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Conflict Aftermath Stresses Local Organizations

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AS ISRAELIS AND Palestinians alike emerge from the rubble of 11 days of fighting that killed 200 and sparked a global wave of antisemitism, the stakes of the conflict are heightened once more, at home and abroad.

The last few weeks have been a test, according to some American-Jewish groups. Political and educational groups in Philadelphia, like the Jewish Community Relations Council, Jews in ALL Hues and the American Jewish Committee work in formal and informal coalitions with a variety of non-Jewish groups. They all partner with organizations that may not be explicitly Zionist or anti-Zionist, but whose work concerns the questions at play in the conflict, questions about human rights, politics, social justice and more.

Representatives from those organizations say that, at some level, the most recent spate of bombing is a stress test for the bonds that their organizations have formed with their peers, bonds that have, fortunately, held fast. But as reports

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▲ Students in Adath Israel's confirmation program taught their parents and teachers on May 16.

Photo by Rabbi Eric Yanoff

Synagogues Start Returning to In-person Events

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THEY'RE COMING IN for confirmation and Kabbalat Shabbat. There's a mock-up Israeli shuk coming to Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid, sitars and flamenco guitar at Congregation Beth Sholom and dancing in the alley behind Makom Community at 20th and Sansom streets.

All across the Philadelphia area, increased vaccination rates and declining positivity rates in COVID-19 tests are allowing synagogues and other Jewish community hubs to dip their toes back into hosting in-person community events, if ever-so gingerly. Though no one appears to be rushing back for indoor, maskless events in the near future, synagogue

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GIFT BASKETS CREATE KOSHER CONUNDRUM

A reader received gift baskets from colleagues and friends to celebrate a milestone, but many of the items included are not kosher. She wonders how she should respond if people ask how she liked the gifts. Miriam notes that the gift receiver could head off inquiries by sending thank-you notes in advance — then giving the non-kosher food to friends or neighbors. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2021/06/01/dear-miriam-gift-basket-creates-kosher-conundrum/



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West Laurel Hill Cemetery to Open New Jewish Section

LOCAL

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

WEST LAUREL HILL Cemetery opened a Jewish section in 2011 called Chesed Shel Emet, and it proved so successful that the Bala Cynwyd cemetery is breaking ground on a new Jewish section.

To be called Makom Shalom, A Place of Peace, the new section will feature space for 884 plots spread over about 2.5 acres of rolling hillside landscaped into three terraces, cemetery President and CEO Nancy Goldenberg said. The new section is slated to debut in June 2022; design work began in 2019.

"The design speaks to the need for a contemplative cemetery experience that knits Jewish tradition with the natural beauty and serenity of a very special place," she said.

West Laurel Hill, which was founded in 1869 and covers 187 acres, hired Boston-based Halvorson | Tighe & Bond Studio to design Makom Shalom, which will be north and adjacent to Chesed Shel Emet and its 1,780 plots.

"(Chesed Shel Emet) exceeded our expectations in terms of popularity. A third of the plots were sold within a couple years," Goldenberg said, noting that nearly all of those plots are now sold.

The cemetery also completed in 2017 a 385-plot section for members of Orthodox Lower Merion Synagogue.

Bob Uhlig, the vice president of landscape architecture and urban design for Halvorson | Tighe & Bond, said the new section's design will incorporate Jewish elements

of enclosure, separation and intimacy, while tying into the neighborhood. Formal gates will incorporate washing stations.

Aside from existing mature trees on the site, plants that have significance to Judaism and Jewish history will be incorporated into the landscaping, including willow, myrtle, flowering almond and cedar of Lebanon, Uhlig said.

"We'll use species indigenous to Israel, but hardy enough to live in Philadelphia," he said.

"This will create a sense of place and tell a story in the living landscape of the connection between modern Jews and Jewish cultural and religious history," Arboretum Manager Aaron Greenberg said.

The sloping section presented both opportunities and problems to tackle, Uhlig said.

"With those slopes came some nice challenges," he said. "We creatively integrated the stormwater into the pathways."

Goldenberg didn't rule out further expansion of either the Jewish or non-Jewish sections of West Laurel Hill, which is a private, nonprofit entity that also operates a funeral home.

"We're not running out of space," she said.

That's unlike several of the older, strictly Jewish cemeteries in the Philadelphia area. The Jewish Exponent has written several stories in recent years detailing the decline of cemeteries that have little remaining space and have limited numbers of new burials, resulting in poor financial conditions. •

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▲ Renderings of Makom Shalom at West Laurel Hill Cemetery
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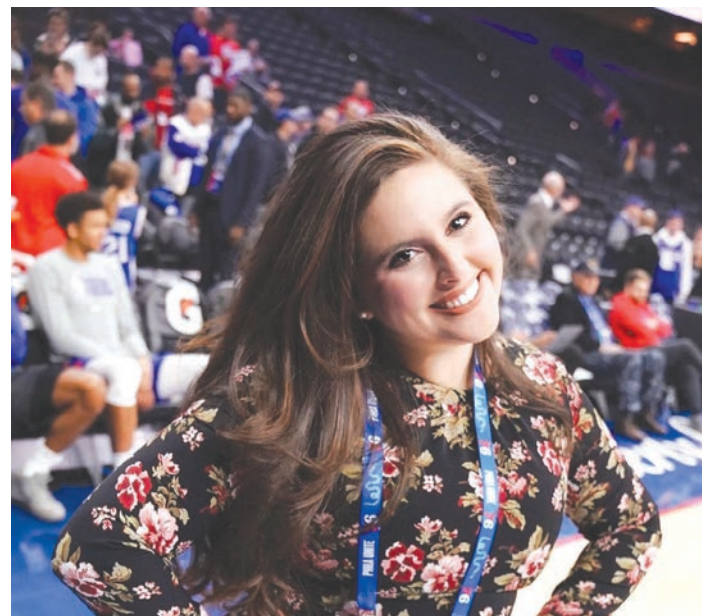
Devils point guard Jay Williams dished out a ton of assists to his teammates in the early aughts, powering them to an NCAA championship in 2001. Lauren Rosen, 26, is one of those lucky few who can claim an assist from Williams without ever having stepped

onto the court.

The Houston native didn't grow up a basketball fan — her sporting life was mostly confined to gymnastics at her local JCC — but when she arrived at Duke University with dreams of a future in sports broadcasting, the game called out to her. She started to work as a production runner for Duke games televised on ESPN, a frequent occurrence. Toting coffees and

clipboards around campus for on-air talent like Williams, the former Duke great, Rosen began to see what a future in basketball broadcasting could look like. As she continued to work with the crew, Rosen said, Williams was one of her biggest supporters, pushing her to do the best she could.

Since then, Rosen has earned a master's in journalism from Northwestern University and spent time as a public relations



▲ Lauren Rosen

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assistant for the Chicago Bulls. Now, the 26-year-old is an in-house digital media reporter for the Philadelphia 76ers, getting up close and personal with players and crowds as COVID restrictions are lifted and the playoffs heat up.

Rosen spoke about Philadelphians, the Brooklyn Nets and reporting on basketball when there wasn't any basketball being played.

How did basketball become the energizing thing for you? It seems like there's a lot of directions you could have gone with what you'd learned how to do.

Some of it is coincidence, because I didn't go to Duke because of Duke basketball. But it became a huge part of my life once I got there. And then working with ESPN on their basketball programming again, it was sort of that Duke was point A, ESPN was point B, and I was just closest to basketball during that formative time. And luckily, I really fell in love with the sport and the culture. And it's cheesy, but I've started watching the game as poetry. It's a really beautiful

game, there's so much skill involved.

It's not a game that I ever played, and for that reason, I have a level of respect for it, because I can never truly understand what these athletes are able to do. So I would say coincidence, but luckily, I fell in love with it after enough coincidences lined up with each other. And now I've been around long enough that I do feel comfortable picking the game apart and forming my own opinions.

I imagine you really have to love the game to be able to cover it from afar, like you've had to do during the pandemic. How did your job change during the pandemic?

I do love the game. But I love the players more. I really like helping people learn about their favorite players off the court. This specific Sixers team has been such a pleasure to work with and to present to the public because they're great players, and they've had so much success. But their stories, at least to me, are even more interesting. People really forget that these are human beings,

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and they have good days and bad days and up times and down times like you and I do, and helping paint that more holistic picture is what I love doing.

And so that didn't stop when the pandemic started. That's maybe the one thing that didn't stop, was being able to help them tell their stories. For a while there, we were talking about, 'OK, what are the players doing during shutdown?', because they're these larger-than-life characters, but they also had to be in quarantine and spend a lot of time alone and cope with that, the way that everybody did.

So the biggest change, of

energy like I felt in my first playoff game with the Sixers. So that would have been in 2019 against the Brooklyn Nets. The building gets so loud, and I'm so looking forward to getting back to that full capacity.

What is it about Philadelphia that you found unique among all those different stops?

I appreciate the city for the history, for the architecture, but it's mostly the people for me. People in Philly are so proud to be here. People from Philly are proud to be from here. And I feel like I'm slowly becoming a part of this little family that I really enjoy, really love.

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LAUREN ROSEN

course, was no longer covering basketball. I mean, we were covering a game against the Pistons, the game went well, and then all of a sudden the season stops. So that transition was jarring. We really quickly pivoted to sort of trying to give Sixers fans a view into the players lives, bring a little bit of levity into a hard time, which is what sports are supposed to do, but couldn't do during that those first few months.

What was your "Welcome to Philadelphia" moment?

It sounds a little corny, but my "Welcome to Philadelphia" moment was my first playoff game with the Sixers. I've been privileged to watch a lot of high-level basketball in the last 10 years. And I've never felt

What's next for you?

I've arrived where I'm at a lot quicker than I thought I would. So to borrow a Marc Zumoff term, I am in no particular hurry to be done with what I'm doing right now. I love it. And I'm looking forward to getting to do it outside of the pandemic restrictions that we've been living under.

So, what's next is continue doing what I'm doing and try to do it a whole lot better, more dynamically. And then I hope to stay in broadcast. I hope to stay with basketball. So wherever that takes me, I'll be thrilled to continue. Right now I'm really happy with what I'm doing. And it feels good to say that. ●

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Pope Francis Kisses Survivor's Auschwitz Tattoo

Pope Francis kissed the number tattooed on a Holocaust survivor's arm on May 27 during his weekly meeting with the public, JTA reported.

Lidia Maksymowicz, 81, showed the pope her number, then Francis got down on one knee to kiss it, but the two did not speak.

"We understood each other with a glance," Maksymowicz told the Vatican News, saying the pontiff's gesture "has strengthened me and reconciled me with the world."

Maksymowicz, a Polish citizen from Krakow, was deported to Auschwitz from Belarus before turning 3. There she was subjected to infamous Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, who experimented on Jewish prisoners.

Francis often strongly denounces antisemitism and meets with Jewish groups and delegations. He visited Auschwitz in 2016, engaging there in silent prayer. He said, "The memory of the Shoah and its atrocious violence must never be forgotten" in 2018.

SF Teachers Union Becomes First K-12 Union to Endorse Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement

San Francisco's teachers union passed a resolution on May 19 supporting the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel, J. the Jewish News of Northern California reported.

The 6,200-member United Educators of San Francisco, is the first United States public school K-12 union to formally support BDS, although other education and trade unions also have done so. The resolution passed the day before Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire.

The 388-word document says Israel perpetrates the "forced displacement and home demolitions" of Palestinians in Jerusalem and has created "a regime of legalized racial discrimination." It asks the Biden administration to end aid to Israel.

San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council Executive Director Tyler Gregory said in a statement that the union's resolution was "factually inaccurate" and "inflammatory."

"Rather than supporting all students whose families may be impacted by the conflict, Israelis, Palestinians, Jews and Arabs, this vote will contribute to Jewish students feeling unsafe and unwelcomed in San Francisco public schools," he said.

Report: Antisemitic Acts in U.S. Up 80% in a Month

Secure Community Network, the organization that advises U.S. Jewish communities on security, said it recorded an 80% spike in antisemitic acts amid Israel's 11-day war with Hamas, JTA reported.

One cause was disinformation spread on social media during and since the exchange of rocket fire.

"There may be foreign actors spreading information and disinformation, often tied to antisemitic tropes," CEO Michael Masters said. "We're seeing a clear rise in the calls for violence against the Jewish community and an uptick of attacks of violence."

Masters said foreign sources, including states, also may have spurred incitement.

Jewish Press Editor Who Entered U.S. Capitol During Jan. 6 Riot is Fired

Jewish Press Editor Elliot Resnick, who was identified among those breaching the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, was fired,

JTA reported.

Shlomo Greenwald, a grandson of the politically conservative paper’s founders, announced in a May 26 Facebook post that he would assume the role of senior editor.

A researcher identified Resnick in YouTube videos of the Capitol breach, as reported on by Politico in April. The video shows Resnick stumbling as he enters the building. His face is clearly visible when he reappears a few minutes later.

Publisher Naomi Mauer appeared to back Resnick when the news first broke.

“As we understand the facts, we believe that Mr. Resnick acted within the law,” Mauer told Politico.

Rutgers Chancellor Condemns Antisemitism, Then Apologizes

Rutgers University-New Brunswick Chancellor Christopher J. Molloy condemned antisemitism but then — following protests from a pro-Palestinian student group — apologized for doing so, JTA reported.

Molloy released a statement on May 26 also signed by Provost Francine Conway that condemned antisemitism and “all forms of bigotry, prejudice, discrimination, xenophobia, and oppression, in

whatever ways they may be expressed

The statement mentioned “increasing violence between Israeli forces and Hamas in the Middle East leading to the deaths of children and adults and mass displacement of citizens in the Gaza region and the loss of lives in Israel.”

A day later, Rutgers’ Students for Justice in Palestine group released a lengthy statement condemning the chancellor’s statement.

Later that day, Molloy and Conway issued an apologetic second statement that promises to “make sure that our communications going forward are much more sensitive and balanced.”

Nashville Store Apologizes for Selling ‘Not Vaccinated’ Yellow Jewish Stars

A Nashville hat shop apologized for selling yellow star patches that oppose coronavirus vaccination policies after hat maker Stetson said it was pulling its products, JTA reported.

HatWRKS posted on its Instagram account last week a photo of an unnamed woman, apparently the shop’s owner, wearing a yellow Star of David that

read “Not Vaccinated.”

The post led to a protest outside the store last week. The shop removed the post and issued an apology.

“In NO WAY did I intend to trivialize the Star of David or disrespect what happened to millions of people,” the Instagram account said, hours after Stetson posted its decision. •

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Tel Aviv Skyscraper Honored

A TEL AVIV SKYSCRAPER was awarded the best tall building in the Middle East and Africa by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, The Jerusalem Post reported, citing Architect News.

Totzeret HaAretz Tower 1 by Ron Arad Architects and Yashar Architects on Totzeret Haaretz Street spans 30 floors and 125 meters. The distinctively shaped building is meant to resemble the shape of an iceberg.

The tower is mostly office space, including startup WeWork, but also has spaces for restaurants and a café. It was completed in February 2019 and is the first of a three-building office complex. The other two buildings are slated to open in 2024 and 2026, respectively.

Movie Theaters Reopen in Israel

Israeli movie theaters reopened for the first time on May 26 after being closed for 14 months because of the pandemic, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Large screens in Jerusalem showed scenes from new movies, as well as messages that welcomed the public back and explained the new coronavirus rules. Green theaters were for vaccinated people and purple were for the unvaccinated. Tickets were marked as either green or purple.

Spokespeople for the Cinema City theater chain said tickets were selling fastest for evening showings of "Wonder Woman 1984," which stars Israeli Gal Gadot.

Not all auditoriums were open, however, although the theater chains hope to achieve full capacity in a few weeks, the Post reported.

Israel to Require Travelers Entering Country to Pay for Mandatory COVID-19 Tests

Travelers entering Israel will now have to pay for mandatory coronavirus tests, The Times of Israel reported.

The nation's Health Ministry said the tests cost \$25 if scheduled before flying and \$30 for those who don't sign up until they land at Ben Gurion Airport. All tests for those making land crossings will be \$30. The state previously funded the tests.

In addition, Israelis traveling abroad will now have to pay for their COVID-19 tests.

Israeli AG to Indict Housing Minister

Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit announced May 27 that he will indict Housing Minister Yaakov Litzman of the United Torah Judaism party for obstruction of justice and breach of trust, The Times of Israel reported. The indictment is pending a hearing.

The charges are tied to suspicions that Litzman used his former position as deputy health minister to prevent Australia from extraditing Malka Leifer, a former Orthodox girls school principal in Melbourne accused of sexually assaulting minors. Leifer was finally extradited in January.

The would-be indictment also alleges that Litzman used his powers to prevent a deli cited for health violations from closing.

In a statement, Mandelblit said that in both cases, Litzman "allegedly used his status and power to promote the interests of private individuals, allegedly using his government power for improper reasons and against the interests of those for whom he was responsible as deputy minister of health."

Although police recommended that Litzman also be indicted for bribery, Mandelblit said he won't pursue that charge.

Litzman's office issued a statement that said, "We believe in Minister Litzman's full innocence." •

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Aftermath

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of antisemitic incidents rise, people like JCRC Director Laura Frank are wondering what the political environment for Zionism might look like in Philadelphia in the years to come.

“The anti-Zionism and BDS movements are directly affecting us, and it’s something that we have built coalitions around,” Frank said. “In Philly, tensions have definitely risen.”

JCRC pursues a number of political and educational goals in the city, which frequently bring them into contact with non-Jewish political organizations. Priorities include “Israel and World Jewry Affairs,” “Racial Justice Initiatives” and “Interfaith Affairs,” and their work often requires lobbying on a state and local level.

When former president of the Philadelphia NAACP Rodney Muhammad posted an antisemitic meme to his public Facebook page last July, Frank convened a roundtable discussion with local Black church leaders to address antisemitism, racism and other issues related to bigotry. In January, JCRC hosted a virtual discussion with U.S.



▲ Jared Jackson, founder and executive director of Jews in ALL Hues

Photo by John Lydon

Reps. Chrissy Houlahan, Mary Gay Scanlon, Susan Wild and Madeline Dean; the next month, they took part in a “Virtual Mission to Washington” to advocate for Israel and laws that fight antisemitism, lobbying members of Congress alongside Jewish organizations from across the country.

Since the most recent fighting between Israel and Hamas, Frank said, antisemitic and anti-Zionist activity in Philadelphia was as pronounced as it’s been in her tenure at JCRC.

“This is happening here

in Philly, it’s happening on college campuses, it’s happening everywhere,” she explained. But when it came to the organization’s own partners, what Frank and JCRC found was, almost universally, strong support during a difficult period. When there were questions about what was going on — about war, Hamas, colonialism, apartheid, antisemitism — they were asked respectfully, in good faith.

“There are people that are questioning, trying to understand, and we’re just really grateful and proud that they’re turning to us for that guidance, and they’re listening,” Frank said.

A similar dynamic was at play for AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey. The fighting in Gaza and the clashes in the streets of Israel reverberated throughout the world in the form of heated political debate and, at times, criticism of Israel gave way to antisemitic sentiment and attacks.

“It’s been a totally emotionally fraught time,” said Marcia Bronstein, regional director of AJC.

On college campuses, where AJC often works in Philadelphia, it’s been “scary,”

Bronstein said, as popular opinion turns against Israel. The organization has noted an increase in statements made in support of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, and increased categorization of Israelis and Jews at large as “white and privileged.” It’s frustrating to Bronstein, who has worked hard to build partnerships and coalitions with organizations of varied political stripes. Those relationships have been stressed by difficult conversations, Bronstein said, but have held because of trust built up over years. Still, she is concerned about the future.

“People just don’t get it,” Bronstein said. “They sign up for the underdog, or perceived underdog, or they put it in the lens of colonialism, you know, white people against Black and brown people. If anyone says that about Israel, they just don’t get it, it’s clear that they don’t get it.”

Jared Jackson and the leadership of Jews in ALL Hues have faced a different sort of challenge.

Jews in ALL Hues, an educational advocacy group that also offers consulting, is a younger, smaller organization

than AJC or JCRC. Jackson, founder and executive director of the group, is a native speaker when it comes to the language of contemporary social justice organizing and education, while larger legacy organizations are trying to pick it up later in life. Their partners are more likely to be young and on the left, where criticism of Israel is a more common feature than it is among the organizations that partner with AJC or JCRC.

However, Jackson said, he hasn’t gotten many questions about Israel or Zionism during the most recent conflagration, and the strength of Jews in ALL Hues’ relationships are the reason why.

“Coming from clients, coming from organizational partners, there’s that built-in understanding that we have such a diversity of opinion and diversity of experience that it really isn’t the place to bring that,” he said, “because if you want to connect with people and people inside of our network, it also means meeting them as a human, not as a political pawn.” •

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A CALL FOR HELP

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

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

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In-person

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leaders like Rabbi Eric Yanoff at Adath Israel on the Main Line are able to squint and see something akin to regular life.

“I’m hopeful that we gradually move toward a sense of normalcy,” Yanoff said of the summer.

At Adath Israel, the first sign that congregants might be willing to attend cultural and communal events again came at Pesach. The synagogue’s outdoor barbecue required congregants to wear masks, but the next person to eat a grilled hot dog with a mask on will be the first; while their parents ate, children played field games that also necessitated mask removal here and there. For that outdoor event in late March, Adath Israel declared a 100-person capacity; it sold out easily.

“People were so happy to be there,” Yanoff recalled.

That was months ago. As of June 1, 57% of all

Pennsylvanians have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine, according to The New York Times, and a sufficient number of Adath Israel congregants feel safe enough that other pre-pandemic staples are returning, though in adjusted form. There have been weekly kiddush spreads outdoors, and two confirmation classes graduated together.

Yanoff doesn’t think that there would have been enough congregants comfortable with in-person gathering able to host kiddushes two months ago.

The medical professionals on the synagogue’s reopening task force have made recommendations based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and will continue to do so. However, they must also take the subjective comfort of their congregants into account, “to have a listening heart and a listening ear to where our people are,” Yanoff said. The task force will cross the indoor

events bridge when they come to it. In the meantime, their minds are on the next looming challenge: High Holidays.

At CBENT, preparations are being made for a June 6 event called “Pathways to Israel — Mind, Motion and Munchies.” Congregants who attend will get a shuk-like atmosphere at the Broomall synagogue, with activities like Hebrew language workshops, Krav Maga demonstrations and a shofar-making workshop. It’s not quite a pre-pandemic event — it will still be outdoors — but it’s not far off.

“We decided that this was the time, things are starting to get back to normal, but we still did not want to have everything indoors,” said Amy Blake, synagogue co-president.

In April, rounding up enough congregants who were comfortable with such an event would have been out of the question; in May, it would have likely been an open one. But in June, that critical mass of congregants has been reached.

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▲ A recent Kabbalat Shabbat service hosted by Makom Community.

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One-and-a-Half Minutes



BY KEREN ROSENFELD

NINETY SECONDS is my new measure of time. I have a lot to accomplish in those precious seconds these days. At night, within 90 seconds I have to put on shoes; grab my sleeping 4-year-old and a few pillows; take her to the stairwell outside our apartment hoping she stays asleep so I can lay her down then run back to grab my 2-year-old; not forget

a house key; and then wait.

I wait patiently, still. Calm to keep my baby girl calm. Calm while the siren wails and the inevitable BOOM crashes overhead, shaking the doors, but never shaking my core. I remain still. I wait for the sirens to stop. Sometimes they do. Sometimes they continue, preceding another series of BOOMS. During the day, I also grab an iPad so the kids can focus on something else.

This part isn't so bad. A 90% Iron Dome success rate means that not having a safe room or bomb shelter in my building leaves us fairly safe. You just pray you aren't at the wrong place in the 10% margin of error. Like that guy three miles away ...

The hard parts are the moments before. And the moments after. I didn't grow up with the gas masks and bomb

shelters like my husband. This is his normal, not mine. He is a sea of calm in this mayhem. But his sea was swept off to protect others when he was called up for Air Force Reserve duty. So I must be the calm. Alone.

The before parts include running logistics. Making sure my phone is charged and nearby. Deciding how far we can wander from home. Determining if there is a shelter near the playground, or the grocery store. Which child should I grab first? Should I carry them both? Can I risk grabbing a shower while alone with the girls? What if while giving them a bath a siren goes off? Are 90 seconds enough to rise, throw on towels, grab the girls and sit in the hall? Will I have time to put a diaper on the baby? Remember to stay calm, or at least appear calm.

They're young, so they don't ask questions. They seem fine. I hope they're fine.

The after parts include not being able to fall asleep. Sleep. I can't remember real sleep anymore. Being woken up three or four times a night by sirens, and then a few more times by phantom sirens. Motorcycles sound like sirens sometimes. Ambulance sirens make my heart beat faster. I am constantly looking for sturdy walls that face north, away from where the rockets come from. I never let my girls wander more than four feet away in case I need to grab them and run. The after parts suck.

I've always been independent. I traveled the world alone. But being alone with two little girls is different. After two nights alone, we moved in with friends. I can admit it

when I am in over my head. The kids thought it was camp. The adults made plans: One mom grabs the two older kids, then the others grab the babies and head for the stairs. We stay until I miss home.

The sirens have stopped, but I still hear them sometimes. I still keep my showers short and leave the window open, so I can hear a siren just in case. But the knot in my stomach hasn't gone away. My husband is still away. I try not to think about it too much. I have other things to focus on. I've gotten used to balancing work and entertaining the kids thanks to COVID. I still don't sleep well.

I'm lucky. Thirty minutes south they have 15 seconds. ●

Keren Rosenfeld lives in Tel Aviv with her husband and two daughters.

The Danger of That #nosejob Trend on TikTok



BY JOANNA MANN

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I love my "Jewish nose."

But when more and more #nosejob and #nosejobcheck videos started popping up on my TikTok For You Page, it brought back those old unwanted feelings of hating my appearance I worked so hard to overcome. I wasn't even interacting with the videos, yet for some reason I couldn't get them off my feed.

On TikTok, the #nosejob hashtag has nearly 2.5 billion views, and #nosejobcheck has over a billion as well.

The videos are all pretty much the same: The first half consists of people showing their side profile in several pictures (truly a nightmare for those of us with nose insecurities!), a horrifying photo of their post-op bloody and bruised face, and then — finally — the new and improved nose, which is usually tiny, upturned and bump-free.

Watching them makes me think about all of the young teenage girls on the app who are no doubt seeing the same videos I am. If I had seen these "transformations" at 15, it would have destroyed my already fragile self-esteem. I can't help but wonder how many young teenagers today

— including Jewish girls — are taking in these videos in harmful ways.

First, let's just take a minute to talk about the antisemitic history of the stereotypical "Jewish nose." There is actually no proof that Jews tend to have larger noses, or any physical

stereotype dates back to the 1930s, when it was used in Nazi propaganda to stir disgust and hatred of Jewish communities. I remember learning in Hebrew school about Nazi propagandist Julius Streicher and what he wrote in a children's book during World War II.

a nose is a hook nose or an eagle nose. It is not at all like a Jewish nose."

While there is no proof that Jews inherently have big noses, this feature does in fact run in many Jewish families, including mine. Whenever people see a photo of my family,

The large, hooked nose stereotype dates back to the 1930s, when it was used in Nazi propaganda to stir disgust and hatred of Jewish communities.

characteristics that group us together, for that matter. There are Jews of every size, shape and color, and the diversity of the Jewish experience is something to be celebrated. But ...

The large, hooked nose

"One can most easily tell a Jew by his nose," he wrote. "The Jewish nose is bent at its point. It looks like the number six. We call it the 'Jewish six.' Many Gentiles also have bent noses. But their noses bend upwards, not downwards. Such

the first thing they do is laugh and point out that my older sister and I most definitely inherited my dad's "Jew nose."

And while we wear this feature as a badge of honor today, for me it hasn't always been that way. As a teenager

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Trail of Misinformation Aims to Divide Supporters of Israel and of Social Justice



BY LAURA FRANK

THE JEWISH communities' participation in the racial reckoning undertaken by our nation over the past year may be the most important social justice work we've done in the last half century. Since the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, Jewish communities, like so many others, have worked to understand the racism baked into our society and pledged to use our power to make our country more equitable. We've joined with other communities across our region to demand justice and opportunity for all and have forged new friendships and strengthened old alliances.

This past month, however, we've watched many of these relationships and partnerships deteriorate, or crumble altogether. It has been upsetting and painful to see many of our domestic allies and friends openly embrace anti-Israel, and increasingly anti-Jewish, platforms on social media and in public spaces. Watching their hateful words spiral into overt acts of violence and targeted aggression against Jewish Americans was an

entirely predictable and avoidable consequence.

I've been engaged in Jewish advocacy long enough to know that the anti-Zionist movement never misses an opportunity to use the conflict to attack Israel. So, when Hamas began raining rockets down on Israeli civilian populations, it was foreseeable that propaganda against Jews would quickly follow.

Since Israel's creation, its enemies' efforts have moved from war and invasion to delegitimization and boycotts. For years, American Jews have often faced "litmus tests," in which they must publicly renounce Zionism in order to participate in progressive activities and movements such as the Women's March. But in

followers. It's clear that it is now incumbent upon Jewish Americans, and our allies, to confront and correct the lies and falsehoods in order to defuse this new spread of antisemitism.

One such piece of propaganda, designed to draw parallelstoEuropeancolonizers who sought to evict people of color from their lands in Africa and the Americas, is that Israel is a settler colonial state committing ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians. Jews originated in Israel, and have remained there in some form ever since. The Jews did not return to their homeland to colonize, but instead to save themselves from aggressions and evictions across Europe

high levels of employment in the government and the IDF.

Israel has repeatedly sought to negotiate an end to the hostilities so that Jews and Palestinians might live side-by-side in peace. But Palestinian leadership has rejected offers of statehood at least seven times since 1948. In the name of peace-building, Israel has handed the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt and later the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians, which resulted in a brutal takeover from Hamas. This resulted in hundreds of deaths of both Israeli and Palestinian civilians.

Another argument paints the Palestinian people as the oppressed and Israel as the oppressor, pointing to Israel's powerful defense systems as

an obligation to do.

Finally, another pervasive argument is that Zionism is racism. Zionism rests on the belief that Jews, like any other peoples, should be allowed to self-govern within the land in which they are indigenous. But Zionism was never about having an exclusively Jewish state, in which persons who pursued other faiths would not be allowed to live, worship freely or have equal rights. The goal of those equating Zionism and racism is not to improve the situation of people of color in the land of Israel, but rather to deny the Jewish people their right to self-determination and their indisputable ties to that land.

This isn't to say that all those who participated in anti-Israel demonstrations in recent weeks are antisemitic. In fact, it's safe to assume that most are not. But what is clear is that bad faith actors, whose intent is to annihilate the state of Israel, are now seeking to build walls between Jewish advocates for Israel and their allies in the fight for racial justice here in the United States.

Jews have always been at the forefront of the fight for human rights and social justice. Israel was built on these very principles. We must consistently contest anti-Zionist misinformation, as we continue to fight for an equal and just society for all here in the United States. •

Laura Frank is the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Most distressing of all is that these reactions have been spurred on due to a stunning failure of community activists and political leaders to adequately equate their words with the actions of their followers. It's clear that it is now incumbent upon Jewish Americans, and our allies, to confront and correct the lies and falsehoods.

the past few weeks, anti-Israel misinformation and distortion have escalated in the public discourse and the media, which has helped fuel an over 400% increase in antisemitic activities.

Most distressing of all is that these reactions have been spurred on due to a stunning failure of community activists and political leaders to adequately equate their words with the actions of their

and the Middle East. In fact, only 31% of Israeli citizens are of European descent at all.

As to the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, Israel was created pursuant to the UN's plan for a two-state solution. While the Arab residents who fled Israel became refugees, the nearly 150,000 who remained became Israeli citizens. Today, Arabs comprise more than 22% of Israel's population and hold

an example of their superior power. But this argument fails to address why those defense systems are necessary. Israel, more than any other country in the world, has faced repeated attacks from its neighbors and terrorist organizations that reside among them. Not surprisingly, Israel has invested heavily in defense systems and security measures to protect its citizens, as all sovereign nations are entitled and have

Correction

In the article "Attorney, Israel Fundraiser Herbert Kolsby Dies at 94" in the May 20 issue, Kolsby's name was misspelled in the captions.

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Blueberry Season Is Upon Us

FOOD

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BLUEBERRIES ARE beginning to appear in local markets, and that is good news for those of us who enjoy seasonal fruit. I have been playing around with these healthy, delicious orbs, and have come up with a few delightful ways to use them.

BLUEBERRY RAINBOW SALAD

Serves 4

This salad is as pretty as it is tasty — and it can be adjusted to personal preference. Nut allergy? Skip them! No beets in the house? Omit them and sub in cooked sweet potatoes or raw carrots. Need a vegan or pareve dish? Omit the cheese. You get the idea: This is a framework.

The version here is suggested as a composed, plated salad presentation, but you can certainly toss this all in a bowl for family-style serving.

The salad:

- 4 cups arugula or other baby lettuce
- 1 cup blueberries, rinsed and picked over
- ½ pound strawberries, hulled and halved, if large
- 1 mango, cut in cubes
- ½ cup shelled pistachios
- 4 cooked beets, cooled, peeled and cut into small pieces
- 4 ounces goat cheese

The dressing:

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard



▲ Blueberry oatmeal cookies

- ¼ cup good-quality olive oil
- Generous grinding of fresh pepper
- A pinch or two of kosher salt

Divide the lettuce evenly among four salad plates to form a bed. Stack a layer of beets, a layer of mangoes and a layer of blueberries on each plate. Sprinkle nuts over the stack and around the lettuce. Surround the stack with strawberries. Divide the goat cheese in four even portions and top each salad with a round of cheese.

In a measuring cup or small bowl, mix the dressing ingredients. Just before serving, drizzle each salad with the dressing.

BLUEBERRY OATMEAL COOKIES

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

This riff on oatmeal raisin cookies is a wonderful seasonal twist and a nice way to use extra berries, especially those a bit past their prime.

- 2 cups flour
- 1½ cups rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon



▲ Blueberry rainbow salad

Photos by Claire Batten

- 1 stick butter, softened
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F, and line a baking tray with parchment. Set aside.

Whisk together the flour, oats, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a small bowl. Set aside. Cream the butter with the sugars, then add the egg and vanilla. Mix in the dry ingredients gradually until thoroughly blended. Gently fold in the blueberries.

Using two spoons, scoop the dough into balls and place them on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10-12 minutes until the edges are golden brown and the centers of the cookies are set. Cook completely and store the cookies in an airtight container.

BLUEBERRY CRISP

Serves 8

This version is dairy, but it can be made pareve by subbing margarine or other non-dairy butter and skipping the ice cream topping, or serving it with sorbet.

Filling:

- 6 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed and picked over
- Juice of half a lemon
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup brown sugar

Crisp topping:

- ¾ cup flour
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 2 pinches salt
- 1 stick butter, cut in pieces
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats (not instant or quick cooking)
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- Optional topping: vanilla ice cream/cinnamon and allspice

Heat your oven to 375 degrees F.

Mix the filling ingredients in a large baking dish; set it aside.

In a mixing bowl, blend the flour, brown sugar, salt, butter and oats. Blend until the mixture forms pea-sized clumps. Crumble it over fruit mixture and press gently.

Drizzle maple syrup over the crumble topping and bake it for 40-45 minutes. When done, the topping is browned and crisp.

Serve warm topped with vanilla ice cream sprinkled with cinnamon and allspice. •

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Conversation Explores Parallels Between Jews, Blues

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LIKE JUDAISM, the musical form of the blues is steeped in tradition.

That was just one of the many connections that the rabbi, activist and musician Sandra Lawson and blues musician and historian Jerron “Blind Boy” Paxton made between the blues and Judaism in their virtual discussion, “The Torah of Blues.”

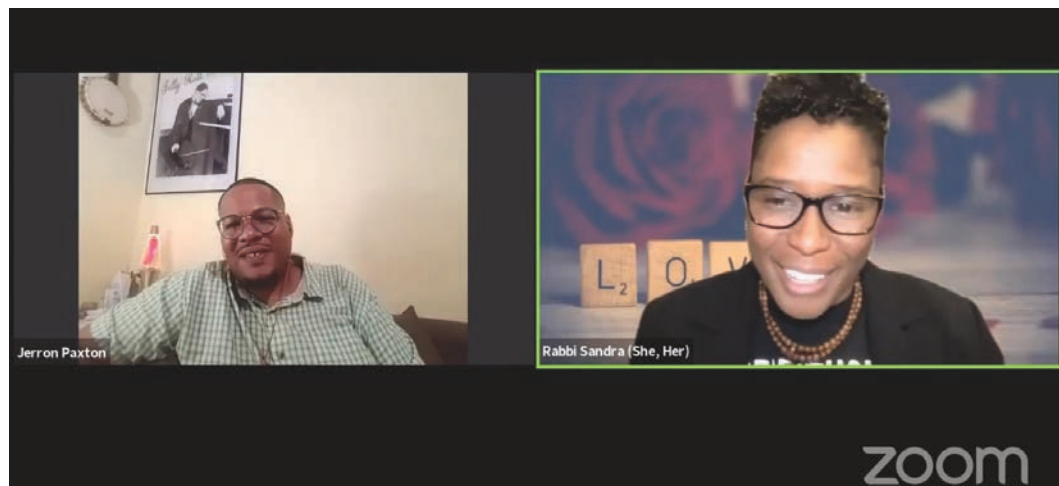
“The biggest things that blues teaches me are what, for Jewish culture, are already there, like love and respect and tradition,” Paxton said.

The event was hosted by The National Museum of American Jewish History on May 26 as part of its Jewish American Heritage Month programming. In an organic, expansive and laughter-filled conversation, Paxton and Lawson connected over their shared Black and Jewish identities and their individual relationships to blues music and the Torah.

Dan Samuels, the public programs manager at NMAJH, was inspired to organize the program after coming across Lawson’s blog, also called The Torah of Blues. She picks blues songs to learn and analyzes the way that the Torah appears in them.

“I know I am not the first Jewish person to make a connection between Jews and the blues, but I do bring a unique perspective as a black rabbi with Southern roots,” Lawson wrote in her first blog post. “I see blues music as a window to my heritage, my culture and I see it as a legacy that was left for me by my ancestors to discover.”

Lawson, the inaugural director of racial diversity, equity and inclusion at Reconstructing Judaism, the central organization of the



▲ From left: Jerron “Blind Boy” Paxton and Rabbi Sandra Lawson

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Reconstructionist movement, told Paxton that one of the many ways she personally connects to Judaism is through the Torah that appears in Black spiritual music, the musical predecessor to the blues.

“Our ancestors who were brought here and enslaved, even though they weren’t allowed to read, found a way to connect through music,” she said. “They found hope in the stories from the Hebrew Bible, which then gets turned into spirituals and blues.”

The program included

prerecorded musical performances from Paxton interspersed throughout the conversation. The multi-instrumentalist, who draws from 1920s and ’30s music, has toured internationally and opened for blues legends including Buddy Guy and Robert Cray.

He sang and played solo banjo for the first two songs. For the final song, an upbeat instrumental, he was accompanied by two other musicians playing washboard and piano.

The first song Paxton performed was called “How Did

You Feel When You Come Out of the Wilderness.” He described it as a song that helped enslaved people get through their struggles in American cotton fields, but that it could also connect to the Jewish experience.

He noted the parallels between the history of Jewish and Black people.

“Jewish people and Black people have perseverance,” Paxton said. “If it wasn’t for perseverance, we wouldn’t be here.”

Paxton described the second song he performed as having a “Mizrahi-type mood to it,” but

performed in the picking style of players of the akonting, a West African instrument that predated the banjo.

Paxton and Lawson discussed the way that both spirituals and the chanting of the Torah has helped preserve knowledge throughout history.

“In the Jewish tradition when Jews were not literate, someone in the public square would open the Torah scroll and loudly read the Torah,” Lawson said, to which Paxton responded, “That’s why we sing so much Torah. That solidifies things in your memory.”

The two also talked about the role of music in prayer.

“Certain things are hard to articulate, but when you sing you do not have to articulate,” Paxton said. “That’s the beautiful thing about prayer, chanting and meditation.”

Lawson said that she never used to sing, but prayer has offered her an avenue to do so.

“Prayer opens up my heart to sing,” she said. “I see blues often as a prayer.”

“The Torah of Blues” was co-sponsored by Jews in ALL Hues, an organization that supports Jews of color, and Reconstructing Judaism. ●



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‘Upheaval’ Captures Menachem Begin’s Essence

FILM

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IF “UPHEAVAL: The Journey of Menachem Begin” had been a Netflix-commissioned documentary, we’d be subjected to six one-hour episodes with countless repetition, speculation and other means of filler.

And considering that it now takes Hollywood nearly three hours to tell the back story of Spiderman, Batman or even the third-tier superheroes, “Upheaval” is a breath of fresh air.

Clocking in at a spare one hour and 26 minutes, “Upheaval” smartly tells the epic life story of the seminal Israeli leader. Director Jonathan Gruber effectively mixes new interviews, with notables such as former Israeli ambassadors to the United States in Michael Oren and Ron Dermer, and news footage with archival accounts of Begin’s (and Israel’s) history with no wasted motion.

“Upheaval” begins with a montage of accounts of recent antisemitic attacks around the world as a way to show that Begin’s lifelong struggle to provide security for Jews continues today.

That theme continues



▲ Menachem Begin speaking before a crowd from the Northern settlements at a ceremony held near the “Lion” Memorial at Tel Chai. Courtesy of Abramorama / Chananya Herman. 3/16/81



▲ Menachem Begin at his first meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Courtesy of Abramorama / Photographer Ya'acov Sa'ar. 4/25/79

through the film’s final moments.

“Begin’s Israel is an Israel of proud Jews who are not going to take antisemitism any more, but are going to unite and fight, and that’s a power lesson from Begin’s life,” former vice presidential nominee and U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman said.

Gruber follows a conventional chronological format in detailing Begin’s career.

Born in Brest, Belarus, Begin’s Zionism is established at an early age when he meets Ze’ev Jabotinsky, who espouses the love and need for a Jewish state. Begin soon leads Betar, a Zionist

youth movement Jabotinsky founded.

Around the same time, he meets Aliza Arnold, who he marries at 19. She becomes the rock in his life.

During World War II, Begin is arrested for “Zionism,” as he describes it, and, without being tried, ends up in a Siberian gulag. He gets a reprieve of sorts when Germany invades Russia, as he’s conscripted to fight the Nazis.

Upon arriving in Palestine in 1942, Begin immediately begins to chafe against the British mandatory government, proclaiming a revolt two years later and going underground.

The film continues through events leading to Israel’s 1948 founding, exploring the conflict between the more hardline Begin and his rival, Israeli founder and first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was more conciliatory.

Begin didn’t want to accept reparations from Germany, but Ben-Gurion thought the money would help build for Israel — and wins that battle.

If there’s any drawback to the film, it’s at this point, which largely skips over the next 29 years, noting that Begin spent that time in the opposition, largely with the Herut party he formed. Granted, more important moments await, but

a bit more depth — even 10 minutes — would have been helpful.

As you’d expect, Begin’s upset 1977 election as leader of the Likud Party and the subsequent peace talks with Egypt occupy a significant chunk of the movie.

While those events are familiar and well-documented, the film’s account is far from rote, with archival footage conveying a lot of meaning in short snippets.

“The real prize is peace itself,” Begin says over the telephone to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat while discussing their winning of the Nobel Peace Prize.

At perhaps the height of his powers, Begin establishes the Begin Doctrine — sort of a “do unto others before they do unto you” — in 1981 with the bombing of Saddam Hussein’s unfinished nuclear reactor.

“Israel has nothing to apologize for,” Begin defiantly said. “We decided to act now before it’s too late.”

Unfortunately for Begin, the beginning of his end was near. The 1982 Lebanon War became his Waterloo (or Vietnam).

While Minister of Defense Ariel Sharon is often blamed for extending the conflict far beyond its original scope — and for the Israel Defense Forces not doing enough to prevent the Sabra and Shatila massacre — Begin

took responsibility, as well as the political hit.

Between that and his wife dying in November 1982 while he was away on a visit to the United States, Begin was never the same. Plagued by depression and his own health issues, he resigned in August 1983, staying mostly secluded until his death at 78 in 1992.

While Begin earned his reputation as a hardliner, the film reminds us that nothing is ever as simple as it seems, pointing to his willingness to transfer control of the Sinai as a way to broker peace with Israel, as well as his advocacy for inclusiveness that included Israeli Arabs and his support for the immigration of Ethiopian Jews, Russian Jews and the Vietnamese boat people.

Ultimately, his goal was the same as nearly everyone’s else’s: peace

“Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child. The love of a mother. The joy of a father. The togetherness of family...” he said.

The virtual premiere of “Upheaval” is at 8 p.m. on June 7 with a Watch Now @ Home cinema release on June 9. Visit upheavalfilm.com for details. ●

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Real, But Not True

BY CANTOR JULIE NEWMAN

Parshat Shlach

MY COUNTY will soon stop sending out the daily messages about the county's COVID rates that many of us have gotten daily since March 2020. It has felt like a solid piece of information that I could count on.

Watching the numbers of COVID cases dropping recently literally makes me breathe easier. But it hasn't always been so over the past 14 months. As the pandemic grew, the rising numbers in the report could make my breath catch and my heart feel squeezed. That was the lens through which I saw this year's news, which regularly included heart-breaking headlines reporting stories of violence and injustice, provoking feelings of worry and powerlessness.

In Parshat Shlach, the Israelites experienced heart-breaking headlines. As they prepared to enter the land of Canaan, Moses sent one man from each tribe, "men of stature," to scout the land. Their instructions were to get

information about the people, the towns and the land. They were to "see the land, what it is like and the people that dwell in it."

But having lived through the trauma of Egypt and the miracles of the Exodus, what lens would they see through in judging whether the people there were "strong or slack, few or many"? Or whether the land was good or bad and whether the towns were open settlements or fortresses? They were to evaluate whether the land was "fat or lean," and if there were trees. And finally, they were to "muster their strength" to bring back a sample of fruit, this being the season of the first ripe grapes.

We are told that after 40 days they brought back that sample of fruit, a giant cluster of grapes carried on a pole by two men. They also brought back their headlines. They acknowledged to Moses that the land was indeed "flowing with milk and honey." But that news was overshadowed by their conclusion that they couldn't go up against these mighty people and large fortified towns. And although Caleb, one of the

scouts, strongly contradicted the majority opinion, he didn't deny the substance.

The majority then doubled down, emphasizing the feeling of menace from "men of huge measure," from a land that "consumes all who dwell in it" and even the danger from sons of giants. They finish with a statement of utter powerlessness, saying "we were in our own eyes like grasshoppers and so we were in their eyes."

Rashi, the great medieval commentator, saw this bad report, this "*dibah*," as a lack of faith. But couldn't they have just been responding to being at their emotional limit and overwhelmed? When people are overstressed, our minds are just bad at discerning between real and imagined danger. We have learned that unprocessed fear that operates outside of our consciousness can shape our beliefs, decisions and actions. Were the people of Canaan a truly outsized danger or were they imagined monsters? Did the land truly "consume all who dwell in it," or were the scouts unconsciously consumed with fear?

The great Chasidic master, the Maggid of Mezritch, taught that the scouts had fallen prey to a distorted perception about themselves, the land and its inhabitants. Put another way, their feelings were real, but not true.

What of the Israelites, who, upon hearing these headlines, wept loudly and bitterly into the night? In their terror, they blamed and complained. They wished aloud that they had died in Egypt. They lashed out and threatened to stone Caleb and Joshua, the only other spy to return with a positive report.

When fear feels like too much or when we feel unsafe, we can be pushed outside of what psychiatrist Daniel Siegel calls our "window of tolerance," where fear and anger can take over. We can harm ourselves (go back to Egypt) or others (stone Joshua and Caleb) as we look for any way to not feel that fear and uncertainty. We can be cut off, separated, from our own wisdom, faith, resilience and strength.

Yet Joshua and Caleb remained connected to their inner resources. They were able to respond to the Israelites' fear

and despair with reassurance and compassion. We all have different capacities in different situations. (The health care heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic have surely shown that.)

The result of this sorry episode was that a whole generation of the Jewish people would die in the wilderness, cut off from their relationship with God, from their promised land, by fear.

How can I avoid being cut off, by the fears of our own time? How do I get back in touch with my own inner resources when reading or hearing whatever the headlines bring? I begin by finding a feeling of safety. Connecting to something I can count on. By becoming aware of my breath. By feeling my feet on the floor. By knowing that my fear may be real, but not true. This can be faith, and a prayer. •

Cantor Julie Newman is president of Tiferet, a Jewish spirituality project, and spiritual leader of Chavurat Shirah, an independent minyan. This column was provided by the Greater Pittsburgh Rabbinic Association.

In-person

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At "Pathways to Israel — Mind, Motion and Munchies," masks will still be required, but as with Adath Israel's barbecue, the presence of refreshments will make 100%, wire-to-wire compliance impossible.

Though indoor events without masks are likely to be beyond the pale "for a while," Blake said, it's an exciting time for CBENT. Communal gatherings that seemed out of reach for a year are becoming possible again.

That's been the case at Makom Community, too,

where the educational center for children was able to comfortably host around 70 parents and children for lively Kabbalat Shabbat services in the alley behind the building. They'd been hosting children inside on and off for parts of 2020 and 2021, but as Makom founding director Beverly Socher-Lerner put it, "this school year has been what I'm lovingly calling the pivot Olympics." Rising and falling infection rates have guided the decision making of Makom's leadership, and they will continue to be sensitive to the numbers.

What that means practically is that Makom will take baby steps on the way back to normalcy. For a recent Kabbalat Shabbat celebration, attendees were given grape juice and popsicles as they left the alley. Next: serving food while people are still together, outside.

"When we did suddenly see 70 people in the back of Makom, we weren't like, 'Oh, no, this is a lot of people,'" said Amanda Phillips, Center City director of Makom. "But rather, 'This is such an exciting opportunity that we

now have and [for] everyone to feel comfortable and safe doing so.'" The next steps will come as new guidelines from public health bodies are released.

Beth Sholom Congregation recently hosted its first indoor, in-person cultural event since March 2020. Congregants who wished to attend an a cappella show from the group Six13 were required to show proof of vaccination, which they were more than happy to do according to Robin Minkoff, executive director of the synagogue.

"They want to return to

normalcy," Minkoff said, "with respect for both the law and whatever Beth Sholom chooses to do regarding this pace of reopening."

But an in-person, indoor, masked event doesn't just happen because the synagogue decides that it's time. It also needs enough Beth Sholom congregants — "a rising groundswell" of them, in Minkoff's words — who are enthusiastic about doing so. •

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JEWISH FEDERATION'S IMPACT ON UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES



The Jewish Federation is proud to support and advocate for underrepresented groups, such as Jews of color, immigrants, members of the LGBTQIA+ community and others. Striving to help members of these groups access important services, resources and connect with their Jewish identity fuels the Jewish Federation in supporting endeavors through Tribe 12, HIAS Pennsylvania, the Jewish Relief Agency, KleinLife, Mitzvah Food Program and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Of Jewish households in Greater Philadelphia*:

- 1 in 10** include a Jew of color, where an adult identifies as Hispanic, Black, Asian or another race
- 1 in 10** include someone who identifies as LGBTQIA+
- 17%** of Jewish adults were born outside of the United States
- 6%** are Russian-speaking and 2% are Russian-only speaking

*According to the Jewish Federation's 2019 Community Portrait

Impact by the Numbers (Fiscal Year 2021)

\$18,000 granted to LGBTQIA+ programming through the Jewish Community Fund	\$36,000 granted through the Jewish Community Fund to provide citizenship and family reunification services to immigrant and refugee families	200+ people engaged in Jewish Community Relations Council programs about Jews of Color and diversity in the Jewish community
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Meet Marianna and Elvera, JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY (JRA) STAFF

Roughly 1,500 Russian-speaking Jews utilize our food delivery services. During the pandemic, we have had to make some major adjustments to meet this population's needs. Since face to face communications have been limited over the last year, our Russian phone line is busier than ever. For our volunteers, we created a handout with common Russian phrases and recordings, which they use to communicate with clients. In May's food delivery box, we included a CDC handout in Russian that explains the COVID-19 vaccine. All in all, we try to always keep in mind who the population is that we're serving, what special needs they may have, and how to best offer culturally appropriate foods.



The fact that the Jewish Federation is dedicated to funding inclusive organizations and those specifically running LGBTQIA+ programming (and is a member of the J.Proud Consortium) is more helpful than you can know. It's important that these programs exist and that people know that they are a valued part of the Jewish community. If the Jewish Federation is supporting something, it's letting the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community know what our values are.

Galia Godel, Program Manager of LGBTQ Initiatives,
Jewish Family and Children's Service



BIRTH

► KAIDEN ZAYN STONE

Joshua and Reshma Stone and his sisters Alivia and Suri of Horsham announce the birth on May 17 of Kaiden Zayn Stone.

Kaiden is the grandson of Steve Stone of Upper Dublin, Terry Stone of Montgomeryville, and Hemant and Daksha Patel of Harrisburg.

Kaiden was given the Hebrew name “Shmuel Yosef Yamai ben Yaacov” in honor of his great-great grandfather Samuel Joseph Stone and great-grandfather Herman Carl Henschen.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Civic Volunteer Joy C. Lindy Dies at 94

JOY C. LINDY, who helped secure Center City resident parking and also brought the Tall Ships to Penn's Landing for the Bicentennial, died May 10, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer. She was 94.

Lindy was active in the Jewish community, including the American Jewish Committee, where she served as program chairperson and was a member of its urban affairs and communal activities committees, according to a 1972 Jewish Exponent article.

That article noted her appointment as administrative coordinator of the “Y” Arts Council at the YM-YMHA Branch of the Jewish Ys, and her role as program chair for the Sisterhood of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.

Other roles in the community at that time included serving as administrative assistant to Maurice Kaplow, maestro of the Pennsylvania Orchestra; vice president of administration of the Allen Lane Arts Center; seminar chair of the Fellowship Commission; chair of volunteers for Planned Parenthood Association; and chair of a reception to honor Broadway producer Harold Prince.

R&R Produce & Fish Closes

R&R Produce & Fish of Philadelphia recently closed, Community Kashrus of Greater Philadelphia announced.

R&R, which was located in Philadelphia's Overbrook Park neighborhood, was in business since 1982, offering kosher fish, produce and grocery items, along with catering services, according to its Facebook page.

The store's Facebook page, which hasn't been updated in a year, does include thank you messages from customers who heard about the closing.

Kaiserman JCC Adds Usage Availability

The Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood announced that it is increasing usage in some parts of its mostly closed fitness center.

Starting June 7, reservations will no longer be required for lap swimming, although capacity limits will be maintained. When lap swim only is in effect, 12 swimmers in all may use the pool for 45 minutes — two in each lap lane.

Reservations will still be required for recreational swimming. Four families will be able to use the designated rec area for 45 minute per session. Locker room access will be available from the pool deck starting June 7. Masks must be worn at the pool area except when swimming.

In addition, basketball will be available in the facility's gymnasium

from 6:30-9:20 p.m., Monday through Thursday between June 21 and Sept. 6. Reservations are required for the 6:30-7:50 p.m. and 8-9:20 p.m. time slots. Members can pay \$10 per night and an unlimited summer basketball membership for \$100 will also be available. Proof of vaccination is required.

The JCC said its fitness center and studios will remain closed until the end of summer because space is needed for Camp Kef, which is at full capacity. Group fitness classes will still be available online and outside.

Local Woman Named Executive Director of Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom — an organization of Jewish and Muslim women that fights hate and promotes social justice — announced that it named Tahija Vikalo of Bala Cynwyd as its new executive director.

She replaced Sheryl Olitzky, who co-founded the nonprofit eight years ago.

Vikalo holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and has been the co-leader of the organization's Philadelphia chapter for three years. She joined the organization's board of trustees in 2020, becoming its president.

“I am honored and excited to start this new chapter in my life. It comes at a time when world and national events require both Muslims and Jews to stand up and be counted in their support of all marginalized people,” she said. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



▲ Joy C. Lindy
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▲ Kaiserman JCC
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BECKER

Ilene Becker (nee Steinberg) on May 27, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Larry; Loving mother of Noah (Eunice) Becker; Dear Sister of June (Ronald) Jirik; Devoted grandmother of Cayce and Hollis. Contributions in his memory may be made to Alzheimer's Assoc., 399 Market St., Ste. 250, Phila., PA 19106, www.alz.org/delval.
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BROWN

Eileen Brown (nee Greenberg) passed away May 20, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Harold Brown. Loving mother of Gary Brown (Suzanne Breslow Brown) and Eric Brown. Dear sister of Sally Palat (the late Dr. Milton Palat) Adoring grandmother of Cara Danielle Brown. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Jewish National Fund www.jnf.org
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EDWARDS

Bari Andrea Edwards (nee Wiess), age 75, passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at home after a long battle with cancer. Born February 20, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA, Bari graduated from Northeast High School where she was affectionately known as Andi. She was an artist, book illustrator, philanthropist, automobile sales consultant, and a friend to everyone she met. Bari was well known to most employees and some patrons at every store, medical office, or business she visited. Preceded in death by her parents, Leonard and Betty (nee Pinsker) Weiss; brothers, Drew and Jeff; she is survived by her boyfriend, Dana Herbein; three sons; and eight grandchildren. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, Bari requested contributions be made in her memory to Delaware Hospice (www.delawarehospice.org) or the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).
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FORMAN

Jack Forman, age 101, passed away May 20, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Ida Forman (nee Bell). Loving father of Phyllis Goddes, Diane Slatko, and Howard Forman (Bella). Adoring grandfather of Joshua Slatko (Djung Tran) and great-grandfather of Micah and Naomi. Services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to The American Cancer Society www.cancer.org or to The Fox Chase Cancer Center www.foxchase.org
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ISENBERG

Carl A. Isenberg passed peacefully at home in Philadelphia, May 16, 2021, age 82. Roxborough High School graduate & army veteran, Carl was a successful electrical draftsman. His generous and caring character was appreciated by all. Interests were sports, playing softball, travel and mystery novels. Predeceased by his wife, Pearl Chuse (2009), together 43 years, for whom he was deeply devoted. Survived by siblings Lynn, Joyce, Ruthann and Glen; (8 nieces/nephews); nephews & niece (Barry, Jeffrey, Brian and Michelle Rowe); and Devon Downs, who he loved like a grandson. Service was held on May 19.
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KENNETT

Lilyan Kennett (nee Weiner) on May 24, 2021. Beloved wife of the late William; Loving mother of Patti (Jack) Trautenberg, Jay (Carol) Zimmerman, Marc (Bonnie) Zimmerman and Arnold (Shelley) Kennett; Devoted grandmother of Eric, Dan, Lisa, Michael (Andrea), Brad (Debbie), Stephanie (Michael), Scott, Brian, and Rachel; Adoring great-grandmother of 9. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Heart Assoc., 1617 JFK Blvd., Ste. 700, Phila., PA 19103, www.heart.org or Beth Hillel/Beth El, 1001 Remington Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096.
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LISS

Wayne Liss on May 18, 2021. Beloved husband of Joanne (nee Adelman); Loving father of Jackie Vaniver and Dr. Mitchell Liss; Dear brother of Deena Check; Adoring grandfather of Jamie, Carly, and Sammy Vaniver, and Julian and Aaron Liss. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Ste. 2820, Phila., PA 19103. www.cancer.org
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LOEV

Pearl Loev (nee Winter), May 15, 2021 of Wayne, PA, age 89. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Bernard Loev; loving mother of Dr. Glen (Youval) Loev, Larry (Juliette) Loev, and the late Bruce (Ruth) Loev; sister of the late Colman (Kathy) Winter; adoring grandmother to eleven grandchildren; cherished by fifteen great-grandchildren and counting. Pearl was a sparkling gem. She loved music, especially singing. She found many outlets for her creativity in art, story-telling, and crafts in addition to music. Pearl shared joy with all she met. She had a strong moral compass and was a devoted supporter of Israel, but her top commitment was always to her family. Pearl's positive influence will be passed down through the generations, but she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Graveside funeral services were held privately. Donations in her memory may be made to Yad Leah (yadleah.org) or to a charity of the donor's choice.
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LOSS

Selma Loss (nee Levinson) May 22, 2021. Wife of the late Edward; mother of Barry Loss and Bruce (Rebecca) Loss; grandmother of Brian (Jennifer) Loss, Krista (Justin) Grams, Jeanmarie Loss, and Alexander Loss; great grandmother of Gioia. Contributions in her memory may be made to ORT America, 75 Maiden Lane, 10th Flr. NY NY 10038. www.ortamerica.org
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MILLER

Beryl Claire Miller (nee Scheff) died surrounded by family on May 22, 2021. "Berri" is survived by her children; Robyn, Michael, Melissa, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Joel Miller. A Philadelphia native, Berri later relocated to Hadley Massachusetts, but for as long as she was able she continued to read the Jewish Exponent to get the news that was most important to her. Nearing her end, Berri sang through formidable adversity. When not singing she could be very quietly funny and often inciteful. Her voice will be missed.

MOSKOFF

Andrea Marsha Moskoff, May 23, 2021, of Willow Grove, PA. Devoted wife of Leonard Moskoff. Beloved mother of Lane (Kanani) Moskoff and Gregory (Amy) Moskoff. Cherished sister of Judith Fineman. Adored grandmother of Aaron, Jacob, Joshua and Lily. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.
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SYKEN

Kenneth Syken age 92, passed away in Sarasota, Florida. Beloved husband to Sandra Syken. He was born in South Philadelphia, and maintained a residence in Ventnor, New Jersey. Kenneth was the oldest of three children of William and Ida Syken. His father died of leukemia when Kenneth was four years old. He helped the family by selling newspapers at 5th and Market streets. He attended South Philadelphia High School and Temple and went on to become an editor of the law review at Penn Law School. He served in the Army upon graduation, working at the Judge Advocate General's office in Frankfurt, Germany. In Philadelphia he was a partner in the firm of Richter, Syken & Ross. He met Sandra Elner, another child of South Philadelphia, at the Tamiment resort in the Poconos. They married in 1962 and were by each other's side for the next 59 years. They had two children, Marc, and William, and moved to the suburb of Dresher, where they lived along with his mother Ida. On long summer weekends he enjoyed swimming in the ocean, setting up on a beach chair and holding court with family and friends, often ordering steak sandwiches from Sack O' Subs for dinner. An early riser, he would go out in the morning and come home with a newspaper and Hershey bars for his sons. He is survived by Sandra; his brother Lewis; his sons Marc (Lisa) and William (Jennifer), his grandchildren Nathan and Emily, and his step-grandchildren Lucy and Phoebe. He will be greatly missed. He was a friend to all who knew him. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.
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WEISWASSER

Gerrie R. Weiswasser, May 22, 2021 of Lafayette Hill, PA, formerly of Phila., PA; beloved wife of the late Fred; loving mother of Jon Weiswasser (Eileen), Abbe Weiswasser-Catapano (Rich) and the late Debra Weinberg (Mark); adored grandmother of Greg, Doug, Scott, Ari (Erinn), Keith (Alison), Lauren (Chris) and Jessica (Pete); cherished great-grandmother of Madison, Mia, Lyla, Noa, Aiden, Riley, Haley, Carter, Miles, Eli and Caden. Contributions in Gerrie's memory may be made to Susan G. Komen for Breast Cancer (komen.org) or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org).
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I would straighten my frizzy, wavy hair before school, shave my forearms and, God knows, avoid showing my side profile at all costs. I told myself I would get a nose job before college. Maybe then I would finally be pretty enough to escape the teasing comments and wear a ponytail with pride.

But when graduation rolled around, I thought more about it and realized that being Jewish was my favorite part of being me. And that meant I was finally ready to embrace any physical attribute that came along with it.

This didn't happen right away, of course, and I still catch myself overthinking it at times. But at 22 years old, I no longer entertain the possibility of a nose job, and I found that learning to love my nose came with learning to love the other parts of myself I thought I needed to "work" on.

Which brings me back to TikTok. How many girls must be out there watching these videos and questioning if they should join in on the "trend"? I was shocked and horrified to find out that "Teenage

Rhinoplasty" exists for kids 15 and older if they want it. Had I known this at 15, combined with the influx of viral TikTok videos, I would have found a way to make it happen. And I would have missed out on the self-love and acceptance that came with time as I got older.

I don't think that there's anything wrong with getting plastic surgery. If changing a part of your body will make you more comfortable in your own skin, you should absolutely go for it. But I don't think being bombarded with cute videos of a life-changing procedure as a child is the right way to go about making that kind of decision.

TikTok can be an incredibly fun outlet for Gen Z kids to express themselves, but it can also foster extreme insecurity and self-doubt. I hope teenage Jewish girls will scroll past these videos without a second thought, loving their amazing culture and the beautiful features that come with it. •

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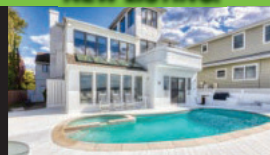
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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MIA GLOVER, EXECUTRIX, c/o Angela D. Giampolo, Esq., 1221 Locust St., Ste. 202, Philadelphia, PA 19107.
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FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION - Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Act of Assembly, No. 295, effective March 16, 1983, of the filing in the office of the Dept. of State, of the Commonwealth of PA, at Harrisburg, PA for an Application for the conduct of business in Phila. County, PA, under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of FEAST YOUR EYES CATERING, with the principal place of business at 1750 N. Front St., Phila., PA 19122. The names and address of the interested party in said business is Feast Your Eyes, Inc., 1750 N. Front St., Phila., PA 19122. C. WILLIAM WATTS, Solicitor, 61 Union St., Medford, NJ 08055.

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COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Parsha for Life

Join Rabbi Alexander Coleman, Jewish educator and psychotherapist at the **Institute for Jewish Ethics**, 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 a Zoom link and password.

▼ SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Cantor Concert

Cantor Jamie Marx of **Temple Sholom in Broomall** performs at 3 p.m. in the lower/back parking lot. Masks are required and COVID-19 guidelines will be in effect. Bring your own lawn chairs and snacks. Parking is available in the top lot, along of building and near the preschool/annex. Marple Presbyterian Church is available as overflow. Sign up in advance is required. Contact Marissa with questions at community@temple-sholom.org. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.

▼ SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Pathways to Israel

This outdoor event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid** will take visitors on a lively pathway through the culture, traditions and foods of Israel. This event is open to the whole community and to all ages. Masks and social distancing will be required. Activities include a virtual tour of an Israeli market, shofar-making workshop, Krav Maga and a discussion group with Rabbi Janine Jankovitz. Visit cbent.org or call 610-356-8700 for more information. 715 Paxon Hollow Road, Broomall.

▼ TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Genocide Discussion

This four-session course sponsored by **Golden Slipper Gems** will examine the particular history of the U.N.'s 1948/2002 definition of genocide. It will also propose a

new paradigm for understanding genocide, based on a cross-disciplinary approach to this complex human phenomenon. Tim Horner of Villanova University's Center for Peace and Justice Education is the instructor. 11 a.m. Call 610-359-8632 or visit goldenslippergems.org for more information.

Book Club

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

▼ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Bereavement Group

For the post-bereaved, held at **Northeast NORC**, 8546B Bustleton Ave. in Philadelphia from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Email rivkapowers@gmail.com or call 215-320-0351 to register.

▼ THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Bend the Arc

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



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NEWSMAKERS

After 24 years, Roz Rothstein Bratt closed her kosher bakery, **Homemade Goodies by Roz**, on May 28.

► From left: Roz Rothstein Bratt and Melissa Keleti, on the last day
Photo by Melissa Keleti



KleinLife recently celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Day. In lieu of its annual volunteer luncheon, KleinLife offered volunteers and staff a drive-by celebration, with giveaways, boxed lunches by Betty the Caterer, Insomnia Cookies and more.



▲ From left: Dora Goldovsky, Vladimir Babak, Mark Segal, Julia Shchupak, Inna Gulko, John Eskate, Barnett Ellis, Andrea Kimelheim, Harrison Rothbaum, Sue Aistrop, Gail Korostoff, Sharon Kaplan and Sheva Kruglikov
Photo by Stephanie Hampson

Members of Drizin-Weiss Regional Post 215 installed memorial flags at Roosevelt Memorial Park in Trevese to honor Armed Forces Week and Memorial Day.

► Drizin-Weiss Regional Post 215 Commander M. B. Kanis visits the Jewish War Veteran Memorial, one of the largest in the USA, built in the 1970s by combat and support veterans from the post and 575 Kelkey Blatt Post.
Photo courtesy of Drizin-Weiss Regional Post 215



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