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SELAH MAYA ZIGHELBOIM | JE STAFF

A “COMMUNITY PORTRAIT” study of the Greater Philadelphia Jewish population is underway to help identify and meet needs for services and engagement.

The study, which is being commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, looks at the Jewish population in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware counties. It poses questions about socioeconomic status, philanthropy and volunteering, perceptions of Israel and more.

“If we don’t do a study, then we have no idea because if you ask a Jewish organization, then they only know the people they serve,” said Kelly Romirowsky, director of evaluation, research and knowledge management at Jewish Federation. “That’s exactly why we need to do this study.”

The preliminary results are expected in November, and the full study will be ready in early 2020. The results will be made widely available so that different Jewish

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▲ A crowd, including members of Jewish Federation and JCRC staff, gathers for a “Service of Interreligious Solidarity” held by the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at Saint Joseph’s University in the wake of the Christchurch massacre.

Photo by Jason Holtzman

Jewish Community Responds to Deadly Mosque Attack

JANET PEREZ AND LIZ SPIKOL | JE FEATURE

INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND local Jewish communities are condemning last week’s white supremacist attack on two New Zealand mosques that killed 50 people and wounded dozens.

The attacks took place in the city of Christchurch at the Al Noor Mosque

and Linwood Mosque during March 15 morning prayers. The “worst act of terrorism committed on our shores,” as New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern characterized it, was allegedly carried out by a 28-year-old Australian national who’d penned an 87-page manifesto filled with anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim rhetoric.

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A reader wonders how her family will be able to celebrate Purim this year because the advent of daylight saving time is creating logistical challenges. Miriam notes that there are many daytime activities that can be enjoyed during the week and that there were several weekend events during the afternoon. And, if need be, skipping the holiday this year is an option. Read Miriam's Advice Well to find out more. 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/2019/03/18/logistics-make-purim-celebration-a-challenge/



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VEGAN WHITE BEAN SOUP
WITH CHIPOTLE PEPPERS

Food columnist Keri White found her cupboard mostly bare the other day, but still wanted to whip up a hearty meal. With dried beans and a few other ingredients, she was able to create a tasty soup that can please vegans and carnivores alike. Check out Philacatessen, our online-only food blog, for the recipe, as well as content not normally found in the printed edition, including restaurant reviews, gift ideas and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2019/03/18/vegan-white-bean-soup-with-chipotle-peppers/



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AJC Philly/SNJ Celebrates 75 Years of Building Bridges

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FOR THE FIRST time in a long time, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's gala will be a black-tie event.

That's to pay homage to the galas the organization held in its early years, which were also black-tie. The gala this year, which will take place at The Rittenhouse on March 23 at 7 p.m., is not merely a fundraiser for AJC Philadelphia/SNJ; it is also a celebration of the organization's 75-year history.

That is apparent in the evening's itinerary.

Filmmaker Sam Katz will premiere a video on the history of the organization, called *AJC: Philadelphia/SNJ: A 75 Year Perspective*, and AJC CEO

David Harris will be the keynote speaker. The gala will honor past presidents and the signatories of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ's 1944 charter, many of whose descendants are still involved in the Jewish community.

"We're just celebrating the vision that people had," said Marcia Bronstein, regional director of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ. "It was 1944. It was right before D-Day. Everything that was happening to the Jews in Europe was coming out, and the people who signed the charter — the 150 people — had vision to know that they could make a difference."

Philadelphia's chapter was the first outside New York, and community leaders felt that their mission of combating anti-Semitism would be more effective with local chapters, rather than a national office.

Over the next 75 years, AJC and its Philadelphia chapter proved to be a leader in building coalitions with different religious and ethnic groups, both domestically and around the world, and earned its nickname, "the state department of the Jewish people."

"If we partner with like-minded individuals and we can then advocate for each other's issues, our voices will be amplified," Bronstein said.

In Philadelphia, in its early years, the organization opened up industries that were closed to Jewish people by creating a dialogue with heads of law firms and banks.

The organization also played a role in advancing women's roles in the workplace. In the '70s and '80s, it recognized that while women worked, their work was often undervalued



▲ From left: Former AJC presidents Len Grossman, Steve Dubin and Jack Farber

Photo courtesy of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ

and underpaid. The organization did a study on that issue called "Bringing Women In."

Twenty-four years ago, AJC Philadelphia/SNJ began coalition-building with the Bucks County Christian Coalition.

The organization also has a strong relationship with the local archdiocese, through programs like Friends in Faith, for which students from Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy and Pope John Paul II High School visit each other in their schools.

The organization has done work to build relationships with the African American community, including one program that sent black and Jewish youth to visit Africa and Israel.

In recent years, the organization began building partnerships with Latino and Muslim communities. About six years ago, Bronstein said, the organization started a coalition with the Latino community. Early programming in this relationship sought to create a connection over shared immigration experiences.

That relationship has since grown. AJC, with its Latino partners, advocates for comprehensive immigration reform.

"My grandmother left Russia, and she joined a caravan, and she ended up in another country without documentation, until she was able to get the paperwork to come

to the United States," Bronstein said. "That was the story that a lot of Jewish families had, and so, Latinos saw, for the first time, that there was a connection with some of the issues that they're dealing with today on immigration."

A few years ago, the organization began reaching out to the Muslim community with Circle of Friends, AJC's local Muslim and Jewish leaders group. In partnership with the Muslim community, AJC is working on hate crime and sacred spaces legislation.

Recently, Circle of Friends held a Muslim-Jewish Holocaust remembrance ceremony at City Hall with the national Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council.

"We looked at what we had in common," Bronstein said.

Over the years, AJC committees and projects have spun off and become their own organizations, as the agency evolved.

"It went from a human rights organization, to a global advocacy organization, and we still do global and domestic work," Bronstein said. "We have the relationships, the infrastructure, the media relations to be able to work around the globe. We have the boots on the ground, and we can do this work where no other organization can." •

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Anti-Semitic Graffiti Found in SEPTA Station

LOCAL

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

ANTI-SEMITIC AND anti-Zionist messages were found in the SEPTA Spring Garden station on the morning of March 12.

The messages, written on pillars on the subway platform, called to “Boycott Israel,” “Make America Great For Once” and “#FreeMumia,” among other slogans. “Israelites Are the New Nazis,” one message read, above images of a crossed-out swastika and Magen David.

“I was very angered and saddened,” said Jonathan Krause, a lawyer and Anti-Defamation League board member who lives near the station with his family. Krause did not see the graffiti himself; it had been

erased by the time he arrived. But he saw photos of the messages posted on Facebook. Krause noted the proximity of the messages to Congregation Rodeph Shalom, which is just a short walk away.

SEPTA police reported that the graffiti was erased soon after it had been reported to them, and that an investigation had been launched.

“We took care of that as soon as it had been brought to our attention,” said Heather Redfern, a SEPTA public information manager. According to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, SEPTA was first made aware of the graffiti around 6:30 a.m., and the graffiti was removed within two hours.

The Philadelphia chapter of the ADL said that it has been in

contact with the Philadelphia Police Department and SEPTA, and posted a statement on the graffiti to its website.

“Absolutely no comparison can be made between the complex Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the atrocities committed by the Nazis against the Jews. Nor can Israeli actions or policies be characterized as acts of ethnic cleansing or genocide,” the statement read. That charge, the statement continues, “serves to diminish the significance and uniqueness of the Holocaust. To make such a comparison constitutes blatant hostility toward Jews, Jewish history and the legitimacy of the Jewish State of Israel.” •

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Bennett Goldstein, Funeral Home President, Dies at 86

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BENNETT GOLDSTEIN, the president and funeral director of Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks, died on Mar. 13. He was 86.

An "icon for the last 50 years," in the words of his eldest son, Bruce, Goldstein began working at the funeral home owned by his uncle and his father back when he was still a student at Central High School.

One day, while his father and uncle were on an afternoon errand, a family came into the funeral home looking to make arrangements for a loved one. Goldstein, just 16, walked them through the process on his own, sealing the deal. He would spend the rest of his life



▲ Bennett Goldstein

Photo courtesy of Carl Goldstein

growing his family's business.

"Being around people and wanting to help people and helping them make funeral arrangements, he never thought about doing anything else," said his younger son,

Carl. He spent the rest of his life working 12 to 14 hours a day at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks, rarely vacationing.

Outside of the funeral home, Goldstein, a Korean War veteran, extended his passion for service to the wider Jewish community.

He was past chairman of the board of the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Center for Jewish Life and president of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America. He was a trustee of Beth Sholom Congregation, a member of the board of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, and a member of the board of Overseers of Gratz College. He was also a member of the American Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev and American Friends of Magen David Adom, among

many other organizations.

Both of his sons recall their father's ability to turn a restaurant's dining room into something a little more special.

"When he would walk into a restaurant, and we would all be seated, it would take him an additional five to 10 minutes to be seated," Carl Goldstein said. "Why? Because he starts walking around the restaurant to see who he knew, and who he didn't know."

"He can work a room better than any politician I know," Bruce Goldstein said.

And like anyone who could work a room, Goldstein had a talent for recall, his mind a steel trap for names. One of his friend's mothers used to call him "the computer."

Goldstein was not a "touchy-feely guy," according

to Carl Goldstein, but he was an attentive, loving father, who was "idolized" by his grandchildren.

"He wasn't the type of person who was, you know, hug you, kiss you, but if you had a problem you went to him, you solved the problem together," Bruce Goldstein said.

Bennett Goldstein's wife, Sonny Nathanson, died in 2005. They had been married since 1952.

Bennett Goldstein is survived by his children, Bruce and Carl; his brother, Gabe; his grandchildren, Jason, Staci, Seth and Joshua; and his great-grandchildren, Samuel, Luke, Jordyn, Corey, Sophie and Brooke. ●

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Barrack Board Explains Stance on Union

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IN AN EMAIL blast sent on March 13, George Gordon, Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy board president, sent a letter that offered more detail about the board’s controversial December decision to withdraw recognition from the teachers union.

In the letter, Gordon said the decision was intended to provide the school with more flexibility.

“First, to ensure that the school continues to thrive in this environment, we need to maximize our ability to be nimble, to implement innovative programming, and to evolve,” Gordon said.

“Second, it is critical that we

have a truly unified community of educators that shares a singular focus on our mutual goals of achieving excellence in an academic program infused with Jewish values. We envision a school environment that further unifies all of our educators and enhances their ability to work in unison to meet the needs of our evolving, Jewishly-diverse community.”

Gordon emphasized that there was no intention to decrease teachers’ salaries or benefits, a point he drove home by announcing that all teachers will receive salary increases for the 2019-2020 academic year. He said that the board also plans to increase salaries for the 2020-’21 and 2021-’22 academic years, that



▲ Alumni and families stood outside the school on March 18 to show their support for the teachers union.
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French Anti-Semitism Reaches Tipping Point

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WITH A 74 PERCENT rise in anti-Semitic incidents in 2018, anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sentiments are seemingly everywhere in France, home to Europe's largest Jewish population.

French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner announced in February that 541 anti-Semitic incidents took place in 2018 in France, up from 311 in 2017. One of the most publicized and disturbing attacks of the year was the brutal murder of Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor who was stabbed 11 times and then set on fire in her apartment. The murder was declared an anti-Semitic hate crime.

In the first weeks of 2019, two teenagers were arrested after they allegedly fired shots at a synagogue with an air rifle in the Paris suburb of Sarcelles, 96 tombs were desecrated in a Jewish cemetery in eastern France, the word "Juden," which means "Jews" in German, was scrawled across a bagel shop in Paris, and swastikas were drawn on public portrait of former French politician and Auschwitz survivor Simone Veil.

French President Emmanuel Macron has said that France is now experiencing a "resurgence of anti-Semitism unseen since World War II."

Arié Bensemhoun, executive director of the nonprofit, non-partisan European Leadership Network (ELNET) France, said that though there are talks about "new anti-Semitism," nothing is new about the attacks, stereotypes and language used against Jews in France.

"The situation is much more complex because from all sides of the society you will find peo-

ple that have a problem with the system, that would like to defeat the system, and when you want to defeat the system [they think] your first target should be the Jews."

The anti-Semitism currently taking over in France is a re-emergence of longstanding anti-Semitic tropes and false stereotypes involving Jews, money and their desire to control the world.

Bensemhoun knows people who were beaten in the streets and targeted with insults because of their Jewish heritage. When he was president of the Jewish community in Toulouse, France, he met with tens of hundreds of people who faced anti-Semitism and heard about thousands of acts against Jews over the span of 15 years, he said.

Julie Hazan, 35, who was born and raised in Marseille and is now the resource development director of ELNET New York, said she has friends in France terrified to send their children to Jewish schools.

"But they still do it," said Hazan, whose entire family still lives in Marseille, which has the second-largest Jewish population in France outside Paris. "They are resilient. They are used to it. They know they can always go to Israel if they have to, but otherwise they are going to go on with their lives."

"Anti-Semitism is there; it's a fact, but we live with it," she added. "For us it's ancient."

While the rise in anti-Semitic incidents in France began more than a decade ago, a tipping point came in February, following the vandalism of 80 gravestones in a Jewish cemetery in the Alsace region of France. It prompted thousands of people to join rallies in Paris and across the

country in public opposition to anti-Semitism.

The next day, Macron announced that he would crack down on the "scourge" of anti-Semitism. At a dinner attended by leaders of the Jewish community in Paris, he criticized a "resurgence of anti-Semitism unseen since

World War II."

He also said France will adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism, adding that "anti-Zionism is one of the modern forms of anti-Semitism."

Macron added that the problem has garnered "too much indignation, too many

words, not enough results."

Bensemhoun called for more action by the French government, saying, "The [government] understands that they should do more, and it's clear that we are in a critical time."

He added, "We are coming from a time of denial, and it's time to see the reality and fight it." •

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Session Drummer Hal Blaine Dies at 90

LEGENDARY SESSION DRUMMER Hal Blaine, the son of Jewish immigrants, died March 11 of natural causes at his California home, according to the Associated Press. He was 90.

Born Harold Simon Belsky in Holyoke, Massachusetts, Blaine was playing professionally by the time he was 20 and eventually became a member of “The Wrecking Crew.” That Los Angeles-based group of studio musicians played on numerous pop music hit recordings.

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame said Blaine played on 40 No. 1 hits, 150 top-10 tunes and eight songs that were Grammy winners for record of the year. Those include Frank Sinatra’s “Strangers in the Night” and “Bridge Over Troubled Water” by Simon & Garfunkel. The AP said it is believed Blaine is the only drummer to perform with Sinatra, Elvis Presley and John Lennon.

Student Government at Swarthmore Approves Resolution to Boycott Israel

Swarthmore College’s Student Government Organization approved a resolution that requests the school divest itself from companies doing business in Israel’s West Bank, JTA reported.

The organization previously rejected the measure

at a closed meeting vote, but held a second vote March 3 after it decided student groups hadn’t provided enough input.

Swarthmore President Valerie Smith and other school officials haven’t responded to the resolution. The college’s Students for Justice in Palestine chapter proposed the resolution; it asks Swarthmore to divest from seven companies doing business with Israel.

Oskar Schindler Items Sell for \$46,000

A Longines watch, a compass, a 1938 Sudetenland Medal, a business card and two fountain pens owned by Oskar Schindler fetched more than \$46,000 at a March 7 auction in Boston, JTA reported.

The German businessman, who is credited with saving more than 1,200 Jews who worked in his factory during the Holocaust, was the subject of the 1993 film *Schindler’s List* and the 1982 novel *Schindler’s Ark*.

Auction House RR Auction said the items came from the estate of Schindler’s wife, Emilie. She died in 2001.

The compass sold is believed to have been used by the Schindlers as they fled from Russian troops in 1945 and moved toward American-occupied territory. The medal was awarded, in part, for Schindler’s role in spying for the German government and

assisting in the Sudetenland annexation and occupation.

Polish Newspaper Runs Article About ‘How to Recognize a Jew’

Polish-language right-wing weekly newspaper *Tylko Polska* (Only Poland) ran a front-page article about “how to recognize a Jew,” JTA reported.

The article mentions “Names, anthropological features, expressions, appearances, character traits, methods of operation” and “disinformation activities,” as well as text that said “How to defeat them? This cannot go on!”

Fringe political candidate Leszek Bubl publishes *Tylko Polska*. Bubl, who is also a musician, has sung in the past about “rabid” rabbis.

The paper was included in periodicals distributed March 13 at the Sejm, Polish parliament’s lower house. After lawmaker Michał Kamiński protested, the Sejm Information Center said the chancellor of the Sejm will ask that the publication be removed. •

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Netanyahu Considers Marijuana Legalization

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu is open to the possibility of supporting marijuana legalization, JNS.org reported.

"I am now looking into the matter you brought up," he said, responding to a question on a LikudTV webcast. "I will give you an answer soon. It's possible that it will happen."

Netanyahu also spoke about the prior government's move to permit the use of medical marijuana, as well as allowing its exportation.

On April 1, laws that reduce penalties for marijuana use will take effect.

Tel Aviv Lights to Protect 'Smartphone Zombies'

Tel Aviv has installed LED sidewalk lights to protect "smartphone zombies" — distracted pedestrians staring at their phones as they walk, the Associated Press reported.

The striped lights alert pedestrians to when they can walk (by turning green) as well as when they should stop (by turning red).

The pilot program impacts a single intersection in Tel Aviv, but will be expanded if it proves successful. Australia, Singapore and the Netherlands previously installed similar systems.

Survey: Israeli Control of Palestinians a Moral Issue

More than seven in 10 Israelis surveyed believe there are moral issues related to Israel's control over Palestinians, *The Jerusalem Post* reported March 14.

In addition, 78 percent of Israeli Jews believe that controlling Palestinians in Judea and Samaria is not beneficial.

The survey was conducted by the Van Leer Institute, in cooperation with the Citizens Accord Forum and the Shaharit Institute.

Those qualms aside, just 12 percent call for that control to be stopped immediately, while 66 percent said there is no alternative at the moment.

Other poll data reported that 78 percent of the Jewish public and 93 percent of the Arab public agree that peace with people of other religions is a key value, while 51 percent of the Jews and 72 percent of the Arabs want leaders of different religions to be part of peace-related decisions.

Robert Kraft Prostitution Scandal Prompts Prominent Genesis Prize Board Member to Resign

Genesis Prize advisory board member Rivka Carmi resigned from her position to protest the foundation's decision to uphold honors for New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft despite his recent arrest for soliciting prostitution, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Camri, who is an Israeli geneticist and former president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, said the decision was consistent with her ethics, as she has been a longtime advocate for women's empowerment. She said the prize was damaged enough — and she didn't want to make things worse — but "I am supporting women on all levels and all aspects."

Stan Polovets, chairman and co-founder of the Genesis Prize Foundation, previously told the *Post* the prize would not be rescinded.

"Robert was selected for decades of extraordinarily generous philanthropy, his unwavering support of Israel and unparalleled success in his field of work — professional sports. Israel doesn't have a better friend than Robert Kraft," he said. "The incident reported last week is unfortunate. However, as of now, it remains an unproven allegation."

The award ceremony is slated for June 20, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presenting the Genesis Prize to Kraft. •

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Try Self-Soothing Techniques When Stressed

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MARCY SHOEMAKER | JE FEATURE

CLOSE YOUR EYES and take a deep breath. Think about the last time you were tucked into bed and someone close to you, maybe a parent or grandparent, read you a bedtime story.

Most likely, you felt safe and secure then, and were able to easily go to sleep. You probably didn't know at the time that this technique was known as "soothing."

As adults, we are challenged to find ways to calm or soothe ourselves to reduce anxiety and calm our minds. Even though society may challenge the need to care for ourselves as adults, self-soothing techniques are essential to reduce anxiety and depression and achieve overall well-being and a positive state of mind.

Unfortunately, we are not often taught the art of self-soothing. Instead, we're encouraged to tough it out in

a pressured world. But these techniques come in handy during difficult times.

Some of the techniques are found in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). In DBT, self-soothing skills are known as distress tolerance. Some of these habits or behaviors come from childhood, and others can be learned. There is not one perfect self-soothing behavior. An individualized approach is important in learning which behaviors or skills

work for you.

Self-soothing techniques may simply involve engaging in a pleasant or enjoyable event. For kids, this is easy since this involves the art of playing.

Think for a minute about activities that you enjoy or have not been involved in for a long time. This may involve reading, going to an art museum, taking a walk, watching your favorite TV show, taking time to organize your closet or talking with a friend. These pleasant events also result in distraction, which can help quiet the mind.

Another way of looking at self-soothing techniques is by classifying them according to the senses or sensory experiences.

Sight: You can look outside the window at nature or take a walk to your favorite place to observe the surroundings. Look at pictures of artwork or use your imagination to visualize a person or place that helps you to feel happy and/or calm.

Sound: Listen to your favorite songs the sounds of nature around you. One person may feel calm when they listen to rap music, while another may prefer classical music. The sounds of crickets at night may calm one individual, while the sounds of the ocean may appeal to another.

Smell: You could imagine the smell of fresh-baked cookies when they first come out of the oven. Or you could smell your favorite perfume, light a fragrant candle or smell a favorite soap. Lavender has soothing qualities for many people. Some enjoy walking outside and taking a deep breath and smelling the many odors of nature early in the morning.

Touch: If you feel anxious, try splashing cold water on your face or putting ice cubes under your chin. Comfort may also result from a warm bath, with or without bubbles. Wrapping yourself in your favorite soft robe or a blanket

may give you comfort on a difficult day.

Taste: There are so many individual options. You may like the sweetness of chocolate or the cold feeling of water ice. Calmness may be achieved when drinking various types of tea, including herbal teas such as chamomile. At the same time, you may enjoy eating a spicy mint that will wake you up or help make you more aware of your emotions.

Kinesthetic: Moving is another effective self-soothing technique. Exercise, dance, rocking in a rocking chair, tossing a ball or playing with a toy can be helpful. You might like to return to your childhood days when you played with Play-Doh or Silly Putty. All moving does not have to involve exercise.

Finding ways to care for yourself with self-soothing techniques is an important and helpful addition to your life. But there are reasons people avoid adopting them:

1. Some people feel that they don't have time in their busy schedules to care for themselves.
2. Individuals' inner voices often tell them that they should care for others.
3. People feel silly or awkward engaging in self-soothing behaviors.
4. New habits are hard to adopt.

Think back again to a time when you felt calm, secure and relaxed. This time it may not involve someone reading a bedtime story to you and tucking you into bed. It may involve you engaging in one or more of the previously discussed self-soothing behaviors. These tools should help you get through difficult times and make your life more enjoyable and manageable. •

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SURE, A LOT of companies like to give you the ABCs of buying life insurance, but we think it's important enough to offer a Step D as well.

No one really likes to talk or think about life insurance. But for millions of Americans, life insurance has become the cornerstone of their family financial plans. To that end, how do you determine how much — and what type — of life insurance is right for you? Let's talk about individual, not business, life insurance.

First to consider, there are two basic types of life insurance:

Term life provides death benefit protection of the insured for a certain number of years, typically five, 10, 20 or 30. It is often called "pure" life insurance, as all of the premiums are used to pay for the coverage only; there is no cash value component.

Permanent life, often in the form of whole, universal and variable universal, provides death benefit protection but adds the potential for tax-deferred cash value. This is capital that can be accessed via policy loans and withdrawals for living benefits such as supplemental retirement income, college tuition payments, home improvements or a host of other financial needs.

Step A: Assess your immediate needs. And we do mean immediate. In fact, the best time to buy life insurance was yesterday — before you actually have a need. Because the earlier in life you can buy, the chances are the lower the premiums will be — whether for a term or permanent policy. Now

is the time to learn what life insurance can mean for your financial plans. Remember, term life provides death benefit protection for a specific period of time and permanent life provides death benefit protection plus the potential for cash value to provide living benefits.

Step B: Assess your future needs. Time to have that proverbial chat with yourself. Do you see yourself getting married and having children? Are you expecting a long period of being single? Have you thought through the costs of raising a family and what an untimely death could mean to your financial planning? It is a lot to think about. But the sooner you can plan ahead, the sooner you can make a choice about life insurance and how cost-effective it may be.

Step C: Determine how much you can afford. A tricky point to be sure, but one that cannot be overlooked in your planning. Generally speaking, term life is going to cost less than permanent. So while you can buy more actual life coverage with term, that coverage will end at the end of the specified term (and sometimes will increase in cost as the policy gets down the road).

Some liken the choice of term versus permanent to the age-old question of renting versus owning. Permanent life, as noted above, does have the potential to build cash value but generally comes with higher premiums than term. But just like the question of owning versus renting, nothing is totally black and white. Term policies, for example, often offer the ability to convert to permanent. And permanent policies may not project the cash values you think you will need

without additional premium at some point.

And there is what some call the "X" factor: Will you need to undergo medical underwriting at some point if you want more insurance? That will affect cost.

Step D: Find a financial professional with whom you feel comfortable. He or she will

review your financial needs and wants with you, help assess what policy is right for you and navigate the differences in costs among policies. Part of this person's job is to make sure all of your questions are answered, so make sure you ask them. Then you will feel positive about

your choice of life insurance.

And since you should have started yesterday, now is most definitely the time to get started. Building the cornerstone of your financial future is too important to wait on. •

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Attack

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The response from Jewish organizations came swiftly.

“This attack on a Muslim community at prayer is an attack on the sanctity of life and tears at the fabric of society,” said the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in a statement. “We stand together with the Muslim community to denounce and oppose violence, hatred and bigotry in all its forms.”

The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia also released a statement, signed by board president, Rabbi Joshua Waxman.

“Coming so soon after the massacre at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the thought of peaceful worshippers being gunned down by hate-filled extremist has an extra tragic measure of resonance for Jews in Pennsylvania,” Waxman wrote. “Even as we prepare for

Shabbat and its vital foretaste of *olam ha-ba*, we recognize the huge gap that exists between the world as it is and the world as it ought to be, and the critical role we can all play in bringing some measure of consolation and hope to *olam ha-zeh*.”

Waxman and about 25 other area rabbis attended afternoon prayers at Masjidullah in West Oak Lane on March 15. Following services, Waxman said, Imam Mikal Shabazz spoke about the Tree of Life massacre and thanked members of the Jewish community.

The same evening, at Congregation Mikveh Israel, after a moving concert of Sephardic Andalusian music, Rabbi Albert Gabbai offered his remarks on the massacre.

“We are very sad about what happened,” he said. “We as Jews know what it means to be persecuted and we stand in solidarity and in sadness ...

May God protect all of us.”

The next day, many area Jews attended an interfaith vigil in LOVE Park, where Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center and Rabbi Shawn Zevit of Mishkan Shalom joined other faith leaders onstage. Attendee Rabbi Shelly Barnathan, of Or Zarua, was also there to demonstrate solidarity.

“It’s really important for us to support all of our brothers and sisters of all faiths,” she told KYW Newsradio.

That night, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia CEO Naomi Adler attended a vigil in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, while Main Line Reform Temple Senior Rabbi David Straus, former chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, spoke in Narberth.

Monday afternoon, Rabbi Batya Glazer, director of the JCRC, participated in an interreligious



▲ Several area rabbis and colleagues pose with Imam Mikal Shabazz (center) of Masjidullah following services.

Courtesy of The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia

service at Saint Joseph’s University organized by the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations.

Meanwhile, national Jewish groups responded with statements lamenting the tragic events.

American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris said his organization was “appalled by the murderous assaults.”

“Racist individuals imbued with pure hatred of Muslims have attacked normally peaceful New Zealand,” he added. “We say as loudly as we can: We stand against hate and xenophobia. We stand against terrorism. We stand for mutual understanding. We stand for mutual respect. We stand for coexistence and outreach.”

Zionist Organization of America’s President Morton A. Klein and Chairman Mark Levenson issued a joint statement:

“The vicious terrorists who perpetrated this monstrous act are nothing less than evil scum. The Jewish community is especially sensitive to such horrible religious hate crimes and murders since almost 60 percent of all religious hate crimes in America are committed against Jews.”

In its statement, the Anti-Defamation League pointed to the problem of social media.

“As has become a pattern with white supremacist violence, the shooter not only meticulously planned the attack, but also designed it for social media, even live streaming it

on Facebook,” CEO Jonathan Greenblatt said. “The fact that his video is still accessible on several social media websites is a reminder that these platforms need to do more to stem the flow of hateful messages and memes on their platforms, especially white supremacist memes targeting Muslims, Jews and other minorities.”

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America also responded, saying, “We stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters of good faith throughout the world against senseless hatred and bigotry, and the despicable violence they breed. We condemn, in the strongest terms, the horrific murder of innocent people, and the added abhorrence of violence in houses of prayer.”

World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder echoed national statements, saying, “We must redouble efforts to combat hatred and division in our societies, from wherever it emanates.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tweeted, “Israel mourns the wanton murder of innocent worshippers in Christchurch and condemns the brazen act of terror in New Zealand. Israel sends its condolences to the bereaved families and its heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery to the wounded.” ●

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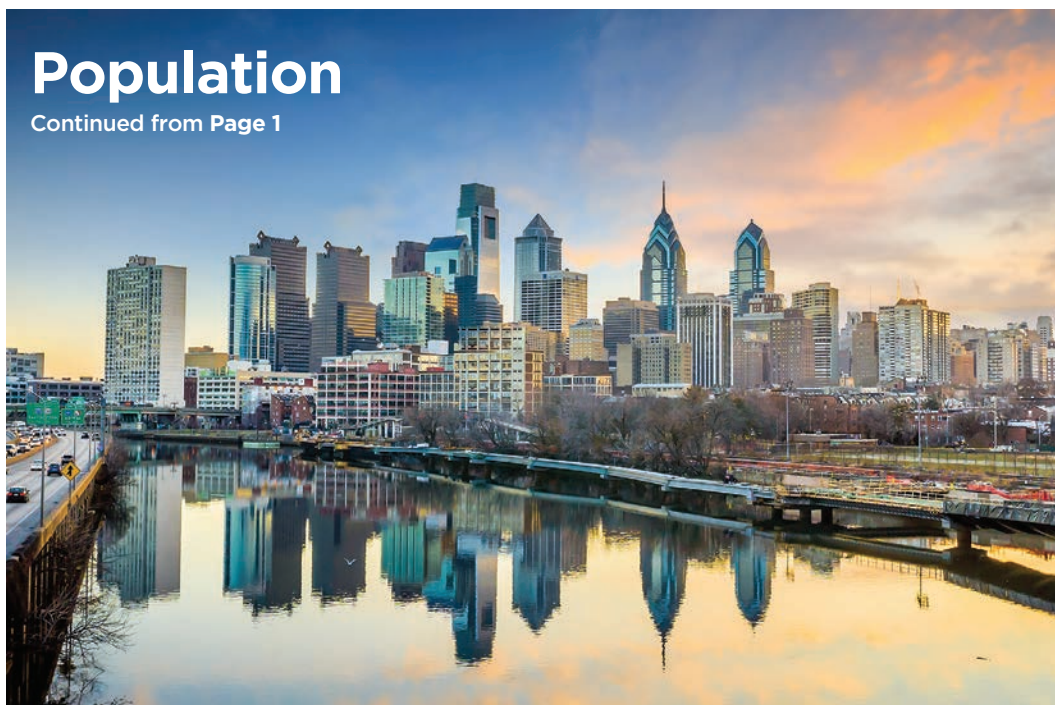
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Population

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▲ A new population study looks at Jewish activity, religious and ethnic identity, philanthropy, social service needs, health, anti-Semitism and perceptions about Israel in Greater Philadelphia's Jewish community.

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organizations can use them.

The study is led by Romirowsky, who is supported by a lay leadership committee and a technical advisory committee. The Jewish Federation selected Westat as the research firm to conduct the study.

The study is more than just a census because it has practical goals, said Adam Laver, who, along with his wife Sara, is co-chair of the lay leadership committee. That goal is for the community to better prioritize resources based on need.

"If we have true numbers on the extent of that need, it can help us delve deeper into meeting the needs and finding ways to respond," said Laver, who is on the board of trustees of the Jewish Federation, board chairman of Jewish Family and Children's Service and a member of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel.

The participants are randomly selected to ensure the sample isn't biased.

The first stage is a screener that asks the participant basic questions. The invitation to complete this screener, either online or with a hard copy, is mailed out. This step includes both Jewish and non-Jewish

respondents, but only those who identify as Jewish are invited to complete the next stage: an in-depth 20-minute survey, either online or via hard copy. The survey can also be done over the phone for those who need extra assistance, and is available in Russian.

It's been a decade since this kind of study of the local Jewish community has been done. Romirowsky said such studies usually take place every 10 years in similar cities.

One of the differences between the last study and the current one is terminology; for example, the current survey uses the phrase "interfaith" instead of "mixed" to refer to marriage. This study also has more questions about anti-Semitism, Israel, health and transportation.

"I don't believe in the past we asked much about transportation," Romirowsky said. "I know, being an evaluation director here, that transportation is a huge issue for our community members, both young and old, in being able to access both religious Jewish and just general social services."

The survey 10 years ago

defined Jewish engagement as synagogue membership or participation in rituals like lighting Shabbat candles or attending a Passover seder. The new survey has broadened that definition by including visits to a Chabad House and less traditional ways to celebrate holidays, such as a Shabbat hike.

"My major goal with this stuff is to look at and measure on a continuum the range

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of Jewish practices that ... folks today might be doing," Romirowsky said.

She also said the new study may reveal an uptick in concern about anti-Semitism, at least since the last survey was done. She'll also be interested to see the new demographic information.

"We know that we have an older population than some other Jewish communities," she said. "That proportion we know about. The question is, because the last study was done and didn't include cell phones at a time when cell phones would have represented at least some portion of the population, there may have been an underrepresentation of the young population. We don't know."

They are holding focus groups to gather qualitative data that can supplement the information they collect through the study.

"We can't ask everything because you really want to keep it to about 20, 25 minutes," Romirowsky said. "That's why we're following up, and we've already started doing focus groups to really get the story and the why for people and really get a rich picture of what people are experiencing."

The focus groups allow researchers to delve deeper into issues facing specific subsets of the Jewish community, such as Russian speakers, Israelis, older adults, college students and more. Focus group participation is open to the community; participants do not need to have been selected for the study.

"This is Abraham's tent," Adam Laver said, "and it's open to all."

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Not All Anti-Semitism Is Equally Dangerous

BY STATE REP. DAN FRANKEL

CONFRONTED WITH THE litany of lies, offensive remarks and misinformed pontificating that comes from the White House, I sometimes find myself tuning it out as I try to focus on the policies I can change and the help I can provide for my constituents.

But President Donald Trump got my full attention late last week when he touted a “Jexodus” movement to convince Jews to leave the Democrat Party.

This followed Trump’s comments that the Democrats are the “anti-Jewish” party because of their handling of controversial remarks by freshman Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

It’s no surprise that this president would not understand why such a large percentage of

American Jews identify politically with Democrats. Nearly eight out of 10 of them voted for Democratic candidates in the 2018 midterms, according to exit polling data. I cannot speak for all Jews — it’s as disparate a group as you’ll find — but I can tell you that the connection between these two groups runs deeper than any one policy or controversy could.

Jews don’t have to look far backward in history to understand what it means when people’s humanity is stripped away from them.

My Jewish faith and experience informs my experience as a Democratic legislator every day. The legacy of my ancestors continually pushes me to serve my neighbors, to fight injustice and to care for the sick and the defenseless. Those are the principles that also drew me to the Democratic

Party, and I feel perpetually challenged to live up to them.

My road to Harrisburg was a path laid by service in the Jewish community, where I volunteered and advocated at every level for large and small organizations designed to help people. It was clear that our work was to care for the most vulnerable among us. That’s the job of community

organizations, and it’s also the work of government.

Importantly, that’s what the members of Dor Hadash, one of the three congregations attacked at the Tree of Life synagogue building, were trying to do by inviting in and caring for refugees in our community.

Jews don’t have to look far backward in history to understand what it means when people’s humanity is stripped away from them; my children’s grandmother survived Auschwitz. The stories of the Holocaust are not distant or abstract to our community, and they continue to guide us in many ways.

That truth makes me all the

more vigilant about recognizing anti-Semitic words and acts. I stand up against anti-Semitism, and I call it out when I see it. I also stand up for the civil rights of gays and lesbians, transgender men and women, people of all colors and races, and — yes — immigrants.

I also educate, clarify and discuss. I have learned the difference between anti-Semitism borne of ignorance and anti-Semitism borne of hatred: Both are insidious, but they are far from the same.

As a Jew and a Democrat, I know well that these are not homogenous groups. I’ve seen the volume go up at plenty of caucus meetings and I’ve seen heated arguments take place over more than a couple of Shabbat meals.

And while there is no lack of fodder for debate and personal introspection among Jews and Democrats, absolutely including Omar’s comments, our fundamental principles drive us together. ●

Dan Frankel, a Democrat, represents the 23rd District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Mourning Yet Another Tragedy

BY DR. SAUNDRA STERLING EPSTEIN

HERE WE ARE again. Charlottesville. Florida. Pittsburgh. Now New Zealand. Too many tragedies.

Here is what scares me. Add them all up — it’s all coming from people who hate anyone who is different. Pull them from the right and from the left, and you will note that the center is being closed out.

My husband often reminds me that he feels most people are good people who want the right thing. I am really, sincerely wondering how this is playing out in this time of extreme positions. Yes, many of us gather repeatedly to mourn and to share, but the problem is that we’re doing so too often.

I sit here once again with the past few days as busy as ever but clearly overshadowed by the latest tragedy in New Zealand. An entire community — actually an entire world of Muslims and all people of faith — is mourning.

I have been involved once again in mobilizing communities of Jews and multi-faith organizations to go to yet another interfaith gathering of sorrow and support for our Muslim brothers and sisters. I have just been in communication with many of my Muslim colleagues, supporting them as they supported me a few months ago after the Pittsburgh massacre.

As Peter, Paul and Mary asked, “When will we ever learn?” Apparently, what is being learned is hate and intolerance and lack of acknowledgment that we are all part of a human family.

This past Shabbat was Parshat Zachor. On this Shabbat, the one before Purim, we remind ourselves to destroy Amalek, the force that attacked the Israelites in the desert so long ago, going for the weak and tired, and killing them without mercy. When we remember what Amalek did, it is this hatred and lack

of humanity that we are supposed to eradicate wherever it is found, including in ourselves.

I am privileged and have so much gratitude for being able to be connected to so many wonderful people of faith. Whether we pray to HaShem or the Lord or Allah or any other supreme being, what my colleagues and friends and I share is a sense of humility that we are trying intentionally to live the life that supreme being wants us to. When one holds oneself accountable to that higher being, then being careful with words and actions comes as a necessary part of one’s daily existence.

The Talmud and so many other sources teach repeatedly that words that hurt, embarrass and minimize the other are as dangerous weapons as anything concrete. What we need to understand is that *words count* and our leaders and all responsible members of our community have to go back to a time in our lives when we had to

think before we spoke.

Communications theory teaches that what you hear is more important than what I say. I remember when Yitzhak Rabin’s assassin, Yigal Amir, stated that his rabbis and teachers at yeshiva taught him that Rabin was threatening the lives and well-being of all of Israel by engaging in peace talks and initiatives. Amir used that as permission to assassinate him. For a few weeks afterward, there was some reflection in the yeshiva world, and then it was back to business as usual.

I am hurting, as are many people in my world.

This weekend, we had an amazing gathering at the Muslim Cultural Center Sunday afternoon as members of the Cheltenham Area Multi-Faith Council, including many members of our Jewish community, came together to mourn the loss of lives in New Zealand.

I was told that as many as 300 people were there. The people at

the Center were overwhelmed and did not expect this outpouring of support. Many expressed gratitude for our being together as well as the hope that we can continue to come together to celebrate, not just mourn.

When will the perpetrators of such misery learn that it is not our purpose as human beings for X to hate Y and Y to hate Z? If we do not learn to play nicely on the playground we call this world, we will not have a playground to play on.

May we all reach out and share the same message — that we must consider the impact of our words on others and get back to preschool basics: Don’t hit, share the space, if you don’t have something nice to say, etc. Too many adults have forgotten these very basic lessons. ●

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Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar's Tweet Is Exactly Why We Need AIPAC

BY MICHAEL HAREL

AFTER WIDESPREAD condemnations of recent tweets by Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar as anti-Semitic, Binghamton University *Pipe Dream's* opinions editor Sarah Molano claimed that "Democrats are doing all they can to stifle the more progressive views of these officials."

When progressivism becomes hateful, it is inherently no longer progressive. Therefore, Molano's article, which downplays a deeply hateful comment that sent shockwaves through the Jewish community, is curious; as a strong supporter of minority rights, she should know better than to claim what is or is not offensive to a minority group.

Historically, anti-Semitism has evolved with politics, and this is once again occurring with the emergence of evermore virulent anti-Zionism. While criticism of the Israeli government is understandable, Omar has consistently and without fail referenced anti-Semitic tropes through unfounded criticism of the Jewish state and its American lobbies. It is vital that such anti-Semitism guised as progressive criticism of Israel be continuously exposed, rather than defended in university publications.

On Feb. 10, Omar was met with resounding criticism for a tweet that was both factually incorrect and rife with anti-Semitic tropes. She tweeted that American support for Israel and condemnations of her previous actions as anti-Semitic were "all about the Benjamins." Then, in a following tweet, she claimed that AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobbying group, is responsible for purchasing this support.

Fundamentally, it cannot

be overemphasized that comparisons between AIPAC and lobbying organizations such as the NRA, which lobby Congress for monetary profit, are nonsensical. Despite its name, AIPAC is not a PAC, and does not actually pay candidates or politicians. Rather, it works to organize American citizens around a shared cause, helping them better voice their concerns.

Additionally, AIPAC's mission is the survival of the Jewish state, and thereby the Jewish people; its agenda is virtuous. About 6.6 million of the world's approximately 14.7 million Jews live in Israel. Without the country, these Jews would be at the mercy of hostile entities, such as Iran, whose supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei recently declared that "Israel is a malignant cancerous tumor in the West Asian region that has to be removed and eradicated." Without Israel, world Jewry would again become a people without a home — a people who would endure tireless persecution as they have throughout history.

In her piece, Molano cites anti-BDS legislation as supposed evidence of Omar's claim that legislators have been bought off by AIPAC to support unethical legislation. However, Molano mischaracterizes BDS as a movement whose "aim is to end international support for Israel's policies that oppress Palestinians," when in reality the movement's intentions are not so pure. To truly understand an organization's goals, look to the leaders; in the case of BDS, its leaders are not afraid to express their true intentions. BDS co-founder Omar Barghouti has openly declared, "Most definitely, we oppose a Jewish state in any part of Palestine."

That being said, of course,

Israel can be criticized like any other country. In fact, Israelis are often the first to do so. One can criticize the settler movement or the need for greater civil rights for Palestinians. But when Israel is the only country whose existence is consistently questioned or when the fault of the conflict is placed solely on its shoulders, criticism is no longer honest but rather irrational and even anti-Semitic.

Palestinian leadership has consistently demonstrated a commitment to the destruction of Israel rather than to peace, as demonstrated in 1948, and later in 2000 and 2008, when they rejected generous offers to establish a state in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. When these historical realities are willfully ignored, there is a clear double standard applied to Israel that leads to dehumanization, not peace.

The sting Omar's words inflicted was especially sharp because it targeted a sensitive area — the ancient and destructive conspiracy that Jews control the world's money. It was simply a statement rooted in hate, which at a minimum was a breach in the line of what is acceptable. Testing the boundaries of anti-Semitism is a dangerous and increasingly common phenomenon perpetrated by politicians on both sides of the spectrum and must be condemned by all.

Although Omar apologized, her sincerity is doubtful considering she once again made headlines by questioning the loyalty of Americans who support Israel, when she said, "I want to talk about the political influence in this country that says it is OK for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country." She also used a similarly heinous Jewish

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KVETCH 'N KVELL

New Editor Too Left-Wing, Not Attentive to Hamentaschen

I WAS APPALLED, astonished and, even more, saddened and scared that in the March 14 issue of the *Jewish Exponent* there was no mention of the recent events that had occurred in our country's capital. You cannot imagine how I waited all week to see how our community would respond to the ugly words we heard in the halls of Congress, words triggered by even uglier words from a duly elected representative, Ilhan Omar. But not a word.

If this is what it means to be Jewish in Philadelphia, I might have to be counted out. I can't abide those who claim any leadership capacity while remaining silent. What has happened to you? Have you no responsibility to speak up when things are amiss? Or are you too Democratic (as in Democratic Party members) that you fear repercussions?

And, to add insult to injury, imagine the shock when I read it's recommended I bake "cookies" and not hamentaschen ("Cookie-Making for Purim with Young Bakers," March 14)! Hey, at least include hamentaschen as an alternative. Are you going to recommend challah baking for Pesach?!

Linda S. Herman | Philadelphia

New Editor Too Right-Wing, Getting Old

Years ago, when I was regularly reading Liz Spikol in the *Philadelphia Weekly*, I could not have imagined that 1) a time will come when she'd be the editor-in-chief of the *Exponent* (congrats for that!) and 2) that when she'd publish an article written by the former mayor of a West Bank settlement, she'd refer to that settlement as "Shiloh, Israel."

Since I do not recall ever seeing such a blatantly right-wing statement in the *Exponent* other than inside an opinion piece, this merits a "wow." I guess it's true what they say about what happens to many of us when we get older ... •

Ben Joseph | Philadelphia

No Foolin' This Time

Re: the *Exponent's* 2019 Purim spiel [March 14], when I was a kid growing up in Wynnefield in the '50s, I came across the name of Hubert Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenbergerdorff Jr. in the phone book. Friends and I would occasionally prank call him and then hang up. His name appears to have been several letters longer than Ms. Rubinitvitzkyman-Satzbergerkatzbaum — and had no hyphens.

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A Tombstone in a Paris Cemetery

BY GERARD LEVAL

DURING A VISIT to Paris not long ago, I walked over to Place du Trocadéro, the large plaza so familiar to tourists seeking the best views of the Eiffel Tower. However, rather than view the Eiffel Tower, I walked a few steps to the south and ventured into the large Passy Cemetery to see the elaborate graves, including those of many noted figures in French history and culture.

I walked past the tombs of Claude Debussy, the great impressionist composer, and the painter Edouard Manet and his sister-in-law, Berthe Morisot. I noted the tombs of a former president of the French republic and of prominent authors, industrialists and military heroes of the last century.

But my attention was drawn to a simple reddish granite tomb. At the top of the stone there was a brief inscription in French, “To the memory of Isaac, Anna, Aline,” followed by a very Jewish surname. Just below the names were the words “who disappeared in 1942.” The words did not leave any doubt as to the circumstances of the deaths of the three individuals. They had been deported during the German occupation of France and murdered.

Such inscriptions are sadly not uncommon in Paris cemeteries, a silent tribute to the

thousands of Jewish victims of the Nazis and their collaborators. But it was what appeared just below the inscription that caught my eye: It was a Star of David with a large cross engraved on top of it. To the left of this symbol was the name of another deceased individual, also bearing the very Jewish surname of the Holocaust victims, an individual who had died relatively recently in 2003.

Familiar as I am with the history of the post-World War II French community, I readily understood the tragedy represented by this grave. Following the war and the deportation of members of this family, one of the survivors had elected to convert to Catholicism. In spite of this choice, the survivor felt an obligation to remember his relatives, but to do those from his new religious vantage point.

I do not purport to judge the actions of the survivor in his decision to leave his Jewish tradition and adopt the Catholic faith of the majority of French people. Perhaps it was the product of a religious revelation. Maybe it was the desire to leave the burdens of being Jewish behind and integrate into the fabric of France. Possibly it was the hope of ensuring the safety of future generations — to inoculate them against the hatred that had deprived his relatives of life. Since I did not live through the persecution of the Holocaust, I am unwilling to

judge those who did.

Nonetheless, the pain that I felt while standing over this grave arose from a sense that the ambiguous symbol was a desecration of the martyrdom that the three victims had assuredly experienced in 1942. They had been killed because they were Jews. It seemed so tragic that their memorial should try to dissimulate the true cause of their suffering or suggest that their suffering could be redeemed through adherence to another faith.

The sight of that grave served to reinforce the reverberating effects of the Holocaust, as its consequences continue to echo through the years, and of some of the subtler ways in which there are still efforts to undermine and distort its lessons.

My encounter with this tombstone also served to reinforce one of my longtime concerns regarding Holocaust memory and respect for the Jewish dead: the steadily disappearing tombs in Jewish sections of Paris’ municipal cemeteries. Over the years, I have noted with increasing distress the removal of graves of Jews resulting from the apparent failure of families and their descendants to pay the required maintenance fees. Under applicable French law, even a “perpetual concession” in a municipal cemetery is only an assurance

of a right to the grave as long as officially recognized direct descendants continue to pay the very considerable annual maintenance fees.

And the authorities do not make it easy to establish ancestry and to make maintenance fee payments — as I can attest from my own lengthy and frustrating efforts to protect the grave of my grandparents.

With a diminishing Jewish population and families distanced from prior generations, many Jewish graves are being removed. A significant number of the disappearing graves contain inscriptions to the memory of victims of the Holocaust, placed there by grieving survivors. The removal of those graves, erasing forever the memory of the victims whose names appeared on the gravestones, effectively commits a second destruction of the individuals who were so horribly deprived of life just two generations ago.

My efforts to alert Jewish religious authorities in France to take action to prevent these terrible acts of desecration have not resulted in any concrete results. Those authorities simply invoke French law and assert that nothing can be done.

However, we Jews know that the act of caring for our dead is one of the most important mitzvahs, an obligation that is a broad and vital one. We must make certain that the dead are

given a proper burial and that their place of burial is maintained. Symbolically, we all do this whenever we visit a Jewish grave and place small stones at the grave — echoing the very real obligation to protect graves from marauders in an earlier era. Preventing the wanton removal of Jewish graves and the exhumation of Jewish remains to be tossed into a collective public grave is equally an imperative. It is not appropriate to be resigned to desecration.

Allowing Jewish martyrdom to become a kind of ecumenical statement through the conflating of the symbols of Judaism and Christianity seems very disrespectful. Allowing the destruction of Jewish graves and the removal of memorials to those of our brethren who were martyred and deprived of a proper burial is reprehensible.

My brief walk in the Passy Cemetery highlighted the continuing need to prevent the desecration of the memory of those Jews who were destroyed in the Holocaust and the urgency of protecting the remains of Jews whose descendants may have ceased or become unable to care for their last resting places. •

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caricature in November 2012, when she tweeted that “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel.”

Hinting at tropes of “dual loyalty” and the “scheming Jew” with great vitriol, Omar has exhibited a deeply ingrained bias. Therefore, it is difficult to interpret Omar’s

apology as anything more than a public-relations move.

When criticism manifests as hatred, it blinds us from the complexities of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Omar’s tweet is, ironically, exactly why we need AIPAC.

It is disturbing that someone with such clear animosity toward a persecuted minority has such an influential position as a

member of the Foreign Affairs committee. As a Democrat, I hope my party’s leadership takes a stand and removes Omar from that committee. •

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'Click' Explores Collision of Tech, Identity

THEATER

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

JACQUELINE GOLDFINGER'S *Click*, a new play about a campus rape, technology and what can happen to people caught in between the two, makes its debut next week.

The play, a production of the Simpatico Theatre, will run at The Louis Bluver Theatre at The Drake. It is being staged in conjunction with the University of the Arts as part of Simpatico's "Season of System Failures," and will run from March 27 to April 14.

Click, which is in the sci-fi tradition, is part feminist and part "Sherlockian," according to the play's description.

"*Click* is a very unique play, which is one of the reasons I'm so excited about it," Goldfinger said.

Goldfinger, who teaches playwriting at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, said her plays often take about two years to go from conception to stage; *Click*, which is based on the Steubenville High School rape case of 2012, took nearly five years to complete.

Part of the reason for that, she said, was her desire to write a wider variety of characters than she usually did. She wrote characters of various races, classes, industries and gender identities, a task for which she consulted numerous readers.

"I wanted to make sure that I got all of those voices right," she said.

Another reason the show took so long was her desire to tell the story in such a way that it was not a one-to-one recapitulation of the details of Steubenville. To do that, some distance from the events was needed. Goldfinger knew that most audiences were now familiar with how such cases were covered in the moment. Thus, she decided to set her

▲ The cast of *Click*

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play in the years succeeding the rape, breaking the play into sections five, 10, 15 and 20 years in the future.

Beyond fidelity to reality, Goldfinger said, she wanted to deliberately counteract what she sees as the dehumanizing process that people involved in such episodes are often subject to. People become "flashes on a news screen, or tweets," she said, cheap imitations of the full-fledged humans they actually are.

"We wanted to make sure that, in our piece, we saw the humanity of everyone and honor that," she said, "while also asking important questions: When you can change your identity online? What consequences are there? Should there be consequences? What's going to happen when you're going to be able to change your identity in person?"

Another choice Goldfinger made was to keep the character of the rapist from appearing onstage. She's been dismayed

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in the past that the narrative tends to focus on the perpetrator rather than the victim.

“That bugs the hell out of me,” she said. In a way, she said, it’s her way of stamping out the name of Haman, a practice her daughters love.

Part of the impetus for staging the play now is the age of Goldfinger’s daughters, she said. Her older daughter is a student at Temple, and has told her mother about the types of parties that sometimes take place. On top of that, Goldfinger said, her daughter has had real-life interactions planned through the internet that turned out to be quite different than what she expected. That disconnect, she said, is at the center of her show.

“This is happening now, and it’s huge, and if we don’t think

about the bigger picture and the larger moral and ethical questions it raises for our communities, then we’re just gonna get sideswiped,” she said. “Because we’re not going to stop the evolution of technology, we’re not going to stop the fact that there is violence in our world, so I think it’s better that we think about some of these harder questions and how do we answer them in balance with someone’s full humanity now, rather than waiting until technology’s upon us.

“I want the world that she grows up in to be better,” Goldfinger said.

The play isn’t all dark, she stressed. Like some of the science fiction she looked to for inspiration, *Star Trek* and *Black Mirror*, for example, the dark drama of the story is populated by real people, who create moments of love and



Jacqueline Goldfinger

Photo courtesy of Jacqueline Goldfinger

humor that give the story a fuller shaper.

“The experience we’re going for is to be entertaining and

provocative,” Goldfinger said. She wants audiences to think about the play every time they pick up their phone, for it to feel like “a

little stone in their pocket.” •

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Jodi Kantor Talks Weinstein, #MeToo at Temple

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Temple University's Mitten Hall on March 14 to hear Jodi Kantor, who broke the Harvey Weinstein sexual harassment scandal, detail how she and colleague Megan Twohey investigated the story that served as the impetus for the #MeToo movement.

"The thing we concentrated on, our investigative design,

"It's easy to say from our vantage point now, 'Oh, that was so many sexual harassment stories ago,' but that was really a seminal story because the history of this issue was a history of lack of accountability," said Kantor, who is Jewish. "If you look at people like Clarence Thomas and Bill Clinton and President Donald Trump, there were allegations against all of these men and they never really faced any accountability for this."

women's phone numbers was a difficult task, but the hardest part was convincing the women to speak on the record.

That Kantor and Twohey were trying to prove there was a pattern of harassment and cover-ups helped convince some women.

Boardman noted during the conversation that he, Kantor and Weinstein were all Jewish.

"I must ask this: So along the way, did Jewishness ever occur to you as a connection of the story?" Boardman asked.

"In fact, unfortunately, several of the most prominent men who have been swept up in this are Jewish. Has that been a cultural aspect, a cultural exploration for you in any way of this story?"

"What's been very clear to me through our reporting is that this is a problem in every culture, every community, every walk of life," Kantor said. "Different communities have their own anxieties and neuroses about what happens when

somebody in their world is accused of this. In the African-American community, there is so much angst about Bill Cosby. He was an absolute hero, and now with R. Kelly, it's very uncomfortable for a lot of African-Americans to see a black man who was so successful accused ... and certainly the Jewish community has had some of the same reactions." •

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▲ David Boardman, dean of Temple University's Klein College of Media and Communication, speaks with journalist Jodi Kantor about her reporting on Harvey Weinstein.

Selah Maya Zighelboim

involved getting as many different kinds of evidence as possible," said Kantor, who won a Pulitzer Prize for her reporting on the topic. "We were not looking to write a 'he said, she said' story, in which — and I'm talking about once we really understood the material and we were hearing a lot of things off the record — we did not want to write a story that felt like a contest."

David Boardman, dean of Temple's Klein College of Media and Communication, interviewed Kantor at "Our #MeToo Moment and Beyond," which was co-sponsored by the Feinstein Center for American Jewish History.

Kantor said her investigation into Weinstein began after a turning point in sexual harassment history in April 2017, when a *New York Times* article found that Fox News and Bill O'Reilly had paid \$13 million over the years to settle sexual harassment suits against O'Reilly.

But the case with O'Reilly proved different. The journalists were able to show a trail of money that proved the case and, two weeks later, O'Reilly was fired.

That's when *The New York Times* editors began asking if there were other powerful men who had covered up inappropriate treatment of women — a question that seems quaint today, Kantor said. They asked Kantor who should be investigated next, and after some digging, she suggested Weinstein.

During the talk, she explained how she and Twohey went about trying to craft the story, and how they navigated some of the challenges in reporting it.

They decided, for example, that they needed to reach the women who had been harassed or assaulted directly, without an intermediary like a publicist or an agent. They didn't want to risk the intermediary putting a stop to the story. Getting the

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I envisioned it soy-glazed, rare-seared, sliced and served alongside a couple of interesting sides. But I had a busy day riddled with deadlines, errands, appointments, conference calls, family responsibilities and meetings, so I did not have a lot of time or inclination to provision for and craft intricate accompaniments.

Upon arriving home with my prized tuna, I encountered some bad news, namely that the cupboard was rather bare,

save for a spaghetti squash bought at the farmers market last week, and a half-container of snow peas left over from a previous dinner.

The good news is I came up with a “necessity is the mother of invention” dish. The two vegetables came together nicely, providing a unique blend of textures and flavors, and the color combo was beautiful.

The dish was simple to prepare and performed double duty — it essentially functioned as both a starch and a vegetable. OK, so spaghetti squash isn’t exactly noodles, rice or mashed potatoes, but it is a healthier complex carb that delivers enough heft to sort of trick the palate.

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Canola or vegetable oil for cooking

In a shallow dish, mix the lemon juice, soy sauce, sesame oil and honey. Place the fish in the dish, turn it to coat and allow it to marinate for 30 to 60 minutes. Remove the fish from the marinade (reserve the marinade for later use) and sprinkle the fish generously with coarse, fresh-cracked pepper. Press the

pepper into the fish. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat and add the fish. Cook about 2 minutes per side for rare. Remove the fish from the heat and allow it to rest for about 2 minutes. While the fish rests, pour the reserved marinade into a skillet and bring it to a boil. Pour the hot marinade over the cooked fish. Slice the fish on the diagonal and serve immediately.

ROASTED SPAGHETTI SQUASH WITH SNOW PEAS
Serves 4 generously

- 1 spaghetti squash
- 1 cup snow peas, cut in half
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt

Cut the spaghetti squash in half and remove the seeds. Place the squash halves face

down on a parchment-lined, rimmed cookie sheet. Bake the squash at 350 degrees for about 30-40 minutes until completely soft inside. Remove the squash from the oven and, when cool, scrape the inside of the squash out with a fork, forming spaghetti-like strands. Place the spaghetti squash back on the parchment and spread it into an even layer on the baking sheet. Sprinkle the ginger over the spaghetti squash, and add the cut snow peas. Toss well, sprinkle salt onto the mixture and return it to the oven for another 20 minutes until the snow peas are cooked.

LEFTOVERS LUNCH SALAD
Serves 1

This healthy lunch repurposes the dishes above into a healthy, delicious salad. 2-3 cups torn lettuce or baby greens
½ cup squash snow pea mixture
4 slices seared tuna
½ teaspoon sesame oil

- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil
- ½ teaspoon soy sauce
- Fresh cracked pepper

Place the lettuce into a shallow dish. Place the squash/snow pea mixture on top of the lettuce, spreading it out to distribute it evenly. Mix the oils, vinegar and soy sauce in small cup with a fork and drizzle it over the salad. Toss well. Place the sliced tuna on top of the salad and serve immediately. ●



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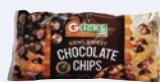


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Enthusiasm Makes All the Difference

Parshat Tzav

BY RABBI ELIEZER HIRSCH

PARSHAT TZAV is unique on our calendar, because of its proximity to both Purim and Passover. In most years, it falls on Shabbat HaGadol (the Shabbat preceding Passover) and, in a leap year like this one, it falls immediately before or immediately after Purim.

The Talmud explains that during a leap year, Purim is observed in the second Adar instead of the first one so that it will be closer to Passover and, thereby, connect these two holidays of “redemption.” Tzav, which is uniquely linked to both Purim and Passover, is a fitting source to help us learn how the holidays are connected.

The title of last week’s parsha, which begins a new book of the same name, is Vayikra, which means “[God] called.” According to Rashi, this title connotes warmth and closeness. Perhaps his interpretation is based on that parsha’s description of sacrifices in the tabernacle; as the Zohar notes, the Hebrew name for sacrifice

(*korban*) implies that animal sacrifice is a vehicle through which one can develop closeness (*hitkarvut*) to God.

At first glance, Parshat Tzav (meaning “command”), with its harsh name and crude descriptions of these same sacrifices, appears to be the other side of the coin — a harsh view of this world, characterized by fire, blood and death. In that sense, Tzav is a reminder that we must acknowledge the painful and complicated reality of this world.

But the two worldviews of Vayikra and Tzav are not simply two sides of the same coin in God’s universe; they are actually intertwined. Consider the alternative meaning of the word Tzav, which, according to Sifra, is *zerizut* — enthusiasm and excitement. The Talmud characterizes Kohanim, the primary characters in Tzav, as *zerizim* — enthusiastic individuals.

If we see our world for what it is, we may come to understand that enthusiasm and harshness are closely connected. We need enthusiasm to deal with this difficult world, but in the process of meeting its harsh challenges

and obstacles, we each develop an identity and discover our unique life’s purpose.

In the story of Purim, Esther initially expresses her fearful reluctance to approach King Achashveirosh in order to save the Jews. Mordechai’s response is one of the most startling verses in the entire Torah: “We’ll find salvation elsewhere, while you and your father’s house will be lost.”

In other words, “We don’t need you to save the Jews; they will be saved one way or another. The only question is whether you will play a part in that inevitable event.”

Esther was inspired to act with enthusiasm instead of fear, because she fully grasped Mordechai’s point: It was not up to her *whether* the Jews would be saved, but she could determine *how* the story would unfold. In place of merely surviving because Haman was killed, we now have the beautiful history and holiday of Purim, all because of Esther.

Purim is adjacent to Passover on the calendar because Mordechai’s message to Esther holds a deep insight about the Passover miracle

of freedom. If we read the story of Exodus closely, we find that Moses and the Jews were initially desperate to find a path to liberation from Egyptian bondage. But as time went on, they realized that their freedom was preordained, even if they knew not when or how it would unfold.

As the Talmud teaches, God determines the solution to a problem before the problem even exists. Once they became confident that redemption was inevitable, they could act with such determination and alacrity that their bread had no time to rise and thus became matzah — the bread of liberation. Even with their liberation predetermined, the Jews had a vital role to play. We, too, with our unique capabilities, can inspire ourselves and others to make a significant difference in our individual lives and ultimately, in our national redemption.

This could be why the Talmud notes the similar spelling of the words *mitzvot* and *matzot* and tells us that the mitzvah to guard the (shmura) matzah, to ensure that it’s baked quickly, is a lesson that

we should act passionately to fulfill all mitzvot. In other words, genuine *mitzvot* entail much more than merely following commands by rote. A true *mitzvah* is carried out with genuine engagement, which is also a vital factor in all our meaningful endeavors.

That message brings us back to this week’s parsha title, Tzav, which is the root of both *mitzvot* and *matzot*, making this parsha the perfect bridge to connect Purim and Passover. Tzav inspires us to face all the challenges that life throws our way, not with despair or bitterness, but with enthusiasm and energy, rooted in our conviction that each of us can make all the difference in the world. ●

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Barrack

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the tuition remission benefit and retirement contributions will stay the same, and that health care benefits will remain equal to or better than those at similar schools.

Representatives of teachers union do not find the explanation reassuring, said Minna Ziskind, union co-president. She said the information in this email blast was not new to the teachers, although it did provide more details.

The teachers had received a letter about the aforementioned raises, Ziskind said, but it came with qualifications.

“We understand about

changing school environments and wanting to have nimble responses and a unified faculty and all those other aspirations that were mentioned in the letter,” Ziskind said. “We think that all of those things are possible, in fact, even more possible with a strong, committed, stable faculty and with a collective bargaining agreement. Over 40 years, the school has managed to adapt within having a union structure. We can continue to do that.”

Moving forward, Gordon said in the email, the board wants to ensure that teachers maintain the ability to provide students with individualized attention, position the school to continue attracting and retaining quality teachers,

maintain transparency and parity with salaries and benefits, and provide teachers with the ability to give input.

Gordon concluded by saying there would be a meeting for faculty, senior academic administrators and board members on March 18. More than two-thirds of the board would be present at this meeting, at the request of the faculty.

The closed meeting took place that evening at 7:30 p.m., while outside the school, more than a dozen alumni and family members showed up, many bearing signs, to support the teachers. Some of them wore red, which teachers have also been wearing on Fridays at the school in support of the union and as a nod to the Red



▲ Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy

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

In a separate email to the *Jewish Exponent*, Gordon explained why the board sent the email blast.

“We sent the communication to parents and alumni ...

because we had not updated the Barrack community since the initial Joint Statement, and we thought it made sense to do so and to reiterate our desire and intention to work jointly with the teachers on a transition,” Gordon said. ●

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A Mitzvah of the Highest Order: The Dignified Burial Fund

WHEN HARRIETTE DIED last summer at age 75, no one came to claim her. The formerly homeless woman had struggled with mental illness and spent her final days in a nursing home, paid for by her Social Security checks. Her case manager could find no living relatives.

With no one to bury Harriette, her body lay in storage at a funeral home, embalmed and alone, for nine days. Then her case manager remembered something important: Harriette had been Jewish.

Burying the dead is often called among the greatest mitzvot because it is a favor that can never be repaid. Yet each year our communities experience the deaths of several indigent Jews — people who cannot afford the cost of even a minimal dignified Jewish burial, which can cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000. Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia-supported Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) has also noticed a rise in the need for burial assistance.

For those reasons, Jewish Federation, JFCS and the Jewish Federation-supported Female Hebrew Benevolent Society (FHBS) created a plan last year to combine resources, along with local cemeteries and funeral homes, to provide dignified Jewish burials for those in need. The plan came together just as we were notified about Harriette.

On Sept. 25, Harriette was buried in a donated plot in Montefiore Cemetery, with all funeral arrangements handled at a reduced cost by Goldstein's, and the fee split between JFCS, FHBS and Jewish Federation.

For our part, funds came from our newly-established Dignified Burial Fund, which began with a \$10,000 allocation and is now fed by purchases of our tribute cards. From now on, when you send a tribute card to honor a loved one's



memory, you will not only be comforting a community member in their time of need, but also contributing to a special *tzedakah*.

To send a tribute card, visit Jewishphilly.org/tributeCards.

Two Opportunities to Celebrate Purim as a Family

MISSED PURIM THIS year? Lucky for you, there are two opportunities March 24 to celebrate Purim with the whole family.

PURIM CARNIVAL AT KLEINLIFE

The Jewish communities of the Greater Northeast invite one and all to a Purim carnival filled with fun, games, costumes and of course hamantaschen!

EVENT DETAILS

March 24, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

EVENT LOCATION

KleinLife
10100 Jamison Avenue
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For more information, contact admin@jquest.org or 215-887-8704.

EVENT DETAILS

March 24, 2019
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

EVENT LOCATION

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027
kenesethisrael.org/

▼ THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Current Events.

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

Mommy and Me.

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

Biblical Commentaries.

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

Bible Study.

A member of **Main Line Reform Temple's** clergy leads a discussion of

the Tanakh, or Jewish bible, at 11 a.m. This is an ongoing process, beginning with Genesis and proceeding over the course of the year. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Jewish Theater History.

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

Adult Education.

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

Book Group.

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

Canasta.

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

Old Comrades Band.

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1960s Purim.

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Active Adult Friday.

A full day of activities for active adults with **KleinLife: Center City**. 8:30 a.m. coffee, tea and munchies. 9 a.m. blood pressure screening. 9:30 a.m. chair exercise or current events. 10:30 a.m. Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Rabbi Beth Janus. 11:30 a.m. hot kosher lunch from Betty the Caterer. 12:15 p.m. Entertainment by vocalist Rob Carroll. RSVP by phone at 215-832-0539. 2100 Arch St., Philadelphia.

Heritage Shabbat.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel honors all of our volunteers and highlights member Sonnie Katz, who will receive the Rabbi David Einhorn Tikkun Olam Award at our Heritage Shabbat service, in recognition of her lifelong dedication to KI and service to our community. 8 p.m. For more information, call 215-887-8700. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Torah, Bagels, Coffee.

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

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▼ SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Purim Carnival at KI.

Celebrate Purim at 11 a.m. at **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. Food available for purchase throughout the carnival, featuring Jules Pizza and carnival snacks. \$15 wristband available at the door. For more information, contact admin@jquest.org or 215-887-8704. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Purim Carnival at MLRT.

Enjoy carnival games, face painting, moon bounces, gaga and so much more at **Main Line Reform Temple**. All are welcome. All-day play wristbands are \$18 prepaid, \$20 at the door. Food and raffle tickets will be available for cash purchases. 10 a.m. 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Purim Carnival at KleinLife.

The Jewish communities of the Greater Northeast invite one and all to a Purim carnival at 10 a.m. filled with fun, games, costumes and, of course, hamantaschen. Free. **KleinLife**, 10100 Jamison Ave., Philadelphia.



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

Bagels and Bible.

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is hosting Bagels and Bible at noon. In lieu of a formal sermon, Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham will hold an informal Torah study session in the Karff Auditorium following services. Bagels, cream cheese and coffee will be served. For more information, contact 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

Anita Diamant.

Author Anita Diamant is coming to **Beth Chaim Reform Congregation**. She will participate in a Q&A at 7 p.m. with Rabbi Michelle Pearlman and sign her books. One of our congregants will be hosting a tea for Diamanta in her home on March 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tea has limited seating. Go to BethChaim.net and then "Click Here for Tickets." Individual tickets for the Q&A are \$36. Tickets for the tea are \$180. All are welcome. 389 Conestoga Road, Malvern.

Israeli Wine Tasting.

Enjoy an evening tasting Israeli wines at **Tiferet Bet Israel** and learn about the history and development of Israel's ancient wine history and modern wine culture success. \$20 per person includes tasting, appetizers and desserts. Register with Renee Strausberg at programdirector@tbibluebell.org or 610-275-8797, ext. 144. 1920 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.

Melave Malka.

Join **AMIT Philadelphia Council/Shira Chapter** for an exciting and fun-filled Trivia Night. 9 p.m. 321 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

▼ **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Blood Drive.

The Red Cross is in urgent need of all blood types. Come to **Congregation Beth Or** to donate blood and help save a life. Contact Stu Briefer at smbriefer@gmail.com or 215-661-9990 to register for a time slot of your choice. Must be 17 or older to participate. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

Author Brunch.

Join us for brunch at 10 a.m. with Richard D. Bank, author of *I Am Terezin*, a memoir unlike any other, written as a gripping narrative in the voice of the concentration camp itself. Situated in Czechoslovakia, Terezin was touted by the Germans as a model city where Jews could live their lives in tranquility. RSVP to the **Congregation Kol Emet** office at 215-493-8522. Payment of \$10 to Kol Emet includes brunch. 1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley.

Klezmer Music.

Have brunch then enjoy Hazzan Jack Kessler's Klingon Quartet. Stan Slotter on trumpet and flute, Dave Posmontier on keyboard and Bog Butryn on clarinet. \$18. **Temple Sinai**, 1401 Limekiln Pike, Dresher.

Fashion Show.

Old York Road Temple-Beth Am invites you to a family fun fashion show. Join us for a casual afternoon of fun, food and fashion for women, men and children. Fashions provided by Huntingdon Valley stores. For more information, call the office at 215-886-8000. Noon. \$12-25. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Memorial to the Lost.

A Memorial to the Lost is a visible education tool to honor victims of gun violence and their surviving families. **P'nai Or** along with Summit Church will display T-shirts until March 31 in front of the church building with names and dates of those murdered by gun violence. 6757 Greene St., Philadelphia.

▼ **MONDAY, MARCH 25**

Hatha Yoga.

Women come together in this weekly,

open to the community yoga class to practice balance, muscle strength and stillness through yoga. All ages, health levels and experience are represented. The class is \$5 for the hour, with no prior reservation needed. Feel free to email questions to MLRT member and teacher Eileen Edman at Eedman@comcast.net. 9 a.m. **Main Line Reform Temple**, 410 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Talmud Class.

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

Adult Education.

Adult education: The Neanderthals with Theresa Weissinger. Neanderthals are our closest extinct human relations. Find out the most recent scientific discoveries about the lifestyle of these early humans. \$10 per class. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Mahjong.

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

Bereavement Group.

For the newly bereaved, there's help at **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** from 1-2:30 p.m. No charge. Contact Rivkahpowers55@gmail.com or leave a message at 215-677-1600 for details. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

Mahjong.

Join the Sisterhood of **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El** for our weekly



▼ MONDAY, MARCH 25

Film Festival.

The **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** presents its annual, newly titled **Lindy CineMondays** 2019. This six-week film series kicks off with *Redemption*, an award-winning film from Israel. With its rousing musical performances and emotionally honest screenplay, *Redemption* is a powerful return to form for two of Israel's foremost filmmakers, Joseph Madmony and Boaz Yehonatan Yacov. 5 and 7:30 p.m. **Lindy CineMondays** will run every Monday from March 25 – May 6 (excluding the week of Pesach). \$7-15. At National Museum of American Jewish History. 101 S. Independence Mall E., Philadelphia.

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

▼ TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Safe Driving Class.

Take a class and get a significant discount on your car insurance. Open to AARP members and non-members throughout the area age 50+. Bring your driver's license to class. Course fee: \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-AARP members. 10 a.m. RSVP with payment to the **Congregation Beth Or** office, attention Jillian Peskin. Contact Peskin with any questions at jpeskin@bethor.org. 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

Jewish Playwrights.

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

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the week

at noon. This session will be led by Rabbi Robert Alpert. All are welcome. At BDO USA, LLP. 1801 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia.

Lunch and Learn.

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

Mahjong.

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

Weitzmans Talk.

Author Jane Weitzman and shoe designer Stuart Weitzman will share stories, their passions and ways they're working to make the world a better place. Ivy Barsky, CEO and Gwen Goodman Director of the National Museum of American Jewish History, will conduct the interview. A reception for event patrons to meet the Weitzmans starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for **Congregation Rodeph Shalom** members, NMAJH

members and students, \$25 for nonmembers and \$90 for event patrons. Buy tickets at weitzman-talk.eventbrite.com. Contact Shelley Saunders at 267-930-7289 for information. 615 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Passover Skills.

How to run or participate in the Passover seder with Rabbi Shoshanah Tornberg. 6:30 p.m. Contact 215-886-8000 for more information. **Old York Road Temple – Beth Am**. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Jewish History.

Michael Schatz will explain how the children and grandchildren of Russian immigrants moved from their original neighborhoods in South Philadelphia, Strawberry Mansion, Marshall Street and Logan to the outlying areas of Mount Airy, West Oak Lane, the Boulevard and the Northeast. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El** at 215-635-1505 or office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Lunch and Learn.

Discussion of the parshah of the

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

Bereavement Group.

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

Alzheimer's Support.


Join us for a Alzheimer's caregiver support group at 6:30 p.m. at **Beth Shalom Congregation**. For questions or to RSVP, email info@spiritualwell-being.org or call 215-887-1342, ext 109. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

'Million Dollar Mom.'

Join The Chelsea at Jenkintown and Brightstar Care for this award-winning short film about dementia and the struggles that caregivers are faced

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CURRENT 7TH-11TH GRADERS AND PARENTS



Join us for a Gratz JCHS Open House

Sunday, March 31, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

According to the World Health Organization, by 2025 half of the global population will be facing water scarcity.

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with daily. Q&A to follow. Event is free. Light snacks will be served. RSVP as seating is limited. 6:30 p.m. 440 Old York Road, Jenkintown.

Mahjong.

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

Philip Roth.

The Meyers Library presents "Philip Roth: A Legend for our Time – Part 1: Roth's Life and Work" with Rabbi Lance J. Sussman. This series of programs is designed to highlight the work and life of Philip Roth, an American Jewish author. Sussman provides the historical setting for Roth's writing, a look at his body of work and an analysis of who he was. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.** 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Lecture.

Rabbi Abraham Skorka has had a deep friendship with Pope Francis for many years that epitomizes interfaith understanding. Skorka will discuss why interfaith dialogue is vital for Jews and other religious communities

today and what we can do to foster greater interfaith understanding in the world. Free and open to the public. Preregistration is requested. For more information or to register: 215-635-7300, ext. 155 or mcohen@gratz.edu. **Gratz College.** 7:30 p.m. 7605 Old York Road Melrose Park.

Crying in Shul.

Join Rabbi Andrew Markowitz at 7:30 p.m. for this adult education course as we explore Judaism's take on vulnerability, shame, courage and (hopefully) joy. We will explore how the Jewish tradition treats vulnerability and how we can learn to wield our vulnerabilities to connect, not hide. Register to attend by calling the **Adath Israel** education office at 610-934-1920. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.

▼ THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Current Events.

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

Mommy and Me.

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



▼ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

High Tea.

The Sisterhood of the **Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** invite you to join us for high tea at 1 p.m. We will be serving tea, finger sandwiches and pastries. In addition, there will be a fashion show featuring fashions by Taylor Marie's Apparel modeled by Sisterhood members. The cost is \$23 and fashions will be available to buy after the show. Contact Gita Farbman at 215-677-1600 for more information. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

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Biblical Commentaries.

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

Bible Study.

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

Jewish Theater History.

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

Adult Education.

Adult Education: Truth, Lies and Rebuilding Trust with Sandra Clark, CP for News & Civil Dialogue, WHYY. Media is challenged more than ever by declining revenue, changing technologies and consumer habits, and by unrelenting efforts by political leaders to diminish the trust in journalists. How can journalists rebuild trust amid such a disruptive climate? \$10 per class. For more information, call 215-887-8700. **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel.** 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

NORC Event.

This month's program is called Flame Throwing and Glass Blowing. Our speaker is Evelyn Goldberg, who teaches a local class. She will describe the details, cost and schedule. Join us for lunch followed by the program at the **Northeast Older Adult Center (NORC).** Lunch and blood pressure reading at 11:30 a.m.

Program at 12:30 p.m. 8101 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia.

Canasta.

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

Brain and Religion.

Learn about brain science, religious experience and how they affect our well-being. Andrew B. Newberg is director of research at the Marcus Institute of Integrative Health at Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital in Philadelphia. He is the author of many books, including *The Rabbi's Brain: Mystics, Moderns, and the Science of Jewish Thinking*. RSVP: at info@spiritualwell-being.org. or 215-887-1342, ext. 109. 7:30 p.m. **Beth Sholom Congregation.** 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park. ●

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► SILBER-ROGERS

Thelma and Ralph Silber and Mary and Stephen Rogers announce the engagement of their children, Frederick Robert Silber and Blaire Haley Rogers.

Fred graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing. Blaire graduated Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in interior design.

Fred and Blaire live in Colorado and are planning a 2020 summer wedding.



MARRIAGE

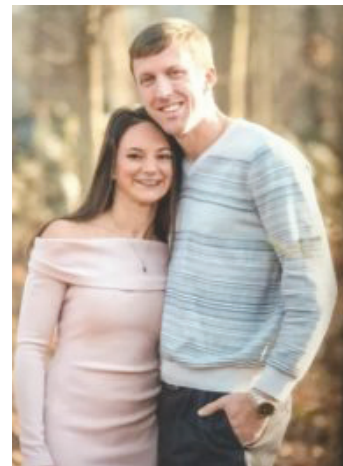
▼ GREENBAUM-MILLSPAUGH

Sari and Roy Greenbaum of Bucks County announce the marriage of their daughter, Erica Samantha Greenbaum, to Philip Stephen Millspaugh, son of Kathleen and Mark Millspaugh of Niskayuna, New York.

Erica is a graduate of the University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Sign Language. She also obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from the University of Rochester School of Nursing and is a certified registered nurse. She is a circulating nurse in the operating room in Highland Hospital in Rochester, New York.

Philip is a graduate of the State University of New York-Binghamton with bachelor's degrees in biology and music. Phil earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine at Cornell University and is a practicing veterinarian and partner at Farmington Veterinary Hospital in Farmington, New York.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Erica's sister and soon-to-be brother-in-law, Nicole Greenbaum and Adam Zell, and Philip's brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Diana Millspaugh, and brother Robert Millspaugh, and sister Emma Millspaugh.

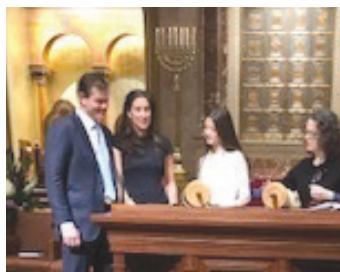


BAT MITZVAH

► ROWLAND

Olivia Z. Rowland, daughter of Elizabeth and Paul Roland of Philadelphia, was Bat Mitzvahed on March 2.

She is the granddaughter of Jim and Mary Ann Roland and Richard and Joanne Cohen; niece of Aaron, Liana and Paul; and big sister of Harper.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Synagogue Honors Rabbi's 30 Years

CONGREGATIONS OF SHAARE Shamayim will present its first annual Etz Chaim Award to Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham in tribute to his 30 years of service in Northeast Philadelphia.

A tribute luncheon is planned on March 31 at the synagogue and will feature violinist Claudia Pellegrini.

Abraham was the rabbi of Aduv Tikvah-Montefiore in Northeast Philadelphia for 10 years and Congregations of Ner Zedek for nearly 19 years before it merged with Shaare Shamayim.

He also served as Ner Zedek's cantor for more than 10 years. Abraham served as a rabbi chaplain with the Holy Redeemer Health System for more than 25 years in acute and elder care.

His career also includes 25 years of Navy service as both a supply corps officer and as a Jewish chaplain. He was promoted to a commander in 2010 and retired from the Navy two years later.

Local Author a Finalist for 2018 Nebula Award

Philadelphia writer Aliza Greenblatt was announced as a finalist for a 2018 Nebula Award in the short story category for her work "And Yet."

The Nebula Awards recognize the best works of science fiction and fantasy and are chosen by members of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.



"And Yet" was published by *Uncanny Magazine* in March 2018.

Greenblatt, who writes as A.T. Greenblatt, is "a mechanical engineer by day and a writer by night," according to *Uncanny*.

Book Published About South Jersey Jewish Farming in the 19th Century

The Stockton University-affiliated South Jersey Culture & History Center (SJCHC) released *Migdal Zophim*, a revised version of Moses Klein's 1889 book about the trials and tribulations Jewish farmers had in South Jersey in the 19th century.

The book notes that Jewish immigrants to the United States were escaping the regime of the Russian czar, but faced similar discriminatory experiences in ghettos here, which made farming appealing.

The second half of the book is supplemented with 20 additional accounts of the farming colonies of Alliance, Rosenhayn and Carmel; those accounts date from 1882 to 1907.

Bala Cynwyd Resident Wins 2018 John Lennon Songwriting Contest

Children's performer Mama Mac (real name Amy Elkins) won the grand prize in the children's category of the 2018 John Lennon Songwriting Contest for her son "BFF (Best Friends Forever)."

Bala Cynwyd resident Elkins wrote the song, which features her 13-year-old daughter, Lila Knight, on vocal. Husband Mike Elkins directed and produced a music video starring Lila and dance team members from First Position Dance Arts.

The John Lennon Songwriting contest began in 1997 and is open to both amateurs and professionals, who compete in 12 categories.

Judges for the most recent contest included George Clinton, Bob Weir, Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas and Natasha Bedingfield.

Cantor to Release Second Jewish Rock CD

Temple Sholom in Broomall Cantor Jamie Marx will release his second CD of Jewish rock music, *Restless Heart*, at 7:30 p.m. on March 30 at the School of Rock.

Marx, who was profiled by the *Jewish Exponent* in September 2017, released his first CD, *In Pursuit*, that year.

The cantor has long been a fan of rock music and believes it fits in well with Jewish music.

"I felt that there was room to interpret the liturgy and the emotions that our prayers reflect through hard rock in a way that was authentic and meaningful and true to the text," Marx said in the 2017 interview.

For his senior recital while at cantorial school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, he arranged a traditional setting of hazzanut from the Rosh Hashanah liturgy and wrote it as a duet for voice and electric guitar rather than a piano accompaniment. •



DEATH NOTICES

ABRAMS

SHEILA ABRAMS (nee Paul) on March 14, 2019. Wife of the late Marvin Abrams. Mother of Heshy (Grace) Bregman and the late Helene Hope Heard. Grandmother of Jesse Dov Bregman, Jamie Hillel Bregman, Alexander Dylan Heard and Madison Paige Heard. Also remembered by Ronald Bregman. Contributions in her memory may be made to Main Line Health Palliative Care.

GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S
RAPHAEL-SACKS

DEATH NOTICES

BUGIS

NORA BUGIS (nee Katz), on March 11, 2019. Wife of the late Martin; mother of Marc (Diane), Fred (Shelli) and Leslie (Frank) Witczak; sister of Marsha (Al) Peckler; grandmother of Alexie (Jill), Maria, Andrew, Jason, Marci, and Matthew; great-grandmother of Anna. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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FINBERG

Raymond Finberg on March 9, 2019. Husband of the late Doris (nee Wachs). Father of Lauren (Mark) Hersh and Melinda Finberg. Grandfather of Sascha, Meredith, Josh and Marisa. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish Family and Children's Services, 2100 Arch Street, 5th Fl., Phila. PA 19103.

GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S
RAPHAEL-SACKS

DEATH NOTICES

KOHN

Amy Patricia Kohn (nee Pincus), on March 11, 2019, of Wynnwood, PA. Devoted wife of 66 years to the former Edward M. Kohn. She cherished her children Seth (Dodie) and Rebecca (Larry) Brisman, her grandchildren Sarah, Hannah, David and Jeffery and her great grandchild Colin. Amy graduated from Hunter College and was a former school teacher in Philadelphia. She volunteered her time for various Jewish organizations including the Women's American ORT. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

AEZEN

RUTH AEZEN (nee Servetnick) on March 11, 2019, of Philadelphia. Beloved wife of the late Alexander. Loving mother of Bonnie (Ken) Grossman Marrama and Jack (Esther) Aezen. Grandmother of three. Contributions in her memory may be made to Boys Town of Jerusalem.

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DRAGON

Marlyn Dragon (nee Sacks), on March 10, 2019. Wife of Albert Dragon. Mother of Susan Dragon (Michael Smith), Peter Dragon, Debbie (Robert Brass) and Greg (Kelly) Dragon. Grandmother of Amanda, Lisa (Justin), Jeremy, Heather, Julia, Samantha and David. Great Grandmother of Elena and Teryn. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, or to Jewish National Fund Tree Planting Center usa.jnf.org.

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FRIEDMAN

HENRY C. "HANK" FRIEDMAN of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and Blue Bell, PA.; loving Husband of 57 years to Arlene Friedman (nee Feinstein); Father of Andrea Marks (Richard), Ferne Friedman Berg, and Jennifer Friedman; grandfather of Cory (Katie), Jeff, Tyler, Grant, Nolan, Max and Ted; brother of the late Harry Friedman (Rita); brother-in-law of Annette Gardner (Norman), Dr. Michael Feinstein (Kate) and the late Dr. Theodore Feinstein. Contributions in his memory may be made to JDRF or the American Lung Assoc.

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HARRIS

Mary Louise Harris (nee Snellenburg), 94, surrounded by family, died peacefully on March 10, 2019 at Abramson Senior Care. Mrs. Harris was married for 71 years to the late S. Miller Harris, a prominent shirtmaker with whom she worked side by side at Eagle Shirtmakers, Viyella, and Spinnerstown Shuttle. Mrs. Harris, granddaughter of the late Nathan Snellenburg, founder of Snellenburg's Department Store and daughter of the late Beatrice Levy Snellenburg and Harry Hart Snellenburg, graduated from Cheltenham High School, 1941, and attended Wellesley College. She was devoted to her family and they to her. Mary Louise was the cherished mother of Jill Harris; Susan Harris Laun (John III); Prue Harris Gershman (Jeffrey); and the late Dr. Mickey Harris (Rena Mae Caref). She was an inspiration to her ten grandchildren: Maggie Herman Zapler (Michael); Anthony Harris Herman; John Leon Laun IV (Jennifer); Daniel Millikin (Lauren); S. Miller Harris, III; Charles Gershman (Roman); Thomas Gershman (Jessica); Jessica Harris Shaw (Cullen); Elizabeth Wade Harris; and Lara Gershman; as well as to her six great grandchildren: Madeline Zapler; Maya Zapler; Solomon Shaw; Charlotte Laun; Joseph Gershman; David Gershman; and Li-ora Millikin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Abramson Senior Care Hospice or to the charity of one's choice.

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The Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care record with sorrow the passing of their esteemed colleague and friend

Bennett Goldstein

whose commitment to philanthropy benefited the seniors served by Abramson, and whose life serves as an example of kindness and generosity to the entire community.

Mr. Goldstein joined Abramson Senior Care's Board of Trustees in 1987 and served as Board Chair from 1999 – 2002. During his time as chair, Mr. Goldstein helped guide the organization's successful transition to its new campus in Horsham from its previous home in North Philadelphia.

A long-time supporter of Abramson Senior Care, Mr. Goldstein's philanthropy knew no limit. Along with his wife, Sonny, z"l, he gave generously to every organizational initiative, including the Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, and the Rainbow Ball, Abramson's annual fundraising gala. In addition to his contributions, he selflessly gave his time and expertise by serving on many board committees, including co-chairing the Religious Life Committee which works alongside Abramson's chaplains to ensure quality religious programming for the seniors we serve. His contributions and tireless support of Abramson Senior Care have ensured that seniors throughout the Philadelphia region will continue to get the care and support they need.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Mr. Goldstein's time, leadership and enduring tzedakah.

To his children Bruce (Debbie) Goldstein, Carl (Rachel) Goldstein; his grandchildren; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit

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GOLDSTEIN

BENNETT GOLDSTEIN, President of Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks of Philadelphia and Southampton. Bennett Goldstein, former President and funeral director of Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks died March 13, 2019. He was 86. Goldsteins Funeral Home was opened in 1944 by Bennett's father Jack Goldstein and his Uncle Joseph Goldstein. While attending Central High School, Bennett joined his father Jack and his Uncle Joe working at the funeral home on a daily basis. After graduating from Central in 1949, Bennett went on to become a funeral director working in the family business. In 1952, he married the love of his life, Sonny Nathanson, and then went to serve his country in Korea. After returning from Korea, he had 2 children: Bruce, born in 1954 and Carl, born in 1957. Bennett always wanted to serve the Jewish Community. Under his tutelage, Goldsteins' Funeral Directors became the largest funeral home in Pennsylvania and he largest independently owned Jewish Funeral Home in the country. He was president of the company until his illness forced him to retire in 2016. Bennett's professional and community involvement was wide ranging. His tireless dedication to serving Jewish needs elevated him to high office in virtually all of the organizations that he served. He was past Chairman of the Board of the Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Center for Jewish Life, was Past President of the Jewish Funeral Directors of America, was past president of National Brith Sholom, and was past Chairman of the Brith Sholom Foundation. He was a trustee of Beth Sholom Congregation, a member of the Board of the Talmudical Yeshiva of Philadelphia, was a member of the Board of Overseers of Gratz College, was Past Chairman of the Brith Sholom Foundation, and was a Past President of United Jewish Organizations. He was also a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Bnai Brith, Hackenburgh-Mt. Moriah Lodge F & AM, 32 Carat Club, 21 Jewel Square Club, Golden Slipper Club, American Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, American Friends of Mogen David Adom, and more

HARRIS

Melvin "Mel" Harris died on March 9, 2019 OF Huntingdon Valley, PA and Boynton Beach, FL. He was a retired accountant. Best friend and the best husband of Linda (nee Pinsk); adoring father of Mindy Harris, Esq. and Diane Tarbell; proud grandfather of Justin Tarbell; loving brother of Ida Newman; loving brother-in-law of Allen and Ardeth Pinsk; and also survived by cousins and wonderful nephews and nieces. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KRASNO

Lester Allan Krasno, 74, of Pottsville, devoted and loving son, father, grandfather, cousin and friend, as well as distinguished lawyer, passed away in his residence on Monday afternoon. Born on December 23rd, 1944 in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of the late Honorable Isadore Krasno and wife Betty Markowitz. Lester is survived by his three children and two grandchildren: Jason Krasno, of Philadelphia; Faith Krasno, of Wynnwood; Jesse Elijah Krasno, of Santa Monica, California. His grandchildren, Benjamin Krasno and Sklyer Williams. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Alice Krasno and his daughter Shana Krasno. He was a member of the Oheb Zedeck Synagogue and an active member at the Beth Judah Congregation in Ventnor, NJ. Lester was a graduate of Pottsville Area High School, Dickinson College, and Villanova Law School. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Committee in Law and Justice, and the Committee of Youth and Aging. Lester was a founding member of the Krasno Krasno & Onwudinjo Law Firm with offices in Pottsville and Philadelphia and in 2016 the firm was voted Pennsylvania's Premiere Workman's Compensation Law Firm. In lieu of flowers (as they are traditionally not accepted for Jewish services), the family request contributions in Lester's memory be made to : Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or Hillside SPCA, P.O. Box 233, Hillside Rd. Pottsville, PA 17901. Lord-Bixler Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

MILLER

JOAN MILLER (nee Wolfe) on March 12, 2019; of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Beloved wife of the late Marc; loving mother of Robert Miller (Faye) and Benjamin Miller (Devorah); cherished grandmother of Zachary (Rachel), Justin, Samuel, Sophia (Kalman) and Chaya; adored great-grandmother of Esti, Moshe and Sorah. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Boys Town Jerusalem or the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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MOSKOW

Rosalie Moskow (nee Spivack), March 11, 2019 of Philadelphia, PA. Wife of the late Edward "Itzy" Moskow. Mother of Susan Stein (Ben Stein), Jan Moskow and Lee Moskow. Also survived by 6 grandchildren & 11 great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Har Nebo cemetery, Philadelphia, PA. Contributions in her memory may be made to Chabad of The Main Line or Beth Hillel Chesed Fund.

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RUSSO

Evan Joseph Russo, on March 10, 2019, of Wayne, PA. Loving father of Cameron; devoted son of Michelle (nee Yablonsky) and the late Louis Russo; and brother of Erica Russo. Contributions in his memory may be made to Libertae, Inc., Bensalem PA, or The Shevlin Family Foundation, shevlinfamilyfoundation.org.

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SEGAL

Jack Segal 91, of Warminster PA passed away February 11, 2019. Missing him is Helene (nee Wulfert) his wife of nearly 62 years, daughters Ilene and Adrienne and granddaughter Sydney. Jack was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a food broker in the Philadelphia area for over 50 years.

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STEINBERG

Sharon M. Steinberg (nee Sagot) on March 10, 2019. Mother of Beth (Harris) Dainoff, Eric (Brit) Steinberg and Lisa Steinberg; Sister of Alan Sagot and David Sagot; Grandmother of Hailey, Blake, Drew and Miles. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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VOGEL

Susan Vogel (nee Blank), on March 8, 2019, of West Palm Beach, FL and Atlantic City, NJ. Beloved wife of Howard N. Vogel, loving mother of Heath (Lisa) Davis, Leigh Davis and Adam (Jennifer) Vogel, sister of Sheila (Steven) Albert, Mickey (Susan) Blank and David (Betty) Blank; also survived by her adoring grandchildren, Sophie, Barrie, Cole, Shane and Evan. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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ZAFRAN

Joseph ("Joe") Zafraan was born June 2, 1929, a child of the depression who "never felt poor." He lived comfortably with his parents, Minnie and Morris (a carpenter) in a modest house on Newkirk Street near 29th and Lehigh in Swampoodle (although he claimed to be from Strawberry Mansion). A graduate of the original Northeast High School, he married Esther Axelman, his sweetheart from Stanley Street, in 1951, and pursued a career in pharmacy like his adored older brother, Stanley. Joe graduated from the Temple University School of Pharmacy in 1952 just before the arrival of the first of his two daughters, Barbara; Robin was born in 1956. Joe remained loyal to his alma maters throughout his life, forging life-long friendships, attending the infamous Northeast-Central Thanksgiving football games for many years, and staying not only an active member of the alumni association, but also in touch with successive Temple Pharmacy deans until his death. He was presented Temple Pharmacy's Man of Year award in 1991. His first pharmacy was at Fifth and Cayuga Streets in North Philadelphia. Not many years later, he and his brother partnered to establish Zafraan Pharmacy, which became a fixture at Bell's Corner. As well over 100 Facebook tributes will attest, he was beloved, respected, and trusted in the northeast Philadelphia community, going above and beyond to provide "professional, courteous service" (the byline on the labels). He was proud to be considered "a pharmacist's pharmacist." Former patrons remember the care with which he filled prescriptions (sometimes with extra treats for young patients), the photos of satisfied customers behind the pharmacy counter, and his "smiling friendly presence," as more than one person wrote. The business was purchased by Warner Drugs in the early 1970s, employing both Zafraan brothers and moving the store to the larger portion of the Bell's Corner Shopping Center. When Warner was purchased by the Rite Aid Corporation, Joe was made the regional Director of Pharmacy. The job involved a good bit of driving (which he hated) and no personal contact with customers, so when the opportunity presented, he purchased Fairway Pharmacy in Fairless Hills, returning to the role of neighborhood pharmacist. Joe and Esther traveled to Israel, Europe, Brazil, Hawaii, and took several cruises, one through the Panama Canal. In their later years, they spent several summers at the Ritz in Atlantic City, the Boardwalk and familiar faces of old friends providing many happy times. They had been married 56 years when Esther died in 2007. Joe was a loyal Philly sports fan, the consummate "some years we triumph, some years we trust" (thanks, SEPTA, for the quote) kind of guy. Baseball was his favorite; he attended games at Shibe Park, Connie Mack Stadium, and Citizens Bank Park. Joe once encountered Chase Utley at a downtown restaurant and had only

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encouraging words to say to him after a less-than-stellar season, an approach typical of Joe's kindness. He appeared to love everyone he met and quickly and easily made friends. The doormen and women at his apartment tagged him "the original JZ." Nearby Salus University offered incentives for walks and new friends on the security force, who issued him an honorary ID card so he could come and go. One year, he stood on the corner of Old York and Township Line Roads and greeted the graduates as they processed, shaking hands and telling them he was proud of them. There were few people he didn't like, and even when pointing out their shortcomings, he would counter with a positive comment. He found good in everyone. But his world began – and ended – with family. From his loyalty and respect for his parents (he wouldn't allow even his brother to criticize his mom's cooking) to his devotion to his brother to his love for his wife and later his Rochelle to his pride in his daughters and son-law-law Bruce to a delight in his three grandchildren that grew to include their spouses and extended families to his incredulous happiness at being a six-time great-

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grandparent, family meant everything. He never bragged or boasted about those most important to him, instead saying, "I know what I have." His family certainly knows what they had in their Pops. This was a man of the depression who enjoyed the simplest pleasures of family and friends, relatively good health, and life in general. This was a man who gave and got a lot of love and even more respect. Joe died on March 4 and is survived by his daughters Barbara (Bruce) Zeiger and Robin Zafraan; Rochelle Wolf; his grandchildren Melissa (Eric) Schwartzman, Allison (Steven) Trout, and Robert (Amy) Zeiger; his six great-grandchildren Leo, Emerson, Everett, Zachary, Harper, and Cameron; and adoring nephews and cousins. Donations in his memory may be made to his favorite charity (Alzheimer's Association) as an honor to Esther or to a charity of choice.

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Estate of Norman Love;
Love, Norman Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
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ESTATE OF PHILOMENA MARANO, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Late of Philadelphia, PA.
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Estate of Ruth Goodlett; Goodlett, Ruth Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA.
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ESTATE OF SHIRLEY BALLARD, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to his Attorney:
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ESTATE OF SUSAN ELISE BELL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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Late of Philadelphia
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Late of Philadelphia
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320 RACE STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, Beneficial Financial I Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California, intends to withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office in its jurisdiction of incorporation is 1421 West Shure Drive, Suite 100, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is CT Corporation System.

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a business corporation which has been incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988. The name of the corporation is Bulldog Adjusters of Pennsylvania Inc.

CHRIS AND ALEX, INC. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, Main Construction Management, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, intends to withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office in its jurisdiction of incorporation is 100 West Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91124 and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is CT Corporation System.

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MVA FLOORING, CORP. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Act of Assembly No. 295, effective March 16, 1983, of the filing in the office of the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, an application for the conduct of a business in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania under the assumed or fictitious name, style or designation of Name: Padula Investment Group, with its principal place of business at: 707 2nd Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55474. The names and addresses of all persons or entities owning or interested in said business are: Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., 707 2nd Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55474. The application has been filed on 3/6/2019.

Portable Energy Conversions, Inc. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988. The Henry Law Firm
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ProtectingPA PAC has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The name of the proposed corporation is REMEDIO LABS INC. The corporation has been incorporated under the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

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Walnut Palace Condominium Association, Inc. has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. Capstone Law LLC
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FICTITIOUS NAME

Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 10, 2019 for BRK Pet Care at 1331 E. Susquehanna Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19125. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Sara Moran at 1331 E. Susquehanna Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19125. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 25, 2019 for Fat Fat Goose at 921 South Bodine Street Philadelphia, PA 19147. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Rachel Begg at 921 South Bodine Street Philadelphia, PA 19147. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

FICTITIOUS NAME

Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 19, 2019 for Food – Organized and Managed at 910 Bergen Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Gregory Fitzgerald at 910 Bergen Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 17, 2019 for Old City Plumbing at 3430 Wellington St. Philadelphia PA 19149. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Stephen Endicott at 3430 Wellington St. Philadelphia PA 19149. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on February 01, 2019 for S.H. & Sons at 5533 N Palethorp St. Apt b. Philadelphia, PA 19120. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Hector Santos Torres at 5533 N Palethorp St. Apt b. Philadelphia, PA 19120. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

PETITION NAME CHANGE

Court of Common Pleas
Phila. County, PA
No. NC 19030002
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on March 6th, 2019, the Petition of ISHMAEL KHATIWADA, a minor, by his Petitioners, Narad Subedi and Tika D. Khatiwada, was filed in the above named Court praying for a Decree to change his name to SUB-RAT SUBEDI. The Court has fixed the 4th of April, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Courtroom "6C", Phila. Family Court, 1501 Arch St., Phila., PA 19102, as the time and place for the hearing on the petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted. NATHAN SNYDER, Atty. for Petitioners, LAW OFFICE OF NATHAN SNYDER, 3070 Bristol Pike, Bldg. 2, Ste. 204, Bensalem, PA 19020, 215-639-2100.

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Michael A. Weinberg became a partner at Weinberg, Kaplan and Smith, a Marlton, New Jersey-based law firm. Weinberg focuses his practice on matrimonial and family law matters.



▲ Michael A. Weinberg
Photo courtesy of Thomas Boyd Communications

Leslie Stone Hirsh, a prosthodontist in Philadelphia, was awarded a certificate in implant dentistry from the Academy of Osseointegration at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Hirsh, a clinical associate professor of restorative dentistry at Penn Dental Medicine, who also has a private practice, was one of two award recipients.



▲ Leslie Stone Hirsh Photo courtesy of Leslie Stone Hirsh

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More than 150 people attended “Jewish Values & The Ethical Now: A Conference in Celebration of Rabbi David A. Teutsch, Ph.D,” held at the National Museum of Jewish History and sponsored by The Center for Jewish Ethics of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. The conference was organized to advance discussion on issues that Teutsch, a longtime Philadelphian who has held numerous leadership roles in the Reconstructionist movement, has influenced, including organizational leadership, liturgy and advocacy for a two-state solution.



▲ Rabbi David A. Teutsch
Photo courtesy of Reconstructing Judaism

In a concert co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Partnership2Gether and ARTolerance, musicians Yoram Azulay, Shmuel Elbaz (on keyboards) and Moshe Barsheshet, all from Netivot, play Sephardic Andalusian music at Congregation Mikveh Israel prior to Shabbat services.

► Yoram Azulay, Shmuel Elbaz and Moshe Barsheshet
Liz Spikol



Rabbi Chaim Pass, the rosh yeshiva of Yeshivas Chochmas Shlomo in B'nei B'rak, Israel, recently spent Shabbat at Foxman Torah Institute, the yeshiva of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Pass shared *divrei Torah*, *hashkafa* and inspiring stories, as well as a *shiur* on the *sugya* of *s'fek s'feka* in *Kesubos*, which FTI is learning.



▲ From left: Head of School Rabbi Yisrael Davidowitz, founder Rabbi Shimon Max, Rabbi Chaim Pass, Head of High School Rabbi Chaim Juni
Photo courtesy of Foxman Torah Institute

Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley kicked off Purim with Rabbi Joshua Ottensoser and Rabbi Chaim Tesser reenacting Haman leading Mordechai through the streets of Shushan on a horse. The school is celebrating the holiday with a carnival, megillah reading and talent show for the students and will also have a free Purim event open to the public on March 24 from 3 to 5 p.m.



▲ From left: Hila Zabib, Shoshana Geller, Leslie Kornsgold and Sonia Arusy



▲ From left: Rabbi Joshua Ottensoser and Rabbi Chaim Tesser
Photos courtesy of Abrams Hebrew Academy

Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy’s STEAM Institute 10th-grade and 11th/12th-grade teams won first place at the Technology Student Association TEAM+S engineering competitions at Widener University. TEAM+S is an annual competition where students work collaboratively to solve real-world engineering challenges, applying their math and science skills in practical, creative ways.



◀ From left: STEAM Director Arthur Maiman, teacher Miranda Cento, Ida Narli, Hannah Parish, Ben Beal, Madeleine Rosenthal, Ellie Sherwood, Rebecca Weinstein, Avi Loren, Robby Ufberg and Upper School Director Darin Katz

Photos courtesy of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy



◀ From left: Elana Kopelman, Devon Sandler, Billy Cohen, Ari Miller, Daniel Nahamo, Josh Goldstein, Max Weinstein, Michael Grant Warshowsky, STEAM Director Arthur Maiman and Ronald Mersky, associate professor and civil engineering chairman at Widener University

Philadelphia Youth Basketball held its Game Time Gala on March 14 at the Fitler Club to raise money for the organization’s mission to provide programming for young people.



▲ From left: Janna Weinerman, Michele Sherman, Adam Sherman and Philly Youth Basketball CEO Kenny Holdsman



▲ From left: Chuck Meyers and Sharyn Berman



▲ From left: Val Gross, who handled logistics for the event, and Geoff Gross
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