline & Specter. Earlier this year, he opened a firm called Stern & Crawford P.C. with Elizabeth Crawford. He was 60 and is survived by his wife and three children, Eric, 29; Jeff, 27; and Jen, 24, according to the Inquirer. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

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ADINI

Dr. Uziel (Uzi) Adini, age 83, of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on May 27, 2021 after a long battle with Leukemia. Uzi was born on June 23, 1937 to Leah and Yisrael Adini in pre-state Israel. He was raised in Tel-Aviv. He served as a sergeant in the Israeli Defense Forces in the heavy artillery unit. In 1962, he married Tamar Löw, and together they had two daughters, Ronit and Tali. Uzi earned a B.A. and an M.A. degree in the complementary fields of Bible, Hebrew Literature and Education, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He earned his Ed.D degree at Dropsie College in Philadelphia, PA. Uzi was one of the most renowned authorities on Jewish Education in the United States. Following 23 years as the Director of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College, he served as Vice President and then as a Professor of Education and Literature at Gratz College. An inspirational teacher, Dr. Adini had a profound impact on generations of students who remember him with affection and respect. Beyond his professional achievements, Uzi earned a well-justified reputation as a person of empathy, humor, warmth, and stirring intellect. He was beloved as a colleague, mentor, teacher, friend, spouse, father and grandfather. We will all miss his vivacious personality, amazing story telling and generous smile. Uzi is survived by his wife Tamar, daughters Ronit (Jeff) and Tali (Yoni), and granddaughters Shira, Arielle, Ilana and Amalia; and his brother Ami Adini. Donations in Uziel Adini's memory can be sent to the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

BANGIS

Priscilla (nee Tripler) Bangis died on May 30th, 2021. Wife of the late Asher Kaufman, the late Harry Zanan, and the late Irving Bangis. She is survived by her loving Family: Andrea and Harvey Berman and Jeffery and Susan Kaufman; Grandchildren Daniel Kaufman and Marion Boas, Amy and Greg Grossman, and Heather Berman; and Great grandmother of Asher Kaufman. Her memory is an inspiration for all of us and she was loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Roosevelt Memorial Park chapel and followed by interment. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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BELLER

Shirley Beller (nee Schnall), passed away on May 31, 2021. Wife of the late Mortimer. Mother of Rabbi Yisroel (Yocheved) Beller and the late Sharon Sternberg. Sister of Nathan Schnall. Grandmother of Julie (Steven) Bornfreund, Milka Baila (Ezra) Massre, Mindy (Matthew) Fingerma, Meir (Shevie) Beller and Yaakov Yitzchok (Nomi) Beller and Great Grandmother of 11. Sister-in-law of Frances Schnall. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, www.hadassah.org, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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BRODER

Robert M. Broder, Esq. on May 30, 2021. Beloved husband of Linda (nee Harris); Loving father of Melissa Broder (Nicholas Poluhoff) and Hayley Broder (Sean Jusko); Dear brother of Etta Rosenberg (Gary Polin); Adoring grandfather of Sage. Robert was a partner at Blank Rome and taught at Temple Law School for 25 years. Contributions in his memory may be made to Mont. Co. SPCA, 19 E. Ridge Pk, Conshohocken, PA 19428 or charity of the donor's choice.

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COHEN

Edmond F. Cohen, age 91, on May 28th, 2021. Loving husband of Ellen R. Cohen (nee Kerpen); adoring father of Susan (Ken) Segal and Nancy Cohen. Brother of David (Connie) Cohen. Grandfather of Sarah and David. Ed, a long-time advertising exec and copywriter, opened his agency AC&N in 1969, and handled both local and international accounts for over seven decades. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S
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GREEN

Marilyn Sue (née Shapiro) Green of Parkland, FL (formally of Philadelphia), passed away on April 22, 2021. She is survived by her beloved husband Leonard, loving mother of Sherri Green and Melissa Luboff (Alan). Extremely proud and loving Mom-mom of Austin, Amber, Alexa and Hunter Luboff. Beloved aunt of Linda Fox (Scott) and Mitchell Shapiro (Christine). Marilyn was the daughter of the late Anna and Abraham Shapiro. Loving sister of the late Edwin Shapiro (Rita), the late Harold Shapiro and the late Marvin Shapiro (Elaine). Marilyn was born in Philadelphia where she had her own party planning business which she continued when she relocated to Florida. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were by Beth Israel Memorial Chapel Delray Beach, FL.

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HECKLIN

Shirley Ruth Hecklin (nee Goldberg) passed away on May 27, 2021 after a courageous three-month battle with COVID-19 that showed all of us her tremendous inner strength and determination. Shirley was born December 31, 1936 to Abraham Jacob Goldberg and Alice Goldberg (nee Whiser) in New Orleans. She grew up and attended Fortier High School and Louisiana State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. She met her future husband, Oscar Bernard (O.B.) Hecklin, on a blind date; he was doing his orthopaedic residency in New Orleans. They were married in 1962 and moved to Wyncote, outside of Philadelphia, where O. B. joined a thriving orthopaedic practice as a surgeon. Shirley was predeceased by her husband O.B. in 1991, and by her son Lawrence (Larry) Evan (Mindi) earlier this year. She is survived by her daughter Brenda Suzanne and her brother Myron Saul Goldberg (Marcie). She treasured her two grandsons, Jacob Andrew Hecklin and Joshua David Hecklin. Shirley had an engaging, warm smile and always a kind word. She was proud of her Southern Jewish roots. She loved when her drawl was recognized and acknowledged and enjoyed her grits as a girl raised in the South. Shirley's musical talent brought joy to her family, friends and community. She performed piano for many years and was a beloved teacher. She was known to accompany her daughter Brenda, a classically trained singer, at home and at outside events. She is now an angel in heaven watching over us, in the arms of her beloved husband, O.B., and reunited with her son, Larry. She will be missed forever and always in our hearts. Contributions in Shirley's memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 555 Croton Road, Ste. 1111, King of Prussia, PA 19406, www.jdrf.org or Magen David Adom, www.afmda.org, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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HERSKOVITZ

Michael Herskovitz on May 30, 2021. Michael was born in a small village in Botfalva, Czechoslovakia in 1929. As a teenager he survived two years in the worst Nazi concentration camps, Auschwitz, Mauthausen, and Gunkirchen. Prior to immigrating to the United States in 1959 he lived for ten years in Israel. Michael fought in the 1948 war of Independence and the 1956 Sinai War. Over the past 30+ years Michael has been an educator on the Holocaust to students throughout the US and internationally. Beloved husband of Tonya (nee Nowlin) and the late Frida (nee Weig); Loving father of Pearl (Jacky) Kouzi, Edward (Jean) Herskovitz and Mercedes Griffin; Devoted grandfather of Jennifer, Avi, Michelle and Steven; Adoring great-grandfather of Noah, Talia, Evan, Ariela, Gabrielle and Michael. Contributions in his memory may be made to Adath Israel Youth Fund, 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station, PA 19066 or Holocaust Awareness Museum, 8339 Old York Road Suites 203/205 Elkins Park, PA 19027.

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LOWENTHAL

Dr. Judith Lowenthal (nee Nelson), June 1, 2021, of Elkins Park, PA; Psychologist for more than 45 years, wise teacher and loyal friend who touched the hearts of thousands of people. Beloved wife of Alan Morgenstein; loving mother of Jessica Lowenthal (Bonita Cales), Eric Morgenstein and Ariel Morgenstein; devoted sister to Robert Nelson; cherished grandmother of Eli, Asher and Parker. Contributions in Judy's memory may be made to the Colorectal Cancer Alliance.

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PARRIS

Thelma (Tamy) Parris (nee Kramer) on May 29, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Anthony; and the late Stuart Rubin. Loving mother of Ilene Silver (Larry) Berman, Connie (Steven) Berger, Donna (Richard) Solomon, Steven (Susan) Parris and Gary (Belle Scarpignato) Parris; Devoted grandmother of Jessica (Farrell), Shelby (David), Justin, Scott (Sarah), Daniel (Rachel), Joey (Jamie), Samantha, Kenneth, Laurie (Craig) Jaimie (Jeff), Danny and Jenna (Patrick); Adoring great-grandmother of Avery, Lola, Charlie, Miller, Carsyn, Lewis, Jerry, Dylan, Jordan, Sienna, Allison, Ethan, Jordan, and Taylor. Adoring sister of Jackie (Allan) Cheiken, and Howard (Cindy) Kramer. Mother-in-law of the late Lewis P. Silver and Andrea Parris. Contributions in her memory may be made to Trustbridge Hospice Foundation, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Bch, FL 33407.

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ROSENTHAL

Dorothy Rosenthal, 96, died June 2, 2021 in Houston, TX of complications from a fall. She previously resided in Broomall and Norristown PA. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband Rudolph Rosenthal, and is survived by her children David (Joan) Rosenthal and Janet (Bill Carpenter) Cohn and grandchildren Jackie, Maria and Victor Rosenthal and Shoshana and Harrison Cohn. Dorothy was known for her outgoing, bubbly personality. She brought joy to people with her laughter, always put others first, and was a devoted friend to many. She enjoyed hosting holiday get-togethers and was an avid bridge player and reader. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Houston Hospice. We will miss you Mom and Grandmom!

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SENDER

Eva Sender lived a full life for 110 years. She died peacefully after a short illness on Saturday, May 1, 2021. She enjoyed living at Lafayette Holy Redeemer and being with her many friends and staff there. Eva enjoyed ceramics, sculpting, exercising, playing tennis, travel, and bridge. Only ten years ago she was caught reading a book to improve her bridge game. She could always suggest a good book and liked us to make recommendations for her reading. She had a lively sense of humor and loved to laugh. Harold Stern, her first cousin, would come down from Connecticut and celebrate the centenarian luncheon where she was the oldest, and only resident still living independently. We would go to the Marco Polo restaurant for lunch and after that we schmoozed in her lovely decorated large apartment. Eva was very happy she got to vote in the November 2020 election! Eva was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Henry, her parents, her sister who she loved dearly and lost too early, and her cousin Bill Levine. She is survived by her cousin, Harold Stern (Sandra), her tireless and loyal friend, Stan Dezure (Susan) and many great-cousins. Eva is buried in Montefiore Cemetery in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, next to Henry.

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SHELANSKY

Estelle Shelansky died May 26th peacefully surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her loving Family, Husband Bill Shelansky, Sister Cynthia, Brother Stewart (Arlene) Liebman; Children Audrey (Jim), Mike (Marcie), and Lori; Grandchildren Rachel, Matt (Erica), Melissa, Andrew, Robert, Chaz, and Great Grand Children Owen, Jillian, Caleb, Jack, Adriana, and Maddie. Her memory is an inspiration for all of us and she was loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were held on Sunday May 30, 2021 at Roosevelt Memorial Park chapel and followed by interment.

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SNYDER

Miriam H. Snyder nee Marder. May 31, 2021. Wife of the late Oscar. Mother of Hon. A. Michael Snyder (Ret) (Wendy Sill). Grandmother of Rabbi Joshua M. Snyder (Dr. Nicole Ryan). Great grandmother of Shalva, Ayelet, Nava, Luke and Lilly. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, 1518 Walnut Street, Suite 402, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102 or Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, MD 21204.

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sound the alarm about antisemitism. If they cannot, then we will have fewer allies and tools to fight anti-Jewish hate, which will only lead to more fear and refresh the vicious cycle.

We must stay united and focused on fighting antisemitism. Reporting antisemitic incidents is an essential piece to combating anti-Jewish hate. So how can we ensure we are reporting acts of antisemitism without inadvertently promoting unfounded allegations and contributing to the cycle of fear?

If you personally experience an antisemitic incident, document the event, report it to your rabbi, the ADL and, if you believe you are in danger

or the victim of a crime, to law enforcement. Importantly, wait to post it to social media until you get support and guidance. If you hear about an incident or read about one on social media, please do not share it. Instead, reach out privately to offer support and learn more, and encourage the victim to report it to the proper authorities. If you do not personally know the person who is claiming an incident occurred, talk to whomever you learned about it from and determine if they can encourage the victim to make an official report. More broadly, community members and allies should come together to take proactive

and positive action, engaging in education, advocacy and outreach to build essential and informed relationships with key partners.

In these trying times, there is certainly more to fear than fear itself. But fear complicates our efforts to fight antisemitism. If we can reject fear, stand together, stay vigilant and focused, we can bring the energy, creativity and community needed to defeat anti-Jewish hate. •

Shira Goodman is the regional director and Jeremy Bannett is the senior associate regional director of the ADL's Philadelphia Regional Office.



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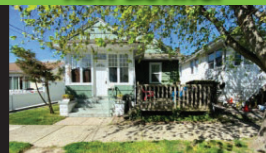
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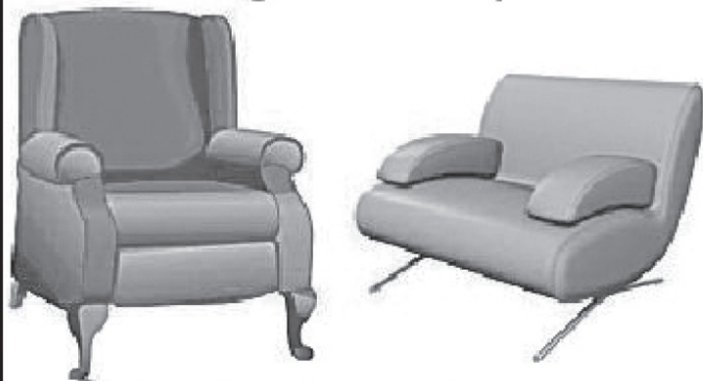
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To: All putative fathers
A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on March 16, 2021, in Philadelphia, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held via video conference, using the Zoom Cloud meeting program/app before Judge Barron, on June 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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Or to their Attorney:
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▲ From left: David Schultz, Marg Rosenblatt, Andrea Steinberg and Steve Cheifetz
Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties

On May 27, numerous national Jewish organizations convened for a virtual Day of Action Against Antisemitism. American political leaders like U.S. Sens. Chuck Schumer and Mitch McConnell joined leaders of Jewish organizations to condemn recent instances of antisemitism.



▲ Rep. Ted Deutch, a Democrat from Florida with roots in the Philadelphia area, spoke during the Day of Action Against Antisemitism.



▲ Rabbi Deborah Waxman, president of Reconstructing Judaism and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, also spoke during the event.
Screenshots by Jesse Bernstein

COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Cantor Concert

The **Delaware Valley Region of the Cantors Assembly**, in partnership with **Ohev Shalom of Bucks County**, will host "Shir Hadash – A Virtual Concert" at 7 p.m. The program will include the region's ensemble, conducted by Hazzan David Tilman, along with individual and small group performances. In all, 20 cantors will lend their voices to this artistic offering. Admission is free, yet a donation of \$18 is suggested. Contact the Cantors Assembly at hazzanatu@aol.com for details.

▼ TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Genocide Discussion

This four-session course sponsored by **Golden Slipper Gems** will examine the particular history of the U.N.'s 1948/2002 definition of genocide. It will also propose a new paradigm for understanding genocide, based on a cross-disciplinary approach to this complex

human phenomenon. Tim Horner of Villanova University's Center for Peace and Justice Education is the instructor. 11 a.m. Call 610-359-8632 or visit goldenslippergems.org for more information.

Book Club

In "The Orchard," Israeli novelist Yochi Brandes assumes the narrative viewpoint of Rachel, the wife of the mystical, at times radical, Rabbi Akiva, in the period just after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Rabbi Eric Yanoff of **Adath Israel on the Main Line** leads the discussion at 11 a.m. in this **Golden Slipper Gems** program. Call 610-359-8632 or visit goldenslippergems.org for more information.

▼ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Bereavement Group

For the post-bereaved, held at **Northeast NORC**, 8546B Bustleton Ave. in Philadelphia from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge, Email rivkapowers@

gmail.com or call 215-320-0351 to register.

LGBTQ Support Group

This support group by **Jewish Family and Children's Service** is for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. 6:30 p.m. RSVP at jfcshilly.org/supportgroups. A zoom link is provided upon registration. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcshilly.org or call 267-273-6006.

Elizabeth Holtzman Speaks

Former U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman will recount her efforts in Congress to bring Nazi war criminals hiding in the United States to justice during **Gratz College's** Feinstone Memorial Lecture on the Meaning of Freedom. 7: 30 p.m. Visit gratz.edu to register. A webinar link is sent after registration. For more information, email mcohen@gratz.edu or call 215-635-7300, ext. 155

World Music

Enjoy classical and popular songs from Europe, Israel and the United States performed by Cantor Jacob Agar and pianist Emily Olin with a special performance of "Bohemian Rhapsody." This event will be in-person and livestreamed from the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Main Sanctuary of **Beth Shalom Congregation** in Elkins Park. 7:30 p.m. See bethshalomcongregation.org for details. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Art Class

Enjoy **Jewish Family and Children's Service's** virtual art classes for an opportunity to explore different techniques and styles. Classes will run at 11 a.m. each Thursday for 10 weeks, but the group will be closed after June 17. The capacity is 20. RSVP at jfcshilly.org/events/discovering-the-art-within-w01/. A Zoom link will be provided after registration. For more information,

email Debora King at dking@jfcshilly.org.

Virtual Beef and Beer

The Men's Club of **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host a virtual Beef & Beer starting at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Entertainment will be Philadelphia Inquirer sports columnist Mike Sielski. Contact the CSS office at 215-677-1600 for further information.

Pride Screening

In honor of Pride Month, the **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** presents "Little Girl," the latest film from acclaimed Jewish filmmaker Sébastien Lifshitz. The movie is a moving portrait of 7-year-old Sasha, who has always known that she is a girl, and her family, who have recently accepted and embraced their daughter for who she truly is. The move will stream at 7 p.m. and be available for 72 hours. See pjff.org/ for details. ●

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