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Palliative Care Takes on Added Importance During Pandemic

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

DR. MARI SIEGEL FEELS fortunate to be in palliative care, the field of medicine and health care dedicated to the mitigation of suffering for patients with serious illnesses. It makes her feel like she's invited into a holy space — a space that's usually only shared with a rabbi.

"People trust me with their secrets, with their feelings, with their loved one's care," said Siegel, a palliative care physician at Temple University Hospital, and a member of Adath Israel of the Main Line. "It really does give me balance and fill my soul."

In the last few months, Siegel's work has taken on a new element. Because the COVID-19 pandemic has put dangerously ill patients in isolation for months at a time, their families unable to enter the hospital, doctors like Siegel are finding

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▲ Joe Biden supporters celebrate outside of City Hall on Nov. 7.

Photo by Gordon Cohen

Biden Supporters Detail Roles in Election Triumph

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AFTER ELECTION DAY, Jewish Philadelphians who worked on behalf of Joe Biden's campaign marched and danced, but most of all they waited. And waited.

On the morning of Nov. 7, their patience was rewarded: Biden became the

president-elect and gave a victory speech that night in Wilmington, Delaware.

Pennsylvania has more than 430,000 Jewish residents, and many people played a role in getting that vote out. Five residents — and one non-resident, whose work this election cycle focused heavily on the state's Jewish voters — spoke about what they

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The thrill seems to be gone when it comes to celebrating, according to one reader, who can’t bear another Zoom gathering. What’s a would-be celebrator to do? Miriam notes that while options may seem limited, looking for variations upon a theme from prior quarantine-era celebrations might prove fruitful. For details, read Miriam’s Advice Well online. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put “Advice Well Question” in the subject line jewishexponent.com/2020/11/09/dear-miriam-how-can-i-celebrate-safely/



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LINGCOD WITH SUN-DRIED TOMATO-OLIVE SAUCE

Lingcod may come with a confusing name (it’s not a type of cod) and actually has a taste and texture similar to halibut, but costs less. That perked up the ears of food columnist Keri White, who used the fish in a Mediterranean-style dish smothered in sun-dried tomatoes and olives. Sound promising? Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, including other recipes, gift ideas, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2020/11/09/lingcod-with-sun-dried-tomato-olive-sauce/



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If you're past 35 and still single, you've probably read somewhere that your chances of getting married are nil. Maybe so. But in the words of Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

By Jane Friedman-Century

When *Newsweek* hit the stands in February 1986, I bought the last copy in the store with all the anxious fascination of someone reading the last words of a

"Who wanted that kind of responsibility when there was a more interesting life out there? Who wanted to be settled with kids? The idea that you might have to spend more than three days with a

mile cross country ski trip." The benefits, she adds, have clearly outweighed the compromise she made in choosing a more sedentary partner. "I'm getting companionship now. It's

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Unstructured Synagogue Havurah Marks 50 Years of Friendship, Creative Approach to Judaism

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SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

WHAT KEEPS A group of friends together for 50 years?

For Philadelphia's Unstructured Synagogue Havurah, the answer is simple.

"The one word that it can be boiled to is acceptance. We accept one another. For all the *mishegas* that individuals have, we accept each other," said Rabbi Steve Stroiman, the group's facilitator.

On Nov. 4, 10 members convened on Zoom to commemorate the group's 50th anniversary and reflect on the role it has played in their lives.

The group, which has no dues, no building, no officers

and no rabbi, consists of members from across the Philadelphia area. Its overall religious affiliation is somewhere in the middle of the spectrum, between Reform and Orthodox, with a Reconstructionist influence. Meetings take place two or three times a month and consist of services and discussions.

The venture started with 24 individuals in six core families. They met in each other's houses to pray, study and socialize, going on camping trips and holding holiday services together. They took walking tours of Jewish Philadelphia and visited Jewish sites in New York and Washington, D.C.

"We are not a davening group, per se. Yes, we do have services, but they are part of the whole



▲ Members of the Unstructured Synagogue Havurah meet for their 50th anniversary.

Photo by Sophie Panzer

picture, and the whole picture consists of study, worship and celebration," said Stroiman, who joined when he was a young rabbinical student two months after the initial founding.

The unstructured nature of the gatherings appealed to those who wanted an alternative to congregational Judaism and those who wanted to supplement their traditional synagogue experiences.

"I don't flourish in congregational Judaism for a couple of different reasons," said member Marvin Kreithen, who joined the group with his wife Leslie Kreithen 10 years ago. "First of all, synagogue is a monologue. The rabbi gets up there and talks. What I like about the Havurah is it's a dialogue: everybody you're looking at has their own opinion on things, and it's good to share all that."

Leslie Kreithen was drawn to the opportunities for study and intimate discussions.

"Even though we belong to a synagogue, the holidays that we celebrated together were on a

more personal level, talking about our own life experiences, thinking about what the years have been, remembering people on Yom Kippur who have died," she said.

Member Marian Cohen joined the chavurah five years after it was founded. She appreciated the group's creative approach to Judaism.

"We had the freedom to express ourselves in individual ways," she said. "Sometimes we agreed with each other, sometimes we didn't, but overall it was a positive learning experience and we became sort of a family."

Cohen and her children especially loved the chavurah's holiday celebrations, which often involved art projects, skits, poems and games.

"One of the things I will always remember, and so will my children, is we all pitched in and made flying menorahs out of straws, candles and plastic bags from the dry cleaners. We did it outside, we were very careful, and if we did it right they went up in the air, and it was absolutely incredible," she said.

This year, activities have ranged from personal reflections during the High Holidays to a talk from the Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia to a presentation about the Mussar movement.

Stroiman said the group kept its size deliberately small in order to comfortably fit in people's living rooms. Over the years, moves and deaths have chipped away at the original number, and the group now has about 14 members.

During the coronavirus pandemic, Zoom has allowed members' homes to continue to be the main site of the chavurah's activities, albeit virtually.

It was challenging for the members, whose average age hovers around 80, to learn the new technology. At 75, Stroiman is among the younger members, but he still had to get out of his comfort zone to moderate the Zoom sessions and find materials for group discussions online. However, they ultimately adapted.

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1960s Rock 'n' Roll Singer Len Barry Dies at 78

OBITUARY

ANDY GOTLIEB | JE MANAGING EDITOR

SINGER LEN BARRY, the voice behind The Dovells' hits "You Can't Sit Down" and "The Bristol Stomp" and solo hits such as "1-2-3," died Nov. 5 from bone marrow cancer. He was 78.

"He was just an American original," son Spencer Borisoff said. "He was a pioneer. He was thinking a generation ahead of everyone."

Born Leonard Borisoff, Barry grew up in West Philadelphia and attended Overbrook High School, where he became a part of a doo-wop group called The Brooktones in 1957.

By 1960, the band changed its name to The Dovells and was signed by Parkway Records.

A year later, The Dovells reached the #2 position on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart with "Bristol Stomp," selling more than a million copies. The tune

received a Recording Industry Association of America gold disc.

In 1962, The Dovells placed three more songs in the top 40 and had their second-biggest hit a year later with the South Street-referencing "You Can't Sit Down," which reached #3. Several artists have subsequently covered the song, include Bruce Springsteen, who has used it in his encores.

During this time period, The Dovells toured with James Brown and appeared in films including "Don't Knock the Twist."

Barry then left The Dovells for a solo career, his biggest success coming in 1965 with the #2 hit "1-2-3" — denied the top spot by The Supremes' "I Hear a Symphony" — which was awarded a gold disc. He was nominated for a Grammy Award for Contemporary Rock & Roll Male Vocal Performance for the song, which he co-wrote, and made appearances on

"Bandstand," "Shindig" and "Hullabaloo."

Two more top 40 hits followed in 1966, but his chart success waned after that. Still, he performed regularly, including at prestigious venues like the Apollo Theatre in New York, the Howard Theatre in Washington, D.C., and The Fox Theatre in Detroit. He toured the United Kingdom as well.

Later, he wrote and produced the 1969 instrumental #16 hit "Keem-O-Sabe" by Electric Indian, which featured a young Daryl Hall (of Hall & Oates fame) on keyboards, and co-wrote "Zoom," the 1982 UK #2 hit for Fat Larry's Band, and "Love Town," a #6 hit in the UK in 1983 for Booker Newberry III.

When Hall & Oates was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2014, Hall gave a shout-out to Barry in his induction speech.

Even after the hits faded, Barry continued to record and

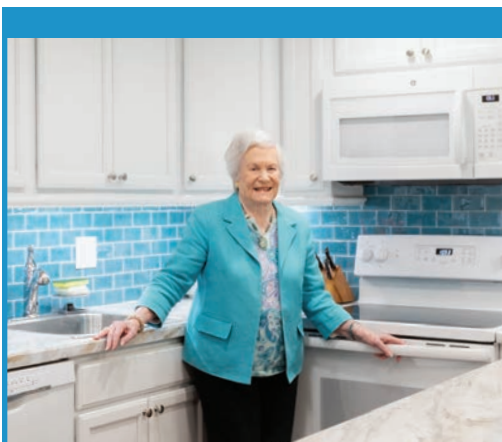


▲ Len Barry

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He didn't want to rest on past accomplishments. He really considered himself a record maker more than an entertainer."

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produce music, Spencer Borisoff said, including some music still to be released. Even as music styles changed, Barry remained a fan of all kinds of modern music.

Borisoff noted that his father wasn't one to reminisce and didn't like working the oldies circuit.

"He didn't want to rest on past accomplishments," Borisoff said. "He really considered himself a record maker more than an entertainer."

Borisoff did recall a few anecdotes.

At the height of his father's career, during a tour of the UK, Barry did a command performance for Queen Elizabeth II.

"She literally was the only one in the theater," he said.

And Barry used to fondly recall a 1960s bus tour with James Brown and other Black acts where they'd play a card game called tonk for hours.

Original band member Jerry

Gross, who still performs with The Dovells, paid tribute to Barry on the group's Facebook page.

"We lost one of our original members of the group The DOVELLS. Our lead singer from 1960 thru 1963— Len Barry — has gone on to Rock 'n' Roll heaven," he wrote. "In these trying times that we're living in, with the politics and the virus, and now one more sad moment."

In his Facebook post, Gross noted that Barry reunited with the group twice in 1994.

In 2008, Barry published the novel "Black-Like-Me," which told the tale of white siblings growing up in a mostly Black neighborhood.

Barry is survived by his son, Spencer (Helicia), and daughter Bia (Bob); and two grandchildren. •

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HEADLINES

NEWSBRIEFS

JFNA President Says No Known Issues with Jewish Voters or Polling Places

NO PROBLEMS OCCURRED for Jewish voters on Election Day, according to Jewish Federations of North America President and CEO Eric Fingerhut, JNS.org reported.

“We are always concerned about extremists who would take advantage of these kinds of transition and thanks to the Secure Community Network and our own crisis expertise, we have helped our communities across the country remain prepared, but we have not heard of any specific threats,” he said.

Prior the election, SCN sent information to Jewish organizations and communities to prepare for possible issues, although no specific threats were cited.

Greek Newspaper Publisher Convicted, Fined for Defaming Jewish Community Leader

A Greek court convicted a newspaper publisher of defamation and hate speech because of an op-ed calling a Jewish community leader a thief, JTA reported.

The Athens Court of Justice of First Instance imposed a \$2,200 fine on Stefanos Chios, the publisher of the Makeleio newspaper, according to the central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece.

“A crude Jew who runs a loan-shark firm has bought the debts of poor Greeks. The President of the Jewish Community who pretends to be our friend, is stealing our money through the back door,” Chios wrote in 2017 about Minos Moissis, a prior president of the Jewish Community of Athens.

Along with defaming Moissis, the paper “contributed deliberately to the reproduction of a rhetoric of hate against the Greek Jewry,” the court said.

Moissis filed a lawsuit against Chios in 2017. He is the co-founder of the SYNERGON Partners banking and finance firm.

Florida Principal Who Denied Holocaust Fired Again

Weeks after the Palm Beach County School Board voted to rehire a principal who told a parent he “can’t say the Holocaust is a factual, historical event,” the board reversed its decision, JTA reported.

The board fired William Latson in 2019, after comments from the previous year came to light.

In turn, Latson sued, claiming wrongful termination. A judge then concluded that Latson should have been reprimanded instead of fired.

The school board voted to rehire Latson instead of facing a potentially lengthy and expensive legal battle.

But the board voted unanimously on Nov. 2 to fire Latson again, with members concluding that the district’s values were more important than the risk of litigation, the Palm Beach Post reported.

Evangelicals Go to Court Over Fate of \$3.3M Raised for Holocaust Survivors in Israel

Two prominent evangelical figures are in a legal battle over \$3.3 million raised for Holocaust survivors, JTA reported.

Mike Evans, a Christian Zionist from Texas, sued Georgia pastor Jentezen Franklin in regards to a 2017 fundraising campaign they conducted to help Holocaust survivors in Israel.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for the Northern

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Former UK Chief Rabbi and Jewish ‘Intellectual Giant’ Jonathan Sacks, Dies at 72

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RABBI JONATHAN SACKS, the former chief rabbi of the United Kingdom whose extensive writings and frequent media appearances commanded a global following among Jews and non-Jews alike, has died.

Sacks, 72 died Nov. 7, his Twitter account announced. He was in the midst of a third bout of cancer, which he had

to mixing religion and politics, something he discussed, along with his latest book, “Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times,” and an array of other hot-button topics with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in August.

“When anger erupts in a body politic, there is quite often a justified cause. But then the political domain has got to take that anger and deal with it very fast,” he said then. “Because anger exposes the problem but never delivers the solution.”

He was a towering intellect whose eloquence, insights and kindness reached well beyond the Jewish community.”

KEIR STARMER

announced in October.

Sacks was among the world’s leading exponents of Orthodox Judaism for a global audience. In his 22 years as chief rabbi, he emerged as the most visible Jewish leader in the United Kingdom and one of the European continent’s leading Jewish voices, offering Jewish wisdom to the masses through a regular segment he produced for the BBC. He had a close relationship with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who called Sacks “an intellectual giant” and presented him with a lifetime achievement award in 2018.

Sacks was also an immensely prolific author, addressing pressing social and political issues in a succession of well received books. His popular commentary on the prayer book, published by Koren, helped to dethrone the more traditionalist Artscroll Siddur as the preeminent prayer book in American Modern Orthodox synagogues.

Sacks was normally averse

to mixing religion and politics, something he discussed, along with his latest book, “Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times,” and an array of other hot-button topics with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in August.

But he did take public stances on two topics that were often ensnared with European politics: Israel and anti-Semitism. Sacks spoke out publicly as Britain’s Labour Party was engulfed in an anti-Semitism scandal under its previous leader Jeremy Corbyn, calling Corbyn an anti-Semite.

“We have an anti-Semite as the leader of the Labour Party and her majesty’s opposition. That is why Jews feel so threatened by Mr. Corbyn and those who support him,” Sacks said in 2018 during an interview with the New Statesman.

That judgment paved the way for the current British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis to harshly condemn the Labour Party, a precedent-setting event in British Jewish life.

Corbyn was replaced in April by centrist Keir Starmer, who has apologized for how anti-Semitism was allowed to flourish in Labour’s ranks under Corbyn. Starmer, who is married to a Jewish woman,



Jonathan Sacks seen as the chief rabbi of the United Kingdom, circa 2000.

John Downing/Getty Images via JTA

expressed his condolences to “the entire Jewish world” in a tweet on Saturday.

“He was a towering intellect whose eloquence, insights and kindness reached well beyond the Jewish community. I have no doubt that his legacy will live on for many generations,” Starmer wrote.

Sacks was also vocal in his opposition to the forces that lead to anti-Semitism on the far left and the far right, as he wrote in a JTA op-ed in January.

“Anti-Semitism has little to do with Jews — they are its object, not its cause — and everything to do with dysfunction in the communities that harbor it,” he wrote.

In 2017, in a widely circulated YouTube video, Sacks called anti-Zionism a new form of anti-Semitism, arguing that it denies Jews the “right to exist collectively with the same rights as everyone else.”

The video was based on a 2016 speech Sacks delivered in Brussels, which is widely seen

as having paved the way to Britain’s adoption later that year of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition of anti-Semitism.

But the video went far beyond political and academic circles, and became symbolic of Sacks’ ability to reach mainstream audiences. Rachel Riley, a famous British Jewish game show television host, last year shared the video, telling her over 600,000 Twitter followers that it is “the best explanation of antisemitism I’ve seen.”

Sacks branched out beyond religious and Jewish cultural thought as well. In 2017 he delivered a TED Talk about “facing the future without fear” and what he called a “fateful moment” in Western history after the election of Donald Trump as president, citing Thomas Paine and anthropologists to make an argument about returning a culture of togetherness.

Born in London in 1948, Sacks studied at Cambridge

University. While a student there in the ’60s, he visited Rabbi Menachem Schneerson — the spiritual leader who is credited with turning the Chasidic Chabad-Lubavitch movement into a powerful organizing force of Jewry around the world — in New York City. Sacks credits that meeting with inspiring him to get involved with Jewish studies, as he detailed in a series of videos for Chabad.org in 2011.

He became the rabbi of the Golders Green synagogue in London’s most Orthodox neighborhood in the late ’70s and then rabbi of the Marble Arch synagogue in central London.

The U.K. Board of Deputies of British Jews President Marie van der Zyl released a statement on Nov. 7.

“Rabbi Sacks was a giant of both the Jewish community and wider society. His astounding intellect and courageous moral voice were a blessing to all who encountered him in person, in writing or in broadcast,” van der Zyl said. •

Theater Mainstay Dolly Beechman Schnall Dies at 96

OBITUARY

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

MARILLYN “DOLLY” Beechman Schnall dedicated her life to supporting local theater.

The actor, playwright, director, teacher and philanthropist served on the boards of the Walnut Street Theatre, the Wilma Theater, 1812 Productions and Act II Playhouse. In 2008, 1812 Productions named her “Woman of the Year.” That same year, the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia presented her with the Barrymore Award for Lifetime Achievement.

She died of long-term complications from a stroke at Sunrise Senior Living in Abington on Oct. 29. She was 96.

Beechman Schnall was born on April 9, 1924 to S. Beryl and Rosalie Lush. She grew up in Germantown and Mt. Airy in a household that prized the arts. Her father founded the Suburban Opera Co., which later became Opera Philadelphia, and her mother was a painter, violinist and patron.

She displayed an early love for the stage and began taking acting classes at the Germantown Theatre Guild when she was 11. At 16, she got her first paid job in theater as a summer stock apprentice at the Cape Theater in Cape May, New Jersey.

She graduated first in her class at Germantown High School and won a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and earned a bachelor’s degree in Spanish in 1944. In 1970, she went back to school and earned a master’s of fine arts in theater from Temple University.

As an actor, Beechman Schnall performed at the Philadelphia Theatre Co. and the Keswick Theatre. She was a member of both the Screen Actors Guild and the Actors’ Equity Association.

In addition to her acting



▲ Former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter presented Marillyn “Dolly” Beechman Schnall with the Barrymore Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2008. Courtesy of the Beechman Schnall family

work, she directed local productions, coached acting independently and taught theater at Rutgers University-Camden and Penn State Abington. She penned historical plays like “Sojourner,” a biographical play about abolitionist and activist Sojourner Truth, and “Without the Sainted Father,” a play about President Abraham Lincoln’s family after his assassination.

Beechman Schnall married Eugene Beechman in 1948. The couple had three daughters before they divorced in 1965. Schnall raised her daughters in Westmont, New Jersey, an area with few Jews at the time. Although she was not religious, Beechman Schnall was always proud of her Jewish heritage and culture.

Her daughters described her as a strict but warm mother who always dressed beautifully and loved to laugh.

“We benefited from her wit and her love and her intelligence, and just her sheer joy of being,” her daughter Jane Beechman Segal said.

In New Jersey, she directed award-winning plays at Haddonfield Plays and Players. She also taught acting in the theater her brother helped her build in her basement. Beechman Segal said her mother kept their suburban home filled

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with art and creative people.

"That was an amazing way
of growing up," she said.

No matter what her children
aspired to, Beechman Schnall
was behind them 100%. When
her daughter Claudia Beechman
Cohen wanted to move to Paris
after graduating college to pursue
acting, Beechman Schnall fully
supported her.

"She always encouraged me
to be an artist and to be the
best person that I could be,"
Beechman Cohen said.

She married Nathan Schnall,
an obstetrician she had dated
decades earlier, in 1984. He
was drawn to her sunny dispo-
sition and generosity.

"She really was very
upbeat, always positive, always
smiling," he said. "She had
a great personality. One of
her favorite sayings was the
Latin phrase 'Noli timere,' fear
nothing. She also had a ring,
which we bought, that said
'Carpe diem,' seize the day."

Her middle daughter, Laurie
Beechman, died of ovarian
cancer at age 44. Beechman was

a Broadway actor who received
a Tony Award nomination
for her role as the Narrator
in "Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat" and
starred as Grizabella in "Cats."
Beechman Cohen said her
mother grieved privately and
decided to establish a schol-
arship at the University of the
Arts in Beechman's name.

"I always thought of that
as such a wonderful gesture,
taking that energy and using it
to create something wonderful
like the scholarship," she said.

Beechman Schnall lived in
Wyndmoor for four decades.
After her 2013 stroke, she moved
into Sunrise Senior Living,
where she lived until her death.

Even in her later years, she
remained active in the nonprofit
theater world and continued to
play character roles and pursue
her love of learning. In her 70s,
she told Schnall that she wanted
to improve her understanding of
Romance languages by studying
Latin for a year.

"She was a scholar," Schnall
said. •

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Israel's 'Broad' Unemployment Reaches 22.7%

"BROAD" UNEMPLOYMENT in Israel reached 22.7% in the first half of October, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, Globes reported.

There were 937,500 people out of work, which is 170,000 more than in the second half of September.

Broad unemployment includes those 15 and older who didn't work at all in the week prior to the survey who are looking for work, workers 15 and older who are on unpaid leave and those who have lost their jobs since March but weren't looking for work in the four weeks before the survey.

Workers on unpaid leave comprised the majority of the unemployed, numbering 627,000.

IDF Destroys Illegal Bedouin Structures

The Israel Defense Forces destroyed most of a Bedouin West Bank village on Nov. 3, which displaced 73 Palestinians, including 41 children, The Jerusalem Post reported.

"An enforcement activity was carried out by the Supervision Unit of the Civil Administration against seven tents and eight pens which were illegally constructed in a firing range located in the Jordan Valley," the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories said in a statement.

By Nov. 5, residents had returned to the site, using tents Palestinian aid groups donated.

Both the European Union and the United Nations condemned the action, The Times of Israel reported.

"The EU reiterates its call on Israel to halt all such demolitions, including of EU-funded structures, in particular in light of the humanitarian impact of the current coronavirus pandemic," a spokesperson said.

Retail Shops Reopen in Israel

Retail shops in Israel were allowed to reopen on Nov. 8 with a four-person limit, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced, JNS.org reported.

Netanyahu did warn that coronavirus infection rates were beginning to climb since the country eased its lockdown restrictions on Oct. 18. If those rates continue to climb, "we will need to stop and maybe tighten the restrictions," he said.

Since the pandemic began, the total of confirmed coronavirus deaths in Israel as of Nov. 5 was 2,638. In all, there have been 317,668 cases, 9,407 of which are active, including 357 patients in serious condition, with 157 on ventilators.

David, Tamar, Mohammed and Maryam Most Popular Baby Names in Israel in 2019

The most popular name for Jewish boys in Israel in 2019 was David, while Tamar was the most popular name for girls, The Jerusalem Post reported, citing Central Bureau of Statistics data.

But the most common name for babies in Israel, specifically for Muslim Israelis, was Muhammad, with 2,958 instances. The most popular name for Muslim girls was Maryam, with 541.

By comparison, 1,488 boys were named David; it was the second year in a row it was most popular name for Jewish boys. Ariel was second with 1,341.

There were 1,233 girls named Tamar, making it the fourth year in a row as the most popular name for Jewish girls. Maya followed close behind with 1,208. •

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AIPAC, Netanyahu Congratulate Biden on Win

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ISRAELI LEADERS and top American Jewish organizations have congratulated Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on their election victory, despite President Donald Trump protesting the result.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu alluded to his long relationship with Biden in a congratulatory tweet, which was posted Nov. 8. Biden was projected Nov. 7 to be president-elect after the voting result showed him winning Pennsylvania's vote, and thus the Electoral College and the presidency.

"Congratulations @JoeBiden and @KamalaHarris," Netanyahu tweeted. "Joe, we've had a long &

warm personal relationship for nearly 40 years, and I know you as a great friend of Israel. I look forward to working with both of you to further strengthen the special alliance between the U.S. and Israel."

Biden also received congratulations from Jewish groups, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the largest pro-Israel lobby in Washington, D.C.

"AIPAC congratulates President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on their election victory," the AIPAC statement read. "Despite the current profound political polarization, there remains a resolute bipartisan commitment to the U.S.-Israel alliance as both presidential tickets took strong pro-Israel positions."

The Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee were among the other Jewish groups who offered congratulations to the Democratic ticket.

Biden has a reputation for being a friend to Israel, and has spoken frequently of his relationships with Israel's leaders of decades past, as well as with Netanyahu. When he won the Democratic nomination earlier this year, it was seen as a victory for the traditionally pro-Israel camp within the Democratic Party over elements of the party that are more critical of Israel.



Benjamin Netanyahu ✓
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brokering diplomatic agreements between Israel and three Arab nations.

Netanyahu, whose background photo on his Twitter account features him and Trump, followed up his congratulations to Biden with a tweet thanking Trump for his actions.

"Thank you @realDonaldTrump for the friendship you have shown the state of Israel and me personally, for recognizing Jerusalem and the Golan, for standing up to Iran, for the historic peace accords and for bringing the American-Israeli alliance to unprecedented heights," he wrote.

Other Israeli politicians, including Defense Minister Benny Gantz and Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi,

congratulated Biden earlier in the night. Gantz extended "heartfelt congratulations" to Biden, whom he called a "long-time supporter and friend of Israel." He expressed optimism in a tweet thread and also thanked Trump for his pro-Israel policies.

Gantz is slated to become prime minister of Israel late next year in a rotation with Netanyahu.

"I look forward to continuing to deepen the steadfast bond and strong defense ties between our peoples, as allies in the effort to strengthen democracy, stability, and peace worldwide," he wrote. "The Middle East has taken major steps forward thanks to the president's bold leadership over these four years, and for that we are immensely grateful."

Ashkenazi tweeted that Biden's "friendship and distinguished record of support for Israel dates back nearly half a century."

Israel's leader of the opposition, Yair Lapid, tweeted, "Congratulations to my friend President-Elect @JoeBiden and Vice President-Elect @KamalaHarris. The relationship between our countries is based on deeply held values and critical shared interests which I know will be at the heart of your administration." •



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Trump or Biden — How Did Jewish Voters Line Up This Year? It's Complicated.

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HOW DID JEWS VOTE this year? It depends on which pollster you ask, apparently.

Exit polls from this week's presidential election show that a large majority of Jews voted Democratic, as they have done in the past, choosing Joe Biden over Donald Trump by a wide margin. But results also indicated that more Jews — as many as 250,000 nationwide — voted for Trump than they did four years ago.

However, the exact breakdown of Jewish votes has stirred disagreement.

An exit poll of 800 people released by J Street, a liberal Jewish Middle East advocacy group, showed Jews supporting Biden at 77% versus 21% for Trump.

The Republican Jewish Coalition released its own exit poll showing numbers that were more favorable for their candidate. Of 600 people polled, Jews supported Biden 60.6% vs. 30.5% for Trump, with 8.8% either voting third party or declining

for Biden at 68% and Trump at 30%.

Arielle Levites, a social scientist who works at George Washington University, attributed the discrepancy to each poll capturing a different population of Jews.

"A very obvious reason why these polls may have produced different results is that they screen-in respondents using different criteria," Levites said.

For example, if a poll includes Jews who describe themselves as "culturally Jewish," then the data will skew left. That's because nonreligious or religiously unaffiliated people are much more likely to vote Democrat.

Levites noted that the J Street exit poll used the same methods as the Pew Research Center's 2013 "A Portrait of Jewish Americans" study, with its more expansive definition of who is a Jew. That's the major reason, she said, why the data for J Street's exit poll may show more support for Biden.

RJC's results didn't include great detail about methodology; the individuals surveyed "describe themselves as

narrower range of Jewish voters, thus showing different results.

Is it possible to tell which one is most accurate?

Ken Goldstein, a politics professor and polling expert at the University of San Francisco, agrees that polling methods that include explicit parameters about who is a Jew will certainly result in different outcomes.

But Goldstein, who has worked decision desks on election night for the last two decades, does believe that the AP survey, which is not party-affiliated and shows an approximately 70-30 Biden-Trump split among Jewish voters, may be closest to the mark.

"From data I've seen over the course of the year, my sense is that the answer is closer to that AP VoteCast," Goldstein said.

If that is the case, then Trump expanded his base of Jewish voters from four years ago by roughly 5%. One other data point that supports this theory is the overall shift among minority voters, who moved slightly toward Trump, said retired professor of Jewish communal studies Steven

Windmueller of Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles.

"Whether we would insert Jews into that consideration, it depends on how we define ourselves," Windmueller said.

He was surprised by how many Jews voted for Trump in this election, especially because he anticipated a defection of "Never Trump" Jewish Republicans.

"But now as you look at some of the data from these surveys," Windmueller said, "it appears he's picked up some additional support in the Jewish community. The first question is, what happened to these 'Never Trump' Republican Jews?" He speculated that another group of Jewish voters might have replaced them. "Democrats? Independents? New voters? Or a growing number of Orthodox voters?" he asked.

The growth in numbers of Jews voting Republican was discussed at a Nov. 4 RJC press conference to provide its poll findings. Media consultant Ari Fleischer, who served as White House press secretary under George W. Bush, said the

"conclusion" suggested by these numbers is that "it's not just the embassy that moved. Jewish voters have moved, too. And they're moving Republican."

He was referring, of course, to this administration's decision to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, which was very popular among Jews in this country and in Israel.

The Jewish vote for Trump also was historically high in Florida, where both the RJC poll and a New York Times/AP exit poll showed 41% voting Republican.

That validated the RJC's outreach efforts in Florida, said RJC Executive Director Matt Brooks. The group spent half of its \$10 million national budget in the state, and Florida's Jews helped win it for Trump, he asserted.

"Going into this election, we said there are three big states for us," he said. "Florida, Florida and Florida." •

This article first appeared in J. The Jewish News of Northern California. J. Editor Sue Fishkoff contributed to this report.

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to disclose how they voted.

The difference does matter: A 10% variance in the Jewish vote represents more than 500,000 voters, according to estimates from the Associated Press. It also could determine whether one party or the other gained or lost Jewish voters since the election in 2016.

So, who is right?

To start off, the authoritative Associated Press' VoteCast survey, which is different from an exit poll, found Jews voting

Jewish." However, one small factor may reveal why the RJC results skewed slightly more to the right. RJC's poll included phone calls, which are known to push the sample population toward older voters and thus create a more conservative data set. J Street first texted voters, asking if they would complete the survey by phone or online.

While AP does not share how it determines who qualifies for a Jewish poll, Levites suspects the data came from a

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themselves acting as friend, confidante and family surrogate for their patients, cut off from the people who would normally fill those roles.

Though those who provide palliative care always tend to the emotional and psychosocial needs of their patients, hospitalized patients have come to lean much more heavily on their doctors and nurses for those purposes in the last eight months.

“In normal times, we’re here to support the patient and the family. We organize family meetings where the whole family can come in, and we can go over options, and we facilitate discussions,” Siegel said. “And now with COVID, in the isolation, it feels like we’re providing much more hands-on, bedside care for the patient, because we’re their only link to the outside often.”

Distinct from hospice care, palliative care is intended to optimize the quality of life for those living with life-threatening illnesses. Beyond providing the medical care needed to ensure such a thing, palliative care teams coordinate with a patient’s other doctors, and provide emotional support to patients

and their families. Those teams frequently include social workers, therapists, chaplains and nutritionists, and that care can be provided to patients at home or at the hospital.

For Larry Kramer, 79, of Center City, being a patient of Siegel’s this past fall meant more than COVID-specific treatment. It meant having an advocate, Kramer said, an asset that he tried to provide himself back in his days as a physician. It meant that he had someone to call his wife and daughter to provide updates on his condition, and it also meant a steady stream of Twizzlers and Swedish Fish whenever Siegel came to check on him. In low moments, individually wrapped candies can add up to more than the sum of their parts.

“She was almost like clergy, a nurse, a social worker,” Kramer said. “And I was happy that she came and saw me.”

Palliative care doctors, Siegel said, are “trained experts in communication,” which has been a boon to their work during the pandemic. Providing emotional support and acting as a go-between for patients and their families comes naturally.

Eric Goodlev, a palliative care physician at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery,



▲ Greg Garber is the director of patient support services at Jefferson Health. Courtesy of Jefferson Health



▲ Dr. Mari Siegel said that her work as a palliative care doctor gives her access to holy space. Courtesy of Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

“In normal times, we’re here to support the patient and the family. We organize family meetings where the whole family can come in, and we can go over options, and we facilitate discussions.”

DR. MARI SIEGEL

was drawn to the field in part because of the work of his wife, Lauren Goodlev, the cantor at Beth David Reform Congregation. Inspired by the meaning and sense of purpose that she drew from her work, Goodlev decided to switch from life as an academic hospitalist to his current profession.

Now, it’s the work to which he feels called. A mentor of his has described palliative care as “medical care as a ministry.” Though Goodlev doesn’t quite sign on to that description, he feels strongly that the work he does is an expression of his own Judaism. In the past eight months, his patients have come to depend on his humanity as much as they have his skill.

At Jefferson Health, Greg Garber, director of patient support services, and Brooke Worster, medical director for supportive medicine and cancer survivorship, are

adjusting to discussing life and death matters with their patients’ family members over the phone, right as they’re trying to help their patients adjust to it, too.

They’re also trying to make sure that inequalities in the distribution of palliative care aren’t exacerbated even further — not every patient or their family has access to the technology needed for virtual care, for example. Worster hopes that this period has underlined the necessity of palliative care for hospitals across the country.

“This is a needed resource, and we need to look at the ways in which we can financially make it either reimbursable or sustainable for all patients to have access to it,” Worster said.

The changes are not so drastic for everyone in palliative care.

At Children’s Hospital of

Pennsylvania, Dr. Miriam Stewart works with the pediatric advanced care team, providing palliative care to children. For one thing, the incidence of COVID cases among her patient population is much lower.

But Stewart and her team have needed to get creative when it comes to meeting parents, as they are not able to come into the hospital as often as they were prior to the pandemic. Like everyone, they’ve come to embrace and rely upon telehealth in ways they never foresaw.

“They’re able to remain in the comfort of their home, and we’re actually able to see them in their homes in the setting where they live, which in many cases really helped us take even better care of them,” Stewart said. ●

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did to elect Biden and Kamala Harris, and the events of the past week.

Dan Siegel, Pennsylvania Jewish outreach director, Biden for President

Since Siegel joined the Biden campaign over the summer, his job has consisted primarily of conversations. It's a common misconception, he said, that successful campaigns are built on telling people how to vote. What he and his team have found effective is the simple act of talking to people about what they care about.

In the case of Jewish voters that Siegel and the campaign tried to reach in Pennsylvania, what they cared about was Israel, anti-Semitism and Jewish values. Bringing those people together via Zoom meant letting people talk to one another about what issues felt most pressing as the election approached.

"It was designed to have people express themselves Jewishly, and as Americans," Siegel said.

On the morning that his work paid off, Siegel popped champagne bottles with his South Philadelphia neighbors before walking toward City Hall to take it all in. The shared feeling of the crowd, he said, was relief.

Hailie Soifer, executive director, Jewish Democratic Council of America

If you're a Jewish Democrat in Pennsylvania, it's likely that Soifer and the Jewish Democratic Council of America called or texted you in the last few months. And even if you somehow escaped that, then you probably saw one of their digital ads. That's what happens when you make 150,000 calls and texts and spend about \$150,000 in a single state, as the JDCA did this year.

Both of those numbers represented a significant chunk of



▲ Rachel Beck's view of a rally to "count every vote." Photo by Rachel Beck

JDCA's expended resources this election cycle, reflecting how important the organization understood Pennsylvania to be to the Biden campaign's chances of victory. JDCA partnered with groups like Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania to ensure that Democrats would not lose the state and the election by the same agonizingly slim margin that they did in 2016.

For Soifer, Biden's victory was a chance to take her children down to the major celebrations in downtown D.C. The joy, the jubilation and flag-waving wasn't just novel for them, but for their mother, too.

"I've never seen anything like it," Soifer said.

Michael Solomonov, chef, co-owner, CookNSolo

It actually doesn't take all that long to whip up 1,000 orders of hummus, if you're locked in and ready to go. Really, just a few hours. At least, that's what Solomonov said about Director of Culinary Operations Caitlin McMillan, who filled the big order, made by Siegel on behalf of voters standing in line on Election Day.

And for those who weren't lucky enough to get any

hummus, there were 4,000 doughnuts from Federal Donuts being distributed as well.

Solomonov explained that while CookNSolo refrained from marshaling resources on behalf of electoral politics in the past, this year felt too important to sit out.

Over the last few months, Solomonov's been a part of a Zoom cook-along with Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and hosted an event alongside Democratic state Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta. Just a few weeks ago, Doug Emhoff, husband of Kamala Harris, spoke in support of Biden outside Zahav.

Susan Schmidt, psychologist

Schmidt, who is "mostly retired," still practices psychology in Bryn Mawr. This year, she applied to serve on a Biden campaign subcommittee that explored ideas about how to implement improvements to mental health services in schools. It was a family affair, in a way; her sister, an attorney in Connecticut, served on a subcommittee as well.

A lifelong Democrat, Schmidt would've been prepared to knock on doors, if not for the pandemic, but

she was hesitant to commit to phone banking.

"I like that he says that he's not a red or blue president," Schmidt said. "He'll be a president for all of the United States. And I don't think those are idle words."

Rachel Beck, organizer, teen programs coordinator at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel

Beck knew she had one small window of opportunity to make a quick run to the bathroom on Nov. 7; her job for the day was to clean up after a rally down by Independence Mall. Emerging from the visitor center, she heard a voice that made her run back to her friends in the street: it was Rabbi Annie Lewis, giving the wrap-up address for the day.

"That's my rabbi!" Beck yelled.

"That rally in particular was just such a powerful unity of labor and organizers in the faith community, and it just felt like really bringing together a lot. That's really important to me," Beck said. "And that was just a great moment."

Jill Zipin, founder and chair, Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania

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by the deepest political divisions since the Civil War," Zipin wrote in the Jewish Exponent a few weeks ago. But even if you hadn't read those words, you could've deduced Zipin's determination by taking a look at the work of Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania, which fundraised, phone banked and advertised with great intensity over the last few months.

"I'm really, really proud of how we, as an organization, organized the Jewish community in the state of Pennsylvania to push Joe Biden towards victory," she said.

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Editorial

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, z'l

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RABBI JONATHAN SACKS exemplified the best of Modern Orthodoxy. Erudite, personable, a prolific writer, a beloved teacher and a public intellectual, Sacks moved comfortably in the Jewish community and in the larger world. He began his career as a congregational rabbi in London, served as Britain's chief rabbi, and then devoted the remainder of his public life as a scholar, teacher and public speaker. He passed away last Shabbat, at age 72.

American Jews became familiar with Sacks through his writings, frequent speaking appearances, and through his

teaching at Yeshiva University and New York University, where he held endowed chairs. In Britain, he held the post of chief rabbi from 1991 to 2013. Queen Elizabeth made him a lifetime peer in 2009. And he shared his views on Jewish values in a regular column in The Times newspaper and in his popular Thought for the Day on BBC Radio.

Sacks authored 25 books. His most recent, "Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times," was published in September. "He was an outspoken advocate of religious and social tolerance throughout his career," the Times of Israel wrote. "He was also an advocate for the

compatibility of science and religion, which some people see as mutually exclusive."

Throughout his career, Sacks was recognized as a gifted orator, who was careful not to mix religion and politics. But in a 2017 TED Talk about "facing the future without fear" and what he called a "fateful moment" in Western history, he gained even more of a following for what was understood to be concern expressed after the election of Donald Trump as the U.S. president. In September of this year, when some haredi rabbis published endorsements in the U.S. presidential race, Sacks was critical, and called the blurring of the line between

politics and Judaism, "a big, big, big mistake. You mix religion and politics, you get terrible politics and even worse religion," he said.

Yet he did take very public stances on Israel and anti-Semitism. "We have an anti-Semite as the leader of the Labour Party and her majesty's opposition," Sacks said in 2018 during an interview with the New Statesman. "That is why Jews feel so threatened by Mr. Corbyn and those who support him." And in a YouTube video in 2017, Sacks called anti-Zionism a new form of anti-Semitism, and an effort to deny Jews the "right to exist collectively with the same rights as everyone else."

Those and similar comments were well publicized because of his popularity and reach to mainstream audiences.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said Sacks "bravely faced difficult questions and always found the right words to illuminate the Torah and explain its paths. We will always remember his warnings against violence in the name of God, and his belief that we have the power to heal a fractured world."

May his memory be for a blessing. •

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Lifelong Lessons for Israel's Future



BY SUSAN WEIKERS

FOR ME, involvement with the state of Israel was prenatal. Even before I was born, right around the time of Israel's founding, my family was involved in raising funds and support for the Jewish state in its infancy. My father — who left Germany, but whose family lost many in the Holocaust — purchased some of the earliest Israel bonds, determined that our family should do its part in helping to protect and preserve the homeland that so many had fought for. It is a calling that I have carried with me my entire life.

Growing up, all of the adults

around me were involved in the cause, and I remember distinctly hearing from them about "the greats" — people like Prime Ministers David Ben-Gurion and Menachem Begin — who were instrumental in Israel's history from its earliest and most turbulent years. The Israel Bonds leaders who I met knew the greats firsthand, and through their stories, I felt like I knew them, too. I always felt that I was in the right place at the right time. Hearing their thoughts and learning about their experiences imbued me from an early age with the desire to have just as great an impact through my own involvement.

I got my start early. After becoming involved with Development Corporation for Israel/Israel Bonds — the organization that generates investment in the Jewish state — I can remember early rallies and events, where speakers would go around the room "card-calling" to get attendees to announce investments in

bonds. There I saw that it is not enough to merely show your own support for Israel, it is also critical to take the lead in encouraging others to support Israel as well.

It was around this time that I met Sam Rothberg, legendary businessman and philanthropist, and one of the greats in his own right. Sam and other leaders took me under their wing, mentoring me in politics, leadership and the difficult but essential work of generating support for and investment in the Jewish state. For a woman in her twenties, it was the opportunity of a lifetime to benefit from their knowledge and experience, and to be guided by their kind spirit. One day, I thought, I can pass this same wisdom on to the next generation. I can be someone else's Sam Rothberg.

Over the years since then, I have been to Israel more than 100 times. I met my husband there, through Israel Bonds, thousands of miles away from

our respective homes — he was from Philadelphia, and I am a lifelong Baltimorean — but feeling very much at home in Jerusalem. My involvement in Israel Bonds leadership steadily grew, as I applied the lessons I had learned from Sam, Alice Pearce and so many other of the greats I had been studying.

It was a time when, despite significant progress, women were still locked out of opportunities and barred from leadership roles across the board, whether implicitly or explicitly. I was determined to change that. Together with countless other women in sectors across society — business, education, politics, you name it — I began asserting myself more, not waiting for opportunities to be handed to me but seizing them when they arose. This is how I became the first woman national chair of Israel Bonds in the late 1990s, responsible for driving outreach and support for Israel Bonds. It was a mission that I took with

the utmost seriousness.

Together with my friends and colleagues in the Bonds organization, we found new and exciting ways to get the word out and bring supporters in. This included holding a Bonds event in Palm Beach, Florida, where the iconic Shimon Peres spoke — his first-ever appearance there — as well as an event honoring the Holocaust survivors of Schindler's List that featured Steven Spielberg and Elie Wiesel. Between these and countless other initiatives, we found success in reaching investors while I personally had the opportunity to become close with the greats that I have spent my life emulating.

Perhaps nowhere was this more meaningful to me than when I found myself, some years ago, having tea at former Prime Minister Golda Meir's house in Israel. Retired from public office, Meir hosted several of us at her home, where

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So, What Do We Do Now?

BY RABBI WENDY PEIN

AFTER THIS LATEST electoral cycle, there is much concern that the political process has resulted in significant antagonism and even hatred being expressed between opposing sides.

Jewish wisdom has much to say on this topic and provides clear guidance in such circumstances that we would do well to consider. In a straight-forward directive, the Torah commands us, “You shall not hate your kinsfolk in your heart” (Lev. 19:17). Lest we think that the commandment refers to only specific acts of hate, our sages have made sure to elaborate that this verse applies both to observable actions of hate, and our internal emotions.

The sages taught that, “in your heart,” (Lev. 19:17) meant that we should eradicate feelings of hatred for our brother, our neighbor, our friend as such feelings may lead to hateful actions (B. Talmud Arakhin 16b). Instead, we are taught to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

Recent studies show that the number of households who would be upset if their child chose a partner from a different political party has risen in recent years. This is an opportune time to recall the ancient disagreements between the House of Hillel and the House of Shammai, two Jewish

schools of thought who often held fiercely opposing views on Jewish legal matters.

The Talmud teaches us that no matter how factious their disagreements, the two Houses did not refrain from their children marrying from among each other’s communities (B. Talmud Yebamot 14a-b). Instead, they continued to practice love and affection for one another.

Our sages teach us that “hatred of others shortens a person’s life.” (Avot 2:11) and that such hatred is demonstrated by loving one group and hating another (Avot d’Rabbi Natan 16).

Whereas stories in the Torah demonstrate that simmering hatred leads to destructive behavior, such as Cain rising up against Abel, Esau’s fury at Jacob, and Korah’s jealousy of Moses, it also provides an example of two brothers who overcome their enmity for each other and reconcile. After Jacob steals Esau’s birthright, the two brothers live physically and emotionally separate lives for over 14 years.

Eventually, Jacob decides to return to Canaan with his household. When Jacob saw Esau coming and his army approaching, he did not reject him and turn his back, but instead “He ... bowed low to the ground seven times until he was

near his brother.” (Genesis 33: 1 -3). Jacob found the strength and courage to reconcile with Esau because he had removed any hatred of Esau from his heart.

For the Torah states that despite their former animosity, Jacob recognizes Esau as “his brother.” When Jacob does so, the brothers embrace and reconcile. What an instructive model for us as we seek to strengthen our relationships with those

whom we have disagreed during this election time.

Our sages teach us that “hatred of others shortens a person’s life.” (Avot 2:11) and that such hatred is demonstrated by loving one group and hating another (Avot d’Rabbi Natan 16). Instead, we are commanded to love both groups, all of humanity. This begins by recognizing one another as kin, friends and neighbors, irrespective of our positions on issues or how we voted. •

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we ate, drank tea, listened to her stories and learned lessons from her storied life. It was a moment I will not forget, and one that crystallized to me just how important the work of supporting and defending the Jewish state is through my involvement with Israel Bonds.

Now, Bonds is turning 70. On the organization’s 70th anniversary — which dates

back to its original founding conference in September 1950 — it has succeeded in helping to build up the Jewish state to the technological and economic juggernaut that it is today, but the work is far from finished. When I look at young people today, who are confronting a number of daunting challenges — not least of which is the pandemic ravaging both the U.S. and Israel — I see in them the same potential and capacity to make the change that Sam Rothberg saw in me all those

years ago. Young people do not know a world without the state of Israel, and it is up to all of us to continue to strengthen and support Israel, and reflect on how important our continued support and involvement is for future generations. •

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Anti-Semitism an Outdated Term

I SUSPECT THAT these findings (“AJC Study Shows Lack of Awareness of Anti-Semitism by Non-Jews,” Nov. 5) are because the word is antique and meaningless to many people. They are now more attuned to “racist” and “phobia.”

If the words were “Racist Judaiphobia” or just “Judaiphobia,” it might make more sense to them. It is a small change, but may be worth a try.

Dave Olim | Ambler

Iran Deal Mischaracterized

How unfortunate that the chair of Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania in her op-ed (Joe Biden: For Decency, For Democracy, For America,” Oct. 29) fails to demonstrate an understanding of the Iran nuclear deal of 2015. She notes that, “Biden has stated unequivocally that Iran should never be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons ... Trump pulled out of the nuclear deal, and now Iran is closer to achieving nuclear weapons capability.”

What is not mentioned is that the Iran nuclear deal of the Obama-Biden administration did not ensure that Iran would never be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. By the terms of the deal itself, Iran would be limited to using pathways to a nuclear weapon for only 10-15 years from the date of the agreement in 2015. Five years have already passed since the start of the nuclear deal.

Our president correctly understood that the Iran nuclear deal would allow the development of nuclear weapons by Iran in a very short time in the life of nations and, therefore, correctly ended this very “bad deal.”

Let us hope that an honest recital of the facts will enable us all to decrease the polarization in our country. •

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‘Jeopardy!’ Featured Several Jewish Moments During Alex Trebek’s Lengthy Tenure

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ALEX TREBEK, the beloved baritone host of “Jeopardy!,” died of pancreatic cancer on Nov. 8 at 80.

In his 36 years as host of the immensely popular game show, Trebek encountered his share of Jewish moments. We’ve rounded up a few especially notable ones from the last decade here.

2011: A rabbi appears on her ordination anniversary

Rabbi Joyce Newmark, a Conservative rabbi from Teaneck, New Jersey, won \$29,200 during her appearance on the show, which aired on the 20th anniversary of her ordination. Trebek congratulated her on the milestone and asked her about her experience as a woman rabbi.

2013: B’nai B’rith makes an appearance

A clue in the category “Service organizations” asked players to name “this Jewish club whose name means ‘children of the covenant.’” That might have stumped many, but one of the contestants that day was Joey Gutmann, at the time a law student, who was wearing a kippah. He got it right and won the \$800.

2015: Former JTA intern pranks Trebek with “SNL” reference

Talia Lavin, formerly a JTA intern and nowadays an author who writes about online anti-Semitism and white supremacy, had a particularly memorable appearance on the show — for “Saturday Night Live” fans, at least. Lavin didn’t know the answer to a question about a song in a movie, so she wrote in “What is the love ballad of turd ferguson ps hi mom.”

“SNL” fans will remember



▲ Alex Trebek poses on set at Sony Pictures in Culver City, California, in 2011.

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part of the phrase from the show’s famed “Celebrity Jeopardy” sketches. Burt Reynolds, played by Norm McDonald, took joy in getting Will Ferrell’s Alex Trebek to say his name was Turd Ferguson.

Lavin’s moment was the first time anyone had tricked the real Trebek into saying the comic name.

2016: Buzzy Cohen makes a splash

A contestant with a pretty Jewish name became a sensation by trolling Trebek with some of his responses (such as “You aren’t rid of me yet, Trebek”). Vanity Fair called Buzzy Cohen “either the game show’s latest young, charismatic savior or an obnoxious millennial scourge we as a society did nothing to deserve.” He went on to win more than \$164,603 over nine episodes and returned the following year to win the 2017 Tournament of Champions.

Cohen’s Jewish cred extends to his love of deli, his marriage to a rabbi’s daughter and his upbringing in a Conservadox synagogue, as detailed in this interview with the now-defunct Arq website.

“Absolutely heartbreaking to lose someone who meant so much to so many. Even if this show hadn’t changed my life in so many ways, this loss would be immeasurable,” Cohen tweeted on Nov. 8, before posting a picture of himself hugging Trebek with the words, “Gonna miss you.”

2018: Who is Jesus? ... I’m Jewish!

In her first appearance on the show, Alexandra Henkoff and the other contestants left the category “Luther’s 95 Theses” for almost last in the first round. After she revealed the first clue, Henkoff seemed stuck but answered, “Who is Jesus?” When she learned she

was right, she sighed with relief, then confessed, “I’m Jewish,” to laughs from her fellow contestants, the audience and Trebek, who said, “That’s no excuse.” Henkoff went on to win \$17,300 that day and return for one more game.

2019: A former rabbi contestant holds an interfaith service for Trebek

After Reform Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman heard the news about Trebek’s cancer diagnosis last year, he quickly hatched a plan for the show host: an interfaith “prayer service, for hope and healing and strength,” he told the New York Jewish Week.

In all, Jewish and Christian clergy representing “at least 11 different religious traditions” participated, reading prayers, and other participants sang songs. People from across the country tuned in via Zoom.

It shouldn’t have come as a

big surprise: Mitelman — who appeared on the show in 2016 and runs a site called Sinai and Synapses, about the ties between religion and science — wrote an article on his “Jewish Approach to Being on Jeopardy!”

“[F]ocus on what you can control, and ignore the rest,” Mitelman wrote. “That idea was, in fact, the crux of my application to rabbinical school.”

2020: A day school teacher wagers \$18

Meggie Kwait, a teacher at Beit Rabban Day School in New York City, was part of this year’s Teachers Tournament, filmed shortly before the coronavirus pandemic descended on the United States. We interviewed Kwait about her experience and why she decided to wager \$18 on a day when she couldn’t lose. (“That was when all the Jews realized I was Jewish,” she told JTA.) ●

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and chili powder in a small bowl.

Rinse the turkey under cold water, inside and out. Pat it dry with paper towels. Drizzle olive oil over the turkey and, with your fingers, coat the turkey skin. Sprinkle the spices on the turkey, including the cavity. Then rub in the spices. Lightly cover the turkey with aluminum foil and refrigerate for 3-6 hours before roasting.

Preheat your oven to 325 F. Set up a roasting pan with a rack. Spray the rack with nonstick spray. Place turkey on the rack and roast it, uncovered, for 3 hours, or until the juices run clear, not pink, at the bone. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh, near the bone, should read 180 F. Remove the turkey from the

oven and let it rest on a cutting board for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing.

CANDIED YAMS | PAREVE OR DAIRY

Serve 6-8

- Nonstick vegetable spray
- 3 large yams
- 1½ inches ginger root
- 8 tablespoons dairy-free margarine or unsalted butter
- ¾ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup, preferably Grade A Amber
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Coat a 10-inch-by-15-inch baking dish, such as Pyrex, with nonstick vegetable spray. Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Peel the yams. Rinse them



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under cold water and pat them dry with paper towels. Slice them into ½-inch disks. Cut the larger disks in half. Peel the ginger. Dice it and then chop it fine. Reserve.

Cut the butter, if using, into 12 pieces. In a medium-sized pot, melt the margarine or butter on a medium-low flame. Add the ginger, along with the white sugar and brown sugar and stir until dissolved. Add the cinnamon, ground cloves, salt and maple syrup. Stir again until well combined. To avoid a flare up, remove pot from the flame and add the vanilla, stirring well.

Move the yams to the prepared pan. Pour the warm mixture from the pan over the yams and stir to coat each piece well. Bake for 45-55 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes, until the yams are softened. Serve immediately.

CARAMELIZED SHALLOTS AND HARICOTS VERTS (FRENCH GREEN BEANS) | PAREVE

Serves 6-8

- 1½ pounds haricots verts
- 2 shallots
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, or more if needed
- Kosher salt to taste

- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest

Rinse the haricots verts in a colander under cold water. Drain them on paper towels. Reserve.

Peel the shallot, then cut them into slices and separate them into rings.

In a large skillet, drizzle in olive oil and heat over a medium flame until warm. Add the shallot rings and sprinkle them with salt and pepper. Stir until softened and fragrant.

Add the haricots verts and stir to coat them with oil. Sauté until the haricot verts are slightly wilted but still green and the shallots are caramelized. Add more oil at any time, if needed. Check the salt, and add more if needed. Move it to an attractive serving bowl and sprinkle with lemon zest. Serve immediately.

PEAR CRISP | DAIRY OR PAREVE

Serves 6-8

Equipment: 7-inch-by-11-inch ovenproof pan, such as Pyrex

Pear Layer

- Nonstick vegetable spray
- 8 pears, peeled, cored and sliced

- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon cardamom
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt

Coat an ovenproof pan with nonstick spray. Preheat your oven to 350 F.

Place the pears in a large bowl. Add the lemon juice, spices, sugar and salt. Mix gently with a wooden spoon. Move the pear mixture to the prepared pan. Sprinkle the topping below over the pears.

Topping

- ½ cup unsalted butter or dairy-free margarine at room temperature
- 1¼ cups blanched almonds, chopped
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ¾ cup flour

Place the topping ingredients in a bowl and mix with a fork until crumbly. Sprinkle the topping evenly over the pears. Bake for 45 minutes, or until the pears bubble and the topping turns golden and crunchy. Cool to warm and serve. The recipe can be reheated. ●

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"Max Jacob: A Life in Art and Letters"

Rosanna Warren
W.W. Norton & Co.

THE EUROPEAN JEWISH artists, writers and thinkers of Max Jacob's generation tended to kill their fathers, some with greater enthusiasm than others.

Intense social, professional and political pressures, from Jews as well as non-Jews, induced those whose fathers had been rabbis and professionals to renounce the world that each had created; the first as stultifyingly provincial, the second as rapaciously acquisitive. Their new religion, in many cases, became the literary and artistic canon of the country in which they happened to live.

In Jacob's case, this was France.

He arrived in Paris in 1894, just a few months before the Dreyfus affair, as a devotee of France's liberal and literary tradition. By 1900, he was an employee of a particularly vicious anti-Semitic newspaper. In 1915, Jacob, openly gay, converted to Catholicism, and would spend a few years shuttling between Paris and a monastery. In 1944,

he died a Jew in Drancy, an internment camp in the suburbs of Paris.

The story of Max Jacob, groundbreaking poet of "The Dice Cup," friend of Picasso and many other artistic luminaries of his age, has been set down by Rosanna Warren, a poet and literary critic whose long-nursed love for the work of Jacob led her to take her first crack at a biography.

What Warren has produced is most certainly a poet's biography of a poet — chronologically jumpy, and a little lighter on details than you might like, but illuminatingly perceptive as a reading of the subject's life and work. Jacob, a long-dead figure whose relative obscurity and complexity could've made for a ponderous trudge, is instead brought alive by Warren's hand in "Max Jacob: A Life in Art and Letters."

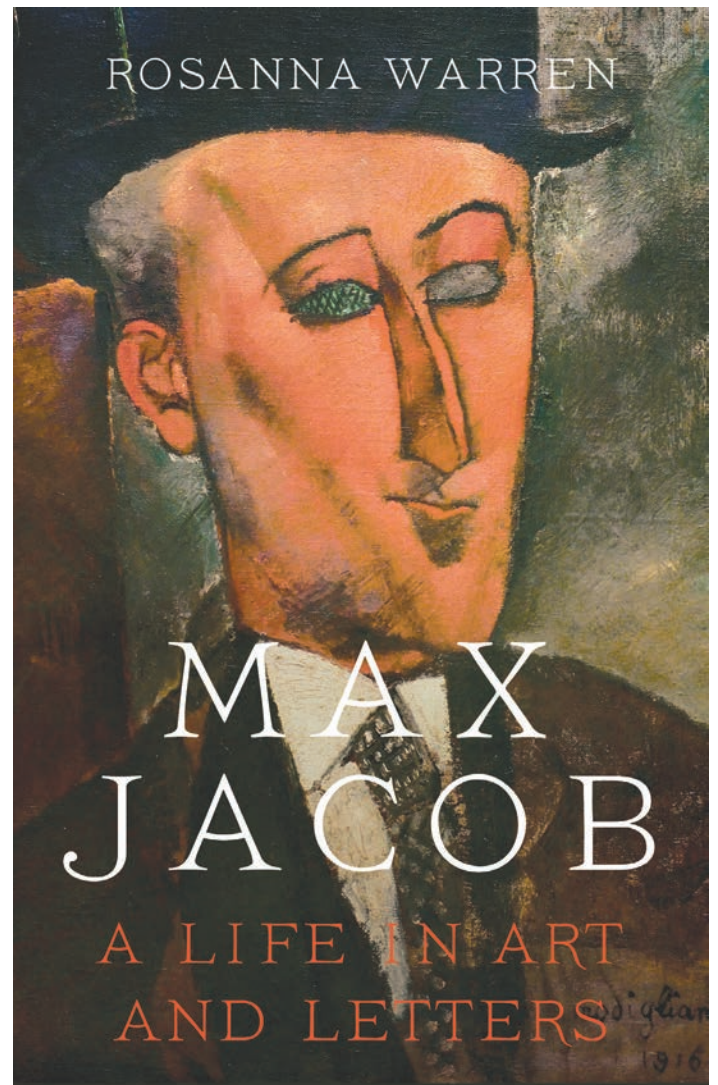
Part of what makes a biography of Jacob such a difficult proposition is that, as Warren notes, he was an inveterate fabulist when it came to the details of his own life. His journal entries contradict reality and, sometimes, each other. But the falsehoods and misremembrances that Warren piles up help create a portrait by omission, whereby what Jacob *was* becomes more clear as you see what he was not, or could not, be.

Why did the comfortable Jewish boy from Quimper claim a saintly Christian grandmother from Avignon, and five years honorably served in the navy? Why did Jacob, a close friend of Picasso's, seek to exaggerate the artistic influence of his former roommate?

He writes and he writes, for newspapers, for children, for magazines, for poetry journals. His books, most notably "The Dice Cup," make waves. He does more than rub shoulders with the likes of Picasso, Cocteau, Chagall, Apollinaire and Modigliani. He is a close friend and even a subject of their work. If you happen to mosey into Gallery 267 of the Philadelphia Museum of Art any time soon, you can see him represented in a Picasso as a monk.

Warren states early on that she sought to keep Jacob from being trampled by all these giants in the accounting of his own life, and she succeeds at this. He appears not as Gump or Zelig, but like a more obscure Zweig, another committed Europeanist and friend of giants who did what he could to annihilate his Judaism, until it contributed to his own annihilation.

"The Jews are men of intellect; I need men of heart," said



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Jacob, the intellectual, echoing the desire of many of his co-coreligionist intellectuals of the era. I wanted to grab this beautiful poet by the shoulders and tell him that he'll be wearing a yellow star soon, regardless.

"The mystery is in this life, the reality in the other," Jacob wrote in "The Dice Cup." "If you love me, if you love me, I will show you the reality." •

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Journalist Plumbs Unseemly Depths of Online Hate Groups

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"Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy"

Talia Lavin
Hachette Books

WHY WOULD ANYONE dive head-first into some of the

most hate-filled spaces on the internet?

If you're Talia Lavin, you do it to deprive far-right extremists "of the power to organize in total darkness, to operate as the terrifying bogeymen they would so like to be." The activist journalist is, as the jacket copy of her new book notes, a skinhead's worst nightmare: she was

raised Modern Orthodox and is a self-described "schlubby, bisexual Jew" whose politics are "considerably to the left of Medicare for All."

In "Culture Warlords: My Journey Into the Dark Web of White Supremacy," Lavin presents her findings from years of researching cesspools of online hatred that foment real-world violence. She

sometimes talks to her subjects face-to-face, but readers are more likely to be hooked by her use of false identities to observe them in secret.

Lavin invents Tommy O'Hara, a 21-year-old man whose romantic failures drive him to seek out the violent misogynist community of "involuntary celibates," or incels. There's also Ashlynn, a

Jew-hating waitress from Iowa seeking a mate on white supremacist dating site WhiteDate (she receives a barrage of love letters that read "like a car crash between Nicholas Sparks and 'Mein Kampf.'") In one of the book's most satisfying chapters, Lavin uses Ashlynn to infiltrate the white terror

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group Vorherrschaft Division and expose the identity of Ukrainian neo-Nazi David Kolomiets.

Lavin proves adept at translating the tangled mass of pseudo-science and jargon that is white supremacist ideology into plain, horrifying English. She provides readers with a solid history of anti-Semitic movements in the United States before addressing their contemporary forms. She also skillfully navigates the interlocking mechanisms of anti-Semitism and other kinds of hate, and explains how white supremacists target Jews as the nefarious force behind immigration, racial equality, women's rights, globalization, LGBTQ rights and any other societal change or structure they deem threatening.

There is so much material to work with here, so much hate to sift through, that some sections can't help but feel a bit rushed.

One chapter about communal defense against white supremacist violence doesn't cite many examples of how these strategies can be used successfully, and definitions of white supremacist jargon are often repeated unnecessarily. However, Lavin's cinematic prose and extraordinarily gutsy research keep the pages turning easily.

Learning about the vileness that lurks in the darkest corner of the internet is necessary, but it feels like flipping over a rotten log to find all the pale, slimy things squirming underneath. Lavin's audience will probably want to shower after reading about how a former U.S. congressional candidate juxtaposed the images of two journalists he assumed to be Jewish with images of mutilated deer carcasses, or how Lavin found an online discussion about whether she was too ugly to rape.

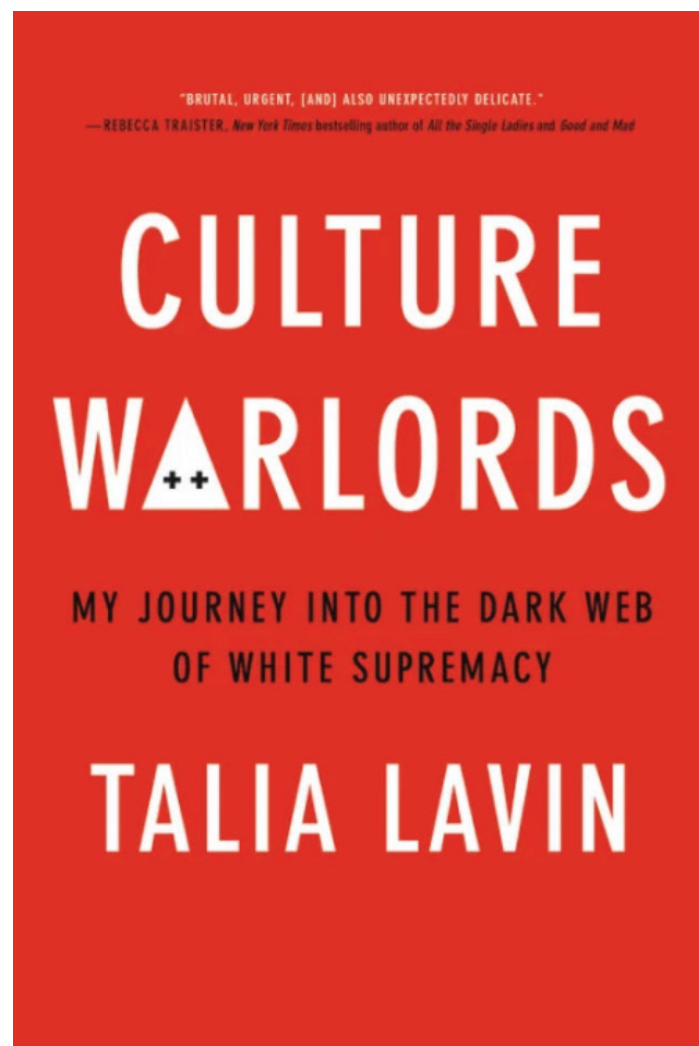
Perhaps most tragically, the hate Lavin researches seeps into her own psyche.

"I will never forgive them

for making me hate them as much as I do, for folding a red loathing into my soul," she writes of the neo-Nazis who have threatened to kill and torture her friends. While loathing neo-Nazis is hardly a controversial or problematic stance, it is hard to escape the contradiction of someone denouncing hate while admitting to harboring it herself.

Nevertheless, Lavin's exhaustive research and personal accounts sound an incredibly effective alarm about the dangers — both moral and physical — white supremacy and anti-Semitism pose to the fabric of society. Perhaps the most terrifying revelation from this book is the sheer humanity of these extremists, who are capable of writing love letters (albeit twisted ones) and who could be out living normal lives in the light of day while plotting genocide in darkness. •

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Author Relates Lessons Learned During Multiple Trips to Israel as a Volunteer

BOOKS

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MARK WERNER DIDN'T always consider himself to be a writer. There were a few things that the Vineland, New Jersey, native and graduate of Haverford College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School felt comfortable attributing to himself; sought-after lawyer, retiree, Raleigh, North Carolina, resident, passionate Zionist and devoted Jew, sure.

But writer? No dice.

So now, as Werner, 67, publishes his third book, a new memoir detailing his nearly two decades as a volunteer for

the Israel Defense Forces, he may be forced to concede that he is, in fact, a writer.

Werner the writer will appear via Zoom at Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown on Nov. 17 to discuss his latest memoir, "A Passion for Israel: Adventures of a Sar-El Volunteer," published by Gefen Publishing House, his second book on the subject. The book is blurbed by the likes of diplomat Dennis Ross, historian Michael Oren and Rabbi David Wolpe. Werner will also make a digital appearance at Har Zion Temple on Dec. 7.

Sar-El, a nonprofit under the direction of the Israeli Logistics Corps, provides

non-Israelis and Israelis living abroad a chance to contribute service to the country without serving in combat. ("Sar-El" is a transliterated acronym of *sherut l'yisrael*, "service to Israel.") The organization has brought more than 150,000 volunteers to Israel since its 1983 founding. For a few weeks at a time, those volunteers essentially act as support staff on military bases around the country.

Werner, the president of Volunteers for Israel, has volunteered with Sar-El for three weeks at a time for the last 18 years, bringing along family and friends to volunteer and live the principles he'd learned

during his youth. The Camp Galil alum spent his junior year of high school reading JTA news pieces aloud between Israeli songs on WWBZ in Vineland, and imbibed the lessons of his father's time as a resistance fighter in the forests of Poland. The twinned forces of Holocaust remembrance and ardent Zionism propelled Werner to Sar-El.

"A Passion for Israel" consists of journal entries covering the last 14 volunteer trips, each of them named after the base where he was stationed. The drudgery of the tasks can be overpowering at points; a typical passage cheerfully reports that the volunteer unit

had so impressed a superior that more difficult work was provided for them to do, only to be slowed down because of the presence of a large snake under an armored personnel carrier.

But in Werner's mind, the repetitious toil is part of what makes the work powerful. Or, at least, more meaningful than writing a check.

"It can be manual labor, it could be simply base maintenance, packing medical kits, or whatever it is. Menial jobs," he said. "But it's still important to me, and it's still important to Israel."

Spliced between Werner's daily activities on base are his interactions with Israelis

on and off duty, valuable for their insight into Israeli life. He travels the country with family and friends, taking in the sights and reinforcing why they've chosen to do what they do.

Many Jews' impressions of the country and its citizens, Werner believes, are distorted by the fact that they are transmitted through the media. Israel, he said, is a much more diverse, kind and loving place than many realize. In other words, according to Werner: There's much more to Israel than Haredim and soldiers, and much more to Haredim and soldiers, too.

Werner also seeks to contextualize his journal entries by describing the Israeli political and military situations that his volunteering stints coincide with. The detention and release of Gilad Shalit — a former IDF soldier held captive by Hamas for more than five years — color much of the first half of

the book, while incidents like Operation Protective Edge, the Gaza Flotilla, the Iran Deal and key U.N. decisions form the second half.

Werner's message, in the end: Don't take Israel for granted.

"Since the establishment of the state of Israel 72 years ago, there has been not a single mass persecution of Jews anywhere in the world, and you might think that's normal, because we grow up this way. And we say, OK, that's normal," Werner said. "It's not normal. In the history of Jewish people, you'd be hard pressed to find any 72-year span before where there was no mass persecution anywhere in the world of Jews. But the reason there hasn't been since 1948 is because of the existence of the state of Israel." •

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Parshat Chayei Sarah

OH, MOTHER SARAH!

During this time of high anxiety in our country, especially the weeks leading up to the election, I have been calling upon my ancestors for love and guidance. I do not know their names beyond five or six generations. Yet I call upon them, trying to reach them through the veils of time. I need them.

As I sat down to finalize my thoughts on the day before our presidential election, my mind took a different turn from what I had planned to say. I found myself calling out to Mother Sarah, for her love and guidance, as I faced my fear of having such an uncertain future. Why you, Sarah?

We read so little of you in Torah, yet you have inspired volumes of *midrashim*, poems, songs, chants, *niggunim*, rituals, dance, stories — and names. Many Jewish women have been given your name, which has been passed down to our female offspring for generations upon generations. I, too, bear your name. Your name gives honor to many Jewish institutions and organizations. We revere you.

It is fitting that this week's parshah bears your name, although it takes place after your death, opening with your burial and mourning. Shiva. The time when we remember our deceased through prayers, rituals and stories of their lives. Chayei Sarah. The Life of Sarah.

During the period of mourning for Sarah, did

Abraham and Isaac share stories extolling only your virtues? Or did they, like Torah does, also share stories of your anger, jealousy, your "tests"? What are the stories that Abraham and Isaac didn't tell, didn't know? The stories of how you endured, and endured and endured. The stories that made you a woman who could laugh at Divine Proclamations, instead of cursing the timing.

You were not a saint, Sarah. That is why it is you to whom I call out, in my fear, my anger, my lack of faith — I feel you know me. Empathize with me in my angst in this tumultuous time. Have compassion for me and all people facing an uncertain world, as you did.

In the bereavement group I facilitated the day after the election, thinking of you,

Sarah, I asked the participants to bring one of their ancestors to mind, someone whom they felt gave them a strength that was needed in this tense time, and then to share it in the form of a blessing. Such guidance, kindness, comfort and vision poured forth! And you, Sarah, your blessing was there, too. There, not just coming from you, but through you, as it has done for millennia.

Sarah, Mother Sarah, your life continues in our lives — not only in our creative *midrashim*, but in our bodies, minds and spirits. In our ability to laugh. Laugh through tears and heartache, disbelief and joy. Laugh for the sheer pleasure of being alive. Your life continues in our aspirations, our grandest achievements and in our failures, our anger, jealousy,

despair, confusion. In our determination, our endurance to take the next step. And the next. And the next. For Life!

Chaya Sarah: Thank you for answering in me this week helping me take the next step. And the next. •

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District of Georgia, Evans accused Franklin of fraud and conspiracy for withholding \$3.3 million of the \$4.5 million raised. Franklin, who leads the 14,000-member Free Chapel church of Gainesville, Georgia, denied the claims.

The dispute began when Evans received a list of campaign donors from Franklin that reported \$3.3 million more in donations than Evans thought were raised.

Franklin contended that there was a verbal agreement where Evans would get \$1 million for causes of his choosing, with the rest remaining with Franklin to promote his own causes and pay expenses.

Franklin said he gave Evans \$1.2 million as a goodwill gesture. •

Compiled by Andy Gotlieb

Havurah

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Over the past 50 years, the members have come to regard each other as extended family. Their children, though grown, will still come back to visit and attend the occasional event.

Like most families who spend decades in each other's company, disagreements among members are inevitable. Maintaining cohesion in the polarized political environment of the past four years has been difficult, but the group made a collective decision to prioritize their relationships over the news (no political discussions allowed.)

Member Luci Stroiman said the group has learned that disagreements do not necessarily equate disunity, as long as everyone respects each other.

"We listen to each other. That's the key, we really do

listen to each other," she said.

Members have learned to adapt to each other's needs, from learning how to cook kosher vegetarian dishes to accommodate dietary restrictions to finding an accessible tashlich site for aging members. They have also acted as a support network for each other through all of life's milestones.

Member Evelyn Goldberg, who joined the chavurah 40 years ago, said the group encouraged her creativity and boosted her self-confidence. She was bolstered by members' support when she decided to go to nursing school in her mid-30s.

"They were so supportive of me, and several people even came to the graduation," she said. "I could actually feel it, spiritually and physically, that they were on my side and that they were helping me." •

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BASKIN

Malva (Cohen) Baskin, of Bala Cynwyd, PA, passed away on October 30th, 2020. Beloved mother of Bonnie Mazis (the late Robert), Lisa McIntosh (John), and the late Bradley Baskin; cherished Bubby of Melissa, Ryan, Jamie and Alexandra; adoring great-grandmother of Addison, Mackenzie and Willow. Dear sister of the late Anne Berman and loving Aunt Moz to Dennis (Carla) and Michele (Glen).

BLOCK

Mary Block (nee Angelozzi) on November 3, 2020 of Philadelphia, PA; beloved wife of the late Philip; loving mother of Ronald (Anita) Block; adoring grandmother of Alan (Christine Cooper) Block. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Old York Road Temple Beth Am (oyrtbetham.org) or the charity of your choice.

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EINHORN

Jules Einhorn, October 31, 2020, of Langhorne, PA. Husband of Carol Einhorn (nee Feldman). Father of Josh Einhorn (Melissa Nemer), Aaron Einhorn (Lindsey) and Rachel Saks (Ari); brother of Mark Einhorn (2'1); grandfather of Samson, Ayla, Dylan, Brody, Jonah and Lilah. The family respectfully requests that contributions in his memory be made to Camp Ramah in the Poconos or to the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia (or the community Jewish Federation of your preference).

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FELDMAN

Goldie Feldman (nee Gangursky) on October 29, 2020. Beloved wife of the late David J.; Loving mother of Eileen Longo Stellrecht (Ewald A.); Dear sister of Edna Tohancyn and David Gangursky; Devoted grandmother of Daphne (Erol), Jessica (Christian), Mark (Elizabeth) and Julie (Scott); Adoring great-grandmother of Isobel, Sasha, Maxfield, Samuel, Matthew and Annie. Goldie was born on March 4, 1924, in Philadelphia, the youngest daughter of seven children. Parents, Fannie (nee Cherwin) and Isadore Gangursky. Goldie had a 30+ year career as a Federal Government employee marked by upward mobility. She was an integral member of the aircraft design department at the Naval Air Facility. After retirement she and Dave traveled extensively throughout the United States with his group from the USS Boxer; visited their granddaughter in Italy during her study abroad. Goldie enjoyed many years of Summer getaways at the Jersey shore together with Dave and with the whole family. She loved living in center-city Philadelphia with her beloved sister and pal, Edna. They were a recognizable duo together, lunching, walking to Rittenhouse Square, or taking the bus to Chinatown to one of their favorite spots. She was a wordsmith, always busy with a crossword puzzle, cutting out cartoons and newspaper articles to send to her grandchildren; many years of selecting gifts on great-grandchildren's birthdays were her field of expertise and joy. The cards, drawings, invitations, mementos of celebrations together from grandchildren and great-grandchildren received by her were saved, marked by her as "treasures" and at her request will be buried with her. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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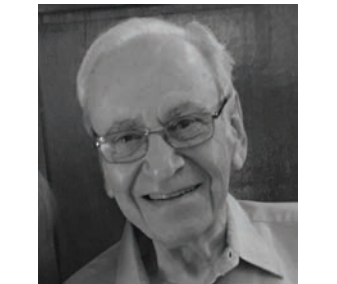
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FIRST

Ellen Kessler First, Bala Cynwyd, PA. A strong, creative, talented designer and business owner who left us on October 30th, 2020. Daughter of the late Stanley and Thelma Kessler. Ellen, a loving wife, mother and grandmother, survived by her husband Richard, children Robert (Elizabeth) Kallick, Marci Kallick, Robin (Alan) Brandies, Michael (Brent) First, her sister Janice (Tom) Biron, and grandchildren Skylar, Temmi, Benjamin and Max, and niece, nephews, and three great nephews. She will be forever loved and kept in our hearts. Services were. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GILDINER

Sydney Gildiner, 84, most recently of Mays Landing, NJ passed away peacefully on October 30, 2020, his beloved wife of 64 years Cookie (nee Helene Lichter) and devoted children Len (Lynn Green), Cherry Hill, NJ; Fern Weiss, Ft Myers, FL and Jeff (Dorothy), Hamilton, NJ. Syd was predeceased by his younger brother, Mark in 2013. Born and raised in South Philadelphia, Syd graduated Central High and Temple University School of Pharmacy. He and Cookie met in high school and married soon after. They started their life together in Northeast Philly then moved to Margate, NJ, joining Temple Beth El. Syd was co-owner of Groveland Prescription Center in Somers Point, NJ for almost 25 years and member of Avoda, serving a term as its Nasi. The couple retired to Boynton Beach, FL until health issues took them to Estero, FL, closer to their daughter. In 2017, the couple returned to South Jersey to join their sons and families. They took great pride and joy in their grandchildren: Rachel Gildiner (Adam Small), Washington, DC; Rebecca Gildiner, Brooklyn NY; Michael (Brandi) Weiss, Leesburg, VA; Samantha Weiss, Ft Myers, FL and Eric Gildiner, Lancaster, PA. The crown jewels of his life with Cookie were their four great-grandchildren, Sammy, Vera, Sonia and Dylan. Donations in Syd's memory are encouraged to Avoda, The American Diabetes Association, the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation or any charity of choice.

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HOFFMAN

Ellis I. Hoffman on November 2, 2020. Age 91. Born July 22, 1929 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of Nathan and Kate Hoffman. Ellis is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Dorothy Hoffman; his brother, Donald Hoffman; and his nephews and nieces and their many children. Services and interment are Private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Penn Medicine Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

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HOFFMAN

Leslie Howard Hoffman on October 31, 2020. Husband of Anita (nee Saunders). Father of Neal Hoffman and Rebecca (Daniel) Kuestner. Brother of Dr. Dennis (Barbara) Hoffman and Barbara (Michael) Soroker. Grandfather of Daniel and Deanna. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 1617 JFK Blvd, Suite 700, Philadelphia PA 19103.

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JONES

Beverly Jones (nee. Fuchs). Wife of the late H. David. Mother of Shari (Emmett Gardner) Williams, Ronald Gelfont, Felice (Aaron) Shiloh. Sister of Aaron (Miriam) Fuchs, Jonathan Foxx, Dora (Thomas) Levitt, Nina Fuchs, Edward Fuchs and the late Joseph Fuchs. Grandmother of Frankie, Brooke, A.J. Rocky, Stephanie, Daniel, Noah, Jonathan and Sophia. Great Grandmother of Isaiah. Contributions in her memory may be made to Ohev Shalom Hebrew Fund Tichon Fund.

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KANEFSKY

William G. Kanefsky on Nov. 3, 2020, husband of Bonnie (nee Kazan), father of Sharon (Jim) Carlin and Carl (Cathy) Kanefsky, grandfather of Sean (Danielle) Carlin, Sam Kanefsky, Adam Kanefsky, Ryan Carlin (Logan Leeds), Stephen Kanefsky (fiancee Alexandra Rosen) and Rebecca Carlin; brother-in-law of Rabbi Fred and the late Marian Kazan. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hadassah, 1518 Walnut St., Suite 402, Phila. PA 19102 or Cong. Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 or charity of the donor's choice.

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KROUSE

Barbara A. Krouse (nee Lipsky), age 64, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2020. Resided in Groveland, FL (formerly of Philadelphia, PA); beloved wife of Alan S. Krouse; loving mother of Morgan Krouse, Ian (Sara) Krouse, and Ben (fiancé Nicole) Krouse. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be made to The American Cancer Society.

LUBLIN-TEN

Ruth Lublin-Ten, on October 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Harry Lublin and the late Henry Ten. Devoted mother of Debra Eisenberg and late son, Murray Leblin. Loving grandmother of Dawn Lublin and Jordan Lublin. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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MEISEL

Judith (Beker Cohen) Meisel, age 91, passed away peacefully at home on November 3, 2020 in St. Louis Park, MN. She was born in Lithuania to Mina and Osser Beker, and survived the Holocaust in the Kovno ghetto and eventually the Stutthoff Concentration Camp where her mother was murdered in the gas chamber. She and her sister, Rachel, escaped during a death march in 1945 as the Russians were advancing towards the Camp. She was 16 years old when she was liberated in Denmark. More than 75 years later, Judy provided key witness testimony in recent German indictments and trials of SS guards from Stutthoff. Her amazing story of survival can be found at judymeisel.com. Her life story as a Holocaust survivor, educator, speaker and activist was chronicled in a documentary film, Tak for Alt. She was steadfast and outspoken in her pursuit of justice, sharing her story as a lesson to fight hatred, bigotry and indifference. Her favorite expression was, "I hate hate." She previously lived in Philadelphia and Santa Barbara, where she was a renowned preschool director and teacher. Judy is predeceased, in addition to her parents, by her loving husband, Fred Meisel; her sister, Rachel Levitin and Rachel's husband, Josfa; her brother, Abe Beker; and son-in-law, Samuel Tucker. She is survived by her three children, Mina (Jeffrey Berenson) Cohen of Mendocino, CA, Michael (Soni) Cohen of St. Louis Park, MN and Debby Tucker of Potomac, MD. She is also survived by her step-daughters, Alexandra (Jonathan) Bricklin and Rene Meisel; and her sister-in-law, Simmie Beker of Toronto. Her deepest pride were her grandchildren who called her Savta: Elana (Yakov) Pesah of Jerusalem, Yael (Ben) White of Chicago, IL, Aaron (Katherine Clark) Cohen of Astoria, Queens, NY, Ben (Erin) Cohen of Brooklyn, NY, Seth Tucker of Silver Spring, MD and Jennifer (Matthew) Shopsin of San Carlos, CA. She also is survived by her step-granddaughter, Rebecca Bricklin. Judy's biggest joy were her great-grandchildren, Mira and Rafa Clark Cohen, Ada and Eleanor White, Aaron, Chana, Shmuel, Yisroel and Rivka Pesah; and Rachel Shopsin. She will be missed by nieces, nephews and friends who became "family" especially after losing so many of her own relatives in the Holocaust. Judy had a large number of "closest friends" and was only 2 or 3 degrees of separation from thousands of people. There was always a seat available for guests at her table for a Shabbat meal or holiday dinner. Her mock chopped liver, schnecken and meeringue cookies were legendary. Judy will be missed by many as she touched so many lives with her empathic ability to connect with anyone that she left a large special imprint on the world. Burial will be a private graveside service due to Covid-19. A larger memorial tribute will be held in the future post-pandemic. In lieu of flowers please make a donation in her memory to The Judy Project at www.judymeisel.com. This will help ensure that her story continues to be shared with future generations through new film and multimedia works. Judy was a lifelong supporter of the Anti-Defamation League so contributions are also welcomed in her memory to the ADL of Santa Barbara or the JCRC of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

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ORLOFF

Eileen Roberta (Mitgang) Orloff, peacefully passed away on October 27th at the age of 88 in North Wales, PA. She was the beloved wife of the late Walter Orloff and the wonderful mother of Randy, Arlynn Bloom, Nyle, Hill and Gregg. She was an incredible mother-in-law for Maggie, Craig, Maxine, Marci and Sherry. Her 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren will miss her embracing love every day. The family will be holding a private ceremony. Any donations in her memory should be directed to cancerquest.org

SCHLANK

Harriett Iris Schlank (nee Brownstein). Passed away on October 29, 2020. Wife of 54 years to Alvin Schlank. Mother of Marc (Bliss) Schlank, Marne (Ken) Goldman and Todd (Bertha) Schlank. Mommom of Aerin, Carrie and Anna Schlank, Max, Sydnee and Zachary Goldman, and Kiyanti and Keanu Schlank, who were all the loves of her life. Also the mother of Rocky and Mazel. Harriett loved all forms of entertainment, especially home shopping television, and was an avid lover of mussels and lobster. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Lung Association, www.lung.org.

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SCHOENBERG

Millie Schoenberg (nee Blackman), on November 4, 2020, of Ardmore, PA. Beloved wife of 69 years to Floyd Schoenberg. Loving mother of Gary Schoenberg (Clare) and Randie McConnell (the late Daniel) and devoted grandmother to Julie Magolon (T.J.), Matthew Schoenberg (Charlotte), Adam Schoenberg (Susan) and Lauren Bell (Ryan) and great-grandmother of Jasmine, Leah and Sawyer, also survived by her former daughter-in-law, Beverly Cylinder. She was predeceased by her sister Joan Katz. Millie was a prominent Real Estate Agent in the Main Line/Philadelphia area for 38 years. Graveside Services and Interment are Private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Association.

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SPIVACK

Joan Spivack, October 29, 2020. The former Joan Weinstein, wife of Gerald "Jerry", mother of Stuart (Mary) Spivack, Milton H. (Yvonne) Spivack and Kenneth (Tracy) Spivack, sister of Deby Goldberg; also survived by 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Contributions in Joan's memory may be made to Beth Shalom Congregation, 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027, The American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Suite 2820, Phila., PA 19103 or to charity of the donor's choice.

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SPIVAK

Judith Spivak, November 2, 2020 of Philadelphia, PA; beloved daughter of the late Harry and Betty (nee Lightman) Spivak; adored sister of Herbert (Marcia) Spivak and Allen (Roberta) Spivak and the late Joseph Spivak. Also survived by twelve nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to Pennsylvania SPCA (www.pspca.org).

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STEIMAN

Hanna Steiman nee Glaubien, November 6, 2020. Wife of the late Morris. Mother of Chaya (Dr. Ron) Fischman, Dr. Shoshana (Yacob) Rubinstien and Samuel (Stefani) Rotter. Step mother of Becky (Barry) Talasnik. Grandmother of Dr. Dan Fischman (Jennifer Layman, Esq.), Noam (Wendy, Esq.) Fischman, Esq., Aviv Rubinstien, Pam Rotter, Jason Rotter, Erin (Nick) Tiesio, Esq. and Adam Talasnik. Great grandmother of Zoe, Yael, Rachel and Fiona. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Holocaust Awareness Museum, 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, Pa 19027.

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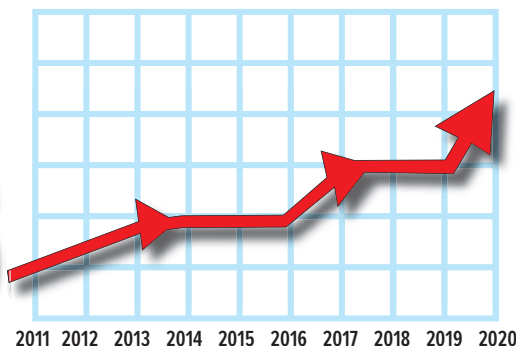
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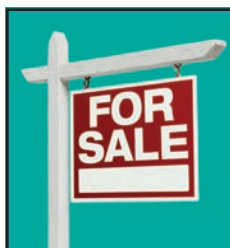
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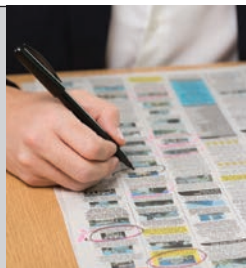
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Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Farrington; aka Ruth E. Farrington aka Ruth Farrington; Farrington, Ruth Elizabeth aka Farrington, Ruth E. aka Farrington, Ruth, Deceased
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ANNIVERSARY

► FINGERMAN

Gilda (née Mazie) and Al Fingerman, who have been friends and sweethearts since their childhood in Camden, New Jersey, celebrated 70 years of marriage on Nov. 12.

On Nov. 14, Gilda will turn 90 and on Nov. 27, Al will turn 94. Al worked in advertising, while Gilda was an elementary school teacher. Throughout their lives, they have enjoyed many activities together, including duplicate bridge, eventually becoming life masters.

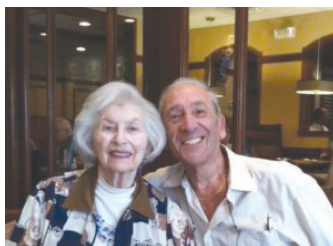


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ENGAGEMENT

► SILOW-CARRAGHER

Allison Troy and Daniel Carragher of Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Deenie and Gary Silow of Huntingdon Valley announce the engagement of their children, Kaitlin Carragher and Grant Silow.

Kaitlin is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the U.C. Hastings College of the Law, and practices corporate law at Goodwin Procter. Grant is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the Yale School of Management and works as a venture capital investor at 25madison.

Kaitlin is the granddaughter of the late Audrey and John Carragher and the late Lorna and Jeffrey Troy. Grant is the grandson of the late Betty and David B. Silow and the late Kathryn and John Brett.

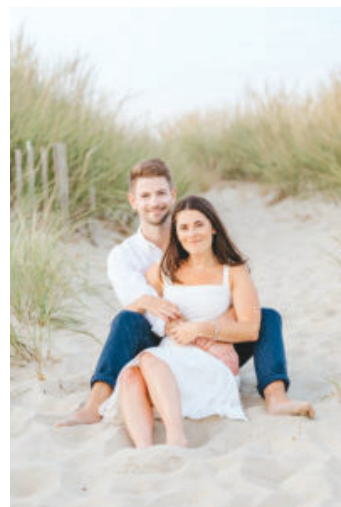


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BIRTH

► BENJAMIN GRANT DAUSCH

Benjamin Grant Dausch was born on July 8, weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces, to Lindsay and Justin Dausch.

Sharing in their happiness are grandparents Susan Breslow Silver, Bob Silver, Janis Zaidman Silver, Jane Dausch and Daniel Dausch and great-grandparents Melvyn Breslow, Roberta Steinberg, the late Barbara Breslow, Marvin Silver, the late Geraldine Silver, Judy Penzinger and Michael Penzinger.

Benjamin is named in loving memory of his maternal great-grandmothers Barbara and Geraldine.



Photo by Jordan Silver

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Writer and Broadcaster Janice Booker Dies at 91
JANICE LEAH BOOKER, who wrote three books, hosted a radio program for nearly two decades and had a hand in the creation of the iconic “I’ve fallen, and I can’t get up” line, died Oct. 25 in Malibu, California. She was 91.

Booker, who was formerly of Philadelphia and Wyncote, and her late husband Alvin, started publishing several small regional business magazines from a two-room office. Their company, Secrephone, branched out into transcriptions of medical reports for individual physicians and hospitals.

Years later, the Bookers bought the rights to what became Med-a-Lert, and its first advertisement was videotaped in their home with an actress saying the now-famous line “I’ve fallen, and I can’t get up.”

Aside from newspaper and magazine articles, Booker wrote “The Jewish American Princess and

Other Myths: The Many Faces of Self-Hatred” in 1992, “Philly Firsts: The Famous, Infamous, and Quirky of the City of Brotherly Love” and “Across from the Alley Next Door to the Poolroom” in 2011.

In addition, she hosted “The Janice Booker Show,” taught journalism at Temple University and memoir writing and public speaking at the University of Pennsylvania and wrote for The Jewish Writing Project.

She also worked as an interviewer for Steven Spielberg’s USC Shoah Foundation.

When living in Wyncote, Booker was a member of Or Hadash, a Reconstructionist Congregation and its Havurah group.

Booker and her husband moved to California in 2002, becoming active members of Partners in Learning Actively Teaching Ourselves.

Booker is survived by her son Ellis Carl Booker (Erin), daughter Susan Barbara Booker (Jerry Shevick) and seven grandchildren.

Folkshul Memorial Commemorates Kristallnacht, Tulsa Massacre

Jewish Children’s Folkshul held a memorial Nov. 8 at Fort Washington State Park to commemorate both Kristallnacht and the 1921 Black Wall Street Massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Participants examined firsthand witness testimonies and combined music, songs and stories, with facilitated dialogue to reflect on those events and consider their relevance today.

In the Black Wall Street Massacre, white residents of Tulsa ransacked their neighbors’ Black-owned

businesses and property. The Greenwood District, known as Black Wall Street, was attacked by ordinary citizens, some of whom were deputized and given weapons by local law enforcement. The numbers of deaths is disputed, although the Oklahoma Bureau of Vital Statistics recorded 36 deaths, and as many as 6,000 Black residents were interned, some for several days.

Bat Mitzvah Project Raises Money for Women’s Hygiene Supplies

Bat mitzvah girl Sami Neff’s community project raised enough money to buy more than 29,000 women’s hygiene products that will be distributed by the Jewish Relief Agency.

The Philadelphia girl developed four methods for obtaining donations and supplies, including a donation box at the Baldwin School, where she is a student; links on Amazon.com for supplies to be bought online; use of her mother’s Venmo account for cash donations; and a Facebook fundraising page.

During her bat mitzvah speech, she said she raised \$2,872 in cash and collected more than 50 unopened packages of hygiene supplies.

“Sanitary products are as essential as toilet paper or a toothbrush, and need to be discussed as such ... [and] long after my bat mitzvah comes and goes, I plan to continue to raise awareness and help break down the taboos surrounding this extremely important topic,” she said.

Sami will visit the JRA warehouse on Nov. 13 to see the products her money bought. •

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► Janice Leah Booker
Courtesy of the
Booker family



Our Mission EXPANDS ITS REACH.

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From 2008 through 2019, we gradually expanded our reach through services such as Transitional Care, Home Care, Hospice, Care Advisors, Medical Adult Day, outpatient Memory Care, Primary Care and Palliative Care. This array of services now provides care to nearly 5,000 seniors throughout our community each year – wherever and however they need us.

Bold leadership requires the courage to evolve.

After evaluating all other options, we came to the difficult decision to sell our treasured Horsham campus, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. While we share in our community's many emotions about this sale, it was necessary for sustaining our vital work. **Abramson Senior Care** remains strong and ready to take our mission to new heights.

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This policy shift has profoundly affected our ongoing mission to serve frail Jewish seniors in need. We owed it to them to find another way.


Today, our **Abramson Senior Care** brand means coordinated, highly personalized care that enables seniors to move seamlessly through our innovative services as their needs evolve. It means support not only for seniors, but for the families who love them.

The vulnerability of our seniors has never been more painfully apparent. We are now called to ask: how can we serve them better? Our evolution began years before the pandemic, but the many lessons learned this year inform our path forward.

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