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Holiday Gatherings Back On This Year

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AFTER A YEAR of sacrificing in-person holiday parties because of the pandemic, Jewish Philadelphians are getting together again in 2021.

Thanksgiving is on Nov. 25, and Chanukah starts just three nights later. So with both fast approaching, local Jews have already planned their holiday season parties.

Joyce Heisen, who lives in the suburbs, said that, just like last year, she trusts the guidance: COVID vaccines work, so it's OK to gather again. Heisen is getting her booster shot and, since almost 70% of Americans have received at least one jab, she feels comfortable gathering again.

"I'm just not going to keep postponing things," Heisen said.

The suburban resident is part of a group of widows who call themselves "The Good Grief Goddesses." They met in a virtual bereavement group through Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks during the pandemic and became fast friends.

Lately, they've been gathering in person

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▲ A 2019 Amudim workshop on overdose prevention trainings, where Narcan, an emergency narcotics overdose medication, was distributed
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'A Disease of Isolation': How Jews Combat Addiction Stigma

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

THERE'S A YIDDISH SAYING: "A shikker iz a goy," which translates to "an alcoholic is a non-Jew."

Filled with sharp consonants, the phrase is harsh to say, and for Jews with

substance abuse disorders or those recovering from addictions of any kind, the implication is even harsher.

"There is still an incredible amount of stigma in the Jewish community," said Rabbi Ilan Glazer, a Baltimore-based rabbi and creator of Our Jewish Recovery,

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A Shabbat dinner is unpleasant because of one insufferable guest. An invitee wonders that if she gets invited again is there a tactful way to say not to invite the annoying person? Miriam responds with a few possibilities, but notes that it's difficult to make requests about a guest list. For the finer points of the response, visit 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/2021/11/15/dear-miriam-insufferable-guest-makes-shabbat-dinner-unpleasant/



Philacatessen

TRUFFLE BUTTER PASTA

Truffle is a rarefied ingredient, so food columnist Keri White always makes sure it's the star of the show when she features it. In this week's Philacatessen blog, truffle butter pasta is on the menu. White encourages anyone making the recipe to use top-quality butter and Parmesan cheese, as well as the freshest possible pasta and parsley to go with truffle paste, which can be found in gourmet shops. Check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2021/11/15/truffle-butter-pasta/

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Of Freedom Sing!

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[In Response to Robert Nathan's Poem, "Ethiopia"]


If freedom dies, we will not sleep for long.
O poets, sing! Aloof our eagle flies
In proud disdain; on high the Roman song
Of hate soars in Aduva's blood-flecked skies
Where Fascist swords, unsheathed with savage boast,
Into the breast of Liberty are thrust.
Brave words do not avail a conquered host.
Are we too safe to challenge Caesar's lust?
Weep, Ababa! While lofty phrases drape
Our sleep, they do not still the vulture's drone.
Triumphant, despots seek new lands to rape;
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Veterans Deal With Shrinking Post Membership

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WILLIAM ROTH, commander of Jewish War Veterans Furer-Barag-Wolf Post 126 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, hosts monthly meetings Sundays at 9:30 a.m., always starting with bagels and cream cheese.

Although now back in person after a year-and-a-half of virtual meetings, things don't feel the same.

Membership at Post 126 has dwindled this year, both because of new veterans disinterested in joining and old members dying. At its most popular, Roth said Post 126 had 300 members. It's now plateaued at around 40-50.

Post 126 isn't alone; other Jewish war veterans posts are struggling with maintaining membership, breaking the chains of generations of Jewish veterans who kept these fraternities alive.

Donald Feldman, commander of JWV Post 98 in Philadelphia, is the baby of his group — he's 86. His father joined Post 98 as a World War II veteran; Feldman joined in 1960, having served

in the Marines in 1954 and the Army from 1954-'62.

When Feldman joined the post, there were up to 60 members attending meetings; now, attendance is half of that.

Once 150 members strong, Pennsylvania Department Commander Richard Fine's Philadelphia County Council JWV meetings now struggle to reach 15-20 members. His post also skews older, with many of the veterans, Fine included, serving during the Vietnam War. Two served in the Gulf War.

"They call me 'the kid,' and I'm 77 now," Fine said.

The aging membership has posed a problem for the posts' longevity. COVID hasn't helped. Since the pandemic began, Post 126 lost 12 members, Roth said. Last month, Fine attended three funerals in as many weeks.

Recruiting younger veterans has proven challenging.

Post 126 used to hold meetings at night, but those who worked during the day were often too tired to attend. By moving meetings to Sunday morning, Roth hoped younger parents could drop off their

children at religious school before heading to a meeting. So far, his plan hasn't worked.

Post 98 is having similar problems. The post also just resumed in-person meetings, but Feldman wasn't able to organize virtual meetings over the pandemic. When they invite younger veterans, they'll attend one meeting but won't return.

"They may be interested, but right now, they say hello and goodbye," Feldman said.

Afghan veterans have "had enough of the military," Feldman said.

"They want their own time and their own place and their own space," he said.

Roth believes the younger generation just doesn't prioritize posts. He didn't join a post until after he was married. When his wife died, he became even more involved in the post to keep busy.

To bolster attendance, posts sometimes partner with surrounding synagogues, hoping to attract membership among congregants. Though Roth hasn't found this to be helpful, Post 126 has partnered with the Katz Jewish



▲ A 2017 Post 98 gathering, where members were recognized by the Pennsylvania Senate for their service. Photo by the Jewish Exponent

▀▀ They call me 'the kid,' and I'm 77 now."

RICHARD FINE

Community Center, which allows the post to gather in its meeting room.

Though post commanders have made an effort to recruit younger veterans, they feel they can only do so much.

"It's up to the individual," Feldman said.

But one of the assets of going to post meetings is the profound empathy among its members, something well-suited for veterans of similar cohorts.

"Veterans don't normally talk about their time in service and what they did unless they're with other veterans," Fine said. "Most civilians wouldn't understand."

When many of these veterans were serving, they experienced antisemitism.

Fine recalled not being able to eat the food in basic training because it wasn't kosher. His rabbi wrote a letter asking for Fine to get separate, kosher rations during his three-year

service in the Army. Fine received kosher food, but it cost him more than \$4,000.

"I couldn't feed myself on two dollars and 25 cents a day," he said.

At another point, a Jewish friend of Fine, two weeks before he was shipped out, traveled to Atlanta with two friends, one of whom was Black. The hotel they were planning on staying at turned the party away, refusing to allow Black and Jewish guests to stay there.

Within the posts, there's not just a desire to share the memories of times past, but also a reverence for the work of veterans, especially those who fought in unpopular wars, such as the Vietnam and Korean wars and those who were proudly Jewish in a time of robust antisemitism.

"We owe a good country to our veterans," Feldman said. ●

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Kristallnacht Event Encourages Jews to Remember

LOCAL

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BETWEEN THE STATUE honoring the 6 million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust and the museum-like pillars juxtaposing the totalitarian Nazi Germany regime with the democratic United States, the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza stands as a Center City monument to historical memory.

And on Nov. 9, the 83rd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Nazi pogrom that ended with the party sending 30,000 Jews to concentration camps, starting the Holocaust in earnest, the plaza lived up to that vital role.

The Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation,

which operates the Benjamin Franklin Parkway space, hosted “Reflection and Resilience,” an event remembering the infamous “Night of Broken Glass,” in which Nazi paramilitary forces and German civilians smashed thousands of Jewish homes, businesses, hospitals and schools.

The party’s official reason for the atrocity, which killed more than 90 Jews, was the assassination of German diplomat Ernst vom Rath in Paris by a Jew, Herschel Grynszpan.

At “Reflection and Resilience,” Sophie Don, the senior manager of the Remembrance Foundation, opened with a speech explaining why remembering Kristallnacht is essential.

Then, Jessi Roemer, the cantor at the Society Hill Synagogue in Philly, and



▲ Sophie Don, the manager of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation, hosted the Kristallnacht commemoration event.

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Veronica Jurkiewicz, a local musician, performed a series of songs, including the Mourner’s Kaddish. In between renditions, Molly Wernick, a South Philadelphia-based activist and educator, read a poem about the importance of remembering.

About 50 local Jews gathered in the plaza for its first-ever Kristallnacht event.

The statue was unveiled in 1964 as the first Holocaust memorial in the United States. The space expanded into a plaza in 2018.

“It’s really important to remember today,” said Eszter Kutas, the executive director of the Remembrance Foundation, of Kristallnacht. “We’re experiencing historical highs in the United States of antisemitism in the past five years.”

After opening, the plaza was only used for Yom HaShoah events each spring. Otherwise, it was an open space in which locals could visit, observe the statue and read the pillars.

Don explained that in 2018 and 2019 the foundation was

figuring out its role. Then the pandemic happened, postponing additional gatherings.

But in September 2020, with society reopening, the foundation hosted an event called “Stand Against Bigotry,” at which city council members spoke about building bridges across communities.

And once the calendar flipped to 2021, Don and Kutas started putting together a full schedule.

The School District of Philadelphia and other local districts have brought middle and high school students. In May, the foundation held a book giveaway to remember the 1933 Nazi book burnings. Finally, in November, it hosted the remembrance night for Kristallnacht, the pogrom that Kutas described as “the beginning of the end” for Jews in Germany.

She deliberately used that description, she said. According to Kutas, it’s essential to remember more than just the Holocaust and the concentration camps.



▲ About 50 people gathered for the Kristallnacht remembrance event at the Holocaust Memorial Plaza on Nov. 9. Photos by Joseph Bradley

The Nazis only got to that point after years of foreshadowing. Hitler became chancellor in 1933, then made his own word

the rule of law in 1934. The next year, he passed the Nuremberg Laws, which forbade Jews from marrying Germans and stripped

Jews of their citizenship.

All of that happened before Kristallnacht — and Kristallnacht occurred before

the Nazis segregated Jews into ghettos and declared the Final Solution.

This is why, Kutas said, it's vital to remember every step that led to the Holocaust, and to recognize every present-day outbreak of antisemitism.

That first task becomes even more important as the remaining Holocaust survivors die, she added.

"How do we relate these stories when we are 80-some years after Kristallnacht?" she asked.

The event was one answer. The 50 or so attendees were young and old, men and women, Jews from the city and the suburbs.

Mark Steinberger of Philadelphia said he still has his father's 1938 copy of a New York paper reporting Kristallnacht.

"It was the expansion of the suffering that led to the

murders," he said.

Yulia Shpilman of Devon spent the first decade of her life in the Soviet Union, where her family had to mark its Jewish identity on birth certificates and passports and had limited access to key institutions, such as higher education.

"It's a really important reminder of how fortunate we are, and how fragile democracy can be," she said of the plaza's pillars.

Helen Braverman of Center City is the child of Holocaust survivors. Her parents put up some of the money for the martyr statue. Braverman came to honor their legacy.

"We've got to carry on this memory so the world doesn't forget," she concluded. "Anything we do, any little bit, any big thing, is important." •

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‘Tremendous Teacher’ Rabbi Mimi Ferraro Dies at 59

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LIFELONG JEWISH educator and Rabbi Miriam “Mimi” Ferraro died on Oct. 29 after a two-year battle with colon cancer. She was 59.

Ferraro was both a teacher and a student, serving as the rabbi at Congregation Tiferes B’nai Israel in Warrington since 2015; the education director of Old York Road Temple-Beth Am in Abington from 1996-2015; and was the first doctoral student at Gratz College and a 2017 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote.

She also was a hospice chaplain at Abramson Center for Jewish Life, helping patients even when she was a patient herself.

Ferraro’s passion for engaging with her Jewish community was evident: She made chaplain visits and *leyning* Torah the month before her death.

“It was crazy,” said her daughter Jocelyn Spitz, the eldest of Ferraro’s four children. “[Cancer] didn’t slow her down. She was doing funerals; she was doing weddings ... She

was just like, ‘I gotta keep on keeping on — I just got to go, just got to do it.’”

After a breast cancer diagnosis in 2014, Ferraro began her rabbinical program at RRC the day after her double mastectomy.

Spitz said she learned “unwavering strength” from her mother, who would talk out loud to herself, repeating the mantras of “I got this,” “I’m going to be OK” and “I’m going to kick it,” throughout her more aggressive colon cancer diagnosis in 2019.

“That’s what she said going into her last surgery on Oct. 29, that morning: ‘I’m gonna kick it,’” Spitz said.

Born Feb. 3, 1962, Ferraro grew up in Melrose Park and attended Cheltenham High School. She attended synagogue every week with her family and was a camper at Camp Ramah.

She received a bachelor’s degree from Temple University in 1984 in music and music therapy; a master’s of arts in Jewish education administration at Gratz College in 1990; and a doctorate in special education at Gratz in 2013.

“She just loved to learn and she just wanted more,” Spitz said. “And the more knowledge she had, the more she could help others.”

Rabbi Robert Leib, who worked alongside Ferraro at Old York Road Temple-Beth Am for 20 years, said her role

as a “tremendous teacher” was most evident in 2004 when Temple-Beth Am merged with neighboring synagogue Temple Beth Torah, which could no longer sustain itself.

Ferraro, Temple-Beth Am’s education director, was tasked with integrating the religious school students from TBT into Temple-Beth Am.

“Regardless of what I had to do to try and accommodate them as best as I could, the TBT families had a profound sense of loss and grief,” Leib said.

Ferraro was able to ensure the new students were welcome.

“We saw tremendous growth under her leadership,” Leib said.

In total, Ferraro oversaw the Jewish education of 450 children at one point.

“She knew every single one of them by name,” Leib said. “That’s no exaggeration.”

However, Spitz said Ferraro loved no children more than her grandchildren and, after the onset of the pandemic, Ferraro’s priorities shifted more toward her own family, Spitz said.

“Family was the No. 1 most important thing to her,” Spitz said.

Ferraro was proud to call herself a “bubbe,” Spitz said. Ferraro loved showing people pictures of Spitz’s children.

Even when her health was waning, Ferraro made a staunch effort to spend time



▲ Ferraro was described as a “lifelong learner” by daughter Jocelyn Spitz.



▲ Ferraro (center, red shirt) with her family Courtesy of Jocelyn Spitz

with her family.

Spitz’s older son celebrated his first birthday a week before Ferraro’s death. Though she could barely walk, Ferraro committed to being there for the celebration, where she napped on the couch as her family sang “Happy Birthday.”

“Just her being there was enough for her. She just couldn’t miss an opportunity to be with her family and especially her

grandkids,” Spitz said.

Ferraro is survived by her husband Stephen Ferraro; children, Jocelyn Spitz (Zachary), Allyson Beyer (Zachary), Erica Ferraro and Benjamin Ferraro; sisters, Carol Sheffer (Yossi) and Sandra Goldberg (Michael); and two grandsons. •

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Vaccine Approval for Kids Relaxes Religious Schools

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IN AUGUST, when religious schools were just starting their first year of in-person learning since 2019, Germantown Jewish Centre Youth and Families Director Abigail Weinberg described the year's plan as a "moving target."

As of November, Weinberg's predictions have largely proven true. With the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11, GJC's religious school program, as well as other religious and after-school programs, are planning to adapt yet again, hoping to eventually ease restrictions put in place earlier this year.

The FDA's vaccine approval, announced Oct. 29 and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Nov. 3, could have a substantial impact on vaccinated students, area religious schools report.

At Makom Community, a childhood enrichment center with locations in both Center City and South Philadelphia, 56 children are eligible for the jab; at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel's Nezer Hebrew School, 50 children are eligible.

Many have already received their first dose, religious school administrators said.

"A lot of our parents are really excited, and we already see many of our families having their kids vaccinated," BZBI Director of Youth and Family Education Rabbi Max Nissen said.

GJC and Makom Community have had similar responses from parents. Some Makom families volunteered to participate in the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's



▲ Inside, Makom students are diligent about wearing masks, Founding Director Beverly Socher-Lerner said. Courtesy of Makom Community



▲ Makom Community, along with other religious and after-schools, keeps many activities outside.

clinical trials for the vaccine; one child at Makom is already fully vaccinated.

"This is the moment where, for the first time, our kids are going to have some immunity, and we can worry about them less; we can worry about them impacting their community less," said Rachel Marcus, a GJC member. "And we really can start transitioning out of this pandemic mode that we have been in for so, so long."

Marcus and her wife have two children: Maggie, 7, who has already received her first dose; and Elliott, who turns 5 next month. They are counting down the days until Elliott's birthday, when she, too, can

receive her first dose.

Schools are still slow to make any massive changes to restrictions. BZBI and GJC have COVID safety committees or health professionals they consult to decide on synagogue-wide precautions. Both want to give parents ample time to vaccinate their children, a process that can take a couple of months, given the gap between the two doses.

"Being fully vaccinated is probably not going to be required before the first of the year," Weinberg said. "We have two weeks off over the winter, and we're not going to expect

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Federal Energy Grants Available to Synagogues

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SYNAGOGUES WITH energy efficiency needs are considering applying to a new federal grant program for nonprofit buildings, according to area rabbis.

The Nonprofit Energy Efficiency Act will allocate \$50 million to the Department of Energy to distribute to religious and other organizations around the country. It is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill passed by Congress in early November and signed by President Joe Biden on Nov. 15.

Synagogues and other nonprofits can apply for grants

of up to \$200,000, according to the Jewish Federations of North America.

In a Nov. 8 JTA article about the program, Elana Broitman, the JFNA's senior vice president for public affairs, called many nonprofit buildings "outdated."

Several local rabbis agreed with her about their own buildings and said they planned to look into applying for grants.

"We would definitely love to be part of that," said Rabbi Yitzchok Leizerowski of the Orthodox congregation Bais Medrash Harav B'nai Jacob in Northeast Philadelphia.

The rabbi added that his synagogue community is small and "not very well-funded." He has led the synagogue for

14 years, and his building's light bulbs and heaters have not been updated in that time, perhaps longer.

At the top of the rabbi's wish list is LED lighting to replace the congregation's fluorescent bulbs. The fluorescent lights are "burning constantly," Leizerowski said, and are a drain on resources.

LED lights would last longer and help the synagogue save money.

Leizerowski also wants LED lights for his building's outdoor space. He said outdoor lights decrease the possibility of security threats.

The only problem is — with no hired grant writer or volunteers from the congregation with such experience



▲ B'nai Abraham Chabad in Center City could use some energy efficiency upgrades, according to Rabbi Yochanon Goldman.

Courtesy of B'nai Abraham Chabad

— Leizerowski will have to write the application himself.

"I'm not the greatest grant writer. I don't know how to put it together," he said. "I would try to put it together to the best of my ability."

Bais Medrash is located in a 60-year-old building, Leizerowski said. B'nai Abraham Chabad, in Center City, is in a structure that's over

100 years old and has similar needs, like better exterior lighting and better-insulated windows, according to Rabbi Yochanon Goldman.

Filling both would satisfy three different synagogue priorities: energy efficiency, security and historical preservation.

"We definitely need to always think about how to restore certain things," Goldman said.

Goldman called grant opportunities a "regular meeting topic" for B'nai Abraham leaders. The synagogue found success with the application process just last year.

A \$70,000 security grant from Pennsylvania helped the synagogue add movable partition walls in multipurpose spaces. The walls have doors and locks, too, in case the synagogue needs to lock down during an emergency.

"It's not always easy for religious organizations to be eligible for state and federal grants," Goldman said. "So something that is available is something we'd be interested in."

Rabbi Albert Gabbai of Congregation Mikveh Israel in

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▲ B'nai Abraham Chabad is in a Center City building that's more than 100 years old.

Courtesy of B'nai Abraham Chabad

Old City is in a similar situation as Leizerowski and Goldman. His building is not quite as old, having opened in 1976, but it does need new air conditioners, heaters and light bulbs.

The heating and air conditioning have not been updated

since the building opened, and the light bulbs are not yet LED.

But as Gabbai explained, synagogue leaders are focusing their grant-writing efforts on security. They are looking into both federal and state grants to update the security system, which was installed after 9/11.

Despite the security focus, Gabbai is considering applying for Energy Efficiency Act money. To do so, he would need to figure out measures that could address both safety and energy efficiency.

"There are ways they could go hand-in-hand," he said.

Some synagogues outside the city don't have the same basic energy efficiency needs, according to their rabbis.

But in the case of Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown, there are still needs, Rabbi Aaron

Gaber said. They are just more aspirational, like adding solar panels to the roof, instead of something like installing LED lights, which the synagogue has already done.

"It's an area we're going to start to look at," Gaber said of solar panels.

If a building is covered in that area, though, it probably doesn't need to apply for a federal grant.

The Shirat Hayam Congregation in Ventnor, New Jersey, has added solar panels and LED lights in recent years, and it has no other major needs, Rabbi Jonathan Kremer said.

"Those two things, which are major, are done," Kremer said. "Nothing else is jumping to the fore." •

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Vaccine

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people to show proof of full vaccination before mid-January, February."

Both religious schools have varied rules on vaccination: BZBI mandated that all staff are fully vaccinated; at GJC, only fully-vaccinated members could enter the building, except for the early childhood program, which meant many religious schools and some family programs were held outside.

However, colder weather has forced programs to make changes anyway.

On Nov. 7, GJC held its first religious school classes inside its building's auditorium. Makom Community will make a similar decision. They have also been holding outdoor programming and only allowing children to eat snacks outside.

Beverly Socher-Lerner,

Makom's founding director, admits that staying outdoors as winter approaches isn't ideal.

"[Being outside] works, but it's also hard," she said. "There's no noise barrier; there's all the distractions of being outdoors; it's busy."

When Makom students are vaccinated, indoor snack time will resume.

Though programs all intend on relaxing precautions at some point, all are waiting on additional CDC recommendations to follow. And while religious and after-school programs wait on more data, parents are the ones making decisions about their children's program attendance.

"A small number of families who were nervous about sending their kids to school have expressed interest in sending their kids back this semester or after winter break," Nissen said.

Though eager to vaccinate their children, parents are still wary about a premature return

to pre-pandemic learning.

Marcus and her wife — both nurses — are remaining cautious as well. They pulled Maggie from indoor programming at GJC, just until she is fully vaccinated.

Maggie attends an in-person second-grade classroom, which was already a big step for the family.

"We just felt like adding an additional indoor cohort was more risky than we were willing to take on," Marcus said.

Marcus believes the wait will be worth it for Maggie.

"She has a whole list of things that she wants to do, like have a slumber party, go to the grocery store, go back to swimming — all of these things that she wants to do," Marcus said. "When she got that first dose, it really made her actually feel a lot of what has happened in the past two years." •

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Austrian Government Unveils Memorial Wall on Kristallnacht Anniversary

THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT debuted a \$7 million Holocaust memorial monument on the 1938 Kristallnacht pogrom anniversary, JTA reported.

The “Shoah Wall of Names” in Vienna lists 64,440 Holocaust victims on 160 granite slabs. It is the result of years of lobbying by commemoration activists for a monument that reflects both the scope of the Holocaust and its victims.

Kurt Yakov Tutter, a Holocaust survivor of Austrian descent, initiated the idea for the monument. It received government funding in 2018 and the go-ahead to be built at Ostarrichi Park.

“The Republic of Austria is sending out a visible sign of its responsibility,” Karoline Edtstadler, a cabinet minister in charge of the chancellor’s office, said in a statement. “The victims are given their names and thus at least part of their dignity. And we realize that behind the 64,440 names there are individual people — children, mothers, fathers and neighbors — with individual stories and human fates.”

Senate Confirms Tom Nides as Ambassador to Israel After Brief Delay

The U.S. Senate confirmed Tom Nides, a businessman and a former deputy secretary of state, to be U.S.

ambassador to Israel on Nov. 3, although Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley briefly held up the appointment, JTA reported.

It wasn’t clear what Republican Hawley’s objection was, but he said he represented several Republicans in holding Nides and seven other ambassador nominees.

The Biden administration pushed for Nides’ confirmation, noting several sensitive issues in play in the Middle East.

Nides, a banker, was the deputy secretary of state for management and resources from 2011 to 2013 and was involved in the Obama administration’s loan extension to Israel worth billions. He also ran former Sen. Joe Lieberman’s vice presidential campaign in 2000.

US Sanctions Two Israeli Spyware Companies

The United States sanctioned two Israeli spyware companies for working with foreign governments that it accused of using the tools to “threaten the rules-based international order,” JTA reported.

NSO Group and Candira were added to the list of companies sanctioned by the Department of Commerce. The sanctions mean the companies can no longer use U.S. technologies, though U.S. customers can still buy their products.

The department said the companies provided spyware to actors who used it “to maliciously target

government officials, journalists, businesspeople, activists, academics and embassy workers.”

NSO Group created Pegasus, which is spyware that can take over a cellphone and collect data from it. WhatsApp sued NSO Group in 2019 for allegedly using the app to access the phones of 1,400 of its users, including journalists and activists.

Persian Gulf Jewish Dating Site Launches

The Association of Gulf Jewish Communities launched a new dating website for Jewish singles in six of the region’s Arab countries, JTA reported.

The Jewish Singles in the Gulf site features questionnaires that matchmakers will use to pair participants.

Organizers said the site aims to encourage Jews in the Gulf countries to put down roots there. With the increased visibility that has come from normalization agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, Jews there are hoping their numbers increase.

“By helping these singles find their spouses in the GCC, they are more likely to get married here and establish their families here, which in turn grows Jewish communal life and the need for more Jewish institutions like schools, kosher food, etc.,” said Ebrahim Dawood Nonoo, the association president. ●

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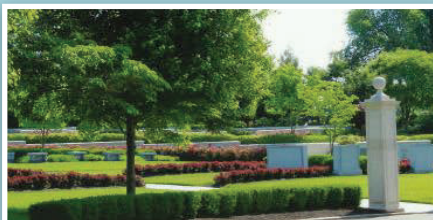
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Tallest High-Rise Approved for Jerusalem

THE JERUSALEM LOCAL PLANNING and Building Committee approved the 40-floor Marom Tower, which will become the city's tallest high-rise upon completion, Globes reported.

The building is part of the City Gateway (Sha'ar Ha'ir) project. It will be located adjacent to the new Jerusalem railway station, central bus station and International Conference Center.

There will be 80,000-square-meters of office and commercial space, as well as a hotel and conference facilities. The bottom eight floors will feature a cultural center, art galleries and museum.

The tower is one of 20 to be built in the City Gateway project at the city's western entrance.

Beauty Pageant for Holocaust Survivors Returns

The Beauty Queen Competition for Holocaust Survivors returned Nov. 16 at the Friends of Zion Museum in Jerusalem after a three-year absence, The Jerusalem Post reported.

"This is the beautiful story of the state of Israel, of Israeli society; it is our strength and success. Holocaust survivors are the true heroines of us all and thanks to them, we are here today," said Shimon Sabag, CEO and founder of Yad Ezer LaHaber, an association that assists needy Holocaust survivors. "Holocaust survivors are the light that illuminates humanity when the world is dark."

International model and TV presenter Moran Atias hosted the event, and singer Rotem Cohen performed.

The program was broadcast online.

Supermarket Chain Sued for Secret Haredi Discounts

A lawsuit was filed against the Shufersal supermarket chain on Nov. 4 after Channel 12 reported that the chain was providing discounts on a site for haredi shoppers, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Shufersal will discontinue the service on Nov. 15, Channel 12 reported.

Channel 12's "Tochnit Chisachon" (Saving Plan) program showed that Shufersal's Yashir L'Mehadrin site was offering products for cheaper than its main website. There were 2,000 identical products found to be cheaper on Yashir L'Mehadrin.

In response, consumers filed a class-action lawsuit against the company for \$160.84 million, contending discrimination based on sector and that the difference in prices was "due to greed."

A Shufersal spokesperson told Channel 12 that Yashir L'Mehadrin is intended for populations that buy products with the most-stringent kosher certifications, saying "There is no room for comparing this product or any other between these sites nor between the different formats."

Israel to Speed Evacuations of Some Ethiopians

Israel will speed up its evacuations of some of the relatives of Ethiopian Israelis who remain in the country in the middle of a civil war, JTA reported.

The news came a week after Sigd, an Ethiopian Jewish holiday that historically was marked with prayers for God to return the Jewish people to Israel.

Those with first-degree relatives in Israel will be evacuated more quickly. That group will number at least 3,000, Ynet reported.

Thousands more Ethiopian Jews are waiting to immigrate, JTA reported. In the 30 years since Israel covertly airlifted more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews as part of Operation Solomon, more than 8,000 Jews officially recognized by the Israeli government remained stranded. •

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Gatherings

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once a month for activities like lunches and visiting a scarecrow exhibit in October. On Dec. 13, the Goddesses are having a Chanukah potluck featuring brisket, kugel and salmon, among other delicacies.

"We've all been vaccinated, and we think enough is enough," Heisen said. "We're not young."

Later in December, Heisen and her daughter will fly to Los Angeles to visit her son and his family. When Heisen's husband was alive, the family traditionally ate prime rib on Christmas Day, his birthday.

Now, they are bringing back the tradition for the first time since 2019. Peter Heisen died in February 2020.

"We can't eradicate the flu. We can't eradicate colds," Heisen



▲ Cara Scharf, center, celebrates Chanukah with her family before the pandemic. Courtesy of the Scharf family



▲ The Good Grief Goddesses, a group of Jewish widows in the Philly area, are planning on getting together for a holiday meal on Dec. 13. Courtesy of Joyce Heisen

said. "How can we eradicate COVID? We can't."

Heisen is not the only Jewish local willing to travel for a holiday gathering.

Cara Scharf of Philadelphia is planning on going to New Hampshire and Connecticut for

Thanksgiving and Christmas, respectively, with her husband's family.

The New Hampshire party will include about eight people staying together in an Airbnb. The Connecticut gathering will welcome 11-12 guests.

Scharf and her husband also are getting together with Scharf's parents a couple of times to light Chanukah candles.

Last year for Thanksgiving, they met with her parents for a small get-together. But in December, as cases increased, they just lit Chanukah candles over Zoom.

This year will be more fun, Scharf said.

"There's a sense of togetherness and joy around these holidays," she said. "It's sad when you're just doing it over Zoom."

Scharf added that she trusts her family members and that everyone eligible to be vaccinated is.

"We feel pretty comfortable," she said.

Charles Schnur of Center City is having a family member come to him: his mother-in-law. She lives in Stamford, Connecticut, but wants to spend Thanksgiving and Chanukah with her 5-month-old grandson.

She plans on staying with the Schnurs for "awhile," Charles Schnur said.

"We'll get to celebrate with her. She'll get to celebrate with her grandson," he added. "That's nice."

Another Jewish Philadelphian, Bryan Cohen, is not planning on traveling or having anyone come to him. But he is planning on resuming a public tradition with his father, brother and his brother's fiancée.

Before 2020, the Cohens would go out for Thanksgiving dinner in the city. But last year, they just got together virtually.

In 2021, though, the Cohens want to go to the Capital Grille or another steakhouse. They will probably gather for Chanukah candle lightings,

too, Cohen said.

"Restrictions are down," he added. "We'd like to get together."

Several Jewish Philadelphians mentioned vaccinations as the reason they feel comfortable seeing family members again. For some, it's not exactly a requirement; for other families, though, it very much is.

Peter Gaskill of Bala Cynwyd usually celebrates Thanksgiving in Sharon, Massachusetts, where his wife's brother and sister-in-law live. The dinner was canceled in 2020 but is back on this year under one condition.

All guests who have been eligible for vaccinations must be vaccinated and tested before the event. And the tests must be negative for COVID.

Even kids 11 and under, who became eligible for Pfizer vaccines in October, will have gotten their first shots by the time the family sits down for turkey.

"Just because you're vaccinated doesn't mean you can't get COVID," Gaskill said.

At the same time, he's not worried about the indoor dinner.

"Everyone's vaxxed, so we're feeling safe," Gaskill said. ●

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Addiction

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an online community for Jews in recovery across the country.

Yet Jews struggle with addiction, too, Glazer said, and because of the stigma within Jewish communities surrounding addiction, those Jews must struggle silently.

The American Addictions Center predicts that 20% of United States Jews have a history of addiction within their family.

Glazer has struggled with food addiction and codependency and is in recovery himself. He was hesitant to share that he was a rabbi in recovery because rabbis were supposed to give, not receive assistance. But because addiction is so stigmatized, many rabbis are not equipped to talk to congregants about the subject.

“I’ve heard people come into my group, and they say, ‘I went to my rabbi for support, and my rabbi had absolutely nothing to offer,’” Glazer said. “My rabbi said something like, ‘Well, if you hadn’t married a non-Jew, you wouldn’t have these issues.’”

Rabbinic schools don’t train rabbis to address addiction in their communities, Glazer said. There’s a belief that Jews don’t experience addiction or substance abuse disorders.

During the pandemic, those with substance abuse disorders have had a particularly difficult time.

At Amudim, an international service that provides clinical care for those struggling with addiction, mental illness and abuse, cases rose rapidly in the U.S. over the past two years, from 2,818 in 2019 to 4,371 in 2021. In previous years, cases had risen modestly by a couple hundred a year.

David Kushner, who works in government relations and special projects at Amudim and lives in Philadelphia, believes the growing numbers



▲ Rabbi Michael Perice told his Temple Sinai congregation in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, about his substance abuse disorder in June.

Courtesy of Rabbi Michael Perice



▲ Rabbi Ilan Glazer
Courtesy of Rabbi Ilan Glazer



▲ Rabbi Abby Michaleski
Courtesy of Rabbi Abby Michaleski



▲ Marla Kaufman
Courtesy of Marla Kaufman

are an alarm bell for Jewish recovery resources and Jewish community members alike.

“Some of it was somewhat expected, but the depth and volume were not expected on this level,” he said. “Those that have been successfully in recovery — many people relapsed; and those who were struggling had a much harder time; and those that didn’t realize they had an issue — their issues really came to the surface.”

Because COVID lockdowns sent individuals to their homes and hindered social connections, those with addictions

and substance abuse disorders lost support systems crucial to recovery.

“Addiction is a disease of isolation, of disconnection, of void of spirituality,” said Rabbi Yosef Lipsker of the Chabad-Lubavitch of Berks County.

Lipsker has been on the front line to mitigate the harms of isolation on those dealing with addiction. The Chabad has partnered with Caron Treatment Center in Wernersville since 1999. Over the pandemic, Lipsker has dropped off Shabbat dinners at Caron, challah and matzah ball soup stacked tightly in the

trunk of his car every Friday afternoon.

Out of many Jewish movements, Chabad was the first to acknowledge addiction within the Jewish community and start providing Jewish-specific resources, Lipsker said. He cited the Lubavitcher Rebbe’s teaching to help “the weakest link” as his call to help those with addictions.

“I’m not here to create a rehab center,” Lipsker said. “I’m here to look at, assess and evaluate what’s going on, and when I see there’s a need for a certain idea, I jump right into it.”

Yet Jewish-specific resources are still few and far between. Jewish rehabilitation centers dot the country, such as Beit T’shuvah in Los Angeles, but local resources vary.

“The Jewish world has generally not put any funding behind this issue, nor have we thought about it in any systemic way,” Glazer said.

Jewish Federations and Jewish Family and Children’s services, including those in Greater Philadelphia, have only recently begun to provide resources to those struggling with addiction, Glazer said.

Some Jews have tried to turn

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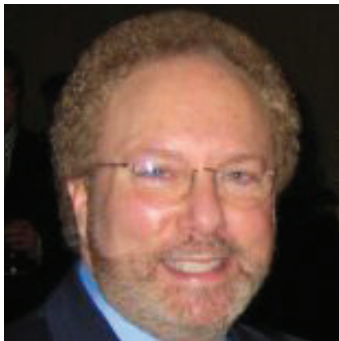
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My German-Jewish Grandmother's Childhood Autograph Book Survived the Holocaust. It Is One of the Few That Did



BY STEVE NORTH

IN 1916, in the picturesque German village of Heinebach, a 14-year-old girl named Elisabeth Schmidtkunz penned a sweet message in her classmate Jenny Katz's autograph book.

"Jenny! Get to know people," wrote Elisabeth. "People are changeable. Some who call you a friend today, might talk about you tomorrow! With love from your classmate, Elisabeth."

One hundred and five years later, Elisabeth's 84-year-old daughter Johanna was astonished to read her mother's words for the first time. "It was a very special joy and surprise for me," she said in German. "The sight of that page touched me very much."

Jenny Katz Bachenheimer was my grandmother. Jenny's autograph book, known in German as a "Poesiealbum," accompanied the family when my mother and grandparents escaped the Nazis in the 1930s, ending up in New York City.

Half a century later, as she was moving out of her apartment in the then-heavily German-Jewish neighborhood of Washington Heights, Oma (Grandma) Jenny handed me the Poesiealbum. She died in 1998, at the age of 95, and this teenage memento has always intrigued me, filled as it is with nearly two dozen pages of clever notes, poems, colorful stickers and intricate designs

from friends and relatives, all long gone.

And now, thanks to two German scholars who have spent years researching the custom of "Poesiealbums," my curiosity has been rewarded with their insights into what they say is one of the rare such albums by a German Jewish girl to have survived the Holocaust.

Earlier this year, in a Facebook group dedicated to the German-Jewish community, I noticed a post by Dr. Stefan Walter, whose doctoral thesis focused on the tradition of "Poesiealbums." "Autograph books from German Jews are very rare, due to the Holocaust, and little explored," he wrote. "I've created a collection of Poesiealbums for research and teaching purposes, and no albums of Jewish women are yet included. I'm looking for owners of these kinds of books."

As a longtime chronicler of my family's history, I couldn't resist. Stefan and his life partner Katrin Henzel both work at the Carl von Ossietzky University in the city of Oldenburg, and we made a deal: They would interview me about Oma Jenny's life and translate the pages, and I would interview them for this story.

The couple, both in their 40s, provided some Poesiealbum background. "This tradition began in the 16th century," said Katrin, a lecturer at the university. "It started originally with adult students and scholars, who would travel around. They would ask professors and important people in the towns they visited to inscribe something as a souvenir."

In the 1800s, she continued, "It changed into a tradition for young girls, first by Protestants, and later picked up by Catholic and Jewish students."

Katrin and Stefan analyze

how the content and attitudes of the messages evolve over time; they've perused Poesiealbums compiled during the Nazi era, and post-war, pre-unification entries from East and West Germany.

But Oma Jenny's album was their first from a Jewish girl. "It's very valuable for us," said Stefan. Katrin added, "In normal times, people hand books and souvenirs down to the next generation. But the Holocaust interrupted that tradition in Germany. That's why this is such a treasure, not just for you and your family, but for scientific reasons. This is a rare gift that you have here."

Most of the entries in my grandmother's album are signed with the date, followed by "1916, Kriegsjahr," the "year of war" — that is, World War I.

There are religious admonitions: Jenny's father Baruch, the unofficial leader of the Heinebach Jewish community, implored Jenny to "often pray to God with a believing mind. Bring praise and thanks to Him for the kindness with which He has guided you. Pray often when you are lacking comfort; it gives strength to the weak. And be willing to do good."

Uncle Abraham Nussbaum urged her to "always hope and wait. Remember God's word, which is our only shelter that protects and preserves."

Most of the messages are more typical of the light-hearted rhymes then-popular with teenage girls. Jenny's friend Lotte Speier wrote, "As many thorns on a rose, As many fleas on an old buck, As much hair on a poodle, So many years you should stay healthy." Another pal, Berta Sommer, wrote, "Live happily and healthy until three cherries weigh one pound!"

There was a darker, perhaps prescient suggestion from Jenny's beloved cousin Wilhelmine Goldschmidt: "When you're in a murky place, And you think you must despair, Think of the words of Kaiser Friedrich, 'Learn to suffer without complaining.'" Another favorite cousin, Selma Nussbaum, wrote, "Be like the violet that blooms in secret. Be pious and good, even if nobody is looking at you!"

To my delight, however, there is one final entry written at the end of 1933, when the family's financial life had collapsed due to the Nazi boycott of Jewish businesses, and at a time when they were under frequent physical attack by gangs of Hitler Youth in Heinebach.

In the midst of the growing horror, my grandfather wrote a poem to his wife Jenny, whom he married in 1928. Opa Siegfried died suddenly when I was a toddler, and although I knew he was deeply loved by many, nobody ever mentioned he was a romantic. But there were these verses from him — a complete revelation to me:

*Gentle as the dawn,
Awakened in young spring,
And on the flower beds,
The delicate rose laughs.*

*So you walk with blessing,
And always cheerfully,
On the paths full of flowers,
Of your long life.*

After receiving the translations of the pages, I noticed that at least eight of the writers, including Elisabeth, had clearly non-Jewish names. It was heartwarming to discover that my strictly Orthodox grandmother had close gentile friends, and it occurred to me that descendants of those women might still live in

the village.

I asked a non-Jewish former neighbor, whose parents and grandparents had been particularly close to and protective of the Bachenheimers, if she knew any of the families. Irmgard Häger, who has graciously hosted my family on our visits to Heinebach in recent years, was happy to help, especially after seeing the precious keepsake herself. "I was delighted to read these poetic thoughts in old German script from these young girls," she wrote to me several months ago. "I know from my parents that everyone loved your Oma Jenny, and you can feel that in the lines."

Oma Jenny's friend Elisabeth, Irmgard told me, was born in 1902, as was my grandmother. Elisabeth died in 1984. In 2021, Irmgard showed Elisabeth's daughter Johanna Dippel her mom's handwritten thoughts, at her home just blocks away from where they were inscribed. After expressing her joy and surprise at this unexpected missive from the past, Johanna e-mailed me, saying "My mother must have loved Jenny very much; she expressed it by decorating the page. The verse she quoted also contains a great truth. I'm very happy that my mother was able to express her feelings in this way, at such a young age."

On the sides and corners of her page, Elisabeth added a bit more, writing "Live happy, think of me!" and, "Forget me not." Thanks to Jenny's Poesiealbum, now part of the digital collection of a German university, we remember them both, today and forever. •

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How Moving to Denmark, a Country With Few Fellow Jews, Strengthened My Jewish Identity

BY REBECCA NACHMAN

GROWING UP, one of my favorite books was “Number the Stars,” Lois Lowry’s middle-grade novel about Denmark’s effort to smuggle its Jewish citizens to Sweden during World War II.

The operation, which saved 7,220 of Denmark’s 7,800 Jews, has been remarkable to me since I first read about it: While other European countries gave in to antisemitic propaganda and followed Hitler’s rule, Denmark resisted. A common explanation today is that Danes didn’t see their Jewish neighbors as “others” — they were just as Danish as anyone else. Why wouldn’t they help their fellow Danskere?

Almost 80 years after the rescue of the Danish Jews, I moved to Copenhagen for grad school. Today, Denmark’s Jewish population stands at around 6,000 members, most of whom are congregated in the greater Copenhagen area. Coming from the Boston area, which is home to 248,000 Jews, and having attended Brandeis University, a historically Jewish college known for its robust Jewish population, landing in a country with such a small Jewish population was a big adjustment. But to my surprise, I preferred it.

Growing up, my family attended a Reform synagogue, I went to Jewish summer camp and Hebrew school, and I had a bat mitzvah — but the whole time, I felt like I was just going through the motions. At no point did I feel any sort of Jewish community, nor did I

feel the need for one. Plenty of my friends and teachers were Jewish, my classmates knew about Jewish holidays, and there is no shortage of Jewish delis and Judaica stores in Greater Boston. Being Jewish wasn’t something I consciously thought about because it was so normalized in my setting.

But in Denmark, I’m often the first Jewish person someone has (knowingly) met. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is the national religion, but Denmark is overall an extremely atheistic country, with most people not being involved in any form of religious life. Here, I’ve had to make an effort to meet other Jews, and in doing so, I found an amazing Jewish community.

Despite Denmark’s small Jewish population, there’s

understanding between the two religious minorities. And this year, Copenhagen will host a gathering of Jewish young adults from all over Scandinavia.

Whether it’s services at the Reform synagogue, challah baking at Chabad, or Shabbat dinner with the Jewish youth movement at the Great Synagogue, I’m never at a loss for Jewish events to attend.

I appreciate that the community isn’t strictly divided by denomination — I see the same familiar faces no matter which synagogue or organization I go to. While I never felt like I found my place in Greater Boston’s fragmented Jewish population, I immediately felt welcome in Jewish Denmark. When we’re such a small minority (only 0.1% of the population), the need for a

community is more pressing. Having to deliberately seek out Jewish life has made the connections I’ve forged all the more special. Danish society is notoriously hard for foreigners to integrate into, but through the Jewish community I’ve been able to make Copenhagen feel like home.

Of course, this isn’t to say that being Jewish in Denmark is always idyllic. In 2014 the Jewish school was vandalized, and in 2015 a terrorist attacked the Great Synagogue. I personally haven’t experienced antisemitism here, but I know that my experience as a recent transplant is different from those of Jewish Danes who have spent their lives here, and from those who more clearly present as Jewish. That being said, I still

feel significantly safer as a Jew here than I did in the U.S. (I have yet to hear a Dane compare vaccines to the Holocaust, *baruch hashem*).

I still think of “Number the Stars” often, especially when I’m at the same synagogue that the Jewish characters attended, or when I walk past a site that was mentioned in the book. I have no Danish heritage, so I’m not personally connected to the rescue of the Danish Jews. But, as schmaltzy as it sounds, I feel a sense of poetic beauty in finding a Jewish home in the same tiny Scandinavian country that came together to save thousands of us so many years ago. ●

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an official Jewish community, Det Jødiske Samfund, a Jewish museum, an Orthodox synagogue, a Reform synagogue, a Chabad house, a Jewish elementary school, youth groups and an annual cultural festival. There’s even a Jewish-Muslim biker club (yes, you read that right) that works to combat antisemitism and Islamophobia in Denmark and create mutual

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JEWISH EXPONENT

Why We are Thankful for our Jewish Communities


As we welcome this season of gratitude, thank YOU for helping us care for, inspire and connect with our Jewish communities each and every day. Community is the Jewish way of life. It's key to building strength, resilience and joy. As the hub of our region's Jewish communities, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia works tirelessly to build community and ensure a vibrant Jewish future for all of us.

Here are a few stories from fellow community members about what they're thankful for this time of year:

Connecting the Whole Community

"Because of Jewish Federation's support of life-long Jewish learning, my children have access to PJ Library books, Jewish summer camp is affordable for them and their friends, and every Jewish student who calls Philadelphia home for college can find connection and meaning through Jewish community. Jewish Federation believes there is no one way to be Jewish and consistently supports and affirms the value of the diversity of our community."

- Rabbi Isabel de Koninck, Executive Director and Campus Rabbi of Hillel at Drexel University




Fostering a Vibrant Community

"RSJ Moishe House has provided me the opportunity to build a community that celebrates Russian life and to bring people together around Shabbat and High Holidays! Growing up Bukharian and being surrounded by Russian Jewish culture, I learned that helping others was important to me. It's one of the reasons I got involved with the JRA in the Northeast. I want to thank the Jewish Federation for its generous support!"

- Jonathan Yakubov, RSJ Moishe House Resident





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2,000+ community members participated in neighborhood programming through our Kehillot initiative to build community

320 teens participated in groups to strengthen their Jewish identity through Moving Traditions and BBYO

2,700+ young adults (ages 25-39) met through The Chevra and Tribe 12 programming to build micro-communities based on their shared Jewish identities

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"Rabbi Sacks wrote, 'Community is where our grief is halved and our joy doubled by being shared with others.' We are so grateful to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia for enabling thousands of Jews in the area (and beyond) to experience the immense benefit of being part of the Jewish community in so many ways."

- Rabbi Daniel Levitt, Rabbi and Executive Director of Hillel at Temple University




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-Susan Schwartz, Mission Committee Co-Chair





26,000+ community members participated in programs that inspire Jewish identity

76,100 children live in Jewish households in Greater Philadelphia

72% of parents feel it is important for their children to be knowledgeable about Jewish customs and beliefs



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Nuts for Hazelnuts

FOOD

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WHILE TRAVELING in Italy this fall, I visited the Piedmont region in the country's northwest part. This is prime hazelnut country, and I was lucky enough to tour the Barroero Farm.

The operation is impressive; in addition to growing and supplying hazelnuts for local businesses and customers, the family runs a bakery and confectionery on-site where they produce gianduja (chocolate hazelnut spread), an assortment of cookies and cakes, hazelnut butter and a variety of roasted and seasoned hazelnuts.

As a result of the regional ubiquity of hazelnuts, many of the restaurants incorporate them into their dishes, both savory and sweet.

I took a cooking class at Trattoria Risorgimento in Trieso, and the chef featured hazelnuts in both the main course and the dessert. Both were delicious, although I took exception to the name of the dessert: chocolate salami is a

hideous handle. I wondered if perhaps it sounded better in Italian, but "*salame di cioccolato*" was just as bad.

However, as Shakespeare said, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." And the dessert is unquestionably delicious regardless of its moniker.

HAZELNUT-CRUSTED TROUT WITH CHICKPEA SAUCE

Serves 4

Chef Goele used locally-sourced salmon trout for this dish, but any mild fillet would be fine here —flounder, white trout, black or striped bass, snapper, fluke, etc.

The sauce was a delicious use of chickpeas and made for a lovely, healthy accompaniment to the fish. It would be wonderful as a dip, a topping for vegetables or on chicken or meat (if the latter, kosher diners can eliminate the cheese).

However, the fish stands perfectly well on its own, so if a sauce is not desired, or you don't feel like cooking and

pureeing the chickpeas, let the fish go it alone.

For the sauce:

- 1½ cups dried chickpeas
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, coarsely chopped
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt/pepper to taste

For the fish:

- 1½ pounds salmon trout fillets
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 cup crushed hazelnuts
- 4 leaves sage, finely chopped
- Salt/pepper to taste
- 1 stick butter, melted

For the sauce: Soak the beans overnight or for 1 hour in boiled water. Drain them, and cover them with water. Add the onion, and simmer for about 90 minutes until the peas are soft.

Puree the chickpeas, then add salt, oil and cheese. If the sauce is too thick, add some broth or water. Set the sauce aside and keep it warm in preparation for garnishing the fish.

For the fish: Heat your



▲ Chocolate salami

oven to 325 degrees F. Mix the breadcrumbs, hazelnuts, sage, salt and pepper in a shallow bowl. Dredge the trout in the melted butter and then dredge it in the breadcrumb mixture to coat. Press gently to ensure adherence. Place the fish in a parchment-lined pan and bake it 15-20 minutes until done. Plate the fillet with warm sauce on the side, and drizzle the sauce with a bit of olive oil, if desired.

CHOCOLATE SALAMI

Chef used ultra-pasteurized eggs in his version, which were uncooked. I still have an aversion to consuming raw eggs, even if they are ultra-pasteurized, so I have brazenly altered his recipe. In this version, I omit the eggs and use milk along with dark chocolate. The results are excellent, and there is no fear of illness.

- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 5 tablespoons butter
- ⅓ cup milk
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- 2 cups crushed plain cookies (such as social teas, digestive biscuits, graham crackers)
- ⅔ cups crushed hazelnuts

Melt the butter and chocolate in a large bowl in your microwave on 50% power. When melted, add the milk and cocoa powder; stir until smooth. Add the cookies and nuts, and stir until coated.

Transfer the mixture onto a parchment or wax paper sheet, and roll it into a log, pressing firmly to remove all air pockets. Twist the ends, and refrigerate for 4 hours or overnight.

Peel off the paper, slice the log into discs, sprinkle them with powdered sugar, if desired, and serve. ●



▲ Hazelnut-crusted trout with chickpea sauce

Photos by Keri White

Susie Essman Talks ‘Curb Your Enthusiasm’

TELEVISION

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ON THE WALL of Susie Essman’s powder room hangs a giant portrait of herself.

Actually, the portrait is of Susie Green, Essman’s beloved, foul-mouthed character on “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” HBO’s long-running improvisational sitcom exploring the social rules that govern all of our lives, and especially those of the 1%. It comes from an episode in the show’s 10th season, which aired in early 2020 just before the pandemic, when the infamously misanthropic Larry David (the series creator, who also stars as a version of himself) has the artwork commissioned as a gift for his longtime frenemy.

In the episode, a series of

comic misunderstandings (of which the “Curb” universe has a bountiful supply) results in Susie’s vaguely Kramer-esque portrait being pelted with tomatoes and chucked into the trash. But in real life, an intact painting exists. And Essman, a longtime comic actress and stand-up comedian who has known David since the 1980s and, like him, wears her Jewishness proudly on her sleeve, snapped it up for herself.

“It’s absolutely one of my prized possessions,” Essman said.

The Susie painting has made its way onto tons of bootleg merchandise online, including T-shirts and handbags — “none of which I get a cut” from, Essman notes. But in “Curb”’s 11th season, currently airing Sunday nights on HBO, Essman says Susie will

get many more big moments with Larry. For fans of one of the Jewiest shows on TV, the prospect of these two antagonists going at each other yet again is a sign that there is still some joy left in the world.

JTA spoke to Essman — who noted she is a proud new bubbe — about the show’s longevity and Jewishness, as well as her views on “cancel culture” in comedy.

JTA: Between “Curb” and Comedy Central’s “Broad City,” you’ve really cornered the market on —

Essman: Jewish mothers.

Where do you draw on your portrayals from?

Well, I happen to be Jewish, and I happen to be a mother. And I’ve had mothers, and I’ve had many friends, mothers and

aunts and uncles and grandmothers. And, you know, I mean, Jewish mothers are like all other mothers. Just a little bit more so.

You’ve known Larry David since the mid-80s. Young people today are circulating memes of him online and drawing on the show to reference all kinds of things. Does that kind of longevity, his and the show’s, surprise you at all?

You know, I always say that if we were hanging out at the bar at “Catch a Rising Star” in 1986, and I said to a bunch of the comics hanging out there that Larry David was going to be richer and more successful than any of us, nobody would have believed it. And not because he didn’t have the talent. He always had the talent. But he never really

seemed to care that much. He didn’t seem that ambitious, you know, and he was never one, still, to pander. He always just marched to his own drummer.

So yeah, it does surprise me. Although even back then, we all knew that he was a brilliant genius. His writing was so incredible. His stand-up bits were so unusual and unlike anybody else. So in that sense, it doesn’t surprise me. But it surprises me knowing Larry as a person that he’s become so successful.

Do you see a broad range of fans these days, not just Jews, after 21 years?

It’s interesting because, you know, I’ll be on the Upper West Side of Manhattan at Zabar’s and people will stop me and

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HBO's 'Succession' Delves Into Antisemitism

TELEVISION

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I WAS BORN in 1991 and grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs. It was a safe and prosperous time and place for American Jews.

So outside of a few passive-aggressive comments, I never really experienced antisemitism. But whenever I told a true outsider to the Jewish world that I was Jewish, a thought ran through my mind, unprompted by the other person.

"Oh, he hates me now."

I can't speak for all Jews, but I'm guessing I'm not alone here. Historical antisemitism, and our historical memory of antisemitism, breeds a feeling of distrust.

Even in the United States when times are great, Jews walk around with an underlying fear. For the most part, it remains beneath the surface ... until it's proven right.

That was the arc of a recent episode of HBO's "Succession," a critically acclaimed satire about a Rupert Murdoch-like family that owns a multibillion-dollar media company.

In the episode, "Lion in the

Meadow," which aired on Nov. 7, showrunner Jesse Armstrong introduces a significant Jewish character for the first time in two-and-a-half seasons. The character, Josh Aaronson, played by Adrien Brody, has to decide whether to forge an alliance with the show's WASP-y antiheroes.

By putting the Jew and the WASPs together, alone, at Aaronson's Long Island estate, Armstrong lays bare the palpable distrust that often exists between the two groups. And in doing so, he offers a subtle, and then explicit, and always nuanced portrayal of the Jewish psychology that antisemitism breeds.

Aaronson is a billionaire shareholder with a 4 percent stake in the media company, Waystar RoyCo, of the main character family, the Roys. But he is dismayed by the blood feud playing out in public between the son, Kendall Roy, played by Jeremy Strong, who is trying to take control of the empire, and the father, Logan Roy, played by Brian Cox, who may have overlooked a history of sexual assault in the organization. The feud has lowered the company's stock price, causing Aaronson

to lose \$350 million.

Brody's character also has leverage. If he supports a possible hostile takeover by another shareholder and the owner of a rival company, they stand a good chance of usurping the family altogether. So, Aaronson forces the Roys to come to him to make their case. He puts the son and father in the painfully awkward position of being on the same team again.

Kendall arrives first and tries to buddy up with Aaronson, saying Josh should come to his 40th birthday party. Brody's character seems to buy it a little, for a minute, until the elder Roy shows up. At that point, Aaronson leaves Kendall hanging mid-sentence to greet Logan.

Minutes later, with the three of them talking in Josh's living room, Logan tells Josh to let the Roys take care of the situation.

"Sit back here in your castle and count your gold," Logan says.

And the distrust becomes clear in the opening act.

From there, the Jewish billionaire has the Roys follow him through a meadow to a beachside lunch.



▲ Adrien Brody plays billionaire Jewish investor Josh Aaronson in HBO's "Succession." Courtesy of Macall Polay/HBO

Throughout the sequence, Logan implies that he doesn't want to be there. Cox's character asks Josh how long the walk will take and what it will require to just convince him. While sitting down to lunch, Logan even says, "I got a wife at home."

Josh pushes Kendall to either halt his whistleblowing against his father or, when Logan is off taking a call, to reveal whatever dirt he has on his father. Kendall not only demurs, but angrily accuses Josh and Logan of plotting against him.

Aaronson's constant pushing of the Roys to prove themselves reveals his own distrust.

Finally, during lunch, Aaronson demands that the Roys respect him.

He shouts at them that he's not just some guy who "got lucky at the casino one night" and now plays a rich person.

So, in act two, the distrust is not only clear, but on the table.

After Josh's outburst, he takes a call from a security guard about the fastest route back to the mansion.

That's when Logan makes his subtle antisemitism explicit.

"City boy," he says to Josh, a New Yorker. "You're a long way from your nearest coffee and bagel."

Waystar RoyCo is a company that, according to one of Logan's other sons in the same episode, used to not let Jews "above the

fourth floor." Josh's skepticism of the Roys, along with Logan's subtle and then explicit antisemitism, shows that Josh is well aware of the dynamic.

Even as business partners, the Jew and the WASPs couldn't grow to trust each other. Due to the partnership, the mistrust was buried beneath the surface — until stress laid it bare.

On the walk back to the house, though, it's Kendall's reaction that captures the younger generation's attitude toward a dynamic that's supposed to be a relic of history. The son sarcastically rips the father about how his "antisemitic bagel comment" really sealed the deal with Josh.

Kendall thinks it's absurd that Logan is antisemitic.

But he is, and Josh, a man closer to Kendall's age, understands it and has to be driven by it. So, in the end, the relic of history once again drives it.

The summit fails. The Jew and the WASPs can't come together during a difficult moment.

Later in the walk back, Logan collapses from heat exhaustion. Josh, who was walking ahead, comes back to help Logan up.

As the patriarch struggles to his feet, Kendall tries to confirm with Josh that they are all good. Josh tells him to help his dad. ●

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Being a Light Unto the Nations

BY RABBI DANIEL LEVITT

Parshat Vayishlach

AT THE END of this week's parsha, there is a rather disturbing episode. Jacob's daughter Dina gets kidnapped and raped by a local Canaanite prince. After the incident, the rapist's father attempts to betroth Dina to his son.

Initially, Jacob's family agrees to the marriage under the condition that the entire city converts to the Jewish religion and all the men get circumcised. After agreeing to the demands, Jacob's sons, Shimon and Levi, sneak into the city and kill them all in retaliation for what had happened to their sister.

Even though Shimon and

Levi believed that they were justified for what they did, Jacob scolds them harshly. He fears for the way in which his family will be perceived by the rest of their neighbors.

There is a midrash which adds depth to the nature of Jacob's disapproval of their terrible act. Rather than seeing Jacob's objection based solely on self-preservation, this midrash shifts the focus on how the immoral action of Shimon and Levi will undermine the mission of the Jewish people. The midrash (Bereishit Rabbah Vayechi 98:5) portrays Jacob as chastising his sons for breaking the wall of conversion, one of the essential walls, assumed by the midrash, that holds up the house of Israel.

Judaism is not a proselytizing

religion; there is a mitzvah to convert someone who sincerely wants to cast his or her lot with the Jewish people, but the focus of this midrash seems to put a weight on conversion that we don't traditionally find. So what can we learn from this?

The mission of the Jewish people is to be light to the nations of the world. This can be done by positively influencing others to be better people and make the world a better place. For the rest of the world to be willing to be influenced by the Jewish people, it is necessary that we also find ways to trust and be influenced by them.

Throughout the midrashic commentaries on the stories of the patriarchs, we see a description of our forefathers influencing, teaching and

converting the world to their moral perspective, belief in one God and the ethics which are influenced by such a belief.

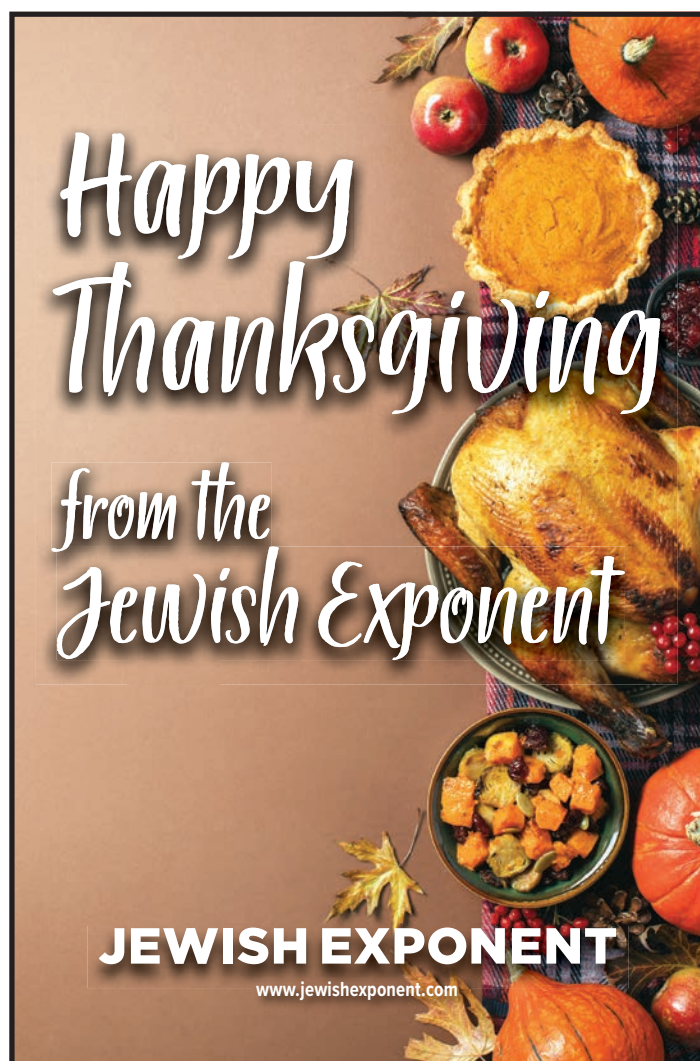
Jacob feared that by deceiving the Canaanites by allowing them to convert, and subsequently killing them, Shimon and Levi had undermined the potential to fulfill their mission in the world because it undermined the trust necessary to positively influence others.

Jacob's perspective is that their crime has far more negative implications than the act itself, heinous as it may have been; what they did was also a *chillul hashem* (a terrible sin where a person causes others to lose respect for God, Judaism and the Jewish people).

Sometimes our zealousness

for our own perspectives and beliefs causes us to ignore the impact our actions are having on others. Our values and beliefs need to be seen through the lens of the overarching values of being a light unto the nations. •

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Addiction

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to what's available: 12-step programs and Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. But these resources aren't accessible to everyone, said Rabbi Abby Michaleski, the rabbi at Beth Israel in Vineland, New Jersey, and a licensed addictions counselor who also is in recovery. Many NA and AA meetings take place in church basements or contain Christian liturgy, making some Jews feel unwelcome or uncomfortable.

"There's this message that, as Jews, we don't necessarily belong there," she said.

The lack of NA and AA meetings in Jewish contexts sends the message that Jews aren't welcome to talk about substance abuse in Jewish spaces either.

"It's just another message that says we don't have this problem or we don't care about this problem," said Marla

Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish Addiction Awareness Network.

With addiction becoming something the Jewish community has become more aware of due to increasing numbers of those struggling, additional spiritual guidance has become available. More rabbis in recovery are sharing their stories around addiction, which, in turn, lets congregants know they have somewhere to turn if they are struggling.

After a year as the rabbi at Temple Sinai in Cinnaminson, New Jersey, Rabbi Michael Perice, who has been sober from opioids for more than 10 years, told his congregants about his substance abuse disorder. They were overwhelmingly supportive, he said.

"I knew I was in a place to share this with this community because I built up that level of support, that level of trust with

my congregants," Perice said. "I was honoring the trust they placed in me by showing them I trusted them as well."

This isn't the case for all congregations.

"Many times rabbis don't feel like they can fully trust their congregants, and that's a real shame," Perice said. "Our congregations can handle way more than we often give them credit for."

On a synagogue-wide level, Kaufman insists there is still more that can be done.

Synagogues can host serenity Shabbat services, in solidarity with those in recovery. They can have sober seders and design programming where alcohol is not served.

"When you open the dialogue, you reduce stigma," she said. •

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Jim Gardner to Retire at the End of 2022

LONGTIME 6ABC/WPIV-TV anchor Jim Gardner — born as Jim Goldman — will scale back his schedule with “Action News” and plans to retire at the end of 2022.

Gardner, 73, who is Jewish, joined the station as a reporter and anchor at noon on June 1, 1976, and has anchored the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news since May 11, 1977. In early January, Gardner will stop anchoring the 11 p.m. newscast, although he will continue anchoring at 6 p.m.

In a 2016 Jewish Exponent article, Gardner explained why he changed his name.

“I was really uncomfortable with the name change,” he said. “Basically, I’d been trying to get a job on TV for a long time with no success. I had this opportunity and was asked to do that — and said ‘yes.’ But my family are Goldmans, and when I sign checks, I’m definitely Goldman. And when I go to back-to-school night with my Goldman child, I’m a Goldman parent.”

Gardner also discussed his Jewish heritage in the Exponent interview.

“I have strong feelings of my Jewish identity,” he said. “I’ve been to Israel three times, once as a tourist and twice working for the station. In 1993, when Arafat and Rabin were at the White House shaking hands, I felt we needed to be in Israel getting that story from the Palestinians. It was an utterly fascinating trip — probably the last time the moderate community of Palestinians had their moment in the sun ...

“I don’t wear a tallit on the air, but I’ve gone through four Bar and Bat Mitzvahs as a parent. I remember my Bar Mitzvah. The cantor who taught us, people were scared to death of him, but for some reason I liked him and he liked me. He said, ‘One day Jimmy Goldman, the cantillations will click.’”

Gardner received his bachelor’s degree from Columbia University in 1970, then worked briefly at the all-news WINS Radio in New York and later WFAS Radio in White Plains, New York. His television broadcast career began at WKBW-TV in Buffalo before he joined WPVI.

Israel’s ALYN Hospital, Philadelphia International Medicine Announce Pediatric Medicine Partnership

Israel’s ALYN Hospital, Pediatric & Adolescent Rehabilitation Center and Philadelphia International Medicine announced on Nov. 8 a collaboration on delivering medical education,

joint research and patient care, among other things, to benefit the international medical community.

ALYN Hospital is a pediatric rehabilitation center, while PIM provides specialized services and education that connects 10 Philadelphia-area medical centers internationally.

The initiative is PIM’s first collaboration with an Israeli hospital. Within PIM’s network, the partnership will initially focus on Nemours Children’s Hospital.

“Medical education, research and innovation are ongoing activities at ALYN, and enhancing knowledge is always to our patients’ benefit,” said Dr. Mauri Beerli, director general of ALYN Hospital. “By partnering with PIM, we can build a valuable health gateway together.”

Through knowledge-sharing, the Initiative will advance education, assist in the sharing and developing of new techniques and technologies for treating pediatric patients and improve patient care worldwide.

“Connecting Israel with Philadelphia opens many doors for both organizations to collaborate to improve the future of medicine,” said Edgar Vesga, CEO and president of PIM.

Makom Community to Open a Second Location

Jewish childhood enrichment center Makom Community will open its new second location to families on Nov. 29. The new center is at 1317 S. Juniper St. in Philadelphia.

Makom Community previously shared space with the South Philadelphia Shtiebel at 1505 S. 13th St. since launching the South Philly Makom in August.

“Given the really warm response we had to Makom Community coming to South Philly, we wanted to really put our roots down and say, ‘we’re staying here. We believe in this community. We believe in building with these families. We plan to be here for the long term,’” Founding Director Beverly Socher-Lerner said.

The new 3,000-square-foot space can accommodate up to 65 children and will hold the same summer camp and five-day-a-week after-school programming as its Center City counterpart at 2013 Sansom St. More than 15 students are enrolled at the South Philly Makom, and Makom recently hired two new educators to address growing interest in the center.

Makom Community provides after-school programs, b’nai mitzvah training and summer camps to children from pre-kindergarten through seventh grade through a pedagogy that emphasizes the application of Jewish texts to how children move through their lives and interact with others. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb and Sasha Rogelberg

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Larry & Brenda Glassman: 50th Wedding Celebration

Larry and Brenda Glassman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 14. Originally from Philadelphia, the couple married at Park City West on Nov. 14, 1971, and moved to Boca Raton in 1973. Larry is a retired real estate developer who developed and built thousands of homes in South Florida. Brenda has been a homemaker their entire married life. Their children are Alyson and Brad Yellin, Kimberly and Kerry Hoffman and Ashley and Justin Wayne. The couple has seven grandchildren (Mikayla, Hailey and Brianna Hoffman, Brandon and Mason Yellin and Myles and Leilana Wayne). Joining in the celebration is Larry’s mother, Mickey Glassman.

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Curb

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they'll be like, "Nobody understands the show but us." It's not true! I've been stopped all over the world. All different. I had an Indian waiter recently who just went crazy. He and his wife love the show so much. I've had every ethnicity, every race, stop me on the street telling me how much they love the show. So there's definitely a universality about it.

I think what that is, is, it's the truth-telling that we do — that we basically say all the things that people are thinking but are afraid to say. Especially now more than ever, in this kind of cancel culture that we're in.

And yet the show's also so specifically Jewish.

I always think that nobody else gets it, but apparently they do. We have an episode coming up — a shofar becomes an important part of the episode. Not everybody's going to get that, but they kind of get what it means in the way that it's used. So it doesn't really matter, the details that not everybody's getting, because they're getting the idea of it.

When the show invokes Judaism, it's not necessarily in the friendliest light. And yet, as you noted, the show's portrayal of Judaism resonates with so many Jews. Do you have any insights as to why that might be?

Because it's honest. And because it's funny, you know, and I think people see themselves, and that's what comedy does. Comedy is a reflection. And people see themselves in it, and if it's not themselves, they see their family members, somebody that's connected to them in some way, and it's resonant.

Do you have a favorite Jewish moment from the show?

I would say my favorite Jewish moment was from

[season 5 episode] "The Ski Lift," when I have to pretend to be Larry's Orthodox wife. Reading that, I was just like, "Oh my God, this is pure gold." I could not wait to shoot. And ultimately, what's interesting is, that's one of the very top of Larry's favorite episodes.

Do you have a hand in coming up with Susie's outfits, which are so delightfully loud and garish?

Yes, I do. I mean, our wardrobe designer Leslie Schilling is terrific. She presents me with everything and then we kind of go through it together and put the combos together, and I approve or disapprove or whatever. So yes, I have a strong say in what she wears. Which is the most fun part, for me, of the character. Susie Green thinks she has the greatest taste in the whole world. She thinks she's always right. You know, she thinks [Larry's ex-wife] Cheryl dresses like crap. And I created the character to be this, that she is just this completely secure woman with no reason to be.

With every season, how do you find new ways to explore the character?

I can only do what's in the confines of the outline, whatever Larry and [series showrunner] Jeff Shaffer give me to do. But each year they give me more and more. It never gets dull to me. The relationships kind of change and grow. I mean, this season, Larry and I have a lot of stuff where we're in cahoots with each other. We're like partnering up together. So that was kind of fun and interesting and different.

We're still antagonistic, we're not all of a sudden besties. But in a way we are. Susie and Larry's relationship is kind of like siblings, you know: we fight and we're screaming, we yell and I kick him out of the house and then the next day, I'm like, 'Hey, Larr, want to go

to a dinner party?' It's like, all is forgotten and forgiven and you just move on, like how you are with family.

I've seen your co-star Jeff Garlin hint that there might only be one more season of "Curb" after this one.

He has no idea. None of us know. It's all up to Larry, and Larry will decide if he wants to do another, and then he'll decide if he wants to do another, and another. He has such amazing stamina that I could see him going on forever. But that's up to him. He also never wants to repeat himself. He's done — what has he done now? 110 "Curb"s. And how many "Seinfeld"s? So, you know, he's so fertile. [Jeff's comment] was speculation. That's not knowledge.

Could Susie get her revenge on Larry and Jeff in the finale? There was the episode where she seemed like she was trying to kill Jeff —

Oh, she was not trying to kill Jeff. That was Larry's fantasy. As the owner of the character, I don't think she was trying to kill Jeff. I think she'd like to kill him sometimes; he's always cheating on her. But in a certain way, she doesn't really care as long as she's got the money and the house and the clothes and the car.

Susie's had her moments, but her comeuppance is her anger, right? She expresses quite readily to both of them whatever she feels like.

She seems to have an unhealthy amount of anger.

She has a healthy amount of anger. I mean, I have women come up to me on the street all the time thanking me, because women have a really hard time expressing their anger, and Susie doesn't. I think she gives permission to women all across our great land, and all across the world, to express their anger. •

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ADELMAN

Pam Susan Adelman (nee Goldstein) on November 9, 2021, daughter of the late Philip and Beverly Goldstein; sister of the late David Goldstein.

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CAPLAN

Helen Caplan (nee Hoberman), age 99, passed away November 5, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Clarence "Larry" Caplan. Loving mother of Bob Caplan (Soozee), and Marilyn Abramson (Stuart). Devoted grandmother of Samantha Zierler (Jeremy), Joshua Caplan (Shivani), Wendy Flemming (David), and Jennifer Green (Charles), and great grandmother of Jemma, Lina, Charles, Henry, Maxwell, Nathan, Lauren, Jared, Ben, Zoe, and Alex. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Keshet Israel Synagogue 412 Lombard St. Phila PA 19147 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 500 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38005.

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GREENBERG

Emanuel "Manny" Greenberg, November 5, 2021, of Meadowbrook, PA. Devoted husband of Shauna, loving father of Carly and Brett, and son of the late Jack and Clara. Manny was a proud graduate of Penn State, where he served as President of Phi Epsilon Pi. After graduating in 1959 with a B.S. in Business, Manny served in the NJ Air National Guard. Honoring his father's legacy, he became a well-respected executive in the food industry, as President of Jack Greenberg, Inc. The Federation Allied Jewish Appeal awarded Manny the Abe Cooper Memorial Award of the Food Trades Industry, recognizing his outstanding dedication and humanitarian service to the Jewish Community. He was involved with the B'nai B'rith Food Trades Lodge, the Golden Slipper Club, and the Philadelphia Food Trades Organization. Manny was a loyal congregant of Beth Shalom Synagogue for 35 years, and he enjoyed playing golf and tennis as a longtime member of Ashbourne Country Club and Philmont Country Club. Other passions included the Phillies, Nittany Lions, US history, world travel, Jewish studies, and politics, but family and friendships were his greatest joys. Manny and Shauna were about to celebrate their 40th anniversary, and he took tremendous pride in his kids' achievements, nurturing their dreams with encouragement and steadfast support. He formed meaningful, enduring relationships at every stage of his life — some friendships lasting over 80 years. His upbeat personality was magnetic, and he always saw the best in people. Manny exemplified genuine kindness, unwavering strength, humble generosity, and perpetual optimism... always wearing aviators, his Penn State hat, and a smile. Contributions in Manny's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KURMAN

Tracy A. Kurman (nee Dubow), passed as she slept December 1, 2020. Tracy was a graduate of Temple University and former Social Worker. When the need arose Tracy became the fourth generation to operate the 100 year old family business, Girard Auto Body. Mother of Joshua and Ashley. Wife of Stephen. Relatives and friends are invited to Graveside Services, Monday, November 22, 11 AM precisely at Roosevelt Memorial Park (Sec. B3), Trevoze PA.

MARKS

Marvin "Marv" Marks, November 6, 2021 of Philadelphia, PA; loving husband of 57 years to the late Marlene, "Mitzi" (nee Golkow); devoted father of Karen (Robert) Newman, Richard (Andrea) Marks and Robert (Jodi) Marks; cherished grandfather of Jennifer (Eric) Rubin, Allison (Mark) Klein, Cory (Katie) Marks, Jeffrey Marks, Tyler Marks, Danielle (Jude) Dworacsyk and Jesse Marks; adored great-grandfather of Miles and Jules. Family and friends are invited to services Tuesday, Contributions can be made to JDRF (jdrf.org) or Susan G. Komen for the cure, (komen.org)

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O'LEARY

Susan H. (nee Potter) (October 30, 2021). Originally from Strawberry Mansion. Beloved wife of the late Dennis J. O'Leary Jr. Loving mother to Deirdre O'Leary, and Megan (Mark) Parisi. She will also be missed by her brother Don Potter. Sue's family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this time. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sue's name may be made to the National Museum of American Jewish History.

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PERELMAN

Sylvia Perelman (nee Garrett) was born on July 4, 1929, and died October 17, 2021. She was the beloved wife of the late David; loving mother to Don, Rich, and Caryn, and to their spouses, Elise, Justine, and Ian; adoring grandmother to Liz (Tanuj), James, Ben, Sarah, Isabel, and Conor; and delighted great grandmother to Nina. In addition, she was a much-loved sister of Len Garrett and sister-in-law of Judy Garrett, Helen and the late Mike Goetz, and Victor Goetz, as well as a loved and admired cousin and aunt to many nieces and nephews. Sylvia and David met on a group date at Longwood Gardens though both were there with other people. They instantly hit it off and were married in less than a year. In her late 30's, after having three children, Sylvia completed a Masters in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. She became a professor of Economics at Bucks County Community College where she was also an active member and leader of the teachers' union, leading the union through two successful strikes. In retirement, she volunteered at the Women's Center of Montgomery County in Norristown, PA. Sylvia worked on the Crisis Hotline, handling difficult and emotional calls with the same tenderness that she brought to all of her personal dealings. Later in life, Sylvia and David moved to the Hill at Whitemarsh, where they enjoyed making many new friends. Sylvia especially enjoyed not having to cook meals every night and she frequently celebrated dinners with a glass (or two) of wine. Sylvia loved to travel and did so extensively. She went to Cuba with her brother in the 1950's and later traveled to many countries with her husband, and then with children, grandchildren, friends, and other family. If you wanted to go somewhere, Sylvia was always game to go along. One of her favorite places was Ixtapa, Mexico, where she went every January for decades, meeting up with many of the same people. Sylvia had many interests. She loved reading and was a long-time member of the Philadelphia Great Books Council and an active book discussant into her 90s. She enjoyed the opera, and frequently traveling to New York with her friends for a day and night of it. She was also an avid tennis player and fan, often staying up late to watch the US Open matches. Sylvia took great pride in all of her grandkids and loved them all dearly. One of her favorite pastimes was being with them, whether shopping, getting manicures, having dinner, or just taking a walk. One of her greatest thrills was meeting her first great grandchild, Nina Sylvia, who was born in August 2021 and came to visit in October. Her joy at seeing and holding Nina was unparalleled. At her core, Sylvia was a kind and deeply caring woman who took pleasure in the company and happiness of her family and many friends. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Women's Center of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

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SAKS

Stanley Saks, age 100, August 24, 2021. Husband of the late Miriam (nee Segal), father of Sandra Stern, Donna (Bernie) Greenberg and Edward (Sherry) Saks, brother of Robert (Yetta) Saks; also survived by 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Stanley was a lifelong resident of Philadelphia and a graduate of West Philadelphia High School. He studied at the University of PA before serving in Europe during WW 2 as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He was a participant in the Battle of the Bulge and later parachuted into Germany over the Rhine. Stanley was a former Pa State Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

SION

Frances Sion (nee Slifkin), October 15, 2021 of Huntingdon Valley, PA; beloved wife of Robert Sion; devoted sister of Allen (Rochelle) Slifkin. Contributions in Fran's memory may be made to Melrose B'nai Israel Emanuel-El (mbiee.org), or a charity of the donor's choice.

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SHUBIN

Gladys Shubin (nee Rose) Nov. 4, 2021, of Penn Valley, beloved wife of the late Aaron Shubin and daughter of the late Reba and Richard Rose, devoted mother of Leta Shubin, Andrea (William) Coren and the late Laurie Rose. Amazing Bubbe to Rebecca (Jonathan Metter), Jay Greenberg and Aurora Greenberg (Gil Schpero), BB to Elijah Metter. She will be missed by her many friends in Phila. and Margate. She leaves a legacy of caring, kindness and friendship to all who were lucky enough to know her. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Morton and Elise Rose Camp Ramah in Poconos Scholarship Fund or Dr. Morton Rose Fund, c/o Har Zion Temple.

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SHUWALL

Martin Shuwall, formerly of Philadelphia and Wellington, FL, Martin passed at age 87 on January 10, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Glenda (nee Bress); loving father of Mitchell Shuwall (Tina Walch), Julie Sinatra (Tom), and Pamela Steinberg (Phil); adoring grandfather of eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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UDELL

Jerome Udell, on November 6, 2021. Beloved husband of Suzanne (nee Sperling). Devoted father of Robert Udell. Contributions in his memory may be made to Shriners Hospital:

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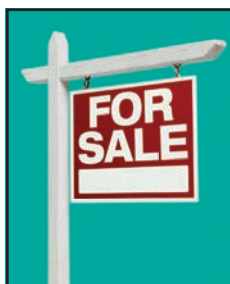
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ing business in Pennsylvania. The
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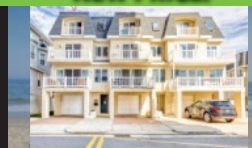
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AJC Philadelphia Holds Annual Diversity Forum

AJC Philadelphia/Southern NJ hosted its annual Thanksgiving Diversity Program, “Celebrating Our Diversity and Shared Values,” via Zoom on Nov. 9.

This year’s keynote speakers were Independence Blue Cross Foundation President Lorina Marshall-Blake, University of Pennsylvania Vice President for Social Equity and Community Charles L. Howard and Saint Joseph’s University Professor of Theology Philip A. Cunningham. Their themes included resiliency, healing societal divisions and overcoming challenges during the ongoing pandemic.



▲ The AJC Thanksgiving diversity Zoom on Nov. 9

Courtesy of AJC Philadelphia/SNJ

Philly Friendship Circle Hosts Fundraising Event

On Nov. 7 at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, the Philly Friendship Circle held the Philly Friendship Walk to raise money for its programs.

The nonprofit organization connects teens and young adults to youth with special needs and their families.



▲ From left: Youth co-chairs at the Philly Friendship Walk included Gabrielle Dorfman, Alexa Verne, Ben Wolf and Carly and Fallyn Zeitzer. Courtesy of Jay Gorodetzer Photography

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Join Rabbi Alexander Coleman, Jewish educator and psychotherapist at the **Institute for Jewish Ethics**, at 9 a.m. for a weekly journey through the Torah portion of the week with eternal lessons on personal growth and spirituality. Go to ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html to receive the Zoom link and password.

Geography of Summer

What is the history of the summer vacation? How does it apply to the Jewish community? Why and where and how do we travel? What is a Jewish “staycation”? **Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel’s Temple Judea Museum** 2021 fall exhibition “The Geography of Summer” is open. Visit the gallery in person at 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park, or follow the exhibition on the Temple Judea Museum Facebook page and on YouTube.

Film Festival

Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival (formerly Gershan Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival), presenter of the Philadelphia Jewish Film

Festival, continues its two-week annual Fall Fest, which will both stream and screen films in-person through Nov. 20. Learn more at phillyjfm.org.

Sisterhood Shabbat

The Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim will host its annual Sisterhood Shabbat service both in-person and virtually at 7:45 p.m. Sisterhood will conduct the service, and all members are invited to participate in either English or Hebrew. There is no charge for the evening, but we will need your email address so we can send you the link for the Zoom meeting. Contact the CSS office at 215-677-1600.

▼ SATURDAY, NOV. 20

Magic Night

Old York Road Temple Beth Am presents magician Chad Juros, who has entertained the likes of magic legends Penn and Teller on their television show “Fool Us”! Enjoy a virtual magic experience on Zoom. \$36 per screen. Contact Beth Am at 215-886-8000 to RSVP. Venmo, credit cards and checks are accepted.

▼ SUNDAY, NOV. 21

Heart Health Lecture

Old York Road Temple-Beth Am Brotherhood presents “It’s Time for A Heart-To-Heart About Heart Health.” Join us at 9:30 a.m. to hear Dr. David J. Waldstein discuss cardiovascular disease and heart health. RSVP to srigefsky52@gmail.com or call 215-266-0466. 971 Old York Road, Abington.

Gratz Celebration

The **Gratz College** community is invited to join us for this live, online celebration through storytelling, music and a champagne toast with the new president of Gratz at 4 p.m. Preregistration is required with a minimum of \$18 donation. Call 215-635-7300 ext. 155 or email mcohen@gratz.edu.

Giving Seminar

Learn ways to save money on your taxes while helping out your favorite charity with **Congregation Kol Emet** at 4 p.m. in person or on Zoom. Contact 215-493-8522 or office@kolemet.org. 1360 Oxford Valley Road, Yardley.

▼ MONDAY, NOV. 22

Mahjong Game

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

▼ TUESDAY, NOV. 23

Thanksgiving Food Delivery

The **Naturally Occurring Retirement Community @ Jewish Family And Children’s Service’s** annual Thanksgiving event is back. We are delivering holiday food items to seniors in Northeast Philadelphia. Meet us at 5:30 p.m. to receive food tote bags and directions to members’ homes. Contact nmuhammad@jfcshilly.org or 215-320-0351, ext. 2. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park. ●



Chanukah Favorites



**Kedem
Grape Juice**
64-oz. btl., Any Variety

\$2⁹⁹

SAVE \$1.00
LIMIT 4 PER VARIETY



4 FOR \$1⁰⁰
**Manischewitz
Chocolate Coins**
.53-oz. pkg., Dark or
Milk Chocolate



\$2⁴⁹
lb.
**Empire Chicken
Leg Quarters**
Fresh, With Back Attached, Glatt
Kosher, Never Administered
Antibiotics



\$3⁴⁹
**Joyva
Ring Jells**
9-oz. box, Any Variety,
Marshmallow Twists or Ring Jells



\$3⁴⁹
**Manischewitz
Chanukah
Donut Mix**
11.5-oz. box



\$4⁴⁹
lb.
**Empire
Ground Turkey**
Fresh, Kosher



3 FOR \$5
**ShopRite Kosher
Chicken Broth**
32-oz. carton



LIMIT 4 PER VARIETY

99¢

**Manischewitz Potato
Pancake Mix**
6-oz. box, Homestyle Potato
Latke or Pancake



LIMIT 4 PER VARIETY

\$2⁴⁹
**Kedem
Sparkling Juice**
25.4-oz. btl., Any Variety



89¢
**Rokeach Chanuka
Candles**
44-ct. pkg.



\$6⁹⁹
**Manischewitz
Chanukah Cookie
Shape Kit**
17-oz. box



3 FOR \$1
**Elite
Chocolate Coin**
.53-oz. pkg.



\$1⁴⁹
**Galil
Organic Roasted
Chestnuts**
3.5-pkg.



\$1⁷⁹
**Manischewitz
Matzo Ball &
Soup Mix**
4.5 to 5-oz. box



\$2⁹⁹
**Paskesz
Marshmallows
Pork Free**



79¢
**Osem Bamba
Peanut Butter
Puffs**
1-oz. bag

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