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Jewish Campus Groups Maintain Connection — and Food Helps

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CHINESE FOOD, Shabbat dinners with friends, Israel programming, social justice initiatives and lectures from Dr. Ruth: In key ways, the experiences of Jewish students at Hillel and Chabad in the Greater Philadelphia area haven't changed a bit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's certainly not for the world's lack of trying. The shock of the spring, with seniors sent home early, was only compounded by the touch-and-go planning of the summer, when state and local guidelines for stopping the spread of infection were changing as quickly as those of the colleges and universities themselves. The University of Pennsylvania, for one, announced that undergraduate students would not be able to live in campus housing just weeks before



▲ Students at Orleans Technical College, which has seen a surge in enrollment since the pandemic began
Courtesy of Orleans Technical College

Jewish Professionals and Organizations Navigate Job Loss, Career Changes

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

STEPHANIE LEES WORKED in the food and beverage industry selling wine and spirits before the coronavirus pandemic began.

The former manager at Butcher and

Singer in Center City closed the restaurant the night before the onset of citywide shutdowns in March. She came back a few days later to lock dozens of bottles of expensive alcohol in the underground vault in case there was a break-in.

When it became clear the restaurant

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HOW TO CELEBRATE DURING A STRESSFUL TIME?

"Another Monday, another question about trying to find happiness, comfort or even just a sense of functioning in the middle of terrible circumstances," Miriam writes in response to a letter writer who's looking for Thanksgiving and Chanukah advice — just in time for another area lockdown. To see what she has to say, read Miriam's Advice Well online. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2020/11/17/miriams-advice-well-what-about-the-holidays

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GARLIC ROASTED CABBAGE HALVES

Food columnist Keri White had read about this cabbage prep before — some recipes use butter, others honey, and there are a number of ways you can swing flavor-wise. But she was hankering for a garlicky side dish, and this called her name. Read Philacatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, including other recipes, gift ideas, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2020/11/16/garlic-roasted-cabbage-halves

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She's a 'Universal Optimist'

Barbara Tumarkin Dunham's life has been an interesting weave of art, poetry and philosophy.

As an artist, she has exhibited at numerous groups. A work of poetry is now at a publisher for consideration.

And her philosophy is founded on what she terms her being a "universal optimist."

"I'M STUPID to be that way," she chided herself, "and that optimism comes through in my works. But I always see a light somewhere."

"Everything falls into three categories: people, reflections and nature," she said. "They're all so closely intertwined. One is externalized, one internalized. And nature is always there."

In her wood cuts, she "draws

ferent from anyone else's. Every gallery has told me that."

HER PRINTS and cards she has designed (some of which were used last year for fund raising by a Canadian Jewish women's group, among others) will be on display Wednesday to Dec. 15 at Thomas Jefferson Commons Gallery, 1020 Locust St. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Eli Lader Gallery will sponsor the exhibit.

Ms. Dunham's views on the Philadelphia art scene paint a promising picture for area artists. "In terms of sexual prejudice, Philadelphia is better than Chicago and New York, where they won't even look at a woman bringing in her works," she claimed.

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"Everything falls into three categories: people, reflections and nature," she said. "They're all so closely intertwined. One is externalized, one internalized. And nature is always there."

In her wood cuts, she "draws with my chisels. My work is dif-



ARTIST Barbara Tumarkin Dunham works on one of her pieces.

Federation Apts. Residents List Play

"What Is Wrong With Hanukah" will be presented by the Holiday Players of the

Philadelphia art scene paint a promising picture for area artists. "In terms of sexual prejudice, Philadelphia is better than Chicago and New York, where they won't even look at a woman bringing in her works," she claimed.

"Philadelphia does not play games like they do in New York. It doesn't concern me if I don't have shows in New York, and I have had them in the past. People who feel within themselves that they're good don't need to be told."

WHAT THE art world needs more than anything is a touch of regionalism, Ms. Dunham asserted. "There's nothing healthier than having an infusion of that," she said.

"More and more Philadelphia artists don't care if they are represented in New York. Philadelphia artists need the confidence of being represented here. But in this city, there is too much self-hate. It's a feeling of citywide inferiority."

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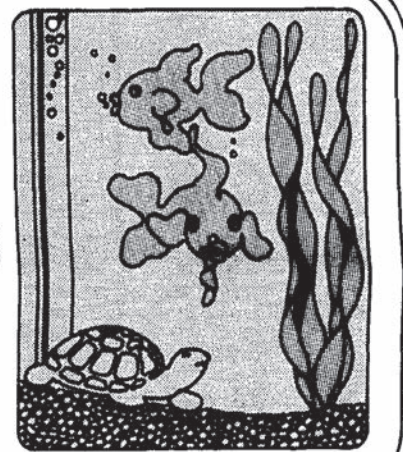
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UPenn Doctor to Serve on COVID Task Force

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PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden has appointed a local Jewish doctor and public health expert to his coronavirus task force.

Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel is an oncologist, bioethicist, vice provost for global initiatives and chair of the department of medical ethics and health policy at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author and editor of several books, his writing has appeared widely in news outlets and he previously worked with President Barack Obama as one of the main creators of the Affordable Care Act.

"Dealing with the coronavirus pandemic is one of the most important battles our administration will face, and I will be informed by science and by experts," said President-elect Biden in a statement. "The advisory board will help shape my approach to managing the surge in reported infections; ensuring vaccines are safe, effective, and distributed efficiently, equitably, and

free; and protecting at-risk populations."

Coronavirus cases have exploded in the United States over the past several weeks. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported almost 11 million cases and more than 245,000 deaths in the country as of Nov. 16.

State and local governments are beginning to implement new regulations on businesses and gatherings as the case count climbs. On Nov. 16, the City of Philadelphia announced new "Safer at Home" restrictions effective from Nov. 20, 2020, through Jan. 1, 2021. Museums, theaters and gyms must close, restaurants can no longer offer indoor dining and schools must move to online-only instruction. Private indoor gatherings with members of more than one household are also prohibited.

In an interview with The Philadelphia Inquirer, Emanuel called for consistent public health messaging to battle the pandemic. "You need everyone in government on one page," Emanuel told the Inquirer, "and you need to repeat the message often."

He also advocated for a depoliticized public health care message that placed scientists and public health officials at the forefront, widespread testing and contact tracing, funding from Congress, and transparent policies that would build public trust and convince people to get a vaccine once it becomes available.

He emphasized the need for a centralized strategy and cooperation among the states.

"You need coordination at the center, at the White House, when you are coordinating many government agencies and private companies," he told the Inquirer. (Emanuel declined to be interviewed for this story.)

David Agus, CEO of the Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine and a professor of medicine and engineering at the University of Southern California, said Emanuel's background in bioethics will come into play as the committee considers some of the most important medical questions of our time.

"How do we decide who gets what treatments or vaccines, and what is the order?" he said. "Do we want to vaccinate people of color because they have a higher risk of complications? The elderly?

Health care workers? Those are very important decisions that need broad perspective. And what I think Zeke brings to the committee is that broad perspective, which is really critical."

Emanuel's appointment has been controversial due to a 2014 article he published in The Atlantic in which he declared he did not want to live past 75 and plans to refuse life-prolonging medical procedures like cancer screenings and vaccines once he reaches that age. He critiqued Americans' obsession with living as long as possible.

Death is a loss, he allowed, but so is living too long.

"It renders many of us, if not disabled, then faltering and declining, a state that may not be worse than death but is nonetheless deprived. It robs us of our creativity and ability to contribute to work, society, and the world," he wrote.

Emanuel's comments about disability and quality of life ignited a Twitter storm and rankled activists such as Kristan Hawkins, president of pro-life organization Students for Life, and Elizabeth Land Quant, a queer, disabled writer.

The controversy was also covered in major news outlets,

including Fox News, Newsweek and The Daily Mail. Louise Hall wrote in The Independent, "Many Republicans criticized the views Dr Emanuel expressed ... and argued it raised questions about his position on the government advisory board."

Among those GOP critics were White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnaney and Sen. Tom Cotton.

Agus does not agree with Emanuel's ideas about the value of old age, but said his statements were intended to create a national conversation about aging and end-of-life care.

"Zeke Emanuel is a remarkable thinker and a fantastic instigator of ideas. In order to get an understanding, you need discourse, and he is good at writing inflammatory statements that will create discourse," he said. "Do I think he really believes that at age 75, he'd like to go to sleep and not wake up? No, not at all. I think he just wanted to create discourse around the ideas, which he did, and that was powerful and I respect him for that." •

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New Town to Be Built in Federation Partner Region

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ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet announced approval for construction of a new town in the Sdot Negev region on Nov. 8, allocating 1 million shekels for development of a new settlement to be called

Hanun. Located in the Gaza border region, south of Sderot, Hanun will be home to about 500 new households.

"This is great news for Israel; this is great news for the communities in the Gaza border communities," Netanyahu said, according to The Jerusalem Post. "We continue to develop the southern towns, including the

moshavim and kibbutzim."

The project of creating Hanun has been in the works since 2014, and has a strong Philadelphia connection.

Since 1997, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has worked with the Netivot-Sdot Negev region, sending 350 yearly visitors and over \$10 million to support educational and cultural

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enrichment. According to Tamir Idan, mayor of the Sdot Negev Regional Council, the 30% growth in the region's population and ensuing popularity as a new destination for families is "directly related" to Federation support.

"This is one of the most exciting and historic decisions in recent years in Israel in general, and all the more so in our area," said Idan. "Only in a few years will we know the consequences of this Zionist decision on the map of settlement in the Land of Israel and in the State of Israel, as well as on the resilience of the residents of the area."

Back in 2014, following the conclusion of Operation Protective Edge, Idan and others in the Israeli government worried about how they would persuade residents of the Gaza border towns to remain where

they were. For six years, Idan has worked with the government to make Hanun a reality, powered by a belief that the settlement would be expressive of the country's values, and by a sense of responsibility.

"We believe that we have a duty to lead the region forward, to make sure that people will want to come and live here and to take care of developing education, culture, sports and other areas of life," Idan said.

Michele Levin, chair of the Committee for Israel and Global Strategy at Federation, said that the committee was pleased to see that the quality of life in the Sdot Negev region was such that families are electing to move there in greater numbers. Significant resources have been put toward the end of convincing Israelis that an area in the direct periphery of the Gaza

border could have a future for them. Federation has helped to build cultural venues like The Kaiserman Ethiopian Center, Annabel Lindy Cultural Center, the Tannenbaum Music Conservatory, and Saligman Early Childhood Education Center. They have also contributed to projects that confront the reality of life in the Gaza border region, like upgraded community bomb shelters and first responders' equipment.

The construction of Hanun, she believes, is an indicator that those resources have been put to good use.

"That's a proud point for Jewish Federation in Philadelphia, because we really help support the quality of life in the region," Levin said. According to Idan, a substantial waiting list for homes in Hanun has already begun to form.



▲ Mayor Tamir Idan, head of the Sdot Negev Regional Council

Photo by Shai Sharbat

"The establishment of the new settlement is the highlight," Idan said, "but we must know that alongside this we also develop the existing settlements, upgrade infrastructure in the public areas, build advanced sports fields, and of course,

continue to build and expand the settlements in order to absorb young families joining existing families in the Sdot Negev Regional Council." •

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ONCE JACOB COHEN, 32, starts talking about Castle Valley Mill in Doylestown, it's tough to get him to stop. The quality of the flour that is produced, the couple that owns the mill, the size of the orders that he's making from there — it all comes out in an excited rush.

Yet before March of this year, he'd never heard of it.

Cohen and his wife, Alexandra, 29, began the pandemic as, respectively, a real estate agent and an advertising salesperson. Today, they're professional bakers, producing close to 2,000 bagels every week under the banner of Kismet Bagels, described as New York

on the inside, Montreal on the outside. They're on the menu at Memphis Taproom, baked fresh for Di Bruno Bros. on Chestnut Street on the weekends and available for pick-up in Ardmore. Two people who didn't *really* know how to bake this time last year would like to put a hot bagel (or 12) in your hands, soon.

The couple batted around lots of names when the venture grew to the point that such a discussion was necessary, and there were some strong contenders. But when Alexandra suggested Kismet, it was over. It didn't just describe the bagels, they felt; it described their lives together.

"When I said that name, I was like, 'Oh, that's it,'" Alexandra said.

Jacob and Alexandra met as small children at the shore through their grandparents,



▲ Jacob and Alexandra Cohen, back when Kismet Bagels could still be run from their home.
Photo courtesy of Jacob and Alexandra Cohen



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who had been friends since the 1960s. Though the two lost touch for many years, pursuing careers on different coasts, kismet — and a well-timed run-in with Alexandra's grandmother — eventually brought them back together.

"It's not an arranged marriage, but it is might well be," Jacob laughed. In March, the pair were working jobs that were utterly devoid of bagels. With more free time than ever, and with worries about the food supply chain, they decided to get in on a trend, and try out baking.

Jacob's mother and grandmother are both "absolutely phenomenal" bakers, he said, but the gene had not made its way to his hands, and Alexandra was similarly bereft. Naturally, they bought 40 pounds of flour and eight pounds of yeast to start with.

When Alexandra woke up one day craving a bagel, both *qua* bagel and as a little slice of normalcy, Jacob — "naively and

arrogantly," by his own admission — decided to give it a shot. Though neither of them had ever baked, they'd followed instructions before, and it paid off: The bagels turned out wonderfully. Before long, they were dropping off batches for family members, wondering what'd taken them so long to start.

It was Alexandra who decided that the bagels should function as more than breakfast. Writing on their neighborhood Facebook group's page, Alexandra asked if there was a way to donate bagels to hospital workers. They were guided instead to sell the bagels and donate the proceeds. Thirty orders later, the Cohens had dough all over their home.

One week later, the Northern Liberties Business Improvement District asked them if they'd like to try out a pop-up store, working out of a professional kitchen. Jacob was hesitant — this was just supposed to be a fun little

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thing, and it had already grown beyond that, at seven dozen per day — but they decided to give it a shot. There was a steeper learning curve than they realized, and a lot of assistance from a professional baker at Urban Village Brewing Company, but the pop-up was a success, and they raised \$1,200 for Project Home.

It was around then that the Cohens realized they had something more than everything seasoning and homemade schmear on their hands. They'd always talked about running a business together, and though bagels had not topped the list of possibilities, other ideas they'd discussed never really stuck. Within days of the pop-up, Kismet Bagels was born, with an Instagram page to match.

Over the summer, the offers kept coming, and the Cohens put on pop-ups all over Philadelphia, and even

back where it all started, at Steve and Cookie's in Margate. They raised money for Black Lives Matter Philly and the PPE Fund for Sanitation Workers, and even as they made the decision to become a full-fledged business, charity remained a central ingredient.

This month, they'll move into Maken Studios in Kensington, where they'll call a commercial baking facility their own. Right now, they're baking 140 dozen bagels per week, but they expect that number to jump.

Eight months ago, the Cohens panic-ordered more flour than they knew what to do with. Now, they want to be "the wholesale bagel brand of Philadelphia and beyond," Jacob said.

"This is it," he said. ●

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Biden Appoints Jewish Chief of Staff

PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN named Ron Klain, who is Jewish, as his White House chief of staff, JTA reported.

Klain, 59, who was raised in Indianapolis, served as chief of staff for Biden during the Obama administration and also for Vice President Al Gore. Klain was Obama's "ebola czar" during the disease's 2014 outbreak.

Klain has been open about his Judaism.

"I grew up in Indiana, with a decent-size Jewish community, but we were a distinct minority," he told The New York Times in 2007. "Not having a Christmas tree was very much part of our Jewish identity in a place where everyone else did."

A graduate of Harvard Law, Klain clerked for Supreme Court Justice Byron White and was an aide to Massachusetts U.S. Rep. Ed Markey (now a senator). He also was involved in both of Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns.

Argentina Aims to Double Kosher Meat Output in 2021

Eighty-seven rabbis arrived in Argentina during the first week of November to help the country double the amount of kosher meat it exports in 2021,

JTA reported.

Nearly 100 rabbis came from Israel in June for the same purpose, according to the government.

About 24,000 tons were exported in 2019; Argentina is one of the world's largest suppliers of kosher meat.

This will occur during the middle of a kosher meat price war in Argentina. In October, Jewish businessman Roberto Goldfarb, owner of the Diarco market chain, began selling kosher meat locally at well below traditional prices, likening the kosher certification industry to a "mafia."

The Latin American Rabbinical Seminary, a branch of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly, supported Goldfarb in a statement, but the country's Orthodox chief rabbis criticized it.

Circumcision Ban in Finland Scrapped

Language prohibiting nonmedical circumcision of boys was removed Nov. 6 from a Finnish bill on female genital mutilation after Jews in the country and around Europe objected, JTA reported.

The Central Council of Finnish Jewish Communities protested the bill's original language, joined by the European Jewish Congress.

Both Jews and Muslims have objected to attempts

to ban nonmedical circumcisions by coalitions of right-wing anti-immigration parties and liberal ones that say the custom violates children's rights.

Alton Brown Apologizes for Holocaust Remark

"Good Eats" and "Iron Chef America" host Alton Brown apologized on Nov. 11 after tweeting "flippant" comments about the Holocaust, NBC News reported.

The Food Network star said the comments referred to the current political climate.

In screenshots of the since-deleted tweets from Nov. 10, Brown made references about being moved to camps, while asking if there will be striped uniforms "like the ones at Auschwitz or will plaid be in vogue?"

"It was not a reference I made for humorous effect but rather to reflect how deeply frightened I am for our country," Brown tweeted. "It was a very poor use of judgement [sic] and in poor taste."

StopAntisemitism.org, a nonprofit that documents anti-Semitic behavior, criticized the initial posts.

"The @FoodNetwork host of Iron Chef America @altonbrown just spat on the graves of six million Jews with his vile, atrocious comment!" the organization tweeted. •

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Palestinian Peace Negotiator Saeb Erekat Dies of Coronavirus

SAEB EREKAT, the Palestinian peace negotiator who forged close relationships with his Israeli counterparts and pushed for a two-state outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, died Nov 10 from coronavirus, JTA reported. He was 65.

Erekat died in Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem suburb Ein Kerem in the care of Israeli physicians.

Erekat's spent much of his adult life trying to reach a peace agreement with Israel and was the deputy head of the Palestinian delegation at the 1991 Madrid talks convened by President George H. W. Bush.

He became the chief Palestinian negotiator in 1993 once the Oslo peace process direct talks were underway and was also the secretary-general of the executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"Saeb dedicated his life to his people," said Tzipi Livni, who, as Israeli foreign minister, negotiated with Erekat during the 2007-2008 Annapolis talks.

"Reaching Peace is my destiny he used to say," she said on Twitter. "Being sick, he texted me: 'I'm not finished with what I was born to do'. My deepest

condolences to the Palestinians and his family."

Netanyahu: Israel to Get Pfizer Coronavirus Vaccines in January

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Nov. 12 that Israel will start receiving Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine as early as January, the Times of Israel reported.

"Together with the legal advisers on both sides, we have removed the last obstacle before signing a contract with Pfizer for the supply of vaccines to Israel," Netanyahu said in statement broadcast live.

"We will get these vaccines like the leading countries in the world. It will start in January, it will grow from month to month. And we are working, and I am working, to bring vaccines from other sources as well. The more, the better," he added.

Those comments do differ from those of outgoing coronavirus czar Roni Gamzu, who said April is more likely, with March a possibility. Gamzu's term ended Nov. 12, and he was replaced by former Israel Defense Forces Chief Medical Officer Nachman Ash.

Women Comprise Three of Every Four New Pharmacists in Israel

About 77% of newly registered Israeli pharmacists

in 2019 were women, The Jerusalem Post reported, citing data from the Israel Pharmacy Association.

In all, the association said, 61% of all license holders are women.

The data was released in association with Pharmacists' Day in Israel.

In the past year, pharmacists in the state of Israel and around the world have been at the forefront of the struggle against coronavirus, along with other medical staff," said Dr. Alina Amitai, who chairs the association.

Knesset Allows Resort Area Hotels to Reopen

The Knesset voted unanimously on Nov. 11 to approve the Tourist Islands Law to allow hotels in Eilat and the Ein Bokek hotel zone by the Dead Sea to reopen, Globes reported.

Guests will be required to show a negative COVID-19 test from the prior 72 hours, while hotel workers and residents will be required to show a negative test once weekly when entering Ein Bokek or Eilat.

In addition, restrictions were eased in areas around the hotels, so businesses, including restaurants, bars, cafes and tourist attractions, could reopen. •

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Despite Setbacks, Kosher Food Truck Owners Open for Business

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AFTER SIX YEARS of countless setbacks, personal tragedies and a whole lot of helping hands, Grassroots Food Truck — also known as The Chosen Mitbach — served hot kosher meals for the first time on Nov. 8. The maiden voyage took place at Clark Park in West Philadelphia, just under a mile from the Penn Hillel building where chefs Troy Harris and Kareem Wallace met one another and first conceived of their food truck/community hub. That's also where they first became acquainted with many of the people who helped bring Grassroots to the road.

"All these years that we've been doing this, a lot of people would have gave up," Harris said. "But we had this strong support system, and I just want to say, that was my drive, to keep pushing this."

Harris and Wallace — both Black, both West Philadelphia natives — met in the kitchen of the Penn Hillel. The two men became close, and as their friendship deepened, so did their popularity with the Penn students who frequented the Falk Dining Commons on the first floor of Hillel's Steinhart Hall. Over the years, when Harris, Wallace and the other dining commons workers needed assistance — in labor fights, in individual calamities — Penn students, Jewish or not, pitched in. When Harris' house burned down in 2008, students successfully petitioned the food services provider that employed Harris to up their contribution to his family's recovery effort. When Harris' son, Azir, was paralyzed in 2018, shot five times, it was Penn students, like Wharton graduate Michelle Lyu, who helped raise thousands of dollars towards Azir's recovery.

In the aftermath of having

successfully agitated for higher wages, aided by Hillel regulars, Harris and Wallace decided that they wanted to have a project of their own. In 2014, the concept of a food truck, one that would serve kosher meals while functioning as a resource for young men in their own communities, became an animating force in their lives. The project was met with great enthusiasm, and they raised thousands of dollars via online fundraisers, aided by students and a local businessman named Gary Koppelman, who lent the men space to store their food truck when it was finally brought to life.

But as the years passed, the drudgery and cost of acquiring permits slowed the roll of the Chosen Mitbach, and when Azir became paralyzed, there were simply other things to focus on. The project languished.

Greg Whitehorn, who graduated from Penn in 2019, was initially drawn to the Hillel by the prospect



▲ The Chosen Mitbach on its maiden voyage, Nov. 8. Photo by Cheryl Wallace

of meeting other Jewish students. One of the things that kept him coming back was the delicious food in the dining hall. When he met the men behind that food,

he was ready to help them with whatever they needed. Consequently, Whitehorn, working with other Penn

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FBI: Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes Rose by 14% in 2019

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THE NUMBER OF anti-Semitic hate crimes in the United States increased significantly in 2019, according to the FBI, in a year that saw three lethal attacks against Jews.

Anti-Semitic incidents again comprised the majority of hate crimes based on religion. In addition, the number of hate crime murders overall more than doubled nationwide last year.

that sparked fear and anxiety among American Jews. A synagogue shooting in Poway, California, killed one person exactly six months after the October 2018 synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh in which 11 Jews were murdered.

In December, a shooting in Jersey City, New Jersey, that ended at a kosher supermarket killed two Jews and two others. Later that month, a stabbing at a Hanukkah party in Monsey, New York, killed one. The New York-area attacks came amid a spate of anti-Semitic harass-

political allegiances.

“No one person is responsible for anti-Semitism,” he said. “There are those who want to pin this all on President Trump. I think that’s wrong. No one was wearing MAGA hats in Brooklyn last December when we saw a wave of assaults.”

The string of attacks last year came amid what the ADL

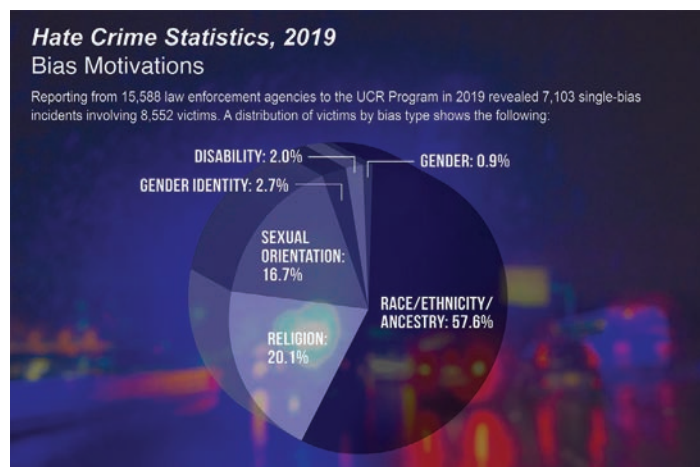
has described as a years-long rise in anti-Semitic activity. Just days after 2020 began, 25,000 people marched across the Brooklyn Bridge to protest anti-Semitism in New York City and elsewhere.

Earlier this year, the ADL found, similarly to the FBI, that anti-Semitic incidents rose by 12% in 2019 to their highest

number in 40 years (though its criteria differ from the FBI and the Jewish anti-bigotry agency has recorded a higher number of anti-Semitic incidents over the years).

The FBI recorded 7,314 total hate crimes last year, a slight increase over 2018 and 2017, but

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▲ An FBI chart breaks down the latest stats.

Image via the FBI

“The surge of hate in the last few years is unmistakable. ... In 2019 we saw a 14% increase in anti-Jewish hate crimes.”

JONATHAN GREENBLATT

But the Anti-Defamation League cautioned that the FBI’s numbers probably represent just a fraction of total hate crimes committed in the country.

The FBI recorded 953 hate crimes against Jews in 2019, a 14% increase from the 835 recorded in 2018 and similar to the 938 in 2017. In 2019, hate crimes against Jews comprised 62% of all hate crimes based on religion, up from 58% in both of the previous two years.

Last year saw a series of lethal anti-Semitic attacks

ment and assaults in Orthodox Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn.

“The surge of hate in the last few years is unmistakable,” Jonathan Greenblatt, the CEO of the ADL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency on Monday. “We’ve been talking about our anxiety about the normalization of anti-Semitism, and sure enough in 2019 we saw a 14% increase in anti-Jewish hate crimes.”

Greenblatt said the anti-Semitic attacks of last year show that Jew-hatred transcends

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the first day of the fall semester.

But for rabbis leading branches of those mainstays of campus Jewish life, the fall has been an invitation to “double down on our values,” as Rabbi Isabel de Koninck put it.

“Just watching students’ commitment to trying to make the best of this, and trying to figure out who they want to be, as leaders and as people, through this pandemic, has really been a huge bright spot,” said de Koninck, executive director of Hillel at Drexel University.

At Drexel, de Koninck, her staff and the Hillel student leaders, with guidance from the Drexel Hillel board of directors and Hillel International, have spent the last eight months trying to figure out how to create meaningful Hillel experiences, just like they always do. That whole “can’t-be-in-a-room together” element, however, presented some novel challenges.

By the summer, de Koninck said, the prospect of basing the entirety of a Hillel experience on Zoom sounded undesirable. Thus, a workaround was needed, something that would

allow pods of Jewish students, safely seeing each other in person, to have a Hillel experience that wasn’t mediated by a screen. What emerged from brainstorming sessions were “Jewish life kits,” as de Koninck put it. More than just care packages, they included recipes (and their constituent ingredients), engaging discussion prompts (and a journal in which to reflect upon them) and even holiday cards to send around to friends and family.

The kits allowed students, “whether they were living with roommates or living with their parents,” de Koninck said, “to touch and feel and taste and experience the holidays, without necessarily having to be in front of a screen.” That method of connection, plus Drexel Hillel’s student-led “Wellness Ambassador” program, has more than softened the blow of this semester. It’s helped to chart a path to the next one.

A similar dynamic is at play at Penn Hillel. In the spring, the staff contacted every single Jewish undergraduate at the school to see how they were doing. Like the staff and student leaders of the Drexel Hillel, they understood that ensuring the well-being of their community would mean

that sort of care, in perpetuity.

Rabbi Mike Uram, executive director of Penn Hillel, landed on one similar solution: themed baskets of food and discussion questions, distributed to trained discussion leaders, spread out among pods of Jewish students. Just like that, over 200 students were spending time each week in groups of 10 to 15, talking about topics like the presidential election and Israel.

Such comforts weren’t just provided to students who had decided to live near campus, though. Miniature versions were sent to Jewish students at their homes across the country, and they were also invited to drop in on the frequent Zoom-based lectures, from the likes of the aforementioned Dr. Ruth.

For Shira Silver, a senior and co-president of Penn Hillel, her fonder memories of this bizarre semester will be from the “To-Go Tuesdays.” Every Tuesday night, for eight weeks straight, more than 100 students came to a socially distanced distribution line outside the Hillel building for “hot meals and warm smiles,” Silver said. Indulging the Jewish mother inside of her, Silver added, was the cherry on top of a slew of increasingly precious face-to-face interactions.

At Chabad at Temple University, Rabbi Baruch Kantor attributes this semester’s successes to flexibility. As the medical and legal realities of the fall shifted, and then shifted again, it was the ability to remain nimble that allowed Kantor and his team to respond to student needs, to drop what wasn’t working and invest more deeply in what was. In Temple’s case, some of those successes have been at-home Shabbat kits for pods of students combined with semi-regular face-to-face interaction from a safe distance.

“Thank God, we’ve seen a lot a lot of students,” Kantor said.



▲ Student leaders at Penn Hillel distribute meals to over 100 students each Tuesday night. From left: Sydney Lewis, Allie Shapiro, Allison Gorokhovskiy and Shira Silver
Courtesy of Penn Hillel

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RABBI ISABEL DE KONINCK

At the Rohr Center for Jewish Life - Chabad House, serving Jewish students at Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College and Swarthmore College, two signature programs that have traditionally attracted high interest were adapted for the pandemic, according to Rabbi Eli Gurevitz, co-director of the Rohr Center.

A popular program that pairs students with local Holocaust survivors has actually become even *more* popular, expanding the number of students involved and the pool of Holocaust survivors. And the loss of a Birthright trip, usually a huge

enthusiasm-generator, has been somewhat offset by increased attendance and interest in Israel programming.

No one knows what the spring will bring. Cases are up across the country, and colleges that make decisions now may be reversing them soon. And though no one is blind to what’s been lost this semester, their eyes are open to what’s been found, too.

“Some good things come out of this craziness,” Gurevitz said. ●

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would not be opening again soon, she started looking for another job and studying for an advanced wine certification, but she couldn't focus.

"It just seemed kind of stupid, with everything going on," she said. "It was the first time in the last eight years that I wasn't, like, eating it up and super excited about it."

She lived alone in Old City, and the days of isolation blurred together. She started practicing Judaism with more intention, keeping kosher and thinking about finding a career that would make a difference in people's lives. Her grandmother, who founded the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (now JDRF), had always been an inspiration to her. She applied and was accepted to master's programs in counseling at Rosemont College and La Salle University.

Lees is one of thousands of professionals who have made job switches or career changes during the economic upheaval of the past eight months. Whether due to layoffs, furloughs or a change in perspective brought about by a national crisis, Jewish professionals and organizations are pivoting to adapt to a new job market.

Jewish religious centers, nonprofits and cultural organizations have not been immune from rounds of pandemic-induced layoffs and furloughs. Ilana Aisen, CEO of JPRO Network, said organizations that relied on earned revenue have been the hardest hit.

"JCCs were under extraordinary stress almost immediately. So were synagogues, which rely on membership dues around High Holiday times," she explained.

To help those coping with job loss, the Jewish Federations of North America partnered with JPRO Network to create Rise, a career services program for professionals in

the American and Canadian Jewish world.

"We just felt it critical, given our mission and our mandate, to support people who go through the process of losing a job, which is often practically and emotionally shattering, and to make sure that our colleagues would land on their feet," Aisen said.

Rise connects furloughed and out-of-work professionals with career coaches, financial information and mental health resources to build resilience.

"For people who work in the Jewish community, they're here because they're passionate about the mission, they love the work," she said. "For many of us, it's so deeply personal, and people go through all the stages of grieving because this is a major loss."

While the goal is to keep as many professionals working in the Jewish world as possible, Rise also helps them find placements in other areas with the hope of keeping them in contact with other Jewish professionals until the economy improves.

JEVS Human Services has partnered with Rise to offer career counseling to clients who worked in the Jewish world. They have also been working with clients from various backgrounds and industries who need to make a job or career change during the pandemic.

Peggy Truitt, director of career strategies, noted that people with higher education who have been able to work from home have been less drastically impacted by job loss than those in the hospitality, retail and restaurant industries. Many of those job losses are becoming permanent as businesses are forced to close, and there is no way to know if they will ever come back.

"We know that so many restaurants have closed that there will be a lot less opportunity for those positions," Truitt said.

Women across the economic spectrum are also

more vulnerable to job loss due to the lack of available child care from schools and day care centers.

"Taking on the whole home front has been really impactful to their careers," she said.

Truitt said JEVS career counselors work to help people identify whether they need a job change or want to change careers entirely. If the latter is necessary, they identify transferable skills, study the competition in other fields and assist with networking and rebranding.

People who worked in restaurants, for example, typically have excellent customer service skills and sales skills. Truitt said JEVS has helped these clients transfer to e-commerce, an industry that has boomed during the pandemic.

JEVS client Kathy Blum worked as a restaurant manager in the Scranton area for over 30 years before she moved to Northeast Philadelphia to be closer to family. At 62, she struggled to find another job due to her age, and she had no idea how to approach her job search when the pandemic hit.

"I was really drowning," she said.

With the help of JEVS career counselor Jackie Savoy, she found a job working remotely

as a contact tracer for Insight Global, which contracts with Pennsylvania's state government. She plans to work there until the pandemic ends and then pivot into another customer service role.

Interest in trades like carpentry and plumbing is also booming among those looking to pivot into pandemic-proof fields. Orleans Technical College, the trade school run by JEVS, has seen a spike in enrollment and wait lists.

"We all live in houses that need repair and work in buildings that need maintenance," said Debbie Bello, director of admissions.

Class size has decreased to accommodate social distancing guidelines, but students are still able to learn how to build an entire two-story house on the premises.

After dining restrictions were lifted, Lees got another job working at White Dog Cafe in University City, but helping people find escapism in dining out during a national crisis no longer felt meaningful.

"It showed me that I was very



▲ Stephanie Lees Photo by Steven Auerbach

much wanting to change careers, because I could have stayed and could have grown with the company and continued in that path, but given a whole handful of things made the decision to leave," she said. She quit her job during Sukkot and is now a full time graduate student at Rosemont College.

Lees estimates her master's in counselling will take two years to complete. She hopes to work with people who have experienced domestic violence and family trauma once she is qualified. •

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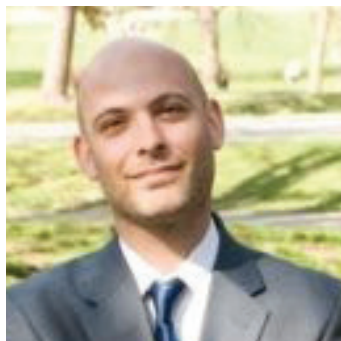
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We Need Thanksgiving More Than Ever This Year



BY DANIEL TREIMAN

AMERICANS ARE IN desperate need of some common ground. That's why, this year, Thanksgiving isn't coming a day too soon.

No matter our political views, our religious beliefs, or if we hail from the reddest rural regions or bluest urban areas, on the fourth Thursday of November, Americans will step outside their daily routines to partake in this beloved national holiday.

True, we mark Thanksgiving in many different ways. For some, expressions of gratitude to God take center stage, while others celebrate more secularly. Some watch football religiously, while others prefer the Charlie Brown special. Some stick to the holiday's traditional menu, while other families augment their turkey dinners with dishes reflecting their own particular cultural backgrounds — and vegetarian Americans might

opt for a tofurkey.

But a shared national holiday is still a shared national holiday, even if its observance is infinitely customizable and variegated. What's more American than *e pluribus unum*?

In many respects, Thanksgiving is to Americans what Passover is for Jews. And both holidays build bridges across deep divides.

American Jews are not immune to the same forces that are setting Americans against one another. It can sometimes be difficult for American Jews to remember that we are one people, especially when religious differences increasingly overlap with a sharp political divide. Yet the fact that every Passover we all still gather around Seder tables to recount the same story reminds us that we share a past and — we hope — a future. (Next year in Jerusalem!)

Indeed, attendance at a Passover Seder is one of the most widely practiced Jewish observances among American Jews. Yes, some families may make amendments to the Seder plate that would vex some of their fellow Jews, but like turkey at Thanksgiving, you can safely assume that you will find familiar items on any Seder table. And while we might use different haggadot — ranging from traditional to liberal to nontheistic to social

justice-themed — Jews of all backgrounds find a common touchstone in our ancestors' Exodus from Egypt.

While Passover is the origin story of the Jewish people, Thanksgiving brings us back to the beginnings of America. Both holidays recount mythically powerful moments at the dawn of a new nation, recalling how, with the help of Providence, a people was delivered from a narrow place. For Passover, it was the redemption from slavery in Egypt; for Thanksgiving, a bountiful harvest that averted the threat of famine in an unforgiving new land. Freedom from bondage, and freedom from want and fear.

The parallels don't stop once the tables are cleared: What did the ancient Israelites do with their newfound, God-given freedom? They worshipped a golden calf. And what is our national ritual after our day of giving thanks? Black Friday sales. (Moments of transcendence are, as ever, ephemeral.)

Thanksgiving has been a special gift to American Jews. It is a secular national holiday that, in a predominantly Christian country, Jews (and other religious minorities) could embrace with enthusiasm and, in doing so, feel fully American.

Yet for all that we have gained from Thanksgiving, American

Jews are also well-positioned to give something back.

Historians point out that the popular Thanksgiving story that many of us learned as children is not exactly how things happened back at that "First Thanksgiving" in 1621. Many would also note that the traditional Thanksgiving story elides the larger context of horrors inflicted upon Native Americans by European settlers.

American Jews are no strangers to navigating the tension between history and memory. In 2001, the eminent Conservative Rabbi David Wolpe stirred controversy when he spoke to his Los Angeles synagogue about how the biblical account of the Exodus is not supported by the archaeological record. But as Wolpe has noted, Jews should not fear historical knowledge.

"The Torah is not a book we turn to for historical accuracy, but rather for truth," he would later write. "The story of the Exodus lives in us."

Similarly, Thanksgiving over the centuries has accrued rich meanings that we carry with us beyond what is known about that small celebration at Plymouth. Amid our current culture wars over the American past, perhaps we can find a better balance between history and narrative when it comes to Thanksgiving.

Grappling honestly with history as it actually unfolded, and reckoning with the perspectives of Native Americans — who have struggled with what Thanksgiving should mean to them — need not diminish, and could indeed enrich, our observance of the holiday.

Just as Jews argue around the Seder table about Passover's themes, Americans are unlikely to reach a consensus as to what Thanksgiving should mean. But it is still our common heritage, one that each year we share, appreciate and wrestle with.

This year, Thanksgiving presents unique challenges. In the midst of a deadly pandemic, we are not able to gather as usual with family and friends. Large, non-socially distanced gatherings of the sort that the Pilgrims hosted at Plymouth or the Israelites had at Sinai are out of the question.

But as we wander through the wilderness of post-election acrimony, this Thanksgiving has a special importance: Whether in small groups around our dining room tables or in continent-spanning Zooms, we would do well to remember the many blessings that we as Americans enjoy together. •

Daniel Treiman is a former managing editor of JTA, where this piece first appeared.

It's the Era of Endless Fatigue, So Give Yourself a Break



BY DR. BETSY STONE

DEPENDING ON HOW you count, we're now in month 8 of this endless trauma. I've been describing it as a bitter Napoleon — you know those pastries that are layers of filo and cream? Instead of layers that are yummy, our layers are loss on trauma on grief. Cases are rising, the temperature is dropping and our homes seem to be getting smaller. Our children are always there, we

have become their teachers as well as their parents. Zoom fatigue is real. Racial injustice continues; the election and its wrangling are ongoing. We vacillate between exhaustion and exhaustion.

I've been teaching groups of teachers and educators lately and I keep hearing the same two things: Their responsibilities keep growing and they are always supposed to be happy.

And they have neither time nor space to recover.

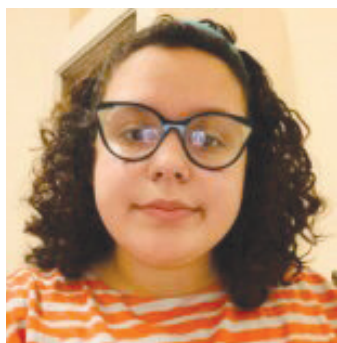
The way our brains and bodies are supposed to work in crisis is simple. Quick reaction and then slow recovery. Get frightened, act, and then calm. There's a surge reaction and then a reset. That reset can happen in sleep, awake, alone, with others — but that reset is essential.

At the beginning of this

crisis, we were in surge mode. I spoke with educators all over the country who were working nonstop, trying to move from live to on-line learning. They did it. I facilitate a rabbis group that scrambled to create meaningful services and community connections — and they succeeded. Camps did amazing pivots, creating

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Shabbat Transformed, Reinvigorated



BY OLIVIA SHER

LIKE EVERYONE, I spent the duration of last week with CNN, The New York Times and NPR. Their websites were running in the background of all my meetings, classes and leisure time — constantly open, constantly refreshed.

As the week dragged on and Wednesday, and then Thursday, went by with no results, I became growingly anxious that the news of the presidency would be delivered over Shabbat. I'm shomer Shabbos, which means I observe Shabbat traditionally by abstaining from technology from Friday night to Saturday afternoon. I feared I'd miss the biggest news of the year — the very news I'd been desperately waiting to hear for days.

My Orthodox Jewish friends and roommates in New York City were in the same boat, trying to make peace with being in the dark for 25 hours during one of American history's most important elections. An election that we all had a personal stake in. On Friday, I did one last refresh at 4:27 p.m. — Shabbat started at 4:28 — and accepted that whatever happened over those next 25 hours, I simply wouldn't know. At Shabbat dinner in Manhattan's Washington Square Park, my friends and I discussed trying to get access to a newspaper for Saturday morning lunch. As we saw a large crowd gather at the fountain, we thought maybe this was the moment. We ran to ask a stranger if the president

had been declared, but there were still no answers.

I'll be honest: It was one of the hardest Shabbats to be without technology.

This Saturday started like any other Shabbat morning. I got up and climbed onto my fire escape to daven Shacharit, the morning prayer service, then showered at 11 a.m. to prepare for lunch in the same downtown park where I had dinner. I was sitting in a towel delaying picking an outfit when I heard my block on St. Marks Place, among the most iconic streets in New York City, burst into screams. I heard pots banging and cheers that went on for minutes. I ran to wake up both my roommates and screamed, "I think Joe Biden won the presidency!"

We rushed to get dressed, none of us knowing any official news, and made our way to the bottom of our fifth-floor walk-up. Congregating at the corner of St. Marks and Second Avenue, people were dancing in the streets, every car was honking and the cheering never

watching history happen in real-time on the streets of my newfound home.

This was catharsis. The community I fell in love with when I moved here three years ago had a beating heart again. People were smiling at each other on the street, everyone was out (in masks!), and we were all sharing our collective love for one another.

The last four years as a woman, a queer person and a Jew has been exhausting and fearful, to say the least. But on this Shabbat morning, I watched the world truly begin to re-create itself. The work is far from over, but we can begin anew. It's the truest meaning of Shabbat I have ever heard.

Saturday, Nov. 7, is the Shabbat I will tell my children and grandchildren about one day. A moment in history so monumental that I found out purely through human experience. I will tell them of the party in Washington Square Park, strangers pouring champagne, a dance party in the street, doing shots of pickle

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seemed to stop. One young family started banging pots on their fire escape. Another man stuck an American flag outside his window and started an anthem of "Bye, Bye, Bye" by NSYNC.

It was one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen, and it made me fall in love with New York City again — and appreciate my Shabbat observance all the more. Seeing everyone's unadulterated joy was such a better way of receiving such tremendous news than a CNN news notification. It felt like I was

juice with my rabbi because "we are Ashkenazi and that is how we celebrate." I will tell these stories because it is the first time in four years that many New Yorkers believed freedom was possible again.

No notification from any news site I spent the week refreshing could have given me that feeling. Only the communal love that was reborn in New York City that day could have given me the hope that I have now. •

This piece originally appeared in JTA via Alma.

KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Riskin: Wrong About Atheists

RABBI SHLOMO RISKIN made significant errors in describing atheists in his Torah commentary ("Belief Never as Important as Action," Oct. 22) on Parshat Noach.

Riskin states that "... the atheist [is] confident in his rejection of God ..." This assumes the existence of only one "God." Atheists do not believe in the actual existence of any of the many deities that have been imagined by humans over thousands of years — only as mythic characters.

Riskin goes on to confuse the concepts of "knowing" that a god (or gods) exist and "believing" that a god (or gods) exist. No one actually knows with 100% certainty; people have differences in beliefs. Riskin then states that a lack of certitude as to whether supernatural beings (gods) exist usually causes despair — a presumption without evidence.

Noah is praised for following the dictates of a god that he doesn't even believe in — the idea being that it is praiseworthy to act (follow religious rules) as if you are a believer even if you are not. But rules of which religion? By the rabbi's logic, someone unsure of his/her faith should be lauded for killing a blasphemer or apostate, following the dictates of Islam!

Glen Loev | Wayne

An Absurd Term

Thank you Dave Olim for calling out the absurdity of Jews using the term anti-Semitism ("Anti-Semitism an Outdated Term," Nov. 12). It's an example of how we Jews absorb the hatred of our enemies. This term was coined in the 1870s by a German hater of Jews as an early form of political correctness. He felt that *Juden haas* (hatred toward Jews) was too harsh. It's past time to drop this term from our spoken and written language. •

Henry Frank | Philadelphia

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Leftover Turkey? Try Making Enchiladas

FOOD

KERI WHITE | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

THIS MEAL CAME together as a result of an oversized roast chicken, but it occurs to me that this is the perfect way to use the surplus turkey you are likely have after your smaller-than-normal gathering this Thanksgiving.

You would think I had adjusted to cooking for two by now, but sometimes I revert — and I foresee that no matter how small of a turkey I get, we will doubtless have leftovers.

Last Sunday night, I roasted a chicken, and it was perfect. I had brined it overnight, and it was cooked to a juicy, flavorful perfection. We ate our fill and, normally, after a roast chicken dinner, I

throw the bird into a pot with the drippings and make soup tomorrow. But this chicken had a lot of meat left, and it was really tasty and seemed to warrant something more than soup.

I don't want to suggest that using chicken for soup is a waste — the gallons of soup in my freezer would disagree — but this particular chicken was so tasty and so meaty that it seemed to deserve another meal before it became soup. Your Thanksgiving turkey is likely to be the same.

After dinner, I picked as much meat off the chicken as I could, stored it in a container and then threw the bones and drippings into the pot as per usual to become soup. I thought about using the surplus for



▲ Enchiladas are a fun way to get creative with leftovers.

Photos by Keri White

chicken salad, but the chill in the air called for something more warming. Enchiladas seemed to fit the bill.

I have written before about repurposing leftovers in such a way that the second act does not resemble the original in flavor or appearance, and that makes them all the more appealing. Simply reheating the roast chicken, delicious though it was, with the same old sides was not tempting, but spicing it up, wrapping it in corn tortillas, baking it in chipotle salsa and serving it with tomatillo sauce and guacamole, well, that's another story. Break out the margaritas!

I was able to get my hands on some excellent quality vegan cheese to top the enchiladas — Luhv Vegan in Reading Terminal Market (which is also certified kosher) makes cheese that actually melts and tastes like the real thing. But if you can't find a version that works, you can crumble corn chips on top of the enchiladas, or just

cover them with salsa.

I made my own tomatillo sauce to serve at table with the enchiladas, since I had the time, inclination and ingredients. The recipe appears below. I opted for convenience with the salsa roja, using a can of RO-TEL tomatoes, a half a can of chipotles in adobo and some jarred salsa. There are no hard and fast rules here as far as the salsa goes; you can make your own, doctor up a bought version or just dump a jar over the enchiladas.

TURKEY OR CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Serves 4

- 4 cups cooked turkey or chicken, chopped
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1 10-ounce can RO-TEL tomatoes
- ½ 7-ounce can chipotles in adobo



- ½ cup water (or more as needed)
- ½ cup jarred salsa
- 1 cup shredded vegan cheese or crumbled corn chips
- Fresh cilantro for garnish

Heat your oven to 350 F. In a blender, puree the RO-TEL tomatoes, chipotles in adobo, salsa and water. The mixture should be the consistency of tomato puree or gazpacho — add more water if needed.

Mix ⅓ cup of this mixture with the chopped chicken. Spread ¼ cup of the sauce into the bottom of an oblong baking dish to lightly coat the surface. Take a corn tortilla, and fill it with chicken (about ½ cup per tortilla). Roll the tortilla around the chicken, and place

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it in the baking dish seam side down. Repeat this with all the tortillas, packing them closely in the dish.

Pour the remaining salsa over them, sprinkle with cheese or crumbled chips, if desired, and bake for 30 minutes until heated through. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro. Serve with tomatillo salsa.

TOMATILLO SALSA
Makes about 1½ cups

This is wonderful as an additional sauce for the enchiladas, but it can also be used as a sauce for fish, poultry or meat. It makes a great dip for chips, and can be mixed into guacamole for some added flavor and oomph.

For this salsa, if the broth is salted, you won't need additional salt, but if you are using a no- or low-salt

- version, you will likely need to add salt.
- 10 tomatillos, husk removed, and cut in quarters
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - ¾ cup chicken or vegetable broth
 - 1 jalapeño pepper, chopped (more or less as desired)
 - Juice of ½ lime
 - Salt as needed

Mix all the ingredients except the lime in a medium-sized saucepan. Bring it to a boil, then lower the heat, cover and simmer for about 30 minutes until the ingredients begin to break down.

Cool slightly, and puree with an immersion or traditional blender. Add the lime juice, taste for seasoning and then salt, if needed. Serve it as a sauce with the enchiladas or as you would with any salsa. ●



▲ Tomatillo salsa can be used with fish, poultry or meat.



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Sophia Loren Makes Triumphant Return in Netflix's 'The Life Ahead'

ARTS

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

ACTOR SOPHIA LOREN broke a 10-year absence from the screen with her starring role in Netflix's new drama "The Life Ahead."

The film is the second adaptation of Romain Gary's 1975 novel "The Life Before Us," and was directed by Loren's son, Edoardo Ponti. It tells the story of a friendship between an elderly Holocaust survivor and a Senegalese orphan she takes into her home.

The 86-year-old Loren is vibrant as Madame Rosa, a former prostitute who survived Auschwitz and now grapples with her failing health. She takes care of other sex workers' children, including the son of her friend Lola, played by the charming Abril Zamora. Child actor Ibrahima Gueye plays Momo, the drug-dealing 12-year-old who robs Madame Rosa at the beginning of the film. She takes him in reluctantly at the request of Renato Carpentieri's grandfatherly Dr. Coen.

Loren portrays Madame Rosa with grit and vulnerability. After suffering incredible hardship, the character is still capable of great compassion, which she bestows on her charges in the form of tough love and sincere affection.

Perhaps the best example of this is her decision to put Momo in contact with Babak Karimi's Hamil, a widower who owns a shop in their neighborhood. She asks him to give Momo work in the shop a few times a week, a move which initially seems like an attempt to get the boy out of her hair.

However, it proves to be a calculated move, as Hamil is a Muslim man of faith who encourages Momo to explore his heritage. He asks him to

help him repair a rug depicting a lion, which he tells Momo is a powerful symbol in the Quran. Madame Rosa, who survived the Nazi's attempt to destroy her heritage by force, does not intend to let Momo lose his heritage through neglect.

When memories of her past threaten to overwhelm her, Madame Rosa retreats to the basement of her apartment, where she listens to music and looks at photographs from her life before the war. She has survived everything the outside world could throw at her, but soon begins to strain under the burden of her own mental decline. She stares blankly into space while Momo and Iosif try to get her attention, hallucinates about past horrors and wanders away from her friends when she loses touch with reality. When she realizes the end is near, she asks Momo to promise not to let her die in a hospital, for fear of "experiments" by doctors.

Momo does not understand Madame Rosa's past, having never heard of the Holocaust (he is confused by the numbers of her arm and refers to Auschwitz as "House witch"), nor does he understand the cause of her strange behavior. He does, however, understand that something horrible happened to her, and that she puts her trust in him.

The relationship between the caretaker and her troubled charge is one of several moving, well-developed connections in the film. Iosif Diego Pirvu's Iosif, a boy whose mother left him in Madame Rosa's care, and Momo begin their relationship as bitter enemies after Momo barges into Iosif's room and plops on the bed with his shoes on.

They eventually bond over the absence of both their mothers and their shared concerns over the deterioration



▲ Sophia Loren co-stars with Ibrahima Gueye in Netflix's "The Life Ahead."

Courtesy of Netflix.

There's nothing subtle about this film, which is not necessarily a bad quality in a classic tearjerker.

of Madame Rosa's health, which they watch with the confusion of children whose lives have demanded maturity beyond their years. Soon, Momo is helping Iosif with his studies and sleeping next to him when he misses his mother, even as he tells him that she is never coming back.

When Iosif's mother returns, Momo lashes out, consumed by his own jealousy and grief. Iosif attempts to comfort him, and Momo rejects him, leading to a bitter goodbye. The two boys, played with incredible emotional acuity by Gueye and Pirvu, could have had a film all to themselves.

The friendship between Madame Rosa and Lola is also a pleasure to watch. Although there is little information about how they met or what they have been through together, audiences

can sense the history between them and the love they have for each other. Lola's storyline incorporates her identity as a transgender woman without fetishizing it, with nods to how her wife left her to raise their son alone and her anxiety about visiting her father, who previously rejected her.

There's nothing subtle about this film, which is not necessarily a bad quality in a classic tearjerker. However, there are moments when it all just feels a bit too much: Momo's narration, which contains a lot of flowery similes and metaphors about the nature of life and loss, would have been better incorporated into dialogue or left out entirely. The phone given to Momo by his drug dealer boss goes off in Madame Rosa's presence with the predictability of Chekhov's

gun. A scene featuring Italian police separating migrant parents from their children during a raid is meant to allude to Madame Rosa's past and Momo's immigrant parents, but it feels too rushed.

Nevertheless, Loren's regal performance and Gueye's youthful intensity make this film worth watching. Netflix has provided dubs in several languages, but it is best to watch with subtitles in the original Italian, since the dialogue feels stiff and insincere in English. There is also something delightful about Dr. Coen reminding Madame Rosa that Momo is only a "bambino" and Iosif describing his caretaker's basement as her "Batacaverna," or Batcave. ●

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Comedian Cory Kahaney Tackles Marriage, Family and Aging in Katz JCC Performance

ARTS

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STAND-UP COMEDY is a tough business in the era of pandemic shutdowns and limits on live performances.

That hasn't prevented Jewish comedians like Cory Kahaney from taking to the stage virtually.

On Nov. 14, Kahaney performed an evening set for the 31st Katz JCC Bank of America Festival of Arts, Books and Culture. The festival, which is based in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, runs from Nov. 8 to Nov. 19 and features authors, speakers and performers from around the country. Festival Director Shonnie Lebovitz said turnout has been high due to the audience's increasing comfort with technology. So far, the record for most devices tuned in to a festival event is 193.

Kahaney is based in New York and has performed frequently in Philadelphia. She was a finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and appeared on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson" and the 2016 season of "America's Got Talent." She has stand-up specials on Comedy Central and HBO and runs the monthly Ruthless Comedy Hour on her website (the title references the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg).

"It's very feminist, it's very liberal and it's basically Jewish-mom humor," she said in a separate interview.

During her festival performance, Kahaney joked about her two marriages, her relationship with her children, her body, online shopping and more. She read a fake review she left on Amazon for a \$15 hat her husband became obsessed with and talked about



▲ Cory Kahaney

Photo by Sue Barr

It's basically Jewish-mom humor."

CORY KAHANAY

the time she spent an hour making up promo codes to try to get a discount.

"I just typed in 'Up yours!' and I got 15% off," she said.

She advised one audience member to go to Trader Joe's if she ever felt like she wasn't being heard in her marriage.

"I go to that cash register at Trader Joe's and the woman will look at me with so much empathy," she said. "She'll say, 'Hi, did you find everything you were looking for?' And I suddenly feel vulnerable and say, 'I never got unconditional love from my mother.' And she'll say, 'Oh, did you look in frozen?'"

She also joked about the pressure she was under to marry a Jewish man after her sister came out as a lesbian to her conservative parents: "My mother was hysterical. She said, 'We'll never dance at her wedding!' And my father was like, 'Shut up, we just saved 50 grand.'"

Other highlights included her mother's apocalyptic texting

style, her husband's inability to throw anything away, the high price of private college and Manhattan preschools, and the age of her genitals.

"What I have is a classic. Some people call it a collector's item," she said to uproarious laughter.

The show was filmed on the platform StreamYard, which allowed some audience members to appear on screen with Kahaney. She took advantage of the opportunity to connect with the crowd, asking questions and riffing on their lives during several bits.

Kahaney said making the transition to virtual shows was relatively easy because she focuses more on joke writing than on physical comedy, and crowd work has also translated pretty smoothly.

"I'll be in the middle of a joke that's a little bit racy and I'll go, 'You know what I'm talking about, Myrna!'" she said. "I don't offend anybody's decor or

whatever, I'm more looking for opportunities to connect."

Hecklers haven't been daunted by the virtual format, either. Kahaney said she usually listens to what they have to say and only cuts them off if they interrupt too much.

"Now I'm in an area of material where they want to contribute, or they disagree," she said.

She believes it's possible to make fun of the pandemic, and often incorporates COVID jokes that tackle masks, anxiety and loneliness.

"We can make fun of stuff like, you know, we pretend to be more obsessed with COVID so that we can get the elevator all to ourselves," she said. "Or, have you ever been so desperate

to find a mask that you needed to go into the store to pick up one thing that you used one you found on the sidewalk?"

Lebovitz said Kahaney's performance provided a form of entertainment that has been particularly difficult to access this year.

"We always love to do something that is fun or funny, and this year it's as important as ever to do that," she said. "So we were looking for someone who would be a nice fit for our community. We are thrilled that Cory is willing to do this, we know this is a tough time for comedians right now and we are truly honored." •

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Digging Your Own Well

BY RABBI ALAN ISER

Parshat Toldot

MUCH OF HIS LIFE, the patriarch Isaac appears to be a passive figure in the events that swirl around him: his near sacrifice at the hands of his father; a marriage match with a cousin; and the deception and “stealing” of the blessing for the firstborn, intended for Esau, by his wife and son.

As the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks characterized him, he is the least original of the three patriarchs. He is not a spiritual pioneer like Abraham, nor does his life have dramatic ups and downs like Jacob.

In our Torah portion, Isaac even has a similar dispute over wells with the Philistines as did

his father. Indeed, the Torah reports that initially Isaac dug anew the wells Abraham had unearthed that the Philistines then stopped up, giving the wells the same names as did his father (Genesis 26:18). But Isaac finally manages to dig new wells to which he gives his own names, Esek (contention) and Sitnah (harassment). The Philistines quarrel with him over the first two of these Isaac wells, but finally desist when he digs the third, named Rehovot.

Rabbi Simchah Bunem of Psciche, one of the early Chasidic masters, sees great significance in this seemingly mundane story. Isaac first re-digs Abraham’s wells, that is to say, attempts to follow his father’s spiritual path. However, just imitating someone else will

not work. Isaac then discovers that he needs to find his own way to God, and thus digs his own wells.

Every Jew must approach the service of God by digging a well with their own essence and, thereby, cling to the creator. At first, this well may not work for your own soul, thus Isaac’s first two wells are the subjects of disputes with the Philistines, which represent contentious forces within Isaac himself in his search for his identity.

In other words, he must overcome his own inner demons and conflicts. Finally, through persistence, he arrives at his rightful destination, Rehovot, literally spaciousness or wide open, the place where his conflicts are resolved and he achieves wholeness.

It is noteworthy that immediately after the completion of the well named Rehovot, Isaac merits an appearance from God, who reaffirms the Abrahamic promises of blessing and offspring. Only when Isaac has achieved his own spiritual identity in the course of his life’s journey does God speak directly to him.

There are several lessons for us today from Isaac’s digging of the wells. It is important, like Isaac, to be a link in the chain of tradition; not all of us can be bold innovators like Abraham. But we cannot stop there. To borrow from another Chasidic teaching based on the first blessing of the Amidah, we must invoke our God and the God of our ancestors: our own approach to God and Jewish tradition as well as the rich

heritage of the past.

If we are going to forge a Jewish identity for ourselves that can sustain us through the highs and lows of life, we have to dig our own wells. •

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Truck

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students, has helped Harris and Wallace with licensing, permits, marketing and social media, even after his graduation from Penn. On Nov. 8, Whitehorn was on hand at Clark Park, helping out as a cashier. Harris and Wallace have “big dreams” for what Grassroots can be, Whitehorn said.

“Troy and Kareem are both very inspirational people,” said Whitehorn. “The hope with Grassroots, it was always to have a social justice mission, and part of it was trying to employ Philadelphians from traditionally under-served communities and just bring light to different issues that they may face.”

Elana Burack serves on the Grassroots advisory board with Whitehorn, having begun her association with the group as an undergraduate and carried that into her time as a master’s student at Penn. At home with her family in South Carolina,

taking classes remotely, she wasn’t able to make The Chosen Mitbach’s debut, but she hopes to get a taste of what she’s been working on in the coming months. Even from afar, she can’t help but gush about the project and its principals.

“Every time I’m on a call, I walk away feeling so inspired and humbled,” Burack said. She feels proud to contribute to the creation of a Black-owned business, and to strengthen ties between Jewish students at Penn and the people who call West Philadelphia home.

Hannah Bookbinder, an academic coach and college admissions consultant in Penn Valley, first heard about the project through her teenage son, Zachary, who read about Azir’s paralysis. Since then, Bookbinder has come to consider Harris and Wallace friends, and serves on the Grassroots advisory board. Though she too couldn’t make it to the opening, Harris and Wallace’s perseverance inspired her and her family from afar; she spoke to Harris

on the phone after they’d packed up for the day on Nov. 8.

The experience has been “eye-opening for me as a human being,” Bookbinder said.

The Jewish community that rallied around the truck has been out in full force at the first two days of Grassroots (they rolled out again on Nov. 15), and to Harris, it’s only a continuation of the support that he and Wallace have received since the beginning. They’ll need it now, too; back in August, they were furloughed without pay from their jobs at Falk Dining Commons.

There are permits pending for Lower Merion, but in the meantime, Sundays for Kareem Wallace and Troy Harris will mean serving up IKC-certified kosher veggie burgers, quesadillas and the Grassroots Signature Smack You Back Macaroni, just a hop, skip and a jump away from the kitchen where it all began. •

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FBI

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a sharp uptick from the 5,850 in 2015. As in previous years, the majority were based on race. African Americans experienced the most hate crimes, 1,930. Hate crimes based on religion made up approximately 20% of total hate crimes.

Last year also saw a huge increase in hate crime murders, to 51 from 24 in 2018. That includes the mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, that killed 23 and wounded the same number. The shooter wrote in a manifesto that he was acting against a Hispanic “invasion.” Anti-Hispanic hate crimes, according to the FBI, rose 9% in 2019, the fourth straight year they’ve risen.

The ADL said the FBI numbers are almost certainly a significant undercount of the true number of hate crimes in the United States because many municipalities do not submit hate crime data to the FBI. According to the ADL, 86% of participating agencies

reported no hate crimes to the FBI, including 71 cities with populations greater than 100,000 — though the largest cities tend to report their hate crime data. The ADL also said that the number of agencies reporting hate crimes to the FBI has declined each year.

“We have an incomplete picture,” Greenblatt said. “That being said, I think the trends over two decades are telling. Hate remains a reality for people from marginalized communities in this country, particularly Jews, who represent somewhere between 1.5 and 2% of the population and [experience] a disproportionate number of the hate crimes.”

Greenblatt said the ADL hopes the incoming Biden administration will support increased anti-bias education in schools and work on a plan to confront white nationalism.

“Extremists feel emboldened, and anti-Jewish conspiracy theories and anti-Jewish ideas generally are taking root,” he said. “Jews feel less safe. Jews are extremely worried about this.” •



Meeting Mental Health Needs During COVID

WHEN COVID-19 HIT, mental and behavioral health service providers like Jewish Family & Children's Services faced an immediate challenge: They needed to figure out a way to shift to a pandemic-friendly service model, fast.

"We closed our offices on a Friday knowing that, on Monday, services needed to continue without interruption," said Courtney Owen, director of Individual and Family Services at JFCS. "And we were able to do it."

By rapidly scaling up their telehealth operations — such as HIPPA-compliant Zoom rooms — JFCS was able to continue offering all of their services, such as mental health counseling and care management. But that victory was followed by the realization that many of the vulnerable people they work with, such as low income seniors, were suddenly facing immediate threats to basic needs like food and shelter.

"Help from the Jewish Federation's Emergency Fund made a big difference in meeting those basic needs," said Owen. "In general, the Federation has been really great and flexible in allowing us to make the transitions we needed to continue services."

Our Emergency Fund is our COVID-response initiative to help our partner agencies meet community needs during the pandemic. So far, we have raised and allocated over \$2 million to organizations in the Philadelphia area.

In addition to basic needs grants, our Emergency Fund also helped to fund an additional therapist, which Owen said was sorely needed, as the number of people seeking counseling has rapidly increased.

"Every population and age range is experiencing increased stress, albeit in different ways," said Owen. "Parents are having to make decisions about their kids' risk factors. Older adults aren't able to see their families. Younger people are at an increased risk of suicide and depression."



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To address this, JFCS has introduced special programming to help people deal with issues around COVID. This includes a bereavement group for those who have lost loved ones to the disease, financial empowerment groups that support those who have lost a job, and informational sessions about benefits which are streamed online.

Still, JFCS says their work isn't done.

"Even though the need has increased, we know from looking at the data that it's only going to go up," said Owen. "We know we need to be prepared to meet it as it comes."

Sigd Celebrations: The Ethiopian Jewish Community and Philly's Special Connection to It

AT SUNDOWN ON NOV. 15, exactly 50 days after Yom Kippur, one of the Jewish world's most important — but less well-known — holidays began: Sigd.

Celebrated by the Ethiopian Jewish community (also known as Beta Israel), Sigd commemorates the day when G-d revealed himself to Moses. On this holiday, Ethiopian Jews fast, read scripture, and pray for the restoration of the Temple. The holiday culminates with dancing and a special meal to break the fast.

In Israel, Sigd is an official state holiday and is used as a way to celebrate the Ethiopian community. While Ethiopian Jews make up some of the oldest Jewish communities in the world, they are relatively recent immigrants to Israel. Banned by the Ethiopian government from making aliyah, Beta Israel Jews risked everything to come to Israel through a series of daring airlift missions that began in the 1980s.

Today, there are 120,000 Jews of Ethiopian descent living in Israel. While

they still face discrimination and barriers to assimilation, Ethiopian Jews have become an integral part of the fabric of Israeli life, rising to high positions in pop culture, industry and government.

Here in Philadelphia, we are lucky to have a connection to the Beta Israel community through our partnership region of Netivot and Sdot Negev. Located in Israel's southern tip, our partnership region is a vibrant and diverse area filled with recent olim (immigrants), including a significant Ethiopian population.

We are proud to fund initiatives that directly impact Ethiopian-Israelis, including an Ethiopian Community Garden, which provides green space and helps Ethiopians maintain their agricultural traditions. We also support the Kaiserman Ethiopian Center, named for the Philadelphia philanthropist who was an early Western advocate for Ethiopian Jewish aliyah.

So, to all our friends who celebrated, we hope you had a happy Sigd!

DEATH NOTICES



BANK

Celeste Bernadine Bank. Celeste passed away November 2nd from Corona Virus at the age of 91 in St. Louis, MO . Celeste was the beloved wife of the late Preston Bank. Dear mother of Patti Bank Rudi (husband Tom Rudi) and Cherie Bank. And adored grandmother of Emily Bank, Tommy Bank Rudi and the late Alexandra Bank Greenberg. Dear cousin of Harvey Brown and Marcene Tockman who more were like siblings to her. She was a beloved Aunt and friend to many. Celeste was born in St Louis, Mo to the late Leah (Bassin) Brown and the late Sam Brown. She attended Soldan High School and graduated from Washington University with a degree in History. Celeste taught for many years in the Parkway District. Celeste loved to travel the world with her husband Preston. They had a 60 year love affair and marriage. She was admired as the kindest person to everyone. She always had a smile for you and compassion for what you were going through. She saw the beauty in everyone and everything. Celeste was a long time member of the Great Books Club , enjoyed Broadway musicals and Ella Fitzgerald and always gave her tennis game the good old college try. Celeste developed Alzheimer's disease and spent her later years in Parc Provence. She greatly enjoyed her time with special friends Linda Laramie, Nancy Laramie and Barbara Wolf. When you think of Celeste always picture her eating chocolate, her favorite food group. A private graveside service was held on November 4, 2020 at Beth Hamedrosh Hagodol in St. Louis, and officiated by Rabbi Randy Fleisher of Central Reform Congregation. Donations in memory of Celeste can be made to The Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. www.fanconi.org. Please visit bergermemorial.com for more information.

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BLYASHOV

Geny Blyashov on November 11, 2020 of Philadelphia, Pa. Devoted Wife of the late Yakov. Beloved mother of the late Zhanna Frenkel. Beloved great-grandmother of Zoe, Max and Shelby Pasternack. Beloved grandmother Alla Frenkel Pasternack. Contributions in her memory may be made to JFCS. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS www.levinefuneral.com

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COHEN

Beloved and admired by everyone that knew her, Maye Grosser Cohen passed away peacefully and enveloped in love early on November 7, 2020 at the age of 94. A true force of nature, Maye leaves behind a legacy of strength, intelligence, wisdom and humor. Maye was the cherished mother of Warren and Sylvie Cohen, Sandy and Jack Bonner, Phyllis and Jeffrey Katz, Mark and Jean Cohen, and Ira Cohen and Jenny Greenbaum. Aunt to Susan Cohen and the late David Kliabaner and Bubbe to Vanessa and Brian Grieve, Sabrina and Max Blondman, David and Megan Lieberman, Sara Bonner, Dori and Mike Price, Adam and Nicole Katz, Eric and Shelby Katz, Julie and Amanda Cohen, Julien and Ella Cohen, Rachael and Johnny Dolezal, great Aunt to Daniel Kliabaner. She was great-grandmother to Sophie Grieve, Jack and Owen Blondman, Mason and Graham Lieberman, Eli and Sasha Katz, and Benjamin Price. Married to the love of her life Boris Cohen for almost 53 years, she took great pride in the family they created together and the adventures they shared. Daughter of David and Dora Grosser and sister to Molly Grosser Cohen, Maye was a proud Temple University graduate. After a successful career as a teacher and raising her five children, Maye received a M.A. in counselling from Villanova University, and went on to become a guidance counselor and develop a private practice specializing in family therapy. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren filled her later years with enormous joy. We will miss her every day. L'Dorva Dor. Donations in Maye's memory can be made to: The Alzheimer's Foundation <https://alzfdn.org/> GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

FEIN

Michael B. Fein, Esq. 78, of Cherry Hill, NJ died November 10, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Deedee Fein and the loving father of Laura (Martin Ramirez) Fein, Allison (Moshe) Blech, Daniel (Julie) Fein and the late Richard Fein. He is also also survived by 14 adored grandchildren. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers Law School, Michael practiced Intellectual Property Law at Rohm & Haas for 25 years and later worked for several law firms in Philadelphia. Contributions may be made to the Richard Fein Memorial Fund, c/o One Israel Fund, www.oneisraelfund.org PLATT MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Inc.

GLASSMAN

Howard T. Glassman, on May 30, 2020 Husband of Eta (nee) Roseman. Father of Sharon (Paul Kiteck) Glassman and Beth (W. Mark Eliason) Glassman; brother of Arlene (Ronald) Salove and Judy (Gerald) Saepoff; grandfather of Nicole and Aaron Schulman. Howard was a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and The University of Pennsylvania Law School. He was a partner at Blank Rome where he specialized in the area of bankruptcy law. Service and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Beaumont Employee Counseling Fund, Attention of Birch Clothier. 601 N. Ithan Ave. Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS www.levinefuneral.com



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GOLUB

Zelda Golub passed away peacefully at the age of 103 on October 27, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Hyman Golub, and devoted mother to the late Patricia (Howard Tate), Elliott (Thea) and Bonnie (Ray Lemisch). She adored her grandchildren James, Robert, Stefanie, Aaron, Jennifer, Zachary & Hayley, and leaves behind six great-grandchildren. She raised her children in Brooklyn and Wantagh, New York, and later moved to Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania to be with her grandchildren. She was active in Women's American ORT and the League of Women Voters, and especially loved being everyone's "mother/grandmother". She will be greatly missed. Contributions in her memory may be made to ElderNet of Lower Merion and Narberth, eldernetonline.org, or to the charity of your choice. WWW.WESTLAURELHILL.COM

JOSEPH

Ruth Arlene Joseph (nee Bram) on November 10, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Bernie; Loving mother of Bruce (Lois Kampinsky), Warren (Judy), and Larry (Uta); Dear sister of Barbara Sherman and Sandra Elias; Devoted grandmother of Eric and Marc. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to National Council on Aging, ncoa.org to assist in their work on falls prevention. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

MATUSOW

Anne S. Matusow (Nee Schecter), age 101, Nov 10, 2020. Wife of the late Meyer. Mother of Jacqueline Matusow (Dr Marvin Rothman), Faye Deborah (late Gerald) Sclan, Steven Matusow, Carol (Joel) Weiner and Richard Matusow (Virginia O'Conner). Grandmother of Susan (William II) Fabian, Aleta Voda, Benjamin (Sara) Weiner, Julia (Larry) Pobiner and Tami Matusow. Great grandmother of William III and Kelly Fabian, Michael Voda, Molly and Claudia Weiner. Jora and Leah Pobiner. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

MILKIS

Abraham "Boomie" Milkis, on November 11, 2020. Husband of the late Estelle (nee Sandry). Father of Rick Milkis and Laurie (the late Mark) Jacobson. Grandfather of Kimberly (Dr. Jeff) Falzer, Heather, Rachel and Matthew Jacobson. Great grandfather of Benjamin, Eden and Stella Felzer. He was proud recipient of the Purple Heart Medal in WWII. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish War Veterans. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS www.levinefuneral.com

ORNSTEIN

Zelda Ornstein (nee Kagan) on November 8, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Jay; Loving mother of Stephen (Terri) Ornstein and Pamela (Stan) Kofsky; Devoted grandmother of Heather (Santos), Melissa, Samantha, Mitchell and Jayden; Adoring great-grandmother of Leah and Mia. Contributions in her memory may be made to the SPCA, 350 E. Erie Ave., Phila., PA 19134. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

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SEGAL

Richard Segal on October 30th 2020. Beloved husband of Sheila (nee Gilderman). Loving father of Jodi, Mark and Angela. The best poppy to Jamie (Brian) Daniel and Jake. Adoring great Grandfather to Jordan King. Brother of Barry (Ellen) Segal . Dr. Larry Gilderman (Stephanie) who always went the extra mile. He was a founder of Jomar Stores, a Philadelphia institution. His memory will live on in the hearts of the so many whose lives he touched.

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STURMAN

Martin F. Sturman, MD on November 6, 2020. A lifetime of good music and bad jokes has come to an end, just a few weeks before his 94th birthday. He will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched but especially his wife Julie, his children Marianne and Henry Sturman, his stepsons Steven and Peter Brown, and his five grandchildren, Mattijn and Carly Bothof and Zachary, Avery and Samuel Brown. A memorial tribute to Martin's life will be held post-covid, when it is once again safe for us all to be together. Contributions in his memory may be made to Main Line Health Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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online spaces for campers and counselors, maintaining their magic. We surged.

Did we reset? Many of us did not. The impact of this lack of recovery is something we call surge fatigue — a decreasing ability to act swiftly and decisively. Teachers tell me of administration requests that would have been easy a year ago that are simply impossible now. Call another parent? I CANNOT. Learn another program? BEYOND ME. Attend another meeting? ARE YOU KIDDING?

Coupled with surge fatigue is pressure to be cheerful and optimistic. Look, I know there are places and times for optimism. But teachers and clergy are talking about toxic positivity — the endless cheeriness and happy support which leaves no room for *my* exhaustion, *my* sense of being overwhelmed, *my* grief. A group of teachers I met with recently talked about how their administration keeps saying, “You’ve got this,” making it nearly impossible to say, “No, I don’t.”

There should be no shame in our exhaustion, our grief. We

need to know that we cannot do as much in month 8 as we could in month 1. We need to set the bar lower and accept that we cannot do what we did pre-COVID. We need to be allowed — and allow ourselves — to do less, to feel like it’s harder. We need to support each other when we’re down, not demand happy faces.

Zoom fatigue, surge fatigue, decision fatigue, election fatigue, COVID fatigue, racial injustice fatigue, loneliness fatigue, family fatigue. Give yourself — and those around you — a break. Do less and be satisfied with what you can achieve. Say no. Don’t ask so much — of you or anyone else. It’s OK to be imperfect. It’s always been OK to be imperfect.

This reset could take a while, but we need it to be able to move forward. ●

Betsy S. Stone, Ph.D., is a retired psychologist who currently teaches as an adjunct lecturer at HUC-JIR. Her classes include Human Development for Educators, The Spiritual Life-Cycle, Adolescent Development and Teens In and Out of Crisis. This piece originally appeared at eJewishPhilanthropy.com.

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ESTATE of DAVID JOSEPH KILCOYNE a/k/a DAVID J. KILCOYNE, Deceased
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, all those having claims to present same without delay to Victoria Kilcoyne, Executrix c/o Albert G. Weiss, Esquire Binder & Weiss, P.C. 1515 Market Street Suite 1200 Philadelphia, PA 19102.

ESTATE OF EDMUND C. BRANDHORST, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARY LOU BRANDHORST, EXECUTRIX, 817 N. Lawrence St., Unit 102, Philadelphia, PA 19123,
Or to her Attorney: JACK HUBBERT LAW OFFICES OF JACK HUBBERT 1601 Market St., 19th Fl. P.O. Box 2193 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ELEANOR MARGARET QUIGLEY, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
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Or to her Attorney: JOSEPH C. HONER, JR. 631 Waterside Way, Siesta Key Sarasota, FL 34242

ESTATE OF ERMA KIMBER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF ERNEST GEORGE SCHMITT a/k/a ERNEST G. SCHMITT, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION DBN on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RUSSELL F. SCHMITT, ADMINISTRATOR DBN, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esq., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103,
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Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MICHAEL FRANCIS MORRIS, EXECUTOR, c/o Harry Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020,
Or to his Attorney:
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Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF GRACE M. EFFRIG, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DONNA MOONEY, EXECUTRIX, c/o Joseph C. Honer, Jr., Esq., 631 Waterside Way, Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL 34242,
Or to her Attorney:
JOSEPH C. HONER, JR.
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Estate of James Lester Cook aka James L. Cook, Deceased
Late of Sharon Hill, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Andre Cook, Executor, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys,
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ESTATE OF JAN STEFANOWICZ a/k/a JOHN STEFANOWICZ, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to PAULINA STEFANOWICZ, EXECUTRIX, 2623 Cedar St., Philadelphia, PA 19125,
Or to her Attorney:
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121 S. Broad St., 20th Fl.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

ESTATE OF JANICE EAKINS HARRIS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to CHAJUANDA WILDS, ADMINISTRATRIX, 111 McDade Blvd., Apt. B-4, Folsom, PA 19033,
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Late of Philadelphia, PA
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Or to his Attorney:
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ESTATE OF KARLHEINZ KRONBERGER a/k/a HEINZ KRONBERGER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to STEVE D. STELOVICH, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Benjamin L. Jerner, Esq., 5401 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144,
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ESTATE OF MARGARET M. BRIGGMAN, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
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ESTATE OF MARY E. WEHR, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JUDITH L. SCHEIN and ROBERT G. WEHR, EXECUTORS, c/o Joseph C. Honer, Jr., Esq., 631 Waterside Way, Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL 34242,
Or to their Attorney:
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Estate of Olga Brady; Brady, Olga, Deceased
Late of Sharon Hill, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Stacey Miller, c/o Keith Levinson, Esq., Boulevard Law Center, 1730 Welsh Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115, Executrix.
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ESTATE OF OLGA D. TARABA, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SHIRLEE JEAN DINSDDORF and MICHAEL STEPHEN TARABA, EXECUTORS, 763 N. 23rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19130

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ESTATE OF PHILOMENA SCHEPIS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
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ESTATE of RAYMOND L. RASKIN, DECEASED
Late of Upper Merion Township
Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted Letters Testamentary to the persons named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to them or their attorneys and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the Executors named below.
Executrix
Meryl S. Raskin
1019 Longview Road
King Of Prussia, PA 19406
Attorney:
Amy W. Sosnov, Esquire
SOSNOV & SOSNOV
540 Swede Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Estate of Ruth Elizabeth Farrington; aka Ruth E. Farrington aka Ruth Farrington; Farrington, Ruth Elizabeth aka Farrington, Ruth E. aka Farrington, Ruth, Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Ruth E. Gelgot, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., (201), Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Executrix.
Henry S. Warszawski, Esq.
413 Johnson St., (201)
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Estate of Samantha M. Schwalje; Schwalje, Samantha M., Deceased
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Ruth E. Gelgot, c/o Henry S. Warszawski, Esq., 413 Johnson St., (201), Archways Prof. Bldg., Jenkintown, PA 19046, Administrator.
Henry S. Warszawski, Esq.
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ESTATE OF WALTER L. MALCOLM, JR. a/k/a WALTER MALCOLM and WALTER MALCOM JR, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia, PA
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ERIC MALCOLM, EXECUTOR, c/o Brady E. Allen, Esq., 7711 Castor Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19152,
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Late of Haverford Township, Delaware County.
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ESTATE OF WILLIAM WATERS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to PAUL WATERS, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Nicholas W. Stathes, Esq., 899 Cassatt Rd., Ste. 320, Berwyn, PA 19312,
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To: Wilmer and all putative fathers

A Petition has been filed asking the Court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, who was born on September 7, 2020, in Philadelphia, PA. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending rights to your child. That hearing will be held in the Mifflin County Courthouse, Lewistown, PA 17044 before Judge Barron, on November 30, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. Your presence is required at the hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMAJH to Hold Annual Christmas Day Event Online

The National Museum of American Jewish History announced that it will host its annual Being ___ at Christmas event online on Dec. 25.

The public can tune in for free for live music, as well as on-demand programming for adults and kids that includes arts and crafts and virtual museum tours. Activities will be available on the museum's website and Facebook page.

This year's event will kick off with a live interactive concert at 10 a.m. featuring Alex Mitnick of the Emmy Award-winning children's music group Alex & the Kaleidoscope, which has participated in the in-person event at the museum for the past five years. On-demand, prerecorded family-friendly programming that participants can access at their convenience will also be available.

Joining the on-demand lineup this year are: Philadelphia's Portside Arts Center, whose educators create customized art lessons that families can do at home together with everyday household items; Massachusetts-based Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) artist Sarah Aroeste, with music and insights into Sephardic culture—Jewish traditions from around the Mediterranean; and Baltimore-based Beatbox Dads, who use emceeing and beatboxing to make music to educate and entertain.

In addition, there will be a mindfulness

activity for families facilitated by Purposeful Parenting founder Asia IrgangLaden.

Philadelphia Couple to be Honored at 'Bessies'

AMIT, which is a network of educational programs serving 35,000 Israeli children, will honor Yaela and Neil Baine of Philadelphia on Nov. 22 at The Bessies, the organization's biggest annual fundraiser.

Yaela Baine's family has been involved with the organization since its start.

Her great-grandmother, Adela Goldstein, was AMIT's first national president; her grandmother, Belle Goldstein, was the third national president serving during World War II; her mother, Leona Goldfeld, volunteered as an AMIT teacher in 1947 for children of Youth Aliya in what was then Palestine; and Yaela's great-aunt was Bessie Gotsfeld, founder of AMIT.

Yaela Baine serves as vice president of the AMIT Philadelphia Council Shira Chapter.

Israeli actress and "Shtisel" star Ayelet Zurer will host the event, which starts at 8 p.m. at amitchildren.org/bessies/. Writer and producer Nancy Spielberg will be the guest judge of AMIT student filmmakers work, Idan Raichel will perform and there will be an appearance by "Big Bang Theory" and "Blossom" star Mayim Bialik. •

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