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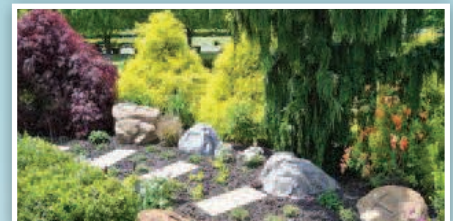
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‘The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’ Is Filming an Israel Scene and Looking for ‘Jewish Types’

Season four of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” was just as Jewy as the ones that came before it — with bar mitzvah scenes, lots of Yiddishisms, Jewish foods and contemplations about the existence of God.

The Amazon Prime show about a Jewish standup comedian played by Rachel Brosnahan has consistently been one of the most Jewish shows on TV despite the controversy about the fact that its star isn’t a Jew.

In almost every season, protagonist Midge Maisel visits a very Jewish location. In season two, it was the Catskills and the Jewish resort area famously known as the “Borscht Belt,” where the Maisels and the Weissmans enjoyed some much-needed R&R. In season three, Midge visited the Jewish retiree capital of the world — Miami. Season

four saw Midge ambush her family while they were visiting the Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood of Coney Island.

Now that “Maisel” is filming its fifth and final season, it looks like the show could be pulling out all the stops and finally sending Midge on a visit to Israel. A casting call circulating for Jewish actors to fill in as extras in an “agrarian fieldwork scene” says that the scene takes place in Israel.

The filming itself, however, will take place around New York, where the rest of the show is filmed — “likely” on Long Island, the casting call notes.

Where could an agrarian Jewish field work scene take place in the 1960s? Likely a kibbutz.

Some quick kibbutz history: They



Rachel Brosnahan and Milo Ventimiglia are seen at the film set of ‘The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel’ TV series on June 10, 2021 in New York City.

are Israeli communal living settlements where everything is shared — from meals to child-rearing responsibilities (they famously had children’s quarters where all families’ kids stayed together until the 1970s) to labor, property and investments. The first kibbutz was founded in 1909, and they exist in Israel to this day, albeit in smaller numbers. As the “Maisel” callout suggests, they used

to be mostly “agrarian settlements,” but nowadays, only a minority of kibbutzniks work in agriculture.

The 1960s was a great time to visit an Israeli kibbutz. It was a period of prosperity, and kibbutz members enjoyed outsized representation in Israeli parliament, growing modernization and improved standards of living.

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Documentarian Reunited Holocaust Survivors After 80 Years



From left: Fred Behrend and Henry Baum meet in Florida in 2019, their first time seeing each other since the 1930s. Courtesy of Larry Hanover

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

ANew-Jersey based journalist and Holocaust survivor have teamed up to show their audiences that “Hitler did not win.”

Fred Behrend, 95, and his family fled from Germany to Cuba after Kristallnacht before coming to the United States in the mid-1940s, leaving behind Behrend’s close friend Henry (Heinz) Baum.

Eighty years after the Night of Broken Glass, Behrend, with the help of journalist Larry Hanover, reunited with Baum.

“It was like the years melted away at the moment the doors opened,” Hanover said. “It was like they were acting like 12-year-old kids again. It was unbelievable.”

The reunion, to Behrend, was representative of the survival of the Jewish people, a triumph against the odds. Hanover tells the story of Behrend’s and Baum’s survival and reunion in his documentary “Rebuilt from Broken Glass,” which premiered on May 17.

Voorhees resident Hanover first met Behrend in 2010, when Behrend spoke in front of Hanover’s son’s Hebrew high school class at Congregation Beth El. He was struck by Behrend’s story.

“I used to be a newspaper reporter ‘til a few years before that, and I was missing

the chance to write,” Hanover said. “And I’m like, ‘Listen, why hasn’t he written a blog?’ And so after that, we met, and I talked him into writing.”

The two worked on a book recounting Behrend’s time in Nazi Germany and his eventual escape to the United States. The book, “Rebuilt from Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America” was published by Purdue University Press in 2017.

Behrend continued to spend time speaking to young people about his story and, in 2018, it became apparent to Hanover that the history recorded in Behrend’s book was still being written.

While talking to a Jewish day school in Cherry Hill on the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, Behrend was handed a cellphone by the head of the school. Behrend heard Baum’s voice on the other end, for the first time in almost 80 years.

“I couldn’t believe it,” Behrend said.

The next year, in 2019, Behrend, Hanover, and a small documentary crew traveled to Florida, where Baum lives and where, coincidentally, Behrend spent his winters just 16 miles away.

When the survivors reunited, awkward formalities were forgotten as they met again with childlike wonder.

“He introduced himself as ‘Professor Baum,’” Behrend said of the reunion. “When we were in school together, you

were such a dumb kid! How did you manage to become a professor?”

Though the friends’ reunion was joyful, their first meeting was under more challenging circumstances.

Behrend, born Fritz Behrend in November 1926, grew up on an estate owned by a zeppelin entrepreneur in Germany. He remembers having a normal childhood until Hitler rose to power in 1933.

“All of a sudden, I had no kids to play with,” Behrend said. “As a matter of fact, my parents did not allow me on the streets because they were afraid that something would happen to me.”

After only three years in public school under the Third Reich, Behrend was forced out of school in 1936. To continue his education, his family sent him to Cologne, where he was sent to live with a hazzan and his family, including two children, Margot and Henry Baum, and attend a secular, Jewish-run school.

Two years later, on Nov. 9, 1938, Behrend and Baum witnessed their school and two synagogues engulfed in flames.

Not knowing the context, Behrend reacted like many children would: “Would you believe this was the greatest moment in my life? ... Can you picture? No school; no homework; no teachers!”

But the reality of the looming Holocaust was never far from Behrend’s

family. Unbeknownst to Behrend at the time, stormtroopers came to his family’s home the night before, kidnapping his father and taking him to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, where he stayed for a short time, along with the lucky few Jews able to leave a concentration camp before the declaration of World War II.

With the help of his mother’s brother, who was the friend of the physician to the Danish king, the Behrend family secured \$5,000 deposits for each family member — worth more than \$600,000 today — to fund a new life in America.

The family spent almost two years in Cuba before they were allowed to enter the U.S. Behrend became a bar mitzvah there, in front of a congregation of 20 people, each of whom was responsible for bringing their own food to the party.

In 1945, Behrend was drafted into the U.S. military, where, in a turn of fate, he was part of the Intellectual Diversion denazification program; he reeducated German prisoners of war on democracy.

Behrend later became a television repairman.

“The beauty of his story is this optimistic person ... and he kept having these collisions with history,” Hanover said. “It was like he was a magnet for it.” **JE**

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Lactose Intolerants Make Shavuot Ritual Easier to Stomach

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It doesn't take a Torah scholar to know that God promised the Israelites a land overflowing with milk and honey, not a land overflowing with oat milk, or soy milk, or cashew, rice, hemp or pea milk.

But as Jews celebrate Shavuot — commemorating Moses and the Israelites receiving the Torah — by eating cheese-cake, cheese blintzes and cheese kugel, many experience a gastrointestinal wrath that feels like punishment from God.

While an estimated 60-80% of Ashkenazi Jews suffer from lactose

intolerance, according to an American Family Physician study, Jews began the tradition of indulging in dairy as a nod to the promise of a land of milk and honey, but it also serves a practical purpose, Ko Kosher Service Rabbi Amiel Novoseller said. To fulfill the Shavuot ritual of studying Torah, Jews should prepare with a dairy meal, a lighter alternative to its meat counterpart.

“God forbid we should be sleepy when we’re going to receive the Torah!” Novoseller said. “[Rabbis] figure, you still gotta eat. Eat something dairy, eat vegetable protein. This way, we’ll stay alert for the acceptance of the Torah.”

Cookbook author and food writer Jeffrey Yoskowitz suggests that consuming dairy is a matter of anthropology just as much as tradition.

“When it comes to food and food traditions, to me, it always comes down to seasonal abundance,” Yoskowitz said. All of these ritual agricultural festivals fall for very specific reasons or at certain times.”

Shavuot falls 49 days after Passover, a time in the spring when goats are birthing their kids, mirrored on the Passover seder plate with the lamb shank representing the sacrifice of the animal. Nearly two months later, goats are starting to wean their kids off their milk, leaving a surplus of dairy to the farmers.

Milk consumption in Jewish antiquity, on the surface, contradicts Jewish aversion to lactose today. But Einstein Healthcare Network gastroenterologist Dr. Michael Goldberg qualifies the idea.

Lactose intolerance is caused by the body’s buildup of lactose, the sugar in milk, in the colon, Goldberg said. Jews, among most other demographics, have a deficiency in lactase, the enzyme that breaks down this sugar and, over time, excess lactose can cause digestive unpleasanties.

“Populations that were staying rooted in one place long enough to cultivate and raise livestock, they more easily developed dairy tolerance because they were using the dairy all the time,” he said. “The more

nomadic cultures relied on other methods, and they were relying more on more fermented dairy products, and they did not develop their daily tolerance.”

The stereotype of the wandering Jew may hold weight to the reason so many are lactose intolerant, Goldberg said. Jews have relied on fermented dairy products for centuries, Yoskowitz added, as seen in the Ashkenazi proclivity toward sour cream in borscht, for example.

For Jews who relied on fermented dairy to make milk products more digestible, assimilation, which “stamped out” many cooking traditions, provided fewer opportunities for Jewish cooks to make food from their home countries that best suited their sensitive digestion, he said.

But looking to the past could also offer solutions on how to navigate a lactose-heavy holiday celebration.

These days, it’s easy for people to make dairy products, Yoskowitz argued. One can make creme fraiche or sour cream by inoculating cream with cultured buttermilk or yogurt.

“It’s a really good opportunity for people to learn how to make some of these things from scratch,” Yoskowitz said.

But in true Jewish fashion, some cooks are looking toward modern food technologies, relying on the ample plant-based dairy alternatives to recreate nostalgic dishes.

Rachel Klein, creator and chef of Philadelphia’s Miss Rachel’s Pantry, uses cashews and tofu to make fluffy matzah balls that, when she first fed them to her grandmother, made her tear up.

Recreating a family dish for a Jewish holiday is more than just about comfort. For Klein, the vegan dishes she creates retain the labor-intensive techniques.

“It makes me happy that I can continue a tradition for my family,” Klein said. **JE**

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Vegan chef Rachel Klein uses tofu and cashews to make matzah balls that are floaters, not sinkers, despite their plant-based ingredients.



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Former Neo-Nazi Converting to Judaism

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Fred Cook, by his own admission, is a man in search of an identity.

From his teenage years through his early 30s, he filled that void with neo-Nazism. But over the past decade, he has grown to fill it with Judaism.

Cook, 43 and a Philadelphia resident, has spent the past year-and-a-half converting to Judaism through Congregation Rodeph Shalom on North Broad Street. In July, his beit din will rule on his conversion. If the three religious authorities accept Cook into the faith, the convert will enter the mikveh.

He already wears a Star of David necklace with the star hanging where his swastika used to be: above his heart.

"It's been a pretty amazing journey," Cook said.

It started when Cook was a teen. As he put it, he grew up "with no identity whatsoever." All he knew, per his grandmother, was that he was German.

But when his family moved to an Irish neighborhood in South Philadelphia, the German kid did not fit in.

"They were like, 'Hey, you're not Irish,'" Cook recalled.

At 13, Cook was looking for a crew, and he found one on South Street. Cook's friend told him to come hang out with his friends. It turned out to be a group of seven or eight skinheads.

They were not affiliated with an organization. They would just listen to loud music and fight with "sharp skinheads," or skinheads of non-white races, according to Cook.

The Philadelphia native liked that his new friends welcomed him and made him feel comfortable.

"It was something to latch on to," he said.

But once he latched on, he did not let go. One particular incident became a point of no return, according to Cook.

As a student at Horace Howard Furness High School, a girl asked Cook on a date, and he said no. Then, as the convert explained it, she told other students that he called her the "n word."

Cook estimates that 13 kids responded by jumping him and hitting him in the back of the head with a piece of brick.

He spent two or three days in a coma and emerged with a steel plate in his head. To this day, he said, he still has memory issues. After the incident, Cook's skinhead friends started walking him to school.

"I took things more serious than a bunch of guys goofing around," he said.

Using America Online, Cook entered chat rooms and started talking to other white supremacists. He got connected to William Pierce, author of the racist and antisemitic book "The Turner Diaries," and David Lane, who coined the line repeated by all white hate organizations, according to Cook: "We must secure the existence of our race and a future for white children."

The convert even did security for former Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard David Duke during his appearances in Philadelphia. Eventually, Cook worked his way up to the chief of staff position for Jeff Schoep, the leader of the National Socialist organization.

But in a high-ranking position, Cook started to get calls from friends about how their white brothers appeared to have Black friends in Facebook pictures. As he kept getting these types of calls, Cook came to a gnawing realization.

"I started to see it as people looking for enemies because there were none," he said.

Cook understood that the identity he had found and cultivated was hollow. So finally, he told Schoep that he had to step down.

"I gave up on that identity," he said.

For years after leaving, Cook stopped trying to answer the identity question. He focused just on trying to be a good person and on building a family with his wife.

But in December 2020, he took a DNA test and learned that he was 30% Jewish. He reached out to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and got a box of books in return.

He started reading and became "obsessive," he said. Since then, he has read 80 books on Judaism, joined

Rodeph Shalom and committed to the conversion process.

Rodeph Shalom Rabbi Eli Freedman called it "a shock" when the former neo-Nazi first reached out to him. But the rabbi embraced the convert anyway and saw that he was genuine.

"When someone decides Judaism is the path for them, they have a Jewish soul," he said.

Cook also works with Schoep, a reformed neo-Nazi himself who did a talk at Drexel University in November, at Schoep's organization Beyond Barriers, which works to combat extremism.

"We were on the wrong track," jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

Schoep said. "Now we're on the right path and trying to do good."

As Cook put it, his mission now is "tikkun olam." **JE**



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"One of the most meaningful experiences for me was our visit to the Equal Justice Initiative Memorial and the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum. To see the names of the hundreds of individuals - and some unnamed - who were lynched in this country was horrifying and appalling," said Marcy Bacine, who co-chaired the mission with Sharon Freedman. "This trip touched me to my core with experiences that will remain with me and move me to make this country a better place."



Joanne Bland, a participant in the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" voting rights march, shared her story with the women before the group walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and performed *Mourner's Kaddish* in Selma.



The group experienced a Sunday service in Atlanta at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. served as co-pastor until he was assassinated in 1968.



Participants were moved by the stories and prayers of Bishop Calvin Woods, who spoke to the group in Freedom Park in Birmingham.



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Joey Weisenberg



SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

There are a lot of similarities between blues music and Jewish music, at least according to Joey Weisenberg.

They both have limited scales and notes used in songs, making them prime genres for variations and improvisations. They both “speak from the heart.”

“Blues and *nigunim* (Jewish wordless melody) share a sense of longing and a sense of depth and connection to the emotion of being alive,” Weisenberg said.

For Weisenberg, tapping into that is what drives his creation of music. He’s the founder and director of the Rising Song Institute, a Philadelphia-based community of musicians and prayer leaders in pursuit of innovative reimaginings of traditional Jewish music as a spiritual practice.

On May 26, Weisenberg, 40, performed his February album “Leila” at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, his first time performing songs from the album with a band and live audience.

But for someone who’s spent the last decade building community through the Rising Song Institute, an offshoot of the Hadar Institute, a New York-based egalitarian yeshiva, and its predecessor, the Hadar Center for Communal Jewish Music, Weisenberg’s experience creating his most recent project was marked by solitude.

“In COVID, there was no chance to sing with big groups of people, and so this project took on a little bit more of a quality of introspection and of solitude and self-reflection, and it’s a bit more meditative, and it’s also a bit more sad,” Weisenberg said.

Weisenberg’s past seven projects have been a collection of *nigunim*,

intended to create singalong experiences in live performances. On “Leila,” Weisenberg puts music to psalms, wailing words of Hebrew in the Ashkenazes dialect, often accompanied by only a guitar.

Weisenberg, a Mount Airy resident, recorded the album last summer but composed it in his weekly online open studio sessions, the virtual audience a balm for pandemic-induced isolation.

“It was really encouraging to be able to compose in real time,” he said.

Balancing an album produced in solitude with playing it for his community coincided with the themes about which Weisenberg sang. Many psalms have themes of balancing mourning and joy.

“There’s a line [in “Odekha (Psalm 118)”) that says, “This is the greatest day that was ever created! Let’s be happy and joyous! And then literally the next sentence within the same breath, you say, ‘God save us now!’” Weisenberg said. “You get this roller coaster ride of emotion and feeling in every song, and it just goes up and down. And that’s kind of what life is like these days.”

Embracing opposites and conflicting ideas is at the core of Jewish thought, Weisenberg said. It’s also at the core of his musical genesis.

Growing up in Milwaukee in a musical family, Weisenberg spent some of his evenings at a blues bar on one side of town, playing electric guitar semi-professionally; on the other nights, he would join his grandfather and a community of Twerski Hasidim on the other side of town for rousing *nigunim*.

After taking a pre-med track at Columbia University, Weisenberg decided against attending medical school and instead became a session musician by age 22, acting as a musical chameleon and playing various instruments to help out bands recording albums.

Fifteen years of “musical tourism” left Weisenberg wanting to see what kind of music he could produce after being filled with music from different genres and bands from all over the world.

On the brink of creative overflow, Weisenberg attended a Hadar retreat over Shavuot one year. He took a 5 a.m. shift, playing music for sleepy students studying Torah to keep them awake and to keep morale high.

“I would just start making up *nigunim*, almost like they were being revealed like at Mount Sinai,” he said.

Weisenberg attributes the beginning of his songwriting to his young family. When his first of four children was born, Weisenberg’s infant would not stop crying. Weisenberg would sing *nigunim* to his baby, sometimes all night long.

“I wrote hundreds of *nigunim* that year,” he said.

Even after more than a decade of creating melodies, Weisenberg still describes himself as having music always running through his head.

“For better or worse,” Weisenberg said, “these years, I cannot stop the river of song that’s flowing out of me.” **JE**

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Mass Murder Continues

We have had enough. We struggle to find the right words. We simply cannot understand the insistence by gun advocates that civilians need access to automatic weapons fortified by high-capacity magazines, with the ability to kill dozens of people in seconds. Nor can we accept the argument that the entitlement to tools of mass destruction is somehow guaranteed to every American by the Second Amendment. The frailty of the gun lobby argument needs to be exposed and rejected.

On May 24, an 18-year-old gunman murdered 19 elementary school-aged children and two teachers and injured 17 others at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The story is painfully familiar. Nearly 10 years ago a 20-year-old gunman murdered 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Since then, mass shootings have taken the lives of more than 1,000 people at shopping centers, places of worship, festivals and more.

Each incident is followed by public outcries, hand wringing and crocodile tears by our elected leaders, who then do nothing to stop the mayhem. Mass murder has been normalized in our country.

Each incident is followed by public outcries, hand wringing and crocodile tears by our elected leaders, who then do nothing to stop the mayhem. Mass murder has been normalized in our country — complete with a practiced communal ritual: First, there are calls for thoughts and prayers for the dead and their grieving families. Then the media reports on how the families are trying to make sense of what happened. That is followed by government leaders who decry the senseless violence and express empathy and outrage,

along with talk of common-sense gun reform and the need for mental health counseling. And then, nothing happens.

Sometimes, like in the Uvalde case, we hear lame-brained suggestion from gun defenders to arm teachers and other school staff so that they can defend against attackers. But no one explains why teachers should be able to fight off a gunman when local police aren't able to do so, or how teachers and school administrators can be expected to defend against a mentally unstable bad guy

who is armed for war. The Uvalde gunman legally bought two assault rifles just days after his 18th birthday. Why does a civilian teenager need an assault rifle, or any other weapon of war or of mass murder?

Shortly after the Uvalde shooting, Congress went into recess. But a couple of senators stuck around to discuss possible bipartisan gun legislation during the recess. Preliminary reports suggest that some progress is being made. But talk without action is useless. We therefore encourage our readers to call or write to our representatives and senators to insist that they not let the issue of sane gun laws fall by the wayside. And, in the process, see whether any of our elected officials can explain where in the Second Amendment a teenager is guaranteed the right to own assault rifles and other weapons of mass destruction.

We must insist that our representatives legislate sanity and limit the availability of weapons of war to those fighting wars. We need gun laws that make sense. **JE**

A Plan B for Iran?

With President Joe Biden's decision to keep Iran's paramilitary Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on the State Department list of terrorist organizations, the administration has signaled its willingness to walk away from negotiations to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal. This is so, notwithstanding the Biden administration's belief that former President Donald Trump's 2018 withdrawal from the deal was a mistake.

The Revolutionary Guard controls a huge slice of the Iranian economy and supports militant groups from Afghanistan to Lebanon. Any agreement to legitimize IRGC would enable Iran to rebuild its economy, rejoin the world community and continue its hegemonic push into the Middle East — all while brandishing the threat of a nuclear bomb. According to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran's likely

“breakout time” — how long it would take to make enough fissile material for one bomb — is around three to six weeks. Weaponization could take two years. And while Tehran has always maintained that it is enriching uranium for peaceful purposes, no one takes that claim seriously.

Iran's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, reacted to the Biden decision by invoking an antisemitic conspiracy theory, declaring that “the national interests of the United States have been taken hostage by the Zionists.” He had other outrageous things to say — none of them indicating an interest in helping to make a deal happen. So what can we expect with the collapse of the Iran talks? What is Plan B, and how can it ensure that Iran does not complete the building of a bomb or try to carry out any of

its threats to Israel or others?

The hawkish Jewish Institute for National Security of America recently released its own Plan B for a “new strategy of comprehensive pressure on Tehran.” Among its recommendations:

- Articulate a Biden Doctrine reaffirming America's commitment to use all elements of national power to defend vital U.S. interests in the Middle East — first and foremost to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.
- To strengthen Israel, provide it with adequate stockpiles of precision guided munitions, including Joint Direct Attack Munitions and GBU-39/B small diameter bombs.
- Harness the unique strategic opportunity of the Abraham Accords by integrating Israel more fully in U.S. Central Command

alongside U.S. and Arab partner forces.

The JINSA list goes on. We're not security experts, so we cannot say if this is the best plan. But we do favor the recognition that the United States, Israel and other countries threatened by Iran need to be planning in earnest for what comes after the negotiations. This is so because, as pointed out by JINSA, “there can be no return to the [Iran deal], as Iran's nuclear program has advanced so significantly that imposing the same nuclear restrictions as seven years ago would merely curb Iran's nuclear program only half as much, and only for half as long, as the original accord.”

It will take creativity and commitment to develop a Plan B and to see it through. We await the Biden administration's next steps. **JE**



Here's How We Can Help 100,000 New Ukrainian Refugees

BY ELANA BROITMAN

After my family and I escaped from Odessa in the mid-1970s, an awful feeling of statelessness settled upon me. Our family had lived there for generations, but my parents understood that Jews had limited opportunities in the Soviet Union. They resolved to leave while my sister and I were young enough to learn a new life, even if it meant leaving so much behind.

I'll never forget both the joy and trepidation we experienced in finally getting the green light to come to America. For months after leaving, my sister and I had to sleep on a small sofa in a Roman suburb as we awaited permission to enter the United States along with so many thousands of other Soviet Jews. We arrived not speaking the language and with only the minimal possessions that we were able to take with us. But the Jewish community supported us tremendously and we felt that we were not alone.

Now, as the United States prepares to take in 100,000 Ukrainian refugees, I can't help but reflect on the multiplicity of challenges that await them and what our society will need to do to make their transition successful.

Refugees' entire lives have been uprooted and upended. They need help finding not just housing but community. They need schools for their children and emotional support for their families, job opportunities, transportation and language instruction. Their family relationships have typically been subjected to a great deal of strain. Many will need mental health counseling.

The nonprofit and faith-based sector has developed a tremendous depth of expertise in providing all these services and must play a role in any resettlement strategy.

Take my organization, the Jewish Federations of North America. We've collectively raised more than \$50



million from across the continent to aid Ukrainian refugees and will raise much more in the coming weeks and months.

These funds are being directed to four main areas: humanitarian aid to the refugees and help with resettlement in other countries; enabling Jewish refugees to emigrate to Israel if they wish to do so; preparing to help the Jews of Russia and Belarus escape if the need arises; and rebuilding Ukraine after the war ends.

Right now, my focus is on resettlement.

More than three decades ago, we in the Jewish community stood proudly with New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg when he sponsored the successful bill to allow 400,000 Soviet Jews and other refugees to reunite with families in the United States; it is the Lautenberg Amendment that the Biden administration is using to permit some of the Ukrainian refugees to come here. In recent weeks, Federations have collaborated with 375 Jewish and interfaith partners across North America to lobby the government to permit refugees in.

I know from my own experience that welcoming the stranger isn't just about the bare necessities — food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical care. Community-based nonprofits are a key partner in ensuring that these refugees get what they need.

For example, the government has

partnered with Jewish agencies and other humanitarian organizations for decades to help resettle refugees in communities — a partnership that was formalized in 1975 following the Vietnam War. More recently, we have helped to resettle hundreds of refugees from Afghanistan and continue to do so every day.

Jewish Federations are animated by the core Jewish teaching that saving one life is tantamount to saving the entire world. We know our community, which consists of so many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of refugees from Eastern Europe at the turn of the twentieth century, could not have prospered without the help of the communities that paved the way for us to become American.

We stand ready to pay it forward and help to integrate the Ukrainian immigrants into our society using all the resources, tools, knowledge and experience that are at our disposal.

The emergency aid package that Congress recently approved will provide desperately needed resources, and the Senate should follow suit, but that's just a start. I hear every day about the burdens that Ukrainian refugees face and know that more funding will be necessary to ensure that they can build productive lives here. And in the short term, many Ukrainians are seeking work authorizations so they can support themselves, but they face significant backlogs that require urgent attention and resources from the administration.

Finally, for those who wish to remain beyond the two years that the current humanitarian parole program authorizes, these Ukrainians must have a path to citizenship.

I firmly believe that these approaches will allow American nonprofits and volunteers to play our part and do what we do best in welcoming refugees and integrating them into our communities. **JE**

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CRT Viewpoint Depends on Who's Asking

In the May 26 op-ed, "Where Do Jews Fit into Critical Race Theory," Fred L. Pincus asks the question: Are Jews white? The answer to that depends on who is asking the question and their opinion of whites.

Critical race theory proponents, who have a negative view of whites, will say "yes." White nationalists, who have a positive view of whites, will say "no."

Neil Shapiro, Blue Bell

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The Only Honest Discussion About Guns Rests on the Second Amendment

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN

The massacre in Uvalde, Texas, is just one more in a long succession of horrific examples of gun violence in America. But even after this atrocity, is it possible for Americans to have an honest debate about guns and mass shootings? Based on recent experience, the answer is clearly “no.”

Yet such a discussion, painful and divisive though it will be, is there to be had. The question is: Will anyone among those who are the loudest in speaking about the need to do something about guns have the candor and the courage to go to the heart of the issue rather than continue to virtue signal or play politics on it?

If they do, then they’ll stop spouting anodyne slogans about “sensible” gun control or more laws about background checks or imposing limits on the sales of specific weapons that are little different from those that would remain legal, since those proposals barely nibble around the edge of the issue. Instead, they’ll talk about the real reason that the United States remains inundated with firearms: the Second Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees Americans the right to own guns. So long as this right is guaranteed, guns will continue to be available to criminals and disturbed individuals who use them to commit crimes, as well as to law-abiding citizens who want them for self-protection, hunting or target shooting.

Pointing this out isn’t the same thing as supporting the repeal of the amendment. But if Americans were willing to debate that idea, then they would be having an honest discussion about guns rather than the disingenuous pontificating, which mostly consists of finger-pointing at political foes or knocking down straw men, that currently passes for informed opinion on the issue. And it would not be out of order for the liberal Jewish advocacy organizations that are usually at the forefront of the posturing on guns to lead this honest debate. But, to date, they prefer to pretend, along with their political allies on the left, that mass shootings and other crimes will be deterred or prevented if regulations that do nothing more than to inconvenience the law-abiding are passed.

The senseless slaughter of 19 children and two teachers at the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde was the second in number only to the loss of 20 children and six adults in 2012 at the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Connecticut. But coming hard on the heels of another such atrocity in Buffalo, this tragedy — a shocking reminder of the existence of pure evil — was especially hard to bear.



It has led many to voice understandable frustration about why these crimes happen so often in the United States as opposed to the rest of the world. The one clear difference is that — unlike in much of the rest of the world, where individual citizens don’t possess the right to own guns or they are severely restricted — the United States is different. The Second Amendment ensures that most Americans who want firearms can get them.

Such rights are severely restricted in some states and municipalities. Buying and owning a weapon can be a bureaucratic nightmare. But the constitutional guarantee explains why there are more guns than people in the United States. One recent study showed that there are currently 120.5 guns per 100 persons, a rate that far exceeds other nations. According to Gallup, 44% of Americans live in a gun-owning household with 32% declaring themselves to be personal gun owners.

Those numbers went up drastically during the coronavirus pandemic. A University of Chicago study found that 18% of U.S. households bought guns in the last two years with 5% of Americans becoming first-time firearm purchasers during this period. Of those, 69% were minorities, and 85% of them were under 45 years of age.

It’s hardly surprising. Americans of all races felt they had to protect themselves.

The pandemic undermined faith in public order as well as increased most people’s sense of iso-

lation. The summer of “mostly peaceful” Black Lives Matter riots in 2020 led many to believe that police officers’ fears of being accused of being racist had produced a decline in law enforcement and a rise in crime.

This shows that there is a vast constituency for gun rights that goes beyond the millions who belong to the National Rifle Association, which is widely accused of being responsible for gun crimes because of their opposition to even the most minor gun regulations.

Guns are deeply ingrained in American culture. That culture is alien to many of those who live on the coasts or in big cities and regard guns with horror. Though there are many Jews who are gun enthusiasts, the constituencies that support liberal Jewish advocacy groups can be counted on to support any and all efforts to restrict or ban all sorts of firearms.

Still, these pro-gun control groups, like their Democratic Party allies, prefer to speak as if additional regulations on gun purchases and ownership will do something to reduce gun violence. This is patently false since the criminals who use guns don’t worry about background checks or gun-show exceptions. As we drill down into the circumstances of each mass killing, we almost always find that the laws that are proposed in response to them wouldn’t have prevented those crimes for any number of reasons. Efforts to ban

certain kinds of guns, like assault rifles, including the widely popular AR-15 that has been used in mass shootings, ignore the fact that the difference between these weapons and others is largely cosmetic.

More attention and funding for mental-health awareness and care would help to prevent some of these terrible crimes. So would better enforcement of existing gun laws.

But if the Second Amendment was repealed and gun ownership largely banned, the number of firearms could be vastly reduced. That has happened in other countries, either in reaction to mass shootings or because governments, both tyrannical and democratic, have the power to prevent individuals from owning means of self-protection. In theory, that could mean that a person would find it a lot harder to obtain guns to use to commit atrocities like the ones in Uvalde or Newtown, where the killers were 20 and 18 years old, respectively.

A lot of Americans would think that would be a worthwhile exchange and point to the quality of life and safety of those who live in countries where gun ownership isn't widespread. Indeed, even in Israel, where, due to widespread army service and security problems, there are a lot of guns in circulation, there is no right to own one.

In response, others would argue that Second Amendment rights are integral to the American political tradition, which values liberty and individual rights over communal safety or a cradle-to-grave responsibility of the government to provide for their well-being. They would also point out that the right to bear arms is rooted in the particularly American notion that the idea that the government should have the monopoly on weapons is antithetical to liberty, even if few currently envision a need for citizens to possess guns to defend their rights against domestic tyrants. Not without reason, a critical mass of Americans values this tradition.

The strength of that tradition, as well as the vast number of Americans who currently legally own firearms and have no intention of giving them up even if it might somehow reduce mass shootings, is why even the most liberal politicians claim they have no interest in repealing the Second Amendment — no matter that many of their supporters would actually be eager to see the government taking guns away from their fellow citizens.

If liberals want to abolish gun rights, and many of them do, then let them say so openly. Until they are willing to do so, our gun-control debates, and the arguments and virtue signaling of those Jewish groups that take part in them, will remain disingenuous and utterly irrelevant other than to those who look to them as ways of solidifying their political bases. **JE**

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BY ALEX SELSKY

On Jerusalem Day, 55 years after Israel's great victory in the Six-Day War and with it the liberation of the Western Wall and the Temple Mount, the state of Israel and the people of Israel won again.

Israel defeated its enemies: terrorist organizations and their supporters, critics inside and outside the country, those who try to question our sovereignty and boycott us, those who try to destroy us from near and far, those who still dream, in vain, that we will someday be defeated.

We won because we overcame our own fear. We did not capitulate, we did not stutter, we did not change the route of the annual Flag Parade. Israelis came in droves from all over the country, our country, and climbed the Temple Mount in record numbers, with our flags raised proudly, because we believed in ourselves and our right, our strength and our justice.

Our allies want to see us as strong because otherwise they have less justification to cooperate with us. Our enemies must see us as strong; otherwise, they will continue to fight us.

This year was the opposite of last year, and that is the big difference. When we stood proudly and did not back down, no one dared to attack.

Many of our neighbors have seen our strength and resilience, and realized that it is better to cooperate than fight with us.

This is a major victory because it had an extraordinary symbol. The flags of Israel proudly hoisted on the Temple Mount are a message of power and faith to the whole world, to Diaspora Jewry, to the Christian world and, of course, to the Muslim world, to both partners and enemies.

Our allies want to see us as strong because otherwise they have less justification to cooperate with us. Our enemies must see us as strong; otherwise, they will continue to fight us.

The violence against us will end only if our enemies fear us, if they recognize and accept that we have won and there is no point in continuing to fight us.

There is no more symbolic and proper place to convey this message than on the Temple Mount,

precisely because it is important to both our partners and our enemies. The Mount is where they want to see us fold.

The Mount is where the struggle is most painful and therefore the most decisive. That is why Hamas wants to defeat us there, and why it is precisely there that we dare not lose.

Some will say that what occurred on Jerusalem Day was not a victory. Do not listen to them.

Some will say it was a small victory. Even so, small victories can combine to make great victories, and great victories are based on our faith.

All our technological and military power, and the support of the United States, are not what led to victories in our wars, but spirit, commitment, faith in the justice of our cause and the knowledge that we have no other choice.

Do not worry about criticism. It is irrelevant. It always will be. No matter what our answer to it may be.

Some of the criticism is insincere. It is the result of domestic and local political struggles, as well as an organized attempt to put pressure on us from

the outside. It is not going away.

But we have nothing to be ashamed of. We are a democratic country and attentive to different voices. We are ready and able to listen to criticism. We make mistakes and try to correct them. We argue amongst ourselves, and that is an important part of who we are.

Part of our power is to withstand and ignore unfair and unjust criticism. Our best answer is victory, and on Jerusalem Day we provided a perfect answer.

It should teach us a lesson for the future. Only an Israeli victory will make the world stop pressuring us and put an end to over 100 years of violent Palestinian rejection of Jewish sovereignty.

There is still a long way to go, but we will win. On Jerusalem Day, we reminded ourselves that we can win.

Happy Victory Day! **JE**

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I Left Israel to Give My Kids the American Dream. Is This It?

BY LIOR ZALTZMAN

On the day when the shooting happens, I finally unlock what some say is the most vital part of the American dream. My husband and I have a house in the suburbs now, big trees towering above — no picket fence, but a wide expanse of green and room for the pattering of tiny feet. As we sign the paperwork, we each take turns rocking our baby on our legs.

This house is for our children. We say it over and over again. If it were just he and I, we would be content with the walls of a small Brooklyn apartment, with the city streets as a backyard. Instead, we chose to give them rooms to grow into, a shingle roof, manicured lawns and a garden to plant and grow together.

Like so many of the families in Uvalde, Texas, I am an immigrant. I came here to this country with a dream to give myself and my children a better future. As we drive home, our baby sleeping in the backseat, we hear the news of 21 dreams extinguished by an AR-15.

Just like the shooter at Robb Elementary school, I got my first rifle at 18 — it was borrowed, not bought, and a few weeks later I returned it, along with magazines full of bullets, to an army warehouse. It scraped against the fabric of my coarse olive green uniform, pushed against my core as I slept with it under my army-issued mattress. As I shot it at a dusty military range, I couldn't help but think: I am too young and too stupid for this.

When I was young, not much older than my oldest son is now, I was promised that maybe I wouldn't have to go to the army when I grew up. When I moved away from Israel to the United States, I found comfort

in the fact that this was one false promise I wouldn't have to make to my children. But instead, I find myself with a much more harrowing false promise to make. Each day I send them to school, I'll have to tell them they are safe when I know they are not.

I grew up in a country where the faces of fallen soldiers greet you every morning at the entrance of schools, with a memorial wall for the soldier alumni who perished. And yet I knew that I was safe in the walls of my classrooms.

I come from a place dubbed the holy land, yet I cannot fathom how one could value thoughts and prayers over actions to protect the sanctity of the lives of our school children. I come from a land known for such violence, yet it has never treated the life of its young with such callousness.

I come from a place known for occupation and war, shelters and bombs, missile fire and violent attacks in the streets — for all those reasons, I'm glad my children are growing up somewhere different. And yet, it's also a place of gun control — it's very hard to obtain a permit for a weapon in Israel. Once, someone tried to partially blame school shootings on America's militarization, and I attempted to refute the argument by saying that I come from an even more militarized place. They scoffed at me, but it was true — school shootings don't happen in Israel.

The week before the Uvalde shooting, I talked to Jewish comedian Michael Ian Black about his book "A Better Man," an open letter to his son about boyhood and masculinity which is bracketed by school shootings. I was distracted during our interview — my son was terribly ill, and being faced with your child's mortality is a haunting, terrible thing. I told him how his book feels just as relevant now, two years after it

came out, especially after the Buffalo shooting that had taken place the week before. As we ended our call, he told me that this would not be the last time his book feels pertinent, the last mass shooting.

It's an awful thing to be right about this week. It's an awful thing that these shootings feel unavoidable. It's an awful thing to, once again, be faced with our children's mortality this way. I return, over and over again, to an Onion headline: "No Way To Prevent This,' Says Only Nation Where This Regularly Happens." I come from a country that prevents this — so many other immigrants in this country do, too. The 21 victims of the Uvalde shooting should still be with us.

Yes, in Israel, we send children to defend our country, in uniforms and guns — but at least they know they'll be in danger.

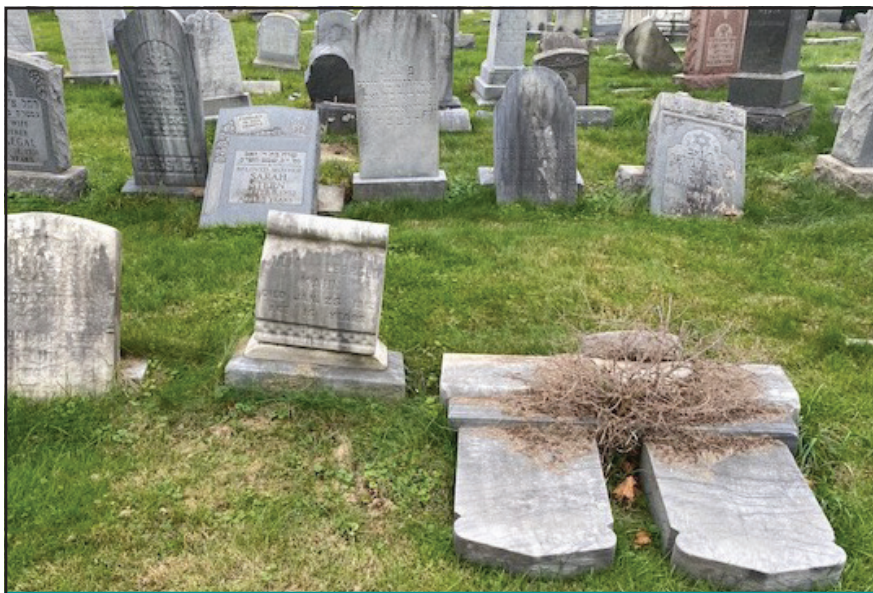
Every day, the children of this country get drafted to be part of a war, one that they didn't sign up for — a cynical war waged by politicians and gun lobbies. Almost every mass shooting involves an AR-15, and yet we refuse to outlaw them; so many shootings are committed by young, angry men, and yet we don't restrict their access to guns. Too many men and women in power send us the message that guns are more important than the lives of our children and of their teachers, who are meant to foster their growth, not shield them with their bodies.

I had my children in this country hoping, in part, to protect them from violence. But when I see images of Alithia Ramirez and Irma Garcia — all the Uvalde victims and their families, another community devastated by this same gun — I recognize that's an American dream that, for now, I cannot give them. **JE**

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Crosses sit outside of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, after a gunman killed 21 people inside on May 24.



Honor those at rest by cleaning up a historic Jewish cemetery.

Supreme Court Declines to Hear Attempts to Stop Synagogue Protesters

The Supreme Court declined to hear two different requests to take up a suit against a group of protesters who have gathered weekly outside an Ann Arbor, Michigan, synagogue for nearly two decades holding anti-Israel and antisemitic signs, JTA reported.

The court issued orders in March and May denying petitions brought by two different congregants who argued that the protests targeted Jews at their place of worship, violating their First Amendment right to freely exercise their religion.

The plaintiffs belong to two different congregations that meet in the same building: Conservative Beth Israel Congregation and the Jewish Renewal-affiliated Pardes Hannah Congregation. Neither congregation was involved.

The two congregants, one of whom is a Holocaust survivor, first brought a joint lawsuit against the protesters, the city and Ann Arbor Mayor Christopher Taylor in 2019. Lower courts dismissed it on First Amendment grounds, and a judge ordered the plaintiffs to pay the protesters' legal fees.

Following a dispute between a plaintiff and an attorney, the suit was broken up, and two separate petitions were filed.

Moroccan Authorities Restore Ancient Jewish Cemetery

Authorities in Morocco completed a renovation of the historic Jewish cemetery in the city of Meknes, part of a broader overhaul of Jewish heritage sites that coincides with the country's reestablishment of diplomatic ties with Israel, JTA reported.

The restoration was finished in May ahead of a visit by several dozen Jews, many of them from Israel, on May 19. The 10-acre graveyard contains thousands of bodies and is centuries old. Many of the graves are built atop older ones.

Jews from Israel and beyond have visited Meknes, where only a handful of Jews live permanently, for decades.

The pilgrimages reflect the deep roots that Jews grew in this city in northern Morocco, where thousands of refugees settled after fleeing the Inquisition in Spain and Portugal in the 15th and 16th centuries.

But the community's life in Meknes, and in Morocco generally, were far from harmonious and today, only about 2,500 Jews live in Morocco on a permanent or semi-permanent basis.

In 2010, King Mohammed VI of Morocco started a renovation program for Jewish heritage sites, and in 2020, Morocco and Israel rekindled diplomatic relations as part of the Abraham Accords.

El Al to Move US HQ from New York to Miami

El Al Israel Airlines Ltd. announced in its first quarter financial statement that it will move its United States headquarters from New York to Miami, Globes reported.

The company will move to a building owned by controlling shareholder Kenny Rozenberg. El Al said the change would have minimal influence on the airline.

El Al said the move will save the company \$500,000 annually.

The El Al headquarters has been in New York for decades, and the company's North American operations have traditionally emphasized that city.

Israel Works on Reducing Passport Backlog

Israel's Population and Immigration authority Director Tomer Moskowitz said new measures are being introduced to alleviate a backlog of 700,000 Israelis seeking new passports, Globes reported.

Moskowitz said three measures were introduced, including a new office in Bnei Brak where temporary passports are available. In addition, staffing and hours were increased at the factory that produces the passports, and Israelis holding dual citizenships may travel abroad on a foreign passport until Jan. 1.

"We are on the threshold of seeing an easing of the situation in the field in the coming days," Moskowitz said. "The big measures we have undertaken and their realization and impact on the public are a matter of days." **JE**

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

Volunteer Tasks:

- Raking
- Picking up trash
- Clipping overgrown vines

Cleanup Dates:

Sunday, June 26 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Har Nebo – 6061 Oxford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19149

Sunday, July 24 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Har Jehuda – 8400 Lansdowne Ave, Upper Darby, PA 19082

Register:

jewishphilly.org/cemeterycleanup



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WHAT'S NEW AT THE

Jersey Shore

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

THIS YEAR?

Lucy the Elephant, the perennial symbol of the Jewish shore capital of Margate, New Jersey, is undergoing “a whole body lift,” as Rich Helfant, the executive director of Lucy, describes it.

Helfant’s nonprofit Save Lucy Committee is raising \$2.1 million to replace “every single bit” of Lucy’s exterior skin. The project costs so much because the committee is using a metal alloy that takes a lot longer to rust.

With \$1.2 million in grant money already in hand, Helfant only needs another \$900,000 or so from Margate locals who care about their landmark. Lucy’s body is 80% renovated, according to the director. He just needs money for her head, the areas around her windows and the areas around her doors, among other spots.

The Margate resident estimates that Lucy will be

as good as new by the end of August.

Or just in time to mark the conclusion of the town’s summer of renewal.

“As soon as they’re done, we’ll take the scaffolding down and people will see Lucy,” Helfant said of the attraction that dates to 1881, four years before Margate was even incorporated as a borough.

Before locals and visitors see the new Lucy this summer, though, they will see Margate again for perhaps the first time since the prepandemic days of 2019.

Beth El Synagogue on North Jerome Avenue is hosting two comedians in July and its golf tournament at Harbor Pines Golf Club in Egg Harbor Township in September. Performers and the tournament were regular features of the temple’s schedule before COVID, but not since, according to Rabbi Aaron Krauss.

In the summer of 2021, Beth El did bring back

its weekly mahjong game. But “this year, we expect attendance to be increased,” Krauss said.

“It’s coming back,” he added. “It’s definitely coming back.”

The Shirat Hayam Congregation in neighboring Ventnor also is bringing back its in-person schedule for 2022.

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer said the synagogue is cosponsoring/hosting three different concerts over the summer. Two of them, including an open mic show later in the season, are new this year, while another, an outdoor party with vendors and games for kids, debuted in 2021.

At the same time, the temple will continue its “Devotion by the Ocean” Shabbat service series. Congregants sit on the beach while Kremer leads the service, and a band plays the music behind him.

The 15-year-old tradition was one of the few that



A Margate beach crowd

Photo by Tom Briglia



The new and improved promenade in Margate

Photo by Tom Briglia

Shirat Hayam continued during the pandemic since it was outside. Now, even as the pandemic fades, the tradition won't.

"Basically, all summer we have a full schedule," the rabbi said. "It's gotten to the point where some people are concerned we're offering too much."

Krauss and Kremer both believe that in-person events are essential. As Kremer asked, what is community without them?

"People need people," Krauss added.

Kremer estimates that upward of 200 people sometimes attend the "Devotion by the Ocean" services. He called praying and singing together while looking out at the ocean an "uplifting spiritual experience."

But synagogue will not be the only place where locals can find that type of experience. According to Anna Maria Courter, the executive director of the Margate Business Association, things are happening all over town, most notably at the newly completed promenade along Amherst Avenue.

The wooden walkway, which runs parallel to the bay, was completed last spring, but "enhancements are ongoing," Courter said. She called the 2022 season the first in which the promenade, with its sunset views, lights and outdoor seats, will be open in full.

As she described it, people can get breathtaking views, then find a place to eat dinner or dessert. Every dinner place along the promenade, from Sofia Restaurant to Maynard's Café to Tomatoes, has embraced outdoor seating.

"It's a newly reconfigured outdoor experience," Courter said.

In addition to the promenade, several new businesses are hitting the Margate scene this year. Shop Sixty Five is a clothing store on Jerome Avenue with "all of the new fashions," as Courter put it. Aneu is a



Lucy the Elephant

Courtesy of the Save Lucy Committee

kitchen, juicery and market with existing locations in Ocean City and Paoli.

And Tony Boloney's, the well-known pizza brand with locations all over New Jersey, is turning its food truck attraction at the Margate Farmers Market into a summer-long spot behind Tomatoes on the promenade.

"It's exciting," Courter said.

Yet even what's old in Margate is making an effort to become new this summer. The restaurants along Ventnor Avenue have added outdoor tables, according to Courter. And several bars/restaurants, Bocca Coal Fired Bistro, Ventura's Greenhouse Restaurant, Robert's Place and Maynard's Café, are starting a Margate Cornhole League with 90 teams and 180 people.

Every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., you play at a different location. Because why not make Monday night fun? Courter says there is a waiting list to join the league.

And the post-COVID spirit is not limited to Margate/Ventnor, either. Just south of Margate in Longport, neighboring restaurants Ozzie's Luncheonette and Catch Restaurant & Bar got approval from borough officials to bring back the sidewalk dining tents that they used the past two summers.

In 2020, the restaurants needed the outdoor seating because they had to close their indoor dining areas, according to Lekie Nika, the owner of Ozzie's.

Last summer, they could only allow a small percentage to dine inside. This year, though, with indoor dining open in full, borough officials wanted to use the space for parking again, Nika said.

Yet in a choice between parking spots and outdoor seating, Longport residents chose seating. Three hundred people signed a petition asking for the tents to be allowed for a third straight summer.

Nika said the customer is right. The owners of the businesses wanted to give people the option of eating outside.

Last summer, two tents allowed the restaurants to open an additional 55 seats, according to Nika. She said she would do her best to maintain that capacity, or something close to it, in 2022, but labor shortages may make it difficult.

"People have gotten used to eating outside, and they like it," she added. "Especially when you're down at the shore. You want to be outside. You don't want to be inside."

The renovation of Lucy has faced similar issues, like a labor strike, a disrupted supply chain and a broken sprinkler pipe, all of which prevented the committee from hitting its original beginning-of-summer target for completion.

Yet Helfant pledges to finish the project no matter how long it takes. He grew up in Margate playing miniature golf and hanging out at Lucy, he said. So he promises that the elephant attraction will look "like you remember her but everything will be new."

"She was such an important part of the development of the South Jersey shore," he explained. "And she's the only thing like it on Earth. How many six-story giant elephants are there?" **JE**

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Fabulous Flounder

KERI WHITE | SPECIAL TO THE JE

I recently rediscovered the joys of flounder.

This fish is a blank canvas of delicate deliciousness, although it is often overlooked as bland or plain. Flounder cooks quickly and is extremely versatile.

The mild flavor makes it a good “entry-level” fish for kids and people reluctant to try seafood, but it can soar into levels of sophistication with the right preparation.

Last week, I bought two flounder fillets at the farmers market from the fisherman who comes in every Sunday from Barnegat Light with his fresh catch. As it happened, the fillets were quite large and, as a result, covered two nights’ worth of dinners.

In the past, I had been reluctant to save fish for more than a day, thinking that it would lose freshness and appeal, but having spoken to several reputable fishmongers, I learned that dabbling the

fish with a paper towel to remove excess moisture and then wrapping it tightly with cellophane and sealing it in a bag or container in the fridge for a day or two (or the freezer for longer) is a great way to keep the fish if you can’t use it all on day one.

The recipes below span the spectrum of simple to sophisticated. The pan-fried flounder harkens back to childhood, when this was standard fare at dinners out with my family. Breaded and crispy, it reminded me why I liked it so much as a kid and made me wonder why I haven’t made it in decades. The second recipe delivers a more sophisticated flavor, integrating chopped capers and white wine into the dish, but it is not so outre that it won’t appeal to most people.

These recipes can be adapted to many different types of mild white fish — sole, tilapia, grouper, mahi mahi, fluke, et cetera. Just be mindful of the thickness and adjust the cooking times for thicker fish.



Pan-fried, Breaded Flounder

Serves 2

The dry-wet-dry method of bread- ing is a little clunky and makes for additional dirty dishes, but you can’t beat the results. If the fillets are large and seem like they will be hard to coat and flip, just cut them in half for more manageable pieces.

- 2 flounder fillets, approximately 4 ounces each
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Sprinkle of salt and pepper
- 1 egg
- ½ cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- ¼ cup canola oil (approximately)
- Lemons to serve

Set up 3 shallow bowls side by side. In the first, mix flour with salt and pepper. In the second, lightly beat the egg. In the third, place breadcrumbs.

Dry the fish with paper towels, and dredge it in the flour mixture, then the egg, then the breadcrumbs to coat thoroughly.

Heat the oil in a skillet; it should be about ⅛-inch deep — this is a “shallow fry” method. The oil is ready to cook when a breadcrumb dropped into the pan sizzles.

Carefully place the fillets in the pan and let them cook for about 2 minutes, then carefully flip. Cook the other side for another two minutes or so. The fish is done when both sides are crisp and golden brown and, when cut, is white and opaque throughout and flakes easily.

Place the fish on a plate lined with paper towels to absorb the oil. Serve immediately with lemon wedges.

Flounder with Capers, Onions and Wine

Serves 2

I was looking for inspiration in my refrigerator on how to dress up the flounder for dinner. I stumbled upon a jar of jumbo capers, which I bought for a recipe and promptly forgot about.


The capers added some interest and flair and offered a good use of an ingredient that sat around for ages. If capers are not your thing, skip them or swap out another savory item in their place; try olives, artichokes or sundried tomatoes.

A note: Jumbo capers are milder in flavor, so if you use the little ones, reduce the amount as indicated below.

- 2 flounder fillets, approximately 4 ounces each
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ cup jumbo capers, coarsely chopped or 2 tablespoons small capers
- ¼ cup white wine or broth


Heat your oven to 275 degrees F. In a large ovenproof skillet, heat the oil, and sauté the onion with the salt, pepper and capers until softened. Add the wine, bring it to a boil and then reduce it by half.

Remove the pan from the heat, spread the mixture to the edges and place the fillets in the pan. Spoon the onion mixture over the fish to coat, and place it in the oven. Bake the fish for 15 minutes or until it is opaque throughout and flakes easily. Serve immediately. **JE**



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Frustrating ‘Beauty Queen’ Still Hooks You In

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Netflix’s “The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem,” which debuted on May 21, can be seen as a lot of things: a portrayal of Spanish Sephardic Jews, of Jerusalem before it was Jewish again or of the evil eye and its implications, among other possibilities.

But really, it’s a whole lot more Jewish than all of that. For “The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem,” at its core, is about a character straight out of a Philip Roth novel: a man, Gabriel Ermoza, played by Michael Aloni, who cannot seem to overcome his domineering mother, Merkada Ermoza, played by Irit Kaplan.

And over the first two episodes, his inability to do so takes on the entertainment quality of a car wreck or a meltdown on reality television: You just can’t look away.

Throughout these early episodes of the series, which is based on a novel by Sarit Yishai Levy, you root for this handsome and capable dude to take control of his own life. As I leaned forward on the edge of my couch, I found myself shouting in my mind.

Take control of your father’s shop!

Go marry the Ashkenazi girl you really love!

Leave this constricting little village environment, and all of its small-minded biases and pressures, for the land of the free in America!

Just go, man! Go!

But Gabriel Ermoza does not go. He stays; he listens to mother; he remains a good boy.

And you hate him for it.

Yet you also empathize.

Does a man not have a responsibility to his mother, family and community? Would it not have made him even less of a man if he had just upped and left?

You even sympathize, too.

Merkada has the audacity to blame her son for the death of her husband/his father, who died the morning after he learned that Gabriel was cavorting with his Ashkenazi lover. Then she pushes him to marry the family’s lowly shop cleaner, who is Sephardic like them, because she claims that Gabriel’s father told her to do



Netflix’s “The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem”

Courtesy of Netflix

that in a dream.

The son considers leaving for the United States, but is told by another member of the community that, if his father wished for him to marry this woman, he would have sons that would grow strong. What would you do in that situation? Would you defy all the people in your community who are telling you to listen to your dead father?

Gabriel is a victim, in a sense, though not one without agency.

It is he who decides to listen to his mother’s kooky and manipulative logic. It is he who chooses the comfort of his own world over the frontier spirit of America. It is he who tries to make a deal with the devil, by marrying the shop cleaner Rosa, played by Hila Saada, a woman who he does not love, in exchange for strong sons.

It is Gabriel who fails to transcend his mother, the arbitrary responsibilities of his world and, ultimately, his cursed fate. God put him in a situation and gave him a chance to decide, as God does in the Jewish faith. Yet Gabriel chose to let others decide for him.

The show makes a point of lingering on the tragic elements of the character’s cursed existence. During the births of his first two children, Gabriel is shown running around and praying toward the sky for a “male heir.” But as the series makes clear with flash forwards to the character’s middle-aged life, his prayers are never answered.

In those flash-forward scenes, the son seems doomed to repeat his fate from generation to generation.

When Rosa is not satisfied with Gabriel’s punishment of their daugh-

ter Luna, played by Swell Ariel Or, for hitting the bed as she cries out in contrived agony.

It is, of course, not a problem that Gabriel listens to his women. It is a problem that, in the case of his mother and wife, he listens to people who want to override his agency.

The most frustrating part of the Gabe experience is that he seems capable of so much more. As a young man, he’s handsome enough to attract two different women. As a middle-aged man, he’s successful enough to buy his daughters a hot new record player.

But at every crossroads moment of his life, he gets out of his car and switches seats with the passenger.

The cycle is frustrating enough to make you want to watch the last eight episodes. **JE**

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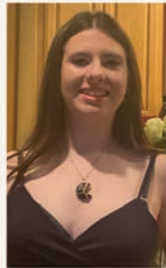


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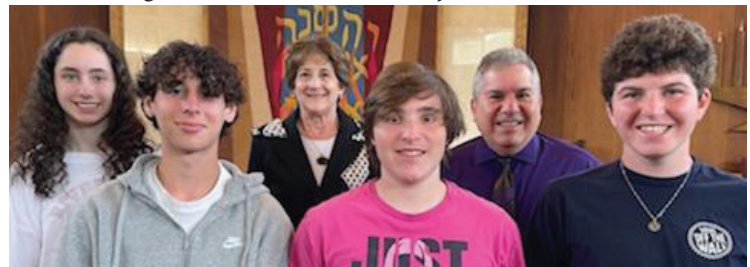
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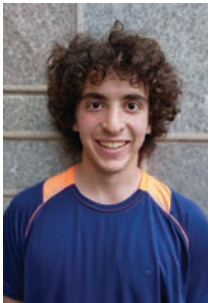
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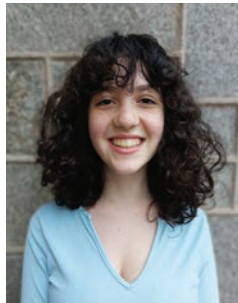
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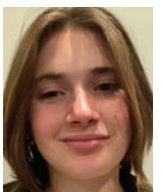
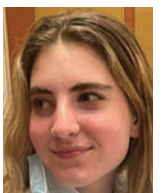
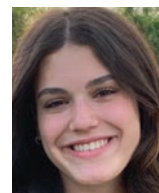
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Psychologist Geraldine Kovsky Lincoln Grossman Dies at 98

HEATHER M. ROSS | STAFF WRITER

Longtime Philadelphia psychologist Geraldine “Gerrie” Kovsky Lincoln Grossman, who transitioned from a career as a truancy officer, died on April 30 in her daughter’s home. She was 98.

Lincoln Grossman, who was a member of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, helped shape the landscape of psychology in Philadelphia in the 1960s.

From 1973 to 1978, Lincoln Grossman was in charge of training at Hall Mercer Community Mental Health Center of Pennsylvania Hospital and was a supervisor at Hahnemann University Hospital during the same period. She began a family therapy practice and helped found the Family Institute of Philadelphia, where she was a trainer and a supervisor, according to her granddaughter, Martha Lincoln.

Lincoln Grossman was a member of the American Psychological Association and the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, a charter member of the American Family Therapy Association, and a member of the Commission of Supervision of the American Association for Marital and Family Therapy.

She didn’t begin her career as a psychologist, as her relationship with psychology began when she was a truancy officer.

Her job then was to track students’ attendance and ensure they didn’t miss too many classes. But Lincoln Grossman soon discovered something that would change her life and the lives of hundreds of others.

“She found she was more interested in why the kids weren’t going to school, not that they weren’t going to school,” her daughter, Stephanie Lincoln, said.



Geraldine “Gerrie” Kovsky Lincoln Grossman

That motivated Lincoln Grossman to return to school where she pursued her master’s degree in clinical psychology at Temple University. She previously studied economics at Goucher College and attended Bryn Mawr College.

Lincoln Grossman was proud of her work, her education and her sense of fashion.

“She loved fashion, picking out the right outfits. She was like Marilyn Monroe, fabulous,” Lincoln said.

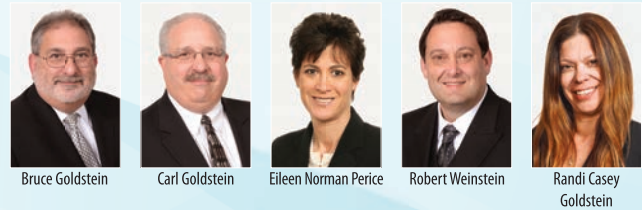
Lincoln Grossman also loved to draw and paint, specializing in portraits. But her biggest passion was in people.

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her, my wife developed cancer, and we had two little girls. I was going to the hospital every day, coming home and taking care of my girls and still going to work every day. One day, Gerrie asked me how I was. I answered in the same way I answered everyone else," he said. "I told her that my wife was doing OK and that she was recovering from her surgery and that my girls were also doing well. But Gerrie surprised me with her response: 'No, I want to know how you are.' I hadn't even thought about how I was until she asked that question, and I burst into tears. And she held me."

Gottlieb studied under Lincoln

Grossman at the Family Institute, where the two became lifelong friends.

"She was my teacher, my mentor, my therapist, my role model and my precious friend. And she was all of those things every day of those 50 years," Gottlieb said in a tribute written about Lincoln Grossman.

Lincoln Grossman overcame her own battle with cancer after being diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer in her 70s.

"She thought that was it; I begged her to fight it," Lincoln said.

After beating cancer, Lincoln Grossman went on to practice for



another 30 years.

"She was practicing until she was 97. You couldn't make her quit," her daughter said.

Lincoln Grossman was born on Nov. 17, 1923, to Benjamin and Anne Kovsky. She married William Lincoln in 1946, and they had two children, Bruce and Stephanie. The couple divorced in 1969. Lincoln Grossman married Roy Grossman Jr. in 1973; he died in 2006.

Her daughter described her as comforting and fun, saying that she never made anyone feel bad.

"She taught me that no matter how bad I was feeling at the moment to say 'eh.' [And] don't catastrophize,"

Stephanie Lincoln said.

After a fall last year in which she was injured, Lincoln Grossman moved into The Quadrangle, an assisted living facility. However, when COVID-19 became more rampant, she moved in with her daughter for safety and comfort.

"We busted her out of there when COVID hit," Lincoln said.

Lincoln Grossman is survived by her children, Bruce and Stephanie; two granddaughters; two great-granddaughters; three step-sons, Owen, John and Derek Grossman; and two step-grandchildren. **JE**

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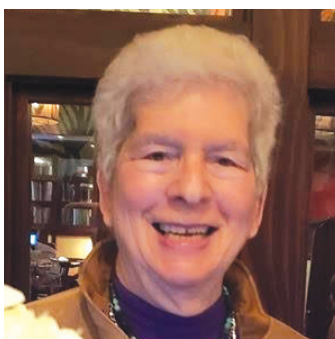
BERNSTEIN

Myer J. Bernstein, devoted Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, and proud Veteran of WW II, died May 20th at the age of 97. Beloved husband of Rita, z"l: loving father of Marsha Milakofsky (Steve), Mindy Pollikoff, and Lois Bernstein; adored Grandfather of Sam (Rachael), Adam (Allison), and Benjamin Milakofsky (Ali), and Rachael Pollikoff; Great Grandfather of Jack, Bella, Saylor, and Braylen, all of whom will miss him forever. Contributions in his memory may be made to "Big Brothers Big Sisters" 123 S. Broad St. Phila., Pa. 19109.

COHEN

HOWARD A., May 21, 2022, of Philadelphia, husband of Barbara (nee Weinstein); father of David Elliot Cohen and Sarah Faye Cohen (Jon Griesser); brother of Harriet Gaidemak (Steve Kohen); grandfather of Anya Claire and Noah Benjamin. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Jewish Committee Phila. Chapter or Trout Unlimited c/o Brodhead #289 www.brodheadtu.org.

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DAVIS

Selma Roseman Davis, 82, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022. She is survived by her three children: Wendy Pollack (Ted Pollack), Sally, and Morris (Kim Liddle); and seven grandchildren: Kayla, Harrison, Josephine, Jackson, Lauren, Luke, and Brett. Her adored husband, Edgar, died in 2017. Selma was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1957, then earned a B.A. (1961) and M.A. (1962) in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. She met Edgar in Atlantic City during Labor Day weekend, 1961. They married

14 months later. The couple lived in Philadelphia until 1969, when they moved their growing family over the city line to Bala Cynwyd. They were virtually inseparable for well over 50 years. In addition to raising her family, Selma taught psychology at Community College of Philadelphia and had a career as a researcher. She was an avid reader and writer, authoring four mystery novels set in Hawaii. Selma and Edgar traveled widely as a couple, visiting Hawaii (a favorite destination), Puerto Rico, Alaska, Montana, Washington, and other locales in the United States. Prior to her marriage, Selma also traveled to Israel (where she witnessed one session of Adolf Eichmann's trial) and across Europe. Fluent in Russian and French, Selma loved music and was an accomplished pianist and cellist. Among other efforts supporting the arts, she co-founded the community Merion Musical Society orchestra and band and continued to lead the organization for over a decade. Selma wrote for the Main Line Life newspaper, where her articles won several awards. She was outgoing and personable and enjoyed friendships with people she interviewed in her travels, among them a mayor of Honolulu, a governor of Alaska, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Senator Arlen Specter, and (perhaps her most treasured encounter) actor Robert Wagner. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that all donations be made in Selma's name to <https://www.alivingtribute.org>. This organization plants trees "under the supervision of the Forest Service. n designated National Forests and State Parks in dire need of restoration."

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EICHENBAUM

Thomas (aka: Tibi) was born on March 30, 1932 in the Slovakian town of Presov to Eugene Eichenbaum and Melvia Buchler. He had two siblings; an older sister, Lenka and an older brother, Alexander. He survived the concentration camps as a youth: Buchenwald, Muthausen and a stop at Auschwitz. After the war, he was reunited in Czechoslovakia with his grandmother, Fanny and one uncle, Bela Eichenbaum. Together they travel to Pottsville, Pennsylvania to reunite with family. He graduated from Pottsville High School and went on to graduate from The Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science. He was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force as a translator of 7 languages. While in Pottsville, he met the love of his life, Shirley Eichenbaum and they were wed on October 15, 1955. Tibi had the opportunity to own a couple pharmacies & work together with his wife. The last of which was called Este Pharmacy at Brous and Robbins St. in Philadelphia. Together, Tom and

Shirley enjoyed serving their community through their caring pharmacy, playing cards with friends, being active in synagogue life, supporting Israel, JVV and raising their children. Together, Tom and Shirley were happily married just shy of 60 years. Thomas is survived by his three children: Jeanna Eichenbaum (Jyoti Arvey), Melvia McCann (James McCann) & Felicia Greenfield-Blau (Peter Blau). He was blessed to be a part of his 6 grandchildren's lives: Aimee McCann, Alexis McCann, Darian Greenfield, Alyssa Greenfield, Joshua Blau and Sarah Blau, as well as, three great grand children: Madelynn, Joseph and Gunner. Thomas was the epitome of kindness, strength, generosity, resilience, wit, acceptance and loyalty. He led his life with honor, continued growth and dedication to his family. During the course of his life, he grew through the pain of deep anti-Semitism to experience peoples differences and appreciate those who were kind and thoughtful. He was passionate about playing chess, cards, and a loyal supporter of Israel. Donations can be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Philadelphia Chess Society or Indy's InnerCity Chess Club

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FINEMAN

Barbara (née Singer), May 22, 2022 formerly of Levittown, PA. Beloved wife of the late David Fineman; loving mother of Howard Fineman (Nook) and Jill Borocharner (Glenn); adoring grandmother of Danielle Borocharner (fiancé Jesus Escamilla) and Heather Borocharner; devoted sister of Maxine Mervine and sister-in-law of Barbara Dennis; doting aunt of Hope Brookman, Nancy Maune, Dan Creskoff, Michael Dennis, Saul Dennis, and Gerry Dennis. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Beth El of Yardley (bethelyardley.org).

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FRIEDMAN

Age 86 of Tamarac, Florida, passed away May 18, 2022. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Son of the late Samuel and Sylvia Friedman. Marvin is survived by his children Samuel Friedman (Debbie), Keven Friedman (Rebecca), his grandchildren Melissa, Lily, Madeline

and Ariel Friedman, and his partner Regina Berg, with whom he enjoyed a loving long-term relationship. Marvin was predeceased by his brother Wilfred Friedman. Marvin, a retired salesman, loved to sell products, negotiate a great deal, connect with people and find out their stories. Most of all, he loved his family deeply. Funeral services were held in Brooklyn, New York on May 20, 2022 and Shiva services will be private. The family asks that in lieu of flowers those wishing to make a donation in his memory contribute to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or a charity of their choice.



GROSS

Robert H., May 16, 2022 of Gladwyne, PA. Beloved husband for nearly 52 years of Diane (nee Abramson); loving father of Carrie (Matt) Pestronk and Benjamin (Rachel) Gross; adoring poppy of Max, Zac, Lilly, and Sylvie; and devoted brother-in-law of Debi Abramson. He was also a daddy to his three beloved whippets, one greyhound, and one cat. Services and interment for Bob were held Thursday, May 19, at West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Born in 1941, the only child of Lillian C Gross and Louis H Gross, Bob grew up in the Wynnefield section of Philadelphia. He graduated Central High School, the 211, and Temple University Class of 1964. After his education, Bob joined his father in commercial real estate development, expanding and growing the business for almost 40 years. Outside of his career, Bob was focused on his family, charitable causes, and his beloved Temple Owls basketball teams. When people think of Bob they smile, recalling some funny story or antic of his. His happy place was the quiet of his office, the crackle of the fire, and his animals nearby. Whether enjoying oysters in Nantucket or savoring a LaCollina meal, he enjoyed feeding body and soul in the company of those whom he loved. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org) or an organization of the donor's choice.

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HALSMAN

Karen (nee Tucker)-On May 21, 2022. Beloved wife of Mark. Devoted mother of Spencer Halsman (Erin Mock) and Jamie Halsman (Keoni Oliver). Loving daughter of Paula Tucker and the late Seymour Tucker. Cherished sister of Sheri Risler (Bruce) and loving aunt of Stephanie. Dear sister-in-law of Sheri Cohen-Silver (Yale) and dear aunt of Zach, and Josh. Contributions in her memory may be made to breastcancer.org.

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KAUFFMAN

LEONARD, on May 23, 2022. Age 98. Beloved husband of the late Rose (nee Katz); Loving father of Meryl Houghton (Alan) and the late Nina Kauffman; Devoted grandfather of Colin Houghton and Sean Houghton (A. Isabel Heine); Adoring great-grandfather of Nira.

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KRAFT

RICHARD A., May 22, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Celiarida (nee Gellman); Loving father of David Kraft (Lorei Frame) and Michelle Herrin (Shawn); Devoted grandfather of Abigail, Nathan, and Carly. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Ste. 2820, Phila., PA 19103.

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MARBURG

Sue Ann Marburg (nee Brezel), May 23, 2022. Loving wife of Lewis R. Marburg; adoring mother of Rachele (Larry) Ellis, and Deborah (Andrew) Stone; doting grandmother of Jessica, Elizabeth, and Jason. Sister of Frank Brezel. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah.

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What's happening at ... *Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun*

BTBJ Welcomes New (But Familiar) Leaders

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

It's a new era at Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun in Erdenheim.

In a May 17 email, the synagogue announced the hiring of a new senior rabbi in Roni Handler and a new director of congregational music in Benjamin Greenfield.

Both Handler and Greenfield were already working at the Montgomery County synagogue. Handler is replacing the retiring Saul Grife as senior rabbi, and Greenfield is moving into a full-time role.

Handler and Greenfield arrived at BTBJ in 2017, and the similarities don't end there. Both proved themselves to congregants in the education wing of the synagogue, with Handler serving as director of congregational learning and Greenfield guiding the bar and bat mitzvah tutoring program.

"Having those connections with children and families is so important to the future of the synagogue, and to connect with families who want to join the synagogue," said Michael Drossner, the temple's outgoing president and a longtime member.

BTBJ lay leaders could have easily handed the senior rabbi position to Handler, a rabbi they liked who was already on site. But they didn't. Instead, they conducted a real search for Grife's replacement, considering dozens of candidates through both the first and second rounds.

While bias can never be discounted in a situation like that, Handler nonetheless stood out, according to Drossner. Her work transforming BTBJ's religious school is convincing, he added.

Over the past five years, Handler introduced a mentorship program in which sixth graders partner with older students. She has also implemented an approach to bar and bat mitzvah prep in which students discuss the meaning of the day instead of just practicing their Torah portions.

Drossner said feedback from parents of religious school students played a

major role in the decision.

"Rabbi Handler is respected as an educator," he said. "She understands our culture and community."

She also likes the synagogue's culture and community, and that's why she's excited to stay.

"I have found it to be just a really supportive, compassionate and inclusive and warm place to be," Handler said.

Before his promotion, Greenfield's role was less defined than Handler's role as associate rabbi. Over the past few years, the cantor just kept taking on more important assignments.

What started as cantorial work on the weekends and some b'nai mitzvah tutoring grew into a leading role as b'nai mitzvah tutor. Greenfield was that good at it.

Drossner's son just went through the bar mitzvah process, becoming a man in September. The president credited Greenfield for making the process "thorough."

"He's wonderful for the kids," Drossner said. "Just phenomenal to work with."

Greenfield, for his part, called it "an honor" to be made full time. He found the synagogue to be "warm and inviting" from the day he started.

But it was his work with bar and bat mitzvah students that really convinced him that BTBJ was the place for him. The cantor not only enjoys working with students but with their families, too.

"We've become like one big family," he said.

Working one-on-one with kids as they transition into adulthood is a "special and sacred duty," Greenfield added. He is consistently impressed with the questions the students ask and with how much they grow during the process.

The cantor compared those 9-12 months of preparation to putting up a building. First, you lay the foundation and then, over time, with each passing day, the structure comes into form.

"And the day of, or in a lot of cases three weeks to a month before, they are ready to get up and do this,"



Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun in Erdenheim



Rabbi Roni Handler and Cantor Benjamin Greenfield

Greenfield said.

The cantor's ability to make students feel comfortable helps them grow. And it's that culture that BTBJ is trying to continue with both of its new leaders.

When Drossner was growing up, he had to wear a suit to his synagogue, he said. At BTBJ, he can dress casually.

Rabbi Handler and Cantor Greenfield have already played a big role in maintaining this comfortable environment. It is also what drew both of them into the synagogue.

At the same time, congregants are not afraid to think outside the box, according to Handler. In the wake of

the pandemic, BTBJ now hosts hybrid Shabbat services in person and over a livestream. No idea is a bad idea among BTBJ leaders and congregants.

It is that balance between comfort and creativity that the new leaders are excited to try and maintain.

"The more I work in the community, the more I get to know it and feel at home," Handler said.

"She and I have a fantastic working relationship," Greenfield added of Handler. "It is a joy to share the bimah with her." **JE**

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Escaping the Wilderness

BY RABBI LINDA HOLTZMAN

Parshat B'midbar

It sometimes feels as if we are all *b'midbar*, in the wilderness, uncertain as to what to do next. In the wake of the horrific shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, I am feeling that way.

Are we really living in a country that we can be proud of — one that is moving toward greater peace and justice? Or are we wandering in a wilderness with no clarity about how to stop the shootings and killings and the overwhelming gun violence from continuing? Of all the countries in the developed world, the United States has the highest percentage of deaths by gun violence, significantly higher than all the others.

During the days after the mass killing in Uvalde, we all witnessed the usual, now too-familiar response: tears and prayers, a desire to stand with the bereaved and saddened parents, friends and family of those killed, and politicians shouting about the need to do more to end this gun violence epidemic. Yet the next night in Philadelphia there was a shooting that injured three people and, in the days since, there have been many more shootings and killings.

As the headlines about Uvalde fade, the will to do something real about ending the scourge of gun violence in our country will lessen, and the serious work that it will take for us to make a real difference will dissipate. But it is so clear that we need to do something right now! This week's parsha, B'midbar, gives us some hints about what needs to be done.

The first word in the parsha, in the whole book that we are starting to read, grounds us in the wilderness. Here we are with little clarity or certainty about what will happen next — about what we need to do.

In the *midbar*, anything can happen. And in this book, so many strange things take place: A donkey talks, an overabundance of quail descends for

the people to eat, Moses hits a rock and water flows out for the people, and there's a mutiny in the Israelite camp. The start of the book, however, the section we read this week, gives us guidance about how to weather these challenges.

First is the acceptance of the fact that we are all wandering in a wilderness. When we think that we know what will happen next, when we think we are in control in life, we need to face the truth. Just like the Israelites, none of us are in control. We are *b'midbar* where anything can happen. People plan, and God laughs is truer each day. So we enter the wilderness, and then? We aimlessly wander accepting all that we are given? Clearly not!

The rest of the Torah portion is not about aimless wandering at all. The Israelites organize their camp according to precise directions, find a way to create a safe, solid community, and organize their space and their community in thoughtful ways. They establish a census and pay careful attention to who is in the community, to what everyone's needs are and to what each individual can contribute to all.

At the heart of the community is the *mishkan*, the Tabernacle where the presence of God dwells; this guarantees that no one can ever forget that the community is a holy one with its core values always at its heart.

In our world, we have entered the *midbar*, and we seem to be waiting for something to act to organize our community to stand up against the gun violence that is taking over. There is no one who is going to do the needed work except us. We need to keep our *mishkan* — our deepest values — in our heart and realize that by simply arming more people and giving the police more power and trying to guard our children's schools, we are not doing the work that will build a safe, solid community. We are not following the Israelites' example of doing thoughtful work in the face of uncertainty.

It is time for us to stop jumping for quick fixes whenever there is a shooting and to do the serious organizing and planning that can make real change.

We can start by:

- providing fair and equal education to all students in our city's schools.
- bringing jobs with livable wages to every Philadelphia neighborhood.
- creating youth programming that is creative and inviting for children in every neighborhood in Philadelphia.
- electing representatives who will keep guns off the streets and out of the hands of those who should not have them.
- changing the system to have non-police responders give people in emergency situations the care they need.
- fixing the streets and lights and all that is broken and overlooked in many Philadelphia neighborhoods.
- and so much more.

There are so many ways to step up to face the challenges that gun violence

brings to our city. Together, we can work to create a safe and solid community with peace and justice at its heart. Once we are in the *midbar*, we have no choice. **JE**

Rabbi Linda Holtzman is on the faculty of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and is the rabbi of the Tikkun Olam Chavurah. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



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

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

SHAVUOT CELEBRATION

Congregation Mikveh Israel invites you to join us for services for the holiday of Shavuot, starting June 4 at 7:15 p.m. and concluding on June 6 at 7:15 p.m. There will be a special reading of the Ten Commandments and marvelous melodies of our special service. Holiday meals are served after each service; reservations are required. **Call the synagogue office, 215-922-5446, to register. 44 N. 4th St., Philadelphia.**

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MONDAY, JUNE 6

MAHJONG GAME

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TUESDAY, JUNE 7

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Why do Jews eat a triangle-shaped dough on Purim? What is the importance of dates in Islam? These questions and more will be the focus of this virtual course. Each week in June, Golden Slipper on the Main Line will explore a different religious tradition and the food that is accompanied by it. 11 a.m. **Contact [**\[goldenslipper.org\]\(http://goldenslipper.org\) or 610-359-8632 for more information.**](mailto:msimonhazani@</p>
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

BIBLICAL THEMES IN MUSIC

Join Golden Slipper on the Main Line at 10 a.m. as we explore how historical biblical leaders (and villains) have inspired composers' music for the stage and the concert hall in a virtual lecture. **Contact msimonhazani@goldenslipper.org or 610-359-8632 for more information.**

'NEW HOLLYWOOD' SERIES

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, a new breed of young filmmakers infiltrated Hollywood. This four-week virtual course by Golden Slipper on the Main Line looks at the revolution that occurred in the movie business during that period when a young Steven Spielberg became the most successful filmmaker in history. 11:15 a.m. **Contact msimonhazani@goldenslipper.org or 610-359-8632 for more information.**

HOARDING SUPPORT

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

BEND THE ARC MEETING

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

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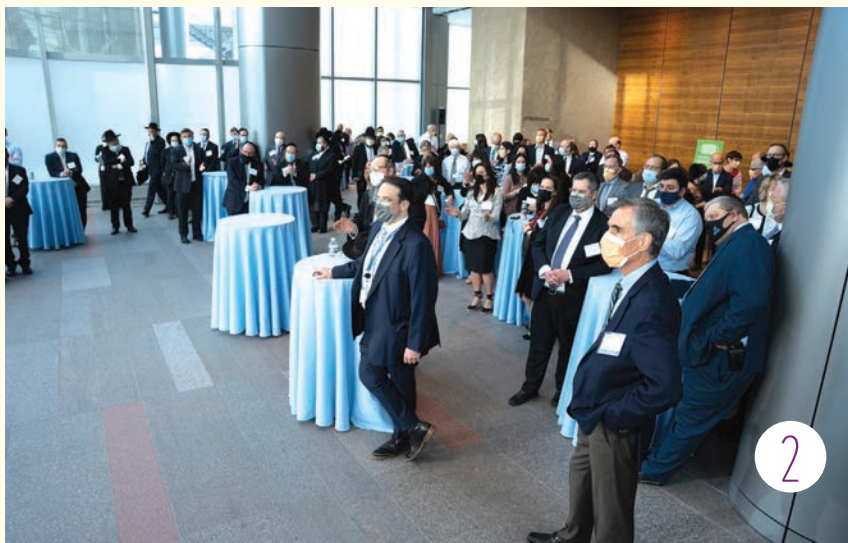
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1 The Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy's boys and girls lacrosse teams both won their Penn Jersey Athletic Association championships this year. **2** Close to 200 physicians, medical referral professionals, rabbis and nonprofit leaders gathered at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on May 24 for "An Insiders' Look at CHOP," an event in collaboration with Chai Lifeline. **3** Old York Road Temple-Beth Am in Abington packed 10,000 meals for the Rise Against Hunger effort on May 22. **4** Angels on a Leash therapy dogs visited the Abrams Hebrew Academy on May 24 for an end-of-the-school-year dog show. **5** The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties received a \$45,000 grant from Horizon to help eliminate barriers to preventive health care for local residents. **6** Temple Sinai in Dresher celebrated Rabbi Adam Wohlberg for his 20 years of service to the congregation.

Marcia Bass Brody

SHOWS HER SOUTHERN CHARM ON TV, IN BOOK

BY SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

In “The Brady Bunch,” a young Jan whines, “Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!”, lamenting how her sister always seems to get acclaim effortlessly.

The same seems to be true of, not Marcia Brady, but Marcia Brody, the 94-year-old whip-smart Jewish Cheltenham resident.

Brody was a guest on a 1992 episode of “You Bet Your Life,” hosted by Bill Cosby, where her deadpan humor and tales of growing up in the small town of North, South Carolina, charmed, if not befuddled, her audience.

Among the other contestants were a professional storyteller, the youngest justice of the peace in the United States and a jazz pianist.

At the time, Brody was a secretary in Cheltenham. But her bit was a hit: Her time on the comedy quiz show has merited tens of thousands of YouTube views since a clip of it was uploaded in 2019.

Brody, with a thick drawl that betrayed her Southern roots, stuck out from the pack.

One of the contestants turned to Brody on set before the taping and asked, “What is your specialty?”

Upon explaining that she was just a secretary, the other contestant replied, “Are you the fastest typist in the country?” Brody said no, she used a computer and not a typewriter.

When the contestant asked if Brody was the best secretary in the country, Brody said, straight-faced, “Not really.”

Finally, exasperated, the contestant asked, “Why are you here?”

“Because I was picked,” Brody responded.

Three decades after her 15 minutes of fame on “You Bet Your Life,” Brody still has plenty to say. In April, she self-published a book of poetry she’s written over the years.

The book, “Age is Only a Number,” contains more than 35 poems Brody has written in years past, mostly inspired



by notes she scribbled on sheets of paper she kept.

“It’s more a book for the elderly, really,” Brody said, “Things I was experiencing — I slowed down a lot — changes occurred in my life.”

Brody’s poems are concise and honest, many of them focusing on the details of becoming older or reflecting on growing up in a family of seven children (of whom Brody is the fifth). Despite, or maybe because of, the seriousness of the topics, Brody approaches each verse with waggish comedy.

“Itch, Itch, Itch/ Scratch, scratch,

scratch/ That is what happens when your skin gets old,” Brody writes. “... This can happen in weather that is hot or cold. / My son is now scratching/ On lottery tickets he bought today. / I hope his scratching continues/ And mine will go away.”

Growing up in North (which is about 90 miles southeast of the South Carolina town of Due West), Brody, born Marcia Bass, and her family were the only Jews in town.

The Bass family belonged to an Orthodox synagogue in Columbia, South Carolina, the state’s capital, but

traveled 30 miles from their hometown to attend a Reform Sunday school.

Despite being a minority, Brody doesn’t remember experiencing antisemitism growing up, though her father used to hide Black town residents in his dry goods store when Ku Klux Klan members entered town.

Brody’s father, Nathan Bass, was a Lithuanian immigrant who came to the U.S. at 16, not knowing how to read, write or speak English. He and his cousin were supposed to travel to Charleston, West Virginia, to work in the fall and winter, but a mistake at the train station yielded two tickets to Charleston, South Carolina. Bass, with growing success with a dry goods store, moved to North, a town of 800 people.

North remained a small town. Brody had nine students in her high school graduating class, and a small social pool became even smaller when her parents put limitations on her dating life.

“The girls in our family had a late social life because we weren’t allowed to go out with non-Jewish boys,” Brody said.

That changed, however, when Brody met her to-be husband in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she relocated after graduating from the University of South Carolina in 1948 to take a secretary position. Brody was volunteering at a Sunday school and was active at her synagogue; the executive director, a Philadelphia native, took an interest in her, and the two married. Brody was involved in Haddassah chapters in both Charlotte and Philadelphia.

Brody moved to Cheltenham with her husband and daughter and had two sons after the move. She and her husband divorced after 28 years.

But family remains the most important thing for Brody; she continues to send out a family newsletter three times a year. Brody still works to take care of her children, paying her bills and feeding herself three square meals a day. She insists she’s got plenty to do.

“Life keeps me going,” she said. **JE**

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ESTATE OF PAUL ZAFFO a/k/a PAUL ZAFFO, JR., DECEASED.

Late of Lower Merion Township
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Barbara Zaffo, Administratrix, c/o Amy W. Sosnov 540 Swede St., Norristown, PA 19401

ESTATE OF PELLUM COAXUM, a/k/a PELLUM COAXUM, JR., DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payment without delay to BARBARA COAXUM, EXECUTRIX, 2 Claudia Circle, Media, PA 19063

ESTATE OF ROBERT SCOTT OBERHOLTZER, DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make payment without delay to DONNA RAE LENTZ, EXECUTRIX, c/o Dillon L. Ross, IV, Esq., 3801 Skippack Pike, #1403, Skippack, PA 19474-1403,
Or to her Attorney:
DILLON L. ROSS, IV
ROSS LAW OFFICES
3801 Skippack Pike, #1403 Skippack, PA 19474-1403

ESTATE OF WILLIAM P. FEDULLO, DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same

and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to - ROCHELLE FEDULLO, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107,
Or to her Attorney:
ANGELA D. GIAMPOLO
GIAMPOLO LAW GROUP, LLC
1221 Locust St., Ste. 202 Philadelphia, PA 19107

ESTATE OF WILLIAM P. McLEAN, DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WILLIAM PAUL McLEAN, JR., EXECUTOR, 905 S. 28th St., Camp Hill, PA 17011

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 08, 2022 for **Chi Ki Prana** at 2100 Murray Street Philadelphia, PA 19115. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Elizabeth H. Borge at 2100 Murray Street Philadelphia, PA 19115. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 21, 2022 for **Rosecroft Circle** at 1140 Rydal Rd. Rydal, PA 19046. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Geraldine Centonze at 1140 Rydal Rd. Rydal, PA 19046. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 09, 2022 for **Elizabeth's Hands Boutique** at 5224 N 9th St., Philadelphia, PA 19141. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Sarah E. Riddick at 5224 N 9th St., Philadelphia, PA 19141. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

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Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 09, 2022 for **MsKrisDesigns** at 46 Bright Road Hatboro, PA 19040. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Kristy Gerlach at 46 Bright Road Hatboro, PA 19040. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 21, 2022 for **Diane Gill Editorial** at 1650 Limekiln Pike, Ste. B19 #180, Dresher, PA 19025. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Diana Gill at 1650 Limekiln Pike, Ste. B19 #180, Dresher, PA 19025. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 28, 2022 for **Simplified Financial Aid Consulting** at 191B W. 6th Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19120. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Aisha S Hunter at 191B W. 6th Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19120. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 14, 2022 for **491 Collection** at 5828 Belmar Ter., Philadelphia, PA 19143. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Kydeema Spain at 5828 Belmar Ter., Philadelphia, PA 19143. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 15, 2022 for **Tropical Delicious Ice Cream Truck** at 751 Vandenburg Rd. Unit 1318 King of Prussia, PA 19406. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Ruth Barker at 751 Vandenburg Rd. Unit 1318 King of Prussia, PA 19406. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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