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New Pew Report Details 'Jewish Americans in 2020'

TOBY TABACHNICK AND ANDY GOTLIEB

"JEWISH AMERICANS in 2020," Pew's first deep dive into Jewish life in the U.S. since 2013, paints a picture of a population that is diverse politically and religiously, but for whom, overall, "being Jewish" remains important.

Pew's newest survey of Jewish Americans was conducted from November 2019 through June 2020, with most of the work completed prior to the pandemic. Its methodology differed from the 2013 survey in that it was conducted online and by mail rather than by phone.

While the 2020 study shows few significant changes in statistics from 2013, it does "clarify" some trends, said Alan Cooperman, director of religion research at Pew Research Center.

"You can get a kind of 'aha!' moment out of the survey where it shows you something that, yes, it makes a lot of sense, but you hadn't been able to crystallize it until that moment when you saw it in the

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▲ From left: Moshe, Aleeza, Avraham, Yehuda and Gershon Ben Shalom enjoy a dinner out in Pardes Hanna, Israel.

Courtesy of Aleeza Ben Shalom

Aliyah the Right Choice for Two, Despite Recent Fighting

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

EVEN WITH THE ONGOING military action between Israel and Hamas, two Philadelphia-area women who recently made aliyah are happy with their decisions.

"I love Israel, and there's nowhere else I'd rather be," said Aleeza Ben Shalom, who arrived in the Holy Land in February.

"I hope for all of us there will be a time when it's peaceful always."

"I definitely don't regret the decision," said Candice Nemoff, who arrived in September 2020.

Both women are fortunate to live in areas outside the most-targeted zones, but have heard warning sirens at times.

Ben Shalom, who lives in Pardes Hanna

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RAMPS: MY NEW OBSESSION

Fans of onions and garlic probably will also like ramps, and food columnist Keri White has a recipe so you can take advantage of their short-term availability. Done right, roasted ramps have a slight char for crunch, a bit of caramelization for sweetness and a nice zing of onion/garlic. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for food content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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Shavuot a Special Holiday for Goodblatt Students

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

IN THE FIRST CHAPTER of Ruth, read during the holiday of Shavuot, the eponymous convert speaks her most famous line.

and Orpah. Naomi, mother-

Ruth refuses, opting to remain produces King David. with Naomi. "Wherever you go be my God," Ruth says.

Ruth, a Moabite woman, is Ruth's pledge to Naomi is provides introduction to widowed around the same time bolstered by a litany of righteous Judaism courses. Many of the as her Jewish in-laws, Naomi acts and, by the time of her students join the academy death, the woman who is often as a part of their converin-law to Ruth and Orpah, described as the first convert sion processes, attending by

and pursue new husbands. But the family line that eventually

The story of Ruth is I will go, wherever you lodge I especially resonant this time will lodge; your people shall be of year for the teachers and my people and your God shall students at the Rabbi Morris Goodblatt Academy, a local Over the course of her life, educational program that encourages them to leave her to Judaism has given birth to themselves or alongside their



▲ Gill Segal (left) and Eric Papa (right) with their children, Joseph and Shawn-Benjamin. Papa was introduced to the Rabbi Morris Goodblatt Academy by a rabbi in Durham, North Carolina.

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As Rabbi Neil Cooper explained, the holiday-based structure of the 23-week class ends each year with Shavuot, a fitting conclusion to the students' declarations that they, too, will be like Ruth — in more ways than one. The academy is supported by the Rabbinical (Philadelphia Assembly Region), and the Louis and Judith Miller Introduction to Judaism Program of American Jewish University.

"What we're seeing today is not only a steady flow of

people who are converting, but people who are converting, not because they have to, but because they want to," said Cooper, who runs the academy and is also the senior rabbi at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood.

The academy's namesake, Rabbi Morris Goodblatt, started the school in 1959, according to the archives of the Jewish Post & Opinion, a Jewish newspaper in Indianapolis. Goodblatt started the school as the "Academy for

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Israel Supporters March Down Parkway

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

ABOUT 100 PEOPLE marched from the Philadelphia Museum of Art to the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza on May 12 in a show of support for Israel in its conflict against Hamas and Islamic jihad terrorist attacks.

The event organized by the Israeli-American Council was one of 19 rallies that day across the United States.

Participants of all ages gathered at the "Rocky" steps and, with a police escort, marched down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, chanting and waving Israeli flags and pro-Israel signs.

At one point, the chant was "Hummus, not Hamas."

"It's a beautiful sight," said Hani Reuveni, the community engagement coordinator of IAC Philadelphia, who led the march, ipated in its rallies. complete with a bullhorn. "It's absolutely perfect."

occasional honks of support from passing drivers, which

the art museum to about 100, as some people joined en route.

It took about 35 minutes for the contingent to reach the Holocaust plaza and the Israeli flag along the parkway. The chants and a couple speakers continued for a few moments before the group dispersed.

Despite the positive nature of the event, participants didn't forget the perilous situation.

"It's very painful to see what's going on in Israel," said Sharona Drurry, an Israeli native who was IAC's first program and communication manager when the organization opened its Philadelphia office in 2016.

"My father is 98 and my mother is 90. It doesn't feel right to have elderly parents and children in shock," continued Drurry, who founded PhillyIsrael in 2005. "Now they're in so much pain and fear."

IAC said thousands partic-

always closely connected to and CEO Shoham Nicolet said. unwavering support for Israel, Marchers were greeted with Israel. Especially now, when our brothers and sisters are one of numerous area shows of grows with each passing under brutal attack by terrorist support for Israel. always drew cheers. The organizations, we need to be



▲ Israel rally participants on the Philadelphia Museum of Art "Rocky" steps on May 12

Photo by Andy Gotlieb

stand together side by side with Israel event on May 16. "Our communities are against terror," IAC co-founder

number of marchers swelled there, to speak in support of Greater Philadelphia held a of the Jewish Federation. from the 60 or so who left from Israel and its citizens and to virtual Philadelphia Stands

"We are united in our The May 12 rally was just particularly as the trauma hour," said Michael Balaban, The Jewish Federation of incoming president and CEO and Susan Wild.

The event featured a

discussion with Balaban; Tamir Idan, chairman of the Sdot Negev Regional Council; Rabbi Eric Yanoff, co-president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia; and U.S. Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick

The Jewish Federation also announced a new Israel Emergency Fund to support those in Israel impacted by the current attacks. Money collected with go for portable bomb shelters, air conditioning units for shelters and trauma services.

Residents can visit jewishphilly.org/israelemergencyfund to contribute to the fund.

And on May 16 Israeli supporters held a counterprotest in Rittenhouse Square after pro-Palestinian protesters marched through Center City, NBC10 reported.

Also over the weekend, video circulated on social media of three men unsuccessfully trying to burn the Israeli flag hanging outside the Holocaust plaza.

"This act of hatred only serves to sow further division within our community," said

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▲ Israel supporters march down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.



▲ Police provided an escort for marchers.



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'Many Layers of Jerusalem' Highlights the Nonfamiliar

ELEANOR LINAFELT LIF FFATURE

ISRAELI EDUCATOR, artist and travel photographer Udi Goren will speak virtually about the "The Many Layers of Jerusalem" on May 23 at 1 p.m., sharing photographs that he has taken over the past 15 years of the people and places of Jerusalem.

Through his photos, anecdotes and stories, Goren hopes to give attendees a nonfamiliar perspec- city like Jerusalem that there tive of Ierusalem.

"Everyone knows about the show," he said. wall and the holy sites and most people know a lot of the history," he said. "I want to give bring something that they haven't seen before."

Some of the many layers of Jerusalem that Goren will current Israeli-Palestinian discuss include the spiritual and earthly, the religious and secular, the diversity of religions and current and historical events.

"There is so much to a

is always something new to

Goren said that his primary goal for the event is that people enjoy it. He describes his talks as "story-like rather than lecture-like."

In addition, in light of the crisis, Goren will provide some brief historical background on the conflict to educate people on the situation in Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem is the epicenter

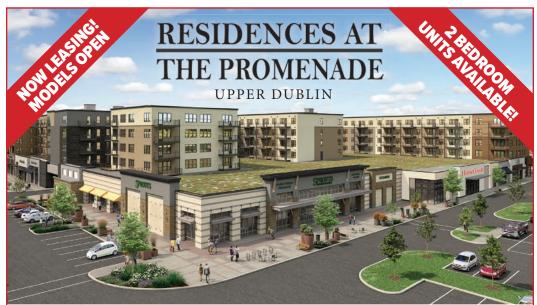
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▲ Prayer at the Western Wall

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Arab children in East Jerusalem on top of the Austrian hostel play games with the Dome of the Rock in the background



▲ Two nuns pass a street vendor after walking through the Damascus Gate.

of everything happening right "It's impossible to explain the now in Israel," he said, though whole issue in an hour when he recognized that he won't I'm also trying to give people a be able to address all of the good time and tell other stories intricacies of the conflict. because it's a huge issue."

hopes to provide attendees Jerusalem and ideas for how to Adath Israel and supported by thoughtfully read and interpret an Israel Engagement Grant Eleanor Linafelt is a freelance writer.



▲ A religious man in the marketplace

news about the city.

"It's very important for me that people begin to understand how complex the situation is in Jerusalem," Goren said.

The event, which will be However, he ultimately held on Zoom, is hosted by the Adult Education and Israel with a better understanding of Affairs Committee of Temple

from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Goren encourages those who attend the event to come with curiosity and questions to ask during the Q&A time after he speaks. You can register for the event at tinyurl.com/ UdiGoren AI 2021. •





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NEWSBRIEFS

AG Says White Supremacists a Growing Threat ATTORNEY GENERAL MERRICK GARLAND told a Senate panel on May 12 that domestic violent extremists — especially white supremacists — represent

a growing threat to the United States, Reuters reported.

"The threat of lethality is higher than it ever was ... I have not seen a more dangerous threat to democracy than the invasion of the U.S. Capitol" by rioters on Jan. 6, Garland said.

Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas told the committee that while right-wing militia groups are most likely to target police, racially or ethnically motivated extremists are "most likely to conduct mass-casualty attacks against civilians."

Mayorkas noted that attacks inside the U.S. by foreign militants such as Islamic State also are possible.

"It is not as if they have disappeared ... We don't take our eye off one to focus on the other," he said.

Amid Crisis, The New York Times Posts Palestinian Affairs Reporter Job

The New York Times announced May 12 — in the midst of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian territories — that it's looking for a reporter to focus on covering Palestinian affairs.

The reporter will cover politics, culture and

Israel proper, where a fifth of the population are Arab Palestinians.

The reporter will join other local Times staff including Isabel Kershner and the new Jerusalem bureau chief, Patrick Kingsley.

Mourner's Kaddish Cited for George Floyd

At the first Jewish People of Color National Shabbaton held May 14-16, participants cited the Kaddish for George Floyd, who died last year under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer, JTA reported.

According to the Hebrew calendar, May 13 was the one-year anniversary of Floyd's murder.

"We felt, as Jews of color on this anniversary, it was important to lift up the racial justice work that's being done across the country and to also lift up George Floyd's memory," said Harriette Wimms of Baltimore, the event's lead organizer.

Wimms goes by "Harriette Mevakeshet" in Jewish spaces and is a rising kohenet, studying at the Kohenet Hebrew Priestess Institute.

The Shabbaton also featured community-building programs for Jews of color, their families and their supporters, including yoga, art, Torah study and facilitated conversations.

everyday life across the West Bank, and throughout Actor Apologizes for Moderating Clubhouse **Room Full of Antisemitism**

Actor Lakeith Stanfield apologized for moderating a room May 7 on the audio app Clubhouse where participants made multiple antisemitic remarks.

"I entered an online chat room on Clubhouse about the teachings of Louis Farrakhan," said Stanfield, who was nominated for an Academy Award for his part in "Judas and the Black Messiah," on Instagram, referring to the antisemitic Nation of Islam leader.

"When the room's participants noticed me, I was quickly made a moderator of this room," Stanfield said in his Instagram post. "At some point during the dialogue the discussion took a very negative turn when several users made abhorrent anti-Semitic statements and at that point, I should have either shut down the discussion or removed myself from it entirely."

Stanfield did not make any of the antisemitic remarks.

On Instagram, Stanfield said "I condemn hate speech and discriminatory views of every kind. I unconditionally apologize for what went on in that chat room, and for allowing my presence there to give a platform to hate speech." •

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Israel's Deficit Declines

AS ISRAEL'S ECONOMY continues to recover, its fiscal deficit is declining, Globes reported.

The cumulative deficit for the 12 months ending in April was \$483.5 million, or 11.2% of gross domestic product. That compares to \$515.4 million, or 12.4% of GDP, for the 12 months through February.

The deficit from January through April was \$81.5 million, compared to \$85.8 million in the same period in 2020.

Total civilian spending this year, however, was 28.6% higher, largely because of the economic aid plan; excluding that aid, the increase was only 4.2%. Defense spending grew 4.8% compared to the corresponding period in 2020.

Economic Cost of Three Days Fighting Estimated at \$163.4 Million

The economic damage caused by the first three days of fighting between Israel and Hamas was estimated at about \$163.4 million by the Israel Manufacturers Association, Globes reported.

The estimate is tied to the damages to businesses and factories from working in accordance with Israel Defense Forces Home Command directives. Those directives curtailed business activity in central and southern Israel.

The estimate is tied to the cost of a day's work, assuming that about 35% of employees in southern Israel were absent from work, as were 10% in the center.

The estimate doesn't include damage from direct hits on business premises, damage to profitability and indirect damage such as canceled deals.

"Israeli industry continues to produce under fire and with fewer workers turning up for work, and the damage to economy is smaller than in previous rounds," association President Ron Tomer said. "The state should quickly deal with payments to employees who have been absent from work, and thereby give peace of mind to workers and employers."

Flights to Israel Rerouted, Canceled

Inbound flights to Ben-Gurion Airport were rerouted to Ramon International Airport in southern Israel starting on May 13 because of the ongoing fighting between Israel and Hamas, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Departing flights still took off from Ben-Gurion. El Al is running emergency flights out of the country.

The Izzadin al-Qassam Brigades, which are Hamas' military wing, told international airlines that it planned to target Israeli airports, calling it a "legal disclaimer."

United Airlines, Delta Airlines, American Airlines,

British Airways, Luftansa, Iberia and Virgin Atlantic all canceled flights to Tel Aviv.

The smaller Ramon airport is designed to be a stopgap when wartime threats force closures at Ben-Gurion.

Facebook Faces Possible \$1.8M Fine

Israel's Competition Authority is considering fines of \$1.8 million on Facebook and its Israeli arm for buying two Israeli companies without its consent, The Times of Israel reported.

The two companies Facebook bought were RedKix, Inc. in 2018 and Service Friend, Ltd. In 2019.

The authority said in a statement that Facebook was obligated to report the transaction to it because the social media giant is a "monopolist" force since its market share exceeds 50%. Israel's Economic Competition Law requires entities with 50% or more of a market to get the director general's consent.

Facebook said it is cooperating with the inquiry and said it had done nothing wrong.

"There was no reporting obligation in relation to these transactions and we believe that the Authority will reach the right conclusion," a Facebook spokesperson said in a text. •

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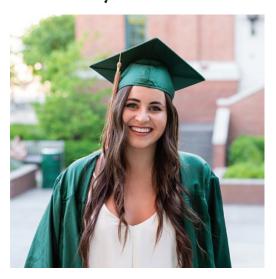
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Judaism," and during the first conversion ceremony of the school's students, Goodblatt gave the charge.

"You are not 80 percent, 90 per cent or 98 percent Jewish," Goodblatt is reported to have said. "You are 100 percent Jewish now. Don't let any uninformed person say that you are outsiders. The Torah declares you to be part of the Jewish faith."

The longtime rabbi of Congregation Beth Am Israel was president of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia, according to his obituary in The New York Times, and died in 1978. Though Cooper never met Goodblatt, the rabbi said that Goodblatt's reputation for openness to potential converts was well-known and ahead of his time.

"That was not the norm, because the norm was that we deeper than that. Herling's

sort of discouraged conversion," said Cooper, who has been involved with the academy for and welcoming."

That spirit of openness is what attracts students like Catherine Herling.

Maryland, Herling, 26, had a crisis of faith in college. She asked her then-boyfriend, Madison Herling, if it was OK for her to ask him questions about Judaism as needed. Her interest in Judaism grew and grew and, after the pair was married, Herling, a couples and families therapist in Bala Cynwyd, decided that she would convert. It was a familiar ride to her husband; his mother had converted faith," Herling said. when she married his father.

mother had herself attended the academy for her conversion process, a coincidence revealed 30 years. "As I understand, he to Catherine Herling only after was very open, very embracing she'd began at the academy on the recommendation of Rabbi Seth Haaz, of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley.

Herling began in-person Raised in a Southern Baptist classes during the fall of 2019, home outside of Annapolis, switching to online at the onset of the pandemic. She's come to love Judaism — its languages, its traditions — but reserves special praise for the spirit of inquiry that the academy fostered. In Christianity, she said, "sometimes it doesn't feel like there is universal permission to ask questions. And I really found it to be comforting to be able to say, 'Oh, I can ask these questions and it not

Herling will complete her

similarly encouraging to Eric Papa.

Papa, 40, lives in Durham, North Carolina with his husband Gill Segal and their two children. Papa was born Catholic, but as he began to understand his sexuality, he came to feel alienated from the church. Eventually, he stopped practicing.

During the years that he lived in Philadelphia, Papa came to know many Jewish people, including Segal, who is an Israeli. Segal had long expressed a desire to raise his children in Jewish tradition, and Papa, though scarred by his previous entanglement with religious life, decided that if he was going to be raising Jewish children, there was more he needed to learn.

"I can't just be a passive be seen as me questioning the bystander in the house," he said. 'I need to know more about it."

Rabbi Jen Feldman, a And the familiarity ran conversion process this August. Reconstructionist Rabbinical That spirit of inquiry is College graduate in Durham, 215-832-0740

introduced Papa to the academy last year. Over the course of a full 23-week cycle conducted via Zoom, Papa connected to Judaism and himself in ways that were totally surprising to him. More than anything, he found a place where he could ask questions without shame.

"Throughout this class, I've learned that it's OK to be a wrestler with God, to not know whether or not He's real, or not real," Papa said. "And hearing somebody say that to me was like having a ton lifted off of my chest. It was like you can breathe."

Papa will continue his studies with Feldman in Durham, and hasn't yet completed his conversion process. But he's already learned that religion, which once seemed out of reach for him, can be a welcoming harbor for him and his family. •

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Attorney, Israel Fundraiser Herbert Kolsby Dies at 94

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ELEANOR LINAFELT | JE FEATURE

HERBERT KOLSBY, a renowned attorney and dedicated fundraiser for Israel, died on May 1. He was 94.

Kolsby was a founding partner of the Philadelphia law firm Kolsby, Gordon, Robin & Shore.

"He was always an advocate for the little guy," said his law partner Mitchell Shore. "He was a very creative attorney who developed successful cases against drug manufacturers, specifically the drug diethylstilbestrol."

Kolsby tried the first case and had the first successful verdict against the manufacturers of diethylstilbestrol, a drug given to pregnant women in the 1950s and '60s that caused cancer in their children. He represented women throughout the country who were affected.

"He was always willing to take on the true challenges against great odds," Shore said.

A nationally respected lawyer, Kolsby was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, and listed in the Best Lawyers in America.

In 1993, Kolsby was awarded the Michael A. Musmanno Award, established by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, which annually recognizes "the person who best exemplifies the same high integrity, scholarship, imagination, courage and concern for human rights" as the late Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice it is named after.

Born and raised in Wynnefield, Kolsby met his wife, Hermine Wilson Kolsby, when they were in fourth grade. They both attended Overbrook High School and were married for 72 years until her death in January. A dedicated father to

his three children, he developed an even closer relationship with them after his wife's death.

"He helped us through the death of our mother and parented us through the end," his daughter Dana Edenbaum said.

Kolsby attended Temple University and graduated from its law school in 1951. Toward the end of his career, Kolsby helped to create Temple's nationally-ranked master's program in trial advocacy.

"After he was finishing practice full time, when most people would just go to Florida and retire, he jumped into the law program 120%," Shore said. "He was a great teacher, mentor and leader."

In addition to being a mentor to young lawyers, Kolsby was an active leader in the local Jewish community. He was president of Temple Adath Israel in Merion from 1992 to 1993, where Shore was also a member.

"He was a great mentor for me in the Jewish community because he encouraged me to take leadership roles at the Jewish Federation and the synagogue," Shore said.

Kolsby served was general chairman of the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal, the fundraising arm of the Federation of Jewish Agencies. "He was a dramatic and intense advocate of Israel," Edenbaum said. "He was a great, great fundraiser."

Every year on Yom Kippur, Kolsby gave a speech in support of Israel Bonds at Adath Israel.

"He would give an incredible review of the last year of what happened in Israel socially, economically, politically and militarily," Shore said. "It was something everyone looked forward to every year. He was an incredible orator."

for 72 years until her death in Edenbaum said that her January. A dedicated father to father would prepare his

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▲ Herbert Golsby

Courtesy of Mitchell Shore



▲ Herbert Golsby (second from left) in 1971 holding an award with future Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Bégin (center).

speeches, which were packed was always going to exist, and we with information and statistics, for an entire year, but deliver them without any notes.

"He would begin preparing for these speeches the day after Yom Kippur for the following one," she said. "It was amazing. People still tell me, 'I will never forget those speeches that your dad gave in the synagogue."

Kolsby also was active in changing the rules for the Law of Return to Israel to include interfaith families.

everyone should be included in Israel and everyone should have an opportunity to go back," Edenbaum said. "He believed antisemitism was something that Eleanor Linafelt is a freelance writer.

always needed to have Israel."

Even at the end of his life, Kolsby still voraciously read The New York Times and kept up to date on current politics and culture.

"It was amazing how he took in and articulated things," Edenbaum said. "He always stayed focused and interested and vibrant and that has a lot to do with his longevity."

Kolsby is survived by his brother, Charles Kolsby (Beryl); his "He very much believed children, Dana Edenbaum (Saul), Robert Kolsby (Kathy) and Paul Kolsby (Sam); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. •

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data," he said.

That "aha!" moment came to Cooperman, he said, through the data showing the "religious divergence" of the Jewish population, particularly among young Jewish adults.

The 2020 survey found that younger Jews contain among their ranks "both a higher share who are Orthodox and a higher share who are at the very low end of the religiosity spectrum," Cooperman said. "If you are familiar with the American-Jewish community, you've seen the growth in Orthodox neighborhoods, communities across the country. It's not surprising, but the survey does capture that."

In fact, 17% of Jews 18-29 self-identify as Orthodox. At the other end of the spectrum. four in 10 Jewish adults under 30 describe themselves as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular," but still identify as Iewish for ethnic, cultural or family reasons.

Overall, 27% of Jewish adults who have a Jewish parent or were raised Jewish do not identify with Judaism as a religion, the

survey found; and younger Jews affiliation or religiosity, identify with the religion at a lesser rate than older Jews. While 60% of Jewish adults under 30 identified as "Jewish by religion," that figure jumped to 84% for Jews 65 and older. Likewise, 37% of Jews under 30 say they are Conservative or Reform, compared to 60% of those 65 and never, attend synagogue older. Those numbers have not changed significantly since 2013.

Of the three most prominent Jewish denominations, the Conservative movement is experiencing the most attrition. While 67% of people raised Orthodox are still Orthodox, and 66% of those raised Reform are still Reform, just 41 % of those raised Conservative by religion still identify with the Conservative movement as adults. Most of those raised Conservative (93%), however, continue to identify as Jewish.

In general, Jews are less religious than American adults as a whole, Pew found. While 21% of Jews say religion is "very important," 41% of all U.S. adults say the same. And only 27% of the general population.

Still, regardless of formal

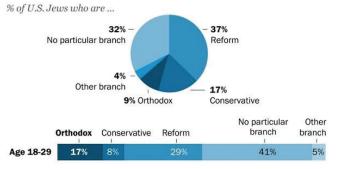
three-quarters of U.S. Jews say that "being Jewish" is either very or somewhat important to them. Most Jews — 85% — say they feel either "a great deal" or "some" sense of belonging to the Jewish people.

For Jews who rarely, or services, Pew asked what was keeping them away. While conventional wisdom has suggested that many Jews do not attend synagogue because they don't feel welcome or because they cannot afford the dues, the most common reason — given by two-thirds of the Jews surveyed — was "I'm not religious," and more than half said they are "just not interested" or they have alternate ways to express their Iewishness.

"Part of what Pew is helping us as a community to see is that the problem is apathy," said Michelle Shain, assistant director of the Center for Communal Research at the Orthodox Union in a call with media. "It's not that people 12% of Jews attend services at see a closed door. They see an least once a week, compared to open door and they aren't interested in walking through it."

The lack of synagogue

Compared with older Jews, youngest Jewish adults include larger shares of both Orthodox and people with no denominational identity



▲ Jews by denominational entity

Courtesy of Pew Research Center

attendance may "religion is not central to the lives of most U.S. Jews," but Jewish Americans are not, on the whole, apathetic, countered Arielle Levites, managing director of the Collaborative Applied Studies in Iewish Education at George Washington University and a Philadelphia resident.

to American Jews," Levites said. "Three-quarters of American Jews are telling us that being Jewish is important, but religion is not important for them."

Levites, who was on the Pew study's advisory panel, said one number not in the report was important: Only 2% of Jews never participated in any religious or cultural activities.

"That reflects the durability of the American Jewish story," she said.

Levites also noted that while various numbers catch the eye, they don't tell the whole story. And a big chunk of that story is that Jews more than the population at large are happy with their families, health and social lives.

"We would see American Jews as a whole are generally satisfied with the contours of their lives, and that's not to be taken for granted," she said, noting that the data was largely collected before the pandemic, so it represents a snapshot of early 2020 more so than spring 2021.

Lindsay Weicher, manager of data analytics for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, has worked on

the organization's "Community Portrait: A 2019 Iewish Population Study" from its inception - and continues to analyze the data. She saw a lot of similarities in the reports.

"Overall, a lot of the trends we saw nationally are what we're seeing local," she said. "That was validating for us to hear."

Intermarriage rates in 2020 "Being Jewish is important are similar to those in 2013, Cooperman said, showing "some stability there that some people may not have expected." While it appears that over the long-term intermarriage rates have risen, there is no evidence in the survey "of any additional rise between 2013 and 2020," he said. But, "absence of evidence is not necessarily the same thing as evidence of absence. So these are estimates."

> There is almost no intermarriage in the Orthodox community, according to the survey, which found only 2% of Orthodox Jews had a non-Jewish spouse.

Among all Jewish respondents married in the last 10 years, 60% said they have a non-Jewish spouse, while just 18% of Jews married before 1980 have a non-Jewish spouse.

Weicher said the interfaith marriage rates are a bit higher locally than nationally.

Although intermarriage rates have risen dramatically since 1980, Jews under 50 with just one Jewish parent are more likely to describe themselves as

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Aliyah

with her husband and five children, has her two oldest children enrolled in boarding schools to the south. They were forced into bomb shelters the first day of fighting, May 11, so the family arranged rides for them to return home the next day. It's uncertain when they'll be sent back.

That same day, Ben Shalom, who owns a dating and relationship coaching business, was in Netanya for a work meeting held on the beach, leaving only a couple hours before the sirens sounded.

For Nemoff, who lives in



▲ From left: Leah Cheirif Aleeza Ben Shalom and Aviva Miller All three women are from Philadelphia originally and all made aliyah. Ben Shalom started a dating coaching business called Marriage Minded Mentor, Cheirif is a dating coach and Miller is the office manager. On May 11, the team held its first in-person business meeting on the beach in Netanya — hours before Courtesy of Aleeza Ben Shalom the sirens sounded.

"It's been a tremendous transition. It's been one of the hardest things I've had to do. Child birth may be easier than this — and I have five children."

ALEEZA BEN SHALOM

sounded three times. While she had visited Israel many times before, she had never heard the sirens.

siren — but Israel doesn't have tornadoes," she said.

Both Nemoff and Ben Shalom said the Israelis take the uncertainty in stride.

"The way the Israelis work, when things are quiet, there's normal life," Ben Shalom said, noting that public sentiment seems to be that a ceasefire is likely soon. "When something's going on, they adapt. ... In America, people would probably be freaking out."

"Everyone just gathers in the bottom of the staircase" when the sirens sound, Nemoff said. "For the most part, everyone Israelis. was calm and chatty."

Netanya, the sirens have only the decision to make aliyah, they said, detailing a May 16 noted that things aren't always easy, in part because of pandemic-mandated requirements.

"It's been a tremendous searching for." "It sounds like a tornado transition," Ben Shalom said. may be easier than this — and I have five children."

> Aside from a mandatory two weeks of quarantining, the Ben Shalom family had to find a new rental house when their initial plans fell through.

Nemoff, who's been in Israel for eight months, noted that it's taken a while to get used to nearly everything being closed running, it can be hard to get other privileges. around.

adapting and feel welcomed by Nemoff said.

While neither woman regrets the holidays together," Nemoff touch with loved ones back in

Shavuot barbecue she attended with her boyfriend's family. "That's the community I was

Nemoff is working remotely "It's been one of the hardest for a company that teaches things I've had to do. Child birth English and makes worksheets used in teaching the language. She hopes to be teaching English herself soon, all while she's taking Hebrew instruction part time.

That fact that Israeli society is opening up since the country has vaccinated so many residents helps. Both are fully vaccinated and have "green passports" that allow them to on Shabbat. With buses not sit inside at restaurants, among

"Corona's been hard, but Still, both said they're it's been hard everywhere,"

Technology also is valuable, "Everyone celebrates all making it easy to stay in



▲ Candice Nemoff out on a date Photos courtesy of Candice Nemoff



▲ Candice Nemoff and her sister Allison — who made alivah in December 2018 and is in the Israel Defense Forces Lone Soldier program --- at the Haifa beach

the United States.

That was part of Nemoff's recruiting pitch for other U.S. residents to join her, and interest in making aliyah apparently remains high.

Nefesh B'Nefesh, organization that facilitates immigration to Israel by North Americans in conjunction with The Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael and

JNF-USA, said that Israel could expect 90,000 olim by the end of 2021, compared to just 35,463 in 2019, JTA reported in June.

"I'm really happy with making aliyah," Nemoff. "I hope everyone who wants to do so is able." •

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I Spent the Night in a Bomb Shelter With My Kids



BY SHARON WEISS-GREENBERG

LAST NIGHT WAS the second time that I hugged my children in a bomb shelter.

The first time was on Nov. 12, 2019. That day, I heard a siren indicating that rockets were headed to my new home in the city of Modiin, having just moved to Israel in 2018. I picked up my kids early from school and brought them to a play date at a friend's house. I wasn't sure what the protocol or etiquette was for a situation like this.

We set up our children in the "mamad," the safe room, to play games and watch Netflix. Mamads are a fixture in modern Israeli apartments. These well-fortified spaces have extrathick walls and floors, airtight steel doors and extra metal closures on the windows.

Back then, my children had no idea what was going on around them — they were too

simply thrilled to have a day off from school.

As for myself, I wasn't sure how to feel or act, so I just played it cool. After a couple of hours, I decided it was time to go home. I remember feeling terrified, but I didn't want my children to know. On the walk home, I noticed how life seemed pretty normal.

Last night was different. This time, my kids are older (second and fourth grades) and were prepared. Just last week there was a practice siren, a drill, for the entire city of Modiin, including at my kids' school. It was hard not to be with them. The same way that I remember practicing fire drills with my former students when I was a teacher, my children were preparing for the imminent threat of rockets being launched.

I was hopeful that the preparations would not be necessary, prepared and for my kids to have been prepared, too.

the U.S., it feels different to be sleep through the night, put food in Israel as terrible news breaks rather than watching it on TV or reading about it. It is different to actually hear the sirens warning up past bedtime. Normally I'd that are amplified throughout busy having fun. They did not us to seek shelter. The sound hear the explosion of Iron Dome is terrible and multilayered, grateful because they were still intercepting and destroying the as we also hear the sirens of awake when the sirens began.

and scary, to actually feel your home shaking throughout the night and morning, as Iron Dome did its best to intercept the hundreds of rockets.

My family moved to Israel for many reasons, but certainly this was not one of them. I do not want such violence to be the reality in Israel; I want peace. I want people to compromise and value each other. Simply put, I would love normalcy.

I appreciate how my children can practice Judaism here without being different from mainstream society. What's more, we deliberately chose a neighborhood that embraced diversity in Jewish practice. While there are random inconveniences as an American immigrant to living in Israel, ultimately these are no big deal because they are just that: inconveniences.

the same way you prepare for results of Israel's most recent any type of unsafe situation and election — we almost landed a hope for the best. In retrospect, rather diverse government coali-I am grateful to have been more tion. Things may be difficult now, but I am hopeful that we can move to calmer days soon, As someone who grew up in when everyone in the region can on the table, and have the will, want and ability to live in peace.

> Last night, my children stayed find this frustrating, but I was

incoming rockets. They were neighboring cities. It is different, I opened the door to the kids' room, and fortunately they were already climbing out of their beds. Though the thoughts in my head were racing, I tried to appear calm.

> Our city and our school had sent out advice on how to interact with your children when under attack: remain calm, focus on them, allow them to express themselves and use physical affection to comfort them.

> At first, my kids were nervous that we were not quick enough getting to the mamad. Once the door to our mamad was fully shut, my younger son turned to me and said, "Mommy. My heart is beating so fast." I followed the instructions that had been sent earlier: I made eye contact. I said, "Come let me hug you. Let me feel vour heartbeat." It worked — he quickly calmed down. The interaction lasted less than a minute, but it was intense.

Together we fooled around I was hopeful about the on my iPhone — I figured that was the easiest way for us to stay calm. Unfortunately the internet didn't really work. Instead we talked, and I hoped our chatter would drown out the sound of rockets exploding. In my mind, I was counting down the minutes, as we are advised to stay sheltered for at least 10 minutes once the sirens sound.

> These are the same sirens the country to honor Holocaust survivors and victims on Yom Hashoah. It is the same siren

we all hear a week after that for Yom Hazikaron, to remember the soldiers who have fallen for the state of Israel.

About 20 minutes later, the kids cuddled up on the twin bed inside the mamad and, for the second time that night, I tucked them in. My younger son looked relieved.

"I didn't want to have to worry about waking up," he said. "I'm glad we are sleeping here."

I was glad, too, because at 3 a.m., the sirens began again. I went to the mamad and hugged my boys; they asked if I could rub their backs. One fell asleep again almost immediately. Again we could hear Iron Dome.

It's now 8 a.m. in Israel as I type this. I am bleary-eved and nervous, and I keep secondguessing every noise I hear. Is that rumble of a garbage truck? Or is it Iron Dome? Is that a siren in a neighboring city? Or is it an ambulance or the noise of my kids watching TV?

There is no in-person school today. All Israeli schoolkids will be learning on Zoom. They will be discussing the situation as a class, and we will process that discussion afterward as a family.

In terms of what happens next, I don't really know. But I am hoping for the best. •

Sharon Weiss-Greenberg is director of education partnerships for My Jewish Learning. This article first appeared on Kveller.

Time to Talk About a Better Future for Israelis, Palestinians



BY LEAH SOLOMON

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent, for the sake of Jerusalem and family across Israel, who I will not be still. - Isaiah 62:1

FOR THE PAST THREE nights, as the rocket sirens blaring through Jerusalem forced my children and me to rush to shelter — and heralded what we now know would be a massive onslaught of rocket attacks by Hamas on Israel — I have been unable to sleep.

My heart is with my friends Israelis are running back and forth from shelters or have simply given up and started putting their children to sleep in safe rooms. And my heart is with parents and children in Gaza who have no shelters to run to and can only sit in their homes in unsubsiding fear.

My heart is sick at the senseless deaths of far too many innocent 14-story apartment buildings

and including many children. And my heart is broken by the lynchings and mob attacks by both Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews and the fracturing of society.

We can never allow ourselves to accept as inevitable the utter terror that Israelis are experiencing as they flee from hundreds of rockets, that Palestinians in Gaza are experiencing as

Palestinians, are bombed into smithereens, or that Iewish and Arab citizens across Israel are experiencing as nationalist mobs torch cars, burn down buildings and lynch innocent passersby. The primary short-term goal for every Israeli and Palestinian leader at this moment must be to achieve an absolute and immediate cessation of all violence.

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If You're Asking American Jews if They're Religious, You Don't Understand American Jews



BY RACHEL B. GROSS

IN SHELDON OBERMAN'S children's book "The Always Prayer Shawl," a grandfather passes on his tallit to his grandson along with the sage

advice, "Some things change and some things don't."

At public readings, Oberman wore his grandfather's tallit, which had inspired the story. When a non-Jewish author told him that she wished she could tell stories the way he did, he placed the tallit on her shoulders and told her, "You can! You can do it."

This story illustrates how religion functions in complex ways in the lives of North American Jews. Was Oberman's tallit a religious object? Was he using it in religious ways?

The new study of American Jews by the Pew Research Center, too, reflects the complicated and often contradictory ways that Jews employ the concept of "religion" as well as the way "some things change and some things don't" in both American Jews' practices and sociological studies of them. Like the 2013 Pew study of American Jews, "Jewish Americans in 2020" divides Jews into "Jews by religion" and "Jews of no religion."

Jews by religion say their current religion is Jewish. According to Pew, 27% Jewish

cally, culturally or by family background. Among Jews 18-29, that number rises to 40%, twice that of Jews ages 50-64.

participation in Judaism as a religion, as commentators did after the last survey. But what I see in this survey is evidence of the innovative and ever-changing ways Jewish religion is practiced, not grounds for panic.

Although the authors inform us "religion is not central to the lives of most U.S. Jews," the concept of religion, as most Americans use it today, is a modern, Protestant creation, and Jewish practices fit uncomthe best efforts of Jewish thinkers to separate religious practice, the boundaries have never been clear

Traditional understandings of "religion" have rested uneasily with Jewish realities, Only 20% of survey respondents said that their "religious with Jewish themes. faith" provides a great deal perhaps because American Jews rarely use the language of faith.

But the study does reveal the many ways that American Jews of all kinds create Jewish include practices traditionally understood as religious, such as attending a seder (62%), and those understood as cultural, such as cooking or eating traditional Jewish foods (72%).

In my book, "Beyond the Synagogue: Jewish Nostalgia as Religious Practice," I argue that making sense of Jews' practices

themselves Jewish ethni- as meaningful relationships be essential to what being enact important parts of their and the practices, narratives and emotions that create and support these relationships.

Understanding religion as Some may wring their hands relationships makes our interover what they see as dwindling actions with families, our attachments to our ancestors, our connections to communities and the narratives we use to explain our place in the world central to religious activity. It lets us see Jewish religion flourishing in a wide variety of practices and in unexpected sites — in ways that its practitioners might not themselves identify as "religious" because of the way religion is so often narrowly construed.

this study for asking far more fortably in the category. Despite questions about Jews' everyday practices than the 2013 study did, as well as for noting that prayer book should give us and cultural aspects of Jewish cultural activities complement so-called religious ones. This study finds that, in large numbers, Jews eat foods they recognize as Jewish, visit Jewish historic sites when traveling, which have a greater focus on read books and articles about communities and practices. Jewish topics, listen to Jewish music, and watch TV and film

What all of these activities of meaning and fulfillment, have in common is that they allow Jews to place themselves within narratives that provide existential meaning. I wish that the study had asked about visits to Jewish museums, which are meaning in their lives. These increasingly important spaces of Jewish community, or genealogical research, a wildly popular pastime that helps Jews place themselves within family and communal histories that cross time and space.

I suggest we pay more attention to what Jews do than to what they name as "essential" to their identity, as the study requires us to employ a broader continues to ask, echoing definition of religion. Following the 2013 study. Only 20% of adults do not identify their religious studies scholar Robert American Jews consider eating religion as Jewish but consider Orsi, religion is best understood traditional Jewish foods to

wording of the question does not reflect Jews' realities.

Eating foods recognized as "Jewish" may be a meaningful part of a Jew's life, but it may be too quotidian, too easily overlooked, to be recognized as essential or important according to traditional metrics of religion. Commonplace activities such as eating foods that remind us of our families, our communities, and our histories are often quietly fundamental to religious identities rather than explicitly identified as essential to them.

Likewise, the study finds I applaud the authors of that large numbers of Jews own Jewish ritual objects. The fact that 24% of "Jews of no religion" own a Hebrew-language pause. As religious studies scholar Vanessa L. Ochs finds, Jewish Studies at San Francisco American Jews unobtrusively State University.

Jewish means to them. But the identities through the material objects they have in their homes, including items they rarely if ever use. Oberman's unconventional use of his tallit reminds us that Jews can find new and sometimes surprising meanings in ritual objects, even outside of traditional contexts.

> Some things change, and some things don't. American Jews continue to find meaning in emotional connections to their families, communities, and histories, though the ways they do so continue to change. Expanding our definition of "religion" can help us better recognize the ways in which they are doing so. •

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Spring Chicken Dinner

KERI WHITE LIF FOOD COLUMNIST

SPRING HAS ARRIVED in earnest, and that means a new crop of seasonal produce is at the market. I was thrilled to find a batch of fiddleheads and promptly planned a spring chicken dinner around them.

Now, I realize the term "spring chicken" is often used in the negative to convey precisely the opposite, as in "She's no spring chicken," but I'm setting that impression aside for this meal — which is seasonal, delicious and perfect for a cool spring evening when you want something comforting but not heavy.

The chicken dish is ideal for this time of year: We are not quite to the warm weather, grill everything stage, but we have And because the flavors

moved away from the hearty stews and roasts of winter.

One technique I recently learned from a cooking maven friend that put a spring in my step-"cleaning" or "freshening" the chicken with lemon. She swears by it, claiming that it really does make the chicken taste better. The results are If the chicken pieces are large, beyond reproach, so when I make this dish I will certainly factor in that step, and will integrate it into other chicken recipes.

The other great thing about this dish is that it cooks quickly; depending on the size of the chicken pieces, it can be done on the stove in about 30 minutes with its own gravy ready to splash over rice, noodles or potatoes as desired.

are in the traditional "roast chicken" palate, therefore no chili or cumin, curry powder or coconut milk, it is likely to appeal to even picky eaters.

SPRING CHICKEN WITH GRAVY

Serves 4-6, depending on size of chicken pieces

you can cut them. I used split breasts and cut them into three pieces each. This ensures quicker, even cooking and allows the flavors to permeate more thoroughly.

For the chicken:

- 6 bone-in chicken pieces of equal size (thighs/breasts/ leas)
- ½ lemon
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2-3 tablespoons flour
- 2-3 tablespoons water

For the seasoning:

- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper Chopped fresh parsley for garnish, if desired

Clean the chicken with fresh slices of lemon by rubbing the cut sides of the lemon over the entire surface and squeezing juice on each piece. Set aside.

Mix all the seasoning ingredients together in a small bowl or measuring cup. Coat the chicken lightly with the seasoning mixture, sprinkling it over each piece, and allowing it to sit for a few minutes or a few hours.

Bring the chicken to room temperature before cooking. Heat the oil in a pan on high heat until shimmering. Lower the heat to medium-high.

Add the chicken, bone-side down, and cook it for about 5



▲ Spring chicken with gravy

Photo by Keri White

minutes (take care not to smoke or burn). Flip the chicken to skin-side down and cook until the skin is crispy and golden, about 5 minutes more. Remove the chicken from the pan and let it rest. Cover the chicken tightly with foil. (It will not be fully cooked at this point.)

Lower the heat onion; sauté it for about 5 minutes. While the onions cook, mix the flour and water to form a thin paste; set it aside. When the onions are translucent, add the chicken broth, raise the heat and bring it to a boil, scraping the browned bits and incorporating them into the broth.

Return the chicken and any juices to pan (skin side up), cover and simmer on low heat for about 15 minutes or longer, depending on the size of your pieces. Check the largest piece for doneness. The liquid should be reduced by about one-quarter.

Remove the chicken from the pan, keep it warm and add the flour mixture, whisking constantly. Bring it to a boil for one minute to thicken the gravy, whisk it again and shake the pan a bit to ensure a consistent texture throughout the gravy. Taste for seasoning.

Put the chicken back in the pan, or plate it atop rice or minutes, and serve. •

noodles and top it with the gravy and fresh parsley.

FIDDLEHEADS

Serves 4

These lovely coils are the culinary embodiment of spring green, fresh and fleeting.

The farmer who sold them medium-low and add the to me advised that I blanch the fiddleheads in boiling water for a few minutes and then cook them in a white wine reduction. So I did.

> If you want to add a bit of richness to the dish, depending on what else you are serving, you can put a tablespoon of butter, margarine or olive oil into the wine reduction before adding the blanched fiddleheads.

2-3 cups fresh fiddleheads, rinsed well ½ cup dry white wine Salt and pepper to taste

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Drop the fiddleheads in, and cook them for about 7 minutes.

While the fiddleheads boil, heat the wine in a skillet with the salt and pepper, and bring it to a boil to allow it to reduce, about 5 minutes, Drain the fiddleheads and dump them into the reduced wine. Sauté them briefly to coat, about 1-2



'Final Account' Visits an Uncomfortable Place

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

"FINAL ACCOUNT," a new documentary from recently deceased English director Luke Holland, is as straightforward in its presentation as it is complicated in its subject matter. For 90 minutes, elderly Germans look into Holland's camera and describe their former lives as Nazis.

The interviews, which began in 2008, proceed more or less chronologically, beginning with the interview subjects' time in Hitler Youth and Jungvolk and continuing along a path that audiences are familiar with: the prewar mania of nationalistic fervor and Hitler-worship, escalating oppression of Jews, Communists, the disabled and other minorities, the veneration of violence and racial purity, the march to war, the initial victories, the open secret of the concentration camps, and then, finally, the slow-motion defeat of the Nazis.

The story of Allied victory same neat structure when the story is being told by Germans attachment to the defeated political regime.

Most of them express some sort of regret for having been in the Wehrmacht, the Waffen SS or other armed bodies of the Third Reich. But not all do, and harrowing interview in "Final matter being discussed. even among those that do feel that what happened in Nazi Germany was unequivocally wrong, there is a strong feeling that they had no choice but do what they did.

From bookkeeper concentration camp guard, the impression one gets from the collected testimony is that there wasn't a single genuine Nazi in all of Germany. If they weren't too young to speak up, they say, then they didn't have the power leave, rather than killed.



▲ Archival footage in "Final Account," by director Luke Holland

Courtesy of Focus Features

to resist the social current, or didn't have the inner courage sometimes to accept death as a conse- so. There's no voiceover, no quence for disobeying orders narration, almost nothing to

over fascism doesn't have that of spectrum, among those was a Jewish refugee from who have dispensed with the Vienna and that his maternal self-preservation of a filter grandparents died in a concenwith varying degrees of in their old age, the interview subjects caress their old the interviews with archival medals from a special box in footage of German life during the irreplicable camaraderie of their units.

> Account," one man comes clean: The project may have toward the end, the movie failed, he says, and it may have gone awry in some places, but the animating goals were noble. "The ideas were correct," to the man says, his neck flapping a bit above a tightly-knotted tie and a banana-colored sweater vest. This humanitarian is willing to say that the Jewish population of Germany should have simply been compelled to

frustratingly borne out in reality is unclear.) fact that Holland learned On the less repentant end later in life that his mother tration camp. He intersperses information here and there to give context to the next round In perhaps the most of questions or the subject for it.

consists primarily of uninterrupted testimony. Holland does push at times, and as the movie reaches its galling final interview, the questions get more pointed, and he presses on despite the apparent hostility and discomfort, one mark of a good interviewer (or interrogator).

But from beginning to

Holland's hand is light, tremendous restraint toward those whose early lives were dedicated to eradicating that impulse. Most of the time, this (whether that calculation was let viewers know the salient restraint seems humane, the solemn mission of a dedicated historian, one who just wants seven minutes and is incredibly to get the information out there. Other times, I wonder if Holland was simply stunned into silence by what he heard. I certainly was.

There is one scene where the closet, or wax poetic on the Nazi era, along with some Holland announces his intentions in a more obvious way, and the movie is better off

> Hans Werk, a Waffen SS Aside from a pivotal scene veteran from Berlin, addresses German students at the villa where the Final Solution was devised. He describes the shame that he feels about his past with "the murderous organization," but he's soon embroiled in a shouting match with one student who accuses Werk of offloading his own shame at being German onto younger people. Why should he feel any shame, the student end, Holland operates with asks, about something he took 215-832-0740

no part in? Why does Werk fear the contemporary reignition of the impulses that brought about Nazism, the student presses on, when he should be afraid that he'll be killed by an Albanian migrant on the train?

"You should be afraid of that, but not of your own kind," the student says.

Werk tries to remain calm, to maintain the distance from his own actions that he did during his interviews with Holland. But the student has disturbed him.

It's one thing to put some distance between yourself and your actions in an interview, a sealed space where you can imagine that the only receptor for your signal is your interlocutor and an audience you'll never meet. But what happens when a whole generation distances themselves from their actions in that way? What dark signal does that send to the generations that follow? The answer comes in the form of the student who castigates Werk for his lack of pride.

The whole scene lasts about uncomfortable to watch. It's also the centerpiece of the movie.

In "Final Account," Holland lifts up some deeply-wedged stones to take a look at some loathsome creepy-crawlies. But Holland doesn't expose that wriggling evil in a righteous mission to stamp it out, nor does he aim to give his audience a cheap gross-out ("Look how disgusting this is!").

Instead, he puts the creepycrawlies under a microscope to show us something. Those markings, that antennae, those pincers: You don't necessarily have to go around flipping rocks to find them. Check your backyard.

The film begins showing at the Ritz Five on May 21. •

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'400 Miles to Freedom' Celebrates Jewish Diversity

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE FEATURE

WHEN AVISHAI MEKONEN watched the 1993 film "Philadelphia" for the first time, he knew he wanted to be a filmmaker.

The film centers on a young Black lawyer representing a gay man living with HIV. To Mekonen, an Ethiopian immigrant trying to learn English at the time, the film represented what was possible for him.

"As a Black person watching that film ... wow. It blows my mind," he said.

For Mekonen, becoming a filmmaker meant having a say over the stories of him and others who were considered outsiders.

"As immigrants, refugees, your voice is always being told by others," Mekonen said. "Our voice has never been told through our parents or through us. It's always been others — the European community — they talk for us."

His documentary, "400 Miles to Freedom" tells the story of his family's exodus from Ethiopia to Israel.

In the film, Mekonen narrates how his family left Ethiopia to escape religious persecution. Mekonen is part of a community of Ethiopian Jews called Beta Israel, who have practiced Judaism in Ethiopia for more than 2,500 years. Along with 100 Beta Israel, Mekonen's family fled their country in hopes of being able to freely practice Judaism in Jerusalem.

They traveled by night to avoid getting caught and spent a year in Sudan, in a refugee camp and the town of Gedaref, where missing for three weeks.

One night, over a year after his family's departure from Ethiopia, Mekonen, his family and dozens of other Beta Israel were airlifted by Israeli forces.



age of 9, where a series of other challenges awaited him.

In one scene, Mekonen's mother recounts riding a bus in Jerusalem, looking around her, on buses, and in the cars below her, and only seeing Public Library on 42nd Street white people. She asks one woman, "Is everyone here white?" The woman responds, tion about Jews of color. "Yes, everyone, young and old, was white." Mekonen's mother to make "400 Miles to Freedom," us, soon, are we also going to become white?"

Though Mekonen's film details his family's exodus, "400 Miles to Freedom" at its what it means to be Black and

Mekonen faced a lot of racism growing up.

when I went out the door ... I was already preparing myself to face to go to the bank," he said.

Mekonen was kidnapped and without a community of Jews customs and experiences. who looked like him.

> Black Jews but had difficulties his own. there as well.

▲ Scene from "400 Miles to

Avishai Mekonen

Courtesy of Diane Tobin of Be'Chol Lashon

rummaging through books and CDs, searching for any informa-

During the seven years it took laughs a bit, then says, "Also Mekonen struggled to find Jewish leaders with diverse racial backgrounds, particularly without the networking capabilities of social media.

Through the help of Be'chol heart, is a documentary about Lashon, an organization committed to celebrating Jewish diversity — and the documentary's eventual executive producer — Mekonen was finally able find "Living in Israel, every time Jews from Uganda, Nigeria and

He traveled to Harlem, the racism ... even when I wanted Brooklyn and Chicago, meeting with Black rabbis, hearing them Moreover, Mekonen was talk about their unique Jewish

Only after hearing other He moved to New York to Black Jews tell their stories did seek out connections with other Mekonen feel inspired to share

"Doing the film, it changed He spent hours in Barnes my life. It helped me to talk Mekonen arrived in Israel at the & Noble and the New York about my past," Mekonen said.



When Mekonen and his wife watching the film that he experifilm's production, Mekonen decided to talk to his parents for the first time in 18 years about his kidnapping in Sudan.

As Mekonen traveled across the country asking Black rabbis about their own experiences being Jewish, they began to ask Mekonen the same questions in return. By having difficult conversations with them, Mekonen was able to heal.

Mekonen believes that to be Jewish means to look differently at situations, to have a unique perspective worth sharing.

He hopes to evoke the same Sasha Rogelberg is a freelance reaction from an audience writer.

had their first son during the enced making it: awe in Jewish

"It's the diaspora, and the diversity that is so special," he said. "It's like a garden of flowers: We are one, and we are so different."

Temple Sinai and Beth 'El Congregation are hosting a virtual conversation on May 23 with Mekonen starting at 10:30 a.m., followed by a screening of "400 Miles to Freedom." Email mainoffice@tsinai.com for details on how to view the presentation. •



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Saving the World One Shot at a Time: The Jewish Federation Organizes Vaccine Clinic

AFTER STRUGGLING to get the COVID-19 vaccine due to shortages, Philip and Patricia Kaufman could not believe their good fortune when they finally scheduled an appointment in March with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

When Philip Kaufman, 81, discovered that the vaccine site was at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel he knew it was more than luck — it was beshert.

Fifty-eight years ago, almost to the day, the Kaufmans were married at KI. The synagogue that started their journey as a married couple was now the place offering them a new lease on life.

"When I heard it was KI, I couldn't believe it," said Kaufman, thanking his neighbor, Fern Cutler, for notifying him when she heard about the vaccine clinic from Congregations of Shaare Shamayim. "I even took a copy of our wedding certificate, so I could show people. It was the best anniversary gift ever."

Conducted in partnership with the Jewish Federation, Kehillah of Old York Road, KI and Wellness Pharmacy Services, the Kaufmans were two out of 1,432 people, Jewish and non-Jewish, to receive their first and second dose of the Moderna vaccine on March 19 and April 16 at the synagogue.

"The vaccine clinic highlighted that we as Jews stand together and are there for one another as well as for the broader community not only in celebratory moments, but also in trying and difficult times," said Kim Decker, director of Kehillah of Old York Road, around on the floor," laughed Zeitzer, who works as a a neighborhood initiative of the Jewish Federation.

The majority of vaccine recipients were senior citizens, an at-risk group with the pandemic who have generally had a harder time registering for appointments online.

Combating the technological challenges that online registration poses, the Jewish Federation arranged and manned a call center as an alternative for people to set up appointments. Overall, the Jewish Federation received 748 calls in one day and scheduled more than 1,400 appointments for the 1a vaccine group, which included older adults and people who had a medical condition.

"We heard from so many older adults in our community who were struggling to obtain an appointment for a vaccine through online portals, so our team at the Jewish Federation was proud to provide a simple intake system over the phone to schedule so many appointments," said Addie Lewis Klein, senior director of leadership development and community engagement at the Jewish Federation.

In addition to staff support, 109 volunteers from the local community helped operate the vaccine



▲ Philip and Patricia Kaufman receive their vaccines at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, 58 years after being married at the synagogue. Courtesy of Philip Kaufman

clinic. Dr. Randi Zeitzer was one of the medical volunteers to administer vaccines on both days. Having grown up nearby in Upper Dublin, Zeitzer vaccinated people she has known all of her life.

"One woman said to me, 'I remember you crawling family physician at Broad Axe Family Medicine, which is part of the Einstein Healthcare Network. "It was so funny, it is such a small world."

According to Zeitzer, the excitement in the clinic was palpable as people received their vaccines. For some, this was the first time they had left the isolation of their homes and interacted with others in a physically distant setting.

"Some people hadn't been out of the house. There were people running into friends they hadn't seen during the whole pandemic, and they were trying not to give them hugs," Zeitzer said. "You could see the smiles under the masks."

As the community came together to protect each other and themselves, Susan Rubin was nervous that she would have to miss her second vaccine. Her pregnant to hear that the Jewish community had arranged for daughter was scheduled to be induced, and Rubin had to pick up her 2-year-old grandson from day care.

Fortunately, the staff was able to accommodate Rubin and rearrange her appointment for the morning. By the end of the day, Rubin not only received her second vaccine, but she also welcomed her fifth grandchild, Jordan Bennett Brown.



▲ Susan Rubin received her second vaccine dose at KI and welcomed her fifth grandchild on April 16. Pictured: Susan Rubin holds her new grandson, Jordan Bennett Brown, with her husband Mitchell Rubin and grandson Hunter Matthew Courtesy of Susan Rubin

"My husband, Mitchell, and I were just thrilled us to get the vaccine. We were extremely concerned, wondering how we would get our shots. I had stayed up for days trying to log into many vaccine sites," Rubin said. "I felt confident when we got our appointments through the Jewish Federation, and I knew it would be handled in a professional way. I can never thank them enough!"

Present Mirrors the Past

BY RABBI NATHAN MARTIN

ΡΔΡΩΗΔΤ ΝΔΩΟ

AS MANY OF US find ourselves emerging from the forced social isolation caused from the pandemic, I was surprised to find some interesting connections to this moment in this week's Torah portion with the laws of the *nazarite*.

A nazarite is someone who takes a vow to set themselves apart from society for the sake of YHVH. (The Hebrew root letters, N-Z-R pertain to the idea of consecration and separation). For the duration of their vow they abstain from alcohol and from cutting their hair. Both of these actions can be seen as ascetic or more extreme behaviors that potentially diminish social interaction and physically mark oneself as different or separate.

And just as the creation of holiness is accompanied by separation (Shabbat is separated from the week), the nazarite's actions are also viewed as steps of separating and dedicating oneself to the holy.

moment are striking. During of isolation ends, there are as a broader community to do

social interaction, to set ourselves apart. And, like the refraining from cutting hair (which many of us also refrained from in the past year!), the wearing of masks in public has also been a way of setting ourselves apart. And, I would argue that all of this behavior was in service of the sacred, of the higher ideal of recognizing and preserving the more closely the components of value and sanctity of life (ours and others).

So what happens when the term of the nazarite's vow is complete? How do they mark that transition? The Torah text is very explicit: The *nazarite* must bring a variety of offerings to the sacred center of the camp, an offering fully for the divine (olah), one for having potentially brought about impurity (hattat), an offering of gratitude for their state of wholeness (shelamim), and an offering of unleavened hair, the symbol of their separation, into the flames as well.

this time of social distancing we, specific moments of demarcatoo, have had to refrain from tion. It has been powerful to hear friends and colleagues talk about hugging a parent or grandchild, or being able to have a meal with close friends unmasked. All of these simple pleasures of connection, simply assumed before the pandemic, take on the air of a sacred re-encounter with each other.

> But it can be worth examining the *nazarite*'s transition:

Just as the nazarite's first offering, the olah, is dedicated to God, how might we also mark our transitions back from an end of isolation with offerings that acknowledge the sacred work of preserving life? Perhaps this might mean tzedakah to some element of the health care community, or it might be reaching out in some way to thank those who have risked their lives as front line workers.

The nazarite's second cakes (matzot). Finally the offering of return, the hattat, nazarite also offers their shaven acknowledges that they may have inadvertently impurified the camp. This too relates to While we may not have the us. We may have inadvertently same clarity and distinction as transmitted the virus ourselves. The parallels to today's the *nazarite* of when our term. And we know that we struggled

the virus in the country.

Our contemporary offering here might also be the work of compassion: for ourselves as we struggled in our social isolation and for others who also did so; even those who chose to have more contact than we would have opted for.

The third offering, the shelamim, invites us to inculcate gratitude for our health and well-being and to continue to rededicate ourselves to the task of not only taking care of our own bodies but of those around us. How can we strive to repair the structures necessary to provide everyone with adequate health care resources?

And finally, the matzot, a symbol here of purity but also one of liberation. The pandemic has brought to light the deep rifts in our country, how racism exacerbated the pandemic in communities of color. The matzot invite us to continue the broader work of building a more equitable and fair society.

Finally, we should note that for the *nazarite* to be successful in their vow they needed the support and participation of

so and half the transmission of the broader community. They live interdependently with the broader camp of Israel. At this moment of return of many from isolation we too must find ways to recognize our interdependence on each other, both locally and globally.

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Like the *nazarite's* offerings, we must use this moment to offer our time and energies to help bring more wholeness into our communities. May our isolation and sacrifice lead us not only to more personal wholeness, but to more wholeness in our world as well. •

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Pew

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Jewish than those over 50 with just one Jewish parent.

"In other words, it appears that the offspring of intermarriages have become increasingly likely to identify as Jewish in adulthood," according to the Pew report.

Still, children with two Jewish parents are overwhelmingly more likely to be raised Iewish than those of intermarriage. "Intermarried Jews who are currently raising minor children (under 18) in their homes are much less likely to

(28%) than are Jewish parents who have a Jewish spouse (93%), although many of the intermarfrom religion," the report states.

Married Iews with one Iewish parent are intermarried at the rate of 82% compared with 34% of those with two Jewish parents. And more Jews say it is important for their future grandchildren to share their political convictions and to carry on their family name or sometimes participate in than to marry someone who is Jewish (64% to 44%).

Interracial and ethnic intersay they are bringing up their marriage is rising, according to Reform and 16% are not affiliated

children as Jewish by religion the report. Twenty-one percent of Jews married between 2010 and 2020 say their spouse has a different race or ethnicity. ried Jews say they are raising Among Jews married before their children as partly Jewish 2010, just 1 in 10 or fewer Jews by religion or as Jewish aside said they had a spouse of a different race or ethnicity.

Pew added a question in its 2020 survey about participation in Chabad activities after "taking heat" for not including a separate question about Chabad in 2013, said Cooperman.

The study found that 16% of Iewish adults in America often Chabad programs or services. Of those, 24% are Orthodox, 26% are Conservative, 27% are

with any particular branch.

Other findings in the survey include the political divergence of the American-Jewish population. While 71% of Jews are Democrats or lean Democrat, 75% of Orthodox Jews are Republican or lean Republican.

there's at least some antisemitism in the U.S., with one third saying they have experienced presence.

The depth Pew was able to go in exploring antisemitism was valuable, Weicher said. The local report had limitations in questions asked because of sheer length.

"There were some areas they 215-832-0797

were able to dive a little deeper and get a little more nuance," she said, adding that the ongoing pandemic impacts will require additional socio-economic research long after the pandemic itself is over.

All in all, the survey offers Almost all Jews (90%) say a good benchmark 1,000-foot view to compare to local data,

"We can go back to local antisemitic remarks in their data and re-evaluate what we're seeing based on this new research," Weicher said.

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BAR MITZVAH

► DYLAN MICHAEL RUBENSTEIN

Rena and Hal Rubenstein of Pembroke Pines, Florida, formerly of Philadelphia and Margate, New Jersey, announce the March 6 bar mitzvah via Zoom of their grandson, Dylan Michael Rubenstein

Dylan is the son of Eric and Shawna (née Lahn) Rubenstein and brother of Jordan of Forest Hill, Maryland. He is the grandson of Jeff Lahn of Montreal.

Courtesy of Rena and Hal Rubenstein





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COMMUNITYBRIEFS

Einstein Healthcare Network Appoints Ken Levitan as President and CEO

EINSTEIN HEALTHCARE NETWORK'S board of trustees named Ken Levitan as president and CEO.

Levitan has served as the network's interim president and CEO since Jan. 1, succeeding Barry



▲ Ken Levitan

Courtesy of Einstein Healthcare Network

Freedman, who retired in December.

Levitan most recently served as chief administrative officer, with oversight of strategic partnerships and alliances and responsibility over human resources, information services, strategy/planning and performance improvement and government relations.

He will lead Einstein through completion of the merger with Jefferson Health.

"We believe that Ken's leadership qualities, intimate knowledge of Einstein and insights will greatly benefit Einstein as we integrate with Jefferson Health," said Lawrence S. Reichlin, chair of the board of trustees.

Levitan also worked for Einstein between 2005-'15 than 2,200 adults to mentor youth." before leaving to become executive director in the health care provider practice at Ernst & Young.

Einstein, which was founded in 1865 as the Jewish Hospital, counts about 1,000 beds and more than 8,700 employees in Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

Moving Traditions Founder and CEO to Step Down Next Year

Moving Traditions co-founder and CEO Deborah Meyer announced that she is stepping down at the end of March 2022.

"Together, for more than two decades, and during the challenging last 14 months, we have nurtured the wellbeing, resilience and compassion of more than 28,000 Jewish youth, within Jewish community," Meyer wrote. "We have trained and coached more



▲ From left: Moving Traditions Board Chair Rabbi Darcie Crystal and co-founder and CEO Deborah Meyer Courtesy of Moving Traditions

"Now we are helping Jewish clergy and educators to support Jewish preteens and teens as they leave social isolation and navigate the return to in-person activities, in this profoundly changing world."

The organization's board of directors formed a transition committee that will search for Meyer's successor.

"It has been an honor to work closely with such a talented and visionary leader," said Rabbi Darcie Crystal, who chairs the organization's board of directors. "This is a bittersweet moment for all of us connected to the organization."

Moving Traditions says it "emboldens youth by fostering self-discovery, challenging sexism and inspiring a commitment to Jewish life and learning." The organization said that, to date it has worked with more than 28,000 preteens and teens and trained more than 2,300 adults as family education program

Scholar-in-residence at Congregation Beth El to Discuss 'Plaques, Libel & Suspicion'

Congregation Beth El of Yardley will host at 1 p.m. on May 23 its virtual scholar in residence, Tzafrir Barzilay, a Kreitman Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Ben Gurion University, on the topic of "Plagues, Libel & Suspicion."

Barzilay, who is the author of the forthcoming book, "Poisoned Wells: Accusation, Persecution, and Minorities" by the University of Pennsylvania Press, will talk about how the aftermaths of plagues such as the pandemic — historically have unleashed social unrest, wars, famines and waves of violent antisemitism.

Visit bethyardley.org to register on Zoom. •

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BENDER

Lois Bender (nee Zulkow), May 11, 2021. Wife of the late Jack Bender and the late Edwin Myers. Mother of Marcy (late Robert) Schnitzer, Craig (Sharon) Myers and David Myers. Step mother of Janice (Joel) Frezel and Linda (Dean) Anglin. Grandmother of Andrew (Crystal) Herring, Wes (Michelle) Myers, Erin Myers, Tracey (Scott) Slobotkin, Brooke (Bryan) Werley, Sandy Anglin, Zach (Kat) Anglin, Nikki (Mike) Burkons and David (Alana) Frezel. Great grandmother of Grayson and Gabriella Herring, Olivia Myers, Rylie and Luke Slobotkin, Robert and Emma Werley, Sal and Georgia Anglin, Jack and Ellie Burkons and Parker Frezel. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 150 Monument Road, Suite 100, Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004 or a charity of the donor's choice.

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BENNETT

Sheldon "Shecky" Bennett on April 23, 2021.
Beloved husband of Lois (nee Bear); Loving father of Laura (Ray) Blau, Bonni (Farrell Smith) Plenn, Beth (Joel) Peskin, Michael Steiner and the late Michael Bennett; Dear brother of Bonnie Baumhor; Devoted grandfather of Barrie (Brian), Ben, Jared, Zach, Lilli, Sophia and Alexa; Adoring great-grandfather of Riley and Sienna. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Veteran's Administration, www.va.gov

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BRASON

Stanley Brason on May 8, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Norma (Roseman); Loving father of Cindy (Jeffrey) Gordon and Alan (Stacey) Brason; Devoted grandfather of Chad (Molly), Jason (Wendy), Matthew and Jordyn. Contributions in his memory may be made to University of PA Hospital, Oncology Dept., 3535 Market St., Ste. 750, Phila., PA 19104, www.pennmedicine.org

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CHANSKY

Norman Morton Chansky of Swarthmore, PA died on April 30th, 2021. He was the devoted husband to the late Elissa Chansky (née Ellsas). Norman graduated from Boston University and Columbia University. A long-time professor of educational psychology and statistics at Temple University, he retired as Professor Emeritus. Norman was also an avid gardener, lover of nature, a prolific writer, and musician. Norman is survived by his five children Linda Janidlo (Thom), James (Katherine), Keren Suberri (Moshe), Tamar Chansky Stern (Phillip) and Matthew (Lisa), his grandchildren Elizabeth Hunt (Ryan), Sara Preheim (Scott), Bethany Janidlo, Allison Burch (Bobby), Isaac, Gilad Suberri (Sarit), Kinneret Suberri (Alan Mitchell), Mer, Raia, and Emma June, and great grandchildren, Abby, Corinna, Tyler, Daniella, Eitan, Nadav, Arran, Rona, Eleanor, and Solomon, as well as many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, along with friends. And by Sophie Mulugeta Gordon who was treasured by both Elissa and Norman. Donations in Memory of Norman can be made to: HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) www.hias.org; Chester Children's Chorus www.swarthmore.edu/chesterchildrens-chorus/gift

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It is with profound sadness that the Dovberg family announces the passing of Dr. Jerome L. Dovberg on April 12, 2021. He was our beloved Husband, Father, Zaydie, Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin and Friend. "Jerry" was born in 1945, in Philadelphia, to the late Nessie and Maurice Dovberg. He grew up as the only brother of four younger sisters. He and his wife Sandi (nee Lassoff), had recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2020. Jerry graduated from Lincoln High School, Temple University, and The Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. After completing Medical School, the Army commissioned him to be the Chief of the Podiatry Clinic at The Pentagon, and later at Dewitt Army Hospital, in Fort Belvoir, VA. After settling in Northern VA, Jerry opened a private practice with 3 offices. Although he was a Board Certified Surgeon, he loved kibitzing with his patients. One patient shared, "It was like visiting a friend, laughing, and having a good time, while receiving excellent care." For over 34 years, Jerry and his family took annual vacations to the Carribean Island of St. Maarten. which was a highlight in his life. His love of Smooth Jazz brought him and his family on jazz cruises all over the world, and to live concerts & festivals nationwide. He loved playing the "piano by ear", and he was a talented artist. Jerry was a member of many Jewish organizations and a great supporter of the State of Israel. He was a proud member of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, and also a Freemason. Jerry is survived by his wife, Sandi; daughter, Mindi; sons, Michael (Dana), and Jeff. His granddaughters, Maya and Mila: grandsons. Mazen and Mylo: His Sisters, Sandy Brown, Sherie Hershman (Mark), Debbie Molotsky (Dwight), and Deena Ginsberg (Gary). Over his 75 years on this Earth, Jerry's magnetic, "larger than life" personality was felt by everyone who met him. He will be remembered for his pro-found love for his family. He will be deeply missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, DC. www.ushmm.org

FIELDS

Michele Tamara Fields nee Turetzky, May 11, 2021. Wife of Steven L., Mother of Scott Fields, Justin Fields, Josh Fields, Adam Fields and Alyssa Fields. Daughter of Arnold and the late Shirley Turetzky. Sister of Jill (Jeff) Workman. A school teacher. A member of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County. Funeral services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Next Step Program www.tnsprograms.org or Doylestown Hospital, 595 W. State Street, Doylestown, Pa 18901

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Kenneth Jay Forman, M.D., age 78, of Huntingdon Valley, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2021, surrounded by family. Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Rifkind), devoted father of Stacy Theil (David) and adoring "Zay-zay" of Abby and Zach. Also survived by his brother-i-law Michael Rifkind (Susanne), his nephews Mark and the late Stephen, many cousins and one great aunt. Death was due to complications from a stroke. Dr. Forman was a graduate of Northeast high School, where he was editor -in chief of the school paper, the University of Pennsylvania, and George Washington University Medical School. One highlight of his medical school experience was, when on a cardiology rotation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he had the opportunity to meet former President Eisenhower and take his blood pressure. He was in private practice as an internist and cardiologist. He was on the staff and an active teacher of Albert Finstein Medical Center a member of the Maimonides Society, and a rollicking performer of the Einstein Bedpan Players Troupe. He was also on the staff of Rolling Hill Hospital, where he was Chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for 12 years, Vice President of the Medical Staff, and Chairman of the Cardiology Performance Committee. He was on the staff of District Council 33's John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital, where he was President of the Medical Staff, Acting Medical Director, and Chairman of the Department of Medicine He was the Chief Internist of the Police and Fire Medical Association. He finished his career at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown .He especially enjoyed working with the hospital residents. He won the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching twice, once at Rolling Hill Hospital , and again at Montgomery Hospital. He was known throughout the community as an excellent and compassionate physician. Dr. Forman was a long time subscriber to the Philadelphia Orchestra and various theater companies. He was, over his lifetime, a loving pet parent of seven dogs and six cats, now re-united with them on the Rainbow Bridge. He was also an avid gardener, an enthusiastic traveler, and a voracious reader of non-fic-tion. He was very fond of World War II Naval history. Because he believed strongly in the education of the future generation of physicians, the family asks that contributions in his memory be made to Albert Einstein Medical Center STEM Program, 5501 Old York Rd Phila PA 19141 or Keneseth Israel Meyers Library Fund, 8339 Old York Rd., Elkins Park PA, 19027; or The George Washington University Medical School White Coat Fund.

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Charles H. Getzow, age 89, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, passed away on Friday, May 7th, 2021. Charles, was still the loving husband of Marilyn after 67 years of marriage, and the proud father of Ellen Graham, Dr. Martin Getzow and Stewart Getzow, deceased. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Gregory Graham, Samantha Graham Nathaniel Getzow, Matthew Getzow and Andrew Getzow and two great-grandchildren Madison and Charlotte Graham In addition he leaves behind an extended family, including Larry Graham, Judi Field, Lisa Getzow and Alex Graham. He and Marilyn developed many friendships from Congregation Kehilat Hanahar, Temple Judea, Warminster, Philadelphia, New Hope, Central Bucks Senior Center and Wilmington, North Carolina. They will miss his warm smile, willingness to help, and strong handshake. Charles was born in Philadelphia, the son of Maurice and Hannah Getzow and the brother of William Getzow, all deceased. He was the third generation to manage Getzow Jewelers, established in 1886, now located in Bensalem, PA, but under non-family ownership. While growing up. Charles had numerous interests, including the Boy Scouts. Charles attended central high school in Philadelphia, where he played on the varsity soccer team and served two years as president of his high school fraternity. He was a graduate of Temple University Business School. While at Temple, he was the business manager of the varsity wrestling team. Soon after graduation, he was drafted into the military, and he became a field radio repairman at Camp Gordon, GA. After the military, he entered the family jewelry business, which he helped manage until he retired. He then had a few parttime jobs, including being a real estate agent. He was subsequently hired by the Social security Administration and became a claims adjuster, working at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. He and Marilyn spent many years vacationing in North Carolina, becoming involved with volunteering, enriching their lives and where they still have numerous friends. It was there that he learned to play bridge and was introduced to the computer. Donations can be directed to Temple Judea of Bucks County Doylestown https://www.templejudea.org/ Synagogue Kehilat HaNahar, New Hope https://www.kehilathanahar.org/

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Fred M. Horwitz, 86, Musicologist, originally from Coatesville, PA and more recently of Philadelphia, passed away peacefully at Atria Center City on May 10, 2021. He was predeceased by his loving, supportive parents Ezril and Gertrude Horwitz, Survived by his caring and devoted sister Susan Horwitz Goldberg, Allan M. Horwitz, Esquire, Dr. Rudy Horwitz and brother-in-law Sherwood (Woody) Goldberg. It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our beloved, very uniquely talented brother, who was a well-admired Musi-cologist, Violinist, Teacher of many close friends on the violin, as he shared with much delight his amazing knowledge of classical and motion picture music and backgrounds on famous actors and actresses. Over the years, Fred owned and operated a video recording enterprise for attorneys, was a most valued research director and music coordinator for the "Mike Douglas Show" when it was performed live from Philadelphia. He also was very proud of his award-winning shih tzu puppies he raised. His international friends included the world reknowned flutists Sir James and Jeannie Galway and Eamonn Lenihan, freelance radio broadcaster and producer in Ireland with whom he shared much about music and delightful "Irish Humor" along with his joy in speaking with an 'Irish Brogue", whose accent entertained many over dinners with many valued friends of all walks of life. Interment was private. Donations can be sent in tribute to Fred's legacy and love of music to the Curtis Institute of Music at 1726 Locust St., Phila. PA 19103 for the "Ezril and Gertrude Horwitz Piano Master Class" endowed series.

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KOVNAT

Arthur Samuel Kovnat, on May 10, 2021 Husband of late Lorraine Mostovoy Kovnat. Son of the late Isadore and Sarah Kovnat. Mother of Larry Kovnat (Denise Bolger Kovnat) and Karel Kovnat (Lee Adler). Grandmother of Jacob, Eliza (Blake), Sarah and Rachel. Great grandmother of Owen and Miles. Brother of Selma (deceased), Donald (deceased) and Stanton (deceased) (Renee ceased and Joyce - deceased). Uncle of Paul (Ellen) and son Ethan, Stuart (Helene), and the late Brian as well as Paula (Michael), son Daniel and the late Stillman (Joyce). Before his marriage in 1952 to Lorraine, Arthur served in the US Navy and was stationed in the Pacific during WWII. He graduated from the Temple University School of Pharmacy in 1951 where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Arthur owned Kovnat Pharmacy, Rx Pharmacy, Larkar Pharmacy, Largood Shopping Center, Dauphin Pharmacy and Medical Center and Arway Pharmacy. He loved to work and he loved the people he worked with so much that he never successfully retired. Arthur continued working at the Atlantic City Medical Center on a seasonal basis well into his '80's. Arthur loved the sun and lived between his and Lorraine's shore and Florida homes until they moved to Rydal Park in 2013 Arthur loved to travel and ventured around the world with his wife and friends. Most of all Arthur loved Jewish culture and traditions and regularly read the Torah throughout his life, and even most recently last month at Rydal Park. He had a deep commitment to his Jewish faith and was delighted to be a member of the Miyanaires at Congregation Beth Shalom. He was dearly loved by family and friends and will be deeply missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Greater Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org. and Congregation Beth Shalom https://www.bethsholomcongregation.org/pay-

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LINDY

Joy Cynthia Lindy (nee Cohen) on May 10, 2021 (UPenn. '48). Beloved wife of the late Alan M. (USNA, '49); Loving mother of David C. (Ruth) Lindy, Kimberly Ruth Lindy, and Jeffrey M. (Nancy Librett) Lindy. Devoted grandmother of Alona (Matan), Maya (Shai), Sam, Caroline, Isaac, and Olivia. Also survived by 5 great-grandchildren. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Jewish Committee, www.ajc.org or Planned Parenthood, www.plannedparenthood.org

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MILLER

Florence "Flossye" Miller (nee Waxman), age 99, on May 13, 2021 at peacefully with family by her side. Beloved wife of the late David Miller. Loving mother of Lois (Stan) Sinowitz and Stephen (Dianne) Miller. Doting grandmother of Michaela, Josh (Megan), Debbie (Mike), Zach (Pam); adoring great grandmother of Hannah. Molly and Jake.

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NIMOITYN

Janet Nimoityn, 74 of Phila., PA died May 5, 2021 at Lions gate in Voorhees, NJ. Janet had a career as a teacher and was the daughter of the late Dr. Benjamin and Edith Nimoityn. She is survived by her siblings Sally (Dr. Arthur) Smith and Dr. Philip (Hillary) Nimoityn and also survived by many nieces and nephews. Burial took place at Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Chabad of the Main Line 625 Montgomery Ave. Merion Station, PA 19066

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NOVIN

Fredric Novin, On May 12, 2021. Beloved husband of Andrea Novin (nee Bass). Beloved son of Bernice A. Novin. Loving brother of Charles E. Novin. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 555 Croton Road - Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406 www.idrf.ora

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SCHEER

Barbara E. Scheer (nee Schoenfeld) passed away on May 11, 2021. Mother of Melissa (David) Lowdermilk and Pamela (Robert) Kornfeld, Grandmother of Bree Lowdermilk (Anna), Rachel Lowdermilk Roberts (Sam), Julie Kornfeld and Danny Kornfeld and Great Grandmother of Noah Lowdermilk Roberts Contributions in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/delval.

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SCHWARTZ

Ruthe Schwartz (nee Weinstein) on May 9, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Sol H.; Loving mother of Dorene (Dr. Stephen) Karasick. Also the mother Dr. Howard Schwartz; Devoted grandmother of Abby and Hannah. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Tikvah Bnai Jeshurun, 1001 Paper Mill Rd., Erdenheim, PA 19038

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SHAW

Donald W. Shaw, age 83, on May 3, 2021, of Blue Bell. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Maurice and Rose (nee Portnoy) Shaw. He was a US Army veteran. He was a Salesman and Owner of the former Allied Tank Manufacturing Co. in Norristown before his retirement in 2014. "Captain Don" loved sailing the waters of the Chesaneake Bay for over 30 years on his boat, the "Many Tanks". Don also loved to keep moving as he held his air pilot license and enjoyed sports cars and motorcycles. He is survived by his Beloved Wife, Christine Marie, and is the Devoted father of Lisa B. Aversano and her husband Anthony of Ventnor City, NJ, and Jonathan R. Shaw and his wife Joanne of Newtown Square, PA. Don is the cherished grandfather of Jason & Brandon Aversano and Jordyn Shaw, and he is also survived by his sister Sandra Berkowitz of Cherry Hill, NJ. Services and interment were held privately

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SPECTOR

Anita L. Spector (nee Stomel). May 12, 2021 Wife of the late Edward. Mother of Donald (Javne) Spector, Janet (Leonard) Barag, Shelley Spector (Yvonne Latty) and Barry Spector (Caroline Padavano). Grandmother of Morgan (Michael) Klippper, Jordan (Brian) Blatt, Everett Spector, Nathan Spector, Nola Latty and Margo Latty. Great grandmother of Sadie, Tessa, Ezra and Bodhi,

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STALLER

Irene Staller (nee Protas) passed away on May 12, 2021. Wife of the late Isadore Staller. Devoted mother of Andrea (Richard) Zeises and late Jerome Staller. Loving grandmother (known as Mommom) of Shara (Eric) Rich, Chad (Ashley) Staller, Farah (Jeff) Stupine, Lisa (Mark Brender) Zeises and IIana Zeises. Also survived by 9 great grandchildren who affectionately referred to her as big Mommom. She was a loving, amazing and caring woman who had the ability to light up a room. She served as a role model to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all who knew her. Although she didn't know how to cook a steak or bake, she knew how to inspire all around her to be their best. She was a pioneer in being a "modern" woman. Contributions in her memory may be made to Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3rd St., Phila., PA 19123, www.donors1.org or Cong, Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York Rd. Elkins Park, PA 1902 www.adathjeshurun.info PA 19027 GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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WEISBERG

Marvin Weisberg on May 13, 2021. Beloved husband of Sheila (nee Tancheff); Loving father of Brad (Audra) Weisberg and Scott Weisberg; Devoted grandfather of Anna, Lilah, and Michaela. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, www.lbda.org

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But lack of violence is not peace, and lack of violence does not on its own advance justice, rights or long-term security for either side.

While violent resistance is absolutely condemnable, it is sadly unsurprising after decades of discriminatory policies, separate and unequal systems of law, and tremendous suffering. Nor is it surprising that the Palestinian citizens of Israel, who are inextricably part of the Palestinian people, have joined in the fray.

And we, the Israeli side, have most of the power. Had our elected officials chosen over the past seven years of relative calm to strive toward a better future, there were countless ways to have improved the situation for all. And had we Israeli citizens and Jewish supporters of Israel - taken advantage of the relative peace to place this issue at the center of our national and peoplehood agenda, our leaders would have been forced to listen and work toward a durable and just resolution of the conflict.

that the only time we pay attention and feel goaded to act is when violence and war explode — precisely the time when true and deep work toward lasting security, dignity, justice and true peace is nearly impossible.

Palestinians, of course, have a parallel responsibility to work toward peace, justice and security for all. They must do everything in their power to remove the murderous Hamas regime in Gaza, to demand elections and new, visionary leadership in Ramallah, and to build a broadbased nonviolent movement that will work for a better future for all in this land. And I am profoundly grateful to know many extraordinary Palestinians working tirelessly every day toward those goals. But just as they must hold their leaders and society accountable, so, too, must we.

It is not disloyal, antisemitic, anti-Zionist, self-hating or traitorous to demand that the Israeli government work proactively toward security, justice, equality and dignity for all human beings in this land. On the contrary, it is the responsibility of every loyal and patriotic Israeli. And according to the Pew study released this week, American Jews largely agree.

I speak out despite painful backlash and even attacks from fellow Israelis and Jews because I know that neither Israelis nor Palestinians are going anywhere. Our stories are intertwined, our futures inextricably linked. Neither of us can possibly win until all of us win.

One sentiment being widely expressed in Israel and among pro-Israel Iewish Americans is that now is the time for thoughts, prayers and solidarity — and not for calling for policy change. "Politics" should come only after the immediate threat subsides, the argument goes. I reject this idea. Now, when everyone is listening, is the time to declare that we are not destined for endless conflict.

It is precisely because I and Tragically, however, it seems countless friends and colleagues care so deeply about Israel and the Jewish people that we do everything we can to create a better future here for all. Anything less would mean abandoning our children and future generations.

> I pray for a quick cease-fire and halt to all violence. And then I call on every Jew who cares about the future of the Jewish people in the land of Israel to hold tightly to the sense of urgency we feel right now, and to work not just for a lack of violence but for a future of justice, security, equality, freedom and flourishing for all. For the sake of Zion and Jerusalem we cannot allow ourselves to be silent. Not ever — and certainly not now. •

Leah Solomon is chief education officer at Encounter and lives in Jerusalem with her family.

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Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, April Term, 2021. No. 2291 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6th of May, 2021, the petition of Olivia Morris was filed, praying for a decree to change Olivia Morris' name to Albin Chaiet. The Court has fixed the 25th of June, 2021 at 10:00am, in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persent interested may experient sons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

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► From left: Deborah Meyer and Renée Sackey Courtesy of Moving Traditions



Amichai Danilewitz, a seventh grader at Caskey Torah Academy, donated toys to the local Chai House for his bar mitzvah project. The Chai House provides accommodations and support for children who undergoing treatment at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for cancer and other serious illnesses. Amichai and his family were presented with a certificate of appreciation for his generosity.

▶ Back row, from left: Ingrid Danilewitz, Tami Danilewitz, Amichai Danilewitz, Justin Danilewitz and Mervyn Danilewitz. Front row, from left: Erez and Lielle Danilewitz.

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