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THE AL-AQSA ISLAMIC Society on Germantown Avenue has come under fire in recent days after video emerged of a guest speaker, Imam Abdelmohsen Abouhatab, making numerous anti-Semitic comments to a crowded sanctuary in visits to the mosque between November and February.

Abouhatab described Jews as “the vilest” people, and said that powerful Jewish media figures have conspired to portray Muslims as “oppressive and predatory lions” in the mainstream Western media, among other comments.

“The Jews are the vilest people in terms of their moral values, their nature and their violation of agreements, but when they lived near Arabs, they adopted some of their moral values and customs,” Abouhatab said.

The videos were obtained, translated from Arabic and released by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), a media watchdog organization dedicated to translating and identifying hate speech in news

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▲ A student speaks before U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie Rendell.

Jesse Bernstein

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ON THE 19TH floor of the James A. Byrne United States Courthouse is the Maris Courtroom, a cavernous space designed with an eye toward sobriety and seriousness. It is home to the U.S. Court

of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, high above the city of Philadelphia.

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Food columnist Keri White met a friend at Tela's Market & Kitchen in the Fairmount neighborhood and enjoyed her visit. Both the restaurant and the market side of Tela's offer plenty of flavorful options; a grilled tuna salad proved to be especially tasty. Check out Philacatessen, our online-only food blog, for the details, as well as content not normally found in the printed edition, including restaurant reviews, gift ideas and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2019/03/11/telas-market-kitchen-fairmount-foodie-hub/

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Community Grapples With Barrack Decision

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SINCE THE SCHOOL board of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy announced it would withdraw recognition of the teachers union, also known as the JBHA Faculty Association, on Dec. 4, there have been a range of reactions from the larger school community,

including teachers, alumni and parents. “We’ve told the board that really what the faculty association wants is to be able to bargain collectively, and we’re open to having negotiations on whatever the issues are that are of concern to the board that perhaps led to their decision,” said Minna Ziskind, union co-president and history teacher.



▲ Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy Google Maps screenshot

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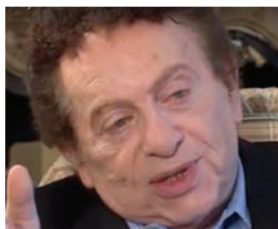
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“As a part of our ongoing discussions with the faculty association leadership, we have offered a meeting ... to provide an opportunity for greater dialogue with the faculty as a whole regarding the Board’s decision.”

GEORGE GORDON

It seemed as though dialogue about the decision was going to happen at a meeting on March 7.

“As a part of our ongoing discussions with the faculty association leadership, we have offered a meeting ... to provide an opportunity for greater dialogue with the faculty as a whole regarding the Board’s decision,” said George Gordon, school board president, in an email to the *Exponent* on March 5. “We remain committed to moving forward in a manner that is respectful of our teachers and enhances the quality of the educational experience for students.”

The meeting was open to faculty, association members, board members and some administration, Gordon said.

But the union voted against attending the meeting after the board would not give assurances as to how many board members would be present,

Ziskind said. The union wanted at least two-thirds of the board members to attend. Gordon declined to comment afterward about the meeting.

In an email in January, Gordon explained the board’s action by saying the decision “best positions the school to continue our unique mission of incorporating deeply-rooted Jewish values in a rigorous intellectual environment.” He has not offered further explication of the decision since then.

“Essentially, what we’re concerned about is how this will impact the kind of education we’re able to offer,” Ziskind said. “Will we have to teach more classes and therefore not be able to give the same level of attention to students? Will our compensation packages change in terms of retirement or in terms of medical care?”

Teachers and some students have begun to wear red on Fridays to express their

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Festival Spotlights Israeli Minority Films

FILM

SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

THE 23RD ANNUAL Israeli Film Festival of Philadelphia has more films highlighting minority and women's issues than ever before.

The festival, which runs from March 16 to April 7, includes films that tell stories about diverse communities like Bedouins and Druze, delve into the intersection of women's issues and Orthodoxy and cover the discrimination Sephardic Jews have historically faced from Israel's Ashkenazi establishment.

"The artistic community never shies away from controversy," said Mindy Chriqui, the festival's co-founder and artistic director. "In fact, I sometimes think they really look hard for it. [Diversity is] really an ongoing theme when we look back at movies throughout the years, but yes, this year, it's particularly strong."

The festival's selection committee didn't set out to pick films that emphasized diversity, festival chairperson Nurit Yaron said. Their goal was just to select the best films coming out of Israel right now. Because the festival takes place at different locations throughout the area — this year, there are six venues — the committee takes the audiences of those venues into consideration when selecting the films.

The committee doesn't have a specific number of films to select, Yaron said, ensuring that all films are high quality and not just included to fill a slot.

It was only after the selections that the festival's staff noticed the diversity theme.

"We don't look at the subject and say, 'This year is going to be about x, y and z,'" said Yaron, who lives in Israel. "First, we don't have unlimited films, and second, this is not the way we work. We watch

each film. We decide if we like it or not. Some films we like immediately; some films we don't like. Some films go on the waitlist."

The Unorthodox, a film about the creation of the Sephardic Shas party in Israel, opens the Israeli Film Festival. It screens on March 16 at 8:30 p.m. and on March 17 at 2 p.m. at the Lightbox Film Center at the International House.

Out of the films this year, Cricqui pointed to *Cause of Death* and *In Her Footsteps* as examples of films covering minority issues.

Cause of Death, which screens on March 23 at 8:30 p.m. at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, is a documentary exploring the death of a Druze police officer who was killed by a terrorist a decade prior. The film follows the officer's brother, who is investigating the death.

In Her Footsteps is another documentary, about a Bedouin family who make a home for themselves in a Jewish community called Omer. The mother, facing terminal breast cancer, requests that she be buried in the Jewish town, but she is the first Muslim resident to ever make that request.

A Mirror for the Sun and *The Other Story* center on women at the festival.

A Mirror for the Sun, on April 6 at 8:45 p.m. at Gratz College, is a documentary about the Israel Defense Forces' first Orthodox combat navigator. After voluntarily serving in the military, she goes on a hiking trip to Nepalese mountains and is hit by an unexpected snowstorm.

The Other Story, on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Kimmel Center Perelman Theatre, is the festival's final screening. It follows a woman leaving Orthodoxy for a secular life and a woman

leaving her secular life for Orthodoxy.

Other films include *Echo*, *You Only Die Twice*, *The Ancestral Sin* and *Shoelaces*.

Echo is about a man who begins secretly recording his wife's conversation after becoming concerned that she is cheating on him. It will screen on March 17 at 7 p.m. at The Ritz East.

In *You Only Die Twice*, an Israeli filmmaker delves into his grandfather's life after the family experiences difficulties with his inheritance. The documentary will screen on March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Kimmel Center Perelman Theatre.

The Ancestral Sin, on March 25 at 7 p.m. at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, is a historical documentary. It delves into the history of how a young Israeli government, in the first decades after independence, forced new immigrants from the Middle East and North Africa to settle in the Negev.

Shoelaces, which also played at the Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival, is about a man with special needs whose father, who abandoned him as a young child, becomes his caregiver after his mother dies. It screens on March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Bryn Mawr Film Institute.

The festival includes one short, *Homemade*, which was created by young filmmak-

ers as part of the Jerusalem Film Project. *Homemade* plays before the screening of *A Mirror for the Sun*.

More of the film's directors and screenwriters are attending the festival than in past years, Chriqui said. They include

David Derry, *The Ancestral Sin* director and *You Only Die Twice* screenwriter; *The Unorthodox* director Eliran Malka; *In Her Footsteps* director Rana Abu Fraiha; and *Shoelaces* director Yankel Goldwasser.

The festival usually sells out for most of the shows. Chriqui estimates that between 2,500 and 3,000 attendees will come.

"The festival is an Israeli film festival," Yaron said. "It's important to show the face of Israel."

Tickets for the film festival are available at iffphila.com. •

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▲ Still from *The Unorthodox*

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'Simpsons' Writer Reveals Show's Jewish Bona Fides

LOCAL

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

WHEN YOU THINK of TV shows with Jewish themes, a few immediately come to mind.

Seinfeld. The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. Curb Your Enthusiasm. Broad City. The Goldbergs. Rhoda. The Nanny. The short-lived *Brooklyn Bridge*.

If you want to stretch it a bit, add shows like *thirtysomething*, *Rugrats*, *Will & Grace* and *Welcome Back, Kotter*, to name a few.

How about *The Simpsons*?

Most definitely, according to Mike Reiss, the longest-serving writer and showrunner for the animated mainstay, who spoke March 10 at the Katz JCC in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, to tout his forthcoming book *Springfield Confidential*.

Reiss noted that half the show's writers are Jewish as are three of the main voice actors — Julie Kavner (Marge Simpson), Hank Azaria (Moe Szyslak, Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, Duffman) and Harry Shearer (Mr. Burns, Ned Flanders, Principal Skinner).

"The place is sort of like a kibbutz, only more Jewish," he said, throwing out one-liners that would have made Henny Youngman proud.

Reiss showed clips of a few Jewish moments in the show, including the backstory of Herschel Shmoikel Pinchas Yerucham Krustofsky, better known as Krusty the Clown, the son of Rabbi Hyman Krustofsky. The rabbi was voiced by Jackie Mason; Reiss described him as one of his favorites among the 800 or so guest stars the show has featured.

There also are several recurring characters in the show who are portrayed as Jewish, including Duffman, Superintendent Chalmers, Dolph Starbeam and a nursing home resident simply known as Old Jewish Man.

Reiss grew up in a



▲ Mike Reiss signs a copy of *Springfield Confidential* under the stern eye of Homer Simpson. Photo courtesy of Katz JCC

■ I write comedy because I can't help myself."

MIKE REISS

Connecticut town where he was the only Jewish kid in his high school. Still, he joked, his father wanted him to only date Jewish girls. Although he's not religious, Reiss enjoys his heritage.

"I do like the Jewish culture, and I do like being Jewish the way the Irish like being Irish," he said.

His story ideas come from everywhere, he said, indicating that some of his childhood memories made it into early episodes.

"I write comedy because I can't help myself," he said. "What would I do if I couldn't write comedy? I'd write for Jimmy Fallon. Fallon spelled backward is 'no laugh.'"

Both in an interview before his speech and during his hour-long presentation, Reiss tossed out numerous tidbits about the show — including an item that recently made news.

A third-season episode Reiss wrote called "Stark Raving Dad" was pulled from syndication last week because it features a character voiced by the late Michael Jackson. The singer was accused of sexual

abuse by two men in a new HBO documentary.

Yet he noted that political correctness is a tricky issue, citing contentions that the show's Indian convenience store owner Apu is stereotypical.

"You never know when you're pulling a string where it stops," Reiss said.

But the evening was not for weighty societal issues, as Reiss dished out several interesting nuggets about the show.

- Michael Jackson had approached the show about appearing and even wrote some of his own jokes. His acting, however, was terrible, and the singing heard on the show was done by an authorized sound-alike named Kipp Lennon (youngest brother of the Lennon Sisters singing group).
- Most guest characters appear on the show because their children encourage them to do so. In the case of the Rolling Stones, the grandchildren were the impetus.
- Of the guest characters, Oprah Winfrey caused the most headaches. "It only takes 10 minutes to do *The Simpsons*, and she only gave

us five," he said.

- Every living ex-president has turned down the opportunity to appear on the show.
- Reiss' favorite character is Homer. "Homer is a comedy writer's dream," he said. "Homer embodies all the deadly sins."
- "Sooner or later" another movie will be made.
- *The Simpsons Movie* script was rewritten 166 times. A typical episode of the show goes through five rewrites.
- Reiss explained the origins of Marge's big blue beehive hairdo. Simpsons creator Matt Groening originally thought the show would be short-lived and survived by his original comic strip *Life in Hell*, which featured long-eared rabbits. When *The Simpsons* went off the air, it would be revealed the hair was covering her big rabbit ears. Groening stopped drawing *Life in Hell* in 2012.
- Venezuela canceled the show, saying it promoted bad U.S. values — and replaced it with *Baywatch*. •

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Academic, Lawyer Phyllis Lachs Dies at 88

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PHYLLIS LACHS, who died March 1 at 88, was a woman ahead of her time.

She spent most of her career on the faculty at Bryn Mawr College, where she received a master's and Ph.D. in history and then became the college's first general counsel after graduating from the University of

Pennsylvania School of Law. She clerked for a Pennsylvania Superior Court judge and did a postdoctoral program at Yale Law School.

"Phyllis epitomized work-life balance and having it all, phrases that have now become commonplace in our culture," daughter Susanna Lachs Adler, board chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, said in a eulogy. "She was a pioneer who made it look effortless, when as we know, it was anything but

effortless."

Lachs was born in 1930, the oldest child of a native Philadelphian and a Russian immigrant. She attended Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel and went to Camp Akiba. During her childhood, her parents sponsored an Austrian family fleeing Nazi Germany, who lived with them for a time. This had a profound impact on Lachs' Jewish identity.

As an adult, she belonged to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth



▲ Phyllis Lachs

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Lachs' decision, in 1959, to work while she still had four children at home, was not an easy one, as she recalled when her granddaughter, Sara Adler, interviewed her for a college paper. She faced discrimination from employers and colleagues, and other mothers in the neighborhood made disapproving comments.

That decision may have been informed, Lachs Adler supposed, by her experience at Philadelphia High School for Girls and Wellesley College, as well as the fact that both her own mother and grandmother worked. In Sara Adler's paper, Lachs said she was inspired by iconic feminist Gloria Steinem, who, when asked if well-qualified women entering the workforce would make it harder for average men to get

jobs, replied, "I hope so."

Her daughter, inspired by her mother's example, also became a lawyer. "She was the first attorney in Pennsylvania to have her bar admission to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania moved by her daughter," Lachs Adler said.

Lachs brought her pioneering spirit to other parts of her life, starting a needlepoint business called The Blue Thread.

"She was very kind," Lachs Adler said. "She had dignity, treating other people with kindness and with dignity, giving *tzedakah* and making sure we felt that it was part of who we were to give back."

Lachs is survived by her children, Susanna Lachs Adler and husband Dean, Michael E. Lachs and Joshua Lachs; her brother, Robert Seltzer and his wife, Ellen; and grandchildren Anna Tykocinski and her husband David, Sara Adler and Matthew Lachs.

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support for the union and as a nod to the Red for Ed movement, a grassroots campaign that has galvanized teacher activism across the country in states like West Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado and Arizona.

“We started [wearing red] as a show of our solidarity,” Ziskind said. “These are small gestures that we can make. We can walk around the halls, we can see each other and know that we’re not alone. We’re together. That’s really what we want is this sense of community and collectiveness, and that’s what the union does.”

Last month, the union also started a Facebook page as a place for teachers and their supporters to interact and

which led to a strike.

“I would hate to think that that’s something that would be on the table again,” Ziskind said.

The situation with Barrack’s union isn’t unique. Across the country, the number of Jewish day schools with unions has dropped. Perelman Jewish Day School, located just a few miles from Barrack, withdrew recognition of its own union in 2014.

Susan Miller, a Perelman teacher who retired in 2016 after 25 years at the school, said the decision drew a lot of concern from teachers at the time. She was not too concerned personally because she felt confident in her standing both with the administration and the community.

“We’re together. That’s really what we want is this sense of community and collectiveness, and that’s what the union does.”

MINNA ZISKIND

share information and support. The page has so far garnered more than 270 followers. The page shares photos of teachers wearing red and encourages parents and alumni to share stories of how Barrack teachers have made a difference.

Gary Kaplan, a parent of an alumnus and the spouse of a teacher, said that his daughter got a lot of one-on-one time with Barrack’s teachers. He is concerned that teachers might not be able to keep doing that if they have to teach more classes as a result of this decision.

“I went to a big high school, and I never had any one-on-one,” Kaplan said. “It’s a great thing. Education comes first. I really do love that part of Barrack, and I think that will change.”

Ziskind also wondered how the decision would affect the school’s contributions to teacher’s retirement funds. In 2009, the school attempted to make cuts to the retirement program,

After the decision went into effect, the school offered senior teachers a buyout, which put the school in a position to hire more teachers with less experience, Miller said. She herself was not in a position to take the buyout, but many of her colleagues did. She said the decision did not impact her benefits.

The school, she noted, encouraged and paid for her to study at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University, both when the union was there and when it wasn’t, Miller said.

“My advice to the Barrack faculty is pretty much there’s nothing you can do about it,” Miller said. “It’s not going to change, unfortunately. ... Keep your focus on the job that you love and the kids that you love that you teach. Continue on. There is life after loss of a union.” •

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Two Swastikas Drawn in Blood Found in Los Angeles Park

SAD TO SAY that swastikas appearing in public places aren't too uncommon, but they usually aren't drawn in blood.

But that was the case March 4 in Los Angeles when two swastikas drawn in blood were found in a public park, KCBS-TV reported.

A police officer said the blood likely came from a self-inflicted injury, a criminal act or from an accident. Bloodhounds lost the scent after following a blood trail for several blocks.

Police don't think the swastikas are tied to the nearby Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, which isn't far from the park.

"Acts of hate and anti-Semitism are deeply painful and have no place in the city of Los Angeles," City Councilman David Ryu said in a statement, JTA reported.

American Support of Israel Over Palestinians Declines Sharply

Although 59 percent of American sympathize more with Israel than Palestinians, the number has slipped from 64 percent a year ago, according to a new Gallup Poll, JTA reported. That's the lowest level of support since 2009.

The support for Palestinians remains unchanged at 21 percent.

Support for Israel declined among both Republicans and Democrats. Democratic support of Israel declined from 49 percent a year ago to 43 percent, while Republican support fell from 87 percent to 76 percent.

Meantime, Israel itself is viewed favorably by 69 percent of U.S. adults, a decrease from 74 percent in 2018, although within the 66-72 percent range from 2010-17.

Texas Blacklists Airbnb for Removing West Bank Jewish Settlement Listings

Texas placed Airbnb on its "List of Companies that Boycott Israel" because the company took down listings of rentals in West Bank Jewish settlements, JTA reported.

Under a Texas law passed in 2017 that prevents government contractors from boycotting Israel, Airbnb has 90 days to demonstrate that it doesn't boycott Israel. If it fails to do so, Texas "shall sell, redeem, divest, or withdraw all publicly traded securities of the company, except securities."

Airbnb said in December that it was removing about listings in the settlements, but not in the

Palestinian communities. The company has denied any bias against Israelis.

"We unequivocally reject and oppose the BDS movement and are disappointed by the [Texas] decision," the company told Israeli media outlets.

JTA said a quick check of the company's website on March 3 showed that listings do appear for West Bank Jewish settlements.

Greek Escape Room Drops Schindler's List Name After Receiving Complaints

An escape room called Schindler's List in Thessaloniki, Greece, has changed its name to Secret Agent after complaints from the local Jewish community, JTA reported.

The game called for participants to create a list of survivors who will be spared a horrible death by enemy forces.

"Your mission is to find Schindler's list and deliver it to the right hands," according to the game's former description. "Will you manage to escape from the German army and save the lives of hundreds of innocent people?"

There was no direct mention of Jews or the Holocaust, but the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece criticized the game's name. •



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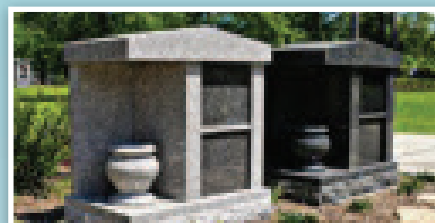
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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Jewish, Arab Women in Israel Marrying at Older Ages; First Childbirth Age Increases, Too

WOMEN LIVING IN Israel are waiting longer to get married and give birth, according to a new study by the nation's Central Bureau of Statistics, JNS.org reported.

For example, only 51.5 percent of Jewish women 25 to 29 in 2017 were married, compared to 55.1 percent in 2006.

For Arab women of the same age, the 2017 numbers dropped to 74.4 percent married versus 79.6 percent in 2006

Meantime, 9.5 percent of Jewish woman 45 to 49 identified as single, an increase from 5.9 percent the decade before. For Arab women of the same age, 11.9 percent were single, compared to 10.5 percent in the past.

And the average woman first gave birth at 27.6 years old in 2017, compared to 26.8 percent in 2006.

Report: Israelis Waste Nearly \$900 in Food Annually

The average Israeli family throws out about \$890 worth of food annually, which is about six weeks of a household's food consumption expenditure.

That's according to the Fourth Annual Food Waste and Rescue Report issued March 5 by Leket Israel in partnership with BDO.

The report said 2.5 million tons of food with a market value of \$5.5 billion — 35 percent of all food produced — was discarded in Israel in 2018. Fruits and vegetables comprised a majority of the waste. Nearly half the food lost (1.2 million tons) could have been rescued, according to the report.

Still, the 23 percent wasted by Israeli households is less than the 28 percent wasted in the United States. In Europe, the waste was even less at 19 percent.

The report said the food loss impacted increased overall food prices by 11 percent.

Israel Home to 21 Billionaires

There are 2,153 billionaires in the world and 21 of them are Israelis — up three from a year ago — according to the 2019 *Forbes* World Billionaires list, JNS.org reported.

And those 21 don't include Israel's richest person. That would be Roman Abramovich, owner of Chelsea Football Club, who is ranked 107th overall with \$12.4 billion. *Forbes* listed him as Russian because he received his Israeli citizenship just 10 months ago.

Other Israeli billionaires include real estate, shipping and cruise-line magnate Eyal Ofer with \$9.4 billion, industrialist and investor Stef Wertheimer at \$5.7 billion and investor and philanthropist Shari Arison, who is Israel's wealthiest woman, with \$5 billion.

Israeli Spacecraft Takes a Selfie

Beresheet, the Israeli spacecraft headed for the moon, on March 5 took a "selfie" 23,364 miles from Earth, according to SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), which are teaming on the mission.

The photo of Earth clearly shows Australia, as well as a plaque installed on the spacecraft that includes the Israeli flag and the words "Am Yisrael Chai" and "Small Country, Big Dreams."

The spacecraft appears to be on track to land on the moon as expected on April 11. On March 7, Beresheet conducted a maneuver as it headed to an elliptical orbit 167,770 miles from Earth. During the maneuver, its main engine was fired for 2½ minutes. In two weeks, another maneuver is planned. •

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Bryce Harper Reveals Secret Jewish History

FAKE NEWS

JEANIE OLOGY | JE STAFF

BRYCE HARPER, who recently signed a blockbuster deal with the Philadelphia Phillies and spurred a frenzy of jersey-buying, has revealed that he comes from an Ashkenazi Jewish background.

Though Harper is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has talked publicly about serving as a representative for the Mormon faith, suspicions of Jewish heritage were raised early on in his life by a Jewish girl Harper met at a party in high school. The girl, Britney Greenbaum, was living in Harper's native Las Vegas temporarily while her mother was a visiting professor at the University of Las Vegas. Greenbaum saw Bryce across the room at their first high school party and thought he was cute.

"So I walked over and started talking to him and it was like an instant connection, even though we were from different worlds," said Greenbaum. "Maybe it was the forbidden aspect that drew us together, but we talked about homework and sports — he talked more about hockey than baseball! — and our parents. And he told me

his middle names were Aron and Max and I started wondering. I mean, there is something of the Bar Mitzvah boy about him."

Harper and Greenbaum grew apart after a brief makeout session in a bedroom closet, but later, when Harper was named MVP in 2015, Greenbaum reached out and reconnected with Harper, urging him to take a DNA test to confirm her suspicions.

Harper's 23andMe results stunned him: 37 percent of his background came back as "Super Rabbinic Russian." His parents knew nothing about the Jewish heritage, but everyone in the family is quite comfortable with the news.

"Mormons and Jews have a lot in common," said Harper, who is considering having his Bar Mitzvah on the mound at Citizens Bank Park. He pointed to the Mormon prohibition against alcohol. "In my experience," he added, "lots of Jewish people are pretty indifferent to booze. Though Britney Greenbaum did get pretty toasted at that party."

For Passover this year, Harper will attend a baseball-themed seder that positions the four questions at four bases held at the home of Phillies Manager Gabe Kapler. Kapler is also Jewish, and maybe secretly Mormon, too. •

Face of Moses Found in Matzah

FAKE NEWS

JUDY IZM | JE STAFF

JONATHAN KUGELSTEIN opened up a box of Manischewitz's finest matzah on March 11 and imagine the surprise he received: The face of Moses was staring back at him on the matzah sheet.

"At first I thought it was just a trick of the light, but those little dark spots were telling me something," said Kugelstein, of Merion. "Then my girlfriend Taylor, who was also in the kitchen, dropped her glass of Tang and shouted, 'OMG, it's Charlton Heston.'"

Not knowing what to do next, Kugelstein called the Good Day Philadelphia team at Fox29, which immediately set up a live broadcast that aired for the next 24 hours, pre-empting the usual mind-numbing content that's the channel's specialty.

Kugelstein enjoyed his 15 minutes of fame, particularly when Fox 29 reporter Jennaphr Frederick inter-



viewed him live on air.

"I'm a little shy, but she ultimately coaxed me to dance with the matzah while singing 'Matzah Man' to the tune of 'Macho Man,'" he laughed. "You only live once."

Kugelstein had planned to send the matzah for scientific testing, but the unleavened bread met a tragic fate.

"I left it on the counter and my roommate, who had been out of town, came home and fried it up," Kugelstein said. "He later told me Moses was delicious." •

Congregation Beth Stoner Opens for Weed Fans

FAKE NEWS

MARY JUANA | JE STAFF

VERY REFORM Congregation Beth Stoner opened up in Center City, promising to cater to marijuana-addled Jews.

Rabbi Tommy Chong and Cantor Snoop Dogg will lead the new synagogue, which has already signed on 420 congregants.

"Hey man, if you want a far-out experience where nobody will harsh your religious buzz, Congregation Beth Stoner is for you," Chong said.

"And unlike other synagogues, where you break bread after services, we break it beforehand because we've always got the munchies," Dogg added. "We put the sin in synagogue."

Congregants will be permitted to



smoke marijuana or use medical marijuana at all times, which drew protests from other area rabbis.

"Having fun in synagogue? Whoever heard of such a thing?" questioned Rabbi Fred Neulander, who said smoking marijuana violates traditional law, although hiring someone for murder doesn't. •

Jewish Woman Breaks Record for Longest Name

FAKE NEWS

YENTL ROSENBERGMAN | JE STAFF

SOCIETY HILL resident Shoshana Rubinitzkyman never imagined that she would one day see herself in the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

But that's exactly what happened, and it was love that brought her there.

After getting married in a wintry ceremony in February, Rubinitzkyman decided to hyphenate her and her husband's last name, instead of adopting his surname in the more traditional choice, thus becoming Shoshana Rubinitzkyman-Satzbergerkatzbaum.

Her friends advised against the

hyphen choice, Rubinitzkyman-Satzbergerkatzbaum said. They told her she should choose one or the other, but she felt strongly that this was the best decision for her family.

Soon after the *Jewish Exponent* published her mazel tov announcement, representatives from the *Guinness Book of World Records* reached out to her about appearing in their forthcoming edition.

"I can't believe I was hesitant at first to join JDate when my rabbi suggested it, but I'm glad I did," Rubinitzkyman-Satzbergerkatzbaum said. "At the time, I thought I would just be lucky if I found my *besht*, but now, I have a world record, too."

"Dayenu!" she added. •

Local Father Apparently Eating Herring Straight From the Jar Now

FAKE NEWS

MATT Z. O'BALL | JE STAFF

LOCAL BUSINESSMAN Eric Goldman apparently eats pickled herring straight from the jar, according to his wife and daughter. “Just, like, with the tips of his fingers,” said his daughter Sarah Goldman, 16. “He ... dangles it over his mouth.”

Goldman’s behavior, though not technically wrong or legally actionable, is “unsettling,” his daughter said.

Each evening, said Beth Goldman, Eric’s wife of 18 years, Goldman rises from the couch, walks over the fridge and selects the jar out of the wide array of foods that are



not pickled fish. He taps on the jar, as if to say, ‘Yes, this is precisely what I needed to satiate myself,’ and then picks the herring out of the jar.

“He does this on purpose,” his wife stressed. “No one is making him do this.” He then proceeds to throw back a bit of the vinegary mush, making satisfied grunts as he finishes chewing.

Goldman, for his part, offers the herring to any and all members of his family or close circle of friends when they happen to be in the vicinity.

“I don’t really see what the big deal is,” he said, wiping a bit of the pickle juice off the corner of his mouth. “You did this story last month on the way I eat beets straight out of the can. What’s the issue here?” •

FOP Defends Officer Whose Mother “Decluttered” Evidence Room

FAKE NEWS

ELIOT NESS | JE STAFF

FRATERNAL ORDER of Police spokesman John McNesby is fighting back on behalf of a Jewish police officer who’s been reprimanded by his superiors.

Officer Lev Mandelbaum, who’s been on the force for two years, has been indefinitely suspended with pay as the department tries to figure out how to punish Mandelbaum for letting his mother, Linda Mandelbaum, into an evidence storage room without supervision.

Apparently, it all started when Linda Mandelbaum got irritated that her son had lost a Chanukah card his younger sister made for him when they were children.

“That was a precious keepsake!” she said to him. “Where did it go?”

“I took it to work with me and was going to hang it up near my desk but it must have gotten lost in the papers and stuff. The station house is a mess, Mom.”

That was all Linda — who runs the organizing business Living Lighter With Linda — needed to hear. Using the pretext of bringing Lev a surprise lunch one day, Linda disappeared “to the ladies room,” she said, and didn’t return for five hours. Her son, who was abruptly called out on police business, forgot she was there.

But when the officers went to look for something in the evidence room the next day, they found everything had been entirely rearranged and smelled strongly of Febreze.

Their cardboard boxes had been replaced by multicolored plastic bins, each with distinctly colored and patterned contact

paper on the exterior. A small vase with a fresh spray of flowers sat on a small circular table that was wedged inside the door and overhead fluorescents had been pulled out and smashed and replaced by two floor lamps. It was unclear where she’d so quickly procured the transformative items.

Though no evidence was thrown out, the organizational system in the room was destroyed, replaced by color-coordination.

The young officer was embarrassed and apologetic, but was suspended anyway, which McNesby felt was unfair.

“Do you realize how much razzing this guy is going to get about his Jewish mother for the rest of his life on the force?” McNesby said to a reporter. “Man, that’s punishment enough.” •

Unbridled Freedom of Driver’s License Allows Teenager to Go to Wawa Unaccompanied

FAKE NEWS

STEPHEN GLASS | JE STAFF

AFTER 16 YEARS of being beholden to the schedule of his parents, Matthew Shapiro, newly licensed driver, is now free to unshackle himself from the irons of childhood, to throw off the yoke of adolescence, to seize the open road as so many teens before him have done and to procure fast food for himself slightly faster than he could before.

“It’s amazing,” Shapiro said.

Shapiro, who lives within biking distance — if not walking, on a nice day — of a Wawa, a Wendy’s, a Chipotle and a McDonald’s, took driv-

ing lessons for months in order to speed up the journey of a Shorti hoagie from an employee to his mouth by about four minutes. Dozens of precious photos of Shapiro driving around an empty parking lot for the first time were taken in the service of Shapiro’s desire to get a Big Mac, hold the tomato, slightly faster.

“At first we were worried,” said his mother, Lori Shapiro. “How was he going to use this newfound responsibility? Would he take around too many friends, and get distracted? Would he play music loudly and take his focus off the road? Would he be gone every weekend?”

“Luckily, none of that has come to pass,” she added, happily. •

Christmastime Chinese Pop-Up Restaurant Opens

FAKE NEWS

IMA FOODIE | JE STAFF

SHANGHAI DYNASTY is opening a Christmastime pop-up restaurant in a Jewish community center parking lot to better engage its customers, a spokesperson for the restaurant said last week.

Shanghai Dynasty’s Chinatown location is already open on Dec. 25, but this pop-up restaurant will bring favorites like sweet and sour chicken, beef and broccoli and chow mein to a more convenient location.

The pop-up will be in the parking lot and not the building itself because the JCC is closed on Christmas, JCC CEO Rachel Berger said, noting the JCC’s many non-Jewish staff, as well as the staff who celebrate the holiday with interfaith families.

Multiple financial planners who stopped by the pop-up restaurant on their way to the gym — before they realized it was closed for Christmas — assessed that the pop-up would be a success.

Shanghai Dynasty declined to comment on whether the offerings would be kosher. •

Trial

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Goldilocks, not guilty.

The mock trial was a joint project between the Perelman Jewish Day School and the Rendell Center for Civics and Civic Engagement.

Founded four years ago, the Rendell Center encourages students to indulge their civic and legal curiosity from a very young age; the participants in these proceedings were part of Pam Frank's second-grade class. The students, who had been practicing their scripted lines in the weeks leading up to the trial, served as witnesses, jurors, prosecutors, bailiffs, defense attorneys and, of course, Goldilocks, played by Shoshanna Goodman.

At one point, Goodman said she felt she wasn't getting a fair trial. "I feel like they just want me to be in jail," she said.

This was the second year Perelman did a mock trial with the Rendell Center.

"They learned a lot about the judicial system, about how to problem-solve," Frank said. "It's important to teach them high-level thinking skills."

A few parents watched from the back of the courtroom as their children read

their lines, occasionally helped with pronunciation by the presiding judge.

Unlike the rest of the roles, this actress was playing herself, in a way: It was none other than Marjorie "Midge" Rendell, who's been a judge at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit since 1997.

The judge founded the Rendell Center with her ex-husband, former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, four years ago. Back when she was Pennsylvania's first lady, she said, her primary focus was civic education for young children.

"I really thought that if we teach the children, when they're young, the values of citizenship and about our democracy, maybe we wouldn't have to convince them to vote when they turn 18," she said.

At the mock trial, Rendell kept the proceedings moving along from the bench, flanked on each side by empty chairs that would typically seat her colleagues during an appeal. She also sat with the jurors during their deliberations, out of the room while the team of prosecutors chanted, "Guilty! Guilty!"

After the jurors returned a not guilty verdict, Goldilocks and her defense team whooped



▲ The students smile with U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Rendell.

Jesse Bernstein

▀▀ The literature-based mock trial programs provides a dynamic interactive opportunity for students to ... gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. judicial system and constitutional principles while also developing skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening."

BETH SPECKER

and hollered as the prosecution resumed its chanting. Rendell thanked the jury, and explained the deliberations to the irate prosecution team.

"They took it very seriously. They came up with arguments pro or con as to whether she had permission or not," she said. "Did she know what she was doing was wrong? Did that matter? I mean, all these ideas were floating back and forth."

She also explained how Goldilocks may still find herself in civil court, potentially liable for breaking Papa Bear's chair.

The floor was opened for questions, which ranged from queries about "juvy" to when kids are allowed in court. Regarding "juvy," Rendell said, "It's not prison, but it's not great."

Following the end of the Q&A and the morning session, members of the prosecution team remained indignant, yelling, "Objection!" into a microphone.

There was no question the students were engaged.

"The study of civics is a critical part of Perelman's elementary educational experience, which led to the development of the Specter Family Civics curriculum," said Perelman Head of School Judy Groner in an email. "This program is integrated into social studies and literacy curricula on every grade level. Perelman students are uniquely prepared for these units, as their early exposure to the Jewish legal system amplified their understanding of American law."

Beth Specker, executive director of the Rendell Center, visited the school in the weeks leading up to the trial.

"The literature-based mock trial programs provides a dynamic interactive opportunity for students to ... gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. judicial system and constitutional principles while also developing skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening," she said via email. "The experience takes students into the gray areas of democratic deliberation, creating an arena in which each student can form and support his/her own opinion about an unclear dilemma that often occurs in democratic societies." •

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▲ Al-Aqsa Islamic Society

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broadcasts delivered in Arabic and other languages.

“Al-Aqsa Islamic Society rejects anti-Semitism in any form,” wrote Chukri Khorchid, secretary of the Board of Trustees, and Imam Mohamed Shehata, in a statement responding to the release of the video. “We are shocked and outraged to learn that one of our guest speakers said reprehensible anti-Jewish remarks on the floor of Al-Aqsa. This in no way represents our beliefs or policies. We condemn this action and will make sure that this never happens again. We expect that all guest speakers will respect and uphold our policy that hatred against any group of people or religion will not be tolerated.”

Abouhatab’s sermons were streamed live on the Al-Aqsa Islamic Society’s YouTube channel. In one video, he tells assembled worshippers, “Remember how Menachem Begin, that Polish crook, would stand next to a pregnant woman, and would make bets whether it is a boy or a girl. He would make bets, while the woman was still alive! Then he would slit her belly open, while she was still alive, to see

whether it is a boy or a girl. Just like that. This happened. This happened.”

He also said that the qualities of nobility, morals and dignity had been conferred upon Muslims exclusively, then studiously copied by Jews. Abouhatab made reference numerous times to the “Jewish media” as “nefarious” or some variation thereof.

The mosque has worked as a community leader in interfaith dialogue with a number of local organizations, including the ADL and the City of Philadelphia. They have participated in solidarity events such as the 2017 “Stand Against Hate” rally organized by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and have also, since 2003, organized an annual Peacewalk, which welcomes a variety of religious groups.

On March 11, the ADL released a statement condemning Abouhatab’s remarks as “virulently anti-Jewish hate” that “promoted age-old falsehoods about Jewish control of the media, finance and government.” The statement thanked the Islamic Society for its “quick response” to the release of the videos.

“We look forward to learning more from our friends at Al-Aqsa about how these troubling events occurred, and we will continue to work closely with Al-Aqsa’s leadership to ensure that something like this never happens again,” the statement read.

As for how Abouhatab came to be invited to speak on multiple occasions, Nancy Baron-Baer, executive director of the Philadelphia ADL said, “We’re having discussions on that going forward. We’ve certainly made them aware of the fact that it was not a one-time speaking engagement.”

In a statement, Abouhatab denied that anything he said was anti-Semitic, though *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported the MEMRI’s translations were accurate.

“I am not against any religion and what was attributed to me is completely false. I do not promote hate, nor do I insight [sic] violence. The religion of Islam calls me to living peacefully alongside others who share different faiths, and to never transgress against the rights of others, while always speaking the words of truth when need be and under the shade of the law,” he wrote. “I firmly stand by my right to

express ideas, words, speech, opinion and thoughts as afforded to me and protected by the First amendment of the United States Constitution. And I reject any campaign or attempt that depicts me as an extremist or a bigot.”

The mosque itself has been the target of intolerance since its 1989 founding. In 2015, a severed pig’s head was left outside of its door, which prompted support from members of the Jewish community. ●

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Going Beyond So ‘Never Again’ Rings True

BY RABBI AKIVA POLLACK

NEVER AGAIN?

“Did I really see that?”

That was the thought going through my head as I called the police to report someone relieving himself on the holy walls of my synagogue.

“Don’t you think you are overreacting?” I momentarily challenged myself.

Absolutely not! The synagogue is the sanctuary we come to in order to connect with our better selves. The climax of our daily supplications is called the Amidah. According to the Talmud (Brachos 10b), we pray the Amidah prayer with our feet together.

This is based on Ezekiel’s opening prophecy. He shares with us a vision of the heavenly courts, describing the feet of the angels as “their feet were a straight foot” (Ezekiel Ch. 1, V. 8). By emulating the angels, we are elevating the spiritual parts of our beings. The synagogue is the place where humans act as celestial beings. Yet this ghastly individual used this sanctuary as his personal restroom.

The police were called, and the security camera footage was sent to the media. That’s when the despicable history of

the vandal was exposed.

Sheidali Dzhililov, the perpetrator of this repulsive act, had written on his Facebook page some extremely hateful and anti-Semitic statements. Specifically, he had commented on a video from a Palestinian channel that “this video makes me wanna kill every Jew out there, finish what Hitler couldn’t.”

Are you someone who never joined a synagogue? Start going once a year on Yom Kippur. Do you come every Shabbat but step out when the rabbi starts his speech? Stick around; maybe you’ll learn something.

Dzhililov was eventually caught and pled guilty to ethnic intimidation, desecration of a house of worship and institutional vandalism.

As a grandchild of Holocaust survivors, it is difficult to express the hurt I felt when I read the appalling Facebook post for the first time. I felt a gnawing pain as I contemplated someone finishing what Hitler couldn’t. Unfortunately, anti-Semitic posts are not uncommon, but for those words to be translated into action at our very steps is a terrifying thought.

On the night Dzhililov

urinated on our hallowed walls, I was watching on the screen as he raised his middle finger at the security cameras. I stared in shock as he disgraced a house of G-d. I was at a loss as to what to do. Should I cower in my office and call the police? Should I chase after him and scream? In the end, I did call the police, but I did so not out of fear but out of responsibility.

There is a phrase that became very popular after the Holocaust. The phrase was “never again.” Apparently “never” is not quite as long as we thought.

The Jewish people are resilient. Three-thousand years of Jewish history has been 3,000 years fraught with persecution and expulsion. Unfortunately, we lost millions along the way but somehow we overcame.

The Holocaust began with a night called Kristallnacht or “The Night of Broken Glass,” when synagogues were desecrated and vandal-

ized. Apparently it happened “again.”

So what do we do? Yes, the judge sentenced the defendant to some jail time. Two months to be exact. Truthfully, though, that doesn’t solve the issue. Not due to its briefness — I actually thought it was fair — but because punishing the perpetrator won’t restore dignity to our house of G-d. Teaching a

lesson won’t reverse the reality that our synagogue was used as someone’s toilet.

The only way to restore the dignity that befits our synagogues is by taking the initiative. I am not referring to marches on Washington nor am I advocating picking up signs and taking to the street. I am asserting that change starts from within. I am stating that we must start respecting our synagogues in the way they deserve to be respected.

The sad truth is that many synagogues are almost vacant on most weeks. High Holiday

attendance is diminishing by the year. According to the Pew Research Centers Religious Landscape Study, in 2007, 39 percent of Jews attended synagogue weekly and 27 percent seldom or never attended. In 2014, 36 percent attended synagogue weekly and 30 percent seldom to never attended.

It’s time to take a stand. Are you someone who never joined a synagogue? Start going once a year on Yom Kippur. Do you come every Shabbat but step out when the rabbi starts his speech? Stick around; maybe you’ll learn something.

Of course, we need to send Dzhililov and all anti-Semites a loud and clear message. In no way do I mean to blame the Jewish people for anti-Semitism, but how can we expect others to respect our places of worship when we barely even show up? No one is going to listen unless we have a serious heart-to-heart discussion within our own communities.

Never again means never again. ●

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Maintain Respect for the ‘Blue Slip’

ELEANOR LEVIE AND LYNNE JACOBS

KAVOD: HEBREW for respect, honor, weightiness. No matter what kind of Jew you are, a priority is undoubtedly respect for yourself and for others — even those holding different points of view. And there’s a symbol of *kavod* in the U.S. Senate that’s not well known but long-held: a single sheet of light blue paper called the “blue slip.”

For more than 100 years, the Senate Judiciary Committee has extended the courtesy of the blue slip. As tradition has it, returning a negative evalu-

ation (printed on blue paper) or withholding the form altogether allows a senator to seriously slow or halt a nomination to the district or circuit courts of appeal of his or her own state. Using this aspect of the constitutional power of advise and consent, each senator can help make our federal judiciary more fair, more diverse and more mainstream.

Never have we needed the respectful civility of the Senate more, especially its responsibility for checks and balances on the executive and judicial branches of government.

Last year, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Grassley let slip the tradition of the blue slip. Taking over the chairmanship this year, Lindsay Graham has also given a pass to nominees despite home-state senators finding them unqualified, inexperienced or unfit.

The first circuit court judge to be confirmed in more than 80 years without blue slip approval was David Stras for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit in January 2018.

On Feb. 26 of this year, for the first time in 100 years, a nominee without blue slip

approval of either home state senator was confirmed to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. Washington senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell were alarmed that Eric D. Miller had repeatedly challenged tribal sovereignty, lands and religious freedom.

Murray also objected to the vetting process, or lack thereof: “Not only did Republicans schedule this nominee’s confirmation hearing during a recess period when just two senators — both Republicans — were able to attend, but the hearing

included less than five minutes of questioning,” she stated, adding, “less questioning for a lifetime appointment than most students face for a book report in school.”

Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown did not return blue slips for Eric Murphy and Chad Readler, writing, “I cannot support nominees who have actively worked to strip Ohioans of their rights. Special interests already have armies of lobbyists and lawyers on their side; they don’t need judges in their pockets.”

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Who Will Be Israel's Next Prime Minister After the April Elections?

BY DAVID RUBIN

EVERYONE KNOWS about Benjamin “Bibi” Netanyahu, Israel’s invincible leader, soon to be the longest-serving prime minister in history — except, apparently, Benny Gantz didn’t get that memo.

Benny is ahead of Netanyahu in the latest polls.

How can this be? Bibi is a powerful international spokesman, a skilled diplomat and an expert economist. If Americans were allowed to vote, Netanyahu would likely win in a landslide.

But in the upcoming April 9 elections, the only votes that count are from Israeli citizens. Israelis see a flipside to the legendary Netanyahu, who some view as indecisive in battle, not resolute enough in meeting the challenge of settlement in the strategic, mountainous heartland of Israel — Judea and Samaria (the so-called West Bank) — and they are concerned with entrusting him with the sovereignty of Jerusalem, Israel’s eternal capital since the days of King David more than 3,000 years ago.

Once labeled by an American magazine as “King Bibi” due to his seemingly irreplaceable status, things may be changing for Netanyahu and his Likud party. With the attorney general having announced bribery indictments against him, Netanyahu seems to be somewhat in defensive mode as his nation enters an early election once again.

So there is a new Benjamin in town, or a new Benny, that is, who seems to be taking Israel by storm. Formerly chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces, Benny Gantz has entered politics for the first time, forming his own Israel Resilience Party and seriously challenging Netanyahu’s predominant

right-of-center Likud.

Pundits projecting Netanyahu’s virtually assured victory may be irrationally exuberant, the thinking being that Gantz’s lead is only “temporary.” The fact is that Gantz is now the darling of the media, which has become a formidable foe to Netanyahu in recent weeks. In a country that has always been enamored with generals and always seems to be searching for the latest “messiah” in the form of a new centrist party, Gantz seems to fit the current perceived need.

Voters are flocking in droves to the tall and handsome Gantz, especially from the establishment left-wing Labor party, which seems to be self-destructing more with each passing day.

Unlike the United States, Israel is a parliamentary democracy in which the citizens vote, not for an individual, but for a party, and the leader of the largest party has the challenge of forming a coalition with smaller parties, the goal being to attain a majority of seats in the Knesset, Israel’s parliament.

Remarkably, until recently, Gantz didn’t need to say a word on policy to achieve his strong standing in the polls. In fact, from his perspective, it was better not to say anything. But in a tiny country like Israel, where most issues are potentially explosive, issues eventually need to be confronted, and as that happens and people see what Gantz truly stands for, the shift in popularity may swing back to Bibi.

In his maiden policy speech, Gantz seemingly inexplicably praised Israel’s now unpopular 2005 unilateral withdrawal from Gaza, in which some 10,000 Israelis were forcibly expelled from their homes in a bitter and painful process that nearly tore

the fabric of the country apart.

According to Gantz: “It was a legal move that was adopted by the Israeli government and carried out by the IDF and the settlers in a painful but good way. We have to take those lessons and implement them in other places.”

The statement is especially disturbing since it is well-known that in every armed conflict, Hamas intentionally hides its armed forces, its weapons factories and its missile launchers in civilian population centers, daring Israel to attack.

With President Trump’s peace plan still not released, but already being publicly debated, it behooves all Israelis, as well as Americans who care about Israel, to understand that the “land for peace” formula that has been recycled and regurgitated by virtually every American administration in recent years, was proven dead after the Gaza withdrawal, when the Hamas terrorist organization set up its rocket launching pads on the ruins of the once peaceful and thriving Jewish communities.

Netanyahu is a sometimes flawed yet experienced leader, one who recognizes the existential threat from an Iran seeking to attack Israel from both Lebanon and Syria, while achieving nuclear bomb status. Clearly, Netanyahu has the firmness and resolve that Gantz and his potential partners on the left don’t possess.

As Benjamin Netanyahu faces his most difficult challenges, the world should know two things, that Bibi is the better Benjamin and Benny Gantz is not the Messiah. ●

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KVETCH ’N KVELL

Believing in Torah, Even As a Nonbeliever

IN A MARCH 1 letter about “tikkun olamism,” Steve Mendelsohn opines, “But for us Jews who believe that there is no creator of the universe ... the challenge is to figure out what in Judaism is the baby and what is the bathwater. Unfortunately ... the closer we look, the more bathwater we see.”

I respectfully suggest to Mendelsohn there is much in the Torah to grasp onto, even for nonbelievers. The Ten Commandments was a step into the future for humanity. Whether dictated by God or conceived by humans, it was the first statement in history asserting that all people should be free. It established the sanctity of marriage and motherhood, codified civilized behavior and also created weekends.

Consider the astonishing image of the Red Sea parting: Whether it really happened or not, nothing else in literature comes close to it. And the sea didn’t part so Romeo could reach Juliet, or Odysseus could get home; this indelible image was solely for the purpose of freeing slaves. If not God, what do we call such inspiration?

Perhaps we Jews have been most fascinated by God because we can never truly know God. But we do know that sometime, between 25 and 3,500 years ago, a small tribe called Israelites decided that idol worship is useless, human life is sacred and people must be free. They envisioned these beliefs as a covenant with God, and whether God really spoke to them, or they just imagined it, as they gazed up at the billions of stars, it made them feel like they were part of it all, special in the universe, comforted and empowered. And we’re Jews today, because our families have been keeping that covenant ever since.

We can all believe in that.

Rueben Gordon | Encino, California

In the Best Interest of Jews?

The treasurer and a founding member of the board of the Jewish Democratic Council of America wrote an opinion column (“Does Omar Understand Impact of Her Words?,” March 7) exposing U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar’s anti-Semitism. I’m 100 percent behind the JDCA on this.

But then she writes that the Jewish community in Minnesota “has welcomed and provided support for so many refugee groups including the large Somali population.” Now, how does this help Jews? How does the JDCA think that the Somali population is going to vote? For candidates that support Israel, or for more Ilhan Omars?

Is it too much to ask for Jewish organizations like the JDCA to promote what’s in the best interest of Jews? ●

Zachary Margolies | Philadelphia

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Justice Denied in Argentina

BY BEN COHEN

THIS JULY, ARGENTINA'S Jewish community will mark the 25th anniversary of the bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in Buenos Aires, in which 85 people were murdered and hundreds more were seriously wounded. It is promising to be a wretched and depressing commemoration, frankly, because there is no reason to expect anything else.

On July 18, 1994, a Renault utility truck packed with explosives smashed into the AMIA building in the busy downtown area of the Argentine capital, leaving a scene of carnage in its wake. The bombing came two years after a nearly identical attack on the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, which killed 29 people. A generation later, none of the AMIA suspects, the subjects of Interpol "Red Notices" since 2007, have been captured.

Indeed, the AMIA investigation was exposed as a bigger source of political intrigue and duplicity than even the bombing itself. The first AMIA investigation, set up under former Argentine President Carlos Menem, collapsed after it was exposed as a den of corruption.

The second investigation, set up under former President Nestor Kirchner in 2004, became the domain of fearless federal prosecutor Alberto Nisman. Nisman's diligent work resulted in Interpol releasing those warrants for the senior Iranian and Hezbollah opera-

tives responsible. But Nisman was discovered murdered in his apartment hours before he was due to unveil a complaint against then-President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (the spouse of the now-deceased Nestor) that detailed her government's collusion in exonerating the Iranian mullahs.

Cristina Kirchner, ousted from office by current President Mauricio Macri in 2015, is widely suspected of involvement in Nisman's death. Now that Kirchner has been elected to Argentina's Senate, she can claim immunity from prosecution.

Of the six suspects, the five Iranian officials among them remain at large, while the one Lebanese — Hezbollah's second-in-command, Imad Mughniyeh — was killed by a car bomb in Damascus in 2008. Meanwhile, the other senior Iranian officials implicated in the AMIA bombing have never been subjected to even a tap on the shoulder. One of them, former Iranian President Ali Hashemi Rafsanjani, died two years ago. Another, the former foreign minister Ali Akbar Velayati, still enjoys extensive influence as a senior adviser to the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Last month, in the first significant AMIA-related event of this 25th anniversary year, a court in Buenos Aires acquitted Menem of engaging in a cover-up during the first AMIA investigation.

Prosecutors had been push-

ing for Menem to serve at least four years.

Accused of endorsing bribes to officials that pushed the AMIA investigation's attention away from the Iranians and onto domestic "suspects," Menem was also named by a former senior Iranian intelligence operative as a "paid asset" of the Iranian regime during his term in office. But none of this was seriously examined in court.

Some of the conspirators beneath Menem did receive prison sentences for their roles in corrupting the first investigation. But the exoneration of Menem brought a furious response from Memoria Activa, an Argentine-based advocacy group. "His government knew that the attack was going to happen; not only did they not prevent it, they ordered the manipulation of the investigation so that the truth would not come out."

When Jewish leaders and foreign dignitaries fly into Buenos Aires in July, they should call the AMIA debacle what it is: a travesty of justice and an insult to victims of terrorism everywhere.

There is much to mourn — most of all those who died in the bombing, along with Alberto Nisman. There is nothing — nothing at all — to be proud of. •

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Respect

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Last week, the votes proceeded nonetheless, as usual along party lines, confirming both men to serve on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Stras is 44. Miller is 43. Murphy is 40. Readler is 46. Frequently, dissenting senators have based their disapprovals on nominees' inexperience as well as ideology. But these fortysomethings raise another concern: Since all federal judges are appointed for lifetime positions, they could be on the bench for 40 years or more, making decisions that affect not only our lives, but those of our children and grandchildren.

We must urge our legislators to exercise due diligence in studying nominees' records, and to conduct civil, deliberative hearings.

While the Supreme Court hears only about 80 cases a year, the vast number of rulings come out of the lower federal courts. It's those district courts that make decisions on issues such as voting rights, civil rights, separation of religion and state, environmental protections, health care and reproductive justice, and LGBT rights.

Meanwhile, the Senate continues to vote on circuit court nominees, a number of them considered controversial because they have expressed positions that are at odds with

mainstream America. And because they have not received blue-slip approvals.

The National Council of Jewish Women is the first and most progressive Jewish women's organization in the United States, and we have always been a leading voice for justice. We know that the courts affect every issue we care about, and we speak out as concerned constituents, asking our senators to confirm only fair, independent judges to these lifetime positions. We welcome those who share our core values, no matter your gender or faith, to join us in advocating for integrity in Congress and in the courts.

It's time to demand that senators respect the blue slip process and that they seek

nominees who can win bipartisan approval. We must urge our legislators to exercise due diligence in studying nominees' records, and to conduct civil, deliberative hearings and calls for votes. We deserve highly qualified judges who pledge — over the course of their lifetime appointments — to rule without bias or favoritism. That's how to define *kavod*. •

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Books: Music's 'Hot,' 'Malice' Mystery Is Not

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A Chronicle of Philly Music

The Hot Shot Heard 'Round the World
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The Hot Shot Heard 'Round the World is a victory lap for the musician, a guided tour of a lifetime of success and spectacular evenings.

The title comes from Kahn's 1978 hit "Hot Shot," performed by Karen Young, which sat at the top of the disco charts for two weeks.

Thankfully, the title is a little misleading; there's far more in this book than an account of two weeks during which a single record sold more than other records in one genre.

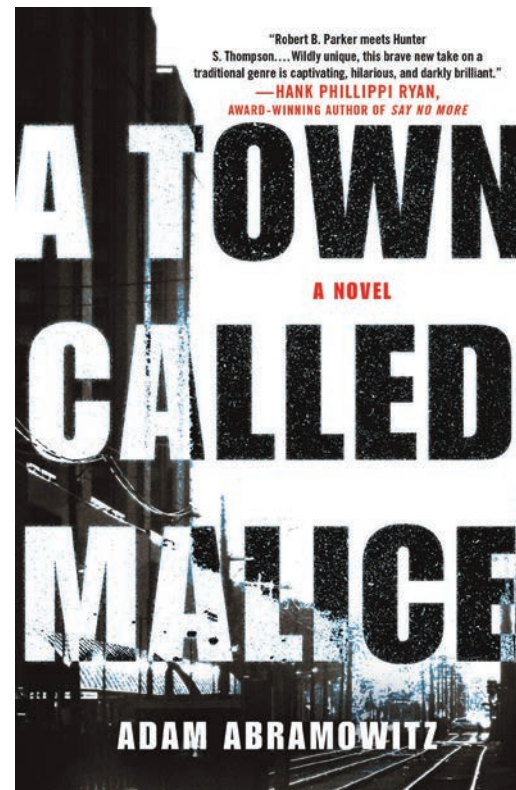
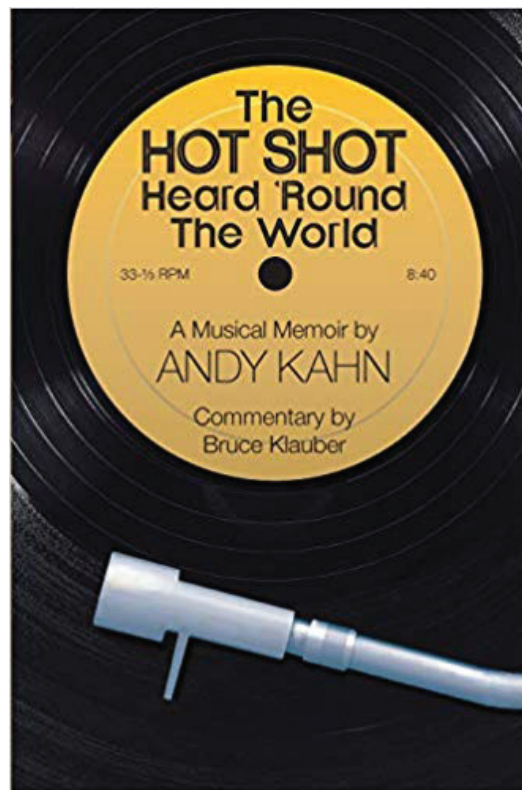
Kahn, a South Philadelphia native, co-founded the Queen Village Recording Studios, a Philadelphia institution that hosted everyone from Stevie Wonder to Grace Kelly. An alternate perspective of Kahn's career is provided by his

primary musical partner, Bruce Klauber, interspersed throughout Kahn's recollections of his unconventional parents and 25-year break from music, among other tales. There's also Kahn's other Bruce, Bruce Cahan, his long-time partner and husband since 2015.

Along the way, Kahn can't help but run into everyone from Charles Mingus to Norman Mailer, partying with Shirley MacLaine and Jacob Javits. He rubs elbows with a laundry list of jazz musicians from Philadelphia and beyond after he starts Queen Village with his brother, and gets written up everywhere from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* to now-defunct local Jewish papers like *The Main Line Jewish Expression* and the *Philadelphia Jewish Times*.

Oddly enough, Kahn is at his strongest when he writes about other people.

Thinking through his interactions with his mother, his uncle, his father and Karen Young, for example, the portraits he draws of them give you a much clearer idea of who Kahn himself is as well. The section about his Uncle Lloyd, who Kahn believes would have been diagnosed



with a mental illness today, and his obsession with the jazz records that would be the early soundtrack to Kahn's life, are an interesting contrast with Kahn's own singular focus on music. Additionally, both he and Klauber's fascination with Karen Young all these years later attest to what a fascinating character she was in her own right, and the way Kahn writes about her, displaying his affection, awe and worry, often at the same time, is a highlight of his memoir.

It is these portions of the book, along with the excitement and anything-goes spirit of the first days of the recording studio, that make the book successful and outweigh the lesser moments in the book, like a picture of a letter praising Kahn as a "gifted child" in 1962 and a two-page list of ways in which "Hot Shot" was used "without producing any significant income for its creators."

For fans of disco and The Sound of Philadelphia, *The Shot Heard 'Round the World* should

be a delight, especially with the added local flavor. And as a self-portrait of a songwriter, performer, businessman and husband, among other roles that Kahn has played, it is both tender and candid.

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

A Review With Malice Toward Malice

A Town Called Malice
Adam Abramowitz
Thomas Dune Books |
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On an increasingly frequent basis, I find myself watching, listening to or web surfing content that really isn't aimed at me.

As one of the first people in Generation X (born in 1966), I've aged out of the coveted Nielsen broadcast demographic of 18-49 and find myself simply tuning out of content clearly aimed at millennials or Generation Z.

The same apparently holds true in reading, as I found myself struggling to complete

Adam Abramowitz's *A Town Called Malice*.

The book's reasonably well-written and was interesting enough to keep me engrossed for a while, but ultimately it became a slog. That's because the book jumps around from topic to topic — kind of like someone who has their face buried in their cell-phone as they watch TV and do a couple other things.

In *A Town Called Malice*, we get mysteries, run-ins with gangs, details about casino chips, assorted dead bodies, a tough-guy rabbi (yes, there are some Jewish elements), some investigations, lots of slang and even more talk.

In fact, there's too much talk entirely. The book isn't overly long, but it feels like Abramowitz would have done better to incorporate some elements of the spare style used by a writer such as James Ellroy, author of *The Black Dahlia* and *L.A. Confidential*.

A Town Called Malice is about

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THERE ARE HUNDREDS of movies about the Holocaust, which has been examined in most of the major movie-producing countries in the world from every angle: survivor documentaries, camp horrors, conflicted guard studies, partisan-struggle war movies, B-movie sexploitations, quasi-comedies, escape capers, survivors in the immediate aftermath, Righteous Gentiles and so on.

So it was a pleasure that Claus Räfle's documentary *The Invisibles* looks at the subject from an unexplored viewpoint.

A mix of reenactment, survivor interviews and archival footage, *The Invisibles* tells the true stories of four Jews who hid in plain sight in Berlin in the last days of the war. Their paths intersect here and there, but for the most part, they are unaware of the existence of the others. It is a movie about teenagers forced to act as adults under the direst circumstances, as their parents are deported and they're left to fashion lives for themselves in the seat of Nazi power.

The reenactments are serviceable, if unspectacular. Each of the four survivors portrayed — Cioama Schonhaus, Eugen Friede, Ruth Gumpel and Hanni Levy — are made to look like Burberry models in the reenactments and mostly smolder at the camera.

It's also about loss. This may seem obvious, but the manner in which the hits keep coming — Eugen Friede can no longer sit on the bus, Cioama Schonhaus loses his parents in the opening scene of the movie, Ruth Gumpel lives on the street — really drive home the emotional cruelty of Nazism, which beggared the soul right along with the body.

This is especially apparent



▲ Alice Dwyer as Hanni Levy in *The Invisibles*

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in the story of Levy. Levy changes her name to Hannelore Winkler, and dyes her dark brown hair an Aryan blonde, drawing attention from German men on the street.

She is free to walk the boulevards as she pleases because of her efforts to remove any Jewish trace of herself, just as the other three subjects are able to do. Viewers will feel a little swell of pride watching each subject go about their day even as Berlin is declared "Judenfrei." But you also wonder what their sense of being Jewish will be after the Holocaust; if self-preservation means erasing religion and identity, is there any way back?

Räfle relies too heavily on certain visual motifs. I lost count of how many times a small group of Jews in hiding are either huddled around a table or in carefree conversation, only for each of them to whip their heads around at the sound of a knock on the door, as the non-Jew in the room motions for them to hide. If the director wished to make it known that Jews living in Berlin during the Holocaust had to be on constant alert for the Gestapo, he succeeds in this endeavor many times over.

That overreliance, aside from being tiresome, comes at the expense at what could have been more interesting questions begged by the

The movie is not without its merits. Räfle blends the sound of bombs falling in Berlin and moving trains with the interview footage, nearly drowning

story. Schonhaus survives by forging passports and other documentation at the direction of a sympathetic government official, a relationship that goes largely unexplored. Ruth and a friend are hidden by a Nazi official and his wife, who keep them in their employ as maids and nannies. This startling fact is simply stated, and then we're off to the next scene.

out the sound of the survivor speaking. What better way to emphasize the still-aliveness of these stories for them? And Alice Dwyer, who plays Hanni Levy, really does seem to carry the emotional weight of forced assimilation that the story calls for. Lastly, the survivor interviews are strangely, pleasantly light-hearted at times — we know, on some level, how each of their stories end — which is an interesting tone to strike in a film about the Holocaust.

Which is to say: This is a period of history so vast, fraught and overflowing with stories, there are more movies to be made about it.

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Yiddish Actor Allen Lewis Rickman Comes to Philadelphia Area for 'Sunshine Boys'

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YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE Allen Lewis Rickman from *Boardwalk Empire*, in which he had a recurring role as George Baxter, a salesman in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Or from the Coen brothers' *A Serious Man*, in which he played the Yiddish-speaking man in the prologue, alongside his wife, who played his wife in the scene. He also translated the Yiddish dialogue.

The New York-based actor is now in the Philadelphia area for a production of Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys* at the Bristol Riverside Theatre, in which he plays Al Lewis, one

of the two leads. The show runs until March 31.

The Sunshine Boys follows two men, Al Lewis and Willie Clark (played by Carl Wallnau), who reunite in their 70s, years after a falling out ended their career together as a popular vaudevillian comedy act.

"It's funny as hell, and it's very touching," Rickman said. "It's not heavy-handed. You never feel like you're watching an Ingmar Bergman movie or something, but there are some very deep themes underneath it. It's about ... making your peace with the end of your active life. It's about, ultimately, at what point can you say, 'Well, I've done everything that I'm going to do in the world.'"

Wallnau recommended

Rickman for the role of Al Lewis when the director, Keith Baker, told him he could have input in the casting of that character. Wallnau and Rickman have a rapport working together and a similar comedic sense, Wallnau said.

"Right away, I said, 'Well, the person who comes right to mind, who I think would really be good, [is] Allen,' and we did a tape in New York and sent it in," Wallnau said. "The rest, as they say, is history."

Rickman has had a long career in theater, television and film, having been in productions such as *Relatively Speaking* on Broadway and *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, in which he played real-life comedian Red Skelton.

He also portrayed Hitler for Michael Moore's old television show *The Awful Truth*, in a bit satirizing the Swiss banks' refusal to release Holocaust victims' assets to their descendants, a hot-button issue in 1999 when the piece aired. For the episode, Rickman went to Zurich, where he walked into banks dressed as Hitler and asked if he could make a withdrawal from accounts he had opened there 50 years before.

"This was basically to provoke the Swiss, who had done terrible things, not with guns and gas chambers, but with paperwork, and basically embarrass the Swiss for what they had done," Rickman said. "I'm not a huge fan of Michael Moore in a lot of respects, but he was very nice to me personally, and this was certainly something worth doing."

Rickman also has done a significant amount of work in Yiddish theater.

He recently came off a production of an original Yiddish-language show called *Tevye Served Raw*, an adaptation of Sholem Aleichem's stories.



▲ From left: Allen Lewis Rickman as Al Lewis and Carl Wallnau as Willie Clark
Mark Garvin

Rickman learned Yiddish by listening to his parents. His father was a Holocaust survivor, his mother the child of immigrants and Yiddish was their first language. By the time he was about 10, he had started speaking it, he said.

Judaism, in general, was a big part of Rickman's upbringing, as he attended a modern Orthodox yeshiva.

He started in theater because it was either that or get a job, he quipped. He fell into Yiddish theater because he already knew the language. He also writes translations of original Yiddish shows.

There is a part of him, he said, that wants to make sure the language stays alive for his parents. But he also just enjoys speaking it because of how fun and expressive the language is.

"The defining difference between Yiddish theater and non-Yiddish theater is the language," Rickman explained. "People ... think it's a style of acting. It isn't. Yiddish is a million different things, always was a million different things. Every possible style of theater was done in a Yiddish, and every possible style of theater was done successfully in Yiddish."

"When you do something

with Yiddish now, the language is the musical soundtrack to the show. When you see it done well — like, for example, the Yiddish *Godot* that was done in New York a couple of years ago — it lends a flavor to the material that it wouldn't otherwise have. It's like it has some music playing underneath it, and of course, the feeling of authenticity. There's something about it. It's like it becomes the set or a costume. It's what the actors are wrapped in; it's the air they're walking around in."

Though he is probably best known for his Yiddish theater, his biggest passion is comedy, he said, so *The Sunshine Boys* is a great opportunity.

"It's always interesting to do character stuff," Rickman said. "A lot of acting is basically putting yourself in this situation or that situation with variations: What if I were myself but slightly more this kind of person or that kind of person? Whereas heavy character work, where you become somebody completely different — how you look, how you talk, how you walk — that's more interesting and more fun." •

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Cookie-Making for Purim with Young Bakers

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WHO BETTER TO enlist in Purim baking than children between the ages of 3 and 10? They are eager bakers and always have time. With Purim falling on March 20, it's time to start making cookies.

Warning: There will be lots of errant flour on floors and counters. But the fun you'll have is well worth it.

Here are some tips for guiding tiny, impulsive fingers into achieving sensational cookies:

- Bake with no more than three young bakers. One or two is ideal.
- You'll need step stools or sturdy chairs so that each child can see the mixing bowl and every phase of the process.
- Because young bakers become fidgety, before getting started, measure the ingredients into paper cups, the way chefs do on TV.
- If there is more than one child, divide the ingredients in halves or thirds so that each baker has the opportunity to add every ingredient.
- An adult should crack open

eggs so the shells don't fly into the dough and to avoid contact with salmonella.

- Hold the electric beater with preschoolers, unless you don't mind dough landing on the ceiling.
- Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Let each child write his or her name or draw a picture on the parchment they'll be using. Children love knowing which cookies they created.

Prepare extra cookies so young bakers can nibble right away. With the scent of warm cookies in the air, who wants to wait for Purim to take a taste?

CHOCOLATE CHIP MERINGUES | PAREVE

Yield: four dozen meringues

If your oven can't accommodate four cookie sheets at once, make half of this recipe at a time. Make this recipe at Passover, too.

Parchment paper
4 jumbo eggs
1 cup sugar
1 (12-ounce) bag semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Preheat your oven to 275 degrees. Line four cookie sheets with parchment paper. Reserve.

Crack the eggs. Let the egg whites fall into a large mixing bowl. Discard the yolks or save them for another purpose.

Gradually add the sugar, beating well until the mixture turns stiff and shiny. It should increase in volume and form stiff peaks. Do not overbeat. Use a spoon or spatula to fold in the chocolate morsels.

A generous teaspoon at a time, drop the dough on the parchment paper. Bake for 35 minutes. With the oven door closed, turn off the oven and keep the cookies in the oven for an hour or until they are firm. Move to platters to cool.

HASHTAG PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES | DAIRY OR PAREVE

Yield: three dozen

Parchment paper
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter at room temperature, or ½ cup (1 stick) chilled margarine
½ cup white sugar
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg, well beaten by hand
½ teaspoon vanilla
1½ cups flour, plus extra for coating a fork
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground ginger
¾ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup creamy peanut butter

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees. Line 3 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Using an electric mixer, cream the butter or margarine and sugar until light and

creamy. (Do not overmix the margarine.) Add the egg, vanilla, flour, salt, ginger and baking soda. Mix until thoroughly combined. Add the peanut butter and mix well.

If using margarine, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes before continuing.

With a teaspoon, break off pieces of dough. In your palm roll into balls about ¾-inch across. Place the balls on the parchment paper about an inch apart.

Dip a fork in flour. Flatten the balls with the fork into thick disks, making marks at right angles, creating hashtags. Bake for 5 to 10 minutes, until light brown and firm.

OLD FASHIONED OATMEAL RAISIN COOKIES | DAIRY OR PAREVE

Yield: four dozen

If your oven can't accommodate 4 cookie sheets at once, make half of this recipe at a time.

Parchment paper
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter



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at room temperature,
or ½ cup (1 stick) chilled
margarine
6 tablespoons white sugar
6 tablespoons brown sugar
¾ teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
¾ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
1 cup uncooked oatmeal
1 cup raisins

Line 4 cookie sheets with parchment paper. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter or margarine, both sugars and vanilla, until light and creamy. Beat in the egg.

Sift together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves. In 3 batches, add to the creamed mixture and beat until well-combined. Add the oatmeal and raisins and mix on low

speed until just combined. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto the parchment paper. Bake for 8-10 minutes, until golden brown.

**CHOCOLATE EXPLOSION
MACAROONS | DAIRY**
Yield: four dozen

If your oven can't accommodate 4 cookie sheets at once, make half of this recipe at a time.

2 ounces unsweetened
baking chocolate
2½ cups blanched slivered
almonds
¼ cup dark chocolate
morsels
2 sheets of parchment paper
1 (12 ounce) can evaporated
milk
½ cup cream
¾ teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon almond extract
½ teaspoon sugar

1 (7 ounce) bag,
or 2½ cups
sweetened
coconut flakes

With young children, do this step in advance so they don't burn themselves: Fill the bottom portion of a double boiler with 2 inches of water. Place the chocolate squares in the top portion and assemble the double boiler, including the lid.

Place double boiler on a medium flame. Bring water to a simmer. Stir occasionally until chocolate melts. Turn off the flame. Remove the top portion from the bottom. Cool covered to room temperature and reserve.

Place the almonds and chocolate morsels in a food processor and process until the almonds are chopped fine and coated with chocolate. Reserve.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line four cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, mix on low speed the melted chocolate, evaporated milk, cream, vanilla, almond extract and sugar until just combined. The chocolate will look like small dots.

Add the coconut and ground almond mixture. Stir to combine by hand. The dough

should appear loose.

Drop half of the batter by teaspoons onto two parchment lined cookie sheets. Place them in the oven and bake for 7 minutes. Move the upper cookie sheet to the lower position and vice versa. Bake for another 8 minutes. The cookies should appear barely ready — do not over bake. Repeat with the remainder of the batter. ●



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Leviticus Asks Tough Societal Questions

BY RABBI JOSHUA WAXMAN

PARSHAT VAYIKRAH

EVERY YEAR AROUND this time we complete our reading of the Book of Exodus and roll over into Leviticus.

Suddenly, our Torah reading is all sacrifices and blood, skin diseases and emissions. For casual modern readers, the contents of this book can feel far from edifying. It can feel irrelevant, confusing and even offensive. What gives?

The key to Leviticus, which we begin reading this week, is recognizing that the ancient Israelites were a community that asked and grappled with important questions about how we are supposed to function as a society.

What does it mean to create a society where God can truly dwell in our midst? What happens when members of that society misbehave — how does it threaten society at large and what responsibilities do we have, individually and communally, to respond? How do we articulate certain collective ideals and values while still making room for people who don't conform to them? Who can remain part of our society and when is someone beyond the pale? How much do the intentions

behind our actions matter?

These questions, which form the living heart of Leviticus, are ones for which we are still urgently attempting to figure out answers in our time. In an increasingly polarized society, how can we — should we be? — in relationship with someone whose opinions and beliefs are inimical to our own?

In a time of growing awareness about behavior that we now recognize as unacceptable but was often excused in the past — perhaps making advances on a subordinate, or wearing blackface to a party — when can someone who has done something wrong be rehabilitated and when does that wrongdoing keep them beyond the bounds of society? How do racist or xenophobic views held by some impact society as a whole, and what steps do we need to take to purge the damage they cause to our moral fabric?

None of these questions has easy answers, then or now. But the genius of Leviticus is that it took these abstract, conceptual questions that are at the heart of how we try to build an ethical and righteous society and made them concrete, practical and actionable.

The sacrifices, according to many Biblical scholars, were a system that wiped clean the moral contamination that resulted from individual and communal misdeeds, allowing the society to view these wrongs as expiated. The distinction between *tahor* and *tamei* — ritually pure and impure allowed the ancient Israelites to know what circumstances put someone beyond the bounds of the camp, literally as well as figuratively, and provided a prescribed procedure for bringing someone back in.

Similarly, the institution of the Day of Atonement, described in chapter 16 of this book, provided the community with a means to atone, to expiate the offenses they had committed before God and one another in a cathartic celebration that allowed them to move forward with reassurance and hope.

All of these rituals, and so many others described throughout the course of the book, are intended to uphold and promote holiness. As God instructs, “You shall be holy for I the Lord your God am holy.” (Lev. 19:2) The Israelites were aspiring to build a society that placed holiness at the center, that recognized that whatever actions take place between

people are not merely personal and private, but involve and implicate God as well.

With this awareness, we are called on to assume the extra responsibility of realizing just how significant our behavior is, not only on an interpersonal scale but on a cosmic one as well. When we fall short, we must make amends not only to the person we have harmed but to God as well, and we are given the gift of a specific path that tells us how.

Imagine if we held to this standard today! Imagine if we took seriously the command, “You shall not wrong one another but shall fear your God, for I am the Lord your God. Rather you shall observe My laws and faithfully keep My rules, that you may live upon the land in security.” (Lev. 25:17-18)

Imagine if instead of trying to evade responsibility for our shortcomings — to vehemently deny them until caught, then practice damage control by “apologizing to anyone who might have been offended” — we acknowledged and accepted them, realizing that our society can only become better by recognizing our shared responsibility for building an ethical and loving world and the critical role

that all of us play in increasing or diminishing holiness.

The ritualized answers Leviticus provides were attempts to grapple with the questions we ask as a society, and the harm that occurs when they are left unresolved. They paint the picture of a society built around a mission and purpose — of realizing holiness through our everyday behavior and actions.

Although the specific answers and remedies Leviticus provides may not speak to us in our own time, as we read through Leviticus in the months ahead we should appreciate — and learn from — the society that had the courage to ask these questions and the audacity to seek ways to confront them head on. •

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Books

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a Boston bike messenger named Zesty Myers — introduced in Abramowitz's 2017 debut *Bosstown* — who has an interesting past. His mother was a radical bomb-tossing bank robber who's been missing for years, while his father, now afflicted with Alzheimer's, used to run poker games and had a shady role as a “fixer.” Meanwhile, brother Zero runs a moving/storage company.

Zesty's own past is a bit muddled, too, as he once refused to testify before a federal grand

jury in a tax evasion case.

At the beginning of the book, Zesty's performing at a stand-up comedy club (his other passion in life) when a homicide detective who was involved in the tax evasion case shows up with a *Boston Globe* reporter.

A Molotov cocktail is thrown at the reporter, who isn't badly injured, and sets into motion a series of events, including wondering which of her stories prompted the attempted hit. Those stories dig into the gentrification of Boston, gangs infiltrating midnight basketball leagues and Eastern Europeans laundering

money through real estate, among other things.

That's a lot to process, and your head likely will be starting to spin 100 pages in. Everything does get explained by the end — assuming you're still reading — but Abramowitz might benefit by adhering to Occam's razor, the principle of logic that says the simplest explanation is usually the correct one.

Unfortunately, in a day and age when even a superhero's back story is complicated enough to stretch a 90-minute movie into one lasting 2½ hours, we're likely to see even fewer Occam adherents. •



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From Pittsburgh to Selma: Civil Rights Through a Jewish Lens

"WHEN THE SHOOTING in Pittsburgh happened, it was a wakeup call for me as a Jew," Jan Kushner, 33, said. "It brought up an aspect of being Jewish in America I hadn't thought about before" — revealing how her Judaism connected her to the larger struggles against American bigotry. She wanted to know more.

And so this past February, she headed south on National Young Leadership Cabinet's Civil Rights Mission: a four-day trip to Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery.

"This was an easy trip to say yes to," Kushner said.

National Young Leadership Cabinet (NYLC), or Cabinet, is The Jewish Federations of North America's flagship leadership program. Its members are philanthropic-minded 30- and 40-somethings intent on building strong local and global Jewish communities, and are ready to be groomed into leaders. Cabinet members from across the country volunteer together; gather at retreats, conferences and social events; network with 4,000 alumni; and embark on travel for learning experiences through a Jewish lens.

The Civil Rights Mission was powerful for Kushner, a first-year Cabinet member.

Joined by half of the Philadelphia delegation and a large group of Cabinet members and alumni from across the country, she walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge — where in 1965 a peaceful march for voting rights was attacked by state troopers with batons and tear gas — and met with activist Joanne Bland, who survived that "Bloody Sunday."

She visited the 16th Street Baptist Church, where four young girls were killed in a 1963 bombing. She also had Shabbat dinner at Birmingham's Temple Beth El, whose members' support of desegregation had targeted the shul for an attempted dynamite bombing in 1954. In learning about Jews' long alliance in the African-American struggle, Kushner was moved to hear a rabbi speak of our own



experience as Egyptian slaves, and of the subsequent obligation to treat others fairly and to protect the vulnerable.

"The trip was very timely, very present, very sobering," she said. "I feel very lucky to have participated." And she's looking forward to more.

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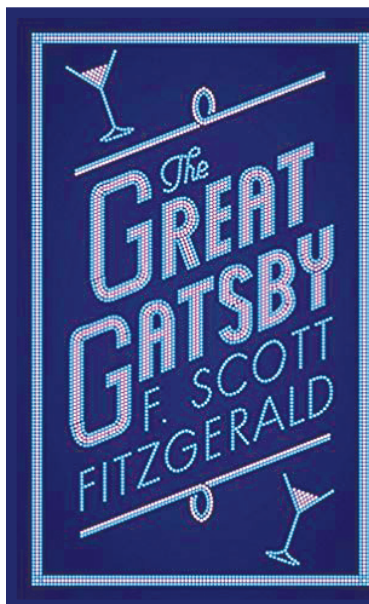
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Current events group with Bob Rubin at 8:30 a.m. **Beth Shalom Congregation**. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

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Sherrie Turetsky, director of the School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour "Mommy & Me" class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Biblical Commentaries.

Study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible. **Har Zion Temple**, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Jewish Theater History.

Learn the history behind Jewish theater-making and what makes a play Jewish at 11:15 a.m. Explore topics ranging from the Purimspiel to the turn of the last century's Yiddish theater to today's contemporary Jewish theater. **Shir Ami**. 101 Richboro Road, Newtown.

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Torah Study.

Join Rabbi Peter Rigler and **Temple Sholom in Broomall** once a month to study the Torah portion the week before Saturday morning services. This week's Torah portion is "Vayikra." 8:45 a.m. Contact the temple office with questions and to RSVP at 610-356-5165. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.

Torah, Bagels, Coffee.

Begin Shabbat morning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am** with an interactive, engaging discussion of the weekly portion including bagels and coffee at 9 a.m. followed by a peer-led Shabbat service at 10:15 a.m. Casual

dress is appropriate, and everyone is welcome. For more information, call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Torah Study.

Each week, **our Main Line Reform Temple** rabbis lead us as we read from the parashah, or weekly portion, and learn about its context and history. There is always a lively discussion and anyone is welcome. Call 610-649-7800 for information. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Andalusian Music.

Congregation Mikveh Israel and the **Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia** invite you to join us for the continuation of the Andalusian music event, with services beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a Moroccan lunch, during which three musicians will speak. Reservations are required for lunch. Call 215-922-5446 to make reservations. 44 N. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

Tot Shabbat.

Young Families Minis join us for monthly Shabbat gatherings led by Young Family member and **Tiferet Bet Israel** congregant David Kuperstein featuring singing, storytelling and other interactive experiences. Each service will be approximately 40 minutes followed by a bimah adventure to help lead "Adon Olam" in the main sanctuary. 11:15 a.m. 1920 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.

Comedy Night.

Join **Congregation Kol Emet** for an evening of fun featuring three comedians, sushi and hors d'oeuvres, silent auction items including timeshares and weekend getaways, free babysitting and more. RSVP at goo.gl/forms/v5is3ADgLoojDcto1. 7 p.m. 1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley.

Persian Musical.

The Beth Am Players Present "A Purim Shpiel – Esther, A Persian Musical," based on the Tony-winning musical *Hamilton*. Dialogue and parody lyrics by Jamie Marx. 7:30 p.m. at **Old York Road Temple – Beth Am**. \$10-18. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Israeli Film Festival.

The 23rd annual **Israeli Film Festival** looks to be the most controversial. The three-week festival features movies that deal with infidelity, stolen identity, rights of the developmentally challenged and the meaning of home. \$6-18. 8:30 p.m. at Lightbox Film Center, 3701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Author Event.

Author event: *Red Hot Mama: The Life of Sophie Tucker* with Lauren Rebecca Sklaroff. This program is sponsored by the Meyers Library, Women of KI, and KI Adult Education. The free program at 10 a.m. is followed by a light brunch. *Red Hot Mama* is a biography of Sophie Tucker, who became one of the most powerful people in show business. For more information, call 215-887-8700.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Purim Carnival.

Join us for this Purim carnival featuring costumes, prizes, games and hamentaschen. 10 a.m. **Congregation Brothers of Israel**. 530 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown.

Border Discussion.

Rabbi Claudio Kogan, director of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine's new Institute for Bioethics and Social Justice and an immigrant from Argentina, will lead a discussion on the current situation at the U.S./Mexico border. 10:15 a.m. **Congregation Rodeph Shalom** 615 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Purim Carnival.

Come visit the jkidphilly table for Purim crafts and enjoy games, face painting, inflatables, food and fun at the Purim Carnival. Cost is \$10/family or \$5/person pre-sale, \$15/family or \$10/person at the door. Cash only. **Congregation Adath Jeshurun**, 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mandolin Performance.

Mandolin sensation Shmuel Elbaz and his ensemble of Netivot and Sedot Negev musicians will join members of the Philadelphia Orchestra for a Philadelphia premiere in a thrilling reunion with medleys from Andalusia,

the Middle East and a touch of the classics. 1 p.m. \$5. **KleinLife**, 10100 Jamison Ave., Philadelphia. Also at 4:30 p.m. at **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 120 Easton Road, Glenside. Also at 7 p.m. March 18 at **Colonial Theatre**, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville.

Museum Tour.

The **Interfaith Multicultural Connection** will host a trip to The National Liberty Museum at 321 Chestnut St. in Philadelphia. A coach bus will leave from the parking lot of Old York Road Temple – Beth Am in Abington at approximately 1:30 p.m. After a guided tour, guests will be taken to The Kennedy House at 1901 JFK Blvd. for a buffet dinner and speaker. The bus will return to the synagogue at approximately 9 p.m. The cost for the entire day is \$35 per person. Due to space limitations, participation is limited to 50 people. For more information call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

'No One is Alone.'

The Bob and Estelle Richter Hazak Fund presents *No One is Alone: The Jewish Tradition on Broadway* by soprano Sarah Baumgarten at 2 p.m. Enjoy works by Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Bernstein, Loesser, Bock and Harnick, Sondheim, Hamlisch and Schwartz. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Call 856-912-7317 for more information. **Temple Beth Sholom**, 1901 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Bonhoeffer Oratio.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church presents a theater piece featuring the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor, Nazi resistor and one of the most influential Christian theologians of the 20th century. *Bonhoeffer* was conceived as a concert work in a theatrical context by composer Thomas Lloyd. 4 p.m. \$5-20. 625 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr.

▼ MONDAY, MARCH 18

Hatha Yoga.

Women come together in this weekly, open to the community yoga class to practice balance, muscle strength and stillness through yoga. All ages, health levels and experience

are represented. The class is \$5 for the hour, with no prior reservation needed. Feel free to email questions to MLRT member and teacher Eileen Edman at Eedman@comcast.net. 9 a.m. **Main Line Reform Temple**, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Eleanor Roosevelt Live.

Henrietta Szold Group of Hadassah presents Linda Kenyon portraying Eleanor Roosevelt and telling her life story, \$6. 10 a.m. Super Giant, 2nd floor Corporate Center, 315 Old York Road, Willow Grove.

Talmud Class.

The rabbinic prohibitions against shaming another often lie in stark contrast to stories of shaming and competition among those very same rabbis. This class begins by examining texts on monetary compensation for shaming (Who must pay? How much? For what kinds of shaming?) and then moves on to examine stories of rabbis shaming one another. The course asks the overarching question – what is the Talmud trying to tell us about shame/shaming? 10:30 a.m. **Har Zion Temple** 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Adult Education.

Adult education: A Civil War Soldier's Story with Jim Rubillo. The story of a long-forgotten Philadelphia native who fought and survived four years of fighting including Gettysburg, Stone Mountain, Fredericksburg, Atlanta and Sherman's March to the Sea. After marching more than 1,000 miles, he went on to live his life with pain and quiet dignity. \$10 per class. For more information, call 215-887-8700.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mahjong.

Play and learn from 12:30-2 p.m. with the HSA of the Noreen Cook Center for Early Childhood Education and the Sisterhood of **Har Zion Temple** in weekly community open mahjong play. You may bring a kosher dairy lunch or dairy/parve kosher snacks. Call 610-667-500 for information. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No



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Book Club.

Join the Sylvia C. Cohen MBIEE Sisterhood Book Club for *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, a novel by Heather Morris. It's an illuminating tale of hope and courage based on the interviews conducted with Auschwitz-Birkenau tattooist Ludwig (Lale) Sokolov. A love story in the midst of atrocity. Free and open to the entire community. For more information, contact **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**. Office: 215-635-1505. Email: office@mbiee.org. 2 p.m. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Designer Bag Bingo.

Women of KI presents Designer Bag Bingo. Win a designer handbag while having fun playing bingo. Pizza available: \$2 per slice or \$12 per pizza. \$40 per person at the door. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mahjong.

Join the Sisterhood of **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El** for our weekly friendly mahjong game. Open to the entire kehillah. No charge for MBIEE sisterhood members. One-time charge of \$36 includes membership to the MBIEE Sisterhood. Contact 215-635-1505 or vp-rebecca@mbiee.org for further information. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Jewish Playwrights.

In this interactive hands-on class presented by **Golden Slipper Gems**, we will read and discuss 10-minute plays by American Jewish playwrights to answer the question, what are they writing? Each session will focus on a different theme, time period or issue, including Biblical Midrash, American history, the Shoah, American Jewish identity, Israel, family and faith. 10 a.m. Adatah Israel Synagogue. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.

Book Club.

Old York Road Temple – Beth Am Book Club will be reading *This Is Your Life, Harriet Chance!* by Jonathan

Evison. With her husband Bernard now in the grave, 79-year-old Harriet Chance sets sail on an ill-conceived Alaskan cruise only to discover through a series of revelations that she's been living the past 60 years of her life under entirely false pretenses. 10:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week at noon. This session will be led by Rabbi Joel Seltzer. All are welcome. At BDO USA, LLP. 1801 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week at noon. This session will be led by Rabbi Robert Alpert. All are welcome. **Congregation Adath Jeshurun** library. 7763 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mahjong.

Our mahjong group meets at 1 p.m. in the **Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel** synagogue chapel, to play the game, have fun and raise money for *tikkun olam*. Have you heard of mahjong and want to learn to play? Are you new in town looking for the game? Have you lived in town and want a new group to play with? We're always looking for new players. We ask for a \$4 donation per session. 303 S. 18th St., Philadelphia.

Film Presentation.

Library film: *The Counterfeiters* (2007). The story of the Operation Bernhard, the largest counterfeiting operation in history, carried out by Germany during WWII. 1 p.m. Don't miss another opportunity to see this movie at 7 p.m. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Passover Skills.

How to prepare for Passover with a new twist with The Challah Ladies. 6:30 p.m. Contact 215-886-8000 for more information. **Old York Road Temple – Beth Am**. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

▼ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Trust Your Gut.

The human body is filled with a variety of microorganisms that help

us stay healthy. From allergies to diabetes to arthritis, our personal microbiome helps bolster our immune system and keep us healthy. Join **Jewish Family and Children's Service** and Lankenau Medical Center for a chance to learn about new research into microbiomes and how you can build and maintain a healthy gut. Presented by Sunil Thomas, a biomedical researcher working on immunotherapies and vaccines at the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research. 11 a.m. 345 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week at 12:30 p.m. This session will be led by Rabbi Gary Charlestein. All are welcome. At Premier Dental Products offices. 1710 Romano Drive, Norristown.

Bereavement Group.

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

Chinese Purim Dinner.

Join us for Purim dinner followed by the Megillah reading at **Congregation Brothers of Israel**. Bring a can of kosher food for the food pantry, too. \$36. 5:30 p.m. 530 Washington Crossing Road, Newtown.

Erev Purim Shpiel.

Erev Purim shpiel and service: The Megillah According to John Hughes – Esther's '80's Prom. Our annual festive Purim celebration begins with a brown bag dinner at 6:30 p.m.,

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followed by a 7 p.m. Megillah reading, with teen readers, Shir Joy singing, and then "The Megillah According to John Hughes – Esther's '80's Prom," this year's Purim shpiel. For more information, call 215-887-8700.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Jewish Speed Dating.

Join us for a night of great conversations with Jewish singles in their 20s and 30s at the Infusion Lounge. Check in is at 6:45 p.m. After the speed dating event, join us for a singles mixer to socialize more without being timed. Within 24 hours after the event, we'll email you your matches. Email or message us at facebook.com/besinglenomore or at besinglenomore@gmail.com if you have questions. 16 S. Second St., 2nd Floor, Philadelphia.

Mahjong.

Old York Road Temple-Beth Am will host a drop-in mahjong game at 7 p.m. Bring your cards. Mahjong sets and cards will be for sale. Call 215-886-8000 for information. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Adult Megillah Reading.

Purim celebration with tales from the Megillat Esther. Sample an assortment of ales, craft beers and other spirits. Bring a box of pasta to use as your



▼ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Purim Event.

The king's all shook up in Shushan. Put your blue suede shoes on and come get "All Shook Up" with the Kings of Rock & Roll: Jake Kriger, Rabbi Adam Zeff and the GJC Choir, along with the ginchiest G'vanim groovers and a host of all your friends for a wild Purim like no other.

7 p.m. **Germantown Jewish Centre.** 400 W. Ellet St., Philadelphia.

Purim Spiel.

Come hear a retelling of the Purim story with songs to the tunes from *The Greatest Showman* at **Temple Sholom in Broomall**. Contact the temple office with questions at 610-

356-5165. Open to all ages. 7 p.m. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.

Purim Event.

Invite your friends and family to our open house Purim Megillah and party. We'll have a live reading of the Megillah as interpreted and chanted by Rabbi Robert Alpert. Noisemakers

and a skit by our talented Purim Players and special guest appearance by Rabbi Charles Sherman strutting in costume with the Fralinger String Band. For details, call the office at 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 7 p.m. at **Melrose B'Nai Israel Emanu-El**. 8839 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

grogger and to be donated to the local food pantry. 7 p.m. For more information, call 215-886-8000. **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Mahjong Strategy Class.

The Sisterhood of **Old York Road Temple – Beth Am** will offer a three-week strategy and defensive playing mahjong class at 7 p.m. Come learn strategies and defensive playing techniques. \$45.

Call 215-886-8000. 971 Old York Road, Abington. Call 215-886-8000.

▼ THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Current Events.

Current events group with Bob Rubin at 8:30 a.m. **Beth Sholom Congregation**. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mommy and Me.

Sherrie Turetsky, director of the School of Early Learning at **Old York Road Temple-Beth Am**, will lead a weekly one-hour "Mommy & Me" class at 9:30 a.m. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Biblical Commentaries.

Study the commentaries found in the Hertz Chumash, the Etz Hayim Chumash and the commentaries of modern biblical scholars to deepen our understanding of the first book of the Bible. **Har Zion Temple**, 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley.

Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Jewish Theater History.

Learn the history behind Jewish theater-making and what makes a play Jewish at 11:15 a.m. Explore topics ranging from the Purimspiel to the turn of the last century's Yiddish theater to today's contemporary Jewish theater. **Shir Ami**. 101 Richboro Road, Newtown.

Adult Education.

Adult Education: *All the President's Men* (1976) film, presented by Evonne and Isaak Kruger. *The Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein uncover the details of the Watergate scandal that leads to President Richard Nixon's resignation. \$10 per class. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Book Group.

Come to the book discussion group at noon with Rita and MaryAnn, a joint venture program by **Northeast NORC** and the **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim**. The book selected is *Ghost of Hannah Mendes* by Naomi Ragen, an American-Israeli modern Orthodox Jewish author and playwright. \$2 donation. Light refreshments. Call 215-677-1600 for details. Transportation is available through Northeast NORC at 215-320-0351. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

Canasta.

Weekly drop-in canasta game at 1 p.m. with the Sisterhood of **Ohev Shalom of Bucks County**. \$2 donation. Lessons by request. Call 215-958-6755 for information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

Old Comrades Band.

Marches. Show tunes. Overtures. Join Hilltoppers of **Temple Sholom in Broomall** as we welcome the band Old Comrades. About 30 years ago, alumni of Abington High School, who formerly played in the high school band, decided to get together again to play music. More alumni heard about the gathering and wanted to join. Now, there are more than 36 members in the band. 1:30 p.m. Free for Hilltoppers members. Suggested \$5 for guests. Light refreshments will be served. Contact the temple office with questions at 610-356-5165. 55 N. Church Lane, Broomall.

1960s Purim.

Experience the spirit of the 1960s at 5 p.m. at **B'nai Abraham Chabad**. Dress in your groovy '60s outfit or costume of your choice. Full buffet dinner of '60s-style food. Live music. Open bar. Magic show for kids. Admission: Adult \$30, child (2-12) \$12. Family max: \$75. 527 Lombard St., Philadelphia. ●



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ENGAGEMENTS

► WIENER-BORSACK

Lisa and Jack Wiener of Holland, along with Charlene and Scott Borsack of West Windsor, New Jersey, announce the engagement of their children, Stephanie Alyse Wiener and David Benjamin Borsack.

Sharing the excitement are Stephanie's grandfather Don Golden, grandmother Gail Wiener and sister and brother-in-law, Cayla (Wiener) and Kevin Osborn. Stephanie is the granddaughter of the late Gladys Golden and Jerry Wiener.

Also celebrating the couple are David's grandparents Shirley and Sheldon Reich, Barbara and Leon Borsack, and David's sister, Erica Borsack.

Stephanie is a global email marketing associate manager for Michael Kors in New York City, and David has accepted a position, post-graduation from law school, as an associate with Cole Schotz in its corporate law department.

The couple is planning a 2020 wedding.



► GREENBAUM-ZELL

Sari and Roy Greenbaum of Bucks County announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ivy Greenbaum, to Adam Matthew Zell, son of Vicki and Brian Zell of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Nicole is a graduate of Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She is the communications and outreach coordinator and a senior research grants and contracts specialist at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia.

Adam graduated from Duke University with a bachelor's in political science and is a chartered financial analyst (CFA) charterholder. He is the chief financial officer for ResinTech in West Berlin, New Jersey.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Nicole's sister and brother-in-law, Erica Greenbaum and Philip Millspaugh, and Adam's sisters, Cantor Shanna Zell and Alyssa Zell.

Nicole is the granddaughter of Frances and the late Sherman (Duff) Greenbaum and the late Bluma (Blanche) and Henry Z. Boim.

Adam is the grandson of Sarita and the late Samuel R. Zell and the late Shirley and Harold Ifshin.

A May wedding is planned in Philadelphia.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KI Rabbi Honored With Rabbinic Chair

REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH Israel will honor its longtime rabbi, Lance Sussman, from April 11-13 with a weekend of events, including the dedication of a rabbinic chair.

The weekend will celebrate Sussman's 18 years of service at the synagogue.

A Shabbat service at 8 p.m. on April 12 will include the rabbinic chair celebration, as well as guest speaker Sam Katz, a filmmaker and former Philadelphia mayoral candidate. Sussman and Katz are working on a documentary about the Philadelphia Jewish experience.

In addition, actor and comedian Kevin Pollak — Moishe Maisel in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* — will perform the following day at 8:30 p.m.

Sussman is the chair-elect of the board of governors of Gratz College, past president of the Association for Progressive Judaism and former chair of the Jewish Studies Department at Binghamton University-SUNY, among other positions. He also has published numerous books and articles.



NMAJH Announces Immigrant Exhibition

"Sara Berman's Closet" — an installation of an immigrant woman's belongings — will be the National Museum of American Jewish History's next special exhibition.

The exhibition, which will run from April 5 through Sept. 2, will include the museum's first public art installation at Fifth and Market streets.

"Sara Berman's Closet," as adapted from the namesake's closet in her studio apartment in New York City's West Village, was recreated by Maira and Alex Kalman, her daughter and grandson. The Kalmans' book of the same title is a 2019 National Jewish Book Award finalist.

A native of Belarus, Berman, who died in 2004, moved to Palestine in 1932 as a young girl, witnessed the creation of Israel and raised her two daughters there. At the age of 60, she left an unhappy marriage and moved to New York, where she lived in a studio apartment whose remarkable closet is replicated in the exhibit.

Reconstructing Judaism Hosts Ethics Conference

Reconstructing Judaism hosted an ethics conference on March 10-11 that also celebrated the career of Rabbi David Teutsch, a former president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

The conference at the National Museum of American Jewish History brought together scholars, rabbis from all four branches and the public to talk about ethical Jewish issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and gender and power dynamics.

Conference participants included Rabbi Julia Watts Belser, who teaches in the theology department at Georgetown University and focuses on queer theory, feminist thought and environmental ethics; and Paul Root Wolpe, a professor of Jewish bioethics and neuroscience at Emory University.

Teutsch founded the Center for Jewish Ethics in 1994, is a former president of the Society of Jewish Ethics and is recognized for contributions to Jewish bioethics and speech ethics.

Resolution Touts Pittsburgh Gun Violence Reduction Efforts

Philadelphia City Councilmember Allan Domb introduced a resolution calling on the state Legislature and Gov. Tom Wolf to recognize the efforts of Pittsburgh City Councilmembers to protect citizens from acts of gun violence following the massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue building.

"As a Philadelphia City Council, we must stand up and support the work of our colleagues in Pittsburgh as they work to protect citizens from gun violence," Domb said. "Acts of hate and violence should never be tolerated and as leaders we must implement common sense measures to safeguard people." •

BIRTH

► JONAH AIDEN FALK HEITNER

Sandy and Jerry Heitner of King of Prussia announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Jonah Aiden Falk Heitner, on Feb. 5.

Jonah is the son of Debra Falk and Reese Heitner, and his maternal grandparents are Rena and Rick Falk of Highland Park, New Jersey.



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IN RE: ADOPTION OF J.K.Y.

A hearing has been scheduled on a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights with regard to J.K.Y. The Court has set a hearing to consider this petition. That hearing will be held on 4/24/19 at 10:00 a.m., Court Rm. 260, Bucks County Justice Center, 100 N. Main St., Doylestown, PA 18901. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set for below to find out where you can get legal help: Bucks County Lawyer Referral Service 135 E. State St., P.O. Box 300, Doylestown, PA 18901, 215.348.3277. NOTICE REQUIRED BY ACT 101 OF 2010 - 23 Pa. C.S. §§2731-2742 - IN RE: J.K.Y. - To: Marytheresa Ann Friend McDonough - This is to inform you of an important option that may be available to you under PA law. Act 101 of 2010 allows for an enforceable voluntary agreement for continuing contact or communication following an adoption between an adoptive parent, a child, a birth parent and/or a birth relative of the child, if all parties agree and the voluntary agreement is approved by the court. The agreement must be signed and approved by the court to be legally binding. A birth relative is defined only as a parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling, uncle or aunt of the child's birth family, whether the relationship is by blood, marriage or adoption. This voluntary agreement may allow you to have continuing contact or communication, including, but not limited to: Letters and/or emails; Photo and/or videos; Telephone calls and/or text messages; or Supervised or unsupervised visits. If you are interested in learning more about this option for a voluntary agreement, contact me at 267.898.0570, or your Atty. if you have one. SAMUEL C. TOTARO, JR., Atty. for Petitioner, CURTIN & HEFFNER, LLP, 2005 S. Easton Rd., Ste. 100, Doylestown, PA 18901, 267.898.0570.

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ESTATE OF Mamie M. Garrafa; aka Mae Garrafa (unrecorded); aka Mamie Mary Garrafa DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Solum Lab, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: Winfield Solutions, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 3/20/2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Armor Seed, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: Winfield Solutions, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 10/20/2017.

BUSINESS CORPORATION - Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State for HEALTHCARE TRANSPORTATION, INC., a corporation organized under the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.
KEITH MARLOW, Solicitor
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Notice is hereby given that CAPITAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC., a foreign corporation formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey and with its principal office located 750 Brunswick Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08638, has registered to do business in Pennsylvania with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA, on 3/1/19, under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988. The registered office in Pennsylvania shall be deemed for venue and official publication purposes to be located in Philadelphia County.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and claimants of FP1096, INC., a business corporation, that the shareholders have approved a proposal that the corporation dissolve voluntarily and that the board of directors is now engaged in winding up and settling the affairs of the corporation under the provisions of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

Conestoga High School Rugby Football Club has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.
Reidenbach & Associates
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Wayne, PA 19087

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Notice is hereby given that Nia Therapeutics, Inc., a foreign corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware and with its principal office located 1900 Market St, Fl. 8, Philadelphia, PA 19103, has registered to do business in Pennsylvania with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, PA, on 2/14/19, under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Winfield United, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: Winfield Solutions, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 11/23/2016.

FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 19, 2018 for **DK Wood Designs** at 19 Rosy Ridge Court Telford, PA 18969. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Dianne Pueller at 19 Rosy Ridge Court Telford, PA 18969. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pa.C.S. 311.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of 54 Pa.C.S. § 311(g), of the filing of an application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the fictitious name of Mazuri Exotic Animal Nutrition, with its principal place of business at 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. The names and addresses of all parties to the registration are: PMI Nutrition International, LLC, 4001 Lexington Avenue North, Arden Hills, MN 55126. Pursuant to the Fictitious Names Act, an application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed on 7/2/2018.

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FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that a Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for **SoSulte** with a principal place of business located at 28-10 Jackson Ave., Apt 4S, Long Island City, NY 11101. The entity interested in the business is Nook Square Co with a principal address located at 28-10 Jackson Ave., Apt 4S, Long Island City, NY 11101 and with a registered address in this Commonwealth located at 1150 First Ave., Ste 511, King of Prussia, PA 19406 in Montgomery County. This is filed in compliance with Pa.C.S. 311.

PETITION NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that on February 19, 2019 the petition of Thomas M. Savell was filed praying a decree to change his name to Thomas M. DiSanto. The court has fixed April 5, 2019 at 10:30 am in room number 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing.

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BRUCKMAN

Vivienne Bruckman (nee Melnick), March 3, 2019, of Tuckahoe, NY; Wife of George Bruckman; Mother of Dr. Charles Korman (Rachel), Martin Korman (Elizabeth) and Paula Korman; Step-Mother of David Bruckman (Dena), Avrom Bruckman and Rina Jureller (Arthur); Grandmother of Jonathan (Alexandra), Samuel Aaron, Hayley and Samuel Jack; Step-Grandmother of Ilana, Talia, Bella, Chloe, Seth and Naomi; Great Grandmother of Miriam. Contributions in lieu of flowers be made to The Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

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BRUSKIN

Sidney Bruskin on March 4, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Sondra "Sunny". Adored father of Eric Bruskin and David (Phyllis) Bruskin. Loving grandfather of Benny. A veteran of WWII (Pacific Theatre). A mensch, a prince. Always concerned with the well-being of others. He cherished his Jewish heritage and lived it fully. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Rd., Bensalem, PA 19020.

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EDELSTEIN

Adeline Edelstein, of Portland Oregon, formerly of Homewood, Illinois and Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully in Portland on March 6, 2019. Born in Pittsburgh in 1925 to Anna J. (Wanetick) and Harry B. Herlick. Predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Joseph Edelstein and her brother and sisters, Lawrence Herlick, Florence Rudov and Estelle Weissburg. Loving mother of Stanley (Gail Granoff) Edelstein of Merion Station, Pennsylvania and Lois (Howard) Tobin of Tigard, Oregon and cherished grandmother of Jessica (Marc Levy) Edelstein and Jonathan Edelstein, both of Philadelphia, and aunt to many nieces and nephews and their children. Interment, Beth Abraham Cemetery, Pittsburgh. Services entrusted to Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., family owned and operated.

GORENSTEIN

Frederick, beloved husband of Lenore (Nemkof), Father of Joel (Michelle) Gorenstein and Scott Gorenstein, Brother of Herbert (Barbara) Gorenstein, and Grandfather of Sarah, passed away on February 28, 2019. Fred was a graduate of Northeast High School and Temple University. He worked for the Philadelphia Board of Education for many years at Northeast High School. Contributions in his memory may be made to any charity of your choice.

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KLIHOFF-DISHLER

Sonia Klimoff-Dishler(Feinberg). March 4, 2019. Mother of Louis Klimoff (Judith) and Dodi Klimoff (David). Mom-mom of Elizabeth, Gabriel (Ella), Jessica, and Irene. Step mother of Francine Elson (Irving) and George Dishler (Ellie). Step grandmother of Jacob, Aliza, Julianne, and Abby. Contributions in her memory may be made to Germantown Jewish Centre, Camp Galil, and National Democratic Redistricting Committee.

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LACHS

Phyllis S. Lachs (nee Seltzer), died peacefully on March 1, 2019. Wife of the late Samuel T. Mother of Susanna Lachs Adler (Dean), Michael E. Lachs, Joshua Lachs and the late Benjamin E. Lachs. Sister of Robert (Ellen B.) Seltzer. Grandmother of Anna (David) Tykocynski, Sara Adler and Matthew Lachs. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 2100 Arch St., Phila., PA 19103 or Temple Adath Israel.

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LEVIN

Lester Levin, age 98, died on March 2, 2019. He was the owner of his own paper company who resided in Aventura, Florida. Beloved husband of Berta (nee Yutkin) and the late Zelda (nee Glyman); loving father of Stephen (Joyce) Levin and Susan Fishbein; adored grandfather of Alan (Chantal), Mara (Aaron), Michael (Lindsay), Bobbi (Brad), and Matthew (Sharon); and also survived by 11 great-grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Glaucoma Research Foundation, 251 Post St., Ste. 600, San Francisco CA 94108 or The Abramson Center for Jewish Life, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454 or The Tay-Sachs Foundation, 2409 E. Luke Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85016.

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LIEBERMAN

Bertha Lieberman (nee Frankel), March 2, 2019. Wife of the late Herman. Mother of Bernard (Marjorie) Lieberman. Grandmother of Marissa (Adam) Broman and Lindsay Lieberman (Isaac Kardon). Great grandmother of Emilie and Isla Broman. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy, 15 E. Ridge Pike, Suite 100, Conshohocken, PA 19428.

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MOSS

Thelma Moss (nee Silberstein), on March 4, 2019. Wife of the late Robert E.; aunt of the late Myra Leipziger Hoffman (Martin); great-aunt of Marcy (Neil) Zod, Betsy (Neal) Kimberling, Linda (Steven) Prosser; great-great-aunt of Carly (Josh) Verb, Lane (Tori) Ackerman, Sydnee, Lenny and Jesse Prosser, and Lacy Kimberling; great-great-great-aunt of Shelby Verb. Contributions in her memory may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 100 N. 20th St., Suite 405, Phila. PA 19103 or Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 125 S. 9th St., Suite 202, Phila. PA 19107.

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MAYRON

Norma Goodman Mayron, 90, passed away comfortably at home surrounded by immediate family. She was the eldest daughter of Herman and Frances Goodman, sister of Sidney Goodman, deceased. Norma is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 68 years, David, her three children, Melanie, Shelly and Gale, and her four grandchildren, Olivia, Miles, Hudson and Jacob. She raised a family in Blue Bell. From Philadelphia, Norma was a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls, and Temple University with a degree in Secondary Education. She participated in Modern Dance and was a ping-pong aficionado all through college. Norma taught elementary school in the Philadelphia school system. She was a trailblazer as a small business owner, and a real estate agent for thirty years in Montgomery County. She took great pride in finding the right home for a family. Norma loved architecture, design, fashion, the Jersey Shore, and travel. She was an original, with a great sense of humor. Norma had a gift for collecting wonderful, caring people around her, because she was one as well. She will be immeasurably missed by all who knew her. Donations in her memory can be made to the Jewish National Fund to plant a tree in Israel and Philabundance. A memorial service will be held for Norma in April at Shannondell at Valley Forge.

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NAIDECH

Dr. Howard Jeffrey Naidech, a radiologist at Deborah Heart and Lung Center from 1982 to 2018, passed away on March 5, 2019. Husband of Rita (nee Axelrod). Father of Andrew Mark (Kristi) Naidech, Scott William (Amanda) Naidech, Justin Peter Naidech and the late Seth Alexander Naidech. Brother of Joyce Rubin (Barry Globerman) and Barbara (Andrew) Herzog. Grandfather of Anna Grace, Benjamin Isidore, Aden Michael and Harlie Elle Naidech. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities www.aaddpa.org

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NEWBORN

Susan Minna Newborn (nee Litman), on Sunday, March 3, 2019, of Falls Church, VA. Loving mother of Hannah (Brian) Schobel and Leah(Carson) Walker; dear sister of Anne (Harvey) Rubin; cherished grandmother of Samuel and Theodore Schobel, Rory and Asher Walker. Memorial contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood.

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NUMEROF

Roselle Numerof (nee Kingsman) on March 3, 2019. Wife of the late Sidney; mother of Robert Numerof (Robert Shepard), and the late Brenda (David) Laigale; grandmother of Grace and Jacob Laigale. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Germantown Jewish Centre, 400 W. Ellet St. Phila., Pa. 19119 or Abramson Senior Care.

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ROOMBERG

Mila Gray Roomberg, March 2, 2019. Beloved daughter of Daniel and Jessica (nee Klein). Cherished granddaughter of Betsy Agre Klein (Tim Garde), Shel Klein (Randi Backall), Alan Roomberg (Carol) and the late Nancy Roomberg of blessed memory. Adored great-granddaughter of Ronald Agre (Wanda), the late Gloria Agre, Myrna Klein (the late Sidney) and Margery Roomberg (the late Herbert). Loving niece of Alex Klein, David (Alison) Roomberg and Michael (Halley) Roomberg. Also survived by many loving cousins and extended family. Contributions in Mila's memory may be made to the Nancy Roomberg Memorial Fund c/o Congregation Or Ami 708 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444 (or) The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Neuro-fibromatosis Program.

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TOSE

Florence Tose, born May 16, 1919, died on March 3, 2019. She is survived by her son Steven and her daughter Fran. She was predeceased by her parents, Rebecca and Sam Sacker, her husband, Louis A. Tose, and her son Howard Tose.

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WEISS

Helen F. Weiss (nee Feuerstein), March 2, 2019. Wife of the late Eli. Mother of Ritchie (Linda) Weiss, Marc (Arlene) Weiss and Norman (Robin) Weiss. Sister of Samuel Firestone and Marvin Firestone. Grandmother of Matthew (Brittany) Weiss, Jason (Robin) Weiss, Joy (Scott) Gardner and Zachary Weiss, also survived by 6 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103 or the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, 1811 "R" Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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WILF

Dr. Cheryl Wilf (nee Myers) passed away on Feb. 28, 2019. Born on July 29, 1943 in Havertown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Ted and Rae Myers. She was a Kutztown Professor of Political Science. She is survived by her sons Adam (Jessica) Wilf and Ari (Gwen) Wilf; Sister of Elaine Wilderman; Bubbie of Ava, Hannah, Max, Kayla, Aaron, Serena and Aliya. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 30 S. 17th St., Ste 800, Phila., PA 19103, www.nationalmssociety.org

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NEWSMAKERS

The seventh- and eighth-graders at Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley met with Rabbi Moshe Cohn from Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center. Cohn is head of the Jewish World Section, International Seminars and Jewish World Department, and the International School for Holocaust Studies, at Yad Vashem.



▲ Rabbi Moshe Cohn Photo courtesy of Abrams Hebrew Academy

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On March 7, American Jewish Committee (AJC) Philadelphia hosted the second part of its Daniel Veloric Lecture Series, “The Legacy and Leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Future Challenges and Opportunities” at the Pyramid Club in Center City. The program featured two keynote speakers: Ben Jealous, former president and CEO of the NAACP, and civil rights activist Timothy K. Lewis, counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis.



▲ From left: Ben Jealous, keynote speaker and former president and CEO of the NAACP; Morris Gocial, AJC Philadelphia chairman; Oliver St. Clair Franklin, honorary consul of the United Kingdom; Timothy K. Lewis, keynote speaker and counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis; David Smith, AJC Philadelphia president; Dani Dayan, consul general of Israel in New York and inaugural Veloric Lecture keynote speaker; and Marcia Bronstein, AJC regional director Photos courtesy of American Jewish Committee Philadelphia



▲ Top row from left: David Smith; Marcia Bronstein; Charisse Lillie, CEO of CRL Consulting LLC; and Timothy K. Lewis. Bottom row from left: Daniel Veloric, sponsor of the AJC Veloric Lecture series, and Esther Ponnock

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Men’s Mission IV enjoyed a reunion at Chops Restaurant in Center City.



▲ Men’s Mission IV participants
Photo courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Abrams Hebrew Academy students in grades kindergarten through seventh showcased their science and engineering knowledge on March 1 at the annual Abrams science and engineering fair. On March 8 and 15, Abrams will send teams to participate in the Bucks County Regional K’nex STEM challenge for the fifth year.



▲ From left: Talya Weiss, Aviel Zur, Mikael Segal and Aleeza Greenhouse
Photo courtesy of Abrams Hebrew Academy

Naomi Adler, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, received the Israel Bonds’ first annual Shimon Peres Leadership Award at the Israel Bonds’ Prime Minister’s Club event on March 3 in Hollywood, Florida. She was one of nine honorees.



▲ From left: Stuart Garawitz, Israel Bonds vice president, national sales; Howard Goldstein, Israel Bonds chairman of the board; Naomi Adler; Ron Dermer, Israel’s ambassador to the United States; Harold Marcus, Israel Bonds executive director of Pennsylvania; and Israel Maimon, Israel Bonds president and CEO
Photo courtesy of West End Strategy

The Klein family hosted a gathering of Alexander Muss High School in Israel alumni, along with rabbis Greg Litcofsky and Leor Sinai, to talk about the benefits of high school in Israel.



▲ From left, front row: Maddie, Sydney, Heather, Mark and Ellie Klein. Back from left: Rabbis Greg Litcofsky and Leor Sinai
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