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Drake Holds a Jewish Wedding (to 23 Brides) in His Latest Music Video

As part of the surprise drop for his new album “Honestly, Nevermind,” Canadian Jewish musician Drake released a music video for his new song, “Falling Back,” that features him as the groom in a wedding officiated by an Orthodox rabbi in a black hat.

There’s nothing orthodox (or safe for work) about the wedding itself, though, which features 23 brides.

That punchline isn’t revealed until a few minutes into the video, when the rabbi officiating the wedding ceremony, which takes place under a white floral chuppah, asks the bride, “Do you commit yourself to being a good wife, according to our values and traditions?”

To which she answers, “I do,” and is then echoed by 22 other women in white behind her.

After each bride receives her ring and gives the yarmulke-less Drake some form of a secret handshake or high five, the camera pans to a person who appears to be Drake’s Jewish mother, Sandi Graham, a blonde woman dressed in black (and who bears a striking resemblance to Barbra

Streisand). “I think he’s really taking this one seriously,” she remarks. (Drake has never been married, but does have a son, whose existence was brought to the public eye during a feud between him and rival rapper Pusha T.)

What ensues after the ceremony is a raucous celebration full of mixed dancing and strobe lights.

At one point, one of the brides is lifted in a chair for the hora as she waves a napkin in the air. (Traditionally, as the bride and groom are hoisted on chairs during the hora, they hold onto a napkin to symbolize their unity.)

A few moments later, Drake is also seen dancing with a napkin in hand and later in his mouth.

Toward the end of the video, Drake and his 23 brides pose for pictures in what loosely resembles the photo shoots that sometimes accompany the



Drake poses for a photo with his many brides.

Drake: Screenshot via YouTube via JTA

bedeken ceremony, where the groom veils his bride and families wish blessings upon the happy couple.

This isn’t the first time the multiplatinum-selling artist has invoked his Jewish background in his musical career. Drake posed with a Kiddush cup and Sabbath candles for the cover of his 2012 album “Take Care,” and he staged a different Jewish tradition — his own “re-bar mitzvah” — in the music video for his single “HYFR.” (He also re-staged his bar mitzvah in a “Saturday Night Live” sketch.) Last year, on a mixtape, he rapped, “I should probably go to a yeshiva.”

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Before Games, Maccabiah Athletes Find Unconventional Team Connections

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

For USA Maccabi athletes, going to the Maccabiah Games in Israel is a bit like going on a blind date, except they're almost certain the match will work out.

The games, held every four years, will take place from July 5-26 in Israel. More than 1,300 delegates from USA Maccabi, the Philadelphia-based organization for the athletes representing the U.S., will attend the Olympic-style event.

Philadelphia will be well-represented at the games as well, with 85 delegates from Pennsylvania attending, most of them athletes. But while USA Maccabi prides itself on its ability to connect American Jews to Israel, the U.S. and each other for the games, few of the athletes have met each other in person. As athletes prepare for their respective events, many of which are team sports, team-building takes on some unconventional practices.

"Most, but not all, the other countries we're competing against — in many of those countries, the Jewish communities are concentrated around one or two metropolitan areas," USA Maccabi CEO Marshall Einhorn said. "Some of those countries are able to train and compete together throughout the year."

The U.S., however, has athletes from all over the country participating on one team, making team training schedules impossible to coordinate.

For Jarett Wodotinsky, a 15-year-old Bucks County soccer player competing for the first time in the U16 Juniors team, team building means staying active on a group chat with the other players. Instead of locker room banter and friendly scrimmages, the team bonds with memes and Zoom calls.

As Wodotinsky trains in a more traditional fashion on his own terms, the virtual connections he builds still serve an important purpose.

"Where I live, there's not many Jewish kids," he said. "So just getting to know a bunch of kids from around the country



and becoming friends with them, it's just something that I've always wanted."

For Lauren Sara, 59, a Wynnewood-based equestrian competing in the Masters dressage event, preparing for the games takes an even more unconventional turn. Though she's been practicing for her event with her mare Lola for the past four years, the steed will not make the trip. Sara will meet the horse with whom she will compete only two weeks before the games.

"The first day, we'll just sort of do a ride around and see who suits who, and then that'll be it," Sara said. "By day two, I will have my partner, and that will be it. And it's just a matter of forming the partnership."

There are some exceptions to the blind-date approach to team building, however. The USA Masters hockey team holds weekend training camps throughout the year, giving the players a chance to get to know each other after the team was formed in September.

The team has had training camps in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and South Bend, Indiana, and team members hosted Shabbat dinners in their families' homes to bring the team together off the rink. In past years, the team has stayed on a kibbutz.

"I don't know that any team is doing Hamotzi and singing a couple of songs," Philadelphia-based coach Joshua Petersohn said. "You didn't realize

that the defenseman from Los Angeles knows the Mi Chamocha the same way

you do ... it's just kind of funny."

The almost immediate sense of community in chemistry on the team isn't by chance, Petersohn said. While shared love of hockey connects the team, shared religion forges deeper connections.

"There's cohorts, there's sports, but when you have Jews around you, it's just an automatic and immediate connection," said Matthew Steinberg, a Jenkintown financial adviser and managing director of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc, who competed on the USA Masters ice hockey team and won gold in the 2013 games. "We're already on the same team: We're Jews." **JE**

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Howard Nathan Honored for Giving the Gift of Life

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Howard Nathan's organization is called Gift of Life and, throughout his career, that is what the Jewish Devon resident has tried to provide.

He has largely succeeded, according to colleagues and beneficiaries.

Nathan, 68, spent his career organizing organ transplants for people who needed them. He would have to convince the family of one patient on his deathbed to allow his organs to be donated. Then, Nathan and his Gift of Life Donor Program team would coordinate the process of getting the part from one body to another.

That career lasted more than four decades and included more than 55,000

organ transplants, according to an email celebrating his career from Richard Hasz, Gift of Life's new president and CEO. Nathan stepped down in January and attended an in-person celebration of his career on June 29. Gift of Life also renamed its support and lodging center for families who are going through transplants from the Gift of Life Family House to Gift of Life Howie's House.

"His tireless dedication, leadership and mentorship have influenced best donation practices and policies regionally, across the United States and around the world," Hasz wrote.

Ironically, Nathan never planned on going into the field. He wanted to be a doctor, but he didn't get into medical school when he applied after graduating from Juniata College.

Since Nathan thought he would

apply again, he started to beef up his resume. He worked on a microscope in a lab, researching cancer and rabies. Then he enrolled in a graduate program in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Public Health. But he wasn't happy there, either, so he answered an ad for a job organizing kidney transplants for surgeons in the Philadelphia area.

"It was basically surgeons who created a nonprofit to get people to donate kidneys," Nathan said.

At the time, he was still thinking of medical school.

"I thought, 'I'll apply to this job, and these guys will get me in,'" he said.

Nathan got no answer at first, but he kept reaching out. Finally, the manager brought him in and told him he had no experience. In response, the young man offered a proposition: He would work for free for three months.

"He hired me," Nathan said.

In 1978, kidney transplants were the only transplants that doctors did. Nathan's job was to find and convince potential donors for patients at five area hospitals, including the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

The aspiring doctor thought the job was cutting edge and that it would combine his interests in research and medicine— a solid resume booster for med school applications.

But then he started working.

Nathan would get calls at 3 a.m. and have to drive to Scranton, Reading and other locations. He would walk into a hospital room and see a family whose relative was not going to make it. Those patients were "legally and medically dead, but their organs were still working," Nathan explained.

To convince family members to allow the donation, Nathan took a straightforward approach.

"This can be a legacy for that person's life," he said.

Once that hard part was over, the next one began. Nathan got doctors and nurses to cooperate, organizing

the teams for surgical recoveries and placing the kidneys with recipients. The process could take 24-48 hours with no sleep.

And he loved it.

"This was bigger than life," Nathan said.

And it became the rest of his life.

In 1983, the man who hired Nathan left the organization, and Nathan applied to take his place as executive director. He got the job overseeing a team of 10 people.

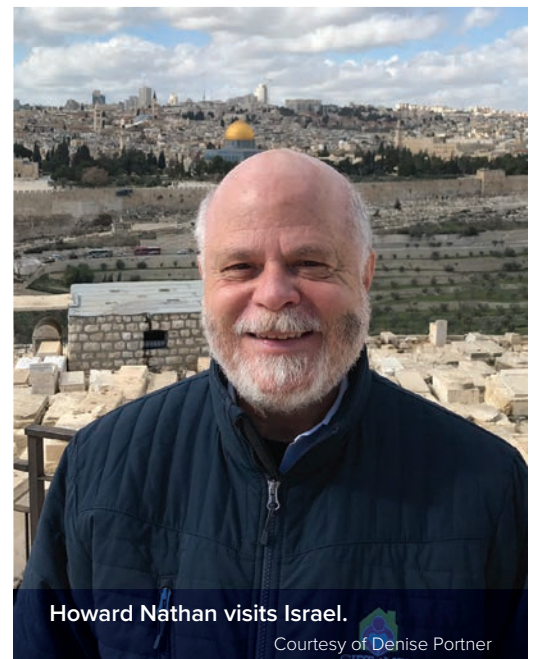
Eventually, both his team and his mission grew. In the early 1980s, heart and liver transplants became more common, and the Gift of Life leader made sure to show up at press conferences celebrating successful procedures that he helped organize. He wanted to make sure that donors got credit in addition to the doctors.

"Transplants don't happen without a donor," Nathan said.

While Gift of Life is based in Philadelphia, it helps people all over the country. In a January profile of Nathan, The Wall Street Journal called it "the largest and most successful organ donor and transplant network in the country." Nathan has traveled to 33 countries, including Israel, to share best practices with doctors and medical institutions.

"Howard has had a tremendous impact not only in the Philadelphia area but nationally as well," said Robert Goodman, a Westampton, New Jersey, resident and a recipient of a heart transplant from Gift of Life. "He is truly a well-known expert, and if he's not the best at what he's done, he's in the top two or three."

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Local Jews Search for Music from Holocaust

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As Sam Gubins of Havertown explained it, under the most grotesque, horrible conditions imaginable during the Holocaust, the human spirit found a way to create beauty. That beauty was in the thousands of pieces of music crafted and performed by Jews as they fought to survive.

Now Holocaust Music Lost & Found, a nonprofit created by Manhattan resident Janie Press, is on a mission to recover that music for posterity. And two local Jews, Gubins and Barry Abelson of Rittenhouse Square, not only believe in the mission but are part of it.

Gubins, the former president of a scientific publishing organization, is HMLF's treasurer. Abelson, a corporate lawyer, serves as a board member.

Both men are practicing Jews. Gubins belongs to Congregation Beth Am Israel in Penn Valley. Abelson is a member at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Center City.

The men joined HMLF because they agree with Press when she says "having this music survive is essential." They feel it's important to educate younger generations that are increasingly removed from the Holocaust. But they also believe that there's a profound and transcendent lesson about humanity in this music.

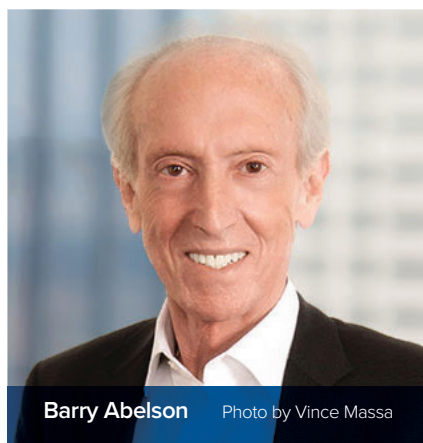
"People chose to live even while they were dying, and there was death all around them," he said.

Press, "a fashion industry veteran" according to a press release about HMLF, launched the organization in April to align with Yom HaShoah. But the idea came to her in 2019 after she watched a "60 Minutes" piece on Maestro Francesco Lotoro, an Italian pianist and composer whose own organization, Fondazione ILMC, does the same thing. HMLF is "supporting the work of Maestro Francesco Lotoro," per the release about its launch. Lotoro "travels around the world and meets with Holocaust survivors identified through research, outreach, educational programs and performances," the announcement added.

Gubins and Abelson got involved because they knew Press. The treasurer and the president have a mutual friend



Sam Gubins Courtesy of Sam Gubins



Barry Abelson Photo by Vince Massa

who thought Gubins would be interested. Abelson and Press are second cousins who recently reconnected after more than 50 years.

Both men also got close with a Holocaust survivor. For Gubins, it was his Uncle Boris, who spent two years at Buchenwald. He was 80 pounds and lying on a pallet when American GIs liberated his camp. Uncle Boris settled in Bordeaux in France after the war, but Gubins met him in 1958 and learned his story. Gubins' father immigrated to the United States in the 1920s but his twin brother, Boris, did not follow along. He thought he was safe. Gubins' family visited Boris frequently after the war, and the uncle came to the United States on one occasion.

When asked his main reason for joining HMLF, Gubins said, "To honor my Uncle Boris."

For Abelson, that survivor was Felix Zandman, the founder of Vishay Intertechnology, the multibillion-dollar American company that makes semiconductors and electronic parts. During the

Holocaust, Zandman lived with several other people in the basement of a Polish family's house. After he was liberated, he went to Paris and got his Ph.D. Abelson developed a relationship with Zandman over the years. The lawyer called the founder's story one of "survival, perseverance and ultimately triumph."

"That personal connection was another motivating factor for me to get involved," Abelson said.

With HMLF, Gubins and Abelson will focus on what they are good at. Gubins now runs a nonprofit, the Annual Review Investment Corp., that "manages investments," according to HMLF's website, so he's serving as treasurer. Abelson will provide legal and governance oversight.

"Everybody pitches in based on their availability and skill set," Abelson said. **JE**

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Building a Community of Pride: Tribe 12's New Staff Expand LGBTQIA+ Programming

After volunteering with Tribe 12 for many years and seeing firsthand the power of connection within a community, Jess Meyers decided to further dedicate their professional life to forwarding the mission of the organization.

"It's important to create spaces that are inclusive and welcoming for young people in the Jewish community who have similar experiences," said Meyers, Tribe 12's LGBTQIA+ program director and social justice organizer.

Made up of several niche microcommunities, Tribe 12 speaks to the individual needs and interests of Philadelphians in their 20s and 30s. One of the most active of these microcommunities is the LGBTQIA+ program.

After stepping into their new role in October, Meyers expanded the LGBTQIA+ programming to feature events, like Ga(y)me Nights and Queeraoke. Among the creative and fun monthly events, Meyers has continued to build a welcoming and safe space for Philadelphia's queer young adults to explore the intersection of their Jewish and queer identities.

Tribe 12 is one of several local programs that the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia funds to support LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Among these locally supported organizations, include Moving Traditions and Jewish Learning Venture's JkidPRIDE.

"At the core of the Jewish Federation is the commitment to inclusion and diversity within the community," said Kelly Romirowsky, Jewish Federation's chief strategy and impact officer. "By proudly supporting organizations, like Tribe 12, that provide safe and welcoming spaces for all, we continue to move our mission forward."

The funding Tribe 12 receives from the Jewish Federation supports its various ini-



From left: Tribe 12's new Executive Director Rabbi Megan GoldMarche and LGBTQIA+ Program Director and Social Justice Organizer Jess Meyers are passionate about creating safe and accepting spaces for Jews in their 20s and 30s.

Courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia



tiatives, including the year-round LGBTQIA+ programming.

Not working in isolation, Tribe 12 is also a member of the J.PROUD Consortium. A Jewish Family and Children's Service initiative, J.PROUD is the Philadelphia collective of Jewish organizations committed to LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Currently, J.PROUD has more than 40 members, including the Jewish Federation.

The versatility and wide reach of Tribe 12's various microcommunities are what the organization's new Executive Director Rabbi Megan GoldMarche gravitated toward while searching for the next step in her career.

Before her move to Philadelphia, GoldMarche served six years as the senior base rabbi for Jews in their 20s and 30s at Metro Chicago Hillel. She and her wife, Paige, created a community for young Jews out of their home, and one of her favorite memories was opening their home to young adults

for weekly Shabbat dinners.

It's this same feeling of warmth, openness and acceptance that Rabbi GoldMarche wants to replicate in Tribe 12.

"DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) work requires an internal and external lens and we plan to build on each simultaneously," GoldMarche said. "We need our community to reflect the diversity of the Jewish people."

GoldMarche and Meyers are determined to have Tribe 12 continue and increase its offerings of Jewish wisdom and resources to the 20s and 30s community, while also providing safe spaces for connection.

"I believe people are searching for a community, especially after the last few years during COVID," GoldMarche reflected. "We want to be ready to fill the need."

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Repair the World Director of National Partnerships Sam Sittenfield is fond of a quote spoken by the organization's Senior Director of Education Rabbi Jessy Dressin: "Every time there is a specific Jewish value, there's a nod to the universal."

"Jewish values don't live in a vacuum," he added. "They are a particular expression of things that everyone cares about."

A 2022 Tribe 12 fellow, Sittenfield, 31, is also bringing his venture Roots of Resilience — a mental health organization for Jewish youth — to life.

Though his hands are in many pies, Sittenfield, a South Philadelphia

resident, is looking for the harmony between the specific and universal in all he does: How can someone's Jewish identity mesh with their political, racial and gender identity? How does one bring their Jewish values into the real world?

Sittenfield's eight years of work at Repair the World gave him the opportunities to address these issues. On the day-to-day, he brings "the secret sauce," or Repair the World's social justice pedagogy, to other organizations, such as Hillel International, Moishe House and Honeymoon Israel, giving them insight on how young Jews want to connect politically and socially.

Most recently, Sittenfield has collected data from Hillel International interns in preparation for the launch of 200 new Hillel service engagement interns.

Sittenfield grew up steeped in the local Jewish community himself. Hailing from Lower Merion, Sittenfield was bar mitzvahed at Beth Am Israel in Penn Valley. He attended Perelman Jewish Day School before graduating to Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (then Akiba Hebrew Academy).

He became a Repair the World fellow after graduating from Tufts University; he was involved in the Jewish community throughout his time as an undergraduate.

After attending area Repair the World events during college, Sittenfield's interest was piqued: "I said to myself after going to those events, I have a lot to contribute in terms of my experience with Judaism and programming and things like that, and I have a lot to learn — a lot, a lot to learn — as it relates to social justice."

Sittenfield's passion for mental health and creating Jewish connectivity that he honed during his fellowship stemmed from first-hand experience.

During his time at Tufts, Sittenfield was a baritone for a Jewish a cappella group, Shir Appeal.

"We were all singing together and supporting each other both through song, but also through community," Sittenfield said.

Sittenfield took a semester off from college during his second semester of

senior year, due to his own mental health struggles. Taking a break meant stepping down as president of Shir Appeal.

"One of the other members of the group ... took over the group with grace, with intelligence, with a great attitude," Sittenfield said.

He felt proud "to be part of a community that supported me through the time that I needed them and didn't make me feel bad or worse or less than."

In his venture Roots of Resilience, Sittenfield hopes to design a mental health intervention for young people that is proactive, supporting them before they are in times of crisis.

"Currently, there's a lot of focus on things like mental health first aid, which is extremely important, but that's taking care of the emergency that happens at a given moment," Sittenfield said.

Sittenfield wants to address the root of mental health issues, which can stem from a lack of connectivity and isolation. While meditation, yoga and exercise facilitated by a group leader help relieve some stress, it's addressing a symptom, not a cause, Sittenfield believes.

In designing Roots of Resilience — hoping to receive additional funding and interest as it develops — Sittenfield is asking himself big questions: "How do we use leadership development to cultivate competency, confidence, connection and community for our young people? How do we build that into our program structures both on a one-off program and over the course of a young person's engagement with the Jewish community?"

For Sittenfield, he finds those moments around the Shabbat dinner table, singing harmonies with friends. He hopes to give others that same feeling of harmony in whatever Jewish path they pursue.

"How do we ensure that the fields are lush and healthy?" Sittenfield said. "That a small spark doesn't cause a big fire?" **JE**

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Israel's Recurring Stalemate

Israel's Knesset is expected to dissolve itself this week. Under the governing coalition's rotation agreement, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid will become the acting prime minister, and current Prime Minister Naftali Bennett will become the alternate prime minister. New elections — the country's fifth round in three years — will be scheduled for the fall. Based upon current projections, the fifth vote is likely to lead to the same stalemate as the prior four.

The soon-to-be-outgoing Bennett-Lapid coalition — which brought together an improbably wide-ranging coalition of members — was driven by the goal of keeping Benjamin Netanyahu from achieving another term as prime minister. But notwithstanding the impressive achievements of the coalition during its one year of operation, polls predict that neither pro-Netanyahu parties nor anti-Netanyahu parties will achieve a majority in the upcoming elections.

The Bennett-Lapid government succeeded in steering Israel through the last year of COVID,

passed a budget and opened the economy, and helped the country navigate an outbreak of fighting with Hamas in Gaza. In the process, the fragile, improbable coalition restored a sense of normalcy to political life in Israel, while it made strides in restoring Israel's global standing — including solidifying Israel's relationship with the United States. All of this while breaking precedent and bringing an Arab party into government for the first time.

It is surprising that none of the successes of the Bennett-Lapid government seem to have moved the political needle. Indeed, if the polls are to be believed, the deadlock that has divided Israel for the past four elections has only deepened — but the electoral numbers have not changed much.

In order for Israel to move beyond the expected electoral impasse and enable the formation of a functional government, some grand gesture will be required. The only person in a position to make such a consequential grand gesture is Netanyahu. But to do so, he will have to place party objectives and

national aspirations ahead of his personal ambition.

Netanyahu unquestionably wants to return to the prime minister's office. He makes no secret of that goal. But he also must recognize that he is a singularly divisive leader, with many of his former political allies resolute in their refusal to join a government that he will head. Moreover, if Netanyahu continues to insist on top billing he will likely prolong the reign of Lapid as the country struggles through more wasteful elections.

If there is a deal to be made, it is up to Netanyahu to do so. He is in a position to negotiate a fairly wide-ranging political package of authority and responsibility — as long as someone else gets the title of prime minister. While we recognize that the chances of that happening are slim, the alternative leaves Netanyahu and friends in opposition, with no real power and very limited ability to serve the interests of the voters who form their base. No one knows what will happen if those voters continue to feel disenfranchised and disillusioned. **JE**

A Supreme Win for School Choice

There was an important decision by the U.S. Supreme Court last week that has not attracted a lot of attention. The case is *Carson v. Makin*. It involved a challenge to how the state of Maine made public education available to high school students in sparsely populated school districts. Previously, the state provided public funds to such students to attend a distant public school or an independent school of their choice — but refused funding for those wanting to attend sectarian schools. A group of parents who wanted to send their children to sectarian schools sued, claiming that Maine's law violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment by treating religious persons and groups differently than their secular counterparts.

In a 6-3 decision, the court agreed. According to Chief Justice John Roberts, who wrote for the majority, the issue is straightforward: "The State pays for tuition for certain students at private schools — so long as the schools are not religious. That is discrimination against religion." And he noted that "Regardless of how the benefit and restriction are described, the program operates to identify and exclude otherwise eligible schools on the basis of their religious exercise."

In recent cases, the court distinguished between religious institutions that receive public



funds for secular projects — like a playground — and schools that use public funding for religious purposes. Now, that distinction — known as the "status/use distinction" — has been abandoned. Instead, the court made clear that the Free Exercise Clause requires the government to treat religious persons and groups equally with their secular counterparts.

The decision is significant for several reasons, not the least of which is that it opens up funding possibilities for sectarian schools, including Jewish day schools, and sweeps away distinctions in how

sectarian schools can use funds that are made available to other educational institutions. Such permissible use of government funding may lead to the rebirth of the Catholic school system. And it should open opportunities for Jewish schools to get funding for some of their programs — although the scope of such funding will likely be tested on a case-by-case basis.

That court's liberal justices were troubled by the majority position and worry that the conservatives on the court are moving to dismantle the wall of separation between church and state that the Framers of the Constitution sought to create. While we respect the minority view, we do not understand the *Carson* decision to "direct the State of Maine (and, by extension, its taxpaying citizens) to subsidize institutions that undisputedly engage in religious instruction," as Justice Sonia Sotomayor claimed in dissent. Rather, as the majority notes, neither Maine nor any other state government must offer benefits to private persons or groups. It is only when a program is offered by the state — as was the high school education funding by the state of Maine — that entitlement to the funding must be religion-neutral, since discrimination against religion is as unconstitutional as promoting religion itself. **JE**

The Fight Isn't Over

BY ELEANOR LEVIE

We knew this day would come — even as friends and relatives on both sides of the abortion issue said, “Oh, Roe v. Wade will never be overturned: Most Americans support it.”

But as an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women for more than three decades, I have long recognized the fragility of our hard-won abortion rights. Volunteer advocates like me have fully expected that the Supreme Court would decimate Roe the first chance it got. With the recent majority installed on the Supreme Court, we recognized that Roe would soon fall.

I was 21 when Roe was passed in 1973. Before that time, I knew of college students, looking to finish their studies and embark on careers and lives of economic self-sufficiency, finding the means to travel to New York City for a costly but legal abortion. I knew of mothers who had all the children they could handle and afford who subjected themselves to questioning by judges and psychiatrists so they could get a legal abortion.

Meanwhile, anyone struggling to make ends meet but desperate to secretly end a pregnancy risked life, health and infertility by taking matters into their own hands or undergoing an unsafe, illegal abortion. Many of them died.

Now the high court has opened the floodgates to state legislatures to ban abortion outright. This will not end abortion. Pregnant people will always strive to maintain control over their own bodies and lives, in consultation with their doctors, their loved ones, their clergy. Judges and lawmakers have no business intruding on individuals' private lives and making personal health decisions for them.

Jews like me are profoundly aware that reproductive rights are inextricably bound with religious freedom. As protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution, no one should be able to impose their religious views on others. Included in that principle: beliefs about when life begins or the rights of the so-called “unborn” that some folks see as equivalent to the rights of the pregnant person. The Jewish view is that the life of the mother supersedes the risk to a fetus.

I recall when Samuel Alito, the author of the majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, was nominated in 2005. We felt great alarm that he was to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who had been the crucial deciding vote to save Roe in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern*

Pennsylvania v. Casey.

Alito's track record was clear. As a judge on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals — which serves Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the U.S. Virgin Islands — he was the one voice to argue that women should have to notify their husbands before having an abortion. Our fears about his views were realized as soon as he got on the high court.

As part of NCJW's BenchMark campaign to save Roe, I worked to mobilize a protest to reject Alito's elevation to the Supreme Court. Since moving to Pennsylvania in 1996, I have also led local NCJW campaigns to oppose Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett, whose votes were pivotal in the *Dobbs* decision. With these additions to the court, conservatives have succeeded in their long game to roll back the clock to a time when women and all marginalized individuals had few rights.

There is no satisfaction in saying “I told you so.” NCJW will continue the fight with our allies to ensure that one's zip code, citizenship status, social and economic level, race, religion or personal circumstances will not prevent individuals from accessing reproductive rights.

Educated and strengthened by the leadership, advocacy tools and support of NCJW, we have long been speaking out to defend all our rights and freedoms. Time and again, we have stressed the importance of electing a president who would nominate only fair and independent individuals for lifetime positions on the Supreme Court — and the lower federal courts as well.

We have sounded the call to action, galvanizing the Jewish community and those who share our values to contact our senators and urge them to confirm only those judges and justices who will defend our constitutional rights.

We of NCJW continue to loudly declare that courts matter. We live by our mission to improve the lives of women, children and families and to safeguard individual rights and freedom. To that end, and in partnership with the National Abortion Federation, NCJW has established the Jewish Fund for Abortion Access, which will help provide support and resources to any individual unable to access abortion care.

It may take decades to reverse this reprehensible decision in the courts. But we pledge to do all we can to ensure that all people can still exercise their own reproductive choices. **JE**

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Rabbis Should Stick to Torah

The focus of Parshat B'midbar is the census of the 12 of Israel, but the published D'var Torah (“Escaping the Wilderness,” June 2) quickly pivoted to Uvalde and yielded a coda that inter alia advocated gun control. In contrast, online commentaries branch into discussion of flags and ritual, absent polemics.

Your rabbinic authors should discuss the religious messages without obscuring their universal relevance by adding contemporary progressivism.

**Robert B. Sklaroff
Rydal**

Gratz a Trailblazer

As an alumnus of Gratz College, I was pleased to read the feature article about the college in the Exponent (“Gratz Refocuses, Ahead of the Curve with Online Classes,” May 25).

Gratz has another distinction. It is the first Jewish institution of higher learning in world history to have admitted women as equal students. When it opened in 1895, this was unprecedented.

In fact, many of the most famed colleges and universities did not admit women until much later. Yale, for example, first admitted women in the 1960s. The first graduating class of Gratz included both men and women. This reflects well on Gratz and on the Jewish community of Philadelphia.

**Saul P. Wachs
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Ethiopian Jews Story Warranted the Cover

Your report on Ethiopian Jews (“Ethiopian Jews Make Aliyah as Part of Operation Zur Israel,” June 16) should have been on your front cover. I am very concerned with Israel's portrayal in the media. Exponent pages often report on increasing antisemitism and decreasing support for Israel. This is especially true of “pro-Palestinian” younger Jews.

Why this is happening is not such a mystery. Anti-Israel propaganda is nonstop. Pro-Israel information is rarely reported.

There is so much that is positive and good about Israel, but it stays “in the tent.” Every opportunity to open the tent's door should be taken. **JE**

**Roberta E. Dzubow
Plymouth Meeting**

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This Is Not Art!

BY DANIEL S. MARIASCHIN

Once again, the nexus of art, culture, politics and political bias against Israel and antisemitism is roiling Germany.

The 15th Documenta, an international art show held every five years in Kassel, Germany, opened on June 18 and runs through Sept. 25. Curated this year by the Indonesian collective ruangrupa and including work by Taring Padi — an artists' collective based in Yogyakarta, Indonesia — the exhibition highlights works on violence and war, some of it focusing on the late Indonesian dictator Suharto. Included in the exhibition is an egregious antisemitic banner in the style of street art or people's art, depicting Mossad operatives with pig heads and faces against a backdrop of a classic antisemitic character of an Orthodox Jew with peyot and fangs, smoking a cigar and wearing a hat adorned by an SS symbol.

At first covered up after significant outcry, it was finally removed. But not before it was widely seen. Removing the piece does not undo the damage.

Called out for this Der Stürmer-type "art," Tarang Padi's response could be seen as either daft or intentionally meant to defend the purpose of the piece: "It is not meant to be related in any way to anti-Semitism. ... We are saddened that details in this banner are understood differently from its original purpose. We apologize for the hurt caused in this context."

"Understood differently from its original purpose"? For heaven's sake, this exhibition is occurring in Germany. There is no hidden meaning in any of this. For all to see, are symbols like that of the SS that are banned from being displayed publicly in Germany. And the Mossad with pig's faces? Who could miss this?

After an initial feeble response about respect for "artistic freedom," Germany's Minister of Culture Claudia Roth recalibrated and said that such an expression "finds its limits" with pieces like this. German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, in his remarks at the opening of the exhibition, after saying that "art must provoke," acknowledged the antisemitism in the Taring Padi piece by adding: "There is a need to talk about these limits."

The Israeli embassy in Germany simply called it out for what it is: "Goebbels-style propaganda."

Adding insult to injury, the inclusion in the exhibition of the Palestinian collective, "Question of Funding," seemingly unconnected to Taring Padi, has added additional fuel to the Documenta fire. A number of German Jewish organizations expressed their outrage over the presence of



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the group, targeting Documenta for politicizing its exhibition through the participation of a group with a pronounced bias against Israel.

How does this happen in Germany? For the past several years, some government-supported Jewish museums, of all places, have been criticized for politically tinged exhibitions that promote the BDS campaign against Israel and criticize Israeli settlement policy.

And now this.

The immediate reaction by Documenta, in a

moment of public-relations panic, was to cover the offensive piece.

But covering up art revealed to be so egregiously offensive is merely to apply a Band-Aid. It doesn't speak to how such antisemitic-soaked pieces like this manage to make their way into otherwise respectable museums, galleries and exhibitions. Is it sheer sloppiness and inattention to detail? Or is it more than that: a way of using art to express deeply held biases and prejudice? Or in the case of Germany, is it a generational issue, where the present leaders in politics, art and culture don't see the need or urgency or are removed from the historical imperative, to block such expressions of antisemitism on German soil?

Or all of the above?

In taking down the piece, Kassel Mayor Christian Geselle said "we feel ashamed" with the appearance of the Taring Padi piece having caused "immense damage to the City of Kassel, the State of Hesse and Documenta." Roth has called for an investigation into how the banner was included in the exhibition in the first place.

Documenta's general director, Sabine Schormann, who also heads its primary exhibition space in Kassel — the Fridericianum — has come under pointed criticism for her handling of the issue, offering apologies to those "who have been hurt" by the controversy and distancing her organization from the Taring Padi piece.

Too often, our community has been on the receiving end of expressions of remorse or "pain caused" to the point where, once revealed, we sort of expect that apologetic knock on the proverbial door from a neighbor who just didn't realize what antisemitism is or why it causes us to rise up when it appears.

The concern is not about this piece only. If this is "art" — with its hooked noses and stereotypical side locks, which was the stuff of incessant attacks on German Jewry less than eight decades ago, within the memory today of those who survived the Shoah — then something needs to be done, and soon, to sensitize institutions like Documenta. There is no shelf-life on Holocaust remembrance or on the antisemitism that brought it all about.

Pig faces and SS symbols have no place appearing in today's Germany or anywhere else. That is concerning enough.

Still, are we the only ones who are exercised about this? As antisemitism sweeps the globe, aided by the Internet through "art" like this, it is a question to seriously ponder. **JE**

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The Torah Supports Me

BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

For years I worked in an office where, in order to make an outside phone call, you had to dial 9 plus 1 plus your number. At least once a week, the police would show up in the lobby because someone had accidentally dialed 9-1-1. The head of HR would scold us for not being more careful, and I would think, just change the system!

In Jewish law, there is a name for rules or actions that would tempt even the innocent to make a mistake — or worse, a sin: “*lifnei iver*.” It comes from Leviticus 19:14: “You shall not ... place a stumbling block before the blind.” Beyond its literal meaning, the verse has been used to establish the principle that you should remove temptation from the path of those who may be morally weak.

This became a thing in my house recently, when my wife asked if I could be more careful when opening our kitchen cabinets. The cabinets are off-white, and I was leaving smudges. I replied — with admirable honesty, I thought — that I couldn’t break a lifetime habit of the way I reach for a cabinet handle, and if I said I would try I would probably be lying. Smudges, I said, are the price we pay for beige cabinets and dainty handles. Blame the design, not me.

What ensued was what diplomats call a frank and honest discussion.

Convinced I was right, I sought an outside voice: “Judge” John Hodgman, the comedian who writes a satiric ethical advice column for The New York Times Magazine. I explained our impasse in an email, and Hodgman replied in the May 20 issue:

“Seen from 10,000 feet, I would agree that your wife’s request is unreasonable. That said, from 10,000 feet, I can’t see your disgusting hands. I can’t see what kind of muck you get into, or what kind of smears you’re leaving as you blindly paw at the cabinet face until you hit the handle. (Maybe you can’t, either. Spouses often see cleanliness differently depending on how they grew up, and some are just dirt-blind.) Even if your hands are clean of all sin, don’t meet one marital crime with another. Don’t lie and promise to try. Just promise to try, and tell the truth.”

The comments that followed were not friendly to my cause, to put it mildly. One reader compared me to Tarzan. Another urged me to be a “grown-up.”

But my favorite response came from a self-described architect and former interior designer, who I felt got closest to my original point, writing, “If your home’s aesthetic is so fragile that it’s ruined by normal daily use it’s a serious design flaw. Everyone living in a home should feel at ease



interacting with their environment, and everyone has different sensitivities and habits. The design should support them all.”

In other words, home design shouldn’t be a stumbling block before a guy with Tarzan hands. The urban planner Jane Jacobs advocated this sort of user-first architecture, writing, “There is no logic that can be superimposed on the city; people make it, and it is to them ... that we must fit our plans.” For example, if you want to keep mail from piling up on the dining room table, you need another little table closer to the front door (another recurring argument from what is, astoundingly, my first and still extant marriage).

Probably the best-known demonstration of user-first design comes from so-called “desire lines”: the footpaths created by people who ignore the actual sidewalks around a building or park and create their own routes of least resistance. The smart planner pays attention to the routes people actually want to take, and then pours the concrete.

A close cousin of this approach is behavioral design, which tries to influence the way people use spaces and objects. Good behavioral design might, for instance, put a hand sanitizer right near the place where you are likely to pick up or spread

germs. Or, in the case of my kitchen cabinets, it would make the handles big enough or inviting enough that my chances of smudging the doors is minimized.

I obsess about this topic not only because I want to win the argument with my wife, but because I think “*lifnei iver*” has important public policy implications. As Jacobs understood, good, intuitive design can turn private and public spaces into friendlier, safer places by putting users first. For decades public housing was a disaster in part because designers ignored the ways people actually congregated, relaxed and kept an eye on each other. My son the engineer helps design hospital equipment intended to keep tired, over-worked doctors and nurses from pushing the wrong buttons or forgetting a crucial step.

On the flip side, sinister behavioral design might coerce someone into, say, racking up debts on an addictive gambling app, or hooking kids on vaping, as the Food and Drug Administration argued in ordering Juul to remove its e-cigarettes from the U.S. marketplace.

The latter is exactly the scenario that “*lifnei iver*” proscribes: setting a vulnerable person up for failure. In an article for Chabad.org, Yehuda Shurpin discusses the possibilities — and dilemmas — of applying *lifnei iver* to the current debate over gun safety. On the one hand, he writes, “The Talmud tells us that one is forbidden to sell dangerous items — including weapons, or anything commonly used to manufacture weapons, as well as their accessories — to any person who may have the intent to use them to cause harm or perpetrate a crime.”

On the other hand, the law is understandably complex when it comes to determining how to anticipate that “intent” — and under what circumstances the seller is culpable. And yet, the tradition understands that the idea that “guns don’t kill, people do” is specious: “We do not want people getting hurt or dying,” writes Shurpin. “And restricting evil-doers’ access to materials that make this possible is an obvious course of action.”

Whether we are talking about gun control, office phones or kitchen design, the principle is the same: People are inherently clumsy and fallible, and relying on their best intentions to solve a problem is a recipe for failure. Sometimes you have to ban the dangerous tool — or change the number from 9 to, well, any. other. number.

Ultimately, I didn’t consult a rabbi to solve my kitchen dilemma. But I did answer to a higher authority: It’s now my job to clean the cabinets. **JE**

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Biden's First Mideast Trip

BY DAN SCHNUR

In a few weeks, Joe Biden will head to the Middle East for the first time as president. Even without the recent upheaval in the Israeli government, his time in Israel would have been the least important part of the trip.

There is certainly political value in Biden's separate meetings with interim Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas. But the American president's two days in Israel will mainly serve as a prelude to the main event: Saudi Arabia.

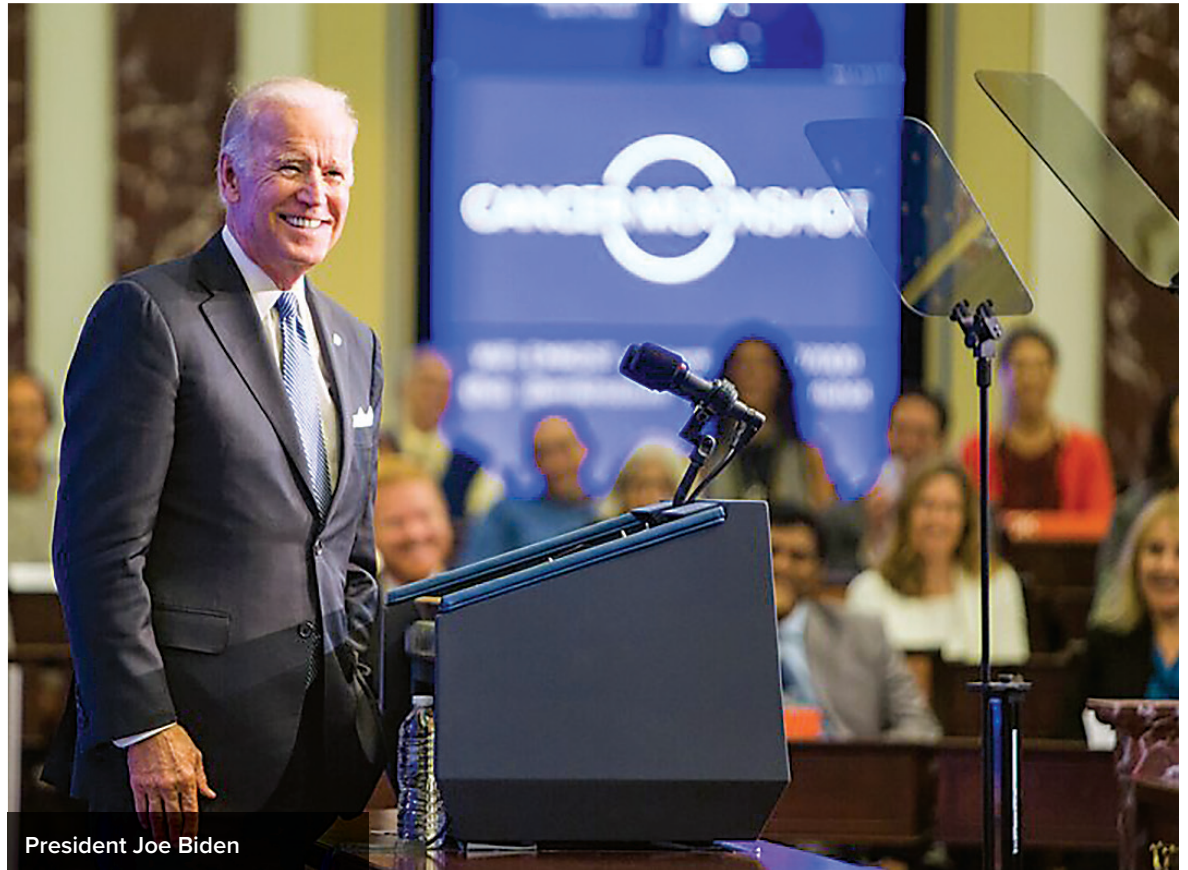
The primary benefit of Biden's time with Lapid will be to show his support for the outgoing coalition that Lapid and now-former prime minister Naftali Bennett taped together last year. Biden's approach to Israeli domestic politics can be roughly summarized as "anyone-but-Bibi," so publicly demonstrating to Israeli voters the strength of his relationship with Lapid can serve both to bolster their new leader and marginalize Netanyahu at the same time.

Similarly, Biden and Abbas are not expected to achieve any breakthroughs when they get together the next day. This meeting, too, is mainly about geopolitical positioning and messaging. Just as Biden wants Israelis to understand that he is a close ally to their leader, the president's goal in Bethlehem will be to reassure the Palestinian people that he will pursue a more even-handed approach in the region than the Trump administration.

Once those two communications goals have been achieved, Biden will not only move from Israel to Saudi Arabia but from symbolism to substance. This is where the president's trip will really start to matter.

The most obvious and urgent task for Biden with the Saudis is to convince them to start pumping more oil. The war in Ukraine has created a worldwide energy crisis, and Biden's first appeals to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman earlier this spring to increase Saudi output were completely ignored. Over the past few months, senior White House and Cabinet officials have dramatically stepped up their outreach to Riyadh, resulting in some additional oil being made available to world markets. But as Russia and Ukraine settle in for a prolonged conflict, the only way to persuade Saudi Arabia to release enough additional oil to offset Russia's resources is for Biden and the crown prince to meet face-to-face. Given the harsh criticism that Biden has leveled against MBS in the past, that reconciliation will be very awkward.

But in addition to the urgent need for gulf oil,



President Joe Biden

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this leg of Biden's trip is substantively important for many other reasons as well. The war in Ukraine will end at some point, but the long-term complications of Middle East politics would become much easier to navigate with enhanced cooperation from the Saudis. The most important step would be for Saudi Arabia to join the Abraham Accord agreements that Israel has achieved with four other Gulf states to normalize relations and to cooperate more closely on economic, cultural and security matters. This, in turn, would not only strengthen Israel's standing in the Middle East but would enhance the largely unofficial coordination between the Saudis, the Israelis and the United States toward their shared goal of containing Iran.

Long after the Ukraine war has ended, and long after today's sky-high gasoline prices are an unpleasant memory, the threat that Iran poses to Israel, to the Middle East and to the world will remain. Earlier this year, Saudi Arabia and Israel

participated in American-led naval exercises in the region, a joint effort that was surely noted by Iran's leaders. But publicly acknowledging and formalizing the partnership between the two countries would send an even stronger message to Tehran.

Biden seems to be willing to sacrifice some personal dignity to be able to repair his relationship with MBS. He might not have taken that step if it were not for the energy emergency that the Russia-Ukraine war has created. But even if cheaper gasoline is the immediate motivation, an officially recognized collaborative effort between Israel and Saudi Arabia against Iran would be an even more consequential outcome of his first trip to the Middle East. [JE](#)

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Vatican to Release WWII-era 'Jewish Files' Online

Pope Francis has ordered 170 volumes of Jewish requests for help from the Catholic Church during World War II to be published online, two years after making their physical copies available to historians, JTA reported.

His decision is the latest development in the Vatican's newfound reckoning of its legacy during the Holocaust.

The correspondence contains 2,700 files specifically recounting Jewish groups and families requesting assistance from the Vatican in avoiding deportation or trying to free relatives from concentration camps, both in the run-up to and during the Holocaust.

Pope Pius XII, who served as pope during the war's most pivotal years, is often charged by historians with ignoring Jewish pleas for help and cozying up to Hitler and Mussolini to preserve the influence of the Church.

The Vatican has long insisted that Pius XII should be celebrated for secretly advocating for Jews via diplomatic means, but that narrative is changing. The Church opened its secret files on Pius' archives to historians in 2020, but by publishing its Jewish-related files online, it opens them up to easier access and greater public scrutiny.

'Nazi Hunter' to Head DOJ Team Investigating War Crimes in Ukraine

Eli Rosenbaum, a Justice Department veteran known for his work tracking and deporting former Nazis residing in the United States, will lead a team working to identify and prosecute people responsible for alleged war crimes in Ukraine, JTA reported.

Attorney General Merrick Garland announced the appointment on June 21, while in Ukraine.

"There is no hiding place for war criminals. The U.S. Justice Department will pursue every avenue of accountability for those who commit war crimes and other atrocities in Ukraine," Garland wrote in a news release.

Rosenbaum will lead the DOJ's War Crimes Accountability Team. Starting in 1979, Rosenbaum led a team through the Office of Special Investigations, or OSI, that over decades deported more than 95 war criminals and their allies.

Rosenbaum is expected to work with both domestic and international offices regarding crimes over which the United States has jurisdiction, including the killing of American journalists.

Israeli Building Starts Hit 27-year High

Building starts in Israel reached their highest level since 1995, although they remain below the government's annual target, Globes reported.

The Central Bureau of Statistics reported 68,970 building starts between April 2021 and March 2022, which is up from 63,274 in 2021. The government's annual target is 70,000.

There were 79,060 building permits issued during that time, and 159,900 new homes were under construction, which is a record. The previous year, 76,340 building permits for new homes were issued, while 150,895 homes were under construction.

A third of those new building starts were in seven cities: Tel Aviv-Yafo, Ashkelon, Jerusalem, Bat Yam, Rishon Lezion, Beit Shemesh and Netanya. Tel Aviv-Yafo led with 4,982 building starts; Ashkelon was second with 3,679.

Survey: More Israelis Satisfied Now With Economic Situation than Pre-Pandemic

An Israel Democracy Institute Study released on June 21 revealed that Israelis are somewhat more satisfied with their economic situation than before the pandemic, The Times of Israel reported.

In the 2019 survey, 28% of respondents were "somewhat satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their economic situation. In May, that figure was 33%.

But 21% were "not satisfied at all" in May, compared to 16% in 2019. Researchers attributed that to pandemic-induced societal and labor market inequalities.

The top concern for respondents in the year ahead was the general cost of living; 34% cited that, followed by 23% saying security was their primary concern. **JE**

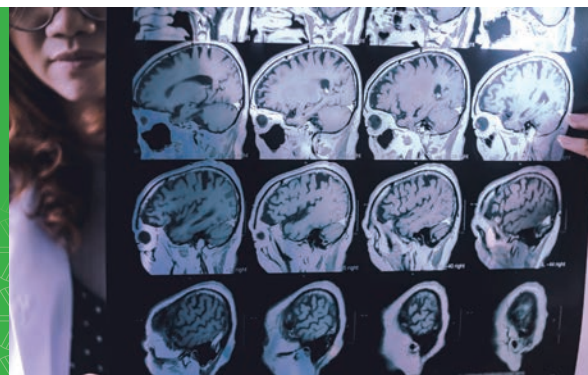
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Plants a Seed IN ISRAEL



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When Rabbi Nesanel Cadle knew he was moving to Israel and starting a new synagogue, he emailed some Bucks County contacts to try and raise money.

Rabbi Aaron Gaber of the Conservative Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown was on that list. Gaber and Cadle, the leader of the Orthodox community Knesset Hasefer in Yardley, are fellow religious leaders and friendly with one another.

But when Gaber read the email, he decided to give a gift more valuable than money: He gave Cadle and his new community the Torah for their synagogue.

The Newtown rabbi presented the gift to his Yardley colleague during a ceremony at CBOI on June 16. Cadle will make aliyah in August with families from across the United States, including New

York, Milwaukee and Los Angeles, among other places. About 150 families are “working toward coming” between this summer and next, according to Cadle.

“To have a Sefer Torah is one of the essential things that a community needs,” Cadle said, referring to the term for a handwritten Torah. “To have that as a gift is just very valuable and appreciated.”

Cadle comes across as an Orthodox man. He leads a traditional community and is now making aliyah at 41 after living his whole life in the United States.

But his Orthodox roots were planted relatively recently. Cadle’s grandparents were secular Jews, but his parents wanted something deeper and, in their process of seeking it, they met each other.

So by the time the future rabbi was born, his parents were

traditional Jews. They even sent him to an Orthodox school starting at age 2. Cadle never rebelled against his upbringing, but he did feel a strong desire to explore religion on his own.

In school, he came to realize that the argument for Orthodox Judaism made sense, he said. Cadle did not believe in a big bang because, as he put it, if there was a big bang, what happened before that? He grew to think that there had to have been a creator.

It took hours and years of study for Cadle to reach that point, he explained. And if he had never gotten there, he may have rebelled against his parents like his own parents rebelled against theirs.

“It was important to me that, intellectually, I’m able to embrace Orthodoxy, not just because my parents embraced it,” Cadle said.

Once he did, though, he fully embraced it. Cadle studied at three different yeshivas, in Chicago, Cleveland and Israel, respectively, to become an Orthodox rabbi. Then he built his adult life around the faith and his work in it.

After serving at a synagogue in Buffalo for several years, he needed to move out of the area because it did not offer an Orthodox high school for his daughters. In 2016, Cadle landed the job at Kneset Hasefer, a congregation of about 60 families.

If the rabbi’s family lived in Yardley, his daughters could travel almost an hour to Lakewood, New Jersey, which has a big Orthodox community, for high school each day. The family settled into a nice life, but a couple of years into it, the rabbi started to grow restless.

In the fall of 2018, the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue complex in Pittsburgh, which killed 11 people, opened Cadle’s eyes to a scary reality. With incidents of antisemitism on the rise, he no longer felt comfortable in the U.S.

Maybe at long last, he thought and kept thinking as the years went by after Tree of Life, it was time to make good on one of his fundamental beliefs: that he needed to go to Israel and await the arrival of the mashiach, or the messiah. According to the rabbi, an extraordinary period in history will bring about the coming of the mashiach. This period, he explained, began with the Holocaust, continued with the founding of the state of Israel, continued still with the fall of the Soviet Union, continued further with the recent pandemic and also includes physical attacks against Jews.

This was a Jewish concept before Christians applied it to Jesus, according to Cadle.

“All Jews are to live in Israel. We believe there is to be the building of the third temple,” he said. “Mashiach will be in Israel. We believe it’s our holy land.”

In the late 2010s and early 2020s, Rabbi Cadle was not the only Orthodox person who felt that way. The rabbi’s colleagues, friends and acquaintances began to discuss it with him, too. His congregants in Yardley, though they did not share the feeling, understood that their rabbi was going through it, according to Cadle.

Finally, he asked himself the question: “Why am I not living in Israel?” So, he started an initiative to join up with other like-minded Jews to buy property in Afula, a city in the homeland’s northern region. Cadle and his new community chose the north because it’s less crowded and more affordable, he said.

By the end of the summer, the group will own enough land for 300 housing units, including duplexes, apartments and single-family homes. Most families making aliyah will own their homes, according to the rabbi. The community also will rent space for its synagogue, at least for now.



On June 16 at Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown, Rabbi Aaron Gaber, left, presented a Torah to Rabbi Nesanel Cadle for Cadle to start a new community in Israel.

Courtesy of Sharon Segarra

The rabbi is going with his wife Mimi Cadle and their five children: daughters Esther, 19, Huvi, 17, and Tzipi, 7, as well as their two sons Covi, 14, and Bini, 10. For the other congregants, Cadle said there was a vetting process that included an interview with his “intake secretary,” calls to references and a Zoom interview with him. Their goal was to make sure that the families were “mentally, emotionally and financially stable,” he said. They did not exclude families who have children with disabilities.

“A brand new community cannot afford to absorb everyone...if you’re not making it in the United States, it’s going to be very hard to make it in Israel,” Cadle said. “The person who’s struggling here, it’s not like by moving there they won’t struggle.”

By the time the summer of 2022 approached, the rabbi only needed two more things: a little more money and a Torah. That was where Gaber came in.

CBOI’s lay leaders will be quick to tell you that, once Gaber came to them with the idea, they unanimously approved it. The Newtown temple had extra Torahs, according to its co-president Roz Zucker. And it was hard to think of a better use for one than as the seed of a new community.

“We wanted to donate to somebody who needed the scrolls,” Zucker said. “They were in the right place at the right time.”

Brothers of Israel did not sell the Torah to Cadle. But CBOI’s board of trustees did require certain conditions.

Cadle and his community will need to keep the Torah Kosher with a maintenance program and never sell it. They also need to inform CBOI on an annual basis that they are in compliance with the loan program. They would have to return the Torah if they were to close for any reason.

“It’s sort of like a loan, a loan forever, as long as they want it,” Zucker said. **JE**

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Congregation Brothers of Israel’s lay leaders made a unanimous decision to loan one of their extra Torahs to help start a new community in Israel.

Courtesy of Sharon Segarra



GRADUATE GREETINGS

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All the Best on
your next plateau.

*From your Philly Mishpacha,
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*Love you!
Mommom, Poppop, & Justin*

Fish Bake Summer Dinner

KERI WHITE | SPECIAL TO THE JE

My sister made this for a crowd at the beach last weekend. It showcased the local fish, was simple to prepare and was enjoyed by all.

One great benefit of the dish is that it can be done a bit ahead of time. I would not do it at 8 a.m. to serve for dinner — the fish could begin to break down if it is coated with the lemon/garlic mixture for a long spell — but Sis put it together around 2 p.m., chucked it in the fridge and headed to the beach for a few hours.

The lemon/garlic/salt/pepper combo is acceptable to even the pickiest palates and, accompanied by a summery salad and a loaf of bread, dinner was done! If you want more items on the table, serve rice or quinoa tossed with some fresh summer herbs, your favorite slaw or a couscous or tabouli salad.

We kept dessert super-simple — a selection of ice creams for people to scoop and serve as desired. Ice cream sandwiches or pops are even better — no spoons or bowls to clean. If you want something more elaborate, lean toward fruit or chocolate and away from custards or puddings to optimize the contrast and complement rather than compete with the fish main course.

Fish Bake

Serves 4

We used flounder for this, layered into a casserole, but any white fish would be fine — haddock, tilapia, cod, sole, et cetera. The key is to layer it up so that you sort of cut squares to serve — almost like lasagna. It is easily multiplied for a crowd; we served 12 and used a large rectangular baking dish to cook it, but the recipe here is for a more normal-sized group. A loaf pan or square baking pan would work best for this version.

The panko gives the dish some additional texture and heft, as well as a nice crispy topping, but if you are cutting carbs or are allergic to gluten you can skip it.

Another pro tip: Double the butter mixture and serve it on the table with crusty bread, or save it to stir into pasta or rice tomorrow.

- 1½ pounds fresh white fish such as flounder or haddock
- ½ stick butter, softened
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 lemon, juice and zest
- ½ teaspoon salt



Summer salad

Photo by Keri White

- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ⅔ cup panko
- Fresh parsley and/or dill to garnish

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

In a small bowl, mix the softened butter with the garlic, salt, pepper, lemon juice and zest. Pat the fish dry. Coat a square 8-inch-by-8-inch baking pan or loaf pan with nonstick spray. Place a layer of fish in the pan. Spread it lightly with the butter mixture, and then sprinkle it with panko. Continue this until all the fish and butter are used up. Top it with a layer of panko.

Bake for 30-40 minutes (depending on how thick your fish is) until done — it should cut/flake easily and be opaque throughout, and the panko crumbs should be toasted. When you are ready to serve, top the fish with chopped fresh parsley and/or dill, if desired.

Summer Salad

Serves 4

The fish dish above is delicious but a little monochromatic. This colorful salad will jazz up your table visually and tastily. The beer vinegar was a unique and flavorful addition to the dressing — a random item that came in a gourmet gift basket that I had lying around. If you don't have it, just use malt, cider or sherry vinegar instead.

- 6 cups arugula or other baby lettuce, such as spring mix
- 1 raw beet, peeled and sliced thinly with a vegetable peeler (It should look like flower petals.)
- 1 ear of corn (raw or cooked), kernels sliced off
- 1 scallion, sliced, or a few tablespoons chopped red or sweet onion
- 1 tablespoon beer vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Generous sprinkle of fresh-cracked pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons olive oil

In a large salad bowl, mix all the vegetables. Right before serving, sprinkle the dressing ingredients over the salad, toss and serve. **JE**

Philadelphia-based FilmShul Pays Homage to Jewish Hollywood

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

Growing up, Irv Slifkin seldom watched a movie with his family uninterrupted.



His mother would kvell whenever she saw a Jewish star on the silver screen, giving her son a nudge and pointing out the actor.

"I walked out of the theater loving the movie but really hurting from my ribs being elbowed by her," Slifkin said.

Slifkin's mother passed down the generational pride in Jewish presence in arts and culture to her son and, a few decades later, Slifkin is doing the same for hundreds of other Jews across the country.

In 2021, the Philadelphia native and Cherry Hill, New Jersey, resident teamed up with longtime colleague Laurence Lerman, a Jersey City, New Jersey, resident, to create FilmShul, an interactive series of presentations of Jewish film and film history.

Through FilmShul, the 50-something-year-old duo provides 13 Zoom-friendly courses to synagogues, JCCs, libraries and other Jewish organizations. The courses span topics from Jewish beginnings in the film industry to the Coen brothers to the Hollywood blacklist of the 1950s and '60s.

Slifkin and Lerman have about 60 years of combined experience in the industry, making them more than just avid fans of Jewish American cinema.

Lerman "always had a film bug," but jump-started his career in the industry during his time at Muhlenberg College in Allentown. He would go to the various rep houses — repertory cinema theaters to watch older films — and read any supplemental materials he could get his hands on.

After studying philosophy and communications in school, he worked in distribution for Kino International, a large, European-based independent film distributor, at the dawn of the "Miramax era," when VHS tapes were flying off store shelves.

He honed his skills as a writer working for Variety magazine for 15 years before starting an independent review site and writing press notes for independent production companies for the past decade.

"I threw it all at being a follower, a student of cinema," Lerman said.

While Lerman poured over films at Muhlenberg, Slifkin did the same at Temple University, where he studied film and philosophy, writing for the school paper. He's now an instructor at the university's journalism department, teaching on how to review film; he wrote the books "Filmadelphia: A Celebration of a City's Movies" and "VideoHound's Groovy Movies: Far-Out Films of the Psychedelic Era."

Slifkin crossed paths with Lerman at Movies Unlimited, a Philadelphia movie rental store, in the 1990s. Lerman was working distribution for a performing arts company, and Movies Unlimited, where Slifkin worked, was one of their biggest clients. The two conducted business over the phone, realizing their mutual love of film and becoming friends.

In the years before the pandemic, Slifkin took up speaking gigs at Golden Slipper Gems and the Katz JCC, giving lectures on film. When the pandemic hit, Slifkin gave Zoom presentations and, by late 2020, Lerman had joined his friend. The two began designing a slate of 60-90 minute lectures.

The online format of the class gave FilmShul many unlikely opportunities, including giving lectures to audiences on the West Coast and Canada. Early this month, Lerman and Slifkin did a presentation to a consortium of 10 synagogues and a couple hundred people all over the country.

The rise of Jewish giants in the film industry tugs at the heartstrings of many Jewish Americans, particularly Ashkenazi Jews, making film history an engaging topic to FilmShul's audiences, Lerman said.

The film industry of the early 20th century was composed primarily of Jewish immigrants fleeing their home countries.

"They weren't looking for a better way of life," Lerman said. "They were looking to have a life."

Many fled pogroms in Eastern and Central Europe to America during the emergence of early film technology. Immigrants worked at nickelodeons, theaters where film viewings cost a nickel, and eventually began producing their own films.

In the 1950s, many Jews in the industry were victims of Hollywood blacklisting and were refused employment, accused of being affiliated or sympathizing with the Communist party. Nevertheless, Jewish filmmakers such as Mel Brooks and Stanley Kubrick survived and advanced during the era.

Though educational, film media is an homage to Jewish roots and values; it's both nostalgic and motivational.

"I look at it as a combination of ambition and chutzpah and pride, wanting to take care of their families and wanting to assimilate to this new world where this technology was happening," Lerman said. "We were the ones that were doing this. It was a purely American wave of new media." **JE**

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Shane is a 2021 graduate of St. Joe's where he received a Bachelor of Science and Business degree

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Child Psychiatrist, Author Stuart L. Kaplan Dies at 82

HEATHER M. ROSS | STAFF WRITER

Psychoiatrist Stuart L. Kaplan, a teacher, author and clinical researcher whose passion was in assisting children, died on May 23. He was 82.

Kaplan was buried in the tallit he was married in, with a love letter from his wife Joan Busner Kaplan. He had an Orthodox ceremony.

His family said he was devoted to his work and was still seeing patients until he suffered a brain hemorrhage in November from which he never recovered.

Kaplan was born on May 29, 1939, in Washington D.C., where he grew up. He earned his medical degree at George Washington University, where he also completed his undergraduate courses. He completed his psychiatry residency at the University of Pennsylvania in both child and adult psychiatry.

After medical school, he began his psychiatric career at the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center. Later, he took a

position in New York as the director of child psychiatry at Long Island Jewish Hospital, where he met Joan Busner, who he married in 1994.

During the Vietnam War, Kaplan was a lieutenant commander and served as a doctor in the Navy at what is now the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, according to his son, Lawrence Kaplan.

He also had a stint as the executive director of New York State's Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center, which was affiliated with Columbia University. He was a professor there and taught some courses, Busner Kaplan said.

It was there that Kaplan took steps that changed child psychiatric treatment by emphasizing the inclusion of families and caregivers in treatment plans, which was uncommon at the time.

Kaplan's passion for child psychiatry was well known, and when asked why it was so important to him, Busner Kaplan said, "There was no voice for them (the kids)."

Kaplan also was the director of St. Louis University School of Medicine's

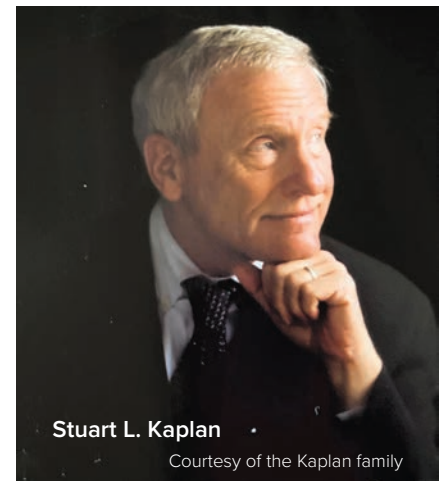
child psychiatry program and residency training in child psychiatry. Later, he was the chief of child psychiatry at Penn State Health's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center before finally practicing psychiatry in Kennett Square.

While Kaplan was an academic, educator, researcher and doctor, it was all connected to his true passion — helping kids.

"He was smart, ethical and put patients first. He would call any judge, social worker or school to help a kid," Busner Kaplan said.

In 2011, Kaplan published, "Your Child Does Not Have Bipolar Disorder: How Bad Science and Good Public Relations Created the Diagnosis" after observing a dramatic growth in the number of children diagnosed with bipolar disorder. That is a "serious, lifelong diagnosis," Busner Kaplan said.

Kaplan was concerned that children were being misdiagnosed and parents were being misguided based on what he believed was a fad diagnosis. He was later validated when the DSM-5, a book



Stuart L. Kaplan

Courtesy of the Kaplan family

containing updated criteria for diagnosing mental disorders, refused to create a diagnosis for child bipolar disorder.

"He just felt, 'I'm gonna do what's right and damn the rest.' He did that all the time," Busner Kaplan said, describing her husband's decision to publish the book as brave since diagnosis was being pushed then by influential minds in the field.

Kaplan's hobbies were as varied and intellectual as the many places he worked. He enjoyed sailing and made an effort to learn celestial navigation and use a sextant. He learned about his passions through magazines about astronomy and poetry.

He also shared hobbies with his wife. The two skied and tried horseback riding together. Kaplan always threw himself

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ABELSON-GUENTHER

Roslyn passed away June 21, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Alan Guenther. Loving mother of Adam Turoff (Lisa) and Martin Guenther. Dear sister of Doris Abelson (Jan). Contributions in her memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society 30 S. 17th Street, Suite 800, Phila PA 19103.

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COHAN

Burton, June 14, 2022, At age 94, Burt passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He shared 66 years with his devoted wife, Joan (nee Rosencrantz). It was a lifetime filled with love, happiness, adventure and wonderful blessings. With pride and encouragement, Burt inspired his children, Michael Cohan, MD and Mindy Cohan, VMD to achieve their challenging goals. Daughter-in-law, Lauren Rosenberg, MD completed the love Burt shared within his immediate family. During Burt's impressionable years at Central High School, he excelled in developing all the positive traits of one's character. He treasured his life- long friends and learned the meaning of

sportsmanship as a stellar member of Central's winning Track Team. He NEVER stopped wearing his Central Class of 184 ring! His accomplishments on the track team earned Burt a four-year scholarship to Temple University. During his first semester at Temple, Burt was drafted into the Army. He was shipped to the Philippines and spent 18 months in Manila. (By the fate of birth, the Second World War had just ended.) Burt always claimed his service in the Army was a positive experience. After graduating from Temple, he joined his father in the Wholesale Shoe Business. It was a very successful 50-year career. During his free time, Burt's greatest pleasure was spending time outdoors mowing, growing, raking and pruning the lawn. He thrived on the energy and satisfaction that he derived from being on "his" lawn. Everyone who knew Burt recognized his sincerity, gentle nature and his innate kindness. Burt had a content and fulfilled life...his wishes and dreams came true. He will be deeply missed and forever loved. Contributions in Burt's memory may be made to the Associated Alumni of the Central High School of Philadelphia PO Box 26580 Philadelphia, PA 19141-6580, or a

charity of the donor's choice.

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COHEN

Jerold J. on June 22, 2022. Beloved father of Marci Golomb (Richard) and Mitchell Cohen (Tracey); Devoted grandfather of Courtney and Evan; Loving partner of Candice Goodis; Husband of the late Sandra; Stepfather of Robin Silver and Andrea Silver. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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FREEDMAN

Molly (nee CRASNER)-On June 16, 2022, wife of Robert Freedman, mother of Albert Freedman and David (Wendee Pratt) Freedman. Grandmother of Cara Freedman, Maya Pratt-Freedman and the late Malcom Jack Freedman. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Cure SMA.

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GALIETTA

Harilyn Anne (nee Imber), June 18, 2022, of Naples, FL; beloved wife of Dr. Gerald Galletta; loving mother of Marc J. Furber (Monica), Jennifer Furber and Steven Furber (Jessica); devoted sister of Paul Imber (Cindy); cherished grandmother of Saul, Samuel, Violet and Jacob. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Harilyn's memory may be made to the American Heart Assoc. (heart.org).

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GOLDBERG

Sandra (Sandy) Goldberg (née Levey), 85, of Oreland, PA, died peacefully June 11, 2022, after succumbing to complications from gallbladder cancer, just 12 days shy of

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marking 59 years of marriage. Beloved wife of Stanley G. Goldberg, devoted mother of Dara Goldberg Kaye (Jonathan) and Ross Goldberg, adoring grandmother of Daniel, and loving aunt. Sandy was preceded in death by her grandson, Eli, and her sister, Charlotte Lehman. Raised on the Boulevard in Philadelphia, Sandy graduated from Olney High School in 1954 and Temple University in 1958, then taught at Whittier Elementary for several years. The family moved from Roxborough, where they lived above Stanley's solo dental practice, to Oreland, in Springfield Township, in 1969. She joined her husband as the office receptionist in the mid-1970s but remained involved in her children's schooling and activities. She also pursued her own interests in cooking, needlepoint, and reading, among others. Generations of dental patients expressed appreciation of Sandy's warm welcome and genuine interest in their lives and families. Sandy and Stan retired in 2009. In recent years, Sandy enjoyed time with her grandson; her dog, Buddy; and her "grand dogs," and was a devoted follower of current events and pop-culture news. Donations in her memory may be made to Best Friends, The Humane Society of the United States, the ASPCA, the Montgomery County SPCA, or the animal rescue organization of your choice.

HAFTER

Florence Hafter (nee Heitzer), December 17, 1926 – June 17, 2022. Wife of the late Martin. Mother of Ronnie (Stanley) Rubin and Rob (Cindy Kaufman) Hafter. Grandmother of Joshua (Rachel Berger) Rubin and Cara and Becca Hafter. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market St., Suite 250, Philadelphia, PA 19106, www.alz.org/delval or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KURTZ

Anita Kurtz (nee Weinberg), age 92, died on June 16, 2022. Loving mother of Victor (Amy) Kurtz and Perry Kurtz; dear sister of the late Irv Weinberg; adoring grandmother of Amanda (Scott) Lipner, Hayley (Joshua) Davis, and Bella Kurtz; and devoted great-grandmother of Alivia, Reece, Leni, and Dean. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation of Ami Preschool, 708 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444, www.or-ami.org.

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MATZ

David Matz, age 77, of Coatesville,

formerly of Chadds Ford, on June 22, 2022. Husband of Roberta (nee Rubenfein), Father of Paul (Miriam) and Jeremy (Sharon), Brother of Lois Rosen (Robert Uphaus) and Carol Lebowitz (Leonard), Grandfather of Olivia, Talya, Rebecca, Natalie, Eliana, and Lilah. Son of the late Ben and Claire Matz, David was born and raised in Philadelphia, attending Central and graduating from Northeast High School, then University of Pennsylvania. At age 17, he met Roberta on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. They married on Christmas Day in 1966 while both were students at Penn and celebrated their 55th anniversary last December. They then braved the cold Wisconsin winters for 5 years while David earned his Doctorate in Chemical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin in 1972. He began his career with Western Electric, later worked for a solar energy company and spent the greater part of his career as a research engineer at DuPont, with the latter part of his career focusing on pigments for fine art reproductions. His hobbies ranged from kite flying and model rocketry to world travel, tri-cycle bikes, and most prominently, wine (both drinking and collecting), but his greatest passion was music and his grandgirls. David played piano beautifully for friends, family, and in several ensembles over the years, inspiring a love of music in his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband and father and loving and attentive grandfather. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

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ROSENMANN

Carole (nee Kahn). June 21, 2022 of Plymouth Meeting, PA. Beloved wife of Murray. Devoted mother of Jaime Gordon and Seth Rosenman. Also survived by her grandchildren Nico, Dylan, Jemma, and Jia Yue. Carole treated her lifelong friends as family. She lives in our hearts and our stories. The family will return to the residence of Jaime Gordon and request that contributions in her memory be made to the Philadelphia Friendship Circle via their website.

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SHIPON

Judith Marsha (Feinstein) Shipon of Bala Cynwyd (formally of Voorhees, NJ) passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 19 with her beloved daughters at her side. Judi was born to Edythe and Frank Feinstein on October 27, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pa. After graduating from Germantown High School she entered the medical field and became an x-ray technician. She left that career after a few years to take on what she said was the most important job of her life — raising her two daughters. She could be found many days chauffeuring her girls to tennis lessons, gym classes and school events. She was a genius at planning parties and social events, with each event designed to honor the guest and make everyone feel important. She would talk or text daily with her daughters and was their active champion throughout their years of school. She was extraordinarily proud that her 'girls' grew to become mature, strong, professional, independent women. She showered that same devotion and love on her two grandchildren. Judi had many interests and you could always count on her to do and say the unexpected. Her love of books, current events and movies never left her at a loss for words or an opinion on the topic of the day. She is survived by her two daughters, Dr. Samara Shipon (Matthew Radford) and Dr. Courtney Shipon (Artur Gagol); two grandchildren, Lily Gagol and Andrew Gagol; two grand-dogs, Sparky and Orchid; and her brother, Laurence Feinstein and sister-in-law (although more like a sister), Patti Feinstein. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Judi's memory to NOW.org (National Organization for Women) or to the charity of your choice.

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SHIFTAN

Gary E. Shiftan, on June 19th, 2022. Beloved husband of Iris (nee Haber); loving father of the late Karen (Dr. David Pressel) and Bruce; brother of Eva (Dick Schmitter) Litt. Grandfather of Robert, Adam, Jarred and Savannah. A Proud Korean War Navy combat veteran.

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SHRAGER

Joseph Samuel, age 101, died June 23, 2022. A World War II veteran, business owner and lifelong learner, he was married for 66 years to his beloved wife Shirley, who predeceased him. He is survived by daughters Wendy Greenberg (Donald) and Debbie Miner (Dr. David), grandchildren Daniel (Laura), Shoshana, Aliza, Gabe (Rachelle) and Alex, and his dear brother, Albert. Contributions in his memory may be made to Gratz College or a charity of the donor's choice.

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SILVERMAN

Dorothy (nee Garfinkle)-Passed away on June 20, 2022. Daughter of the late Eva and Nathan Garfinkle. Wife of the late Alvin Silverman. Mother of Rick (Judith) Silverman, Steven Silverman and Charles (Andrea) Silverman. Sister of Susan (Darryl) Fried. Grandmother of Erika, Alec, Monica, Nathan, Trevor and Cara. Contributions in her memory may be made to Hadassah, www.hadassah.org, or to Matanya's Hope, www.matanyashope.org.

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STRAUS

Barbara "Bobbi" C. Straus (nee Morris), age 78, passed away June 22, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Erv Straus. Adoring mother of Jill Straus (Stephen Feldman), and devoted stepmother to Jodie Kavanagh (Bruce). Contributions in her memory may be made to the Women's Animal Center, PO Box 1470 Bensalem, PA 19020 www.women-sanimalcenter.org.

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TETRO

Avishai Tetro-On May 31, 2022, Rosh Chodesh Sivan, of Upper Dublin. Beloved husband of Sheryl Tetro (nee Lundy), adoring Abba to Arielle and Rachel. Beloved son of Zevulon (Z"l) and Nazzi Mazal Tov Tetro, loving brother of Tzila Ziv (Robert) and Rafi Tetro (Maya). Loving uncle to Moshe and Meital (Yisrael), Michael, Mor and Etai, all of Ashkelon, Israel. He was known far and wide for his computer expertise, his culinary skills, and unstoppable sense of humor. He was loved by all. He had a strong will to live and beat the odds many times. Contributions may be made in Avishai's memory to Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El, Gift of Life Marrow Registry, the American Red Cross, or a charity of your choice. Please also consider donating blood and registering as a bone marrow donor.

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Brenda passed away peacefully at the age of 75 in her home in Henderson, Nevada on June 14, 2022. Brenda was loved by everyone she met. She was an outgoing, friendly, generous, and beautiful person who would bend over backwards for anyone in need of a hand. As a result of Brenda's kind and gregarious spirit, her conversations with complete strangers grew into lifelong friendships. Brenda lived in Dresher and Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania before relocating to Henderson, Nevada in 2003. She graduated from Olney High School in Philadelphia in 1965, and then graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's Degree in education on June 8, 1969. She was a member of Old York Road Temple Beth Am in Abington, PA, where she met her husband of 18 years, Ira Tishk, who now lives in Henderson, Nevada. Brenda loved cats, dogs, theater, dancing, puzzles, and reading novels. But most of all, Brenda loved her three sons. She was very proud of her boys, as well as her ten incredible and talented grandchildren. Brenda is survived by her sister, Davida Ginsberg (Marvin); brother, Owen Comer (Linda); three sons, Michael (Jennifer), Jeffrey (Carrie) and David (Joy); two stepdaughters, Leah Tishk Haft (Jason) and Esther Lander (Mark); stepson, Alan Tishk; ten grandchildren, Chaya, Grayden, Rylee, Zoe, Hadley, Taro, Ella, Brady, Reagan, and Sidney; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, dearest friends, and her beloved dog, Benji. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made in her name to the charity of your choice.

ZUCKER

Esther Zucker (nee Sorkin) on June 21, 2022. Wife of the late Jack. Mother of Sherry (Ronald) Kabin and Ivan Zucker. Grandmother of Jeffrey (Karen) Kabin, Melissa (Shawn) Denihan, Jaclyn Zucker and Brian (Brianne) Zucker. Great grandmother of Richard, Allison and Michael Kabin, Connor and Keegan Denihan. Contributions in her memory may be made to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

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Eighth-generation Mohel Joel Shoulson Dies at 87

GALL SIGLER | SPECIAL TO THE JE

Joel Shoulson, an eighth-generation mohel and Philadelphia resident, died on June 10. He was 87. Few children get the opportunity to accompany their parents on business trips, but for Shoulson it was normal to travel around the Northeast with his father, the mohel Morris Shoulson.

It was during these trips to celebrate *brit milahs* across the country that Shoulson decided to take on the family mantle.

As a teenager, he received surgical training from Albert Einstein Medical Center and was certified by the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis.

At 16, under the supervision of his father, Shoulson performed his first *brit milah*.

In subsequent years, Shoulson performed more than 40,000 circumci-

sions, and his services were requested in almost half of the U.S. states and Canada.

His years as a mohel conferred him with a deep appreciation to the profession, its meaning and history.

He wrote on his website that, "The Jewish people have traveled, settled in, and absorbed more of the flavors and cultures of our planet than probably any other group. The Bris ceremony depictions you will find, will certainly reflect those travels."

Shoulson's family certainly had its fair share of travels. His father was born in Jerusalem and ordained as an Orthodox rabbi. He traveled across the Atlantic Ocean in 1931 to become the official mohel of Philadelphia Jewish Hospital, later renamed the Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Throughout his career, Shoulson con-

tinued to collaborate with his father in the responsibilities of the profession, and together they trained dozens of students.

For Shoulson, educating the community about the *brit milah* tradition was central to the job. In a 2013 interview with the Jewish Exponent, he said that, "It used to be that the mohel would walk in, perform the rituals and it was done without explanation ... but I think it prevents the family from understanding the bris and appreciating the custom."

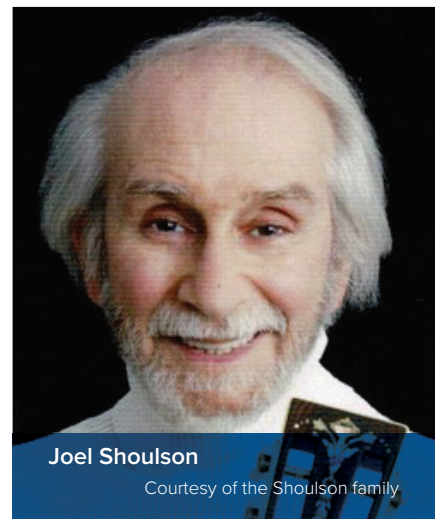
True to his belief in the importance of education, Shoulson created an informative website about *brit milah* and guest lectured at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

Lack of transparency about the process, Shoulson believed, was an unnecessary impediment to the celebration of tradition.

"The family got upset because they thought that the baby was in pain, which is a natural, psychological reaction. But we have worked to make *brit milah* happy occasions, and I believe that they are," Shoulson said in 2013.

During his many years as a mohel, Shoulson developed rules that helped him ensure that the *brit milah* is remembered as a positive experience by friends and family.

"The first thing I do is say that no one has to stay and watch who doesn't wish to do so. It's not a spectator sport. There is no photography of the baby during the procedure. Also, no one has to hold



Joel Shoulson

Courtesy of the Shoulson family

the baby down and restrain him. This creates a different atmosphere," he said in the Exponent interview.

Shoulson loved his profession: "I'm in one of the most enviable positions any Jew could be in ... I'm at the center of a celebration of the birth of a new baby and I perform the mitzvah of welcoming a new member of the Jewish community," he said.

Shoulson's passion for the Jewish community was shared with another love — folk music. In a Facebook post dedicated to her father, Thea Shoulson wrote that "He was a beloved fixture of the Jewish and folk music communities and his memory will always be a blessing in both."

In 1961, Shoulson helped found the Philadelphia Folk Festival, an annual summer event that takes place in Upper Salford Township. The festival celebrates the work of "superstars and rising stars alike," and is organized by Philadelphia Folksong Society.

Shoulson is survived by his children, Thea, Alex and Michael, and a granddaughter. **JE**

Gall Sigler is an intern for the Jewish Exponent.

Kaplan

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into what he did with a desire to learn all about it, through books, videos and lessons, Busner Kaplan said.

"We could never go to sleep at night because we would think of more funny things to tell each other," she said, describing Kaplan as "the perfect husband."

Lawrence Kaplan said his father taught him that he had "an obligation to be informed."

He described his father as a man of ideas and a devoted intellectual.

"I was influenced by him, just his love of literature and philosophy, particularly politics and history," Lawrence Kaplan said.

Kaplan dreamed of becoming a writer when he was young and maintained a lifelong passion for writing. He shared that passion with his son, who became a writer himself.

"He was proud of me," Lawrence Kaplan said.

Kaplan is survived by his wife, son and a granddaughter. He was predeceased by his first wife, Sandra Bergman Kaplan. **JE**

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What's happening at ... Keshet Israel Congregation

Keshet Israel Reopening, Reconnecting

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Rabbi Shelley Goldman arrived at Keshet Israel Congregation in West Chester in February 2020. One month later, the pandemic forced the synagogue to become a virtual institution.

So for much of her first two years, Goldman has led a digital community. Now, though, she is finally getting to build a congregation in person.

And her core principle at the formerly Orthodox, then Conservative and now unaffiliated synagogue is clear: Bring together the traditional and cultural contingents of the 220-family congregation.

"It's a community that has a robust commitment to religious practice and a real commitment and love for the cultural practice of Judaism," the rabbi said.

There is no real divide between those two groups. They coexist peacefully. They just have different Jewish priorities and preferences for different types of activities.

That's why, coming out of the pandemic, Goldman is working on adding activities that can attract all types of congregants. Naturally, she is starting with meals, as nothing brings Jews together quite like eating.

In March, Goldman and synagogue officials opened their Pottstown Pike building for members to come together and break bread again. Since then, they've enjoyed meals during religious school, oneg Shabbats and lunch and learns with the rabbi, among other dining events.

"Our first strategy is having a theme of face-to-face," Goldman said.

They plan on continuing that theme. Rachel Mussaf, the congregation's education director, wants to broaden the idea of what adult education looks like.

Keshet Israel has added a book club and a human sexuality class. In the fall, Goldman will teach a class about exploring "hot topics" through a Jewish lens. Such topics might include environmentalism and gender identity. Sessions may focus on exploring Jewish topics,



Rabbi Shelley Goldman talks to a KI student.

Courtesy of Rachel Mussaf

like Kashrut, through a modern lens.

Also in the fall, the synagogue will revamp its Hebrew high school into a collaboration with other Chester County synagogues. It will include field trips, community service programs and social activities.

"It's excellent," Goldman said of the temple's program expansion so far. "I never wanted to work primarily online."

Congregants actually started coming back together a year ago when services and school became hybrid. But now, they are transitioning back to what feels more like an in-person institution, instead of a hybrid or virtual one, according to Goldman.

While specific in-person programs enhance that feeling, it's really about being together again, sans masks and other restrictions. Mussaf, who started in her position three years ago, noticed a new energy in the Hebrew school this past year.

Kids were together in the same room, smiling and laughing. They were not dreading being in school, either. They wanted to be there with their friends.



Keshet Israel congregants at an outdoor event

Courtesy of Rachel Mussaf

"It really brought tears to my eyes," she said.

As Keshet Israel returns to in-person life, its foundation remains strong.

Its membership of 200-plus families has held steady through the remote pandemic years. Its religious school student body fell to 42 during that period but grew back up to 65 last summer. The temple coordinates between eight and 12 bar and bat mitzvahs per year, according to Mussaf.

Yet perhaps no aspect of synagogue life reflects Keshet Israel's strong foundation more than its commitment to tradition at Shabbat services. Those services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings are long; they include a lot of Hebrew and a full reading of the seven aliyot.

At the same time, even before the pandemic, congregants were committed to moving away from tradition where appropriate, according to Goldman. KI of West Chester left the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the North American organization for Conservative synagogues, in 2015, then embraced musical instruments on Shabbat and intermarriage.

Today, it still tries to take a pro-

gressive approach where appropriate, according to the rabbi. The temple's annual Shabbat service under the summer sky event in June turned into a celebration of Pride Month this year. Goldman, who is gay herself, read quotes from famous LGBTQ+ people between prayers to introduce each new prayer.

"Glimpses from people who are speaking about their identities and making the world a better place," she said.

Goldman sees this balance between tradition and progress as the future of Keshet Israel. She also believes that it's a future people will believe in, and Mussaf agrees.

Both women expect Keshet Israel's congregation to grow in the coming years.

Mussaf thinks "people want community more than ever now."

"They are looking for that in synagogue walls," she added.

"I think that we're working on stabilizing and then hopefully growing," the rabbi said. **JE**

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Who Is Honored? He Who Honors Others

BY RABBI BARRY DOV LERNER

Parshat Korach

Our Torah reading takes its name from its central figure, Korach. More than a few years ago, this was my bar mitzvah parsha.

As a 13-year-old, my perspective of the Korach story was simplistic: A mob gathered to express their disappointment in Moses and Aaron; they wanted to take over as leaders. Today, however, I see in the tale of Korach an historical tipping point: This was a true social, political and religious moment of change!

Abba Eban observed that the first reference to Israel as a “people” comes in the book of Exodus, “*vayilonu ha-am*”—

“the People complained.” “This people entered history in a querulous mood, and they have remained in that posture fairly consistently ever since.”

What were the complaints of Korach and the rebels to create this boiling point?

Firstly, the Torah itself makes the case for the uprising. The rebels claimed they left Egypt promised freedom, life in a land of plenty and divine protection on their way. But after the fiasco of the spies’ report and their punishment — now they are terrified! Why?

They must die in the desert, and they’re told it is their fault. They failed to believe in themselves and God. Bummer! And now the demagogues strike!

Secondly, Korach is a Levite and questions the special position of Aaron to

the disqualification of all other Levites. But Moses chose him! Moses? Aaron is his brother! And it’s to be permanent? Eligibility for kohen status is reserved only for Aaron’s descendants — forever?

What of the remaining Levites? They are limited to assisting priests, performing with Temple chores, carrying and cleaning. Nepotism! This outraged Korach, and he easily found Levitical supporters. Revolting. Literally!

A third contributing factor began earlier with Abraham and Isaac. While they had led the family based upon the rule of the first-born son’s right, Jacob broke that hereditary custom. He promoted Judah, the fourth-born, based on merit above Reuben, his first-born.

After the Exodus, three especially disappointed Reubenites ally with Korach. Were they simply jealous of Moses as a leader? Or was there popular dissatisfaction with Moses. Do Israelites blame him for their hunger, thirst and dashed dreams — for seizing the leadership although not the first-born nor a Reubenite? Now they charged Moses for “bringing them into desert to die.”

I suggest that these factors unite to create a major shift in Israel’s model of leadership. Korach, Levites and the Reubenites resisted such a seismic change in this new religious and political dynamic. They preferred the previous model which they had known for generations, was familiar and in which they had leadership clout, not Moses and Aaron.

This is, literally, no longer your grandfather’s Israel. It is the cusp of a new Israel, emerging from Egypt with a reconfiguration of religious authority. And everyone senses there probably are many more changes ahead.

However, the story remains very complicated, conflating perhaps different sources and traditions. Our sages apparently felt this was incomplete. They created commentary, known as midrash, to fill these gaps.

We read midrash today as if their creative details were facts. Midrash broadens an event to provoke deeper inquiry.

How did Korach do his thing? He

confronts Moses with a trick question, asking, “Does a library full of scriptural books need a mezuzah?”

Moses answered him: “Yes, even a Torah library needs a mezuzah.” Then Korach points out, “Since the whole Torah has thousands of verses in it and many Torah books do not exempt the library, how can only a few verses in a mezuzah fulfill your law?”

Korach twists the argument, revealing his real purposes to a listening mob: “This failure of your own logic proves that these are not laws about which you have been commanded by God. Rather you are inventing them out of your own heart.” Now, the scene is set for him to replace the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

Remember, however, it’s a midrash — a rabbinic creation filling in for what is not written. Did this conversation truly occur, or is it an example of what might have taken place? But this is one example of how our sages interpreted Torah to provide each generation with laws and parables taught in the Torah.

Remember Abba Eban’s observation? It has been our people’s nature to debate each other across the centuries in a constant search for truth and authenticity.

Moses was right because he was satisfied with his allotment in life. Korach was wrong because he was not satisfied with his lot in life.

As we follow the story of Korach, his allies and their self-serving rebellion, hopefully we will be encouraged to live by another rabbinic adage: “Who is rich?” “Whoever is content with their portion.” **JE**

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1 A senior class of 53 students graduated from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr on June 13. 2 The Abrams Hebrew Academy celebrated the last day of school with an awards ceremony and an outdoor pizza party. 3 The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties and the Milton & Betty Katz JCC raised more than \$60,000 at their annual golf tournament. 4 Plymouth Meeting resident Sophia Lombardo will play for the 12U Israel Softball Team at the EMRYT Tournament, an international youth softball tournament. 5 The National Council of Jewish Women's Greater Philadelphia Section held its closing luncheon and installation of officers on June 7 at the Philmont Country Club's outdoor terrace. 6 Kohelet Yeshiva community members and other families volunteered at the Jewish Relief Agency's June food distribution, which was held in loving memory of Lianna Saiman.

JULY 1–JULY 7

FRIDAY, JULY 1

PARSHA FOR LIFE

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](https://www.ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html) to receive the Zoom link and password.**

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

JRA FOOD PACKING

Volunteers will assist with Jewish Relief Agency's pre-distribution preparation from 9 a.m.-noon. During this time, volunteers will tape boxes, pack toiletries and assemble family-friendly food bags. This is a great opportunity for team building and for small and large groups to come volunteer at JRA. **For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule, visit [jewishrelief.org/calendar](https://www.jewishrelief.org/calendar). 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia. JE**

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BIRTHDAY**MYRA LOUISE KANZE**

Myra Kanze, a longtime subscriber to the Jewish Exponent, turned 100 on June 18.

She grew up in Wynnefield, then moved to Overbrook Park with her husband, Marvin Kanze, and the first three of her four boys. She later moved to Havertown and then to Valley Forge Towers. She is now a resident at the Horsham Center for Jewish Life assisted living facility.

Kanze raised four boys, helped her husband start an air conditioning business and started a framing business. She knitted and crocheted and made dresses and cookies.

Four generations of her family celebrated her birthday, including her four boys, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES**GOLDBERG AND JACOBS**

Barbara and Donald Goldberg and Evelyn and Alvin Jacobs celebrated the 70th anniversary of their double wedding on April 6.

The wedding took place at the Broadway Hotel on Broad Street with 300 guests in attendance. There were 30 members in the bridal party.

The Goldbergs have two children and four grandchildren and live in Laguna Woods, California.

The Jacobs have two children, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild and live in Glen Mills.



Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer

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SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

There's not just one way to be Jewish.

It's true for everyone, Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer believes, but it's the cornerstone of her work to make Judaism more accessible to young people, particularly those with disabilities.

As chief program officer of Jewish Learning Venture and director of JLV's Whole Community Inclusion, Kaplan-Mayer, 51, has spent the last decade providing guidance to synagogues, parents and Jewish organizations on how to increase accessibility in the Jewish community; championing Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance and Inclusion Month programming in Philadelphia; and writing and publishing multiple books on disability inclusion.

On June 15, the Covenant Foundation, an organization dedicated to honoring and supporting Jewish educators, announced Kaplan-Mayer as one of three recipients of the Covenant Foundation Award for her commitment to improving accessibility in Jewish education.

"I felt excited that this honor could bring more recognition to what our mission at Jewish Learning Venture is, both in terms of, specifically the work I've led around the Whole Community Inclusion, but also, I was aware that it could bring that recognition to the larger agency," Kaplan-Mayer said.

Originally a merging of the Auerbach Central Agency for Jewish Education and the Jewish Outreach Partnership, JLV has maintained its roots of giving more young Jews the opportunity to engage in a Jewish education, but it has evolved to focus on ways in which Jewish organizations can better provide opportunities for Jewish children on the margins.

Though Kaplan-Mayer has focused on children with disabilities during her time at JLV since 2011, she hopes to expand the organization's reach to better include Jews of color and young



LGBTQ Jews in upcoming jkidPRIDE and jkidforall programs.

Kaplan-Mayer's foray into the world of Jewish accessibility was one of necessity. Working at the Philadelphia-based Reconstructionist synagogue Mishkan Shalom in 1998 and the ACAJE from 2001-2003, Kaplan-Mayer realized though well-intentioned, she lacked the skills to fully address the needs of children with disabilities with whom she worked.

She remembers one child who struggled with his sensory system being overwhelmed. He would suddenly run

to the bathroom and run the water to calm himself down. In hindsight, Kaplan-Mayer understands that this was a self-soothing activity. But now she knows how to incorporate breaks or provide weighted blankets or other objects to help meet students' needs.

Her son's autism diagnosis after his birth in 2003 further drove Kaplan-Mayer to pursue accessibility in Jewish spaces.

"I was just like the typical Jewish educator — I didn't have knowledge!" Kaplan-Mayer said. "And then after my child was diagnosed with autism, and I

wanted him to have a Jewish education, I suddenly realized, oh, let's really give people tools."

She was able to give her son George Kaplan-Mayer, 19, a bar mitzvah celebration catered to him, but she also recognized the different ways in which people find meaning in Judaism. For George Kaplan-Mayer, spiritual meaning came from the little moments in between the big celebrations.

"The depth of his Jewish life is the everyday moments of what Judaism is: You sing a song; you say a prayer; you light the Shabbat candles," Kaplan-Mayer said. "I knew that his intellectual disability did not mean that he didn't have a spiritual life."

The foundation of her and JLV's work is meeting people where they are. If a young person wants to make challah or latkes for five minutes or listen to just one Jewish song, it has the potential to be spiritually fulfilling to them.

"Our spiritual lives are not the same as our intellectual lives," Kaplan-Mayer said. "Once you grasp that, you have a much deeper access to, I think, spiritual curiosity."

Kaplan-Mayer graduated from Emerson College in 1993 with a bachelor's in creative writing and theater. She got her master's degree at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote in 2001. Though a teacher for much of her life, Kaplan-Mayer's training in divergent thinking through creative writing and "reading the room" through theater gave her the skills to become a leader at JLV along with the organization's team of educators.

JLV's focus on creativity allowed them to be nimble throughout the pandemic; it's what Kaplan-Mayer believes is the key to keeping an open mind and staying true to JLV's mission.

"We as human beings put such enormous limitations on what we can do," Kaplan-Mayer said. "Thank God that creativity comes, or maybe creativity is, through God." **JE**

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visions of the Pennsylvania Business
Corporation Law of 1988.

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
April 01, 2022 for **Elkin's Grimoire**
at 321 South Sterling Road, Elkins
Park, PA 19027. The name and ad-
dress of each individual interested in
the business is Victoria L. Marinucci
at 321 South Sterling Road, Elkins
Park, PA 19027. This was filed in
accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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
April 01, 2022 for **Jess Lej. Design**
at 1300 Fairmount Ave., Unit 1107
Philadelphia, PA 19123. The name
and address of each individual in-
terested in the business is Jessica
Lejserowits at 1300 Fairmount Ave.,
Unit 1107 Philadelphia, PA 19123.
This was filed in accordance with 54
PaC.S. 311.417

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
April 06, 2022 for **Paint & Mortar**
by Tony at 2610 S 16th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19145. The name
and address of each individual in-
terested in the business is Anthony
Congialdi at 2610 S 16th Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19145. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
April 11, 2022 for **K's Pottery**
at 1009 Lakeview Terrace, Pennsburg,
PA 18073. The name and address
of each individual interested in the
business is Karen Mattice at 1009
Lakeview Terrace, Pennsburg, PA
18073. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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
April 13, 2022 for **F & S JEWELRY
AND COLLECTIBLES** at 130 S

York Rd. Hatboro, PA 19040. The
name and address of each individu-
al interested in the business is Scott
Seifer at 130 S York Rd. Hatboro, PA
19040. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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
April 13, 2022 for **It's all about the
ingredients** at 1325 W. Clearfield
St., Philadelphia, PA 19132. The
name and address of each individual
interested in the business is Rashine
Brown at 1325 W. Clearfield St.,
Philadelphia, PA 19132. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
April 14, 2022 for **The Clean
Dream Team** at 6742 Eastwood
St., Philadelphia, PA 19149. The
name and address of each individ-
ual interested in the business
is Rodrigo Marques de Queiroz at
6742 Eastwood St., Philadelphia, PA
19149. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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
April 20, 2022 for **Sandy's
Cleaning and Sanitizing** at 710
Church St. Norristown, PA 19401.
The name and address of each in-
dividual interested in the business
is Sandy Sobetsky at 710 Church
St. Norristown, PA 19401. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
April 25, 2022 for **Game Equipment
Ready** at 1626 Locust St. #529
Philadelphia, PA 19103. The name
and address of each individual in-
terested in the business is Martin
Lee Jr. at 1626 Locust St. #529
Philadelphia, PA 19103. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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 22, 2022 for **Origin Designs**
at 2130 Hendricks Rd. Harleysville,
PA 19438. The name and address
of each individual interested in the
business is Justin Faulkner at 2130
Hendricks Rd. Harleysville, PA
19438. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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 23, 2022 for **BJH Real Estate**
at 813 Pennbrook Ave. Lansdale,
PA 19446. The name and address
of each individual interested in the
business is Brian J. Henrysen Jr. at
813 Pennbrook Ave. Lansdale, PA
19446. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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 24, 2022 for **Bell Notary**
at 6762 Emlen Street Philadelphia,
PA 19119. The name and address
of each individual interested in the

business is Mariana Mendez at
6762 Emlen Street Philadelphia, PA
19119. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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 24, 2022 for **Marian Mecca
Adewali Kemi Enterprises** at
3453 Livingston St., Philadelphia,
PA 19134. The names and address
of each individual interested in the
business are Marian Mecca and
Adewali Kemi both located at 3453
Livingston St., Philadelphia, PA
19134. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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 28, 2022 for **Sacred Roots,
New Branches** at 4908 Cedar
Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143. The
name and address of each individ-
ual interested in the business is
Annika Ecklund at 4908 Cedar Ave.,
Philadelphia, PA 19143. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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 29, 2022 for **C. Monique
Consulting and Recruiting Firm**
at 7318 Bunting Place, Philadelphia,
PA 19153. The name and address
of each individual interested in the
business is Crystal M. Cannon at
7318 Bunting Place, Philadelphia,
PA 19153. This was filed in accor-
dance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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 30, 2022 for **ShaylasNShades**
at 4509 Ludlow
Street Philadelphia, PA 19139. The
name and address of each individ-
ual interested in the business is
Shaniyla Carrington at 4509 Ludlow
Street Philadelphia, PA 19139. This
was filed in accordance with 54
PaC.S. 311.417

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
May 02, 2022 for **ADDI
DREAMLAND** at 2501 N 17th
Street Philadelphia, PA 19132. The
name and address of each individ-
ual interested in the business is
SOCHENDA MEAN at 2501 N 17th
Street Philadelphia, PA 19132. This
was filed in accordance with 54
PaC.S. 311.417

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
May 06, 2022 for **Hook &
Ladder Brewery** at 609 Creek Ln.,
Flourtown, PA 19031. The name and
address of each individual interested
in the business is Kevin Davis at 609
Creek Ln., Flourtown, PA 19031.
This was filed in accordance with 54
PaC.S. 311.417

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
May 09, 2022 for **Babdoe
Exports** at 11023 Academy Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154. The name
and address of each individual in-

terested in the business is Joseph
Okyere at 11023 Academy Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
May 09, 2022 for **Demeter
Construction** at 1224 West
Marshall St., Norristown, PA 19401.
The name and address of each in-
dividual interested in the business is
Ted Demeter at 1224 West Marshall
St., Norristown, PA 19401. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
May 09, 2022 for **Hayes &
Associates** at 10871 Bustleton
Ave., Suite 227, Philadelphia, PA
19116. The name and address of
each individual interested in the
business is Gregory M. Hayes at
10871 Bustleton Ave., Suite 227,
Philadelphia, PA 19116. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
May 10, 2022 for **Wear Apparent**
at 800 Byberry Road Philadelphia,
PA 19116. The name and address
of each individual interested in the
business is Elizabeth Hathaway at
800 Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA
19116. This was filed in accordance
with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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
May 13, 2022 for **Meghan Metje,
OTR/L** at 367 North Limerick Road,
Schwenksville, PA 19473. The name
and address of each individual in-
terested in the business is Meghan
Matje at 367 North Limerick Road,
Schwenksville, PA 19473. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
May 17, 2022 for **Cider House
Project** at 140 Roboda Blvd.
Royersford, PA 19468. The name
and address of each individ-
ual interested in the business is
Ashley Baskin at 140 Roboda Blvd.
Royersford, PA 19468. This was
filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S.
311.417

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
May 17, 2022 for **Console
Carpentry** at 72 North Highland
Avenue Norristown, PA 19403. The
name and address of each individual
interested in the business is Vincent
Console at 72 North Highland
Avenue Norristown, PA 19403. This
was filed in accordance with 54
PaC.S. 311.417

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
May 17, 2022 for **Salon Sk** at 1602
S. 5th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148.
The name and address of each in-

dividual interested in the business is Steven Khan at 1602 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148 This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

OH BROTHER INC has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

PERALTA'S TOTAL SERVICES, INC. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

South Philly Ice, Inc. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988. Harry J. Karapalides, Esquire 42 Copley Road Upper Darby, PA 19082

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 23, 2022 for **MCJD Consulting Group** at 1000 Plumlyn Ave. Eagleville, PA 19403. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Mark CJ Davis Jr. at 1000 Plumlyn Ave. Eagleville, PA 19403. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

CBS Kosher Food Program is a federally funded non-profit food program that provides day care centers, schools, after schools, and summer food programs with nutritious child-friendly meals. Entities are invited to request a proposal to bid on the rental of kosher kitchen for three years lease agreement. Request for RFP should be emailed to blake@cbsfoodprogram.com by July 7, 2022 with Reference #CBSKK22-25. Awarded entity will be notified in writing by July 21, 2022.

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

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

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

Or to her Attorney: RONALD G. McNEIL 1333 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585

ESTATE OF DENISE L. BOWEN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to COURTNEY CORRIN BOWEN, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Tom Mastroianni, Esq., 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102, Jenkintown, PA 19046, Or to her Attorney: TOM MASTROIANNI THE ELDER CARE LAW CENTER, LLC 415 Johnson St., Ste. 102 Jenkintown, PA 19046

ESTATE OF DENNIS S BARR, DECEASED LETTERS 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 decedents to make payment without delay, to Siana Ritzinger Administratrix CTA Or to Attorney Vincent Carosella, Jr., Esq. Carosella & Associates, P.C. 882 South Matlack Street, Suite 101 West Chester, PA 19382-4505 610-431-3300 diana@carosella.com

ESTATE OF DI-NEFFA DIAMOND RAMSON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DENNIS D. RAMSON, 1909 W. Somerset St., Philadelphia, PA 19132 and TINA L. BRIGHT, 1733 W. Juniata St., Philadelphia, PA 19140, Administrators, Or to their Attorney: DAVID V. BOGDAN 2725 West Chester Pike Broomall, PA 19008

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

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

HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF DOROTHY R. JONES a/k/a DOROTHY RICE JONES, 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 CHERYL JONES-DIX, EXECUTRIX, c/o Roy Yaffe, Esq., One Commerce Square, 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042, Or to her Attorney: ROY YAFFE GOULD YAFFE AND GOLDEN One Commerce Square 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103-7042

ESTATE OF EDWARD W. WASSER, JR., DECEASED. Late of Warminster Township, Bucks County, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ELIZABETH DOYLE, EXECUTRIX, c/o Wendy Fein Cooper, Esq., 50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to her Attorney: WENDY FEIN COOPER DOLCHIN, SLOTKIN & TODD, P.C. 50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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

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

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

ESTATE OF Jeanne Matthews Anderson, DECEASED LETTERS 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 decedents to make payment without delay, to Kenneth M. Anderson, Jr., Executor Or to Attorney Vincent Carosella, Jr., Esq. Carosella & Associates, P.C. 882 South Matlack Street, Suite 101 West Chester, PA 19382-4505 610-431-3300 diana@carosella.com

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

ESTATE OF JOHN THOMAS GALLAGHER AKA JOHN T. GALLAGHER Gallagher, John Thomas aka Gallagher, John T. late of Philadelphia, PA. John Michael Gallagher, c/o David W. Crosson, Esq., Crosson Richetti & Daigle, LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 210, Allentown, PA 18101, Executor. Crosson Richetti & Daigle, LLC 609 W. Hamilton St. Suite 210 Allentown, PA 18101

ESTATE OF JOSEPH ALFRED DANIELS a/k/a JOSEPH DANIELS, 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 DANIELLE WILSON and CHANTELL L. POOLE, EXECUTRICES, c/o Arnold Machles, Esq., Two Bala Plaza, Ste. 300, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004, Or to their Attorney: ARNOLD MACHLES Two Bala Plaza, Ste. 300 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

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

ESTATE OF JOSEPH T. HASSEY a/k/a JOSEPH THOMAS HASSEY, 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 PAULETTE HASSEY, EXECUTRIX, 301 Hartel Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111

ESTATE OF KATHLEEN MARTINO Martino, Kathleen late of Philadelphia, PA. Richard Martino and David Martino, 1715 S. 11th St., Philadelphia, PA 19148, Co-Administrators. George V. Troilo, Esq. Law Offices of Gregory J. Pagano, PC 1315 Walnut St., 12th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19107

ESTATE OF LaGRACIA H. JONES a/k/a LaGRACIA HENRIETTA JONES, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DEBORAH A. JONES, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Ronald G. McNeil, Esq., 1333 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585, Or to her Attorney: RONALD G. McNEIL 1333 Race St. Philadelphia, PA 19107-1585

ESTATE OF LAURAL. MURTAUGH, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted

to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or 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 MICHAEL MURTAUGH, EXECUTOR, c/o D. Keith Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, PA 18940, Or to his Attorney: D. KEITH BROWN STUCKERT AND YATES P.O. Box 70 Newtown, PA 18940

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

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

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Narberth, PA 19072

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ESTATE OF RHODA MARIA JACKSON a/k/a RHODA JACKSON-HARVEY, DECEASED.
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LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION CTA on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SHERRY TYLER, ADMINISTRATRIX CTA, 3215 Oxford LN NW, Rochester, MN 55901-4175,
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ESTATE OF RICHARD JAY MARCUS, DECEASED.
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Or to his Attorney:
GERARD J. WOODS
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ESTATE OF ROBERT M. SCHAEFFER Schaeffer, Robert M. late of Philadelphia, PA. Anthony Meli and Jeffrey Long, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., (201), Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Executors.
Henry S. Warszawski, Esq.
413 Johnson St., (201)
Archways Prof. Bldg.
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Or to his Attorney:
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KRAUT HARRIS, P.C.
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ESTATE OF STANLEY D. ZAWISLAK, DECEASED.
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Or to his Attorney:
WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, II
4322 Main St.
P.O. Box 4603
Philadelphia, PA 19127

ESTATE OF STEPHEN JOSEPH SENDZIK a/k/a STEPHEN SENDZIK, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF SUSAN ICE AKA SUSAN M. ICE
Ice, Susan aka Ice, Susan M. late of Philadelphia, PA. Alan I. Roomberg, c/o John R. Lundy, Esq., Lundy

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Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF THEODORE MUSE, SR. Muse, Sr., Theodore late of Philadelphia, PA. Theodore Muse, Jr., c/o David W. Crosson, Esq., Crosson Richetti & Daigle, LLC, 609 W. Hamilton St., Suite 210, Allentown, PA 18101, Administrator.
Crosson Richetti & Daigle, LLC
609 W. Hamilton St.
Suite 210
Allentown, PA 18101

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

ESTATE OF VENTURA ALAMO, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DAVID BOGDAN, ADMINISTRATOR, 2725 West Chester Pike, Broomall, PA 19008,
Or to his Attorney:
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ESTATE OF WILLIE GREGORY, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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LINDA BOBRIN, ESQUIRE
REGISTER OF WILLS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CERTIFICATE OF GRANT OF LETTERS
Estate of Geraldine K. Seltzer
Late of Warminster Township
Date of Death: June 9, 2022
File Number: 09-2022-02308
Whereas, on the 23rd day of June, 2022, my office admitted to probate to probate a/an instrument(s) dated the 19th day of August, 2015, known as the Last Will of the decedent a true copy of which is annexed hereto:
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