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THE NOV. 2 ELECTION was quiet by Pennsylvania standards, according to election officials, with the buzz around the 2020 election having faded. Yet Jewish candidates had a substantial footprint, comprising some of their respective districts' most contentious races.

Among those victorious were Philadelphia District Attorney and Democrat Larry Krasner (who has a Jewish father but identifies as Quaker); Bucks County District Attorney and Republican Matt Weintraub; and Democratic City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart, who ran unopposed.

Judge Maria McLaughlin, a Democrat on Pennsylvania's superior court, lost to Republican challenger Kevin Brobson, who secured 52% of the vote, according to the Associated Press.

Win or lose, and regardless of party affiliation, the Jewish candidates said they had one thing in common: avoiding



▲ Area residents attended the vigil against antisemitism in Yardley on Nov. 1.

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Pennsbury School Board Deals With Antisemitism

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

A GROUP OF Pennsbury School District parents has taken issue with two district policies this year, according to school board members, and, in both cases, antisemitism reared its head in Bucks County.

In August, parents packed a board meeting to speak out against a K-12

student mask mandate, which the board passed.

And throughout the year, they have filled other meetings to express issues with district equity policies, including an audit that identified disparities between white and Black students. Few Black students were enrolling in Advanced Placement classes, while more Black students were facing disciplinary actions, board

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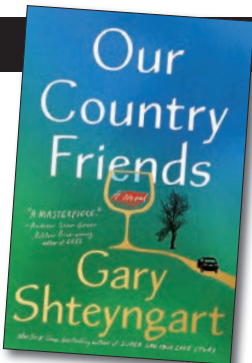
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SALSA VERDE, ITALIAN STYLE

Food columnist Keri White recently visited Italy and, not surprisingly, enjoyed the cuisine. While there, she took a private cooking class and learned how to make salsa verde, which goes well with just about everything — although it's not supposed to be used on pasta. White says the sauce is a worthy addition to any cook's repertoire. Read the Philcatessen blog and get the recipe. And check Philcatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2021/11/08/salsa-verde-italian-style/

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Gen. Moshe Dayan, former Israeli minister of defense, will be in Philadelphia next week to deliver a public address on "The Middle and World Powers."

The Wednesday, 8 p.m., address is being co-sponsored by the Community College of Philadelphia's office of student activities, student government and Hillel, and will be hosted by the YM-YWHA Branch of the Jewish Ys and Centers, Broad and Pine Sts.

DAYAN, WHO was minister of defense during the Six-Day War in June, 1967, was born in Deganiah, Israel's first kibbutz, in 1920. He joined Haganah, the underground Jewish defense force, in his early teens, was captured by the British and imprisoned in 1939 for illegal possession of arms.

He was finally released in early 1941. A few months later, while attached to Allied commando detachments reconnoitering in Vichy-held Syria, he was wounded while capturing his final objective and lost his left eye.

He was commander in the 1948 War of Independence, served as chief of the general staff from 1953 to 1958, and masterminded the Sinai campaign of October, 1956, when Egyptian forces were driven from the entire Sinai peninsula in 100 hours of fighting.

AFTER LEAVING THE army, Dayan achieved a law degree, was elected to the Knesset, and was appointed minister of agriculture in 1959, serving until 1964. It was the threat of invasion in May, 1967, that brought about his appointment as minister of defense by Premier Levi Eshkol.

He held this post through the Yom Kippur War, when he engineered crossing of the Sinai Canal, cutting off Egypt's Third Army, before the ceasefire was called. He has since retired from military service, but remains an influential member of the Labor Party in the Knesset.

HIS APPEARANCE for the college is being coordinated by the CCP Hillel adviser, Alan Cantor; Larry Brown, president of the Student Government; and Henry Varlack, director of student activities.

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Area Pastry Chef Competes on Food Network Show

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WHEN PHILADELPHIA-based pastry chef Neomie Eliezer received an Instagram message last February asking her to participate in Food Network's "Holiday Baking Championship," she thought it was a spam message.

Four months later, Eliezer, who lives in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, had another pinch-me moment: After months of back-and-forths with producers, she finally walked on the set of the show in Knoxville, Tennessee, where the series was filmed through July.

And finally, after nearly a year of waiting, Eliezer can share her experience competing as one of 12 bakers from around the country on "Holiday Baking Championship," which premiered on Nov. 1.

The cooking competition show, hosted by Jesse Palmer and judged by Food Network veterans Nancy Fuller, Duff Goldman and Carla Hall, features two challenges per episode around a particular theme, with the weakest contestant eliminated at the end of the episode.

With two episodes having aired, Eliezer has already received an outpouring of community attention.

"It's really interesting; it's surprising," Eliezer said. "I'm like, maybe this local celebrity, but I'm really not."

Eliezer, 38, is not only representing the Philadelphia community, but the Jewish one as well.

"Really, that was a stressful part for me because with Chanukah, we've got the dreidels and menorah, but that's it," she said. "The holiday, Christmas

stuff — it doesn't come easy to me, and I didn't want to just throw red and green jimmies all over the place, you know?"

Eliezer was born to Turkish parents; her mother's family relocated to Israel and her father's to France. Visiting her father's family every other summer and every winter growing up, Eliezer was steeped in the French culinary world of pastry.

"As soon as we'd land, we'd go get warm croissants and warm baguettes from the bakery and bring them to my grandparents' house and just stuff our faces," she said.

Her grandmother was an exceptional cook, according to Eliezer, who loved making sweets, and Eliezer's experiences with Jewish culture were shaped by her Sephardic heritage and cuisine.

Eliezer's non-Ashkenazi background made it stressful for her to be the only Jewish person on the show, she said.

Growing up, when she was asked about her Jewish upbringing, she wouldn't give the same answers as her Ashkenazi peers. Being raised by an Israeli mother, she knew her experience as a Jew in America was different than most others.

"There was pressure because I wasn't doing the stereotypical Jewish things," Eliezer said.

But as a pastry chef, being a Sephardic Jew has also created new opportunities for Eliezer to broaden the horizons of those with Ashkenormative, or Ashkenazi-exclusive, thinking about what Judaism is.

"The food side is just so different ... it's just like a whole different palette," Eliezer said. "In that regard, in that respect, it's definitely opened people up to different flavors and different things."

But just as with many reality



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▲ Neomie Eliezer competes on Food Network's "Holiday Baking Championship."
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television shows, impressing the masses isn't as easy as it seems.

On the first episode, contestants were tasked with making donuts, a task Eliezer was confident in, having made sufganiyot every year for Chanukah.

"I thought I had it in the bag, but it didn't really turn out as I planned," Eliezer said, admitting to having trouble initially finding her sea legs.

However, Eliezer saved herself later in the episode, riffing on the French classic of a tarte tatin, topping a sable crust with caramelized apples and a white chocolate and Gouda ganache.

Eliezer had filled her Instagram feed @neobakes with pictures of her confections since beginning her first job as a pastry chef at Rittenhouse Square restaurant Parc in 2013, slowly amassing a local following and handful of clients who she bakes for from her home kitchen.

After working as the bakeware manager at Fante's Kitchenware Shop and pastry

chef at Dulce in Collingswood, New Jersey, she began as pastry chef at Feast Your Eyes Catering in Philadelphia, where she's worked since 2018.

But after competing in "Holiday Baking Championship," Eliezer is thinking about making a change.

Participating on the show reinvigorated Eliezer, reawakening her passion for baking that had waned as she focused on getting married and raising her son. Now, she's thinking about becoming a pastry chef at a hotel or opening up her own storefront.

"I'm not sure what's next," Eliezer said. "I definitely want to grow more, and I want more experience in some avenue, but I'm not sure which one yet."

Episode three of "Holiday Baking Championship" airs on the Food Network at 8 p.m. on Nov. 15 and can be streamed on Discovery+.

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Legendary Psychiatrist Aaron Beck Dies at 100

OBITUARY

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DR. AARON T. BECK, who revolutionized the field of psychiatry, lived in Philadelphia and was a longtime member of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, died on Nov. 1 at his home. Born on July 18, 1921, he reached 100 earlier this year.

Beck is known for developing a psychiatric focus on the day-to-day behaviors in patients. This ran counter to the Freudian emphasis on childhood traumas.

"My major discovery was that the patients were not really reporting what was important to them — the way they interpreted or misinterpreted situations. People would be trained to make

the corrections," he said in a 2017 Jewish Exponent article. "Some of the behaviors they recognized and were able to correct included depression, anxiety, suicide and obsessive compulsive disorder. But, until recently, neither I nor my students had done research on schizophrenia, which supposedly would not respond to psychotherapy."

The Beck Depression Inventory, a 21-question self-inventory, was developed in 1961 and remains a leading test for measuring the severity of depression.

A few years back, Medscape noted that Beck had authored more than 600 scholarly articles and 25 books and ranked him as the fourth-most influential medical practitioner within the past century.

"The father of cognitive

therapy, Dr. Aaron Temkin Beck is considered one of history's most influential psychotherapists and a pioneer in the field of mental health," the publication wrote. "Dr. Beck's early work on psychoanalytic theories of depression led to his development of cognitive therapy, a new theoretical and clinical orientation, 'based on the theory that maladaptive thoughts are the causes of psychological symptoms such as anxiety and depression, which in turn cause or exacerbate physical symptoms.'"

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Beck settled in Wynnewood in the mid-1950s to work at Valley Forge Army Hospital. He spent much of his career at the University of Pennsylvania, concluding as an emeritus professor in the Department of Psychiatry

of the Perelman School of Medicine and as director of the Aaron T. Beck Psychopathology Research Center.

Beck also is credited with founding the Beck Initiative in collaboration with City of Philadelphia agencies. The initiative is a partnership between university researchers and clinicians and the city's behavioral health managed care system that works to ensure that consumers have access to effective mental health care.

At Beck's funeral on Nov. 3 at Beth Hillel-Beth El, his children eulogized their patriarch, known to loved ones as Tim.

Oldest son Roy Beck said he talked to his father often, including every day from April 2020 to his death.

In his 90s, Tim told his son he was reading a biography of President and Union Army

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

"He said he just didn't know enough about that time period," Roy Beck said.

Later, Roy Beck said his father was working on a paper at the time of his death, despite being bedridden and too weak to move for himself.

"Most days, when I asked how his day went, he said, 'I had a good day,'" Roy Beck recalled.

"I've never retired because I love what I'm doing," Aaron Beck said in the 2017 Exponent article. "All the time I'm on to new discoveries and applications. So there hasn't been any phase in my professional career where I wasn't working on something new."

Judge Alice Beck Dubow of the Pennsylvania Superior Court said she went over to her father's house for lunch

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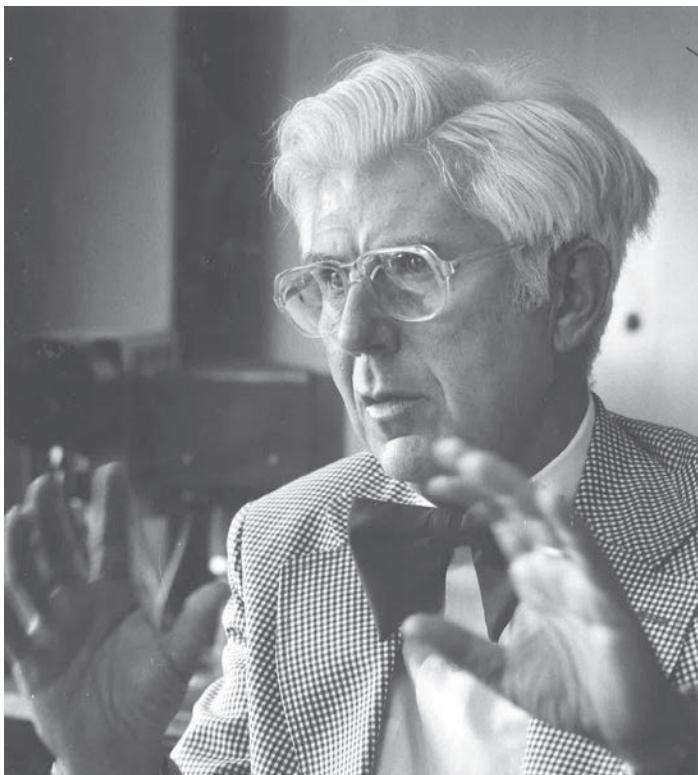


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▲ Dr. Aaron T. Beck Courtesy of MoonLoop Photography, c/o Beck Institute



▲ Dr. Aaron T. Beck Courtesy of James J. Craig, c/o of Beck Institute

several years ago and began discussing one of Dr. Beck's patients at Norristown State Hospital. The patient, who suffered from schizophrenia, had assaulted an aide and gotten incarcerated.

Dr. Beck argued to his youngest child that every day the patient spent behind bars

would erode the progress they'd made. His daughter said a crime had been committed.

The psychiatrist saw his daughter's point, but he was still upset.

Years later, Beck Dubow realized that her father was right.

"There should have been

extra care," she said, adding that, "He nurtured my intellectual development."

Dr. Judy Beck followed her father into the cognitive behavioral therapy field, founding the Beck Institute in Bala Cynwyd with him in 1994.

Later in his life, she noticed that he took a particular interest in an illness he had overlooked: schizophrenia.

Aaron Beck recognized that his usual therapeutic approach — focusing on a patient's negative habits and views — didn't work with schizophrenic patients. Instead, he had to motivate them to focus on times when they were at their best.

Those afflicted with schizophrenia suffer from a feeling of disconnection. It was vital to make them feel like they could use their strengths to connect, Judy Beck said.

Her father even told her that

maybe he had made a mistake with cognitive behavioral therapy, his life's work. Maybe he should have been focusing on people's strengths all along.

"It demonstrated his flexibility," she said.

Son Dan Beck was not planning on speaking at his father's funeral. He didn't think he could sum up a 65-year relationship in a few minutes. But the morning of the service, he took a walk around Wynnewood and it came to him.

Dan Beck recalled that, given his father's status, his young friends pictured his house as some lively intellectual salon. But when they came over, they didn't find Freud himself arguing with Aaron Beck in the living room, he said.

Instead, the Becks were just a normal Philadelphia family. They even went to Wildwood every August to go on the

boardwalk rides.

Dan Beck's earliest memory with his father was of him singing, "Oh Danny Boy," throwing him in the air and catching him. The son cracked up every time. Now, he does the same thing with his kids.

During a difficult period in his 30s, Dan Beck often asked his father for advice.

"He said, 'Just write down three things you want to do today, and as you do them, cross them off,'" Dan recalled. "Don't worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will work out."

"He was right," Dan Beck said. "Tomorrow did work out."

Aaron Beck is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children Roy, Judith, Daniel and Alice; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. •

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TikTok Executive to Detail Judaism as Self-Help

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JEWISH TIKTOK executive Michal Oshman will appear virtually at Ohev Shalom of Bucks County on Nov. 14. to promote her self-help book, “What Would You Do If You Weren’t Afraid?”, which came out in May and is rooted in Jewish wisdom.

Ohev Shalom Rabbi Elliott Perlstein Facebook messaged Oshman over the summer to invite her. The Israeli author, who lives in London, agreed to do a virtual event.

The free talk begins at 10:30 a.m. and requires masks and vaccinations for entry.

“I felt like the rabbi and I had similar areas of interest, like personal growth and



▲ Michal Oshman
Courtesy of Galia Verthime Sherf

creating a sense of belonging,” Oshman said.

Perlstein discovered the title while looking on a Jewish website for a Torah commentary. Among cover pictures



▲ The sanctuary at Ohev Shalom of Bucks County
Courtesy of Rabbi Elliott Perlstein

featuring rabbis with long beards, Oshman’s young, fresh-faced smile jumped out.

Perlstein looked at what the book was about and ordered it. After reading it, he used

Oshman’s Jewish wisdom in a Yom Kippur sermon.

The rabbi told congregants to heed two lessons. Life is a narrow bridge and, to get across, you must walk one step

at a time. And by creating the world, God was making space for humans, meaning God wasn’t everything anymore.

It was a reminder that you shouldn’t try to be everything yourself, Perlstein said. Handle your role, and allow others to handle theirs.

“In terms of Judaic content, she was right on,” he said.

For Oshman, the book was the culmination of her journey to a religious life.

The head of culture, diversity and inclusion at TikTok Europe grew up in a Jewish household in Israel.

Her identity was never in doubt. But her spirituality was, she said.

Her grandparents were all Holocaust survivors. And the

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Former Neo-Nazi Leader to Speak to Jewish Studies Class

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JEFF SCHOEP LED the National Socialist Movement, the largest neo-Nazi group in the United States, from 1994 to 2019.

But he has since been deradicalized and now runs Beyond Barriers, an organization that works to combat hate. And he will appear virtually before a group of Jewish studies students at Drexel University on Nov. 18 to talk about it.

Alina Palimaru, an associate policy researcher with the Rand Corp., will appear alongside Schoep. Palimaru creates “real life practices to de-radicalize those who have been brainwashed by racist propaganda,” according to an event flyer.

Schoep and Palimaru will discuss “how to get members of hate groups to build a life away from extremism,” according to Henry Israeli, the director of the Jewish studies program.

The event, sponsored by the Laurie Wagman Initiative, will begin at 10 a.m. and run until noon. It’s open to the public, Israeli said. Register at bit.ly/Palimaru.

Israeli said he wants to host the talk because we hear a lot about antisemitism, but not about how to reach antisemites.

“Unfortunately, there are more of them than ever,” he said. “The internet has facilitated that.”

Schoep’s biggest catalyst for leaving the movement was talking to Daryl Davis, a Black musician, and Deeyah Khan, a Norwegian filmmaker with Afghan and Pakistani heritage.

Davis and Khan spoke with Schoep for separate documentary films that came out in 2017. The neo-Nazi participated in the projects, which were exposing white supremacy, to

get the movement’s message out, he said.

“Help people see through the lies,” Schoep explained of his neo-Nazi logic.

But in talking to Davis and Khan, Schoep got out of his white nationalist bubble for the first time in decades.

Davis told Schoep about having rocks thrown at him during a Boy Scout parade as a child. The filmmaker thought people were throwing rocks because they didn’t like the Boy Scouts. His parents had to explain that they were doing it because he was Black.

Schoep has five kids, and he said the conversation affected him as a father.

“I was in this movement for my kids,” he said. “I believed that at the time.”

Khan, who is also not white, had similar childhood experiences. She told Schoep about feeling ugly, hated and “less than.”

The NSM leader was a central figure in Khan’s film, “White Right: Meeting the Enemy,” and, by the end of their conversations, he felt her pain. At one point, the cameraman zoomed in on his eyes as he started to understand.

“That was truly the beginning of the end,” Schoep said.

After almost a quarter-century, Schoep realized he was tired. Hating does that to you, he explained.

But the trouble with white supremacists is that they don’t view it as hating, Schoep said. They see it as defending their own people.

Schoep himself got involved after learning that his grandfather fought in Adolf Hitler’s army in World War II. His mother, a German immigrant, wasn’t proud of that, but she also couldn’t hide it.

Once her son discovered this part of his heritage, he started



▲ Jeff Schoep
Courtesy of Beyond Barriers

reading about the Nazis. That was when he learned about groups like the NSM.

“And once I got involved, and was getting propagandized to, I was in this echo chamber,” Schoep said.

He compared it to a cult. Everyone around him believed the same things, produced fabricated evidence to confirm such beliefs and then reinforced them to each other.

Schoep said many neo-Nazis could never bring themselves to believe that they supported the Holocaust. So, they told each other it was a hoax.

They also told themselves that they respected other groups, but just saw “the superiority of the white race,” Schoep explained. Neo-Nazis would say things like “Jews are super-intelligent but just evil” or “Asians build things but don’t invent them.”

“They really do believe it,” he said. “You can’t get someone to fight for something they think is false.”

As he now realizes, they were saying those things without ever talking to Jews, Asians or other groups.

But once a neo-Nazi has a real conversation with someone

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negativity in their campaigns.

“The most important thing to me, as a candidate, but more importantly as a person, was running this campaign the way I did: ethically, with integrity. I was the only statewide Jewish candidate this election cycle, so it was important to me to make sure that I conducted myself in a way that would make us proud,” McLaughlin said.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court race was defined by both candidates’ steep budgets. One week before the election, Brobson launched an ad claiming, without additional context, that McLaughlin had “chose to void the guilty plea of a drunk driver who admitted to killing a pregnant woman and her unborn child,” though she had actually joined a majority opinion among judges saying that the defendant should be retried.

The Bar Association’s Judicial Campaign Advertising Committee asked the Brobson campaign to withdraw or edit the advertisement.

The day before the election, McLaughlin, a Congregation

Mikveh Israel member, visited the Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El mikvah in Wynnewood, her first time since converting to Judaism in 2017.

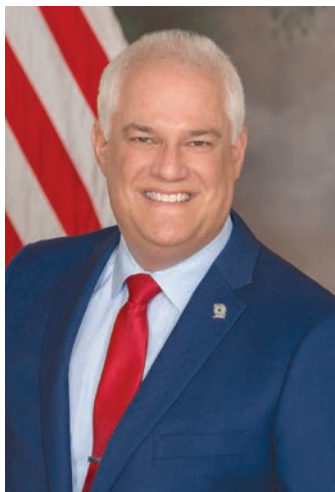
“I never anticipated attacks coming from another judge,” she said. “That disheartens me. When I went to the mikvah, I came out different.”

But according to other candidates, negativity in campaigning is not endemic to just one side of the aisle.

“I was proud that my campaign was taking the high road,” Weintraub said. “There were some professional attacks that my opponent levied against me, but I didn’t really think to get into the gutter with my opponent, and I really didn’t have to.”

Weintraub won his election by 32,000 votes by almost 17 points against Democratic opponent Antonetta Stancu, his former assistant district attorney.

The district attorney, who became a bar mitzvah at Shir



▲ District Attorney Matt Weintraub
Courtesy of Matt Weintraub

Ami in Newtown, said integrity was his key asset in his government role.

“Every decision I make is based on principle as opposed to based on political expediency,” Weintraub said. “Sometimes people don’t agree with my decisions, but I know I’ll be able to lay my head on my pillow every night and sleep well.”

Weintraub said his upcoming term will be defined



▲ City Controller Rebecca Rhynhart
Courtesy of Office of City Controller

by addressing recidivism in the community, as he hopes to tackle what he believes are the root causes of crime: drug scourges and mental health issues.

He attributes his popularity in Bucks County to his commitment to working across the aisle — he’s one of the few Republican officers in the county government — and returning every phone call and email received from community members.

Rhynhart credits community trust with her race without opposition as well. Following a competitive primary election in 2017, Rhynhart’s 2021 run was proof that she had gained the trust of the Philadelphia public, she said.

“The reason I think I won four years ago is that people in Philadelphia want change; they want a government that works,” Rhynhart said.

In her first term, Rhynhart, who became a bat mitzvah at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Center City, conducted an audit of the Philadelphia Parking Authority, a risky task due to its ties to both political parties. The audit investigated the efficiency of the authority, whose extra funds are supposed to be funneled to the School District of Philadelphia.

Though each candidate claimed integrity as the Jewish value that shaped their campaigns, according to Robin



▲ Judge Maria McLaughlin
Photo by R.D. Gallego

Schatz, director of government affairs at Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Jews, particularly younger ones, don’t necessarily care about candidates espousing Jewish values during elections.

“There are people who will vote for a candidate because of his or her religious background,” Schatz said. “But especially with younger voters ... I don’t know if it makes a difference.”

Schatz said that voters who are pro-life may search for candidates whose religious values support their political leanings.

Abortion will be a hot-button issue for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the upcoming term, McLaughlin said.

The trend of younger Jewish voters potentially caring less about the religious values of candidates comes in tandem with there being fewer young voters, Schatz said. In both Philadelphia and Bucks counties, voter turnout for 18- to 24-year-olds was the lowest of all age brackets, according to the Pennsylvania Department of State.

To increase voter turnout, Schatz believes young voters need to believe their vote counts.

“They don’t see that it makes a difference,” she said. •

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Antisemitism

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member Debra Wachspress said. Pennsbury's new Director of Equity, Diversity and Education Cherrissa Gibson hired a consultant to conduct an audit.

Neither issue had a substantive connection to Judaism or the Jewish people. Yet in attacking Pennsbury board members for overseeing the policies, some parents resorted to antisemitism, according to board members.

Four of Pennsbury's nine board members — Josh Waldorf, Howard Goldberg, Linda Palsky and Wachspress — are Jewish. But emails and threats to Pennsbury's entire board, and to President Christine Toy-Dragoni, who is not Jewish, have been antisemitic in nature.

Last spring, according to Wachspress, most of the vitriol came from inside the district's geographical area. But in June, Simon Campbell, a Lower Makefield resident, appeared on Fox News to denounce an alleged free speech violation by the board.

The district edited videos of public comments made by parents at spring meetings, according to reporting by Levittown Now. That incident led to a federal lawsuit in the fall alleging that Pennsbury had violated parents' First Amendment rights.

"I'm like, 'This is the United States of America. This is not OK,'" Campbell said to host Laura Ingraham on "The Ingraham Angle."

After the local man's four minutes of fame, emails and threats started coming from outside the district, too, according to board members.

One message said, "You should have been finished off in the gas chambers," per Wachspress. Another, directed at Toy-Dragoni, said, "You Ashkenazi Jews owe the world reparations for saving you in



▲ Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy addresses the crowd at the vigil in Yardley on Nov. 1. Courtesy of Sue-Ann DiVito

World War II."

Palsky, who converted to Judaism after marrying her husband in 1977, got a message on her phone from someone threatening to smack her and beat her up. Later, she got a call from a man posing as a police officer. He said he had a complaint about Palsky sending a death threat to Jennifer Spillane, an opponent in the 2021 school board election.

Palsky said she sent no such threat. Then, she asked the man if Lower Makefield Police Chief Kenneth Coluzzi knew he was calling. The man hung up.

Wachspress and Palsky said some of the messages have been anonymous. In addition to antisemitic, they also have been misogynistic, homophobic and anti-immigrant.

But antisemitism has surfaced more often than the other forms of hatred, Wachspress said.

"It felt like the vast majority of these messages were antisemitic," she said.

Both women described the vitriol as scary, discomfiting and perhaps ominous.

They said it only takes one person to perpetrate an event like Pittsburgh, referring to the 2018 Tree of Life synagogue complex shooting that killed 11.

Palsky mentioned that the board already has active shooter drills, armed guards and a fenced-in parking lot. None of those features were present when she served on the board in the 2000s.

Wachspress concluded that Jews should have their eyes open.

"I stop and wonder — is this 1930 all over again?" she said. "It's really sobering."

But Jews shouldn't live in fear, Wachspress said. She pointed to the Nov. 1 vigil in Yardley as an example of an appropriate response.

Local organizers, including some Jewish residents and rabbis, planned the show of solidarity against antisemitism,

racism and misogyny, among other forms of hate. More than 200 people showed up, Jews and non-Jews, according to organizer Marlene Prey, a Doylestown resident whose husband is Jewish.

"Given that it was planned in a number of days, it was profound and beautiful to see the response," she said.

The day after the vigil, Pennsbury district residents reelected the two Jewish board members running, Waldorf and Palsky. They also elected the four other Democrats

running for seats.

None of the Republican candidates won their races. Pennsbury's new board, like its last one, will consist of nine Democrats.

"We have more support," Palsky said.

Wachspress wants those supporters to come to board meetings, too.

"It's necessary," she concluded. "There's power in numbers." •

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Sigd Is Not Just a Holiday for Ethiopian Jews. It's a Declaration That Israel Sees Us



BY SHULA MOLA

I HAVE RARELY MISSED the annual Sigd event in Jerusalem. When I lived in Ethiopia, the annual holiday was a fixture of the Jewish community, taking place 50 days after Yom Kippur each year and celebrating our connection to Jerusalem. After I moved to Israel in 1984, I fell in love with the holiday all over again, celebrating it in Eretz Yisrael.

This year, however, I am not there — not just because of COVID-19, but also because I am here in the U.S. for a postdoctoral year to preserve the heritage of Ethiopian Jewry, creating an oral history project that will educate and be a source of strength for the community.

My last Sigd in Ethiopia was November 1983. The entire village ascended the nearby mountain. Men, women and children all dressed in our best festive clothes for a day of fasting and prayer. I remember the strong feeling that surrounded us all, that soon our dream would come true: to reach Jerusalem. By that year, some of the villages of the Beta Israel had already left to go to Eretz Yisrael, including some of my uncles. I watched from the sidelines as the adults prayed, while at the same time quietly conversing with my cousins, excited that we would no longer have to go up this mountain, because we would soon reach Jerusalem

and pray in the Holy Temple.

There are other memories. I can still see a woman sitting on the side and scattering grains of wheat on the ground while lamenting in a whisper and crying. At that time, I did not understand what she was doing. Today I understand that it was part of the observance of Sigd. The Kessim, our religious leaders, read verses from the Torah and prayed for a return to Zion. But our elders also prayed for the release of the souls of the dead, sprinkling grains of wheat or teff, asking the birds to eat the grain and fly their prayers to heaven. Sigd is not only a gathering of the living, but also a day to remember and be reunited with those that have passed.

The heart of Sigd is in the renewal of the covenants between a person and God, a person and the community, and a person and society. The day's customs reflect and strengthen these bonds — charity, togetherness, singing, dancing, and communal meals.

Once in Israel, Sigd quickly found a place in our community's life. For as long as I can remember, every year, on the 29th day of the month of Cheshvan, people gathered on the Promenade in the Armon Hanatziv neighborhood in Jerusalem, with a breathtaking view of the Temple Mount in the Old City, reenacting the rituals of our Ethiopian heritage.

My views and practices around Sigd have changed as well. When I first arrived in Israel, I was sent to a girls' religious boarding school where we did not celebrate or even learn about Sigd. The only concession was that the school took all of the Ethiopian students to the main Sigd event

in Jerusalem. We wore festive clothes that we got specially for the celebration. I was so excited — not so much for the holiday, but for the reunion, the gathering. Sigd was a meeting for so many people from our community who came from all over the country, just like they did in Ethiopia. I was excited to see the uncles and aunts I had not seen for a long time, and my friends who had been sent to other boarding schools. We swapped stories about our new lives in Israel, and the religious elements — the fasting, the praying — were secondary.

When my children reached school age, I worked to raise interest in our Sigd holiday at their school. I volunteered to talk and lead activities. I wanted

the school to reflect our presence among the variety of traditions and customs in Israel. I wanted the school to see us.

Yet my activism was tinged with ambivalence. I longed to help my children feel connected to their origins and be proud of who they are. But I chafed at my assumed responsibilities, as the school failed to create space for all children and their cultures.

In those years I served as chairwoman of the Association of Ethiopian Jews. The association's staff came up with an idea to make the Sigd a national holiday. Status as a national holiday would mean that community members could take the day off without penalty, and would allow us

to pressure educational institutions to include appropriate content about the holiday and the community into the curriculum. I had reservations about the initiative. I worried that we were trying too hard to ask Israeli society to accept our culture. I preferred to fight against racism and promote equality in education and employment.

I am glad I did not actively oppose this initiative. The association's staff lobbied successfully, and the Knesset enacted a law to designate Sigd a national holiday in 2008. Over time I realized that there is no full integration without recognition, no equality without belonging. The fight for Sigd was an integral part

of our struggle.

Once the law came into effect, the celebration of Sigd flowered. Every school and community center that values multiculturalism invites Ethiopian-Israelis to come talk about Sigd and dedicates a day of learning about the "Ethiopian community," including the schools in which I worked, and where my children studied. I often spoke on these days, still ambivalent. Years later, these schools still asked me and my children to participate. I refused, explaining that these schools cannot rely on my family and volunteerism alone, and that Sigd programming must come from the schools as an integral part of their mission.

Released from the duties of school ceremonies, I turned inward. I focused on the celebration in my home with my immediate and extended family. Together, we have renewed an old tradition where those who live closest to the Sigd ceremony host those who come from further away. My apartment in the Baka neighborhood transforms into a special place for family and friends who come to Jerusalem for the holiday. With each Sigd, I learn more and more about the essence of the holiday and its role in our lives.

The heart of Sigd is in the renewal of the covenants between a person and God, a person and the community, and a person and society. The day's customs reflect and strengthen these bonds — charity, togetherness, singing, dancing and communal meals. Rabbi Sharon Shalom argues that Sigd was an ancient holiday that was once celebrated by all Jewish communities and subsequently forgotten. Only Beta Israel, Ethiopian Jews, continued to celebrate and preserve Sigd.

This year I am away from home again, in residence at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. We celebrated Sigd with friends, far away from Jerusalem's mountains. It is a strange feeling to see all the many invitations and publications about Sigd celebrations on social media. I long for our home in Jerusalem, that, this year, will not be open to all our family and friends who come to us for the Sigd. Hopefully, soon we will return. ●

Shula Mola is an Israeli civil and human rights activist and educator and a 2021-2022 postdoctoral fellow at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University.

Why Judaism Prohibits Cash Bail



BY BOB LANKIN

WHAT IS “CASH BAIL” exactly?

Nearly a half-million people are sitting in jails each day in the United States, even though they are legally innocent of the crime with which they have been charged. (In our legal system, we are innocent until proven guilty).

Most jurisdictions in the country operate a cash bail system in which the court determines the amount of money that a person has to pay to secure their release from detention. The cash amount serves as collateral to ensure that the defendant appears in court.

In effect, cash bail criminalizes poverty, as people who cannot afford bail are detained while they await trial.

Accordingly, the person is incarcerated before trial, but not because of guilt; the person is incarcerated for being poor. This criminalizes poverty, disproportionately hurting people of color, the unemployed and other marginalized people.

Another defendant who is accused of a crime under the same circumstances gets released because this defendant

has, or can obtain, the money to pay bail.

Washington, D.C. was the first or one of the first jurisdictions in the United States to end cash bail. When a person is first arrested there, they are not automatically released. The person is brought before a judge to determine the disposition before the trial. If a judge determines that the person is too dangerous to society, the person is incarcerated. All others are released on the promise to appear for trial.

In the last decade, New Jersey also ended cash bail on a similar model.

While various jurisdictions have different results with ending cash bail, as a rule of thumb, the average has been that around 85% of all arrested people are released before trial. More than 80% of those people appear on time for trial, and perhaps half of the others will appear in the weeks thereafter.

This result is not significantly worse than the failure-to-appear rates in jurisdictions that retain cash bail.

With new technology including telephone call reminders, jurisdictions ending cash bail have found good results. DC Superior Court Judge Truman Morrison, quoted in The Washington Post in 2016, put it this way: “There is no evidence you need money to get people to court. It’s irrational, ineffective, unsafe and profoundly unfair.”

If you think about it, cash bail is not a good system to make us safer.

People who oppose ending it say that it is too dangerous to release arrested people and that they should stay incarcerated. But in the jurisdictions that have ended cash bail, judges have the authority not to release people they deem too dangerous. So, we are really talking about the people who the judges don’t deem too dangerous

Do we accept the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty? If so, all of these arrested people are innocent. Do we really want to incarcerate innocent people before trial?

Whether you do or don’t, cash bail frees those with money to get released and incarcerates the rest. So we are not incarcerating people for the offense; we are incarcerating them for being poor.

Whether our modern rabbis are talking about it or not, that is against Judaism.

Jewish writings do not talk much about incarcerating people; after all, those writings were written over more than 3,000 years. Modern prisons are barely 200 years old. But Jewish writings are loaded with teachings about not persecuting poor people:

Deuteronomy 15:11: You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and the poor in your land.

Proverbs 31:8-9: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and the needy.

Isaiah 1:17: Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.

No reader can make a case that Judaism condones persecuting poor people, but that is what cash bail does.

This is not a technicality. According to the Prison Population Initiative, around 470,000 unconvicted people are incarcerated in the United States. If 85% were released before trial, we would incarcerate around 400,000 less on any given day.

It is hard to find another law that, if changed, would result in a greater impact in ending mass incarceration.

In Pennsylvania, we have 63 county jails where a majority of the inmates are there because they can’t post bail. Abolishing cash bail would enable us to close 30 or 40 of them.

One of the most important principles of Judaism is not persecuting and oppressing poor people. Accordingly, it is time for all of us to stand up against the principle of cash bail. •

Bob Lankin is an advocate and speaker for criminal justice reform. He serves as the outside coordinator of the Jewish congregation at SCI Phoenix in Montgomery County and serves on the Criminal Justice Initiative for the Jewish Council on Public Affairs.

KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Conflict Not About Contested Territory

THE BARRAGE OF HAMAS rockets indiscriminately fired into Israel last May was not about a “conflict over contested territory” as stated in Jarrad Saffren’s article “How Bad is Local Campus Antisemitism?” (Nov. 4).

It is part of Hamas’ mission to destroy Israel in accordance with the Hamas Covenant of 1988, which states, “Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it.”

Jewish students on college campuses should use this when arguing for Israel’s right to defend itself. •

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A Modern-Day Miracle: Ways to Safely Celebrate Chanukah this Year

SMELLS OF LATKES and sufganiyot sizzling in oil, the sweet chocolate taste of gelt, ever-spinning dreidel tops and the warmth of the menorah — yes, it is indeed that festive time of year again. Chanukah is coming early in 2021 with the first night fast approaching on Sunday, Nov. 28.

While Chanukah commemorates the miracle of the oil lasting eight nights, this year marks a modern-day miracle. Community members are once again able to come together and celebrate this holiday in person, a beloved tradition missed dearly since the pandemic began. The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and its neighborhood Kehillot are providing safe, family-friendly opportunities for the whole community to partake in the Festival of Lights.

Visit jewishphilly.org/hanukkah-guide for the full roundup of community events and registration details.

Shine a Light on Antisemitism

Tuesday, Nov. 30 | 11 a.m.
Love Park; Arch Street, Philadelphia

Celebrate Chanukah through advocating and sharing in the light of love and acceptance for the Jewish people. As part of a national initiative, the Jewish Federation is organizing an event to raise awareness of the danger of antisemitism in all of its modern-day forms. This year, stand together in person or virtually with the Jewish Federation, ADL, AJC, local politicians and other organizations to shine a light on these issues and dispel the darkness of hate.

Old York Road Community Chanukah Lighting

Tuesday, Nov. 30 | 5 p.m.
Baederwood Shoppes on the Fairway in Jenkintown

The third night's the charm when it comes to Chanukah festivities. Join the Old York Road community for an outside candle-lighting. The menorah

will not be the only part of this celebration to light up the night. Local cantors will bring the warmth and joy of the holiday through Chanukah songs. Gifts will be available for adults and kids who register before Sunday, Nov. 28. The rain date for this event is Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Center City Kehillah Chanukah Candle-Lighting

Wednesday, Dec. 1 | 5:15 p.m.
Rittenhouse Square Park; 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

Show your Chanukah love in the hub of the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. Perfect for the whole family, make the fourth night of Chanukah one for the holiday memory books by joining the Center City community for a joyous and meaningful candle lighting in Rittenhouse Square Park. To make the night even sweeter, there will be sufganiyot (jelly donuts).

Bucks County Community Candle-Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 2 | 5-6 p.m.
Shady Brook Farm; 931 Stony Hill Road, Yardley

Now, what could make a happier Chanukah than Shady Brook Farm?! All are welcome to join the Bucks County community for the fifth night of Chanukah, and enjoy crafts, singing, candle-lighting and goody bags. This program is sponsored by the Bucks County Kehillah, Temple Micah and Shady Brook Farm.

Spreading the Light

Saturday, Dec. 4 | 6 p.m.
Kaiserman JCC; 45 Haverford Road, Wynnwood

Light the night for the seventh evening of Chanukah. Join the Lower Merion Kehillah, Israeli American Council, Adath Israel and Kaiserman JCC for Havdalah, a light show, DJ, prizes, art contest and other goodies. This community-wide event will



▲ Chanukah is from Nov. 28-Dec. 6, and the Jewish Federation's neighborhood Kehillot are offering safe, in-person opportunities to celebrate across Greater Philadelphia.

Courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

feature special guest Linda White, the founder and creator of Imagination Play Project, which provides opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage, design and connect with open-ended materials.

Chanukah Unite

Sunday, Dec. 5 | 3:30-6 p.m.
Temple University, Ambler Campus; 580 Meetinghouse Road, Ambler

Ready for an all-out Chanukah celebration?! Come out for the last night of the holiday and unite with the Buxmont synagogues, Chabad and the Kehillah for a festival spectacular. Fun for the whole community, cost of admission includes rides and games, entertainment and more. Plus, there will be a grand menorah lighting and kosher food for purchase.

Candle-Lighting at Boathouse Row

Sunday, Dec. 5 | 4 p.m.
Virtual Program

If you want to celebrate Chanukah with your community, but are not ready

for in-person programming — do not worry; we have you covered! The City of Philadelphia will have a virtual experience, led by the Jewish Federation, for its annual candle-lighting at Boathouse Row this year.

Northeast Jewish Life Community Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 5 | 6 p.m.
Hosted by House of Kosher; 9806 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia

Show your ruach with Northeast Jewish Life. All are welcome to come and enjoy music by Eliyahu Bass, latkes and other nosh by House of Kosher, and candle-lighting by various community members.

The Kehillot are part of the Jewish Federation's neighborhood initiative to foster a vibrant Jewish community throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. To learn more about your Kehillah or community group, contact Rachel Berger, director of Jewish life and learning, at rberger@jewishphilly.org.



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FOOD

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I'VE ALWAYS LOVED Thanksgiving because it invites all Americans to the table, regardless of their religion or ethnicity.

When I grew up, back in the 20th century, life was less competitive than it is now, more Norman Rockwell than Top Chef. Because Thanksgiving recipes were traditional and wholesome, varying little from year to year, holiday foods were welcoming to kosher families.

I recall my mother roasting a turkey, merely seasoning it with salt and pepper. Admittedly, she served cranberries straight from the can, but the mushrooms, celery and onions in her stuffing were fresh. Early on, she perfected her baked yams and string bean casserole, never veering from these recipes.

No one expected my mother to regularly reinvent the Thanksgiving menu and up the ante every year. No one expected her to become a dazzling gourmet chef on a holiday celebrating the harvest.

However, with the rise in recent decades of television cooking shows and food magazines featuring gratuitously lavish recipes, even for Thanksgiving, simple fare is passé. Yesterday's recipes don't impress an audience hungry to wow the guests at their table. While many chic new dishes are resplendent in cream, butter, cheese and bacon, causing some people to swoon, they aren't practical for kosher cooks preparing a turkey dinner.

However, there are foods to serve on Thanksgiving that are as mouthwatering as they are stunning. Try roasting a turkey sprinkled with rosemary, sage and thyme. Simmer a pot of cranberries and oranges, sauté zucchini in zesty ginger and garlic, and whip pumpkin into a soufflé. And yes, in case you're wondering, these sensational recipes are kosher.

PUMPKIN SOUFFLÉ | PAREVE
Serves 4-5 per soufflé, or 8-10 in all

Equipment: food processor,

plus two 6-cup oven-proof soufflé dishes or deep casseroles

Nonstick vegetable spray
1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin, divided in half
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup, plus $\frac{3}{4}$ cup almond milk
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon, plus $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon allspice and cardamom
 $\frac{3}{8}$ teaspoon, plus $\frac{3}{8}$ teaspoon cinnamon
 $2\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoons, plus $2\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoons flour
 $\frac{3}{8}$ cup, plus $\frac{3}{8}$ cup sugar
3 eggs, plus 3 eggs
6 tablespoons, plus 6 tablespoons melted unsalted margarine

Coat the two soufflé dishes with nonstick spray. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.

You are going to make two soufflés. Start by fitting a food processor with a metal blade. Into the bowl of the food processor, place half the can of pumpkin, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup almond milk, $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon allspice and cardamom, $\frac{3}{8}$ teaspoon cinnamon, $2\frac{1}{4}$ tablespoons flour, $\frac{3}{8}$ cup sugar, 3 eggs and 6 tablespoons of melted unsalted margarine. Process



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until all the ingredients are well combined. Move them to one of the prepared soufflé dishes. Then repeat the process with the remaining half of the ingredients and fill the second soufflé dish.

Place both soufflé dishes in the oven and bake them for 45 minutes or until the edges are slightly brown and the centers are cooked through. Serve immediately.

Or to make ahead, cool to room temperature, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Return the dish to room temperature. Heat your oven

to 350 degrees F and place the soufflés inside until they are bubbling at the edges.

Note: When served immediately, the soufflés puff up. They never reach the same height when reheated.

STUFFING WITH THE WORKS | MEAT

Serves 8-10 as a side dish

Equipment: 8-cup soufflé dish or equivalent deep ovenproof casserole

3 chicken bouillon cubes
Nonstick vegetable spray



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- 1½ pounds sliced peasant bread or sourdough bread
- 8 ounces of mushrooms of any kind, sliced
- 6 celery stalks, diced
- 1 large onion diced
- 1-2 Granny Smith apples, cored, skinned and diced
- 1 teaspoon each: rosemary, thyme and sage, or more if desired

Place the bouillon cubes into a 1-quart Pyrex dish or other heatproof item. Bring 4 cups of water to a boil and pour it into the Pyrex. Stir the mixture occasionally until the bouillon cubes dissolve. Reserve.

Coat the soufflé dish with nonstick spray. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Place all of the ingredients — except the chicken broth — in a very large bowl. Mix all the ingredients together.

Gradually drizzle in the chicken broth a little at a time, stopping and stirring as you add it. Once the mixture sticks together, forming a pasty mass, stop adding the chicken broth. Use the remainder for another purpose.

Spoon the stuffing into the prepared soufflé dish. The stuffing can be made to this point up to three days in advance if covered and refrigerated. Bring the stuffing to room temperature before proceeding. Place the soufflé dish in the oven and heat it until it is bubbling. Serve immediately.

CRANBERRY-ORANGE SAUCE | PAREVE
Serves 8

- 1 (12-ounce bag) cranberries
- 1 orange

- ½ (15-ounce box) raisins
- 1½ cups sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Place the cranberries in a colander and rinse them under cold water. Discard any shriveled cranberries. Move the cranberries to a large pot. Pour in enough water to barely cover the cranberries. Cover the pot and simmer the cranberries on a medium flame until they start to pop open.

Meanwhile, cut the orange in half. Cut the halves into thick slices and then cut the slices into wedges. Leave the skin on.

When the cranberries are popping, add the orange wedges, raisins, sugar and cinnamon. Mix until combined. Cover the pot again and reduce the flame to medium-low. Simmer until the water reduces, creating a

gloppy sauce. If, at any point, the cranberry mixture starts to stick to the pot, lower the flame and add a tablespoon or two of water. Cool the mixture briefly. Then add the nuts, mixing well.

Bring the cranberry-orange sauce to room temperature. Place it in a container with a cover and refrigerate until serving. This can be made 2 days ahead. Remove the sauce from the refrigerator an hour before serving. Display the cranberry sauce in a glass bowl.

SAUTÉED ZUCCHINI WITH GINGER | PAREVE
Serves 6-8

- 3 zucchini
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 shallots, peeled and sliced thin
- 2½ inches of ginger root, peeled, diced and then chopped fine

- 4 cloves garlic, chopped fine
- Kosher salt to taste

Cut the zucchini into pieces the shape of fat carrot sticks. Start by cutting each zucchini into thirds crosswise, so there are 3 barrel-shaped chunks. Cut each barrel in half lengthwise. Then cut each half lengthwise again into 4-5 pieces. Reserve.

In a large skillet, heat the oil on a medium-low flame. Add the shallots, ginger and garlic. Sprinkle with salt and sauté until wilted. Add the zucchini and continue to sauté, stirring every few minutes. Sauté until the zucchini are soft on the outside but slightly firm on the inside.

Serve immediately or prepare a couple of hours ahead and briefly reheat before serving. •



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"Our Country Friends" Makes Pandemic Palatable

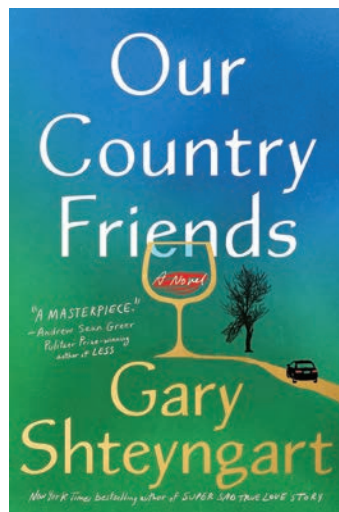
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"Our Country Friends"
Gary Shteyngart
Penguin Random House

FOR GARY SHTEYNGART, who wrote about the painful adult consequences of his botched circumcision in the Oct. 4 issue of *The New Yorker*, no issue seems to be off-the-table when it comes to writing topics.

Shteyngart's new novel "Our Country Friends," published on Nov. 2, is no exception, taking the hairy milieu of 2020 — the pandemic, the June Black Lives Matter protests and cancel culture, whose proximity to current times may make readers squirm — and turning it into a refreshing, hopeful, yet crushing, narrative.

Sasha Senderovsky, an aloof and past-prime professor and writer, is the landowner of a "bungalow colony," in upstate New York, his dilapidated



property dotted with felled branches after early-spring storms.

At the onset of the pandemic, he's joined by a flock of hand-picked guests, many of whom Senderovsky has known since high school: the CEO of a popular dating app site; an adjunct professor-turned-short-order cook with a chunk of lung missing thanks to a run-in with lung cancer; a former student who catches the eye of many of the "colonists"; a friendly rival whose worldliness and culinary aptitude are both charming and overrated; the unnamed Actor

who is haughty and laughably self-serious.

While Senderovsky tries to escape with his guests, his anxiety continues to bubble as he manages financial woes, a house in disrepair and a growing paranoia of white supremacists learning of his Soviet Jewish identity, as well as the Korean, Gujarati and Turkish identities of his guests.

By the wayside falls his wife Masha, a psychiatrist whose patients include geriatric COVID-denying, Soviet Jewish conspiracists and, not formally, hers and Senderovsky's 8-year-old Nat, née Natasha, who is herself grappling with who she is during the pandemic, with only her love of Korean boy band BTS seeming to remain static.

Sheyngart projects his own Ashkenazi sensibilities onto Senderovsky — both Sheyngart and his protagonist hail from Leningrad, both born in 1972. But while Shteyngart has enough pop culture savviness to pump the book chock-full of allusions, Senderovsky fails to connect with his fellow bungalow colonists with his head-scratching references to

Russian literature.

Within the bungalow colony's own isolated habitat, Senderovsky is his own island.

"Our Country Friends" is a nod to the collective disorientation felt by Americans at the start of that spring. Masha policed guests about maintaining distancing, masking and militantly wearing blue latex gloves. Guests sat coldly outside for dinners, chairs dragged the appropriate distance from one another.

Shteyngart likes to whisper at his readers through cracks in the fourth wall, drawing our attention to an em-dash and why he's decided to use it. He knows his writing hits a little too close to home and uses it as an excuse to usher in generous familiarity and intimacy with us.

And it's difficult to resist Shteyngart's romantic, but realistic, portrayal of last year, especially when scenes from an isolated and bucolic upstate New York are replicated in Philadelphia and across the country.

Forests of "Black Lives Matter" and "Hate Has No Home Here" signs line up on one side of the streets in Senderovsky's sprawling neighborhood, with "All Lives Matter" signs and black-and-white-and-blue-striped American flags lining the other. Mysterious black vans with xenophobic iconography disappear and reappear, their presence threatening the delicate homeostasis the colonists have worked hard to maintain.

A trip to the countryside to escape the virus was still not immune to its deep social impacts. Nightly elaborate Mediterranean feasts and copious imbibing gave way to a host of salacious affairs, secrets, nightmares and sickness.

Nat worries that she is a

member of "Generation L" — the "L" is for "last" — as the climate crisis comes to a head, but the guests seem to sober as they realize they may all be of this generation, regardless of the 40-plus-year age gap among them.

Even the cultural elite must reckon with their decision to escape up the Hudson River while those in the city continue to die. They have guilt for leaving, guilt for living.

Shteyngart is ambitious in his novel. He takes such a distal locale and group of people and makes them feel so close to the reader. But even more impressive is Shteyngart's ability to tackle a national conversation that not only began in the not-so-distant-past, but that is also ongoing, and to do so with wit, tenderness and honesty.

After 19 months of shrugging off COVID-related media, dismissing it as trite, overdone or just plain painful to see, readers can now hopefully find solace in confronting the totally bizarre, still not-quite-normal, experience of enduring a global pandemic, if only in the pages of "Our Country Friends."

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Gabriel Allon Does Gabriel Allon-like Things

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"The Cellist"
Daniel Silva
HarperCollins

Israeli intelligence officer/art restorer Gabriel Allon is back —and anyone who's ever read one of Daniel Silva's books knows what that means.

Bad guys (often Arabs and, increasingly, Russians). Duplicity. Action sequences.

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'Camp Confidential' Asks If Ends Justify Means

TELEVISION

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

WHEN ARNO MAYER joined the Army in 1944 after fleeing France from Nazi clutches, he expected to exact revenge on the regime later responsible for the genocide of his Jewish family.

Riding on a bus with other trepidation-filled young Jewish soldiers, Mayer braced himself to arrive at an airfield, to be shipped to Europe to fight battles against the Nazis in the waning war.

Instead, Mayer, with a select group of other German-speaking soldiers, were taken to a place their superiors called "nothing": a place hidden from sight and from the world.

"Nothing" was really a clearing in the woods, a military base masquerading as a summer camp, complete with a swimming pool and ping-pong table. It was known as PO Box 1142.

Shortly after the arrival of Mayer and his peers, a group of German officers, many with Nazi affiliations and including the ranks of rocket scientist Wernher von Braun, arrived as prisoners of war. The soldiers were instructed first to interrogate, but then to simply keep the Third Reich soldiers happy; they would serve an important role in the World War II victory.

Nearly all camp archives were destroyed along with its campus in 1946, but the oral histories of the participating soldiers were preserved and are now available to discover in the quasi-animated documentary short "Camp Confidential: America's Secret Nazis," now streaming on Netflix.

Israel-based filmmaker Mor Loushy remembers hearing the 2006 National Park Service archival tapes from PO Box 1142 officers for the first time in 2019 when she was approached by producers Benjamin and Jono Bergmann to help direct

the documentary with partner Daniel Sivan.

"It was pretty chilling," Loushy said.

Loushy recounts one of the first tapes she heard, which is featured in the film: Around Christmastime, the soldiers were asked by superiors to take the German officers to a department store to buy holiday presents for their families in Germany.

The officers almost unanimously decided to buy skimpy undergarments for their wives with their \$1,000 budget.

But beyond their roles of glorified babysitters, the "morale officers" at PO Box 1142 had an even more sinister task. Their spoiling of the German officers was a gentle prodding for valuable information on the country's V-2 rocket production.

"They were already preparing for the Cold War, even before the world understood it," Loushy said.

In exchange for their intel, the German officers were promised naturalization for them and their families and immunity from war crime charges.

"Camp Confidential" asks the audience less to make a judgment call on whether the young Jewish soldiers made the right decision in succumbing to help in the furtive military agenda and more to question if PO Box 1142 was a justifiable operation in the first place.

"It goes back to the question of whether you can do bad things to achieve good ends," said Peter Weiss, another Jewish soldier, in the film. "And I would say that if you do that, then the end that you achieve is not worthwhile."

Mayer and Weiss aside, many morale officers took the classified information of PO Box 1142 to their graves. Mayer and Weiss were even hesitant to share their experiences on film, nearly 75 years after their time at the camp.

"Most of them didn't tell the [experience in PO Box 1142] to their wives, their kids, their

families," Loushy said. "They kept it a secret. It was very difficult for them."

The documentary, which began production pre-pandemic in 2019, was released at an opportune time, Loushy said. Though PO Box 1142 was operational three-fourths of a century ago, its newly-learned existence prompts the film's audience to question what is happening in their own countries; what secrets are still being kept?

Loushy believed "Camp Confidential" is deeply relevant.

"This message was really universal," Loushy said. "Even today, I think, you know, the U.S. and so many other countries are cooperating with dark regimes. To what extent are you willing to cooperate and to do unethical



▲ Arno Mayer, a Jewish Holocaust refugee, joined the Army in 1944, expecting to exact revenge on Nazi forces. Courtesy of Netflix

and immoral things in order to achieve good things?"

"Camp Confidential" adds to the conversation about what "Never Again" truly means.

If valuable information about WWII, the Holocaust and American Jews' role in the war is still being unveiled, how will

we choose to respond "in order to make a better society and to not repeat the crimes that happened in history, to learn something from our history?" Loushy wondered. ●

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The Ladder: An Opportunity to Climb

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BY RABBI LEVI LANGER

Parshat Vayetzei

IN THIS WEEK'S Torah reading, we are told of our forefather Jacob who, fleeing from his brother Esau, stops in Bethel to spend the night there. While sleeping, he sees a vision of a ladder stretching from the earth to the heavens, with celestial angels climbing and descending the ladder.

Rabbi Chaim of Volozhin, a great Jewish leader and kabbalist at the turn of the 19th century, writes that in this vision, Jacob was taught a profound lesson: He was shown that he, himself a mortal human, was really a

towering figure stretching to the heavens, whose every action determined even the activities of the angels.

And it wasn't just about Jacob, adds Rabbi Chaim: This idea holds true for each and every one of us as well.

Though we may think we are unimportant and that our deeds are insignificant, in reality we serve as the linchpin which holds together all of creation, from the earth to the heavens — and even the angels in heaven are impacted by the things we do and the choices we make.

Perhaps there is an additional lesson here as well. Up to this point Jacob had been comfortably ensconced in

the home of his father, Isaac, living without any cares. But henceforth Jacob was to enter a new chapter in his life. He would encounter hardships and challenges at every step, and his relative Laban would attempt to trick him and defraud him numerous times.

It would have been easy for Jacob to succumb to despair, to give up in the face of all the difficulties. That is why the Almighty sent him a powerful message at this moment: It is precisely at times like these, when we're beset by challenges, that the choices we make, and the effort we put into doing things right, are most important. In fact, Jacob's most productive period in terms of

spiritual growth would occur at this time, when he had to keep strong to maintain his faith and his beliefs, and not allow his personal goals to be undermined.

This is a recurring theme that we encounter with numerous great figures in Scripture. Moses had a speech defect. David was scorned and looked down upon by his brothers. Each of these individuals confronted their challenges, and undeterred they resolutely followed their chosen path to accomplish their goals. Each became a heroic figure whose living example illuminates our own path to this very day.

It was to be a long and hard road ahead, but at the beginning

of his journey Jacob was shown the image of the ladder along with its message: This very moment, as he began to confront the obstacles in his life, he was being offered the opportunity to climb to great heights.

And so, too, with each of us as we face our own challenges. We, too, may find comfort in the image of the ladder, which tells us of the road ahead, which won't be easy, but which will provide us with opportunities to grow and become better people. •

Rabbi Levi Langer is the dean of the Kollel Jewish Learning Center in Pittsburgh. This column is a service of the Vaad Harabanim of Greater Pittsburgh.

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Books

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Global intrigue. A generally satisfying conclusion.

In a sense, Silva offers us the fast food of the literature world: It's reliable, satisfies a basic need and it doesn't challenge you. It's a formula that obviously works, considering that it's Silva's 10th straight offering to top The New York Times Bestseller List. Silva's books appear like clockwork, a new novel dropping every year.

Nor is Silva any different from other successful authors who ply the same formula with spy or cop protagonists, such as Brad Thor (Scot Harvath), Jonathan Kellerman (Alex Delaware), Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Aloysius Pendergast), Lee Child (Jack Reacher) and countless others.

Allon's added appeal to Jewish readers, of course, is that he's an Israeli.

This time around, we learn that our protagonist spent the first part of the pandemic traveling the world



to buy black-market ventilators, protective clothing and testing materials for use in Israeli hospitals. Before long, though, he's back to his usual secretive ways, even if frequent pandemic references are made.

Allon learns of the murder in London of Russian exile billionaire, Viktor Orlov, who once saved his life. British intelligence believes an investigative reporter from an anti-Kremlin newspaper is the culprit, but Allon is skeptical — with good cause.

As the story unwinds, Allon travels the world to uncover

the truth, eventually landing in Geneva and facing off against the Haydn Group, whose goal is to divide the United States (it's not divided enough today?), leaving Russia atop the global food chain.

In his acknowledgments, Silva notes that he began writing "The Cellist" in the late summer of 2020 — well before the Jan. 6 insurrection — but "resolved to include the near death of American democracy in my story of Russia's relentless war on the West. I jettisoned my existing ending and rewrote much of my manuscript in a span of six weeks."

It's a good thing he did because the ending is gripping. As Mark Twain famously said, "Truth is stranger than fiction," and, these days, it's often hard to believe some of the news events taking place.

In summary, if you've liked reading about Gabriel Allon in the past, chances are you'll like doing so now. •

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMAJH Names New Board Co-Chairs

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM of American Jewish History named Sharon Tobin Kestenbaum and Joseph S. Zuritsky as co-chairpersons of its board of trustees.

Kestenbaum is the first woman chair or co-chair of the NMAJH board, on which she has served since 2011.

She is president of Bala Properties Group, Inc., an investment and management company in regional real estate. She co-chairs the museum's Strategic Advancement and Development Committees and chaired its 2020 Only in America Gala & Auction. Kestenbaum is the vice chair of the board of directors at Children's Crisis Treatment Center and is nominated to become the chair beginning in January.

Zuritsky has been a NMAJH board member since 1993. He and his late wife, Renée Zuritsky, were honored at the museum's 2018 Only in America Gala.

Zuritsky is chairman and CEO of Parkway Corp. He's served on the boards of the Philadelphia African American Museum, the American Jewish Committee, the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, the National Liberty Museum, the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia, the American Technion Society, and the Philadelphia Parking Association. He is the past president and chairman of the National Parking Association, past president of the Jewish National Fund and founder and former chairman of the Center City District.

In addition, after nine years, first as co-chair with the late Ron Rubin and later as chair, Phil Darivoff has become chairperson emeritus and trustee.

Israeli Lyricist Noam Horev to Visit Philadelphia

Israeli contemporary lyricist Noam Horev will appear at Congregation Mikveh Israel at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 as part of his North American tour. Tickets are \$35.

Noam Horev, 37, has created hits for top Israeli artists and is an award winner with the Society of Authors, Composers and Musical Publishers in Israel, also known as ACUM, and is author of "Tiyuta Shel Osher."

Noam, who was born with a paralyzed hand, grew up and was educated in Afula.

In the show, he tells his personal story — from when he was a child with a dream to write songs through the struggles along the way until he became a sought-after lyricist in Israel.

He tells the stories behind his best-known songs ("Matanot Ktanot," "Isha Charsina" and others), relates anecdotes about the Israeli music industry and shares the songwriting and publishing process.

PCOM President Honored

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine announced that President and CEO Jay S. Feldstein is the recipient of the American Osteopathic Association's 2021 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Unification Award.

The inaugural award recognizes exemplary leadership and commitment to promoting and advancing diversity,



▲ Sharon Tobin Kestenbaum

Courtesy of Wistar Institute



▲ Joseph S. Zuritsky

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equity and inclusion efforts in the osteopathic community. The award was presented virtually on Oct. 23 during the Osteopathic Medical Education Conference.

Feldstein, who has led PCOM since 2014, formed the President's Commission on Racial Justice: Transforming Campus Culture, a cross-campus coalition created to advance PCOM's commitment to inclusion and launched the 2025 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Plan to embed diversity, equity and inclusion at PCOM.

Jewish Soccer Coach Leads Masterman High School to First Championship Win

Jewish coach Tyler Weiss led the Julia R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School boys' soccer team to its first-ever Public League championship on Oct. 27 against Abraham Lincoln High School. The Masterman team won 2-1 in double overtime during

the championship match.

According to Weiss, more than a third of the team's players are Jewish, including the goalkeeper, who saved two of four penalty shots during a semifinal game against Central High School on Sept. 27, securing the Masterman win.

Upon winning the game, players rushed into the crowd of more than 250 people with tears in their eyes, Weiss said.

"Jewish athletes are always undermined," Weiss said. "This just showed they don't need to be undermined anymore."

This is Weiss' first year coaching at Masterman High School. He coached Team Israel in this year's Philadelphia International Unity Cup. Masterman had its first match in the state tournament on Nov. 9. ●

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb and Sasha Rogelberg



The Masterman soccer team

Courtesy of Tyler Weiss

DEATH NOTICES

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Zelda "Celia" Diamond, beloved mother of Martin and Judith Abrahamson and Iris and Bud Polatsch, passed away peacefully November 1, 2021, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 100. Born in Glasgow, Scotland on January 13, 1921, she was the daughter of Jessie and Louis Steinberg and the sister of Leah, Joe, Esther and Morris. Celia was the devoted grandmother of Ross, Sari, Lauren and Justine and was the adoring great grandmother of Dylan, Sophia, Jodi, Dean, Max and Zoe. She was the former wife of the late Alex Abrahamson and the widow of Edward Diamond. Celia lived a long and full, independent life, filled with love of family and friends in three countries- Scotland, Israel and the United States. She most recently found a wonderful group of friends at Paul's Run, where she was actively involved in the community. Playing bridge at her son Martin's house was the highlight of her week, and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren as often as possible. Celia returned both to Glasgow and to Israel for special trips where she was reunited with family and friends. And at age 93, she became a bat mitzvah! She was a strong, vibrant, determined woman who will be greatly missed.

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FERRARO

Our family is deeply saddened to share the passing of Rabbi Miriam (Mimi) Polin Ferraro on October 29, 2021. After a long and courageous fight with cancer, and with her family surrounding her, she left peacefully on Friday evening, just before Shabbat. She is survived by husband Stephen Ferraro, daughters Jocelyn (Zachary) Spitz, Allyson (Zachary) Beyer, Erica Ferraro, son Benjamin Ferraro, and grandsons Owen and Dylan Spitz. Mimi is also survived by her sisters Carol (Yossi) Sheffer, and Sandra (Michael) Goldberg, her nieces and nephews, and their families. Mimi received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy from Temple University, her Master's degree, as well as her Doctorate in Jewish Education from Gratz College, and her Rabbinic degree from Reconstructing Judaism (formerly known as Reconstructionist Rabbinical College). Among her many accomplishments, she was heavily involved in the Jewish community for most of her life. She will be greatly missed for her devotion to her family, friends, and the Jewish community. All donations in Mimi's memory can be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center or the Amanda Sham Resource Center at Old York Road Temple Beth Am. Our family takes great comfort in knowing that Mimi is no longer in pain. May she forever be remembered for her humor, warmth, wisdom, courage, and strength, and may she forever rest peacefully.

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FRIEDMAN

Ivan "Barry" Friedman on October 31, 2021. Husband of MeriLyn, brother of Wendy (Jack) Stein and Darlene (Marv) Weinstein; also survived by a niece and nephews. Mr. Friedman was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and a teacher for 37 years at Abington High School. Funeral Services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GOODMAN

Josie Goodman (nee Cohen), November 2, 2021, of Philadelphia, PA. Graduate of Temple University. Attended La Sorbonne in Paris. Thinker, world traveler, dancer, and proud multi-lingual ambassador of Philadelphia. She loved life and art and never stopped chasing it. Mother of Michael (Susan) Leitman, Ruth (Steve Dixon) Leitman and Elliott (Silvia) Leitman; Mom-mom to Ben (Nicole), Jonathan, Amanda, Ella, Cole and Tori; sister of Paul (Sally) Cohen. Contributions in her memory may be made to Tikva Children's Home (tikvaodessa.org)

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GUTMAN

It is with profound sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Sylvia (Miller) Gutman on October 14, 2021, four months after her 100th birthday. Born on June 13, 1921 in Allentown, Pennsylvania to Philip and Pauline Taradash-Miller. Sylvia attended what was then known as Allentown High School graduating in the class of 1939. She thereafter attended Cedar Crest College. While in Allentown, Sylvia met her beloved Bernard "Bernie" Gutman whom she married in January of 1943. Sylvia and Bernie then moved to Bayonne, New Jersey to start a business together and raise a family. In 1955 Sylvia and Bernie moved back to Allentown, Pennsylvania to be closer to her family where she remained until 1986 when she moved to Tamarac, Florida until her recent passing. Sylvia is survived by her brother, Norman (Maxine) Miller, her children, Glenn (Arlene) Gutman, Richard (Linda) Gutman and Ellen (William) Cogan as well as three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Sylvia is also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Sylvia, indeed, lived a full and blessed life, devoted to her family to the very end. In lieu of contributions, Sylvia would have much more preferred that you do something kind for a friend, neighbor or elderly person.

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HAUSER

Frances E. Hauser (nee Eisman) Oct. 29, 2021, age 102 years, of Wynnewood, PA. Beloved wife of the late Herman Bernard Hauser. Loving mother of Warren J. Hauser and the late Carol Axelrod; caring sister of Sylvan (Bea) Eisman and devoted grandmother of Samantha (Kurt) Ekert, Michelle (Daniel) Scolnick, Stephanie (Matt) McMullen, Maximilian Hauser, Montana Hauser and Claude (Beau) Hauser; great-grandmother of Julia Ekert, Cole Ekert, Emily Scolnick and Olivia McMullen, also survived by her devoted former in-laws Gwen Hauser, Susanna Hauser and Robert Axelrod. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation (www.myeloma.org)

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HAVESON

Sandra (Penny) Haveson (nee Nichols), who devoted her adult life to bettering the lives of others, died Monday, November 1 at her residence in Haverford, PA. She was 86. Mrs. Haveson, MSW, was a licensed psychologist in private practice for several years in Yardley, Pa. During her dynamic life, she also entertained many people, charitably and professionally, with her talents at the piano. In addition, she gave generously with her time supporting causes related to victims of domestic abuse, cancer and hunger. She also served as acting director of the sisterhood at Adath Israel Synagogue in Trenton, NJ. She embarked on an early career in interior decoration, and her flare for statement fashion was admired by many. She is survived by her sister Judy Distell, daughter Cindy Haveson Velloric (Michael), and her sons Jeffrey (Annette) and Allen Haveson, and her four grandchildren. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

HERMAN

Allen Howard Herman, October 19, 2021; of Hatboro, PA. Husband of Linda (nee Sherman); Father of Robin Herman Slutsky, Dr. Eric Herman (Erica) and Gabriel Herman Esq. (Deena); Brother of the late Frank Herman (Joyce); Grandfather of Sheridan, Sam, Ezra, Nava, Yosef and Goldie. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to The Mesivta High School of Greater Philadelphia or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

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LEVY

Marvin E. Levy, on October 29, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (nee Dreifuss). Devoted father of Anne Berlin (the late Jeffrey), Carol Gerson (Mitchell), and Arthur Levy (Donna). Loving grandfather of Rachel Moir (Michael), Sam Berlin (Tara), Matthew Gerson (Asya), Emily Gerson, Jenny Gardony (Aaron), Rowan Levy, and Deborah Pedisich (Isaac). Adoring great-grandfather of Fiona, Reilly, Michael, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Ethan, and Aiden. Known for his sparkling wit, boundless kindness and stalwart dedication to those fortunate enough to be among his family, companions and friends. Marvin Levy was a proud veteran of WWII who served with the 716th Engineering Depot in Normandy, a research chemist with NACA – the precursor to NASA and DOD, and a lover of knowledge, travel, and humor. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish National Fund or Ohev Shalom of Bucks County.

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ROSENFELD

Helene Mae Rosenfeld (nee Kolansky), October 28, 2021, of Jenkintown, PA. Wife of the late Lester Rosenfeld. Mother of Eilyn P. Rosenfeld (Howard Landsman), Robert E. (Lauren) Rosenfeld and Stuart M. (Faye) Rosenfeld; Sister of Joan Shore (Leonard) Grandmother of Michele (Ryan), Stephanie (Christopher), Alayna (Benjamin), Samuel, Adam (Erica), Erica, David, Erik, Zachary and Ari. Great Grandmother of Jamie, Hunter, Dylan and Eli. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory be made to Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org)

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ROTH

Tema Roth (nee Feinsinger) Nov. 4, 2021, wife of Bernard, of Gladwyne; mother of Karen (Stewart) Cohen and Harry (Lisa Heller) Roth; sister of the late Anita Berman (Samuel), also survived by 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Graveside Service will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Bernard and Tema Roth Scholarship Fund at Har Zion Temple.

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SHAPIRO

Dorothy Shapiro (nee Sirota) on November 1, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Devoted mother of Mimi Shapiro and Bonnie (Michael) Adelman. Loving grandmother of Stephanie (David) Kriesman, Matthew Adelman and Jacob Shapiro. Adoring great grandmother. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice

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SHERR

Henry I. "Hank" Sherr, of Philadelphia, Washington DC and Wynnewood, PA gently took his last breath at home on November 1, 2021. He was almost 101 years of age. The consummate Daddy of Sandi Sherr (and Michael Sack). Dear brother of the late Louis Sherr and Samuel Sherr. Adoring and adored "Zadie" to his grandchildren Jacob (Erin) Sack, Myra (Matthew) Sack, and Leah (Mike) Sack as well as his great-grandchildren Kaia Lev Goldstein and Havi Lev Goldstein. Treasured uncle to his filial nephew, Sonny Sherr, and the extended Sherr family. Devoted husband of the late Edith Harris. Beloved "Hank" to the families of Stuart Harris, Denise (Bill) Harris, Wayne (Naomi) Harris; and to Erica Holden and Margo Newman. Father of Paul Sherr. Contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Or Zarua www.orzaru.org or to Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarrior.org. Funeral Services were private.

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STEIN

Judith Esther Stein (nee Klieman), of Potomac, MD, formerly of Philadelphia, PA. April 7, 1938-November 3, 2021. The 83 year-old educator received her Bachelor's Degree from Temple University and Master's Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Judy had an illustrious career working for the Montgomery County Board of Education. She shared her lifelong passion for teaching both in and outside the classroom. Students from her English classes were invited to share family meals and activities. Trips to museums, Broadway shows, and Shakespeare performances were frequent additions to their academic curriculums. She continued her own passion for learning throughout her retirement years with attendance at the OSH-ER Johns Hopkins Continuing Education program for more than 20 years. Judy had been a member and frequent attendee for almost 50 years at Congregation Har Shalom of Potomac, MD. Doing mitzvahs and offering support for their community was part of her way of giving back to so many who had given to her and her family. Judy was the daughter of

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the late Harriet and Paul Klieman. Beloved wife of Martin, devoted mother of Laura Stein and Jessica (Kyle) Solomon. Loving sister of Susan Klieman and Carol (Allen) Lowe and the late Dr. Charles H. Klieman. Amazing grandmother of Mason Solomon and Noa Solomon. Also survived by 4 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and nephews. Judy was surrounded by her loving family who provided endless care and comfort during her courageous battle with kidney and liver disease. Contributions in her memory may be made to GIVING.TEMPLE.EDU/JUDITHSTEIN.

SWARTZ

Jack Swartz, on November 1, 2021, at the age of 86. Beloved husband of Irma (nee Friedberg). Loving father of Debra, Craig, Karyn, and Valerie. Adored by grandchildren Gabrielle, Marc, Rebecca, Alexandra, and Aiden. Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org)

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TAYLOR

Philip Taylor, age 95, passed away October 29, 2021. He is survived by his nephew Howard Taylor (Marlene), his sister-in-law Judith Taylor, his niece Susan Schneider (Gregg), and his great-nieces Aubrey, Haley, and Lindsey. He was predeceased by his brother Jerome Taylor. Contributions in his memory may be made to Boys Town Jerusalem www.boystownjerusalem.org

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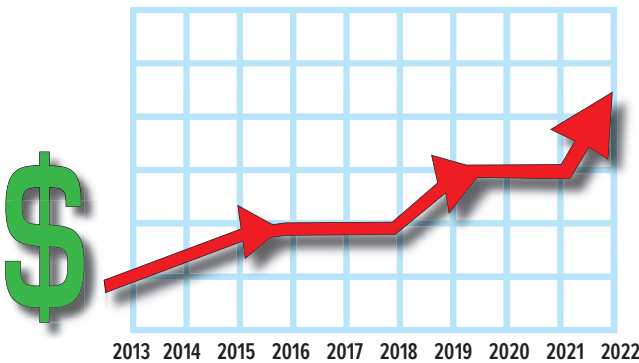
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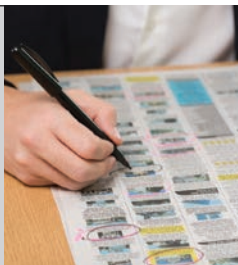
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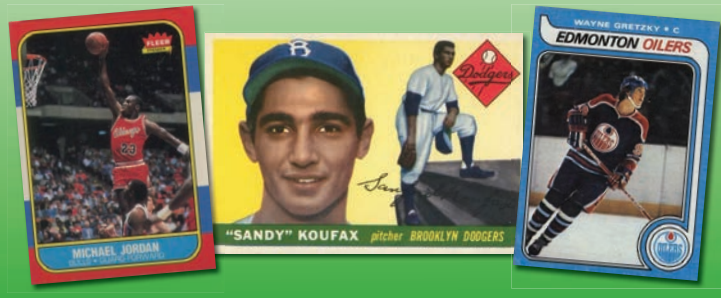
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grandparent she was closest with, her maternal grandmother Chana Kaiserman, painted a vivid picture of her journey to survival.

Kaiserman jumped off a train to Auschwitz and hid in a pig barn in Poland. When the Nazis stormed the place, she hid behind farm equipment.

After they left, the farmer found Kaiserman, but she bribed him with a piece of gold she had hidden in her mouth. He let her stay in the barn until she made her way to Germany as the war ended.

There, in a refugee camp, she met Oshman’s grandfather and they moved to, as the author put it, “Israel before there was a state of Israel.” Kaiserman told her granddaughter this story over and over.

For Oshman’s grandparents, Judaism was about community and survival. But religious traditions, like Shabbat dinner, were nonbinding.

“There wasn’t a lot of warmth, positivity and joy,” the author said. “I thought we were supposed to live in sadness and guilt.”

Oshman is 46 and, at 38, she realized she needed some warmth, positivity and joy. She was a corporate executive, the wife to her husband, Yair Oshman, and a mother of four.

But her perfect life was built on a shaky foundation. One mistake at work or home could make her feel broken, like she was letting down her parents, she said. Therapy and medication weren’t helping much.

“I never considered that

Judaism would have something for my mental health,” Oshman said.

But then she read “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankl and “anything written by Jonathan Sacks.” She also googled the meanings of Jewish holidays.

In the process, Oshman made an illuminating discovery.

“I had a Godly soul,” she said. “It gave me a sense of connection to something much larger than me.”

Slowly, she brought that sense to her family. The Oshmans began sitting down for Shabbat dinners.

One year into that tradition, they started putting away their iPhones. Later, Yair Oshman invented “the compliment game.”

Everyone at the table had to give every other person a compliment. At first, the kids couldn’t come up with anything for each other. But a couple months in, they started to thank each other for help with homework and other deeds.

Recently, Oshman’s son told her that, “Now that I know what saying something nice is, I see it all the time. Compliments.”

Oshman said her grandmother would be proud. Before the Holocaust, Kaiserman had Shabbat dinner with her family every Friday night in their village.

“The second generation needed to survive,” Oshman said of her parents and grandparents. “And the first, now we need to say, ‘Who are we?’” ●

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“It’s a lack of knowledge,” Schoep concluded.

That’s why it’s also incumbent upon Jews to not give up on these people, Israeli said.

“We have to love our neighbor,” he said. ●

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Neo-Nazi

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from another group, the falsehood often becomes clear.

With Beyond Barriers, Schoep is working with an ex-white nationalist in his 60s. The man has never met a Jewish person.

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NEWSMAKERS

Jonathan Rosenbaum, president emeritus and professor emeritus of Jewish studies at Gratz College, addressed a crowd of about 100 area residents at Ann's Choice in Warminster on Oct. 27. Rosenbaum was invited by the Jewish Residents' Council of Ann's Choice and discussed "How America Changed Judaism." His topics ranged from the first congregation in America, which opened in 1695, to the impact of World War II on transforming Jews into public leaders.



◀ Jonathan Rosenbaum talks to the crowd at Ann's Choice in Warminster on Oct. 27.

Photo by Bernie Roseman

About 50 area residents attended the Jewish National Fund-USA's recent family food truck event at Lemon Hill Playground. Since JNF-USA co-hosted the event with Moshava, an Israeli food truck, "the flavors of shawarma and falafel filled the air." At its first in-person gathering in two years, JNF-USA got the chance to discuss its environmental and nation-building projects in Israel.



◀ From left: Dahlia Silberg and Drew Rifkin settle in for a picnic during food truck day at Lemon Hill Playground.

▶ From left: Emily Orodener, Melissa Skolnick, Anna Fried and Cara Barsky enjoy food truck day.

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COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ FRIDAY, NOV. 12

Film Festival

Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival

(formerly Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival), presenter of the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival, will continue to bring Philadelphia film lovers the best in Jewish international cinema through its signature program: its two-week annual Fall Fest, which will both stream and screen films in-person through Nov. 20. Learn more at phillyjfm.org.

▼ SUNDAY, NOV. 14

JRA Food Distribution

Join **Jewish Relief Agency Philadelphia** from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for its food distribution. Grab a box and help pack boxes of food and critical household items for more than 6,800 individuals in our community coping with food insecurity. On Nov. 15-16 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., volunteers can sign up to deliver food and other items. Advanced registration is required at jewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road.

ADL Founder's Brunch

Join the **Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia** from 10 a.m.-noon at the Woodcrest Country Club for

the ADL's second annual Founder's Brunch, presenting the Sigmund Livingston Award. 300 E. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Veterans' Day

Congregation Mikveh Israel

Association President Fran Levy invites you to attend the annual Celebrate Veterans' Day program at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Join us as we honor all those who served our country. Call 215-922-5446 for more information. 44 N. 4th St.

Teen Empowerment

Jewish Family and Children's Service's Teen Empowerment

Program is designed to provide teens with a springboard to become future leaders in the community. The first of five virtual and in-person monthly sessions will be held at 11 a.m. \$180. For questions or more information, contact Brianna Torres at btorres@jfcspshilly.org or 267-256-2261. To register: jfcspshilly.org/tep.

Book Signing

Local author Dina Greenberg will be at **Inkwood Books** from 2-4 p.m. to sign copies of her novel "Nermina's Chance" which begins in 1992 Bosnia. The book addresses the aftermath of war, delving into issues

of intergenerational trauma. 106 Kings Hwy. E., Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Symphony Performance

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▼ MONDAY, NOV. 15

Mahjong Game

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El Sisterhood invites the community to join our weekly mahjong game at 7 p.m. Cost is \$36 per year or free with MBIEE Sisterhood membership. For more information, call 215-635-1505 or email office@mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

▼ TUESDAY, NOV. 16

LGBTQ Art Group

Explore your gender, your sexuality and your questioning nature through art-making from 4-5 p.m. The **Jewish Family and Children's Service** facilitators will provide a safe space to express feelings about

your identity, build self-esteem and find an increased sense of support. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcspshilly.org or call 267-273-6006. RSVP at jfcspshilly.org/supportgroups. Zoom link provided upon registration.

Career Mentor Panel

Calling all teens: Are you interested in learning more about a specific career? Join **Jewish Family and Children's Service** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom for a panel discussion to hear from experienced professionals in a variety of exciting fields. Contact Melissa Blackson at 215-356-1851 or mblackson@jfcspshilly.org.

Zionism Conversation

Join **Jewish National Fund-USA** at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom for a series of human interactions, short films, interviews, panel discussions and more, meant to facilitate a dialogue about progressivism and Zionism and its positive impact on many aspects of our lives. Register: jnf.org/convos.

▼ WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17

Book Talk

Har Zion Temple Sisterhood and Department of Lifelong Learning present the Open A Book, Open Your

Mind event series via Zoom. Each event costs \$18. At 11:30 a.m., author Naomi Ragen will discuss her book "An Observant Wife." For information and to register: openabook@harziontemple.org.

LGBTQ Support Group

Join **Jewish Family & Children's Service** at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual and is looking for a space to process. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcspshilly.org or call 267-273-6006. RSVP at jfcspshilly.org/supportgroups. Zoom link provided upon registration.

▼ THURSDAY, NOV. 18

Deradicalization Lecture

Drexel University Jewish Studies will host Alina Palimaru of the Rand Corp., who studies how people are drawn to extremist hate groups, and Jeff Schoep, who led the largest Nazi organization for 20 years before exiting the group. The discussion begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a Q&A. Event will occur via Zoom. Register at: bit.ly/Palimaru. ●

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