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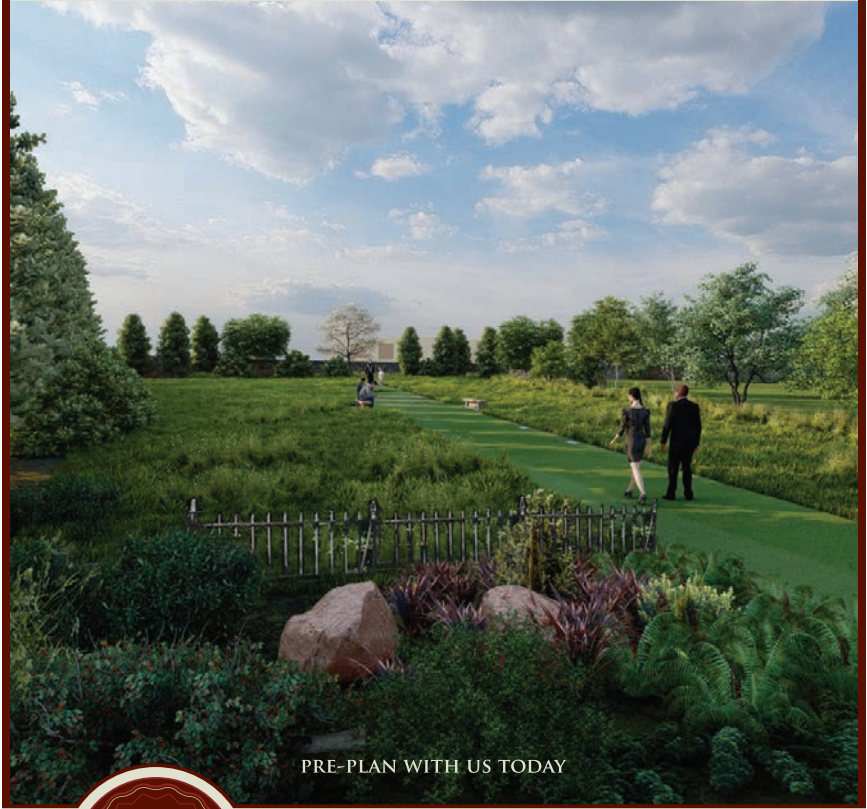
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Joshua Cohen's Satirical Novel 'The Netanyahus' Wins Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

The 2022 Pulitzer Prize in fiction went to "The Netanyahus," a scathing, satirical novel by Brooklyn writer Joshua Cohen that imagines a visit by the family of the former Israeli

prime minister to an American college town in the early 1960s.

The prize committee called the novel "a mordant, linguistically deft historical novel about the ambigu-

ities of the Jewish-American experience, presenting ideas and disputes as volatile as its tightly-wound plot."

Cohen, 41, based the novel on a real-life visit by Benzion Netanyahu, a historian and the father of Benjamin Netanyahu, to Cornell University, where the elder Netanyahu served as a professor of Judaic studies from 1971-1975. Cohen said the story of the Netanyahus' initial visit to the campus was related to him by the late literary critic Harold Bloom.

In the novel, the assimilated Jewish narrator hosts the family and bristles at Benzion's fiercely nationalist worldview. "I wanted to write something about the identity politics and the campus politics that are around us," Cohen told Hey Alma, JTA's sister site. "There's a lot in Benzion Netanyahu that's really about the tribalism that happens when these large ethnic or racial collectives collapse — these empires collapse, and they collapse into tribalism."

Reviews were largely positive for the novel; The Guardian called it "a comic historical fantasia — a dizzying range of bookish learning and worldly knowhow is given rich, resourceful expression." The novel won the Jewish Book Council's fiction award for 2021.

But there were detractors. Jewish Currents criticized the novel for being derivative of both Philip Roth and Saul Bellow, and the Jewish Review of Books said that the novel includes "a capsule history of Zionism that is so blatant a distortion that I just gave up."

"The Netanyahus" is Cohen's sixth novel.

One of the finalists for the fiction prize was "Monkey Boy," by Francisco Goldman, based in part on Goldman's own background as the son of a Jewish father and a Guatemalan Catholic mother.

— Andrew Silow-Carroll



American author Joshua Cohen is seen at the Coop Ambasciatori bookshop in Bologna, Italy, on Sept. 5, 2019.

Orthodox MLB Draft Pick Elie Kligman Has a Younger Brother Who Could Follow Him to Professional Baseball

Some Jewish baseball fans know the name Elie Kligman, even though he's just a freshman in college. That's because last year he became one of the first two Orthodox Jewish players ever picked in a Major League Baseball draft.

But virtually no one knows about Kligman's younger brother — who has the potential to be as good or better than his sibling.

Ari Kligman is now a high school senior, and while it doesn't appear he will be drafted this year, he is beginning to attract attention from a number of Division I colleges. (His brother Elie Kligman chose to refine his skills at Wake Forest University, after being drafted No. 593 overall by the Washington Nationals.)

While Elie Kligman is primarily a catcher, Ari Kligman, who doesn't turn 18 until the fall, is sizing up to be a pitching prospect. He can hit up to 89 miles an hour on the radar gun, and by next year, he's hoping to top 90, to go along with a devastating curveball that could turn the heads of major league scouts. He joined his brother at the advanced Wake Forest pitching lab in the fall to analyze his mechanics and make them more



Ari Kligman hopes to follow his older brother in being drafted into the MLB.

efficient.

A main takeaway: gain some muscle weight. Most MLB pitchers these days are over six feet

tall. Ari Kligman is now 6-foot-2, 190 pounds — after gaining 20 pounds over the past year.

The brothers are very close, born just 20 months apart. Their sibling rivalry is less hierarchical than some families.

In their offseasons, Ari Kligman pitches to his brother, and they dream of becoming only the second major league Jewish sibling pitcher-catcher battery — in 1960, the Dodgers' Larry Sherry pitched to Norm Sherry. (Since 1900, there have been four other sets of Jewish brothers in the majors besides the Sherrys, most in the earlier part of the 20th century: Sydney and Andy Cohen; Erskine and Sam Mayer; Lou and Harry Rosenberg; and Ike and Harry Danning.)

But that won't happen on Shabbat.

While the other Orthodox MLB draftee Jacob Steinmetz says he would play on Shabbat — after walking to a stadium and not using electricity — the Kligmans are firm in their decisions not to play from Friday sundown to Saturday sundown.

— Rob Charry



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Several Jewish Candidates Running in PA Primary

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

The Pennsylvania primary election is set for May 17, and among the many candidates on the ballot, several are Jewish.

Here's a rundown of Philadelphia-area Jews who are running in prominent races.

Josh Shapiro

The Democratic attorney general is the party's unopposed nominee for the 2022 gubernatorial election in November.

Shapiro, a Montgomery County resident who sits down for Shabbat dinner each week with his family, is easily the most prominent Jewish candidate of the cycle. His campaign already has more than \$18 million in the bank and two TV ads running on local stations. He continues to campaign in every blue and red corner of the state.



Josh Shapiro

Courtesy of Josh Shapiro

The biggest question for Shapiro on primary day is who his Republican opponent will become. Nine candidates are running for the GOP slot.

Jeff Bartos

Bartos, a Republican who lives in Montgomery County, is running for the party's nomination in Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate race. Incumbent senator Pat Toomey, also a Republican, is retiring at the end of this term.

On Bartos' website, the Jewish real estate developer pitches himself as "a proven business leader" who will make "staples of middle class life," like homeownership and health care, "more affordable." But to do so, he will first need to emerge victorious in one of the most competitive primaries in the country.

Six other candidates are aiming for the nomination. That includes Dr. Mehmet Oz, the celebrity TV show host who recently received an endorsement from former President Donald Trump.



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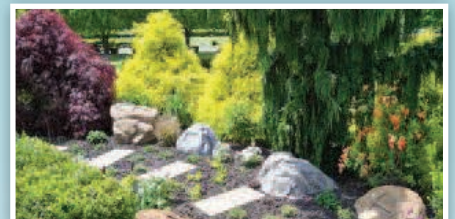
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Ben Waxman, Ilya Breyman and Gwen Stoltz

All three of these Jewish candidates seek seats in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Breyman and Stoltz are already the presumed Democratic nominees in their respective districts, PA 178 and 143, both in Bucks County. Both are running unopposed in the primary.

Waxman’s situation is the opposite. As a Center City Democrat, his primary will likely be his election. If the Jewish millennial beats three other Democrats on May 17, he should be able to win his blue district, PA 182, in November in heavily Democratic Philadelphia.

The district’s current representative, Brian Sims, is running for lieutenant governor instead of reelection. Waxman’s opponents are Deja Alvarez, Jonathan Lovitz and Tyrell Brown.

But among the four candidates, it’s Waxman who has party support. The Democratic committee people in Center City wards voted to endorse him, he said.

And that’s a big deal in a low-information race that will not receive much media coverage, according to Waxman. In an election like that, party leaders will do a lot of the work to both inform and turn out voters.

“The reality is people don’t know who their state representative is or what he does,” Waxman said. “You rely on your committee people and neighbors.”

Waxman, though, is a longtime activist, and so he’s not just depending on party leaders to spread his message about reinvigorating the local economy and protecting abortion rights. He continues to knock on doors, make calls and host events, doing the first one every day.

“A lot of people are going to decide right at the end,” he said.

But even if Waxman beats his Democratic opponents, he will not let up, he says. Though a win for his campaign would become likely at that point, the communications consultant would need to focus on helping other Democrats join him in Harrisburg.

Shapiro is first among them, according to Waxman. If the Roe v. Wade abortion decision is overturned by the Supreme Court as expected, the question of abortion access will go to the states.

Pennsylvania has a Democratic governor, Tom Wolf, and a Republican General Assembly. A Republican governor, instead of Shapiro, would likely align the Keystone State with the



Ben Waxman

Courtesy of Steve Springer

Supreme Court’s decision.

“We have to turn people out to stop this from happening,” Waxman said. “It is a motivating factor for every Democrat.”

Susan Wild and Lisa Scheller

Wild, a Jewish Democrat, represents Pennsylvania’s 7th congressional district, covering the Lehigh Valley area, in the U.S. House of Representatives. This fall, the Allentown-area resident will seek her third term in Congress.

Her opponent from the 2020 general election, Scheller, a Jewish Republican, is vying to run against Wild for the second cycle in a row. In the May 17 primary, Scheller seeks to defeat fellow Republican Kevin Dellicker.

If she succeeds, she will set up an all-Jewish rematch in the Lehigh Valley.

Scheller is the chairman and president of Silberline Manufacturing Co., which makes “a key ingredient in paints and coatings,” according to her campaign website. She “knows first-hand how red tape and radical proposals like the Green New Deal stymie our local businesses and families,” per the site. **JE**

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Lipkin's Bakery Closes, Looks for New Home

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

At Lipkin's Bakery in Northeast Philadelphia, the knish extruder pumped out more than 35 knishes a minute like the infamous "I Love Lucy" chocolate conveyor belt.

With the high demand for the potato knish, a favorite among customers, Lipkin's produced a whopping 2,592 of the potato-filled pastries per week, but hey, who's counting.

Lipkin's Bakery owner Steven Nawalany is. The knish has been his prized product at Lipkin's since he took over the business from Mitch Lipkin with J Franciotti in 2016.

"New York is supposed to be the

knish capital of the United States," he said. "But people have come down from New York — we're gonna ship stuff to them — because they like our knishes better."

But as of last week, the knish extruder at Lipkin's has been shut off. The bakery closed its doors to the public on May 2 and stopped delivering to partnering synagogues and delis a week after.

Feeling the strain of economic challenges, Nawalany, 55, is selling the building, though Lipkin's baked goods are far from gone from Philadelphia.

Nawalany had trouble hiring employees to interact with customers. He had plenty of back-of-house help in the kitchen but lacked committed employees at the front.

"Another big part of it was the ingre-

dients," Nawalany said. "The location we were in, you can only raise the price so much."

Lipkin's still sold knishes in the store for \$1.50 each, a remaining vestige of the Lipkin family belief that everyone should be able to afford a high-quality product.

But sourcing ingredients — baker's cheese, eggs and butter — was near impossible at times, Nawalany said. When the products were available, they were expensive.

Before the pandemic, cream cheese cost \$48 for a 30-pound block; in the weeks before Lipkin's closing, Nawalany paid \$128 for the same amount. If there was a listeria breakout at a Pennsylvania chicken farm, the price for eggs jumped drastically.

Though brick-and-mortar retail is unsustainable for Nawalany, he's ready to pivot to a smaller operation, providing wholesale knishes.

A wholesale bakery would allow Lipkin's to attain a more rigorous kosher status with Keystone K, making it one of the few kosher bakeries in the area. They would be able to take Saturdays off for Shabbat, a luxury Nawalany couldn't afford with a retail storefront.

He's working with partners to find a new space near Rittenhouse Square.

Nawalany is certain the demand for his products is there, but he didn't realize the extent of the demand until he closed his doors.

"I didn't realize how big we actually were," Nawalany said. "Then Michael

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Lipkin's Bakery at 8013 Castor Ave. in Northeast Philadelphia closed to the public on May 2.

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“New York is supposed to be the knish capital of the United States. But people have come down from New York ... because they like our knishes better.”

STEVEN NAWALANY

Klein from The Inquirer wrote [an article], and then literally all hell broke loose. People were coming in and buying four, five, six dozen knishes at a time just to freeze them.”

For loyal customers, Lipkin's is symbolic of a quintessential Jewish bakery, a staple in American Jewish communities.

“They say you cannot be Jewish on an island, that being Jewish is being part of a community, and part of your community means your food and your people around you,” Abington resident Irénke Margit said. “Having Jewish places for Jewish community is sort of a Philly cornerstone, I think, of a community.”

The origins of Lipkin's, however, started out a little lonelier, when the grandfather of Mitch Lipkin, a baker, emigrated from Poland to the United States. Secretly taking shelter on a boat, Lipkin was diverted by the ship's crew, who threatened to throw him overboard into the ocean, Nawalany said. Lipkin made the argument that he had a greater purpose on the ship and in America: He could bake.

Upon arriving in Philadelphia, Lipkin bought a South Philadelphia

bakery space from the Lipton family. After a fire in the South Philadelphia location, the bakery moved to two locations in the Northeast; another fire at one location gave Lipkin's its home on Castor Avenue.

It's the same spot Barbara Ravisky has patronized since the 1970s, favoring the bakery's hamantaschen and rye bread over the knishes. Ravisky, 79, remembers Lipkin's as always being packed.

“Everybody would come in — it was always crowded,” she said. “Sometimes you couldn't even go into the store. You had to wait until someone got the order and left.”

Before Nawalany took over, he was in the automotive service business for 25 years but loved the job for the social component: He loved greeting customers.

He was also a decades-long fan of Lipkin's, with the bakery even supplying his cake for his bar mitzvah. It's a love that continues today, making the interim period between bakery spaces bittersweet for Nawalany.

“It's only been a couple of days, and I miss it,” he said. **JE**

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After Months of Delays, Israel Permits Local Basketball Player to Temporarily Live in the Country

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Israel has granted a temporary residency to basketball player Jared Armstrong, a Philadelphia native, ending for now a months-long saga of multiple rejections, accusations of racism and petitions by influential people including an American investor and a rabbi with close ties to President Joe Biden.

The Jewish Exponent first wrote about Armstrong's case in the Feb. 24 issue.

Israel's Interior Ministry, which handles citizenship applications, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of its decision on May 8, three weeks after Armstrong's

tourist visa expired and one week after the ministry announced it would be granting citizenship to Portuguese soccer player Miguel Vitor.

The decision by Interior Minister Ayelet Shaked to recognize Vitor as a citizen, allowing him to play for Israel's national soccer team with the backing of the Israeli soccer federation and the ministry of culture and sports, had proven controversial.

Israeli media questioned why one athlete had received preferential treatment while Armstrong, who was raised Jewish and underwent a formal conversion as part of his citizenship bid, had seen his case drag on with no resolution.

Armstrong had appeared on Israeli

television the day before Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, to press a case he had advanced any way he could over the preceding months. He told JTA on May 9 that he remains optimistic about securing citizenship in the future.

"It's been very stressful, a complete rollercoaster," Armstrong said. "But I feel OK that I'm one step closer to receiving citizenship."

Armstrong's rabbi, the Wilmington, Delaware-based Michael Beals, had a more pessimistic view of the situation, lambasting Shaked for failing to grant his charge full citizenship.

"I'm afraid the minister's temporary residence decision makes Jared dependent on the state for welfare and support

as the basketball teams who want him cannot employ him," Beals said. "I'm appalled — not grateful! I fear there is no accountability in Israeli political governance."

Beals said that Shaked "must do teshuva [repentance] now and grant Jared the full Israeli citizenship his case deserves. Immediately."

For now, temporary residency will allow Armstrong, a former college ball player for Slippery Rock University, to live and work legally in Israel. Temporary residency in Israel is valid for three years, with the option to renew for an additional two.

But whether Armstrong will be able to accept an offer to play for the Israeli club

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Jared Armstrong

Courtesy of Jarad Armstrong

basketball team Hapoel Haifa is unclear.

Local rules strictly limit the number of non-Israeli players that teams can include on their rosters. So foreign athletes often apply for citizenship — and, because Israel’s immigration policy demands proof of Jewish ancestry or a recognized conversion process for citizenship, many convert to Judaism as part of the process.

Armstrong’s conversion has not been recognized by Israeli authorities. As recently as May 1, the same day Vitor’s conversion was accepted, Shaked’s office said, “Armstrong’s conversion does not meet the criteria in Israel.”

Armstrong was raised Jewish by a mother whose conversion is not recognized by any of the major Jewish denominations, so he underwent a formal conversion as part of his bid to move to Israel.

In denying his citizenship bid, the Interior Ministry claimed he was only trying to convert so that he could play basketball — a charge that Armstrong emphatically denied in a JTA op-ed.

“Not for once did I ever think someone doubted my identity among the Jewish people. My mom and community taught and raised me as a Jew,” he wrote. “Instead of treating me like a Jew wanting to come home, they [the ministry] regard me as an infiltrator trying to take part in something that I have no right to.”

One wrinkle in Armstrong’s conversion was that Beals is affiliated with the Conservative movement. Israel’s Supreme Court has ruled that Israel is required to grant citizenship to non-Or-

thodox Jewish converts, but the country’s religious leadership has resisted that ruling.

Israel also challenged the conversion in part because Armstrong had studied online during the pandemic.

Beals, who is often referred to as “Joe Biden’s rabbi” because of his close connections to the president, had accused the Israeli government of being “racist” in its handling of Armstrong’s case. Armstrong is Black, and Israel has an inconsistent history in deciding on citizenship cases involving Black Jews.

Beals questioned why Israel would want “to reduce a proud young Jewish African-American man to dependency through a decision of temporary residency.”

Armstrong used Joey Low — a well-connected intermediary, American venture capitalist and major investor in Israeli startups — to facilitate a Feb. 28 meeting with a member of Shaked’s staff. Low has also been a fierce advocate for African migrants in Israel, speaking out against the country’s deportations of tens of thousands of refugees.

In WhatsApp voice messages, that staffer told Low that a decision would be made on Armstrong’s application for citizenship within the month. Instead, it took more than two months to reach a temporary resolution.

During that time, Armstrong stayed in a Tel Aviv hostel under a tourist visa, kept a regular training regimen in a local gym and used a GoFundMe to help cover his expenses, as he was legally prohibited

from finding work in the country.

“My life is in complete standstill,” Armstrong said before the ministry’s ruling. “I’m ready for this to be over.”

In his citizenship application, Vitor underwent an Orthodox conversion within Israel. In a tweet announcing his citizenship, Shaked noted another aspect of his story that may have worked in his favor: “His wife, by the way, works in the foreign media and fiercely defends Israel.”

Armstrong isn’t the only athlete to have encountered immigration hurdles to play in Israel. Pedro Galvan, an Argentine soccer player who played for Tel Aviv’s club team for 10 years, was deported along with his family in 2019 after being cut from the team. He also saw his application for citizenship denied by the Interior Ministry.

In the aftermath of the Vitor decision last week, Boris Klaiman, an Israeli soccer player who currently plays for a Greek club team, questioned why the outcomes for Vitor and Galvan had been so different. “Why [was] Miguel Vitor [a] yes and Pedro Galaban and his four daughters who grew up in Israel were deported?” Klaiman asked in an Instagram post.

Armstrong and his supporters also cited another recent high-profile citizenship case, that of Russian oligarch Mikhail Prokhorov, in their public appeals. Prokhorov, Russia’s 12th-richest man and onetime owner of the Brooklyn Nets, recently flew to Israel on his private jet, where he applied for and received citizenship in a manner of days, based on the ancestry of his Jewish grandmother. **JE**

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Soon after, the abuse turned physical. Chaya knew her children couldn't stay in an environment with abuse. She had to leave, but how?

She tried women's and domestic abuse organizations but couldn't find the legal advice that would be helpful for her situation. That was until she found Dinah, the only legal representation agency for Jewish domestic partner violence in Philadelphia. Supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Dinah's mission since 2015 is to combat intimate partner violence in the Jewish community in Greater Philadelphia through advocacy, education and volunteer legal representation.

While domestic violence in the Ultra-Orthodox and the Jewish community as a whole is comparable to that of other communities in the United States, the difficulty of uncovering and addressing domestic violence continues to be an obstacle. Those across Jewish denominations often decline to seek help due to secrecy, feelings of shame and isolation.

"I knew something was wrong, but I didn't have anyone to talk to," said Chaya, last name withheld for anonymity. "The only abuse [I ever heard] talked about was physical abuse. Once mine became physical, I knew I didn't want to be stuck in a bad relationship."

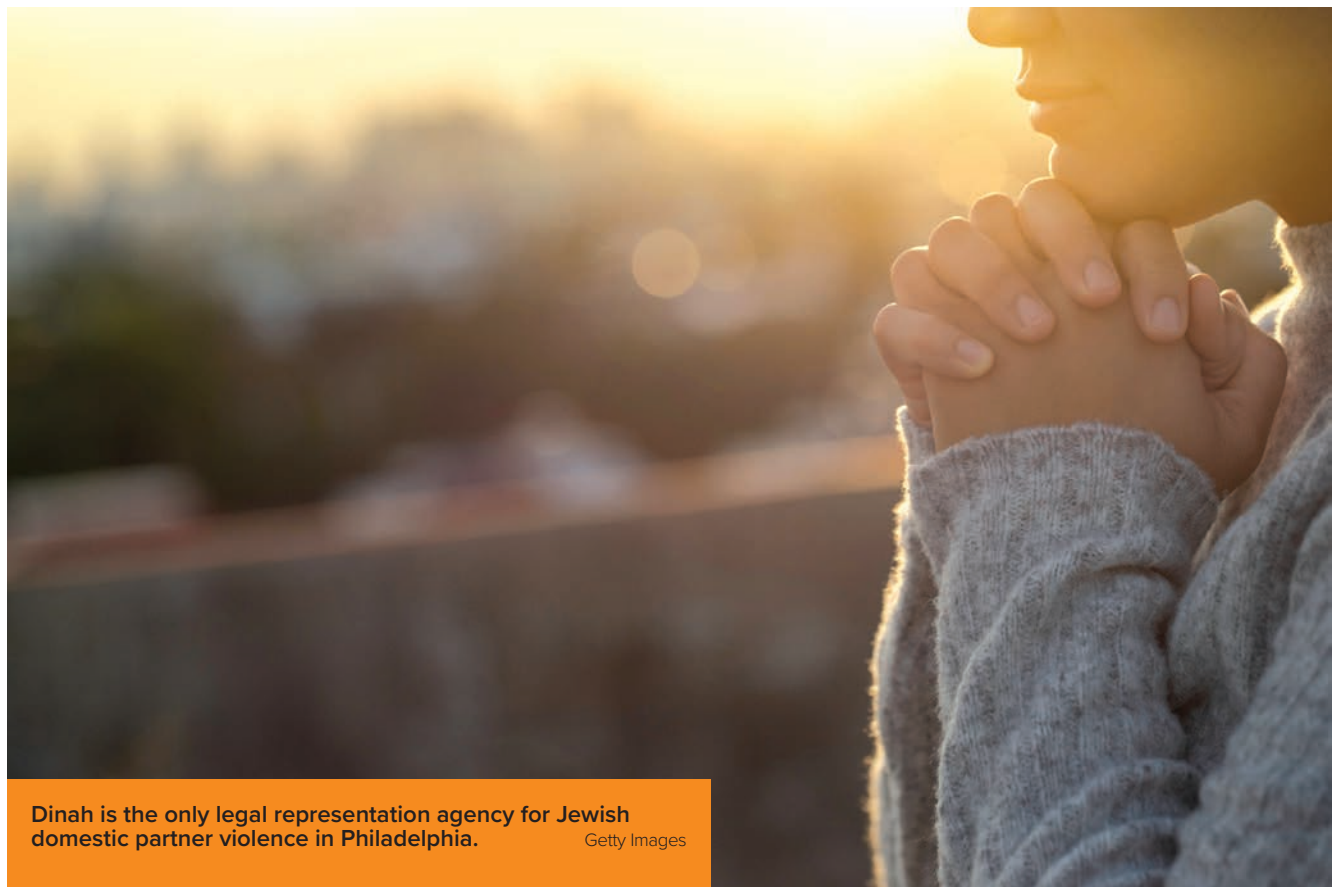
When she came to Dinah, Chaya received legal advice, support, such as custody papers, and guidance to devise a strategic plan to leave.

"Dinah was always available for a phone conversation and not only provided legal advice but also helped with the emotional aspects of the situation while explaining my rights," she said.

Since its inception, Dinah has received support from Women of Vision, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation that advances the lives of self-identifying women and girls.

When Dinah received its first Women of Vision grant, it used the funding to launch community education workshops that discuss domestic abuse, Jewish myths about domestic abuse, and a broad overview of the Protection From Abuse (PFA) Act in Pennsylvania.

Through unique cases like Chaya's, Dinah has carved a niche, providing legal ser-



Dinah is the only legal representation agency for Jewish domestic partner violence in Philadelphia.

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vices and answering critical calls from those who are ready, undecided or recently left their abusive relationships.

"We don't try to duplicate other services, our expertise is legal," said Shana Weiner, founder and executive director of Dinah. "We field crisis calls and triage situations as they come to help the client figure out what is the most urgent need."

In addition to its current Women of Vision grant, Dinah was awarded a three-year grant from the Jewish Federation. Dinah used these dollars for increased staff support and an expansion of vital programs for community outreach.

"The Jewish Federation cares for, enriches and creates a bright future for Jewish people everywhere, which is why we're proud to support programs like Dinah that work toward providing a safe space for women in the community," the Jewish Federation's Chief Strategy and Impact Officer Kelly Romirowsky said.

As a result of Dinah's services, Chaya safely left her abusive relationship and is protected legally. She uses her newfound freedom to educate others about domestic abuse and has, on occasion, dropped off books about domestic abuse to rabbis within the community, hoping that it will spark conversations.

"I speak out to tell my story," Chaya reflected. "Because someone spoke out to me."

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Issa Kabeer



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For some people, learning is a lifestyle. With five degrees and more to come, Issa Kabeer is one of those people.

Kabeer, 34, is an actor, university student and a teacher. He has a bachelor's degree in comparative religion, a master's in international peace and conflict resolution, a master's in comparative religion, a master's in divinity and a doctorate of ministry. He is enrolled now at Temple University, possibly for social work.

"My whole life I've been very interested in making the world a better place than it was when I came in. I need to better myself and, once I do that, I can help better things around me," Kabeer said, explaining

why he continues to pursue education.

Education didn't necessarily come easily to Kabeer; as a first-generation college student, there were challenges.

"I had no idea what I was doing when I came in. College is completely different from high school. In high school, they kinda hold your hand, but in college, you have to decide everything on your own," Kabeer said.

Kabeer tells other young students to make sure they do internships, join organizations and get a taste of the careers they're considering.

"Connect with your adviser, and take advantage of the tutoring services," he said. "Don't just go where people tell you; take an ideogram test, Myers-Briggs, see what you have the aptitude for."

He stressed that it's important to consciously look after your mental health and be aware of your college's mental health services. Self-expression is critical and, for Kabeer, that meant acting.

"Everyone needs to be able to express themselves. If people just focus on a career 100% they are unable to really do self-care. Your passion is your motivator, the energy for your soul to keep moving and going. That's my motivator — it pushes me and makes me feel alive," Kabeer said.

After acting in 13 films, shorts, commercials and video games and working as a producer on 10 other projects, Kabeer has certainly gotten his name out, but he said his most meaningful role was as a police officer in "The After Math," a short produced in 2017.

"I got to learn about sign language, and I had a wife in the role who was deaf. I had to learn enough sign language to speak my lines. It had an intense message about modern affairs [and] certain forms of violence and brutality," Kabeer said, wearing his blue button-up shirt from the film.

Kabeer credits his interest in acting in part to his mother, who performed in several stage plays when she was a child. He finds that his style of acting gives him a unique kind of empathetic experience in becoming another person.

"One thing I'm pretty good at doing is I'm a good character actor. I wish I

got more roles where I could change my accents. I imagine what this character would do. Who is this character? Give them a backstory. I become that person. People are complex. Everyone has a story," he said.

When not acting, Kabeer shares his passion for education with his students at his former school, TECH Freire Charter School in Philadelphia, where he teaches algebra and special education.

"Acting is such a great support — teaching is kind of a performance. Teaching and acting have a performance element," Kabeer said.

Kabeer explained what he enjoys most about teaching: "When the student needs support in order to succeed, [when] I'm able to help them get what they need and advocate for them. Every time we work together as a team, we succeed."

While academics and career choices are important, college is about more than that, Kabeer said.

At first, he struggled to find and connect with other young Jews. Then he joined Tribe 12, an organization that helps Jews in their 20s and 30s get involved with the Jewish community in Philadelphia and form lifelong friendships and connections.

"I love being with elders, too. I get a lot of wisdom from them, but there's a great benefit of being around people closer to your age. You have a lot in common, including the identity of being Jewish," Kabeer said.

Kabeer was bar mitzvahed at Temple Sinai in Dresher two years ago after becoming more involved with the local Jewish community. During the pandemic, he began attending virtual services at Raim Ahuvim in Philadelphia.

Since joining Tribe 12, he has found himself engaged in multiple retreats and connected with study partners.

So, what does the future hold?

"I'm going to keep growing. I've been in school, I don't leave. I'm seeing other things in the future," Kabeer said. "[It] could be law school, ambassadorship, health care. But ultimately, whatever I'm doing, it's going to be supporting humanity." **JE**

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A Breach at the Supreme Court

Much has been said about last week's unprecedented leak of a draft opinion by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case, proposing to overturn the court's historic Roe v. Wade decision. According to the draft, four other justices joined in Alito's conclusion, three disagreed and the position of the chief justice is unclear.

But the leaked draft was just that — a draft. And as experienced court watchers have observed, positions, arguments and votes of justices often change as opinions are reviewed, critiqued, refined and finalized. So, while early indications are that Roe v. Wade will be overturned (much as predicted following oral argument several months ago), we will have to await the final Dobbs opinion to see what is actually decided, by whom and why.

But the draft nature of the opinion leak hasn't stopped advocates on both sides of the divisive abortion debate from reacting — including protests by those opposed to the

predicted result and rallies in support by those who embrace it, plans for changes on the state level in reaction to or because of the expected decision, and get out the vote and other efforts by both parties in anticipation of the abortion issue driving the upcoming midterm elections.

None of this is new. The abortion

debate has been among the most contentious and divisive issues in our country. Americans are torn — with a majority consistently saying they do not want Roe overturned and a majority also favoring some level of restriction on abortion. That seems to indicate that Roe, with all its flaws, was a good compromise.

We worry about the partisan fury that ignores tradition and makes everything fair game.

If Roe is overturned, there will be inconsistency with each state pursu-

ing its own abortion policies. Some 65 million women could lose access to an abortion because 12 states have "trigger laws" that will automatically ban or highly restrict abortions if Roe is overturned. A Democratic-sponsored federal abortion-rights law stands little chance of passing.

In fact, rights activists fear an

eventual Republican-passed law to prohibit abortion altogether, or even the possible use of the Alito logic of what the Constitution doesn't say in order to strike down a line of civil rights decisions regarding contraception, same-sex marriage and interracial marriage. But all of this must await the final Dobbs decision.

For now, we worry that the unprecedented leak of the draft opinion

is another indication that American institutions are becoming casualties of the corrosive and destructive culture wars that our country is fighting. Until last week, it was largely accepted that the internal workings of the U.S. Supreme Court were sacrosanct. Say what you will about the motivations of the justices or the politicians who promoted them, everyone seemed to agree that what went on in the often-messy process of deciding cases needed to remain confidential in order to encourage the full airing of ideas and approaches among the justices.

But that is no more. All it took was one explosive, hot-button issue leak to shatter that view and to drag the inner workings of the court into the ongoing debate over the court's politicization.

We worry about the partisan fury that ignores tradition and makes everything fair game, as the betrayal of the Supreme Court takes another step in our nation's unfortunate race to the bottom. This madness must stop. **JE**

Russia's Blood Libel

Like the rest of the Western world, Israel wants to support Ukraine in its fight to defend its democracy and right to self-determination against an unprovoked invasion from its more powerful neighbor Russia.

But because Russia has a significant presence in Syria and has allowed Israel to conduct occasional airstrikes there to stymie threatening activity by Iran and Syria, Israel's government has contorted itself in order to balance its ideals with its security needs.

As a result, Israel has sent significant humanitarian aid to Ukraine but has not joined in the imposition of sanctions against Russia. And while Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid has made numerous statements condemning the Russian invasion, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett has been far more circumspect and

refrained from doing so. Bennett even attempted to serve as a mediator between Russia and Ukraine during the early days of the war.

Recently, however, Israel's good-cop, bad cop routine came to an abrupt halt when Israel was attacked in an ugly, antisemitic screed by a Russian official and by the Russian foreign ministry.

In an interview with Italian TV, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov defended Russia's claim that it invaded Ukraine to "de-Nazify" the country. Lavrov then said that it didn't matter that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was Jewish. And he went on: "When they say that Nazification cannot exist if there are Jews [in charge]: In my opinion even Hitler had Jewish origins so it means absolutely nothing." And if that wasn't bad enough,

Lavrov added: "Jewish wise people said already a long time ago that the biggest antisemites are Jewish themselves."

Hitler was not Jewish, and there is no evidence that Hitler came from Jewish origins. Of course, Lavrov is not the first person to make the Hitler Jewish origins claim, nor is he the first to blame antisemitism on Jews themselves. But the fact that others have made the same outrageous claims doesn't excuse them. Both Bennett and Lapid were quick to condemn Lavrov's antisemitic rant. But rather than back away from Lavrov's outrage or apologize for it, the Russian foreign ministry doubled down a few days later and accused Israel of supporting the neo-Nazis in Ukraine.

Someone must have explained to Russian leadership how out-

rageous and offensive the double-barreled accusations were, since Bennett's office reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin himself apologized to Bennett for the comments. We note, however, that a Kremlin readout of Putin's call with Bennett made no mention of an apology.

Russian antisemitism has a long history and continues to this day, irrespective of whatever relationship Putin has with Russian Chief Rabbi Berel Lazar. (Lazar has also criticized Lavrov's comments.) We know that Russia's war propaganda campaign is desperate. So it isn't all that surprising that the Russian war machine won't let a little blood libel get in the way of its message. Perhaps this will be enough for Israel to abandon the hope of a meaningful relationship with Putin's Russia. It should. **JE**



Emotional Health an Issue for Everyone

BY PAULA GOLDSTEIN

When COVID hit in 2020, the collective trauma over this mysterious illness led to a rise in what was already a serious challenge for all of us and our families, namely, our mental health.

Our minds needed to grapple with the ongoing news reports of people getting sick and dying with no treatment forthcoming for a significant amount of time. For those who had experienced significant traumas at other times in their lives, the pandemic only served as a trigger for retraumatization, something that mental health professionals are all too familiar with.

What happens to a person who has had continuous mental health challenges, perhaps for months or years and then has to absorb more contributors to overall mental well-being such as disruption in school schedules, remote working, the end of after-school activities and social opportunities, not to mention interruptions in attending college, not being able to see elderly parents, and the closing of one's business since no one is going out of their homes.

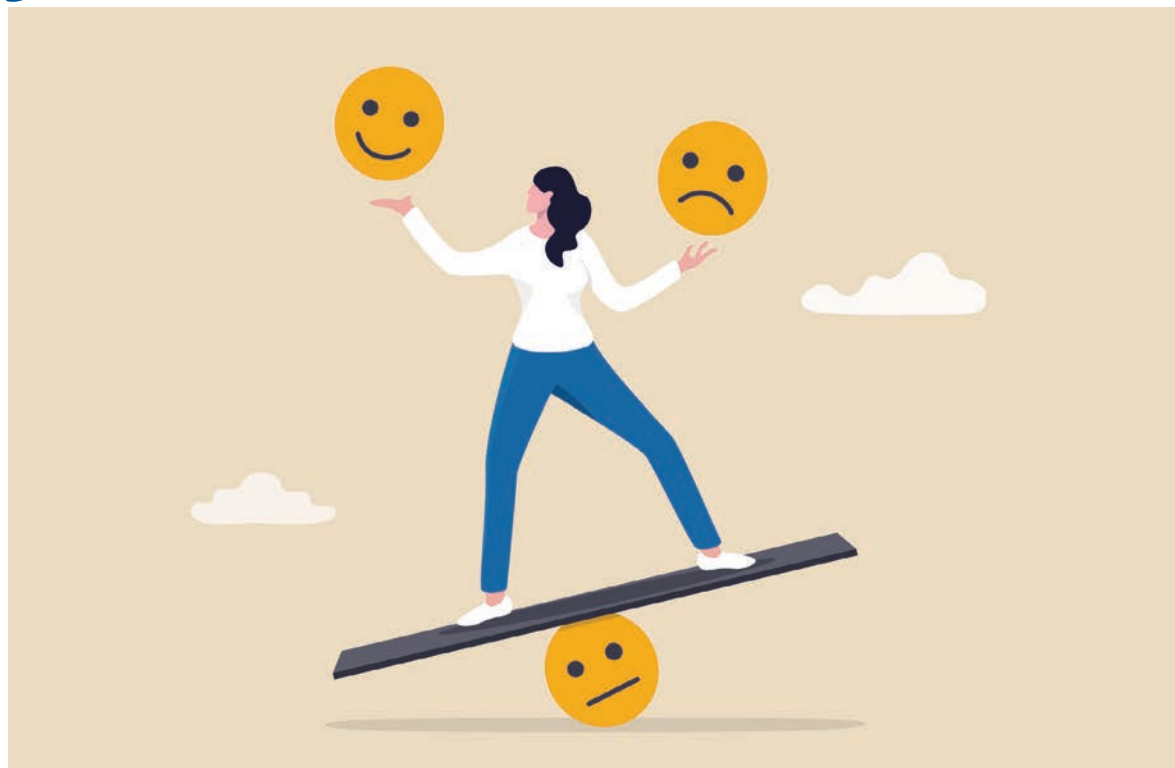
What we see is exactly what is happening in our community today — a flooded mental health system with not enough clinicians in the pipeline to supply the mental health care that is needed.

Looking back, prepandemic we were already in a mental health crisis. The ability to find an affordable therapist, covered by insurance was almost nonexistent. If a person had the resources to pay for services “out of pocket” then they stood a chance of being seen.

When you add children and teens to the mix, the number of available and skilled therapists drops dramatically. We know from more recent statistics that one in six children ages 5-16 are likely to have a mental health problem. We also know that in a classroom of 30 kids, five will be struggling with mental health challenges.

For parents who were struggling to work remotely during the pandemic while supervising their children as they learned on Zoom, if they did not already have existing struggles with anxiety, depression or other disorders, they probably did due to the stress that families were experiencing for months and months.

We are seeing the aftermath of this chaos now and children and adults alike are finding themselves on waiting lists to see a therapist. For some, the wait is not comfortable, but they can manage until the appointment comes through. For others, this phenomenon is more concerning



and dangerous as the only other choice for a person who is having a significant mental health crisis is a visit to the emergency room of a hospital to supply stabilization until a therapist can be seen.

One positive thing that came out of the pandemic was the ability for many young people to begin to open and show their vulnerability in relation to their own mental health through social media outlets. Platforms such as TikTok, Instagram and Facebook gave rise to many sharing their struggles openly and encouraging others who were experiencing similar challenges to seek help. This served as a major contributor to cutting stigma, which is its own obstacle for some in need of mental health care.

The primary issue is that there simply is not enough mental health care in most communities. For providers, the amount of reimbursement from insurance companies pales in relation to the amount of time spent with an individual in care causing many practitioners to only accept private pay, eliminating the option to be seen for so many. Even if one can be seen by paying out of pocket, the waiting lists are long. Can someone delay a full-blown emotional crisis until they are able to get an appointment — most likely not.

Communities need to find ways to spread the support to many so that a village model can exist is caring for those who need mental health support. More training in mental health for primary care physicians, nurses, teachers, camp counsel-

ors, day care centers and YMCAs is needed to be able to sustain crises until more resources are available.

We have long surpassed the time when only a psychiatrist, psychologist or social worker can engage with someone who has mental health challenges. Imagine if a synagogue community, rabbi, educators and congregants had mental health first aid training and began to think differently about offering support to its members who were struggling.

And what if, when a teen went to school, teachers and students were more aware of signs of mental health crisis and had the ability to address them in a normative day-to-day way? Offering education to preschool children around emotional well being and universalizing mental health challenges to everyone at one point or another could change the dialogue in classrooms, enabling educators and kids alike to supply support and guidance in an integrated way.

Different times call for different measures and we are definitely in those times now. Emotional health is an everyone issue — imagine embracing it as just that and creating a language by which institutions and communities work to support each other. **JE**

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The Future Is Our Past Unless We Act Now

BY BARBARA GOLDBERG GOLDMAN

In January 1973, Carly Simon, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Roberta Flack and the O'Jays earned their first Billboard No. 1 songs. We listened to their music while driving in our cars, doing homework or just hanging out. We followed the news by watching TV and reading newspapers.

I had just started working for first-term U.S. Rep. Barbara C. Jordan (D-Texas). In between constituent services, speechwriting and reading and drafting social legislative proposals, I also was reading Kurt Vonnegut Jr., Frederick Forsyth and Gore Vidal, authors topping The New York Times Best Sellers list. I read and gave as gifts hard copies of Richard Bach's "Jonathan Livingston Seagull." My all-time favorite reference book was "Our Bodies, Ourselves," the 1970 female health bible. Unknowingly, the groundbreaking chapter linking abortion to the freedom to control our lives would soon become seminal. My original copy still sits proudly on my shelf.

Richard Nixon had just won his second term by a landslide, and societal tensions continued to mount as bigotry and racism were in full bloom despite advances made during the Civil Rights era. Many establishments across America, primarily, but not exclusively, in the South, still were segregated, and even in Connecticut some beaches remained "for whites only."

Yet, we had conviction. We were determined to right the wrongs. We were ready to fix the world, poised to tackle our challenges, whatever the odds. And with much anticipation, we waited for the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, one that could affect the lives of millions of women, especially those who were disproportionately poor or of color.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court issued its decision in favor of Jane Roe (Norma McCorvey). The 7-2 decision ruled that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution provides a right to privacy protecting a pregnant woman's right to choose whether to have an abortion, absolute in the first trimester, albeit subject to some reasonable state restrictions thereafter.

The reasoning was sound. The decision was compassionate, humane and recognized advances in science and societal norms. A new day had finally arrived. No more accounts from friends about midnight abortions, agonizing searches for health care providers willing to perform them, procedures done in back-alley basements or in cars. Yes, cars.



No more thousands of dollars "cash up front or no-can-do." No more hanger images — images that were not imaginary. Back then, "The Handmaid's Tale" might not have been read as science fiction. Women were literally risking — and sometimes losing — their lives to get abortions. Reports about botched ones, depression, anxiety and feelings of isolation were commonplace.

My college roommate, a dean's list honor student, was having an affair with a much older, divorced man. Crying hysterically, lying in a fetal position, she told me she was going to Florida early the next morning for an abortion where it was easier to find someone to do the "procedure" and where nobody would know either of them. He refused to marry her.

This young, brilliant woman whom I thought so worldly was now distraught, helpless and threatening suicide. Yet, she was one of the fortunate, privileged ones. She had access to a bona fide physician, and someone else was paying for it. This was an "entitlement" typically afforded only to white, middle-class women, not those of low income and color.

The leaked Alito draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade suggests that the court might soon propel us back to the era before Jan. 22, 1973. The contempt for women and basic principles of constitutional law evidenced by that opinion are astonishing and outrageous. Women will still have abortions, illegal or otherwise, depending upon different state laws. Yet in many instances, safety and accessibility will be questionable in perhaps half of these United States. Horrific sce-

narios and outcomes, once ancient history, again will become the burdensome reality for millions of American women in states like Texas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Utah, just to name a few.

Why? A myriad of reasons, not the least of which are three new justices nominated by a Republican president who failed to receive the majority of the popular vote and were confirmed by his lemmings in the U.S. Senate. Three justices who apparently either lied or craftily dodged the question during their confirmation hearings.

What ifs abound. Had there been a Democratic president and a Democratic Senate majority during those years, American women now would be safe. We cannot go back. We now must not permit the fundamental norms of our society and legal system to be ripped apart. To do so would be horribly, painfully, inexcusably wrong. Codifying Roe would prevent that from occurring. But the unwillingness of Senate Republicans and a couple of Senate Democrats to abolish the filibuster prevents the passage of such legislation.

Elections matter. This is about choice. We can halt this assault on women and the bedrock of American law. On Nov. 8, vote to increase Democratic majorities in the Senate and the House. Not doing so is placing at peril our bodies and ourselves. **JE**

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The Torah is Unequivocally Pro-life

BY RABBI YAAKOV MENKEN

A great deal of misinformation has been shared regarding abortion, much of it coming, of course, in the wake of a leaked draft from the Supreme Court suggesting it may soon overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

But everything we have heard about supposed wholesale bans, or lack of concern for the life of the mother, pales in comparison to both the quantity and severity of obviously wrong pronouncements from those claiming a Jewish perspective. One notable organization summed up a common position by stating, “Judaism permits abortion. Full stop.” Few things have been said about Judaism by purported adherents that are more clearly untrue.

The Jewish Bible’s position on life is unambiguous — and emphatically “pro-life.” The Torah identifies human life as a soul placed (breathed) within a body by G-d Himself [Gen. 2:7]. Throughout history, Judaism has opposed murder, child sacrifice and, with only modest exceptions, abortion. It is due to the Torah’s influence that civilized Western society does not accept infanticide as a method of family planning, or regard throwing dissidents to the lions as entertainment.

One who claims that fetal life is not precious to Judaism must not have read the Torah or Prophets, or studied our Oral Law. Rebecca is told not only that she is carrying twins, but that they have distinct natures and characters that explain their behavior in utero [Gen. 25:23]. Jeremiah is told that “Before I placed you in the womb I knew you, before you left the uterus I sanctified you, I appointed you a prophet to the nations” [Jer. 1:5].

And in the Mishnah [Ohalos 7:6] we are taught that the reason one must save a mother even at the expense of her child is “because her life precedes his life.” Some flagrantly misrepresent this as saying that the fetus is not yet considered alive, but the text itself explicitly says otherwise.

Jewish law also demands that the Sabbath be violated in order to save a fetal life. Given that lifesaving activity is the only situation in which Sabbath restrictions are set aside, were a fetus not considered alive this would be prohibited, not required.

Advocates must confront the truth: According to Judaism, abortion, entailing a loss of human life, is an unmitigated tragedy. Even the most permissive opinions reserve abortion for extreme situations that no woman should ever experience. The idea that

abortion should be regarded as simply a “choice,” or a routine health care decision when the mother’s health is not abnormally threatened by carrying the child to term, is anathema to our beliefs.

This also, interestingly enough, coincides with all that the medical community has learned about fetal life since 1973. Today we know, for example, that newborn babies respond not only to their mothers’ heartbeats, but to the sound of their parents’ voices. While in utero, babies suck their thumbs for comfort, and even learn music. It is simply nonsensical to argue that a thinking, listening baby is not alive.

Those Jews who ignore our ritual laws, eating pork and treating Saturday like a normal day,

rarely insist that the relevant laws were misread or misunderstood. They simply admit they do not follow these laws. But recognizing the Torah’s authority over moral judgments, those wishing to behave in contravention of its ethical precepts often devise tendentious readings to turn prohibited acts into “Jewish values.”

Much as we can sympathize with the psychological need behind such efforts, we cannot minimize the inestimable value the Torah places upon all human life, including that of those as yet unborn. **JE**

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It's Time to Turn the Palestinian Mindset Against Terrorism

BY DAN SCHUEFTAN

Palestinian terrorism, both among Israeli Arabs and from the West Bank Palestinians, derives to a large extent from the erosion of deterrence since the Second Intifada. A new generation of Palestinians has arisen that did not experience for themselves what happens when the Jews understand the gravity of the danger that faces them and decide to use force in order to break the will of Palestinian society to dispatch and support murderers.

The terrorist who tried to enter the community of Tekoa and carry out an attack — just like the murders in Beersheba, Hadera, Bnei Brak, and Tel Aviv; the rioters in Lod and Acre; the thugs on the roads of the Negev; and the hooligans at Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk are young people who didn't experience Operation Defensive Shield, which extinguished the Second Intifada, and the forceful repression of the violent rampage by Arab Israelis at the time.

A section of Arab society is not familiar with the concept whereby cultured people “live and let live.” What they are familiar with is that if they cease to fear the state and the majority, they derive a sick satisfaction from the ability to impose fear and terror.

These factors can be repressed and deterred only through forceful means. “Searing of consciousness,” as former IDF Chief of Staff Moshe Ya'aron put it at the time of the Second Intifada, was a concept that at the time was received with typical hypocritical criticism by the talking heads in the studios and the press. But thanks to that searing of consciousness, for close to two decades any major outbreak of violence in the territories was prevented and there was coordination with the Palestinian security apparatuses.

Israel's firm response to the October 2000 mass riots by Arab citizens in support of the war of terror launched against the state prevented wider and more organized violence. In addition to

the hunt for and elimination of the terrorists themselves, what is now required is an escalation and wider operations to hit the environment that supports terrorism. The elimination of Hamas leaders Yahya Sinwar and Salah Arouri and their gangs is desirable at the appropriate operational opportunity, but targeted killings do not in themselves ensure strategic gains.

The change must be perceptual: Hamas in Gaza cannot be remunerated with protection money while it instigates terrorism from the West Bank, Lebanon and the Israeli Arab community. The

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town of Jenin cannot receive economic benefits — entry permits for Israeli Arabs — when it dispatches terrorists from its midst and operates as an extraterritorial jurisdiction run by terrorists. The main thing is to prevent anarchy from leaking into Israel.

A message must be sent that will resonate among young Arabs in Israel and cut short a trend that is gathering pace in front of our very eyes. Alongside the barbarity of the pogroms in Acre and Lod, which have received patriotic legitimization from the Arab leadership in Israel, Arab youngsters have now begun to impose fear on Jews for their perverse pleasure and to attack representatives of the state, its infrastructure, its

institutions and its symbols. They do this while they document their rampages, because they feel immune from the law. They behave in this way because on social networks a large part of the Arab community sees them as heroes and their deeds as emotional compensation for their sense of inferiority.

If the Israeli law enforcement system fails to punish and humiliate these hooligans, and if it does not show the Arab community the grave and ongoing damage that will be caused to them for many years, the state of Israel will find itself facing an internal threat of dimensions that will require it to employ far more serious means against far greater numbers.

Video posted by the hooligans themselves shows how they broke into Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk, directed their gutter language at its residents, and showed open contempt for an armed security guard. The videos document, for example, how they provoked the police by driving wildly in front of a patrol vehicle, rode their horses into a café and other such provocations. They dare to behave in so barbaric a manner because they are aware of the pitiful state of Israeli law enforcement, from the police through to the state prosecutor's office and the judges themselves.

The police take pride in large operations, but they have abandoned public spaces. At the same time, the state prosecutor's office violates its role by its agreement to inexplicable plea bargains and judges hand out ridiculously light sentences. It begins with the kind of violent rampages on Israel's roads that left the town of Arad isolated and continues with pogroms in mixed towns, and if it is not put down in a harsh manner, it will end with the loss of security for Jews in their lands and attempts to block IDF forces on their way to the front at times of war. **JE**

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Correction

The May 5 food column “Beef Stroganoff Revisited” inadvertently called for the use of top sirloin in its preparation. While sirloin in Israel usually is considered kosher because of more-stringent butchering methods, that is not typically the case in the United States. The recipe should instead be prepared with ribeye steak or, more economically, with flank or skirt steak. The Exponent regrets the error.

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In Antwerp, Haredi Orthodox Jew Overpowers, Tackles Attacker

It began like countless other antisemitic incidents in Antwerp: A man shouted insults and made threatening gestures at members of the Belgian city's large Orthodox Jewish community, JTA reported.

But the incident on May 1 took an unexpected turn.

After the alleged perpetrator appeared to swing his arm to hit a Jewish man in haredi Orthodox garb, the would-be victim lunged back and overpowered his attacker, holding him on the ground until police took the suspect into custody.

The attack, which the Shomrim Jewish community security unit said was antisemitic in nature, was filmed from a nearby balcony by a group of men, one of whom said excitedly: "They're going to fight."

The spokesperson, who declined to state his name, also declined to provide information on the men shown in the video.

He did say that at least 20 antisemitic incidents have occurred this year, "and this has made Antwerp's Jewish community much more vigilant to these occurrences." Antwerp has about 18,000 Jews, most of them haredi Orthodox.

Mexican Couple Hosted a Nazi-themed Wedding

Mexican Jewish and antiracism groups are raising alarm after a couple married in a Nazi-themed wedding there, JTA reported.

The wedding of the couple, who have been identified only by their first names, Fernando and Josefina, took place in Tlaxcala, Mexico, on April 29 — the 77th anniversary of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun.

In photos, the groom is dressed as a Nazi SS officer, and the bride is sitting on top of a Volkswagen Beetle painted in a camouflage pattern, draped in a Nazi flag and given a fake license plate with SS bolts.

Fernando, whom Mexican media said is a public official, said the couple chose the Nazi theme because they venerate Hitler.

"I understand that for many people, Hitler represents genocide, racism and violence. People, on the other hand, make judgments without having all of the facts," the groom told Mexican news outlet Milenio. "Hitler was a vegetarian who rescued his country from famine and returned to his people the lands lost during World War I. His friends and family adored him. We were led to believe that Hitler was a racist, but he came to greet Jesse Owens at the 1936 Olympics."

The photos went viral on social media, prompting condemnation by local authorities and Jewish community leaders.

Israeli Unemployment Hits 50-year Low

Israel's unemployment rate dropped to 2.9% in the first two weeks of April, down from 3.7% in the latter part of March, Globes reported, citing Central Bureau of Statistics data.

That marks a 50-year low.

The report said there were 150,000 job vacancies and only 120,000 job seekers.

Under a broader definition — which includes employees put on unpaid leave at the start of the pandemic who haven't yet returned to work — unemployment fell to 4.4% in the first half of April; that's down from 5.3% in the latter part of March.

Workforce participation of the working age population declined to 61% in the first part of April, compared to 61.3% in latter March.

The Bank of Israel Research Department projects 3.5% unemployment by year's end.

Food Recall by Israeli Company Applies to Products Sold Abroad

Strauss Group, which is one of Israel's largest food manufacturers, announced a recall for products sold worldwide, including in the United States, The Times of Israel reported.

There are 101 items sold in the U.S., including chocolate, snack products, chewing gum, energy bars and candies.

Strauss initially recalled multiple chocolate products made by subsidiary Elite because of possible salmonella contamination.

The Elite products were distributed in the kosher market nationally, primarily in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, California and Florida. Products also were sold directly to customers via Amazon.com, Fresh Direct, Passover.com and other retail online sites. **JE**

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'We Had Our Lives on the Line':

Abortion Activists Reflect on 50 Years of Roe v. Wade

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

This year feels a lot like 1970 for those who remember it.

Memories of a controversial war with consequences felt in the United States and a divided country is unwelcome for those who experienced the beginning of the Vietnam War and the series of Marches on Washington, where waves of people gathered to fight for civil rights.

The past weeks have stirred up more memories than some of these elders had bargained for.

After Politico published on May 2 the 98-page Supreme Court draft by Justice Samuel Alito that would overrule the 1973 case of Roe v. Wade, Americans pored over the document, some applauding, others taking to the streets to express their discontent with the majority opinion.

The Jewish community was well-represented among Americans in protest of the decision, which would return the power to restrict access to legal abortion to the states, almost imminently resulting in the ban of abortion in the South and Midwest U.S., and potentially in Pennsylvania.

According to Senior Rabbi Daniel Burg of Beth Am Synagogue in Baltimore, the new law of the land would interfere with his interpretation of Jewish law, which deems abortion permissible, as the life of the pregnant parent takes precedence over the fetus.

"Each of us is created in the image of God, which has infinite value. Each of us is responsible for our

bodies, to treat them with high regard, and to treat one another, as far as bodies, with high regard," Burg said. "That big takeaway from that is that we need to respect the sovereignty of each person's bodies with regard to behaviors that are acceptable, according to Jewish law."

Burg, a Reform-trained rabbi at a Conservative synagogue, is not alone in his belief. The Orthodox Union published a statement criticizing the Supreme Court ruling, claiming that restrictions on abortion would prevent the ability to protect the gestational parent's life, violated the Jewish principle of *pikuach nefesh*, saving a life. The organization, however, did not fully condemn the case and stated that it did not advocate for "abortion on demand."

On May 17, Burg and congregants, as well as dozens of other Jewish organizations, will take to the streets once more at the Jewish Rally for Abortion Justice in Washington, D.C.

Though the march will take place only weeks after the draft leak, it has been decades in the making, with activists from half a century ago laying the groundwork for the country's next round of fighting for abortion access and providing insights on how the movement could look moving forward.

But the conversation around Roe v. Wade really begins before the 1973 decision, Philadelphia Carol Daniels, 73, claims.

The landmark court case was nestled in a period

of history where women's rights were still precarious and when college students found power in protest, not voting, which, at the time, was only permitted for those 21 years and older. Wite-Out was one of the more revolutionary technologies of the time.

"The way we had our voices heard was not through the internet; it was not through cell phones," Daniels said.

Matriculating to New York University in 1966, Daniels lived in a dorm where men and women were separated; women had an 11 p.m. curfew and had to sign in every night before bed.

Her sophomore or junior year, student protesters tore down the wall between the gendered dormitories, which eventually resulted in the school creating co-ed dorms. Daniels attended the March on Washington in 1969 and opposed the Vietnam War.

"We had our lives on the line," she said.

Though her time in college was marked by the civil rights era and the Vietnam War, the Kent State Massacre, when members of the Ohio National Guard opened fire and killed four and injured nine Kent State University students in 1970, changed her world.

College campuses, much like in spring 2020, shut down. Daniels graduated from NYU in 1970 pass-fail.

In August 1970, women's rights had taken center stage in the country. Daniels traveled to Washington for the Women's Liberation March led by Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan. The march did not explicitly address abortion access but began to open the door for women to speak about their bodies more openly, to talk about and understand sex, which was stigmatized at best and demonized at worst.



“Everybody was called a ‘whore’ or a ‘lesbian’ who participated in that march,” Daniels said.

At the same time as the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective published “Our Bodies, Ourselves” in 1970, an anatomy book written “by women for women” to help open dialogue around sex and biology, Daniels had an abortion in New York, one of the four states where abortion was legal at the time. It was expensive, and her boyfriend at the time refused to help pay.

In other areas of the country, women were not as lucky as Daniels.

Liz Downing, now the vice president of advocacy of the National Council of Jewish Women of the Greater Philadelphia Section, had friends who had back-alley abortions in the same era. The use of coat hangers — now a symbol used by abortion access advocates — left some friends injured and others unable to bear children.

According to Downing, this wasn’t unusual: “People knew people knew people.”

Organizing protests was a grassroots effort of meeting friends in their living rooms, hoping people would check their mailboxes or pick up their land-line telephones when protest plans were in motion.

But even after the decision of *Roe v. Wade*, victory for abortion access activists was short-lived, with the 1992 *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* case, which originated in Pennsylvania, all but overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Before the case was presented in front of the Supreme Court in 1992, Kol Tzedek synagogue member and health care lawyer J. Kathleen Marcus worked as a lawyer for the case when it went to District Court, when she was a “little baby lawyer, minutes post-bar exam.”

On the district level, the plaintiffs, including *Planned Parenthood*, argued against the commonwealth to deem five provisions, which included women having to get the consent of their male partner to get an abortion, unconstitutional. The plaintiffs won the case with the help of Marcus, 59, who discovered that one of the “mental health experts” the commonwealth brought to testify on their behalf had, instead of a doctorate in psychology, a degree in home economics.

“That led to this wonderfully detailed decision, where *Planned Parenthood* won every single aspect, except [declaring parental consent for abortion unconstitutional],” Marcus said. “And so that was a near-perfect win.”

When the case went to the Third

Circuit Court of Appeals, however, the District Court decision was partially reversed. Marcus remembers reading the decision confused and frustrated by the author. It was written by then-Circuit Judge Alito.

By the time the case reached the Supreme Court, the five original provisions from the Pennsylvania government were upheld. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* effectively overturned *Roe v. Wade*, Marcus argued.

“In a sense, that was even more insidious because it allowed for very restrictive state laws to be passed that have, since ‘92, essentially eliminated abortion in a huge swath of states,” she said.

Years later, Marcus signed an amicus brief for a Louisiana case that banned abortion. The brief was signed by women lawyers and law students who had received abortions — the beginnings of a growing trend of people going public with personal experiences of having an abortion.

“There are a number of things on the ‘choice’ side that have changed, and one is the willingness of people to come out and say, ‘I had an abortion, and I’m not ashamed, and here’s my story,’” Marcus said.

In the past few years, celebrities such as Phoebe Bridgers, Uma Thurman and Stevie Nicks have shared their abortion stories online, which Marcus believes is a powerful tool.

But social media, which activists have used to catapult mobilization efforts and rally protesters on short notice, is a double-edged sword, Downing said. It’s also a place to witness vitriol and misinformation.

“There was a time of broadcast news, which I miss very much, which required that there be opposing sides,” she said. “So I remember really appreciating the fact that, when there was an issue that was considered controversial, the news media were responsible for providing both sides of the argument.”

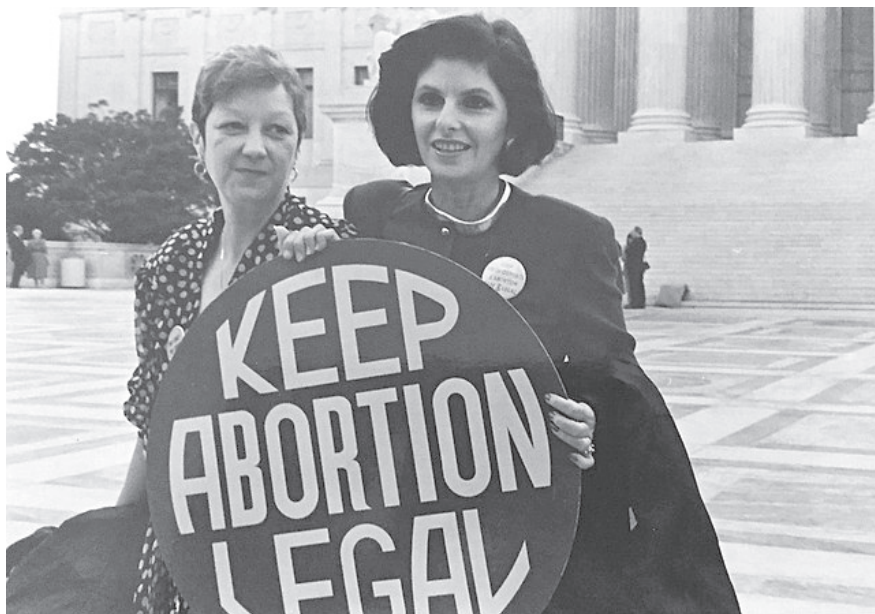
Daniels shares Downing’s ambivalence toward social media, favoring face-to-face conversations. She hopes to facilitate an intergenerational dialogue in order to inform the younger generation — hungry idealists in her eyes — about her own experiences. The conversations, in turn, help to wash away some of the jaded feelings Daniels has, watching history repeat itself half a century later.

“It does give me hope,” Daniels said. “Because you have foot power, and I really believe that you have voting power; you have your physical power, your mental power, and you have a desire to think about your future.” JE



Liz Downing at a Doylestown courthouse protests the Supreme Court draft overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Courtesy of Liz Downing



Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) and her lawyer Gloria Allred on the steps of the Supreme Court in 1989

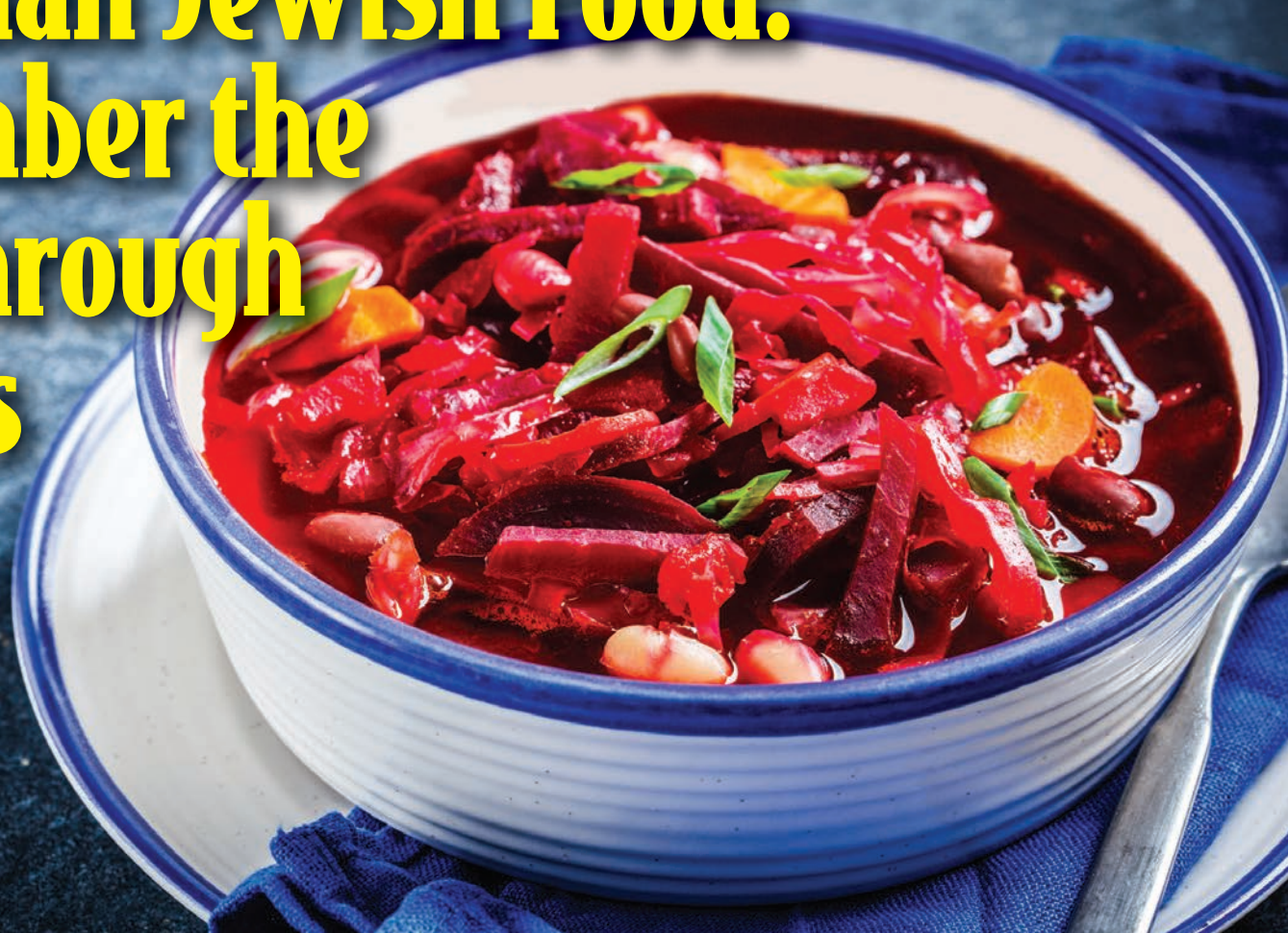
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Carol Daniels and her husband at a protest in Philadelphia

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Ukrainian Jewish Food: Remember the Past Through Recipes



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When Russia's barbaric aggression against Ukraine began, Jewish aid organizations estimated that 200,000 Ukrainian Jews were integrated into the life of that country, making the Jewish community there the third-largest in Europe and the fifth-largest in the world.

Since March, Jews have fled in droves, mostly to Israel. Feeling helpless, my husband and I sent money through the Jewish Federation. At Passover, we placed a beetroot on our seder plate in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Borscht, the gorgeous garnet-colored soup, gets its radiant hue from beets. Popular throughout Eastern Europe, borscht was not only invented in Ukraine but is its most famous food. However, original recipes were made from a bitter white root called borsh. Poverty prompted this unpleasant soup to become widespread.

But during the Renaissance, people began preparing this recipe from much

sweeter beets, retaining the original name. Eventually, Ukrainians of means added beef, beans and vegetables to the recipe.

Jews created two different kinds of borscht: a thick, meat-based borscht and a thinner vegetarian version to which they added *smetana*, a sour cream-like cheese. When Jews immigrated to America, vegetable borscht was overshadowed by meat borscht.

Many celebrated Jewish foods have their roots in Ukraine. Babka, the cake baked in loaf pans in America, is baked in high round pans in Ukraine. In both Ukrainian and Yiddish, *baba* means grandmother; *babka* means little grandmother. Some say this tall cake resembles grandma's long skirt.

Many Ukrainian Jewish recipes are well known to Ashkenazi Jews, particularly challah and stuffed cabbage. Made with nutty-flavored buckwheat, kasha varnishkes evolved into bow-tie pasta flavored with caramelized onions. Often prepared with butter and served with *smetana*, potato latkes are beloved in Ukraine. Jews created an oil-based version to eat with meat. This popular dish is served at Chanukah

and throughout the year.

But there are some Ukrainian Jewish foods unfamiliar to most Americans. Carrot and zucchini muffins are popular at Passover but are eaten all year, *kotlety* are meat patties stuffed with mushrooms and *syrniki*, cheese pancakes, are a treasured treat.

Since the crisis in Ukraine began, I have cooked these dishes as a tribute to Ukrainian Jews forced from their homeland by a cruel tyrant — a theme that has replayed throughout Jewish history. While it is unclear if Jews have a future in Ukraine, I'm trying to keep the memory of Jewish life there alive through food.

Ukrainian Borscht American-Style | Meat

Yield: 3 quarts

When you chop beets, your hands turn red. I, therefore, rely on bottled borscht, enhancing it so even a Ukrainian grandmother would think it's homemade. The only way she'd suspect the truth is that my hands are not stained.

- 2 (32-ounce) bottles of borscht (made from beets, not concentrate)
- 3 (14-ounce) cans beef stock
- 12 small pieces marrow bones
- 3 pounds short ribs for flanken, sliced lengthwise between the bones
- 2 medium-sized potatoes, peeled and diced
- 5 carrots, peeled and sliced into circles
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 bay leaves
- 16 peppercorns
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup red wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- Kosher salt to taste

Three days before serving, place all the ingredients in a large stockpot. Simmer covered, stirring occasionally, for one hour, or until the meat and potatoes soften. Check the seasonings. If it's too sweet, add a bit more vinegar. If it's too tart, add a little sugar.

Refrigerate and skim the fat from the top. Remove the bay leaves, bones and peppercorns. Serve hot.



Syrniki (Cheese Pancakes) | Dairy

Yield: Makes about 8 syrniki

Equipment: Preferably a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or a large mixing bowl and electric mixer

- 1/3 cup flour, plus 1/3 cup
- 1 pound farmer cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup golden raisins
- 4-8 tablespoons vegetable oil, or more if needed
- Accompaniments: yogurt, sour cream, preserves or berries

Place 1/3 cup of flour in a flat-bottomed bowl. Arrange 2 layers of paper towels on a platter. Reserve.

In the bowl of a stand mixer (or in a large mixing bowl if using an electric mixer), crumble the farmer cheese. Add the eggs. Mix well until combined. Add 2/3 cup of flour, sugar and salt. Beat until the lumps disappear. Gently mix in the raisins. Let it rest for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat 4 tablespoons of oil on a medium-low flame, adding more oil at any time, if needed.

Using a soup spoon, ladle a heaping spoonful of pancake batter, and drop it into the reserved flour. Gently roll the batter around in the flour. Lift the batter ball and, with your hands, form it into a flat pancake. Shake off as much excess flour as possible.

Move the pancake into the heated oil. Repeat, but don't put more than 4 pancakes into the skillet at a time. Fry them until the bottom sides are golden brown and firm. With a spat-

ula, flip them to the other side until golden brown. Watch the pancakes carefully as they burn easily. Move them to paper towels to drain.

Before the second batch, you may need to drain the oil from the pan as it could be dusted with flour, which may burn. If so, when cool, wipe out the pan with paper towels, and start again with another 4 tablespoons of oil.

Serve immediately with yogurt or sour cream, preserves and/or berries.

Kotlety (meat patties) with Mushrooms | Meat

Yield 5-6 kotlety

Mushroom filling:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 ounces mushrooms, diced fine
- 1/2 small onion, diced fine
- Kosher salt to taste
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs

In a medium-sized skillet, heat the oil on a medium flame. Add the mushrooms and onion. Sprinkle it with salt, and sauté until the vegetables are wilted. Add the garlic and stir. When the garlic is fragrant, add the breadcrumbs and stir to combine for one minute. Remove it from the flame and reserve.

Kotlety:

- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1/2 small onion, diced fine
- Kosher salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Place the turkey in a medium-sized bowl. Add the onion, salt and pep-

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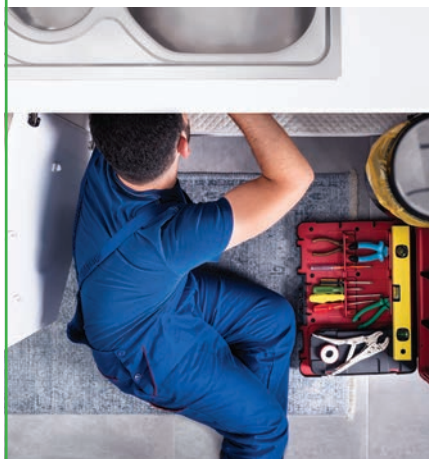
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per, and mix it together with a fork. Spread the flour on a dinner plate.

Set up the ingredients in the order that you'll need them. Start with the bowl of turkey, followed by the mushroom filling and then the plate of flour, ending with a clean plate, placed next to the stovetop.

Place $\frac{1}{3}$ cup of turkey in your palm. Flatten the turkey into a thin burger patty and make an indentation in the center. Place $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of the mushroom filling in the indentation. Close the turkey around the filling, making sure there are no seams. Flatten the patty a little. Roll the patty in flour and shake off the excess. Reserve them on the clean plate.

Repeat until all the turkey is gone. You will need to rinse your hands under cold water once or twice so they don't get sticky. Reserve the leftover mushroom filling.

Drizzle 3 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet and heat on a medium flame. Move the *kotlety* to the skillet and fry until it's browned on the bottom. Turn them over and brown the top side. Turn them back and forth a couple of times until the turkey is no longer pink inside. If browning occurs too quickly, lower the flame.

Move the *kotlety* to a platter. Heat the reserved mushroom mixture on a medium flame and sprinkle it over the top of the *kotlety*.

Savory Carrot Zucchini Muffins | Pareve or dairy

Yield: approximately 18 muffins

Equipment: 2 muffin pans, a food processor and 2 large pots

- 3 jumbo carrots
- 1 large sweet potato
- 1 large white potato
- 3 large zucchini
- 2 medium onions
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, or more if needed
- Kosher salt to taste, plus $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon, and $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon
- No-stick vegetable spray or 2 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon sugar, plus $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon
- 1 egg, plus 1 egg
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup potato starch, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ cup
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon lemon zest, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon

Set up a food processor with the metal cutting blade. Pour the water



into 2 large pots until they are two-thirds full.

Peel the carrots and both potatoes. Rinse them and the zucchini under cold water, then drain them on paper towels.

Dice the carrots and sweet potato into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces. Move them to one of the large pots of water. Cover the pot with a lid, and boil it on a high flame for 45 minutes, or until the vegetables are very soft when pierced with a utensil-sized fork.

Dice the white potato and zucchini into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces. Move them to the second pot of water. Cover it with a lid, and boil it on a high flame for 35 minutes, until the vegetables are very soft when pierced with a utensil-sized fork.

Meanwhile, dice the onions, then chop them. Heat the oil in a medium-sized skillet on a medium-low flame. Add the onions and sprinkle them with salt to taste. Sauté them until the onions are fragrant and softened. Reserve.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat the muffin tins generously with no-stick vegetable spray or preferably with butter, as the muffins will release from the pans more easily. Do not use muffin pan liners, as these muffins are quite soft and fall apart when pulled from liners.

Drain the carrot mixture in a colander until the cooking liquids stop dripping. Move the carrot mixture to the food processor and puree. With a spatula, move it to a large bowl. Rinse out the food processor and dry it.

Drain the zucchini mixture in a colander until the cooking liquids stop dripping. Move it to the food processor. Pulse on and off to puree as the zucchini gets watery. With a spatula, move it to a second large bowl.

To both bowls, add half of the onions, $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon of salt, $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon of sugar, 1 egg, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of potato starch and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of lemon zest. With a silicone or wooden spoon, mix the ingredients in each bowl until well combined.

Into each indentation in the muffin pans, place the zucchini mixture until one-third full. Smooth the zucchini mixture with the back of a teaspoon to create a smooth surface. Top it with the carrot mixture until two-thirds full.

Bake for 45-50 minutes. A cake tester inserted in the centers should come out clean. Remove the pan from the oven, and cool it completely to room temperature before removing from muffin pans.

Serve them muffins with borscht, *kotlety*, stuffed cabbage and even eggs. **JE**

Drexel Hillel Celebrates Pilot Artist-Educator Residency Program

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

The pandemic has stolen time from everyone but particularly from college students. A typical four years of community building and connection was abbreviated for some, with Drexel University Hillel students being no exception.

Drexel Hillel Rabbi Isabel de Koninck wanted to make the most of the time students had together, finding a way to not only rebuild a young Jewish community stifled by the pandemic but to give students a way to process communal and personal loss and hardships.

The beginning of the 2021-'22 academic year was an opportunity to do that: The Hillel created an artist residency program, one of the only such Hillel programs in the country, with 2019 Tribe12 fellow and Drexel alum Danielle Abrams at the helm.

Over the course of the semester, Abrams held workshops and programming for more than 75 students, spending 300 hours on campus across the school's fall, winter and spring terms.

The pilot program culminated in a 10-week student fellowship over the winter. The six student fellows will show their art at a gallery opening at

Drexel's Perelman Center for Jewish Life on May 12 from 6-8 p.m.

The opening will include a watercolor painting workshop and print sale, with money raised going to the Hillel International Emergency Relief Fund for Ukrainian refugees.

"It was a really creative move on our part and, really, an innovative decision by Rabbi Isabel to create a brand-new type of program that wasn't tikkun olam; it wasn't a text study. It was hands-on learning, using art as a tool to connect students to their Jewish identity and to their peers," Abrams said.

Though the artists-educator residency program served all Hillel students, the fellowship was designed for students who had a deeper interest in art and community leadership.

Fellows visited local exhibits spotlighting Jewish artists, and then taught various art skills to the rest of their student community.

"Through the fellowship, they have explored Jewish art and architecture around the city and examined the ways that art has and can be used as a mode of spiritual expression, as a vehicle for wellness and a tool for social change and community-building," de Koninck said.

Oftentimes, Abrams said, students

balanced the fellowship with a full course load, internships and sometimes a part-time job. The fellowship, rather than serving as another rigorous resume-builder, was a chance for students to unwind from the business.

"This fellowship was such an incredible opportunity to connect with other Jewish artists at Drexel and bond over our shared passions," said Drexel student artist Andrew Galitzer.

"I very much enjoyed our weekly studio sessions where we caught up and created together."

Abrams wanted to prove that, in a time of busyness, particularly in a STEM-focused school such as Drexel, art still had a place.

"The ultimate goal of this fellowship for me wasn't just to create an art gallery or raise awareness about Jewish artists," Abrams said. "It was really to prove the concept that art matters. Art can be healing and deserves the time and energy that an engineering-focused university doesn't always allot."

The project is also dear to Abrams who, as an alum, feels as though she has the chance to coach the next generation of artists and community leaders. She graduated in 2014 with a bachelor's in design and merchandising and was an involved Hillel member.

"It feels like I'm stepping back in time, but it also feels like coming home to a place that is so meaningful," she said. "And it feels really rewarding to give back to Drexel Hillel in this new capacity."

Because the residency is a pilot program, Abrams and de Koninck don't have a road map for its future. This year, the residency used \$10,000 from the Drexel Hillel budget. De Koninck is hoping to secure at least \$15,000 of funding to maintain and grow the program over the next three years.

In the future, Abrams wants to take the students on trips to local exhibits and weekend retreats and hold additional workshops.

At its core, however, the art program will remain a space for students to find connection, a respite from busy schedules and what one fellow described as a "little piece of Shabbat."

"Art is very similar to Judaism, in that it teaches us to always ask questions and dive deeper to uncover hidden emotions," Abrams said. "And they're both kind of vehicles for a conversation to emerge about what connects us to each other, what connects us to ourselves, what connects us to our past." **JE**

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Drexel Hillel students at a workshop as part of the artist-educator residency pilot



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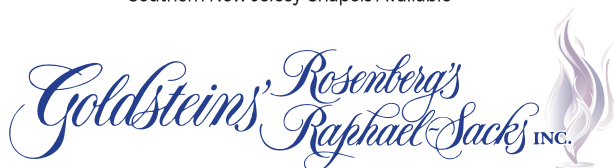
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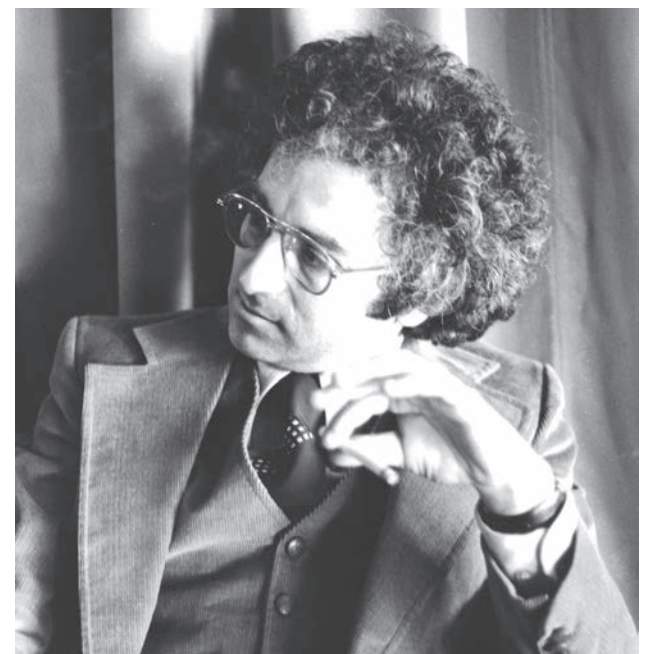
Rubin had three children, his daughter would say, and the first one was the Spectrum, the Philadelphia arena where the PR man promoted games, concerts and circuses in the 1970s and '80s.

The venue became his second home and first obsession, according to Cohen. The arena and job brought together all of Rubin's interests and

Rubin promoted Philadelphia 76ers and Flyers games; concerts by Bruce Springsteen and the J. Geils Band among many others; and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circuses. But those were only the regularly scheduled programs.

The PR man is perhaps best remembered for his most elaborate and wacky displays. Rubin used to tell his protégé Ike Richman to, "Put something where it doesn't belong. It's as simple as that."

According to Richman, Rubin had "the world's smallest man," Michu, float into Philly among the tall ships; he brought a chimpanzee to a day care



Larry Rubin

Courtesy of
the Rubin family

qualities: music, sports and the exotic spectacle, as well as his writing ability, his creativity and his flair for the spotlight.

The Spectrum opened in 1967 and took a backseat to the bigger CoreStates Center, now the Wells Fargo Center, in 1996 when the latter opened. But during the former arena's heyday, the promoter was the man responsible for making it a cultural attraction for Philadelphia-area residents and families.

Rubin died on April 28 at his Wynnewood home. He was 81.

"He was the cool dad. That's what I told him all along," Cohen said. "Everybody knew what he did and wanted to be there."

center to promote the circus; he walked show dogs down Jewelers' Row, also to promote the circus; he got two different Philadelphia mayors, W. Wilson Goode (1984-1992) and Ed Rendell (1992-2000), to participate in stunts with the Harlem Globetrotters.

"I often find myself asking, 'What would Larry do?'" said Richman, who now has his own PR firm called Ike Richman Communications. "And I will continue to be inspired by his imaginative approaches, creativity and sense of humor."

Rubin was born in 1941 to musician/artist parents Jules and Freda Rubin, according to Flora Rubin, his wife of 56 years. He did not grow up with television. Instead, he came of age listening

to music on the radio.

The Jewish Philadelphian graduated from Northeast High School and then Temple University. His degree from Temple was in political science. Flora Rubin believes it helped her husband that his major had nothing to do with his eventual profession.

PR was neither an industry he trained for nor an area of study for which he read a lot of books. No professor told Rubin, "This is how you do it," Flora Rubin said.

"It was pure love, imagination and being deeply involved in it," she added.

But Rubin nonetheless got plenty of early reps that shaped his skill set.

He started his career as a reporter with The Philadelphia Bulletin, the city's evening newspaper, before moving into PR with the Philadelphia Police Department. In 1976, though, he arrived, landing his job with the Spectrum and thriving in it for a decade.

After that, he went national, working for the arena's new manager, Spectacor Management Group, a company that supervised venues around the country. Finally, in 1993, Rubin opened his own firm called Rubin Public Relations. He also was influential in the planning and development for the CoreStates Center which, as the Wells Fargo Center, remains the home of the Sixers, Flyers

and an annual calendar of big events.

What made Rubin so successful was that, according to his wife, he was the most excited fan in the audience.

"He was going to a concert," she said.

The PR man's legacy lives on in the countless memories that families still have of attending those events and perhaps even enjoying them as much as the man who planned them.

"It was nothing but a release, joy," Cohen said. "He was in a pleasurable atmosphere where people, if they were having a bad day, they were going to that concert and it was all going to be all right."

In addition to the Spectrum, the Rubins had two children, Leslie and her

brother Stephen Rubin. And, according to Flora Rubin, "a huge number" of his children's friends showed up for their father's funeral.

Before Rubin died, one of Cohen's friends came by the Rubin house with one of the bootlegged Live Aid concert T-shirts that he used to confiscate. Another swung by and took the local legend for a walk.

"An all-around really caring, attentive person," Cohen said of her father.

Larry Rubin is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and other relatives. **JE**

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BROOKS

Estelle "Stel" (nee Cohn)

May 1, 2022 of Philadelphia, PA. Wife of the late Martin Brooks; loving mother of Jeffrey (Lori) Brooks; adoring grandmother of Zach and Lexi; sister of Mark Cohn. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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CANTOR

Robert Cantor, 80, of Media, PA passed away on May 3, 2022, after a long illness. He and his wife, Nancy Laver Cantor raised their three daughters in East Goshen and lived in their home on Christine Lane for over fifty years before moving to Media in 2021. Rob's love and first priority was always his wife and family. Before his health deteriorated, he took great joy in sailing on the Chesapeake, skiing, and going to the shore with Nancy, their children and grandchildren. He was a voracious reader, computer whiz and avid gardener. He and Nancy were a couple of over sixty-five years and were married for almost fifty-nine years. Robert's parents, Abe and Nettie Cantor, and his in-laws, Jack and Roslyn Laver, predeceased him. In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his children: Donna and Neil Meyer of Media, PA, Cherie and Scott Corbo of Naugatuck, CT, and Jaclyn Cantor of West Chester, PA and six grandchildren; Joshua Corbo, Emily Meyer (Will Higgins), Ryan Corbo, Abby Meyer, Jacob Corbo, and Hallie Meyer. He is also survived by his sister, Karen and her husband, Wayne Miller, nieces and a nephew and great nieces and a great nephew. Robert was born in Philadelphia on May 7, 1941. He graduated from Cheltenham High School in 1959 and Temple University in 1963. He owned an orthopedic shoe store with his uncle until his health forced him to retire in 1988. His book has now closed. In lieu of flowers, the family requests

donations made to a charity that reminds you of Rob and the things he enjoyed. Examples include: Reading is Fundamental, Malvern Library, and East Goshen Park.

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DICKLER

Marvin Dickler on May 2, 2022. Husband of Mollie (nee Tickner); father of Sue (Alan) Rothstein, Marc (Mindy) Dickler, Arlene (late Paul) Starr and Pam Dickler. Sister of Gerri (Ron) Fash; also survived by 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to Philabundance, www.philabundance.org or a charity of the donor's choice.

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KURMAN

Gregory A. Kurman, DMD passed away April 29, 2022. Husband of Merrith (nee Fantazzi). Father of Tyler Kurman. Son of Trudi (Frank) Goldman and the late Jerry Kurman. Brother of Stephen (late Tracy) Kurman, David Goldman, Anthony Fantazzi and the late Daniel Goldman, also survived by nieces and nephews. Contributions in his memory may be made to NAMI, 1432 Easton Road, Suite 2-D, Warington, Pa. 18976, www.nami.org.

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POPOWICH

Maury L.-May 5, 2022, of W. Palm Beach, FL and Margate, NJ; loving father of Jessie Popowich, Dr. Daniel Popowich and Leah Popowich (Andrew Hohns); devoted brother of Sylvia Pomerantz, Dr. Leonard Popowich, Cecelia Serling (Jimmy) and the late David Popowich; beloved son of the late Esther and Julius Popowich; cherished grandfather of Julius, Isaac, Leo, Josiah and Luisa. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Maury's memory may be made to The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, of Philadelphia (fhbs.org/donate), or a meaningful charity of the donor's choice.

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RUBIN

Alvin Rubin, 91 years, husband of the late Arline Cooperman Rubin, his childhood sweetheart. A loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, husband, companion and friend, passed peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones on May 1, 2022. Born to Anna and Herman Rubin in Philadelphia with whom he ran the family business "Rubin's Fine Furniture" for over 30 years. In his later years, Alvin was lucky to have met Elaine Stratt. They spent 13 wonderful years together in Boynton Beach, Florida. Alvin is survived by 3 daughters. Diane (Alan) Lieberman, Lisa (Bruce)

Ginsburg and Susan Rubin. Grandchildren Haley Binn, Nathan (Jessica) Lieberman, Aaron (Maradith) Ginsburg, Lauren (Joey) Allaham, Andy Ecker, Ariel Ginsburg, Adam (Becca) Ecker and Kendall Ecker and many great grandchildren. Alvin had a great sense of humor and enjoyed every celebration to the fullest. He was our inspiration. He will be deeply missed and eternally cherished.

SALOMON

KURT D. on April 28, 2022. Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Fils); Loving father of Michael Salomon (Lori) and Rena Henschel; Dear brother of Elfrieda Bornstein and Eva Moszer (Cantor Sidney), and Yistach "Peter" Ronen (Sarah); Devoted grandfather of Samantha, Jordyn, and Jacob. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Ste. 2820, Phila., PA 19103. www.cancer.org

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WEINER

Arthur Weiner (92 years old), son of William and Rose Weiner, passed peacefully on May 2nd, 2022. Arthur is survived by his wife of 67 years, Arlene. Together they raised three children, Ken, Robin (Ron Neifield), and Meryl (Arthur Gabriel), six grandkids, Harris, Brent (Alexa), Zara (Adam Szumski), Matthew, Lauren, and Stephanie, and two great-grandkids, Asher and

Lennox. He was predeceased by his sister Naomi (Paul) Alamar. He met his bride nearly 70 years ago as a Drexel student. They married in Atlantic City in 1954 and moved frequently due to his Navy service and engineering career. He eventually settled in Athens, Georgia, where they lived for almost fifty years. He was a past president of his congregation and an avid community volunteer. He will be most remembered as a true people person who lived an adventurous life full of travel, love, and family. Donations can be made in Arthur's honor to the United Jewish Appeal or the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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WOLK

Robert Wolk, age 73, passed away May 3, 2022. He is predeceased by his parents Jack and Tillie Wolk. Beloved husband of Lynn Wolk (nee Rosen) Loving father of Stephen Wolk (Jennifer), and Mitchell Wolk. Dear brother of Sandra Burr. Adoring grandfather of Stella. Robert was a proud 1966 graduate of Northeast High School and devoted business owner of Wolk Dental Lab. Contributions in his memory may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center www.foxchase.org

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Harriet Young-Beloved wife of the late Norton. Loving mother of Susan Young of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the late Howard Young. Contributions American Lung Association American Lung Association 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 1150 Chicago, Illinois 60601 www.lung.org or to Charity of the donor's choice

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What's happening at ... Congregation B'nai Jacob

B'nai Jacob Brings Different Jews Together

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Congregation B'nai Jacob is a Conservative synagogue. But it is not just open to Conservative Jews.

As the only synagogue in Phoenixville, it welcomes Jews from all denominations, according to Rabbi Jeff Sultar. The 120-household congregation is multigenerational, with congregants ranging from young families to seniors in their 90s.

With a smaller community, too, most members can know each other. And they place a premium on at least making the attempt, per Sultar.

"Everybody likes each other and spends time together," the rabbi said. "Services, social gatherings, different celebrations."

Sultar believes it helps that there are not many ideological considerations to get between people. Congregants come together simply because they want to practice Judaism.

"It's a good place to call home," Sultar said.

To make B'nai Jacob feel like a home, Sultar does his best to accommodate all types of Jews. Nowhere is that better exhibited than at the synagogue's weekly Shabbat services.

Most Jewish communities have services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. But usually, one of the two is bigger than the other.

For more Reform-style Jews, the Friday night service, with more singing and English reading, is the bigger service. But for more traditional Jews, the Saturday morning gathering, with more Hebrew readings, is the important one.

At B'nai Jacob, an equal number of congregants, about 15 each, attend both.

"That's very unusual in my experience," said Sultar, who served at two other congregations before B'nai Jacob. "Most synagogues have a dominant service."

Outside of Shabbat services, the rabbi doesn't even need to do much accom-

modating. Members learn and work together pretty seamlessly regardless of their approach to prayer.

Congregation B'nai Jacob University, the temple's education arm, offers classes on gun violence, the environment and "anything people might be interested in," Sultar said.

Recently, some congregants realized that the Jewish Relief Agency, a non-profit that helps fight hunger, does not service people that far outside of Philadelphia. So the members coordinated with JRA to get boxes and food items for a monthly distribution to people in the Phoenixville area. At each distribution, B'nai Jacob's social hall is full of members, religious school students and other volunteers packing boxes, according to Sultar.

In addition, the synagogue serves 20 students in its religious school and offers a full schedule of fun events. A comedian from Israel Zoomed in recently, and a mentalist is coming later in May.

"It's really profound to think of how important the community is to so many people and what they do to keep it vibrant," the rabbi said. "When people voluntarily choose to be a part of something, it makes a statement."

History suggests that B'nai Jacob has always had this quality. Over more than a century, its congregant number has always hovered in the 100-plus range, Sultar said.

Synagogue President Mark Snow explained that the congregant base stayed the same, even through the pandemic era shift to virtual services and programs. Moving forward, Snow hopes to use a hybrid approach to maintain the congregation and possibly expand it.

Snow is forming a post-pandemic strategic plan, and it includes four pillars: attracting the next generation of members, inspiring volunteers, planning for financial health and growing the member base.

Snow believes that growth is possible in Chester County even beyond Phoenixville. Like many synagogue



Congregation B'nai Jacob in Phoenixville

Courtesy of Mark Snow



B'nai Jacob's sanctuary

Courtesy of Mark Snow

leaders, he learned during the pandemic that the digital reality could transcend geographical limitations. The president credited Sultar with creating "a virtual social hall" at the end of Shabbat services.

"It's been a great experience," Snow said. "Why wouldn't you continue to do that to maximize engagement opportunities for your community?"

B'nai Jacob's community education and fundraising events remain on Zoom, according to Snow. But the synagogue's Manavon Street home is reopening for certain group meetings "as the chairs of those meetings want," he said. A few weeks ago, the congre-

gation held its first bar mitzvah in the building since before the pandemic broke out.

Come June, Snow wants to host the temple's annual meeting in person and online. He also already has teams in place to work toward three of the four pillars in his strategic plan. They should be ready to set forth their objectives for the coming year in July.

"We're going to continue with digital engagement but look to have hybrid models that support activities we do in the building," the president said. "It's all about maximizing engagement." **JE**

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Different Sides, Same Circle

BY RABBI GILA RUSKIN

Parshat Emor

When you are 5½-years-old, your half-birthday is a big event.

We were decorating pillowcases for the seder, and my grandkid (age 5½) painted a sukkah. Why a sukkah? I asked. Passover sort of reminds me of Sukkot, he answered.

Very excited at this opportunity to teach him about the Jewish calendar, I drew a circle and showed him how Passover and Sukkot are directly across the circle from each other. When you look up through the branches when we are eating dinner on the first night of Sukkot, what do you see? A full moon. Tonight at the first seder, when we all go outside to act out leaving Egypt and you look up at the sky, what will you see? A full moon!

That's because Sukkot is the half birthday of Passover, and Passover is the half birthday of Sukkot! Both have full moons. Maybe, he said, we should sing "Happy Half-birthday" to Sukkot tonight!

Not a bad idea ...

Back in the day, it was much easier to see the connections. Everyone was out in the field harvesting at the full moon. Or everyone was in Jerusalem for an eight-day celebration, reconnecting with family and friends and tribe. In our era, maybe we need a half-birthday party to remind us that none of our holy days are like separate slices of a pie; they are all connected through the cycles of nature, as were all ancient festivals.

That teachable moment with my grandkid was a fulfillment of the ritual mitzvot of holy day observance cited in Parshat Emor, but also my legacy from our ancestor Abraham who was specifically chosen to fulfill the mission of "instructing his children and his posterity to keep God's ways by doing what is just and right, in order that God may bring about for Abraham what has been promised." Genesis 18:19

That is, according to Thomas Cahill, one of "The Gifts of the Jews."

"In a world that marked the cycles of the seasons, the Jews revealed a new way to mark time."

Not only equinox or solstice, but also the linear time of *l'dor vador*: of living our lives ever aware that we are precious links in the generational chain. We bind ourselves in Divine covenant to our family, our community and the community of humankind, to the past and to the future.

Our cyclical holidays also belong to covenantal/linear/historical time. They commemorate historic events. Pesach celebrates the exodus from Egypt, Shavuot the giving of the Torah and Sukkot the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

Parshat Emor explains: "In order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt," Passover is connected to Sukkot not only with a full moon but also with a shared historical experience of liberation and the promise of a civilization based on transformative justice.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z"l, wrote: "The Hebrew Bible is the first document to see time as an arena of change. Tomorrow need not be the same as yesterday. Time is not a series of moments traced on the face of a watch, always moving yet always the same." Instead, it is a journey with historical narratives and ethical teachings passed down and ever developing from generation to generation.

What I would like to inform my grandchild is that Judaism has survived and flourished to our day because we embrace all three cords woven together: the awesome attentiveness and ritual response to the cycles of nature, the annual acknowledgments of the historical journey of our people and the commitment to the ethical imperative of justice, tempered with compassion.

Opportunities abound to express with our hands and hearts that glorious experience. Not only at the seder, but as we adorn our sukkah next fall. We will shake the symbols of the autumnal harvest, invite our ancestors (*ushpizin*) as our honored guests and share our

abundance with those who confront scarcity, braiding those three cords of our legacy together. In gratitude, in reverence, in joy. **JE**

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FRIDAY, MAY 13

NOT-SO-SILENT AUCTION

Mishkan Shalom's virtual Not-So Silent-Auction bidding continues until May 15 at 8 p.m. More than 50 items are up for bid ... something for every taste and interest: vacation homes, culinary delights, art, Judaica, sports packages and more. **Register now at: biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341699076.**

SATURDAY, MAY 14

COMEDY SHOW

The Ohev Shalom Players present "Oy!", a collection of short comedies. Each one illustrates the meaning of a Yiddish word. The performance is at 9 p.m., with additional shows on May 15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$18 for in-person tickets; \$25 per streaming device. **Contact 215-322-9595 or ohav@ohav.org for more information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.**

SUNDAY, MAY 15

ADATH ISRAEL FUNDRAISER

Adath Israel presents "An Evening of Comedy and Conversation" with Richard Kind, known for roles in "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Big Mouth," "Mad About You" and "Inside Out," for its 40th annual Ira S. Mandell Event, starting at 5:45 p.m. **Register at adathisrael.org/form/mandell2022. 250 N. Highland Ave., Merion Station.**

BLOOD DRIVE

The Men's Club of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is holding a blood drive being run by the American Red Cross from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In addition to donating blood, you can volunteer to check people in and assist where needed. Light refreshments will be served. **For details, call the CSS office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.**

BUCKS COUNTY FESTIVAL

Join the Bucks County Kehillah for the biennial Bucks County Jewish Festival. Bring your whole family, friends and neighbors for a day of fun, featuring food, music, kids activities, crafts, wine tasting and

more. **For more information and to register: jewishphilly.org/bucksfestival. 275 Swamp Road, Newtown.**

M'KOR SHALOM CELEBRATION

Join M'kor Shalom for the 2022 M'kor "Source of Light" Celebration at 5 p.m. We will applaud Bruce Matez, who has given tirelessly to the M'kor Shalom community as a leader, a teacher and as a past president. \$136 per person, virtually or in-person. **RSVP at mkorshalom.org/events/attendmkoror2022. 850 Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.**

MONDAY, MAY 16

JEVS WORKSHOP

If you're not branding yourself professionally online and using your connections on LinkedIn, you aren't giving yourself a fair chance at getting interviews. Join JEVS' expert career advisers for a free Zoom webinar at 11 a.m. for help building an effective LinkedIn profile. **Register at jevshumanservices.org/event/how-to-network-and-professionally-brand-yourself-using-linkedin-2.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15
STREET FAIR**

Join AMIT Philly NewGen for food, 20-plus vendors, raffle prizes and fun for the kids from noon-4 p.m. Get a chance to meet AMIT alumna Leah Yuval visiting from Kiryat Malakhi. **Preregister and get entered into the raffle: amitchildren.org/streetfair. 45 Haverford Road, Wynnewood.**

TUESDAY, MAY 17

BINGO WITH BARRY

Join Barry at Tabas Kleinlife for an afternoon of bingo from 12:30-3:30 p.m. on May 17, 18 and 19. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on May 18. **For more information, call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St., Philadelphia.**

JEVS WORKSHOP

Do you have interview anxiety? Let JEVS' expert career advisers help you gain confidence for your next interview. We will help you prepare to answer the most difficult questions that don't have a one-size-fits-all response at our workshop with the Free Library of Philadelphia at 11 a.m. **Register at jevshumanservices.org/event/free-library-of-philadelphia-virtual-workshop-answering-tough-interview-questions.**

HOARDING SUPPORT

Jewish Family and Children's Service is offering an online support group for those struggling with a hoarding disorder. Sessions will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Zoom the third Tuesday of the month for those who've previously completed a hoarding support

program. **To register or for more information, contact Rivka Goldman at 267-256-2250 or rgoldman@jfcspilly.org.**

TEA WITH ESTEE LAUDER

The Sisterhood of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim invite you to join us for "Tea with Estee" at 7:30 p.m. Listen to Maxine Goldman as she discusses the life of billionaire Estee Lauder. We will be serving an elaborate dessert buffet, including an ice cream sundae bar. **Contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600 for more information. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

CIRCLE OF LIFE DISCUSSION

Led by Congregation M'Kor Shalom Rabbi Richard Address on three Wednesdays, May 4, 11 and 18 at 10:30, these sessions will examine critical and current issues, such as life's beginnings, birth control, pregnancy termination, IVF and adoption, from the perspective of Jewish texts and tradition. **Registration is required: mkorshalom.org/events/circleoflife. JE**

Out & About

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Courtesy of the Abrams Hebrew Academy

1 Violet P. Zeitlin received the Gratz Medal as part of Gratz College's Yom HaShoah commemoration on April 28. 2 The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties went green by adopting the use of custom reusable tote bags for food pantry deliveries to clients. 3 Michael Smerconish was the guest speaker at Beth Shalom Congregation's Gala Fundraiser on May 1. 4 To commemorate Yom HaShoah, the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy welcomed Holocaust survivor Emil Fish to tell his story. 5 The Perelman Jewish Day School observed Yom HaShoah with darkened hallways and the lighting of special candles in memory of the 6 million. 6 The Abrams Hebrew Academy marked Yom HaShoah with a ceremony involving Gizzy Kauf, a Holocaust survivor.

JFCS HONORS LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER

Anna Zuritsky Boni

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Anna Zuritsky Boni joined the Jewish Family and Children's Service in 2009 after an invitation from a friend.

Boni became part of a "giving circle," or a group of couples who give \$1,800 each toward the nonprofit's mission of helping families and individuals in need. The money was for a "bridge grant," meaning it helped a person with a specific financial difficulty, such as paying a couple of months of rent or for a medical procedure.

The Bryn Mawr resident found the mission to be "a very lovely kind of thing," so she decided to adopt it as her own.

Boni grew from giving circle donor to JFCS board member to board chair. And after more than a decade of helping to lead the nonprofit, she was honored by it on May 10 at a Parkway parking lot on Chestnut Street. (Boni's family owns the Parkway Corp., which owns that lot as well as other commercial parking areas.)

JFCS held a celebratory dinner for its immediate past board chair. According to a news release, Boni helped make Philadelphia "a more vibrant city" through her service. More than 200 guests attended.

"It's very humbling," Boni said.

The Bryn Mawr resident was asked to join JFCS' board in 2010, just a year after she joined the giving circle. Eventually, organization leaders selected Boni to lead them; she became board chair in September 2019.

"Anna is a remarkable leader," said Paula Goldstein, JFCS' president and CEO. "She really takes her world seriously; she has learned to familiarize herself with every aspect of JFCS."

That familiarity helped during what became a difficult period for both the organization and Boni herself. The new board chair's mother died in February 2020, and then the pandemic broke out.

Once it did, Boni had to transition



the nonprofit's activities to the digital space. But she completed the pivot successfully and kept JFCS going, according to Goldstein.

She even figured out a way to keep JFCS operating in person.

Before the pandemic, the nonprofit had two vans that it used to transport clients to Bala Cynwyd for social events, grocery shopping and other activities. In 2020, though, the organization started using the vans to set up food and clothing pop-ups in neighborhoods, community centers and churches.

"We were bringing services to the community in need rather than having the communities travel to one of our offices," Boni said.

JFCS roots its mission in the Jewish values of *kehillah*, or creating community, *b'tzelem elohim*, or valuing the inherent dignity of each individual, and *tikkun olam*, or healing the world.

By adapting on the fly, Boni was doing her best to uphold that mission. She succeeded because she believed in those values, according to Goldstein.

"She really buys into the mission of the organization in a very, very big

way," she said.

During her time as board chair, Boni expanded JFCS' mission. Her tenure included the crafting of a new strategic plan for the nonprofit and, through that effort, she helped the organization clarify a new priority.

JFCS would always be a Jewish organization serving Jews, but it also would strive to become an organization that serves non-Jews.

Boni described the nonprofit's long-term goal as taking programs that are "restricted to Jewish clients" and duplicating them for non-Jewish residents. The immediate past board chair started working on that initiative during her term when she made the decision to diversify JFCS' board. The organization is in the process of bringing on two new board members from outside of the Jewish community.

"We serve in the Philadelphia community; we have programs for Jews and non-Jews," Boni said. "For us to maintain our relevance, we have to increase our awareness of our programs in the Jewish and non-Jewish communities."

At the same time, a key pillar of the new strategic plan was reaffirming those Jewish values, according to the past chair. But it's those very principles that require the organization to serve everybody, not just Jews, she explained.

"How can you repair the world if you're limiting it to Jewish people?" Boni said.

The celebration of Boni's tenure will start the organization on its expanded mission. She raised \$900,000 for the benefit. It will go toward JFCS' unrestricted fund, meaning it can be used for anything from the nonprofit's Holocaust survivor programs to its fertility fund.

Boni's work with JFCS is going to continue on the nominating and governance committee — the one that selects new board members.

"Putting the plan into action," she said. **JE**

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ESTATE OF ROSALEE B. TANKEL a/k/a ROSALEE TANKEL, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to PAUL N. TANKEL, EXECUTOR, c/o Kenneth F. Cohen, Esq., 1515 Market St., Ste. 1200, Philadelphia, PA 19102,
Or to his Attorney:
KENNETH F. COHEN
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ESTATE OF ROSE FOSCHINI, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to NICOLE RUBENSTEIN, EXECUTRIX, c/o Bruce M. Dolfman, Esq., 901 N. Penn St., Ste. F2102, Philadelphia, PA 19123,
Or to her Attorney:
BRUCE M. DOLFMAN
901 N. Penn St., Ste. F2102
Philadelphia, PA 19123

ESTATE OF THEODORE BOTTOS , DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ALEXANDRIA BOTTOS, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Charles A. J. Halpin, III, Esq., The Land Title Bldg., 100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1830, Philadelphia, PA 19110,
Or to her Attorney:
Charles A. J. Halpin, III
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ESTATE OF THOMAS W. GEMEREK, DECEASED
Late of Philadelphia
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Or to their Attorney:
JOHN J. O'CONNOR
1600 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF WILLIAM DeMAY, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to CAROL DEMAY YOKOYAMA, EXECUTRIX, 92-1005 Lalahi St., #11-206, Kapolei, HI 96707,
Or to her Attorney:
HENRY A. JEFFERSON
JEFFERSON LAW, LLC
1700 Market St., Ste. 1005
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TRUST NOTICE - Eva Rosenstock Revocable Living Trust dtd. 3/4/1999, as amended. Eva Rosenstock, Deceased. Late of Philadelphia. This Trust is in existence and all persons having claims or demands against said Trust or decedent are requested to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Eli M. Rosenstock and Renee Terebelo, Trustees, c/o E. Marc Miller, Esq., 100 Front St., Ste. 100, Conshohocken, PA 19428; E. Marc Miller, Atty., Flaster Greenberg, P.C., 100 Front St., Ste. 100, Conshohocken, PA 19428

CITY CHOICE CONSTRUCTION
INC has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

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

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Department of State of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 2, 2022 for **Kosa Properties Inc.** under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed in the Department of State of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 2, 2022 for **Spring Mill Veterinary Hospital P.C.** under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, as amended.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, **M&I Insurance Services, Inc.**, a business corporation incorporated under the laws of the Wisconsin, will withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office in its jurisdiction of incorporation is **111 W. Monroe Street, Floor 4E, Chicago, IL 60603** and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is C T Corporation System. The statement of Withdrawal of Foreign Registration shall take effect upon filing in the Department of State.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988, **The Flintkote Company**, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, intends to withdraw from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office is c/o Keating Muething & Klekamp, Suite 1400, 1 E 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is C T CORP SYSTEM.

Pursuant to the requirements of section 1975 of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, notice is hereby given that **LOGOS TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC.** is currently in the process of voluntarily dissolving.

RHEMAC CONSTRUCTION INC has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

STRONG WOLF, INC. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

The Hometowncap Inc. has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

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What is a Memory Café?

Originally started in England, this informal setting provides the caregiver a forum for discussion, reducing the isolation often felt by people with dementia, their caregivers and families. Discussions can range from practical tips for coping with dementia, avoiding caregiver burnout or information about community resources. There is no cost or obligation, and many attendees develop friendships that result in support even outside the Memory Café setting.

All attendees will adhere to proper COVID-19 guidelines including masking, staying socially distant and hand sanitizing.

Every Tuesday of the Month

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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- Learn practical caregiving information
- Get mutual support
- Learn about your local community resources
- Find solutions to challenging behaviors



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Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month

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