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Jewish Federation Names Michael Balaban President, CEO

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF Greater Philadelphia announced that Michael Balaban, president and CEO of Jewish Federation of Broward County, will become its new president and CEO on June 1.

“He has a proven track record in building community, both within the Jewish community and outside the Jewish community, and he has been a very accomplished fundraiser and manager,” said Gail Norry, a search committee co-chair and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia board co-chair.

Balaban has more than 30 years of experience in nonprofit administration. Under his leadership in Broward County, Federation increased its fundraising

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▲ Yemenite chicken soup

Photo by Michael Persico

A Passover Sampler: Different Cultures, Different Customs

EVERY YEAR AT PASSOVER, families rejoice in reenacting both religious and cultural tradition — reading from the worn family Haggadah, using the seder plate Bubbe and Zayde got for their wedding, searching for the afikomen even though all the kids know Uncle Jason

always puts it in the same place.

While we can easily make assumptions about what our own seders will be like, the worldwide Jewish experience is varied and colorful, and customs — especially when it comes to food — can diverge and surprise.

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A reader who recently experienced a breakup now finds it difficult to light the Shabbat candles without the longtime partner and wonders what to do. For starters, Miriam counsels the reader to take a break, whether that might be a literal break from lighting candles or a more metaphorical or spiritual break. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2021/03/15/dear-miriam-breakup-cause-shabbat-pain/



Philacatessen

ONE-PAN CHICKEN QUINOA DINNER

New homeowners may not be able to pronounce "quinoa," according to the Progressive commercial, but food columnist Keri White is a fan of the increasingly popular grain. She developed a quick and easy chicken and quinoa recipe and notes that other grains work in the recipe, too. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition. jewishexponent.com/2021/03/15/one-pan-chicken-quinoa-dinner/



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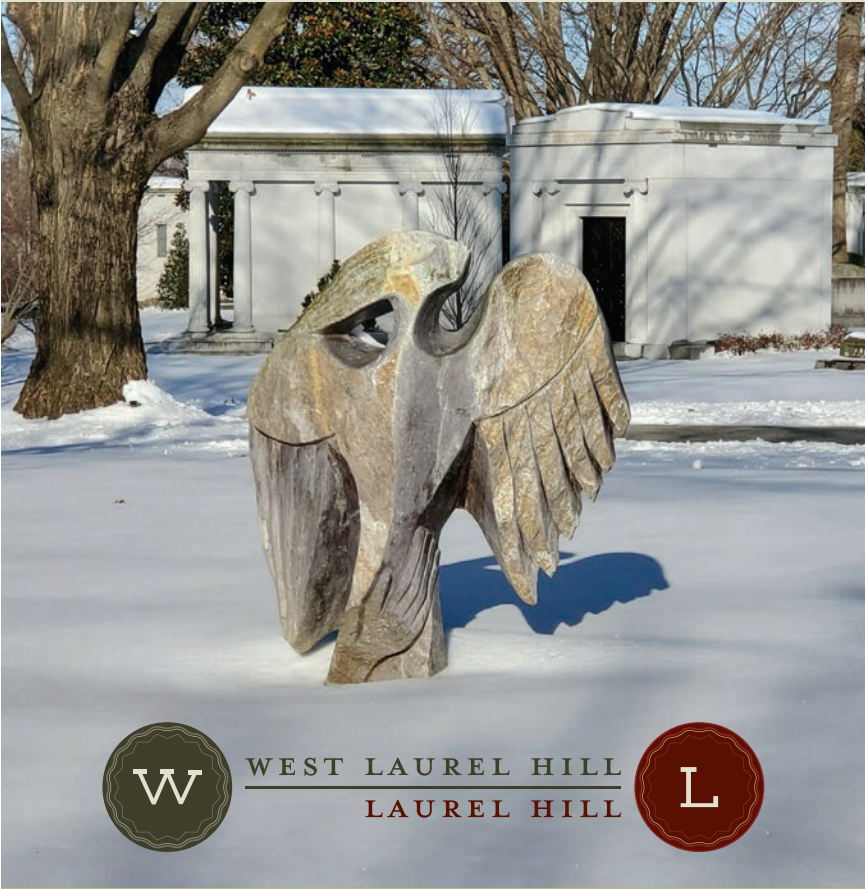
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released this week by the American Jewish Congress.

The survey conducted by the Congress, in cooperation with the Physicians' Committee Against Discrimination, was based on replies to a questionnaire distributed to more than 3,500 practicing physicians in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Its re-

sults covered trends in admission practices over a 25-year period.

The survey revealed that while white Protestants had to file on average of only 1.6 applications for each acceptance received, Jewish students had to file an average of 13.8 applications, Catholics 3.1, and those of Italian ancestry 7.5. An application filed

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Jeff Bartos Announces Bid for US Senate

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PHILADELPHIA-AREA real estate developer Jeff Bartos began his campaign for U.S. Senate on March 8 with a video announcement and a colorful message.

“I’m running for U.S. Senate to get s--- done,” Bartos tweeted alongside his three-minute video, “The Drive,” in which he laces up work boots, bumps elbows with masked Pennsylvanians and cruises down small-town main drags in a Chevy as he makes his pitch.

Bartos is running for the seat held by Sen. Pat Toomey, the Senate Banking Committee’s ranking member who is retiring at the end of

his term.

Bartos, who cites South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and former GOP congressman Jack Kemp as models for his political career, voted for Trump in 2016 and 2020.

“As we said in our video, President Trump represented, for millions of Pennsylvanians, someone fighting for them, and these are forgotten women and men who really felt for generations that elected officials in Washington had forgotten them,” Bartos said. “The Trump administration made a point of focusing on smaller towns and smaller communities and taking rallies to these smaller communities. And so, you’ve seen through our work over the last 10 months that



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we are also focused on Main Street, and I look forward to continuing that good work.”

The work he references is the Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund, a nonprofit he started in the early days of the pandemic. Since then, the effort has given hundreds of loans to small businesses.

The combination of a self-starting work ethic, state-wide thinking and assistance for small businesses represents Bartos’ pitch to voters. He believes that government power has shifted too many advantages to the largest companies at the expense of small business owners. In this work with the 30 Day Fund, Bartos heard tale after tale of the “crushing burden that’s been put on the smallest of our employers living out their

hopes and dreams.”

“And I thought, as I had more and more of these conversations, ‘This is a fight that can’t stop with the end of the pandemic,’” Bartos said.

His primary goals as a senator, he said, would be to fight for his oft-invoked Main

continuing the Trump administration’s policies regarding Israel and the Middle East, citing the decisions to withdraw from the Iran deal, to recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights and to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

experience with electoral politics.

In 2018, he emerged from a crowded primary as the GOP candidate for lieutenant governor. Bartos and his gubernatorial running mate, Scott Wagner, were defeated by Gov. Tom Wolf and Lt.

Bartos about the Tree of Life of shooting before it had been made public. Today, the two remain close.

Bartos, a Lower Merion resident and father of two college-age daughters, is from Reading. His wife, Sheryl, is from Allentown.

Bartos is a graduate of Emory University and the University of Virginia Law School, and worked at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP for several years after graduation.

In 2001, he moved to Toll Brothers, where he’d remain until 2010, rising to division president. From 2010-2014, he was the CEO of Mark Group, an energy efficiency business. He is president of ESB Holdings, a real estate development company. •

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JEFF BARTOS

Street, whether by “beating China” or “restoring the American dream.” Prior to the pandemic, the American economy was the best it’s been in our lifetime, he said, and he’d like to continue the policies that led to that success.

Bartos is also interested in

“Those policies all benefited not only the United States, but many, many of our allies around the world, and I’ll be making the case that those policies had us on the right track prior to the pandemic,” Bartos said.

This isn’t Bartos’ first

Gov. John Fetterman in the general election, but the experience taught him about appealing to voters across the state. It also helped him find a friend in Fetterman, a potential opponent in the general election for the Senate seat. It was Fetterman who told


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Jewish Judge Runs for Pa. Supreme Court

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THE TRAVEL. That's what Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Maria McLaughlin remembers from her last bid for statewide office, almost more than anything else: the interminable drives.

In her last campaign, McLaughlin left straight from work on a Friday and didn't return home to Philadelphia until Sunday night, driving for hours to every corner of the state. Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, *wherever*, if you had an audience for her to speak to, she'd give them an hour.

Now, as McLaughlin prepares for another statewide campaign, this time for a seat

on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, she admits that there's at least a little bit of a silver lining to the travel and crowd restrictions of the pandemic. Such is the power of Zoom.

"I can be in western Pennsylvania and eastern Pennsylvania in the same night," she said.

McLaughlin, 54, regrets that she won't get to meet as many voters in person as in her previous campaigns, and sees the relationships she made during her visits as integral to her upcoming effort. But it does make it a little easier for her to do her day job while she runs for office.

Democrat McLaughlin announced in December that she would seek the open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The court is already

weighted 5-2 with Democratic justices, and with Chief Justice Thomas Saylor, a Republican, set to retire at the end of the year, McLaughlin's elevation would further enshrine a Democratic majority.

Ultimately, what spurred McLaughlin to run was a combination of good timing and a little gumption.

"When I was in college, I said, 'Why not law school?' When I was in law school, 'Why not prosecutor?' When I was a prosecutor, 'Why not be the trial judge?' When I was a trial judge, 'Why not be the superior court judge?' And now it's no different," McLaughlin said. "I never envisioned — I never dreamed, as a little girl — that I would be a Supreme Court justice."

McLaughlin grew up in Overbrook and attended West Catholic High School. After graduating from Delaware Law School-Widener University, she spent nearly 20 years as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, rising to chief of the Child Support Enforcement Unit. She ran for office for the first time in 2011, winning a seat on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and served there until 2017. That year, McLaughlin was the leading vote-getter among all nine candidates for the Superior Court.

As McLaughlin prepares for her upcoming campaign, she said that her motivations for seeking higher office are the same as they were back in 2011, but to a greater degree: a sense of responsibility.

"It's their office," McLaughlin said of the public. "It's everyone's office, it's not mine. The black robe is mine. But it belongs to everyone in Pennsylvania, not just the ones who voted for me, not just the ones who got me elected. Everyone."

In early conversations



▲ Judge Maria McLaughlin is running for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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with voters, McLaughlin has found that they're asking the same questions of her that she's always been asked, with the added aspect of COVID. During the pandemic, she assumed the role of liaison between the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Superior Court, which has made her a go-to for those with questions about the practice of law in lockdown.

McLaughlin, who is married to former Philadelphia controller Jonathan Saidel and converted to Judaism in 2017, said that she draws on her Jewish identity in her work.

In 2017, she told the Jewish Exponent that this was the case because Judaism "is based on laws. It's the laws that govern our society, the laws that are the foundation of our national conscience. So that in and of itself makes Judaism have an

impact on what I do on a daily basis."

As her engagement with Judaism has deepened, she's proud to sit down to Shabbat dinner each week and to feel love for Israel. At a time when Judaism has often been "a target," McLaughlin said, she's never hidden the fact of her faith, and has no plans to do so.

With the May 18 primary approaching, McLaughlin is amazed at the opportunity before her.

"The difference that I can make, the fact that I even had the opportunity to run in this kind of an election, let alone be a justice on our Supreme Court, it's just amazing," she said. "It's not an opportunity that I ever thought I would have." •

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Women's History Month: Remembering the Philadelphia Shirtwaist Strike of 1909

LOCAL

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THOUSANDS OF JEWISH women in Philadelphia walked out of their jobs in 1909 to protest unsafe working conditions and exploitation.

Their strike, which became known as the Philadelphia Shirtwaist Strike, drew national attention to the dangers workers faced in a rapidly industrializing society.

The strike derived its name from the shirtwaist, a style of blouse designed to resemble a men's shirt that was popular in the early 20th century. They were mainly sewn by young women and children, many of whom were immigrants, in sweatshops and factories.

"It's hard to overstate how terrible the conditions were in the factory," said Rebecca Davis, professor of history at the University of Delaware. "We have to remember that this is taking place before any of the labor legislation that we all take for granted."

Fire escapes were locked due to fears of workers stealing fabric. Days could be as long as 14 hours, and the work week was six days long. There were few sanitary facilities for when workers needed to relieve themselves. Spaces were crowded and hot in the summer and freezing in the winter. Children as young as 10 worked alongside young women in their teens and early 20s.

An anonymous editorial published in the Jewish Exponent detailed the exploitation workers experienced in Philadelphia's garment factories, including the owners' lack of liability for unsafe working conditions and low wages that were often paid late.

"The average salary of the most skilled operator is not more than \$6 a week when it is considered that sometimes for three months at a time there is no work to be had," the contributor wrote. "If she wants to leave the shop for a time she is refused permission. She makes a dollar perhaps after waiting all day; or fifty cents. The price paid these girls is pitiful."

Workers were also expected to buy their own sewing equipment and many were sexually harassed and assaulted by male managers.

The strike began on Dec. 20, 1909, when garment workers in Philadelphia realized a recent influx of work was due to factory owners in New York City outsourcing manufacturing in response to a shirtwaist strike there. This protest would later become known as the Uprising of the 20,000 after the number of workers who participated.

Workers in Philadelphia decided to strike after representatives from New York encouraged them to join the cause, according to Julianne Kornacki, author of "Revealing Division: The Philadelphia Shirtwaist Strike, the Jewish Community, and Republican Machine Politics, 1909-1910."

They demanded an increase in wages, regular and consistent payment, a 50-hour work week, sanitary working conditions, union recognition and free work materials like needles and thread. They also issued an informal demand for freedom from workplace harassment.

Approximately 85% percent of the 7,000 shirtwaist strikers were Jewish women and girls who had immigrated from Russia. Davis said they were encouraged to work outside the



▲ A group of shirtwaist strikers volunteer for picket duty.

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home more than women from other immigrant groups, since Eastern European Jewish tradition dictated that men dedicate themselves to studying Torah while women worked in the secular world to support their families.

Wealthy social reformers and college students provided material support for the strike, including food, meeting places and bail money. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Women's Trade Union League sent representatives and solicited support, and local unions pledged solidarity.

Davis said the city government and business community were staunchly opposed to the cause. Strikers faced arrest and beatings from police

and harassment from the general public. They also faced resistance from within the Philadelphia Jewish community, as many of the factory owners were wealthy Jews

The women even faced sexism from men who joined their cause. Daniel Sidorick, a labor studies lecturer at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, said many male union leaders

of the ILGWU, urged the women to agree to arbitration even as their employers refused to recognize their union, the meeting hall erupted in anger and the workers returned to

who had joined the cause and enlisted the support of President William Taft's daughter Helen, solicited a letter from the president calling for the strike to be settled. Both sides offered concessions, but the strikers obtained their demands of a shortened work week, increased wages, an end to charges for supplies and union recognition.

"It was important because it was the first really large case of women workers going on strike in such massive numbers," Sidorick said. "It was really transformative to the young women that took part in it. It really changed many of their lives." •

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whose families had immigrated to the United States from Germany two or three generations previously.

did not believe that the female workers were capable of sustaining the strike. When Abraham Rosenberg, president

the picket lines. The strike finally ended on Feb. 5, 1910.

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This year, given that Passover is already unusual due to the pandemic, we thought we'd talk to Jews from disparate backgrounds and hear about what Passover means to them. Unsurprisingly, most people talked a lot about food — a passion for eating is apparently the one thing all Jews have in common.

Enjoy the sampler and accompanying recipes — and get some ideas to try next week!

— Liz Spikol

Yemen: Chicken Soup for the Soul

When Ronen Koresh was growing up in Israel, gathering for the Passover seder with his extended Yemenite Jewish family was an exciting occasion.

"We would get together at my grandparents' and family would join in from everywhere, and it was huge," the choreographer and owner of Koresh Dance Co. in Rittenhouse Square said.

His grandparents followed traditions closely, from reclining on pillows throughout the meal to making sure the Haggadah was read in its entirety.

It was a long time for a small boy to wait for the festive meal, but it was worth it when his relatives brought out the food. In addition to symbolic Passover dishes like matzah, Yemenite soup was a seder table staple.

"A soup, in the Yemenite tradition, is pretty much a full meal," Koresh said. "It's either beef or chicken, and primarily what makes it so special is the spices."

His mother and grandmother cooked the dish with hawajj, a blend of ground spices including black pepper, cumin, turmeric and saffron.

"So back then, actually, for my mom and my grandmother, and the family members who



▲ Ronen Koresh says soup is Yemenite seder staple. Courtesy of Ronen Koresh

cooked, everything was made by hand," he said. "So they were crushing spice, they had a special rock and they blended it themselves."

Yemenite soup is usually served with flatbread, but diners crumble matzah into the broth during Passover.

— Sophie Panzer

YEMENITE CHICKEN SOUP

Serves 4

- 1 whole chicken (about 4 pounds)
- Kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons hawajj, plus more for serving
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 quarts chicken stock
- 12 baby Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 1 bunch ramps or scallions, sliced

Slice the chicken breasts from the bone and discard the skin; reserve the bones. Season the breast meat generously on both sides with salt and 1 teaspoon of the hawajj, put it on a plate, and refrigerate. Remove the drumsticks, thighs and wings from the carcass.

Warm the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and a pinch of salt and cook, stirring frequently, until the onion begins to soften,

about 10 minutes. Add the chicken stock and the chicken pieces (except for the reserved breast meat), breast bones and carcass. Raise the heat to medium-high and bring it to a boil, skimming off any foam that rises to the surface.

Lower the heat to a simmer and add 1 tablespoon of the hawajj. Simmer for about 45 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through.

Transfer the thighs and drumsticks to a plate, cover and refrigerate. Simmer the soup for another 2 hours.

Pour the soup through a fine mesh strainer into a clean soup pot; discard the solids. Place the pot over medium heat and add the reserved chicken thighs and drumsticks, along with the potatoes and the remaining teaspoon of hawajj. Bring it to a simmer and cook until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes.

Add the reserved chicken breasts and ramps or scallions and simmer until the chicken is just cooked through, about 10 minutes more. Remove the chicken breasts from the soup and gently pull the meat apart using two forks. Season the broth with salt and more hawajj if you like.

To serve, transfer the chicken thighs and drumsticks and potatoes to a platter. Divide the shredded chicken and ramps or scallions among

four soup bowls, ladle in the broth and serve with the platter of chicken and potatoes.

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Preserving Moroccan Traditions

For years, Abraham Azagury's family read the Haggadah in Ladino, a language influenced by Spanish, Hebrew, Greek and Turkish. Next week, Azagury, a resident of Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, will continue that family tradition — along with some adaptations his father instituted decades ago.

"My father's parents, who were from Morocco, would read the entire Haggadah in Ladino," Azagury said. But

when Azagury was a child, his father would mix in English as well, to keep the kids interested.

Now that he's a father, he's finding ways to honor his Moroccan heritage and pass it on to his children. In addition to reciting "Mah Nishtana" and "Ha Lachma Anya" in Ladino, and telling the story of the Exodus, at the evening's start Azagury will lift the seder plate above each person's head and say, "*Bibhilu yatzanu mizrayim*" ("in haste we went out from Egypt").

Later, when recalling the 10 plagues, Azagury will mention each plague in Ladino, then pour wine into a bucket while his wife and children pour water into the same container. After 10 spills of wine and 10 spills of water, they'll dump the liquid into the toilet, thereby discarding the negative

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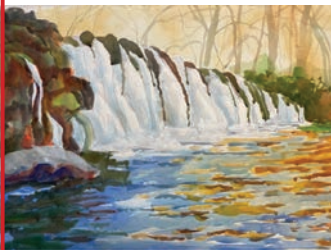
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association of the wine-water combination.

Azagury said he understands that customs should reflect not just history, but also the present. One of his father's traditions, which is followed by some Moroccans, is avoiding fish and chicken throughout the holiday because those animals consume grain (chametz).

Azagury's practice of avoiding fish and chicken ended the day he got married: "My wife said, 'We're not only eating potatoes on Pesach.'"

— Adam Reinherz

matzah brei.

It's a dish Mirskiy still makes for Passover, which she now celebrates with her family in Owings Mills, Maryland. She lives with her husband, Denis, whose family is from Belarus, and their three children, who are students at a Jewish day school. The children lead the family seder and teach her and her husband the Passover traditions, and she brings her family's recipes.

"It brings the generations together," Mirskiy said.

Here are two of Mirskiy's recipes for matzah babka, one savory and one sweet.

— Selah Maya Zighelboim

MATZAH BABKA (SAVORY)

- 8 pieces of matzah, broken into quarter-size pieces
- 4 extra-large eggs, cracked separately, one by one to check for blood spots
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon sweet paprika
- ¼ teaspoon sugar
- ¼ cup neutral oil
- Optional: 1 medium onion, chopped and sauteed until golden brown

Break the matzah into a large bowl, and pour the hot water on it. Let it soak for 2 minutes.

While the matzah is soaking, break and whisk the eggs in a separate bowl.

Add the salt, pepper and sauteed onions to the egg mixture. Mix and add it to the matzah and water bowl. Mix everything with a spatula.

Preheat a medium-size skillet (10 inches), add the oil and gradually add the matzah/egg mixture. Flatten the mixture with the spatula so it is even. Let it brown on one side on medium heat for about 5-7 minutes.

Oil a large plate or flat

A Dish That Survived Oppression in the Soviet Union

Polina Mirskiy's early Passover memories are of smuggling matzah.

In communist Moldova, a country that had been part of the Soviet Union when Mirskiy was a child, Jews weren't allowed to practice their religion. She and her family would quietly celebrate a version of the holiday. They didn't have elaborate seders complete with rituals, but they would have a special dinner with her grandparents, and they would have matzah.

"Everything was hidden," said Mirskiy, owner of Amber Room Day Spa in Pikesville, Maryland. "It was everything quietly, but overall, that matzah — we all remember crunching it and having it there."

Mirskiy's father would bring flour to a synagogue in Kishinev, the capital of Moldova, where they would bake matzah. They would pile boxes of it into their car and drive six hours to Ukraine, where Mirskiy's paternal grandparents lived.

Her grandmother would do a lot of cooking with the matzah. One of her recipes was matzah babka, an Eastern European dish similar to

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skillet lid that is a little larger than the skillet that you are using and cover the skillet with it. Quickly flip the babka on the platter and slide it back carefully onto the skillet again. You should have a nice crust on top.

Lower the heat and cover it with a lid for additional 5-7 minutes, until the eggs cook through.

Slide the cooked babka on a serving platter. Let it cool for a few minutes, slice it into triangles and serve warm or cold.

We serve this with a fresh cucumber, radish, green onion and chopped dill salad. It can be served with dairy, parve or meat dishes.

SOUR CHERRY MATZAH BABKA (SWEET)

- 8 pieces of matzah, broken into quarter-size pieces.
- 2 cups hot water
- 4 extra-large eggs, cracked separately, one by one to check for blood spots
- ¼ cup oil
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- Optional: ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup sour cherry preserves



▲ Matzah babka is a Mirskiy family recipe.

(can be substituted for any fruit preserves or honey)

Optional: ½ cup pine nuts or chopped nuts of choice (for best flavor, heat up the nuts on a small skillet without oil, constantly mixing for a few minutes and being careful not to burn them)

2-3 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
Powdered sugar and more of the preserves for topping

Break the matzah into a large bowl and pour the hot water on it. Let it soak for two minutes.

While the matzah is soaking, break and whisk the

eggs in a separate bowl.

Add the sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, preserves, pine nuts and salt into the egg mixture. Mix everything with a spatula.

Preheat a medium-size skillet (10 inches), add the oil and gradually add the matzah/egg mixture. Flatten the mixture with the spatula to be even. Let it brown on one side on medium heat for about 5-7 minutes.

Oil a large plate or flat skillet lid that is a little larger than the skillet that you are using and cover the skillet with it. Quickly flip the babka on the platter and slide back carefully onto the skillet again. You should have a nice crust on top.

Lower the heat and cover it with a lid for additional 5-7 minutes, until the eggs cook through.

Slide the cooked babka on a serving platter. Let it cool for a few minutes, slice it into triangles, drizzle with some more of the cherry preserves, sprinkle some powdered sugar and more of the nuts and enjoy.

We serve it warm or cold with a side of fresh berries. It tastes delicious with honey as well.

Brazilian-style Baking for Passover

Describing herself as Afro-Latina, Brazilian and Jewish, LT Ladino Bryson of Tempe, Arizona, values her heritage and wants to ensure that her sons do too.



▲ The Mirskiy family remembers Moldovan traditions. Photos by David Stuck

“Continuity is so important,” she said. “You learn from your past and create your own traditions to pass down. But I want them to understand their legacy, and it’s a fight to do that.”

Her sons, both 6-foot-4 and Black, “are going to be different no matter where they go,” she said. Anything she can do to help them “stay close to their roots and feel special about it,” is worthwhile.

And Passover represents the perfect time to reflect on the past and connect with family traditions. Just smelling the pao de queijo, cheese puff balls and Brazilian Passover cake invokes memories of family seders.

Bryson remembers the first time her family shared a seder with an Ashkenazi family where chicken was served. Growing up Sephardic, her sons had never experienced a seder meal without roast lamb. They were not fans, she said, and feels pretty confident that once they’re married with families of their own, lamb will remain a staple. But it’s the specifically Brazilian favorites she hopes they’ll keep baking, always remembering, “Mama did it best.”

Brazilians have it a little easier during the holiday when it comes to baking, she said. Yuca flour is common in Brazil given that it comes from the storage roots of the cassava plant, a native species. Pão de queijo is light and fluffy — “this

round golden goodness,” she said. “It is so light and crisps so well.” Brazilians love to incorporate fruit into desserts, and she advises choosing a few favorites to add to the cake recipe.

Both recipes here are fast, simple and quintessentially Brazilian.

— Shannon Levitt

PÃO DE QUEIJO (CHEESE PUFFS)

- 3 eggs
- 1½ cups oil
- 1½ cups milk
- 3 cups tapioca flour (Yuca flour)
- 2 cups grated Parmesan, cheddar and/or mozzarella cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt or to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Mix all ingredients with a blender or food processor until smooth. The resulting batter should be sticky.

Use a tablespoon to separate the dough and roll it into balls. Put them into baking cups or a muffin tin.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or until the balls become puffy and just lightly browned.

Remove it from the oven and let it cool before removing them from the tin and eating.

Serve during the seder and at any time during Passover.

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and supported the community through crises including Hurricane Irma and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Prior to Broward, he served as the chief development officer for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta. He also has served the Jewish Alliance of Rhode Island, the Columbus Jewish Federation and Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles in senior financial resource management and community planning roles and worked as a development consultant for the National Park Service, Treatment Research Institute, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Gratz College, Touro Synagogue and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

“What really attracted us to him is he’s just a really seasoned executive, really built for our forward-thinking [Jewish] Federation,” said David Adelman, a search committee co-chair and Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia board co-chair. “He’s a real builder of relationships, which we felt was important.”

Balaban replaces Naomi Adler, who resigned Feb. 1, 2020.

“We’ve got an executive coming in here who understands the challenges of coming into an organization [that hasn’t had a CEO for while],” Adelman said.

Although his work has taken him across the country, Balaban has strong ties to Philadelphia. He previously worked as director of development for Penn Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

His wife, Lynne Zeiger Balaban, is a Philadelphia native and a Jewish community professional, and many of their relatives live in the area. The couple raised three children in Huntingdon Valley, where Michael Balaban and his son were volunteer



▲ Michael Balaban



▲ Michael Balaban and Lynne Zeiger Balaban (seated) with, standing from left, Naomi, Shayna, Jenna and Jacob Balaban
Courtesy of Michael Balaban

My family is fortunate to have two homes: the world Jewish community and Philadelphia.”

MICHAEL BALABAN

members of the local fire department for many years.

“My family is fortunate to have two homes: the world Jewish community and Philadelphia,” he said. “Our careers have often taken us away from the deep roots of our family. These experiences have been amazing, but it is an honor to return and fully weave ourselves into the community that has given us so much.”

Balaban will spend his first 90 days embarking on a community listening tour to learn more about stakeholders’ priorities. He is looking forward to using his experience to support the community and change people’s perceptions of what Jewish Federation can be.

“We at the [Jewish] Federation have to be thought leaders in providing solutions and opportunities. And that’s what’s going to really make a difference in people’s lives,” he said.

He believes Jewish Federation must move from being a sales organization primarily known for fundraisers like Super Sunday to being a service organization.

“I don’t believe people give to us because they want us to be their tzedakah box,” he said. “They want to know that the vulnerable are being cared for, that we can help ensure their grandchildren will be Jewish,

that someone will combat the rise in anti-Semitism, for Israel to be safe and secure.”

He noted the importance of combating poverty and providing support for those with disabilities,

citing findings from Jewish Federation’s Community Portrait demographic study that showed one in seven Jewish households in the Philadelphia area live in poverty and four in seven have a member living

with a mental, behavioral or developmental disorder.

Inclusivity, both within and beyond the Jewish community, is also a priority in Balaban’s vision. In addition to forming strong partnerships with outside secular and faith-based groups, he wants Jewish Federation to feel accessible to Jews from all backgrounds.

“We’ve got to understand that Jews and Judaism aren’t a monolith, one size doesn’t fit all, and that people seek entry into the Jewish community for a multiplicity of reasons at various times of their lives,” he said. “Our job is to guarantee that when a person wishes to access the diversity of the Jewish experience, these mechanisms and responses are in place to enchant and captivate them at all stages of their life.” •

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BY DAVID ADELMAN AND GAIL NORRY

A LITTLE MORE than a year ago, the world as we knew it changed. Food insecurity rose to its highest numbers ever, individuals lost their jobs, businesses shut their doors, children stopped attending school in person, and physical distancing became the norm. Parents transformed into teachers overnight

and dining room tables became makeshift offices. COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic and economic shutdowns spread across the country along with fear, uncertainty and loss.

From Passover to Purim, we've celebrated a year's worth of holidays over Zoom. And whether it be book clubs or birthdays, hundreds of events have taken place on digital platforms from the comfort of our living rooms and pajama pants. At times the isolation felt lonely, yet our creativity, innovation and openness to new approaches to gathering made it possible to actually never be alone if we so chose. We are grateful for the opportunities we've had to enjoy each other's company together, yet apart. We are most grateful

to local agencies, synagogues and programs that pivoted their approaches and afforded us opportunities to remain connected and build Jewish life in a new way. Such efforts have been integral to our mental health and ability to adapt to this strange new world. We have proven we are stronger together.

Together, we delivered food packages to high-risk individuals, helped low-income families access the technology required to learn from home, gifted PPE to essential workers and so much more. We have stood hand in hand with Jewish agencies throughout the region and in Israel and faced the sea of challenges with resilience and determination. So many have stepped in to help those in need. We have all done our part

to carry the light, and we could not be more proud of how our communities have handled these challenging times. Today, the light of everything we have accomplished together shines brightly.

With that in mind, we look to the year ahead with hope and optimism. Vaccinations continue to be dispensed, our children have returned to in-person school, the weather is getting warmer and businesses continue to reopen. With so much to look forward to, we eagerly await the days when we can once again hug our loved ones living outside our homes, share meals with extended family and worship as a community in the same room.

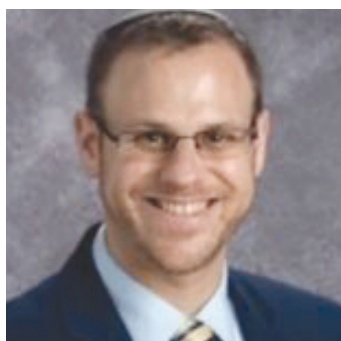
We will build on the lessons we've learned over the past year

to continue to stand united and ensure a vibrant Jewish future. By continuing to work with local agencies, organizations and synagogues, we will help our community acquire whatever it needs to grow and thrive. And as we turn the corner to change once again, we must always remember the lessons we learned about the importance of caring for each other, connecting with each other and ensuring that the most vulnerable among us are cared for.

We look forward to the brighter days ahead and to the next time we can gather with each of you. •

David Adelman and Gail Norry are the board co-chairs of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Was a Jewish Musclemen the Inspiration for Superman?



BY TZVI SINENSKY

WITH "SUPERMAN and Lois" premiering last month on the CW network, it's a good time to recall that Superman was the 1938 brainchild of Jewish creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Many have suggested that the pair were inspired by their Jewish backgrounds to create Superman as a hero who defended vulnerable populations from their enemies.

But there is reason to suspect that a more specific encounter may have inspired them.

The years 1923 and 1924 saw a phenomenon in the United States:

tours by Siegmund Breitbart, known as "The Jewish Superman," across North America. Breitbart performed in Cleveland and Toronto, Siegel and Shuster's respective hometowns.

While it is nearly impossible to prove — there are no records of Siegel or Shuster mentioning Breitbart — there is reason to surmise that the strongman may have served as something of an inspiration. He wore a cape and was advertised as capable of stopping speeding locomotives.

Who was this man Breitbart, lauded during his lifetime as the strongest man in the world, The Iron King, Jewish Hercules and a modern-day Samson?

Siegmund "Zishe" Breitbart was born to a family of locksmiths in Lodz (now Poland, then Russia) in 1893. In his autobiography, he reports that his family discovered his unusual strength when, at age 3, he extricated himself from beneath an iron bar that had fallen on him in his father's

store. By 4 he was casting iron in his family shop.

His early years were difficult. Expelled from a number of religious schools for using force against fellow students, Breitbart was captured by the Germans while serving in the Russian army during World War I. After the war he remained in Germany, subsisting on the money he earned by performing feats of strength at local markets.

It was at one such 1919 performance that the German Circus Busch, famed for featuring Harry Houdini and other top performers, spotted Breitbart and brought him on board to perform its opening act.

Breitbart's strongman routine, which had him dressed in hypermasculine costumes such as a Roman centurion, skyrocketed in popularity, and he quickly was moved from sideshow to main event. Notwithstanding the fast-rising tide of anti-Semitism in Germany and Austria, Breitbart, who often wore the

Star of David while entering the circus ring, achieved a mass Jewish and non-Jewish following in Berlin, Vienna, Prague and Warsaw.

Breitbart's act was based on his early experience working with iron. He bent rods into horseshoes, bit through chains and pounded nails into boards with his fist. He could draw chariots with his teeth. And his image undercut racial stereotypes about Jews. As musclemen were seen as representing the proud, strong German male throughout the opening decades of the 20th century, Breitbart was in effect also embodying quintessential images of German masculinity.

As Breitbart's legend grew, he increasingly became the talk of each town in which he performed. One reporter noted that "Not only do gymnasium students and high school girls talk about him; even first graders know how strong Breitbart is."

A tavern proprietor complained, "My tables are

studded with holes because my customers test their strength by hammering nails into them with their open hands. All Viennese women are in love with this new Samson. Racial hatred, pride or prudishness — all of it is useless here."

Capitalizing on his popularity in Europe, Breitbart spent much of 1923 touring the United States. Ultimately the Breitbart craze resulted in product endorsements, a starring role in the 1923 film "The Iron King" and a Breitbart physical health correspondence course in which subscribers received guides detailing Breitbart's muscle-building and nutritional eating routines.

Breitbart's career came to an abrupt end in 1925 when a stage accident involving a rusty nail led to a fatal case of blood poisoning. He was buried in Berlin. •

Unfortunately, the Nazi destruction of Polish Jewry largely extinguished the rich oral legends

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Healing Together Despite our Differences



BY RABBI ARI DEMBITZER

AS AN ORTHODOX rabbi in Omaha, Nebraska, people often want to know what it's like to live here in the middle of America. The most common questions typically go something like this: "How many Jews are there?" "Do you live on a farm?" And of course, "Do you know Warren Buffet?" (The answers: about 9,000; no; I wish!)

After addressing these questions, I describe Omaha as a city where people are nice for no reason. As someone who grew up in Brooklyn, I have learned a lot from the slow pace and the positive impact that a lack of traffic has on the human psyche.

But my utopian bubble was punctured as I observed the polarization and discord that's happening throughout America hit here as well. Friends and neighbors have stopped talking to one another over their diverging opinions on political issues, vaccines and masks.

While my new home feels divided, the unity I see during my "summer job" gives me hope that we can rebuild mutual respect in spite of our tremendous differences and the tremendous challenges we face.

In addition to my rabbinic duties in Omaha, during the summers I relocate to New York's Catskill Mountains, where I have served as the co-director of Camp Simcha, a medically supervised overnight camp for children

with life-threatening illnesses and chronic disease, for over 20 years.

In camp, our bunks are filled with children and staff from all religious backgrounds and walks of life: Zionists and Satmar Hasidim, Orthodox and secular Jews, and everything in between. Though they may have differing worldviews, they are able to discover common ground and find strength in one another.

A few summers ago, I was lucky to meet two incredible young campers: Matthew, a Reform Jew from Dallas, Texas, and Chaim, a Vizhnitz Hasid from Monsey, New York. Matthew had never met a Chasidic Jew, and Chaim had not personally known any non-Orthodox Jews. Through their shared experiences as leukemia survivors, the two formed a special bond and have remained close friends until this day, sharing in each other's joyous occasions.

Matthew and Chaim are my inspiration. While their day-to-day lives feel very different from the outside and the challenges they've faced are daunting, they teach us that there is more that unites us than keeps us apart and that we can learn from one another without sacrificing who we are.

This work requires us to set aside the safety of our own bubbles — and to think about what we can do for others. In the Talmud, Rabbi Shimon asserts that a person should study Torah all day. Rabbi Yishmoel disagrees and says a person should earn a living and

engage with others to complement his Torah learning.

The Talmud concludes that many have tried to study all day like Rabbi Shimon's directive and failed. In explaining this conclusion, in his Sefer Ein Ayah, Rav Avrohom Yitzchok HaKohen Kook states that when a person studies all day and is not on the lofty level of Rabbi Shimon, and does not to do mitzvot and engage with others, all he becomes is his mind. If one is only engaged in their mind and their own opinions, they will lose appreciation of others. They then tend to become argumentative and divisive.

At Camp Simcha, our counselors and staff members have one goal: to give each child the most joyous, fun-filled experience possible. When you are compassionate and giving, you tend to look for the best in others. You try to understand others. And you quickly realize life is too short to dwell on what divides us.

Unlike the world of online vitriol, our camp focuses on kindness. We get to know one another, we sing and dance together, we play, we talk, we ask questions, and we build up each other without losing sight of our unique identities and what makes us each so special. Hence Rav Kook's teaching: The way to increase harmony within diversity is to engage and to give to one another. •

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KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Tribute to Smukler Deserved

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE outstanding tribute to Connie Smukler ("Connie Smukler: A Real-life Hero for the Soviet Jews," Feb. 25). In 1985, when my wife, Bunny, and I were planning our first of many trips to the Soviet Union to meet with refuseniks, we met with her for at least 10 hours as she briefed us on whom we would meet, how to deal with the KGB if questioned, what needed items to bring with us, and what information to give the refuseniks and what information to bring back to our Soviet Jewry Committee.

Everywhere we went, we were constantly told to give our love to Joe and Connie Smukler and Bernie and Lana Dishler.

Philadelphia was considered the most important city for support by the refuseniks and the Smuklers, Dishlers and Bobbie Morganstern were among the giants, not just in Philadelphia but in the world. Connie Smukler was the most loved and was right at the top of the list.

Frank Brodsky | Former co-chair, Soviet Jewry Council of the JCRC

Jews a Means to an End for Evangelicals

So William Wanger's response to being told that he will not go to heaven because he doesn't accept Jesus as his savior is, "So what?" ("Jews Should Embrace American Evangelical Friendship and Support," March 11). Let me explain why I cannot hold the same opinion.

A long time ago, I went to a ski resort in Vermont during holiday time. After dinner, there was a children's choir performance led by an evangelical choir director. After the performance, I approached him and told him how much I appreciated the children's music, even though I was not Christian.

He looked me straight in the eye and with no expression in his face said, "You know, if your people don't accept Jesus as their lord and savior, they will burn in hell for all eternity." I felt like I was punched in the gut. Not going to heaven is one thing but burning in hell is quite another. Would Wanger have said, "So what?" to that choir director? I felt like leaving the resort then and there, but it was cold and dark outside, so I had a drink and went to bed.

For evangelicals, we Jews are just a means to an end. Saying "So what?" in this situation is accepting a demeaning and insulting bargain.

Benjamin H. Bloom | Wynnewood

But Was It Funny?

OK, anti-Semitism isn't funny ("What Jewish Comedians Thought of SNL's Israel Dig," March 4), but neither was the SNL Israeli vaccine joke if you read it.

To judge the joke as either anti-Semitic or funny, one would need to hear the conversation that led up to it and see the facial expression of the comedian. I could tell a joke to monumental silence, while Bob Newhart or Don Rickles would have people rolling in the aisles.

Anti-Semitism is certainly not funny, but to find it behind every door or under every bed is not productive and, believe it or not, humor has been known to tame the savage beast. Besides, it's fun to laugh at yourself once in a while. •

Ralph D. Bloch | Jenkintown

Beyond the Seder: Dinner During Passover

FOOD

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BAKED SWEET POTATOES WITH SAUTEED GREENS

Serves 2

PASSOVER LASTS for eight days. Most people only do one or two seders, but if you strictly observe the holiday, that still leaves six chametz-free dinners to deliver.

Given that seders tend to be rather substantial multi-course meals, there may be an appetite for lighter fare on the remaining nights, while still adhering to the rules. In addition, cooks may crave a break after the effort it takes to host a seder, even if the gathering is smaller than usual.

The following recipes are designed with that in mind.

This marries two superfoods — both of these veggies perpetually appear on lists of things we're supposed to consume in vast quantities for optimal health. The preparation here is simple, healthy and colorful. It can be a light meal on its own, or it can be a spectacular side.

I used the Swiss chard tinged with red — the rainbow, or regular green variety would work just fine, as would any other green such as kale, spinach, collards or escarole. Be sure to adjust the cooking time; spinach cooks quickly, while kale and collards

need a longer time in the pan.

- 2 large sweet potatoes
- 1 teaspoon oil
- 1 scallion, sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 bunch Swiss chard, chopped

Heat your oven to 350 F. Prick the sweet potatoes, place them on foil or a baking tray to catch the drippings, and place in the oven. Bake for about 45-60 minutes until they are completely soft.

When the potatoes are almost done, heat oil in a skillet and sauté the scallions with salt and pepper until fragrant. Add the Swiss chard and cook, stirring frequently, until done, about 6 minutes. Slice the sweet potatoes in half, and spoon the cooked greens onto the cut sides of the potatoes, mashing slightly. Serve immediately.



▲ Poached scramble

Photo by Keri White

POACHED SCRAMBLE

Serves 2

I discovered this method for cooking eggs years ago. It has a lot going for it, with no added fat, a fluffy, soft texture, quick cooking and minimal mess.

The downside is that it does not lend itself to a large batch, but in these times of small gatherings, a dinner a deux is more likely what is required. I generally drain the eggs in a strainer or large slotted spoon, then give them a couple of dabs with paper towels to absorb the additional wetness, but if this doesn't bother you, just lift them out of the pan with a slotted spoon and plate them.

This version is the most basic — salt and pepper — but you can get creative and add other seasonings to the eggs before cooking, or toss fresh herbs or cheese on top after plating.

- 4 eggs
- Pinches of salt and pepper
- Fill a medium-sized saucepan

two-thirds of the way with water, add a pinch of salt and bring it to a boil. Crack the eggs into a small bowl and whisk them vigorously until they get fluffy. Add salt and pepper.

When the water boils, pour the eggs carefully into the pan and cover them. Cook for 1 minute. When the eggs are done, remove them from the pan, either with a large slotted spoon or by pouring them through a strainer. Season as desired, and serve immediately.

CREAM OF WHATEVER SOUP

Serves 4

This soup offers a basic preparation for any vegetable(s) you have on hand. It can be used for everything from asparagus to zucchini, broccoli, butternut squash, carrot, cauliflower, potato or a combination thereof.

If you like a uniform, smooth texture, puree the soup. If you are fine with chunks, leave it be. Just cut them small enough during prep so they fit easily on a soup spoon: No huge broccoli florets, please.

Not into dairy? Skip it. Prefer yogurt to cream? Swirl it in.

This is not so much a recipe as a framework for a simple

and satisfying soup. If you feel like spicing things up, add a few cloves of crushed garlic with the onion sauté, some dried or fresh herbs, some lemon or lime zest, a teaspoon of curry powder or a sprinkle of cayenne pepper.

- 1 tablespoon butter or oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 4 cups chopped vegetables, either a single variety or a mishmash
- 4 cups vegetable stock
- 1 cup milk, cream, half-and-half or ½ cup yogurt or sour cream

In a large pot, heat the oil and sauté the onions with salt and pepper until fragrant. Add the vegetables and sauté until they are coated and shiny. Add the broth, bring it to a boil, then lower the heat, cover and simmer for about 30 minutes until the vegetables are soft.

Note: Things like asparagus and tomatoes will cook faster than potatoes and butternut squash; use a fork over a timer to decide when soup is done. If desired, puree the soup; if not desired, don't.

Before serving, add milk, cream, half-and-half, yogurt or sour cream, if desired. ●

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9 Fine Kosher Wines That Work Well for Passover

FOOD

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EACH PASSOVER, the list of fine kosher wines seems to get longer. The customary four cups of wine during the seder allows for variety and sharing during the celebration. If you're looking to branch out from your old standbys, here are nine recommendations:

2016 Herzog Russian River Chardonnay, \$38.99

This bold and rich chardonnay was fermented and aged for 15 months in a blend of French and American oak barrels. A rich, full texture with aromas and flavors of vanilla and toast. The terroir of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley shines through, adding flavors of tropical fruits like mango in addition to lemon,

apple and pear flavors. Pair it with roasted turkey.

2016 Tulip Just Cabernet, \$24.99

From the Upper Galilee in Israel this deep garnet-colored wine offers aromas of red cherry, black pepper spice, blackberry and cocoa. Espresso and blueberry flavors burst from the glass. Full-bodied with a long luxurious finish. Pair with slow roasted brisket.

2016 Tulip White, \$26.99

A blend of two aromatic grapes, gewurztraminer and sauvignon blanc, this floral and complex white wine is just stunning. Tropical fruit flavors of lychee, pineapple and grapefruit are balanced by white peppercorn spice. Bright, fresh

acidity lifts the pronounced fruit flavors. Pair with ceviche and spicy Asian dishes or enjoy as an aperitif.

2014 Teperberg Essence Malbec, \$34.99

Essence Malbec comes from fruit from the Ayalon Valley which has a high diurnal shift in day to night temperature swings. This allows the fruit to ripen fully while retaining acidity. This bold malbec shows off pronounced aromas and flavors of blackberry, blackcurrant, violets and black pepper. The delightfully firm tannins balance the bold fruit.

2016 Teperberg Impression Cabernet Sauvignon, \$19.99

Deep garnet in color, this full-bodied cabernet offers a decadent bouquet of red cherries, blackberries, blueberries, dried

herbs and garrigue. Pair with a hearty steak.

2017 Teperberg Impression Chardonnay, \$19.99

A wonderfully full-bodied chardonnay with a luxurious creamy texture. Aromas and flavors of ripe red apple, prickly pear, lemon rind and toasted almonds. A long and decadent finish. Pair with roasted chicken or matzah ball soup.

2017 Terra Vega Sauvignon Blanc, \$10.99

A crisp, aromatic and juicy Chilean sauvignon blanc. Bright and tart citrus and tropical fruit flavors shine. Pair with white flaky fish.

2019 Terra Vega Merlot, \$9.99

Incredible value! This fruity and opulent merlot shows off the Chilean terroir. Ripe plummy

aromas and flavors of black cherry and baking spice are balanced by juicy acidity and soft tannins.

2014 Alexander Sandro, \$29.99

Alexander Sandro is made at the Alexander Winery at Moshav Beit Yitzhak in the Hefer Valley near Netanya. The fruit for this wine comes from the northern Galilee region and it is a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, with a touch of sauvignon blanc. Very expressive with aromas and flavors of ripe black cherries and red plums with supple, silky tannins. •

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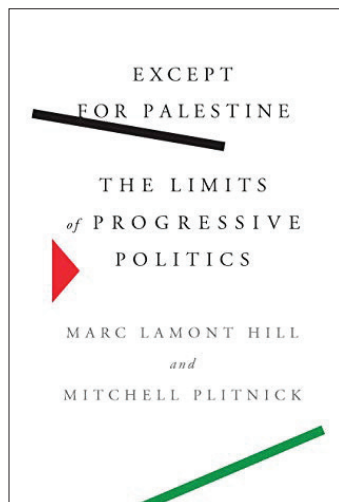
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Weak Argument

“Except for Palestine: The Limits of Progressive Politics”

Marc Lamont Hill and Mitchell Plitnick
The New Press



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“EXCEPT FOR PALESTINE” is a muddled, confusing book.

Marc Lamont Hill, a professor at Temple University, and Mitchell Plitnick, co-director of Jewish Voice for Peace, seem to have written the book before they knew exactly what they wanted to accomplish. The book’s introduction and conclusion both read as if they were tacked on as an afterthought, as the book’s chapters often have no bearing on or relevance to the main claim.

“Except for Palestine,” in its promotional copy, promises to be “a searing polemic and cri de coeur for elected officials, activists and everyday citizens alike to align their beliefs and politics with their values.” The authors say they seek to explore why mainstream American

liberals seem reluctant to apply the humanistic values that they claim to hold dear to the plight of the Palestinians. They wonder: Why would those whose impulse is to support the rights of the downtrodden at home not take seriously the rights of Palestinians abroad?

The problem is that the authors don’t make a serious attempt to answer these questions or even substantiate the book’s central claim: that progressives exceptionalize Palestine. The only evidence they present are the actions of some Democrats in Congress in recent years and a few unsourced assertions about

apathy and silence.

There’s no attempt to grapple with what made support for Israel a rallying point for large portions of the left for many years. And there’s a long history of the term “Progressive Except Palestine” on the British left, an exploration of which might have provided some useful context; this goes unmentioned.

The book, instead, is a retelling of the story of contemporary Israel and U.S. support for its ascendant right wing, which makes for a weird dissonance between what the authors claim to be arguing and the actual words between the covers.

In the meat of the book, the authors consistently dodge chances to make the case for specific points.

How can an argument decrying the end of U.S. aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East interact so superficially with the objections made to its continued existence?

How can the authors argue that the Israeli government unfairly stonewalled Yasser Arafat during negotiations without saying why they believe the government’s objections were incorrect?

How can they assert Hamas “showed flexibility” following its ascension to power in Gaza without detailing this flexibility?

How can they make the serious claim that Israel had a hand in the creation of its “bad neighborhood,” as the region is often called, and devote only one line to the government’s treatment of the Palestinians?

This is all bad argumentation.

It’s not as if they’re not capable of solid rhetoric. When Hill and Plitnick discuss the criminalization and stigmatization of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement in this country, or the despicable treatment of Jews and non-Jews alike who deviate from the received

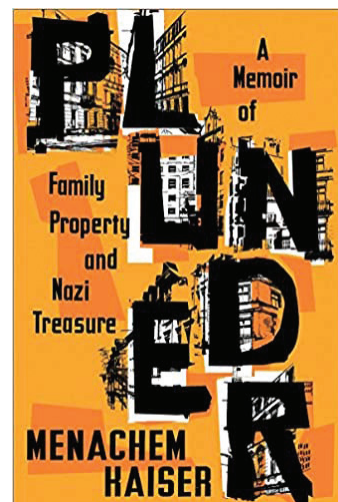
wisdom on Israel and Palestine, they use facts to back up their arguments.

Those are points with the moral power to persuade. But given their relatively small place in the larger argument, it’s hard to say that persuasion was really the goal here.

One Man’s Treasure

“Plunder: A Memoir of Family Property and Nazi Treasure”

Menachem Kaiser
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt



Courtesy of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

What distinguishes memorabilia from curios, or either category from treasure? What’s the difference between plunder, spoils and mementos? How do we unpack something that is at once fetish object, family heirloom, sacred relic and despicable artifact?

Menachem Kaiser does not claim to have the answers to these questions — one of the many delightful things about his new memoir, “Plunder” — but he’s willing to ask them of himself and of you.

Kaiser’s story about his attempt to reclaim a Polish apartment building that was expropriated from his grandfather prior to the Holocaust is a fascinating tale. His commitment to ambiguity, along with a keen sense of story, genre and the weight of expectations, makes for a compelling read.

Kaiser, a magazine writer, understands that the story he’s written will be read by readers who have encountered many such variations before, and that those readers have ideas about how these stories should go. So he’s weary of “dancing my stupid nostalgia dance,” of taking a “memory-safari” where he’d treat readers to some preordained emotional journey that didn’t really belong to him.

Though he never says it

directly, Kaiser is writing an “American-Jew-returns-to-the-old-country-for-family-but-also-personal-growth” story in the world that Jonathan Safran Foer created, and there’s a readership to be won by sticking to the basics.

It’s easy to see why Kaiser once felt inclined to write this book as a novel: There’s his pink velour tracksuit-wearing Polish lawyer nicknamed The Killer, bizarre and seemingly anti-Semitic questions from reactionary Polish judges, a massive network of treasure-hunting conspiracy theorists with ideas about a secret underground Nazi train, mistaken identities and long-dormant familial strife brought back into the light.

But he went with a memoir, which makes the absurdities, strange coincidences and trajectory-changing twists more compelling. Kaiser writes as if he’s speaking aloud, like a stranger telling you a surprisingly interesting story on a night you didn’t expect to be out so late.

He builds his narrative with reporting, memory, poetry, court transcripts, legal documents and memoir, and never fails to treat the people he encounters with humanity on the page, even if he had contemplated



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Getting Back Up Again

BY RABBI JON CUTLER

PARSHAT VAYIKRA

THE BOOK OF Leviticus is my favorite book in the Torah. Its first parshah, also called Vayikra, deals with the priestly cult and laws of sacrifice.

The Book of Leviticus it is about communication. The opening section of the Book of Leviticus begins with the word *Vayikra*, “and [God] called.” God calls out to Moses, an amazing and inspiring concept with the first word. Every Torah portion begins with the more common *vay’dabeir*, “[God] spoke” or *vayomer*, “[God] said,” but Leviticus beings not with these two phrases but with “[God] called.”

Verse 2 goes on to instruct Moses to “Speak to the Israelite people and say to them...” using both the roots *dalet-bet-reish* and *alef-mem-reish*: “speak” and “say.” The first two verses use three kinds of communication: call (God to Moses); and speak and say (Moses to the Israelite people). It seems that

the Book of Leviticus is about sacrifices, leprosy and blood. While it does deal with those subjects, the essence of the book is about communication.

And it makes us ask: Who calls us and how are we called? How do we know if we are ever “called” by God? The word for sacrifice, *korban*, comes from the root *kuf-reish-bet*, meaning “to bring close. Communication is all about closeness.” A form of this word appears four times in the second verse and numerous times throughout the book.

How do we achieve closeness with God without knowing our sacrifices are accepted? How do we achieve closeness to each other while still retaining our individuality? We call out to a person, we call upon a person and we call to a person.

Each way of relating to another human being is an attempt at closeness. We call out to gain attention, to be heard, to be recognized, to be found or to find. We call upon to build a community. We call to for a

conversation that will help us understand one another better. The purpose of the animal sacrifices was to call out to us, to call upon us and to call to us.

The Torah’s insistence on the boundaries of purity and impurity are misunderstood. There are many taboos in Leviticus, most notably food and sex taboos. What the Torah deems as *tamei*, “impure,” or *tahor*, “pure,” are not actually attached to cleanliness. Anthropologists note that taboos are the system by which certain objects or persons are set aside as either sacred or accursed. Such objects or persons inspire both fear and respect. How can we understand boundaries today and a sacredness so holy it is taboo?

The Book of Leviticus, while seemingly about the priesthood and priestly functions, also suggests for the first time the democratization of holiness. It is not just the priests who offer sacrifices. All the people bring sacrifices — men and women, Jew and non-Jew — at times of

anxiety, celebration, sorrow, sin and also everyday normalcy.

All this leads to the statement, “Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy!” *K’doshim tih’yu* (Leviticus 19:2, see also 20:26). Such a provocative statement in the ancient world — that laypeople as well as priests can attain holiness — will eventually lead to the total democratization of Judaism post-priesthood.

The text offers a framework for one who has anxiety over his or her status with God to regain a sense of order — even closure: I have sinned, I will sin, but I will be forgiven!

In today’s world, we shy away from the concept of sin. Yet Vayikra reminds us that we are fully human and, as such, flawed. In that humanity, we will all stumble and fall. Leviticus offers us a formula for getting back up. While that formula may seem antiquated, we humans still seem to need ritualized ways to feel clean, forgiven and able to start fresh.

Yom Kippur proves that.

Vayikra and the sacrifices tell us how our services should be: Dramatic. Emotive. Reactive. Tactile. The “sacrificial rites” were called *avodah* in Hebrew. The other meaning of the word *avodah* is “work.” To sacrifice an animal was hard work — you had to schlep it to the priest and hear him sing over it, slaughter it, and offer it with all sorts of incense and other accoutrements. Today prayer is *avodah shebalev*, “sacrifices from the heart.” But it’s still hard work — inner hard work. ●

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less noble actions in the reality he recounts. His friends and colleagues provide substantive objections to the ethical nature of his reclamation project, and Kaiser’s responses may or may not convince you.

There are long digressions on the nature of conspiracy theories, especially as they relate to Nazis and the occult, and vignettes that illustrate the curious, semi-mystical status of the region in Poland where the story takes place. Every place he found to dig with purpose and respect, Kaiser grabbed a shovel, and “Plunder” is better off for it. ●

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Sinensky

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that perpetuated Breitbart’s memory. But his legend has not fully disappeared. A 2001 movie, “Invincible,” featured a fictional account of his life. A children’s book titled “Zishe the Strongman” appeared in 2010.

What do we make of this seeming paradox: a Jewish superhero who at a time of rising anti-Semitism, and during an era when Jewish men were derided as sissies, became a folk hero of able-bodied masculinity?

Some saw Breitbart as a sort of vindication of the then-German and Austrian embrace of male bravado. In this view, that he was also Jewish rendered him something of a freak to the average German, making him all the more compelling as entertainment on

the vaudeville circuit.

Others saw Breitbart as a model for the new Zionist muscular Judaism. A popular Yiddish saying went, “If a thousand Breitbarts were to arise among the Jews, the Jewish people would cease being persecuted.” Breitbart was a proud Jew and often performed while flanked by the Zionist flag. He refused to return to a Warsaw restaurant that declined to play “Hatikvah” to greet him. He supported Ze’ev Jabotinsky’s idea of a Jewish army. Legend has it that Jabotinsky and Breitbart hatched a plan in which Breitbart would become the general of a one-day Jewish army in Palestine.

But Breitbart was more than just a proud Jewish strongman. He highly esteemed rabbis

and Jewish intellectuals, and reportedly amassed a personal library with 2,000 books on Roman history. He performed for a group of Yiddish thinkers and wrote a letter of support on their behalf. He met and performed on behalf of the Radzhiner Chasidic rebbe and donated 30 pounds of Passover flour to the rebbe’s followers following the meeting.

Even more remarkable, “Zishe” (literally “sweet”) was eulogized as highly emotional. One reporter who met with Breitbart expected a tough guy. Instead, he subsequently characterized The Iron King as “the embodiment of *edelkeit*” — Yiddish for “sweetness of character.”

Similarly, the chief rabbi of the Orthodox Jewish Community (Adass Yisroel)

in Berlin, Dr. Esra Monk, saw Breitbart as a “modern Samson,” who also possessed a tender demeanor.

“It is greatly symbolic,” Monk declared in his 1925 eulogy, “that for a man who broke chains, it was enough for one person’s good word to render his heart soft as butter.”

Like Clark Kent, Breitbart’s persona was far richer and well-rounded than his stage persona allowed. He was a mixture of elements — brains, brawn, a gentle nature and fierce Jewish pride. And he’s still inspiring nearly 100 years after his untimely death. ●

Tzvi Sinensky serves as Rosh Yeshiva of the Gur Aryeh program at Main Line Classical Academy in Bryn Mawr. This piece was first published by JTA.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Passover Resource Guide: Check Out the Many Activities Available to Safely Celebrate the Holiday

PASSOVER COMES EARLY this year, beginning the evening of Saturday, March 27 and running through the evening of Sunday, April 4. This year, the holiday also coincides with the ramping up of the COVID-19 vaccination program — what is hopefully, a light at the end of a dark, scary tunnel.

"Last spring, we all hoped and assumed we would only spend one Passover over Zoom. Here we are, a year later, still navigating the pandemic," said Addie Lewis Klein, director of community engagement at the

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. "Our community has celebrated a full cycle of Jewish holidays with creativity, resilience and resourcefulness."

Passover will likely still look different for most of us this year. Check out jewishphilly.org/passover to see the many activities and resources available to help you have a meaningful festival of liberation.

"There are many resources available for you to host a small, safe Passover celebration this spring," Lewis Klein continued. "Next year may we

all be together in Philadelphia and in Jerusalem."

The Jewish Federation is proud to partner with the following agencies to build Jewish life in a new way during the pandemic.

Activities for Kids and Families

Teach the story of Passover to your kids, and pass down the traditions and lessons we have all shared for generations.

PJ Library Passover

To make your seder as

simple as possible, don't miss PJ Library's Step-by-Step Seder video playlist, featuring the 15 steps of a seder. You can follow along with the PJ Library Family Haggadah using its short, sweet cheat sheet, or check out their podcasts, crafts and more.

Whole Community Inclusion Passover Fun

Sunday, March 21 from 1-1:30 p.m.

Join Jewish Learning Venture for Passover activities for kids of all abilities. Enjoy music, story time and a fun craft to get ready for Passover. An ASL interpreter will be present.

Get Help Putting on a Seder

There are so many ways to create a DIY seder. Here are some helpful resources to get started.

Chabad Seder in a Box

Delco Pickup: Thursday, March 25 from noon-6 p.m.

Montco Pickup: Various daytime dates beginning Tuesday, March 23

Chabads across the area are making sure that everyone has what they need to celebrate the holiday. Montgomery County, Delaware County and other chapters are offering kits with everything needed to host your own seder — but supplies are limited so sign up today. Check in with your local Chabad to find out more information about its Seder in a Box availability.

18Doors Resource Guide (formerly Interfaith Family)

Take a look at its Passover

resource guide written specifically with interfaith couples and families in mind. The cheat sheet provides quick reference information about the holiday and ideas for how to approach it as an interfaith family.

Resources for 20s and 30s

Celebrating the holiday as a young adult has never been easier with these virtual and contactless options.

Jewish Grad Network's Pre-Passover Shabbos or Reimbursement Option

Center City Pickup: Friday, March 26 from 3-5 p.m.

Sign up to receive a Shabbos kit to have a Shabbat and Passover experience at home. The boxes include a seder plate and matzah, and will be available for pickup in Center City (address will be emailed to registrants). You can also opt to buy your own items and get reimbursed up to \$50 for Passover food per household. Register to pick up your Shabbos or submit your receipts and information online for reimbursement of eligible expenses.

Passover Crafts with Moishe House

Thursday, March 18 from 7-8 p.m.

Join Moishe House for part two of its Passover virtual art series, this time to draw and paint custom seder plates together. You can reserve and pick up one of its craft kits or grab your own supplies and join them on Zoom. Details for pick up will be shared upon registration.



GRADUATION

► JACQUELYN BADER

Troy Bader announces the graduation of his wife, Jacquelyn Bader, from Arcadia University’s doctoral program in educational leadership. She graduated summa cum laude.

She is the employee benefits/compliance/human resources director at Becker’s School Supplies.

Bader was the first in her family to graduate high school. She is the mother of Mykali and Montara.



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COMMUNITYBRIEFS

KleinLife Awarded \$211K from Jewish Federation
KLEINLIFE RECEIVED a \$210,775 grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia’s Maimonides Fund for health and human service relief.

Jewish Federation Executive Vice President Melissa Greenberg said the money was a part of an overall grant program benefiting 13 local organizations and agencies throughout the area.

Jewish Federation raised \$1 million that was matched with \$500,000 from the Jewish Federations of North America. The money was disbursed to serve the most vulnerable members of the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community.

“We are truly grateful for the generosity of the donors to the Maimonides Fund who stepped up to ensure that individuals of all ages who have been deeply affected by the pandemic are receiving the

assistance they need,” said Holly Nelson, who chairs Jewish Federation’s Emergency Response Committee.

Money granted through the Maimonides Fund will help deliver essential services to the vulnerable seniors KleinLife serves, including its home delivered meals program, virtual educational and cultural programs, social services and recreational programing.

State Rep. Solomon Lines Up 250 Vaccines

State Rep. Jared Solomon connected more than 200 eligible individuals in Northeast Philadelphia with the COVID-19 vaccine on March 8.

Solomon said he worked with SunRay Drugs to secure 250 doses of the vaccine, which was then provided at Kinder Academy to people who qualified for Phase 1A or 1B of Philadelphia’s COVID-19 distribution plan, including seniors 75 or older.

“From frontline workers to our most vulnerable populations, like our seniors, the vaccine is a critical step in building real immunity to COVID-19, reopening the economy safely and moving us closer to the way life was before this health crisis,” Solomon said.

Education Consultant Suzanne F. Scott Dies at 95

Suzanne F. Scott of Lafayette Hill, who established Academic Advisory Service and worked as an independent educational consultant for 30 years, died

► Suzanne F. Scott
Courtesy of the Scott family



Feb. 20. She was 95.

Prior to founding her business, she worked for 11 years as director of admissions and staff psychologist at Wordsworth Academy. She also was a founding member of the Independent Education Consultant Association.

Scott was editor of the “Easy Does It Cookbook” published in 1963 by the National Council of Jewish Women’s Philadelphia section.

In her later years at The Hill at Whitmarsh, she helped create a thrift shop, where residents donated items to raise scholarship money for Hill staffers. ●

— *Compiled by Andy Gotlieb*



▲ March 8 vaccine clinic
Courtesy of state Rep. Jared Solomon



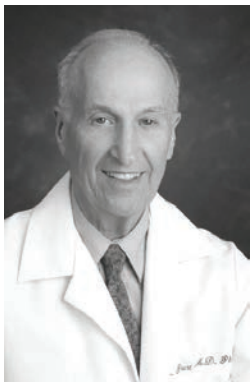
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BRENT

Robert L. Brent passed away at home on February 24, 2021 at the age of 93. He was born of Polish Jewish immigrant parents, Charles and Rose Brent, in Rochester, NY in October 1927. He attended school in Rochester and then obtained a Bachelor's degree, followed by a PhD, and then finally an MD. He married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Brent, during his education. His first two children, David and James, were born in Rochester. He then moved to Boston and then Washington, DC where Lawrence was born. His family finally settled in Philadelphia where Deborah was born. Robert was a man of incredible physical strength and stamina and unending energy until his final years. He was recruited by Thomas Jefferson University at the age 31. He built the Department of Pediatrics from 3 to over 90 faculty over the almost 30 years of his tenure. He was Professor of Pediatrics, Radiology, and Anatomy. He was the third Distinguished Professor in Jefferson's history. He received three teaching awards from national organizations. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the University of Rochester, Robley Evans Medal, Taylor Lectureship and Prize, and the John Scott Award. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences. He maintained funding for his laboratory for over 40 years from the NIH and other organizations and made many scientific discoveries publishing over 500 manuscripts, several books, and was the editor of "Teratology" for 17 years. He described several basic principles of embryology including hypothesizing the existence of embryonic stem cells in 1953. He trained many medical students, pediatric residents, and young scientists, many of whom became life-long friends. He established the Health Physics Society Pregnancy website through which he counseled thousands of pregnant women using the internet who had exposures giving the necessary information to make critical decisions. He was invited to give many presentations around the world. He was also an avid tennis player until the age of 82. Lillian was the saver and Robert was the investor. They were great benefactors to the causes that were close to their hearts. These included Thomas Jefferson University, University of Rochester, and Jewish charities. Robert and Lillian established several endowed positions at Jefferson, several scholarships for medical students, and an endowment for Alumni giving. The University of Rochester School of Medicine White Coat Ceremony is named in their honor. After the death of James, Robert and Lillian donated money to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia including a scholarship in memory of their deceased son, Jimmy Brent. Robert never really retired. In his late 80's he continued to work writing papers, consulting, and lecturing until his health failed. In their later years, Robert and Lillian lived half the year in Sarasota only returning full-time to Philadelphia in the last few years. When Lillian, his bride of 71 years, passed away several months ago, he just said, "I loved her very much". In his final days, he rested in bed and was cared for by wonderful home health aids, Jeanette, Paula, and Ann. He is predeceased by his son, James, and survived by children: David (Nancy),

Lawrence (Gina), and Deborah (Joseph); 11 grandchildren: Rebecca, Daniel, Alyssa, Jacob, Joshua, James, Julia, Rachel, Hannah, Jonathan, Michael; and 16 great grandchildren.

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BRANDMAN

Sylvan ("Sye") Brandman passed away on March 2, 2021 at his home in Philadelphia. He is survived by his loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sye was a WWII veteran, serving as a captain in the Army. At 104, he was a role model for physical fitness, exercising daily until the day he died. Throughout his life, he was an avid photographer, bowler and golfer. He was cherished by his many friends, his wife, Ita, who passed away in 2017, and the rest of his family. He will be missed.

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BURWASSER

Ina Burwasser (nee Silikovitiz), passed away peacefully on March 11, 2021. Loving mother of Faith Burwasser. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Burwasser. Sister of Dr. Ronald (Arlene) Silikovitiz. Aunt to Andrew and Harvey Silikovitiz. Proud grandmother to a trio of cats. Graveside services will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Broadway Cares/ Equity Fights Aids (<https://broadwaycares.org/>), The Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/>), or any other favorite charity.

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CARSON

Rose Merion Carson, 102, passed away on March 11, 2021, peacefully after a short illness. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, and was a long-time member of Adath Tikvah-Montefiore, and active in Sisterhood. She worked as an office manager for Lincoln National Life Insurance for many years. She is survived by her sons Larry (Yvonne), and Richard (Joann), grandchildren Matthew (Aarathi) and Ellen (Alex) and 2 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Herbert and daughter Julie. Special thanks to the kind and caring staff of the Village at Mariner's Point in East Haven, CT, where Rose lived for the past 5 years. Memorial donations may be made in Rose's name to a charity of her choice.

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COHEN

Solomon Cohen died on March 7, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Cohen who died in 2001, loving partner to Joyce Schwartz. Loving father of Neil (Fiona) Cohen, Michele Cohen (Marc Prizer), and Robin Cohen (Ken Fischer). Devoted Grampsy to Julie Prizer, Lindsay Prizer, Alaina Cohen, Samantha Fischer and Scott Fischer. Devoted brother to Bess Leipziger and the late Sam Cohen and the late Albert Cohen. Sol spent his career as the Chief Financial Officer of Penske Corporation where he was devoted to the team as well as to his family. Sol was a wonderful loving man that was loved by everyone that met him. He was humble and unassuming. He will be missed terribly. Donations in his memory can be made to Legal Help Center, a non-profit 503(3) law firm that the family has created to help low-income families in Philadelphia with their housing needs. P.O. Box 136, Wynnewood, PA. 19096. Alternatively, you can Venmo @legal-help-center under "business."

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ENGELSBERG

Beatrice N. Engelsberg (nee Ginsburg) on March 8, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Paul Novack and the late Allan Engelsberg; Loving mother of Ilene Novack and Janet Novack; Devoted grandmother of Paul Novack Golob and Dr. Stephanie Novack Golob. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Covenant House PA, 31 E. Armat St., Phila. PA 19144, www.covenanthousepa.org GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

FELS

William Charles Fels, 79, passed away on March 5, 2021. Husband of Bernice (nee Beliveau) and the late Eileen (nee Stein). Father of Eric (Amy) Fels. Grandfather of Allyson and Brenna Fels. Graveside Services were held at Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley. www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

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MENKOWITZ

Dr. Elliot Menkowitz, March 5th, 2021 of Pottstown, PA. Husband of Sue Menkowitz (nee Rockower). Father of Michael Menkowitz (Amy), Marc Menkowitz (Debbie), Mindy Scheier (Greg) and the late Scott Menkowitz; Brother of Bruce Menkowitz (Shelley); Grandfather of Elizabeth, Olivia, Emma, Stella, Oliver, Max, Cooper, Beau and Harper. The family respectfully request that contributions in his memory be made to The Scotty Menkowitz Memorial Fund at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (Give2.chop.edu). "We will love you forever. There is and never will be anyone like you"

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MUCHNICK

Marilyn Muchnick (nee MARGOLIS) March 3, 2021, of North Wales, PA., formerly of Phila., PA. Mother of Hope Pomerantz and Roger W. Muchnick; grandmother of Alexander, Oliver, William, Avery, Grace and the late Roger Jr.; great grandmother of Jad and Keegan; former wife of the late Jerome B. Muchnick. Services were private. The family respectfully requests contributions in her memory be made to Congregation Rodeph Shalom or The Wounded Warrior Project.

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NEWMAN

Esther Newman (nee LEAR) Age 103, March 10, 2021. Wife of the late Louis. Sister of the late Sylvia Delfiner, Sydney Lear and Jules J. Lear. Aunt of Susan Lear Weisgrau (Richard), Robert (late Marilyn) Lear, Seymour (Judy) Delfiner and Marvin (Brenda) Delfiner and the late Sandra (Albert) Lear Taylor. Great aunt of Joseph J. (Jennifer) Lear, Andrew J. (Deena) Lear, Emily Weisgrau (Robert Elwood) and Joshua Weisgrau (Katie McFeely). Great great aunt of Evelyn and Eliana Weisgrau, Chloe and Jacob Lear. Graveside Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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RIEGLER

Helyne Riegler (nee Gomer) passed away on February 20, 2021. Wife of the late Edward Riegler. Mother of Linda Riegler Weiss (Ritchie Weiss), Shelli Bromberg (the late Gregory) and Steven Riegler. Sister of Judie Wallis. Grandmother of Jarret Bromberg, Joy (Scott) Gardner, Zachary Weiss, Samantha (Marc) Zufolo and Chase (Jessica) Bromberg. Great Grandmother of Brandon and Brooke Gardner. Private Graveside Services were held at Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Philabundance, www.philabundance.org, or MDS Foundation, www.mds-foundation.org, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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ROSHKOFF

Ruth Ann Roshkoff (nee Shipon), passed away on March 12, 2021 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Wife of Raymond Roshkoff. Mother of Michelle Roshkoff, Kenneth (Marjorie) Roshkoff and Robert (Marla) Roshkoff. Sister of Alvin (Helene) Shipon and the late Jacob Shipon (Judith). Grandmother of Brett, Austin and Brooke, Madison, Samantha and Blake, and Saige and Grant. Ruth was 100% devoted to her family and that devotion to family will carry on through her children and grandchildren. We will always love and miss her with all our hearts. Private Graveside Services are being held at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/delval.

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SCHULMAN

With heavy hearts, we report that our dear Bernard (Bernie) L. Schulman, of Warwick, PA, passed away on February 7, 2021, age 86, due to complications from Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Kidney Disease. He is survived by his beloved wife and childhood sweetheart, Ruthie, of 64 wonderful years, his loving children, Rick Schulman and Michelle Schulman (Clifford Bolt), brother Steve Schulman (Gwendolyn Bye), and dear cousin, Sheila Seidman. He is predeceased by son, Jeffrey Scott Schuman. Bernie was a loving and devoted husband and father, who worked tirelessly to support his family and give them a wonderful life. He was the President of a successful business as a Manufacturer's Representative and Distributor serving the Kitchen and Bath Industry. Also, an avid boater, motorcycle enthusiast, and handyman extraordinaire, he loved life and always did everything in a big way. With his big personality and big heart, he touched the lives of everyone who has ever met him. He is greatly missed by all! Services and interment were private. At his final ceremony, he was honored by the US Coast Guard for his service to our country. Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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SELTZER

Evelyn Seltzer (nee Sherr) died January 13, 2021 at 91 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Beloved wife of the late Herman ("Cy") Seltzer, devoted mother to the late Susan Seltzer and Amy Perlman, and daughter of the late Morris Sherr and Mary B. Furman. Survived by son-in-law Scot Perlman of Cincinnati and granddaughters Sarah (Colin) Gerrety, Becca Perlman, and Mia Perlman. Evelyn was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, raised her family in New City, NY, and retired to Mahwah, NJ and Boca Raton, FL. Evelyn was devoted to family and friends, philanthropy, and to her jewelry store and art. A woman of strength, energy, elegance and determination, she always wore a smile that lit up the room. Private services were held in Valhalla, NY. Contributions in her memory can be made to Hadassah.

SHARF

Eugene Barton Sharf, born July 18, 1920, died on March 11, 2021. Gene was a lifelong Philadelphian who graduated from West Philadelphia High and received a Pharmacy degree from Temple University. He served as a combat medic sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII, receiving the Bronze Star. Over the next fifty years, he worked as a pharmacist including ownership of Sharf's Pharmacy in West Philadelphia and at the heroin addiction clinic at the VA Hospital, where he received a personal commendation from President George H.W. Bush. In his retirement years, he did several varied presentations for the Retired Educators and Professional group, and became a prolific artist of stained glass works. He is preceded in death by his first wife Sylvia Troppauer Sharf and his youngest brother Arthur Sharf. He is survived by and will be sorely missed by his devoted wife of 53 years Hilda Nitzky Sharf; his younger brother Irving Sharf; his daughters, Barbara and Andrea (Joseph Gomez); his grandchildren, Sasha Gomez and Joel Gomez; and his great-grandson, Oliver Stapleton.

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SHLIFER

It is with the deepest sorrow that we share the news of the passing of Michael (Mickey) Shlifer on January 26, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Rhoda Pollon Shlifer for 63 years. Also, mourning their father, are sons, Gary and Daniel, along with granddaughters, Hallie and Nina. Born December 1, 1936, Michael was a West Philly guy, through and through. He attended West Philadelphia High School and Temple University School of Business. He spent the first year of his marriage in Lawton, Oklahoma, serving in the United States Army Dental Corps. After the years in the Army, with plenty of tales to tell, he embarked on a long career in the transportation industry. Michael owned several companies related to the industry and retired to Longboat Key Florida after having been president of an airport shuttle and limousine service for over eight years. A new life began in Florida with Michael Rhoda, and eventually both sons, playing lots of tennis and volunteering for many worthwhile organizations. These included mentoring and tutoring in elementary schools, working with Jewish Family and Children Services, and teaching English as a second language for the Literacy Council. A unique teaching group of retired teachers invited Michael to be the only male as part of their special method of teaching young students with reading difficulties. This wonderful man was loved and respected by all who knew him and the love of Rhoda's life. We will read his name in the Book of Life. Services will be private and a special celebration will take place in the future. Suggestions for charities are American Cancer Society or JFCS.

TABACK

Harry Benjamin Taback, 90 from Bucks County, formerly of Center City, Philadelphia. He enjoyed a career speculating in Center City real estate and being an accountant. Harry is survived by his loving wife Lois, his son Dr. Bret Taback and son Marc Taback and his partner Kevin. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

VOLUSHER

Ray Volusher, 92, of Philadelphia, PA died March 9, 2021 at her residence. She was the beloved wife of the late William Volusher, the loving mother of Sandra (Mark Levy) Kellerman, Beth (Steven) Glickman and the late Ellen Aumiller and adored Bubbie to 11 grandchildren and Super Bubbie to 23 great grandchildren. Graveside services were held on March 11th. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Jewish National Fund, jnf.org
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Passover

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BRAZILIAN PASSOVER CAKE

- ¼ cup matzah cake meal
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 banana, mashed
- 1 apple (substitute for a favorite fruit if desired)
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest from 1-2 oranges
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- ⅓ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F and grease an 8-inch square baking pan with butter.

Sift the matzah cake meal, cream of tartar, baking soda, lemon zest and salt together in a large bowl.

Beat the butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer until creamy.

Add the white sugar gradually, beating until the butter is fluffy. Beat in the mashed banana and apples and egg.

Add the matzah meal mixture in three batches, alternating with milk, beating



▲ LT Ladino Bryson makes pão de queijo, right, for Passover.

Courtesy of LT Ladino Bryson

the batter briefly after each addition.

Spread the batter in the prepared cake pan and sprinkle brown sugar and cinnamon on top.

Bake for 30 minutes. Make sure a toothpick is clean when you check the middle.

What Makes a Persian Passover?

Meticulous cleaning is one of the hallmarks of a Persian Passover, said Ellie Dayan, who left Iran in 1996.

Judaism's spring holiday almost always coincides with the Iranian secular new year, Nowruz. So Jews, in their quest to remove the leaven from their homes, kicked up the cleaning up a notch to match



▲ Brazilian cheese puffs (pão de queijo)

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the intensity of their Muslim neighbors.

As for baking, "In Iran, we didn't have kosher bakeries," Dayan said. So Jews baked traditional holiday cookies that they took with them on visits to relatives and friends during Passover. Those cookies were "the smell of Passover," Dayan said.

When it came to charoset, "each city had its own flavor," Dayan explained. Her mother's Tehran charoset combines pomegranate juice, walnuts, pistachios, grape juice and wine. Her father's side of the family uses Kurdish sesame seed paste. And her husband's family, originally from southern Iran, incorporates date nectar, paste or juice,

which Dayan said she's also seen used in Iraqi charoset.

A Persian seder also includes scallions, which come out with "Dayenu."

"Everybody starts to hit each other with spring onions. I haven't seen a Persian house that doesn't do it," Dayan said, adding that it's OK to use lettuce instead. "It's very joyful." Children look forward to it. "On Rosh Hashanah, kids come up and ask if it's time to do it."

Some things have changed in America, she said. The cleaning is less fastidious, which Dayan can live with.

"You'd rather spend your energy on celebrating," she said. ●

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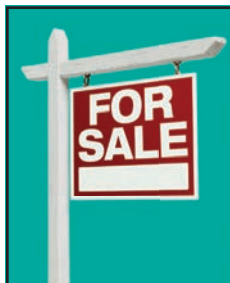
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ESTATE OF AGNES G. BOND, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF JAMES JOHN CANTLIN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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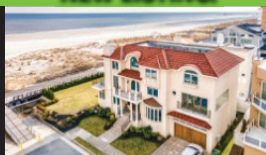
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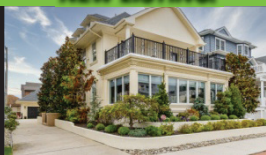
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IN RE: ADOPTION OF)
BABY BOY P.) No. 3 of 2021

To: "Khalil" and all putative fathers
A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on October 26, 2020, in Philadelphia, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held via video conference, using the Zoom Cloud meeting program/app before Judge Gingrich, on April 7, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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Respectfully submitted,

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By: Denise M. Bierly, Esquire
Attorney I.D. No. 58860
486 Nimitz Avenue
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
MIFFLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHAN'S COURT DIVISION

IN RE: ADOPTION OF)
BABY GIRL J.) No. 11 of 2021

To: All putative fathers

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on December 29, 2020 in Philadelphia, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held via video conference, using the Zoom Cloud meeting program/app before Judge Gingrich, on April 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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ESTATE of JOANN T. MAPP; MAPP, JOANN T., Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Raheem Mapp, c/o John Richey, Esq., The Tannenbaum Law Group, 600 West Germantown Pike, Suite 400, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462, Administrator.
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ESTATE of JOYCE EVERETT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE of LORRAINE WIBLE JACKSON a/k/a LORRAINE JACKSON, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE of Patsy Barbara Birch aka Patsy B. Birch; Birch, Patsy Barbara aka Birch, Patsy B. Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA
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ESTATE of PHILLIP SINGER, DECEASED.
Late of Abington Township, Montgomery County, PA
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Late of Philadelphia, PA
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ESTATE of ROSINA GAROFALO, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE of RUTH E. DASHNER, Deceased
Late of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
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ESTATE of SEYMOUR LEINER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE of STANLEY EVANS, DECEASED.
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▼ FRIDAY, MARCH 19

'Journey Into Darkness'

Temple Judea Museum and the **Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center** will host the exhibition "Journey into Darkness Heal with the Beauty of Light," from March 19 to June 30. Visitors welcome by appointment. Masks must be worn. Call 215-887-8700, ext. 416, for more information.

Job Webinar

Join **JEVS Human Services** and **Free Library of Philadelphia** at noon for a free career webinar for college students. Career advisers will share information about identifying industries that are hiring and successful networking during the pandemic. Email CS@jevs.org for more information.

▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 21

'Anne Frank'

Music Mountain Theatre will screen a virtual performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 3 p.m. Based on the book "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" and adapted by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, the play draws from previously unpublished parts of the diary. Register at showclix.com/event/the-diary-of-anne-frank-mmt.

▼ MONDAY, MARCH 22

'Philly D.A.'

The series "Philly D.A." explores pressing social issues through the lens of one man attempting an overhaul from within the criminal justice system. The **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival**

will host a free virtual screening of Episode 1 at 7 p.m. followed by a live community discussion with the series' co-director, Yoni Brook, and District Attorney Larry Krasner. Email info@pjff.org for more information.

▼ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Relatives Support Group

This **Jewish Family and Children's Service** support group is for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual and is looking for a space to process. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. RSVP at jfcsphilly.org/supportgroups. For more information, contact ggodel@jfcsphilly.org or call 267-273-6006.

▼ THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Charoset Recipes

Have a new charoset recipe ready for the Passover seder by joining Ossi Fink Nussbaum and Rachel Palitto and as they demonstrate charoset recipes from different Jewish communities around the world. Hosted by **Temple Adath Jeshurun** at 7:45 p.m. For more information, visit adathjeshurun.info/form/charoset-around-the-world.html.

Men's Club Meeting

Join the **Men's Club of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** at 7:30 p.m. for a free virtual presentation of Wine On The Vine, a project of The Israeli Innovation Fund. This alternative to planting trees helps Israeli wineries and benefits the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and CSS. For more information, contact Paul Kaplan at 215-677-1600. ●

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Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, New Jersey, will perform "The Diary of Anne Frank" until March 21. Tickets are available for both in-theater and livestream shows.

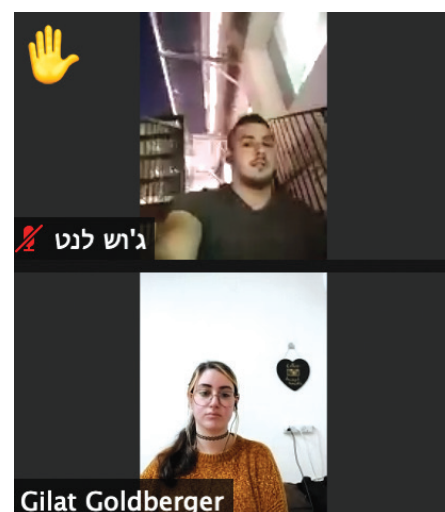
► The cast of "The Diary of Anne Frank" rehearses.

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On March 14, **Congregation Mikveh Israel** hosted two representatives from **The Michael Levin Base** for a discussion on Zoom. **Gilat Goldberger** and **Josh Lent** spoke, respectively, on Israel national service and life as a lone soldier in the Israel Defense Forces. **Rabbi Albert Gabbai** hosted the conversation.

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Rabbi Lance Sussman of **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel** hosted **Rukhl Schaechter**, right, on "Rabbi Talk," his weekly Zoom discussion, on March 10. Schaechter is the first female editor of the **Yiddish Forward**.

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David Matlin, senior news anchor at **i24News**, joined **Young Jewish Leadership Concepts** on March 14 for a Zoom discussion of major news items in Israel. This was the second **YJLC "Critical Issues"** Zoom event, a project supported by an Israel engagement grant from the **Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia**.



▲ **David Matlin** (middle row, far right) talked about Israeli elections, recovery from coronavirus, conversion, Iran and what young adults can do for Israel.

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