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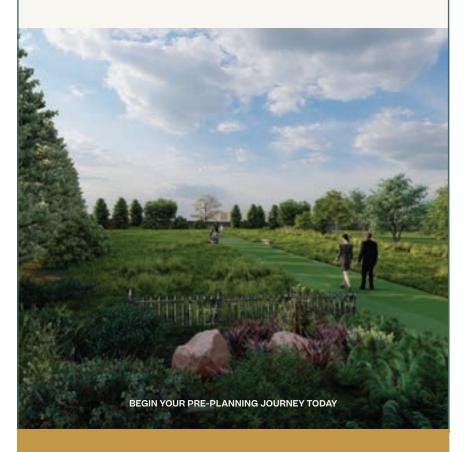
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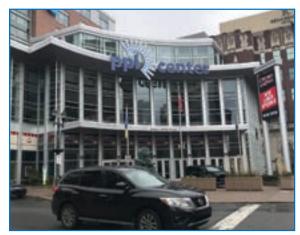
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Jessica Seinfeld's Instagram Post About Kanye West's Antisemitism Goes Viral Among Celebrities

As images of the banner held above Interstate 405 in Los Angeles claiming "Kanye is right about the Jews" ricocheted around the Internet this weekend, Jessica Seinfeld decided to take a stand.

A cookbook author and the wife of comedian Jerry Seinfeld, Seinfeld posted a simple piece of text on a black background that reads "I support my friends and the Jewish people" and encouraged her 580,000 Seinfeld's simple post was reminiscent of other posts that have gone viral at other moments in the recent past, including the black box that became a symbol of solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement during the summer of 2020. Since she posted it on Oct. 23, it has been shared countless times, including by prominent celebrities.

While Jewish comedian Amy Schumer was among the first to The post's virality has elicited both relief and frustration among Jewish social-media users. Some had worried aloud that non-Jews might not rise to the moment and condemn antisemitism with the same force with which many of them have tackled racism and anti-LGBTQ hate.

"Liberation is a group project," Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, scholar in residence at the National Council of Jewish Women, tweeted on Oct. 23. "Jews must show up for non-Jews. White people must show up for BIPOC. Abled people must show up for disabled people. Cis people must show up for trans people. We all must come together for a more whole tomorrow. Non-Jews, show up for us?"

But some Jews rejected the viral post, dismissing it as a social media

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Celebrities shared an Instagram post on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24 in solidarity with Jews dealing with antisemitism.

Screenshots via Twitter, Instagram/Design by Jackie Hajdenberg

followers to share the post.

Seinfeld, who is Jewish, was weighing in two weeks after West, the rapper who now goes by Ye, launched a spree of antisemitic comments, including a call to "go death con 3" on Jews. The banner was displayed by members of the Goyim Defense League, a white-supremacist group whose calling card is distributing antisemitic literature in communities across the United States.

For many, the banner became emblematic of how West's comments can be seen as part of a broader pattern of antisemitism in the United States — and for Seinfeld and others who are active on social media, it became the latest in a string of high-profile moments that demand public expressions of solidarity.

"If you don't know what to say, you can just say this in your feed," wrote Seinfeld.

share Seinfeld's post and other Jewish celebrities, including Gwyneth Paltrow, have shared it, many of the public figures amplifying it are part of Seinfeld's target audience: non-Jews.

Jenna Bush Hager, Meghan McCain, Gemma Chan and Reese Witherspoon have all shared the post. So have various members of the Jenner-Kardashian family, who notably were once tied to West via Kim Kardashian's marriage to him until the couple's divorce in March.

Kim Kardashian didn't share Seinfeld or Schumer's post, but wrote a short statement in an Instagram story, a form of post that is visible for 24 hours.

"Hate speech is never OK or excusable," she wrote. "I stand together with the Jewish community and call on the terrible violence and hateful rhetoric towards them to come to an immediate end."

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Jewish Democrat Rebecca Rhynhart **Announces Mayoral Campaign**

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

ebecca Rhynhart grew up in a Reform Jewish household, had a bat mitzvah at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia and sent her daughter to Jewish preschool at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Center City.

Even today, Rhynhart celebrates Jewish holidays like Chanukah and Passover. And while she is far from Orthodox, she is driven by two Jewish values that have always stuck with her: empathy and fairness.

The 48-year-old stated those values to the Jewish Exponent in August when she was discussing how her religion might impact her run for mayor of Philadelphia. And after the Democrat announced her campaign on Oct. 25 at Nichols Park in West Philadelphia, she repeated those same values as motivation.

"There are certain tenets of Judaism, of empathy, of fairness, that resonate with me, that I look at when I look at what's not right in our city," Rhynhart said.

Rhynhart resigned as city controller to run for mayor. Philadelphia requires city employees to step down to run for mayor. But before she did, Rhynhart released a report through her office that detailed some of the Philadelphia Police Department's shortcomings.

The controller found that there are not enough cops, only about 11 to 22 per police district, and response times that are slower in Black and brown neighborhoods than in more white ones, among other issues. It confirmed what she already believed: The city needs to feel more empathy for residents impacted by violent crime and show more fairness toward them, too.



Rebecca Rhynhart announced her campaign for mayor on Oct. 25 in Philadelphia.

In 2021, Philadelphia set a record with 561 homicides. As of Oct. 31, the city has seen 445 homicides. In September, Philadelphia reached 1,000 car-jacking incidents for the first time, with three months still to go.

"We need to get our city safe," Rhynhart said. "People don't feel safe."

Rhynhart is one of four Democrats to declare their candidacies for the May primary. City council members Derek Green, Maria Quiñones Sánchez and Cherelle Parker also resigned to run. As many as eight other Democrats are rumored as possible candidates. Jewish real estate developer Allan Domb resigned from his city council position to go on a listening tour through Philadelphia neighborhoods, though he has not yet announced a run.

Philadelphia has not had a Republican mayor since Bernard Samuel from 1941 to 1952, and Mayor Iim Kenney won more than 80% of the vote in both of his elections in 2015 and 2019. So if Rhynhart can win the Democratic primary, she will likely win the city's executive seat next November.

But against so many candidates, that's a big if, especially when the most important issue, crime, is obvious to everyone. The former controller, though, feels like she has the winning argument.

them with her policies.

Rhynhart's public safety plan includes putting more cops on the streets, but it does not start there, she explained. It starts with "intervention strategies," as she describes them. The mother wants to give the "mostly young men in this street life a way out."

A way out could begin with a life coach with the same lived experience, job training and therapy, according to the candidate. These strategies have been used successfully in other cities like Oakland, she added.

"A majority of them want the way out of that life," Rhynhart said. "There is a small percentage that won't stop and that need to be prosecuted."

Intervention strategies focus on individuals. But Rhynhart also wants to help communities. She believes the city needs to fund more services to help young people after school. In too many poor neighborhoods with the most violence, she said, libraries are not open after school and there is not recreational programming each day.

"As mayor, I would urgently work to get city services in areas most impacted by the violence," Rhynhart said.

But while the candidate thinks that it's important to address these root causes, she said she understands the need to fight crime as it happens. That's why she also wants to put more cops on patrol. Her report discovered that just under 2,600 PPD officers out of nearly 6,000 are on the streets.

Rhynhart believes that residents across the city want to know their police officers. They want to see them on the streets and on bikes, not "running from one 9-1-1 call to the next," she said. Rhynhart's report found that civilianizing non-patrol positions and 5 decreasing abuse of the state's heart and lung disability benefit would increase the number of officers in neighborhoods.

"This is about the urgency of it," she said. JE



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Gratz College to Hold Teach-In on Holocaust Education

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arty Tuzman, son of Holocaust survivors Esther and Arnold Tuzman, thought about Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" as he was leading a Holocaust education presentation to a group of sixth graders last month.

The students asked questions unrelentingly, all of them insightful and introspective. As Tuzman pondered how to answer the questions, he was reminded of the experience of listening to Dylan's song, eagerly awaiting the answers to the existential questions posed in the verses.

In the case of Holocaust awareness and education, some of the answers to the complex questions remain unanswered: "What do we do? How do we make peace with this? How do we resolve to look back at what happened?" Tuzman said.

Elisha Wiesel, son of Holocaust survivor and scholar Elie Wiesel, and Irwin Cotler, founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre on Human Rights, will discuss Holocaust education to kick off the 2022 Arnold and Esther Tuzman Memorial

On Nov. 6, the Arnold and Esther Tuzman Memorial Holocaust Teach-In at Gratz College, organized by its Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights,

Holocaust Teach-In.

will help to address these questions on how to preserve and teach the legacy of the Shoah to future generations.

The program, "Battling Indifference:

How We Teach the Holocaust," will take place from 1-6 p.m. both online and in-person at Gratz' Melrose Park campus and will open with a dialogue between Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's son Elisha Wiesel and Raoul Wallenberg Centre on Human Rights founder and former Canadian Attorney General Irwin Cotler. Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia Director of Education Randi Boyette will moderate the session.

"Our entire center is predicated on sensitively negotiating tensions between learning about and from the Holocaust," Gratz President Zev Eleff said. "We strongly believe that the Holocaust was a sacred moment in world history, in Jewish history. At the same time, we also believe that it cannot always remain apart, that there are values and there are lessons to be drawn from our current moment."





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In a political climate of hate, teaching the Holocaust to the young generation is increasingly important, Boyette believes.

"The Holocaust is a historical event, but how it's remembered can have an outsized impact on the values and the behaviors of those who are taught it well," Boyette said. "Taught well, I think students can learn and internalize the knowledge about what happens when people are indifferent to the suffering of others."

With fewer survivors alive to share their stories and with increasing competing priorities in a classroom's curriculum, she said, designing and executing a thorough instruction on the Holocaust is challenging.

Cotler, an international human rights lawyer, believes that addressing antisemitism does not exist in a vacuum, and that proper education works to address the roots of hatred.

"Antisemitism itself did not die in Auschwitz," he said. "It remains the bloodied canary in the mineshaft of global evil today, and, as we've learned only too painfully and too well, while it begins with Jews, it doesn't end with Jews."

With most of his scholarship and work carried out in Canada, Cotler said that antisemitism — while it still pervades Canadian politics — is "incentivized" in the U.S. by "fake news," political polarization and "campus culture, legal culture, entertainment culture, media culture and the like."

Cotler is jarred by statistics that suggest that only about 50% of people can name a concentration or death camp, indicating poor knowledge about the Holocaust. However, he cited a statistic that 80% of people want to learn more about the genocide as promising.

Though New Jersey mandates Holocaust education in elementary and secondary schools, and Pennsylvania "strongly encourages" the same, more mandates are needed, Cotler said.

The interest in learning about the Holocaust needs to be nurtured, he said, harkening back to the event's theme of "Battling Indifference."

"It reminds me of the important lesson of my mentor, Professor Elie Wiesel, which has been a life's lesson in my work: that indifference always means coming down on the side of the aggressor, never on the side of the victim — on the side of the tormentor and not on the side of the tormented."

Following the conversation with srogelberg@midatlanticmedia.com

Wiesel and Cotler, there will be four breakout sessions and the unveiling of the digital archives of the Gratz College Holocaust Oral Histories Project, the second-oldest Holocaust testimonial archive in the country.

The Tuzman family named and endowed the Holocaust Teach-In in 2010 shortly after Esther Tuzman's death in 2009. Arnold Tuzman was added to the title upon his death in 2013.

Marty Tuzman and his daughter Kira Foley-Tuzman grew up hearing the stories of their family's survival, instilling in them the importance of Holocaust education.

"You picture a little kid sitting on her grandfather's lap, and some grandfathers would be telling 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' or something — a sweet story," Foley-Tuzman said. "And those are not the stories that [he told]."

"My grandfather would always say throughout his life: We're one step away from this happening again," she continued. "Never forget."

For more information about the event, visit gratz.edu/news-andevents/event-calendar/holocaustteach-in-2022. JE



Phillies' Interpreter Sports a Longtime Jewish Heritage

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stute Phillies fans will probably recognize his face. Some might even know his name.

But chances are that none of you have a clue that Diego Ettedgui, the Phillies' Spanish language interpreter, who does much more than translate what the team's Hispanic players are saying from Spanish to English, comes from a family with a rich Jewish tradition dating back more than 500 years.

The story of how the 35-year-old Ettedgui, who grew up in Caracas, Venezuela, then came to the United States to study, despite not knowing English, is fascinating in itself. But the saga of the Ettedgui family, who started in Spain, then chose to leave rather than be forced to convert to Catholicism, is legendary.

"My family's name goes back to a long time ago in Spain," said Ettedgui, sitting in the Phillies' dugout before Game 4 of the National League Championship Series, a day before the team punched its ticket to the World Series. "Back then (in the 1492 Alhambra Decree), the Queen (Isabella) wanted everyone in Spain to become Catholic and said to people of other religions, 'You either convert or you're out of here.'

"My family was one of those who said, 'No, we're not going to become Catholic. We're Jewish.' And they moved from Spain to the North side of Morocco in a city called Tétouan."

Ettedgui's not quite sure how long they remained in Morocco, but some of the family eventually decided to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

"Somewhere around 1860-'70, my family moved from Morocco to Venezuela," said Ettedgui, who joined the Phillies in 2016 at a time when Major League Baseball began requiring teams to have interpreters for its Hispanic players. "They were merchants, selling shoes, soap and other

Apparently, those who stayed behind made enough of an impact in the com-



munity that a synagogue was built in their name. The Ettedgui Synagogue was built in 1920 in Casablanca.

It didn't last long, destroyed during World War II by accident during an Allied bombardment of the city. King Mohammed VI of Morocco rededicated the synagogue.

That's the story young Diego was told growing up in Caracas, where his great-grandfather, Herman, got him interested in sports.

"He was my role model," said Ettedgui, who was 19 when his family sent him off to school in Boston at Bunker Hill Community College before he went on to graduate in health management at Northeastern University. "From the day I was born, he pretty much injected sports in our veins (he and his younger sister Ana). He did a lot of things for Venezuela and played soccer, baseball and track and field. He lived 'til almost 95, and he loved the Yankees, but you'd hope he'd root for the Phillies now."

Speaking of Bryce Harper, Rhys Hoskins, Kyle Schwarber, Zach Wheeler and company, just how did Ettedgui find his way here to serve as an interpreter?

SYNAGOGUE

A plaque at the rebuilt Synagogue Ettedgui in Casablanca, Morocco

Courtesy of Diego Ettedgui

Going back about a decade, Ettedgui realized health management wasn't for him and began looking for an alternative. After taking a communications course in Spanish with Colombian radio broadcaster Carlos Cabello, Cabello offered him a chance to do a sports segment on his radio show, then followed up by helping him get a job with El Mundo Boston, the city's Spanish newspaper.

It wasn't long before Ettedgui became the paper's sports editor, covering not only the Red Sox but the Celtics and the Revolution soccer team. That whet his appetite for something more and, in 2016 when baseball mandated interpreters for its Spanish players, Ettedgui went for it.

Naturally, he first went to the Red Sox and was in contention for a job when the Phillies called. The team flew him to spring training in Clearwater, and he impressed them enough to offer him the job. With the Red Sox still undecided, he jumped at their offer and moved to Philadelphia.

Seven seasons later, Jorge Alfaro, Andres Blanco, Odubel Herrera and Freddie Galvis, the Spanish-speaking players who were there when he arrived, are gone. The current group consists of pitchers Ranger Suarez and Jose Alvarado and utility infielder Edmundo Sosa.

While his main duty is translating for the players during interviews and sitting in on pregame strategy meetings with the hitting and pitching coaches to help them understand how to pitch certain hitters or position themselves on defense, there's a lot more to the job.

"I help out during batting practice," said Ettedgui, who played baseball and soccer growing up in Caracas, where his school's biggest rival was Collegio Hebraica. "I catch throws in the outfield and throw with the pitchers, and I'm Seranthony Dominguez's catching partner.

"During the game, I'm in charge of the pitch coms (the device where the catcher signals the pitches to the pitcher). I give (Manager) Rob Thomson the com when a new pitcher comes in."

He's even busy outside the lines: helping players understand contracts, taking them to doctor's appointments, the bank, car dealerships and public appearances.

And there are times he goes with the Phillie Phanatic to schools.

"They've started a Phanatic Reading program in the schools," said Ettedgui, who became a Spanish citizen last year due to his family's Sephardic Jewish connection. "When we go to schools where there are Latino kids, sometimes the parents don't speak English. So when we go to introduce the reading when we go to introduce the reading they need program with the Phanatic, they need that letter to be in Spanish." JE

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EGACY SOCIETY EMEMBRANCE VENT pays tribute



The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia honored the past, celebrated the present and embraced the future at the Legacy Society and Remembrance event on October 26. Taking place at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, the evening marked the annual event's return to an in-person commemoration after last year's virtual program.

Spanning the generations, 100 people attended the event. Co-chaired by Stefani, Adam and Caren Levin, the program recognized the generous members of the community who have left or plan to leave a gift to the Jewish Federation in their estate plans.

For more information about the Legacy Society and estate planning, contact Director of Planned Giving and Endowments Jennifer Brier at jbrier@jewishphilly.org or 215.832.0528.



The event was co-chaired by (L to R) Caren, Stefani and Adam Levin.



The night concluded with a presentation from keynote speaker Barbara Greenspan Shaiman, M.Ed.



The event included an induction ceremony to welcome 12 new Legacy Society members, including Roslyn and Don (of blessed memory) Waldman. Roslyn is shown here with her family.



Rabbi Robyn Frisch led a memorial service to pay tribute to those individuals who recently passed away and remembered the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia in their estate plans.

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YOU SHOULD KNOW ... Avi Wisnia



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t was only a matter of time before Avi Wisnia carried on his family's three-generation dynasty of making music.

Wisnia is the grandson of the late David Wisnia a Holosaust

Wisnia is the grandson of the late David Wisnia, a Holocaust survivor and the former cantor at Temple Shalom in Levittown and Har Sinai Hebrew Congregation of Pennington, New Jersey. He's the son of Rabbi Eric Wisnia, who served as rabbi at Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, for 42 years.

Attending Shabbat services every Friday and Saturday, Wisnia drew deeply on the family's tradition of singing among their community.

With the release of his second album "Catching Leaves" last year, Wisnia, an East Kensington resident, is cementing his musical legacy, branching out in his own jazz, folk and piano pop style, while deep-

ening the musical roots his family has laid down for nearly a century.

"I quite literally grew up in a synagogue, and most of my time was spent in synagogue: seeing my father and grandfather at their respective pulpits, and recognizing that community was always a big part of my life and that Judaism really fostered that sense of community, that being in a synagogue was where people came together," Wisnia said.

"Music was the way I connected to Judaism," he continued. "Because I saw people making music together and making harmony and listening to the choir and listening to the cantors."

Wisnia, 39, became resistant to stage fright and learned to thrive in front of a crowd, enjoying the energy of bringing people together. He started the Philly Songwriters Circle with his friend Aaron Nathans seven years ago, a project which evolved from local songwriters meeting in Wisnia's living room to a community of more than 500 artists showcasing and workshopping their pieces as part of Philly Songwriters in the Round.

On Nov. 5, Wisnia will launch his Catching Leaves tour, playing at the New Jersey West Windsor Arts Council in his hometown of Princeton Junction, the place his musical journey began.

The youngest of three, Wisnia was eager to learn to play piano, following in his siblings' footsteps.

"Being a third child, by the time he was three years old, [he] was saying, 'How come I'm not taking piano lessons, too?" said father Eric Wisnia.

Wisnia tinkered with the sounds of Elton John, Carole King and James Taylor, but his taste and sound matured to later emulate jazz philosophies and the Brazilian bossa nova style of Tom Jobim.

"It was that kind of combination of the freedom to improvise with jazz with the really accessible melodies and storytelling of pop music that I really liked being able to combine," Wisnia said.

Wisnia's formal training took him to New York University, where he studied music theory and composition, though he always had a soft spot for playing music closer to home. He recorded his debut EP "Avi Wisnia Presents" in the sanctuary of his father's New Jersey synagogue after graduation.

After his first album "Something New" was released in 2010, Wisnia went on tour and played alongside Ani DiFranco and The Roots, among others. And while "Something New" was symbolic of Wisnia's green musical prowess, his sophomore album represented a different season of his life.

Released over a decade after its predecessor, "Catching Leaves" was defined by Wisnia's struggle to process the death of his brother, who died at 33 of a brain tumor almost a decade ago.

"He was the first person I ever really can remember playing music with," Wisnia said. "We would jam all the time; we would improvise together. ... He was always getting people together in a room, playing music, improvising, having fun with music, celebrating with music. And so my joy of music was really tied up with him and my relationship with him."

After his brother's death, Wisnia had to reconstruct his relationship to music. For a while, he didn't want to make music again, but Wisnia found catharsis in providing the piano accompaniment to his grandfather's singing. The two went on tour together in 2015.

"One of the ways he survived was through music because he was singing as a young boy in Poland," Wisnia said of his grandfather's time during the Holocaust. "Singing actually helped him survive in Auschwitz. Singing sustained him after the war when he came to the United States, and he was able to pass along a lot of his music to me."

Through playing with his grandfather, Wisnia learned a lesson in using music to process pain, which he channeled into the sounds and lyrics of his second album.

Though "Catching Leaves" captures Wisnia's journey back to music through struggle and grief, his future projects, while tonally different, are still inspired by his brother.

"His passion made me think about my own identity as a musician, as a person in the world," Wisnia said. "He was always such a confident person, and without him, I feel like a way of honoring him is to be more confident in myself and to put that out in the world." JE

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Israel to Build a Museum Dedicated to Albert Einstein

An \$18 million museum dedicated to the legacy of Albert Einstein will be built in Jerusalem, JTA.org reported.

The Israeli government approved a plan on Oct. 23 to establish a new home for Einstein's extensive materials, including some 85,000 documents, on the campus of the Hebrew University, which Einstein helped found a century ago.

It's the world's largest collection of papers and objects related to Einstein and includes his Nobel Prize and the original notes he produced while developing the general theory of relativity in 1916, according to Benyamin Cohen, who is writing a biography of the physicist.

"Albert Einstein is an asset, the biggest brand name in the world for intelligence, science and genius," Israel's alternate prime minister, Naftali Bennett, said, adding that he expects the museum to become "a pilgrimage site for anyone who wants to become familiar with Einstein, Jewish intelligence, and intelligence in general."

A third of the funding for the museum will come from the Israeli government and the rest from the university and its donors, including art collector Jose Mugrabi.

Taliban Approves Conservation Work on Historic Afghan Synagogue

Though the Jews of Herat in western Afghanistan haven't lived there in decades, the city's historic synagogue, thought to have been built around the turn of the 20th century, is set to undergo a conservation project with the backing of the Taliban government, JTA.org reported, citing the Art Newspaper.

The 16-month project, set to start in November, is aimed at preventing the collapse of the Yu Aw synagogue's structure. It is being planned by the Herat municipality and other local organizations, and it is being funded with nearly \$500,000 from the Aliph Foundation, a Swiss group aimed at protecting cultural heritage sites in conflict areas. The community mikvah, known as the Hammam-e Mosaie, will also be repaired as part of the project.

The synagogue last underwent a two-year restoration project that was completed in 2009, with funding from another Swiss organization. For a few years, it served as an educational center for women and children, but it was shut down again in 2014 due to seepage from a "poorly constructed, UN-funded municipal drainage channel in the adjoining road," the Art Newspaper reported. It is also not explicitly a Jewish heritage project.

"This is a cultural and historic site, which is not used as a place of worship, and the local government will support its preservation," Zalmay Safa, the head of Herat's monuments department, told the Art Newspaper.

IDF Adopts All-female Tank Crews for Border Defense

The Israel Defense Forces announced on Oct. 27 that it will permanently adopt the model of all-female tank crews for border defense missions, JNS.org reported.

In a statement, the military said the decision follows a lengthy and comprehensive examination process that began two years ago, and which included a training period and a significant operational activity period.

An initial pilot program began in 2018, but the IDF chose to launch a second

Tank crew members are chosen according to clearly defined criteria and must undergo an exam based on professional parameters, the IDF stated, before being placed in border protection tank deployments.

The first four female tank commanders in the IDF completed their grueling training course in 2018, before beginning operational duties.

Israel Ranks Sixth Worldwide in Marriage Rate

An analysis conducted by Confused.com of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development data showed that Israel has the sixth-highest marriage rate in the world, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Israel was the highest-ranking country outside of Europe, tallying 5.3 marriages per 1,000 people. That ranks just ahead of the United States at 5.1 marriages per 1,000.

Cyprus topped the list with 8.9 marriages per 1,000 people in 2019.

Hungary ranked second at 6.9 marriages per 1,000 people, followed by Turkey at 5.8. JE

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Israel Must Support Ukraine

srael is under mounting pressure to take a side in Russia's war with Ukraine. And the complications Israel faces are largely of its own making.

From the outset, it seemed natural that Israel would join Western, democratic nations in support of a feisty, democratic Ukraine whose much larger enemy wants to wipe it off the map. But that's not what happened. Instead, Israel's nuanced responses to the war have disappointed the Ukrainians, angered the Russians and frustrated the United States and other Western allies.

Beginning with former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's quixotic offer to serve as the mediator of the dispute and continuing with Israel's refusal to boycott Russia or to provide meaningful funding and military assistance to the Ukrainian army, Israel has been a Western outlier by failing to join the United States and its allies in their coordinated response.

Recently, however, following reports that Iran has started to provide Russia surface-to-surface ballistic missiles in addition to already deployed attack drones, there has been mounting pressure on Israel to provide Ukraine with air defense systems and know-how, and even a call by Israeli government ministers to provide military assistance to Kyiv. In addition, Ukraine's president and prominent U.S. lawmakers have openly challenged Israel's public neutrality, while Russia has warned against a tilt toward embattled Ukraine.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky was direct in his challenge: "Isn't it time for your state to choose who you are with? [Are you] with the democratic world, which is fighting side by side against the existential threat to its existence? Or with those who turn a blind eye to Russian terror, even when the cost of continued terror is the complete destruction of global security?"

Similar sentiments were voiced by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), who chairs the Senate subcommittee dedicated to the Middle East, who told CNN: "Israel needs to get off the sidelines. ... I just don't buy that countries like Israel need to play both sides. This is a moment where you have to take a side and you have to stand with the people

of Ukraine." In response, former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev warned Israel that if it offered military assistance to Ukraine, it would seriously harm relations with Moscow.

Israeli public opinion is decidedly pro-Ukraine. But Israel's security establishment sees Russia and Iran just over Israel's border in Syria as the Jewish state's first priority. Syria is Israel's traditional enemy. Iran, which bolsters the Syrian regime, has vowed to destroy Israel. Russia is the gatekeeper, supporting Syria, working with Iran and, by controlling the skies, deciding how much freedom Israel has to attack the military buildup on the ground that can threaten Israel. And some analysts worry that if Israel sends weapons to Ukraine, Israel could find itself at war with Russian-backed forces or more sophisticated Russian air defense systems in Syria.

We don't minimize these concerns. They are real. But the escalating death and destruction in Ukraine demands that Israel do what it can to help and join with the rest of the Western democratic world in support of Ukraine. JE

The Blight of Kanye West

ccording to rapper and fashion designer Kanye A ccording to rapper and use the control of the con day" when Adidas, the Gap and Balenciaga cut ties with him over a series of very public antisemitic outbursts last month. On Oct. 8, Ye tweeted that he was "going death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE" and claimed that he is the target of a "Jewish underground media mafia."

It might be easy to blame Ye's outbursts on his bipolar disorder. But mental illness is not an excuse for antisemitism. So it's important that his business partners recognize the difference between loose speech that might be tolerated and hate speech that cannot. Moreover, given West's celebrity — he reportedly has more Instagram followers than there are Jews in the world — what he posts on social media makes a difference.

Adidas was West's biggest business collaborator. His Yeezy clothing line reportedly accounted for 10% of Adidas' revenue. Perhaps it was because of that impact that West boasted on a recent podcast that "I can say antisemitic things and Adidas can't drop me." But he was wrong, even if it took Adidas several weeks to cut ties with West. Adidas made the right move. But its dithering gave critics time to look into the company's own antisemitic past, including its Nazi founder and the company's participation in Germany's World War II war

The world needs to block Kanye West on social media, and those drawn to his music should explore other talent.

effort. Today's Adidas is not a Nazi company. And what Adidas was 75 years ago should not distract us from West's outrages today.

Vogue magazine also cut ties with West. As did JPMorgan Chase, the CAA talent agency and MRC film and TV studio, which announced it would not distribute a completed documentary about West. And lest anyone think the whole ugly episode was another celebrity melodrama that will soon be forgotten, a group of white supremacists made sure it would not, when they stood on

an overpass above a Los Angeles freeway with a banner that read "Kanye is right about the Jews" and gave the Nazi salute.

In the crisis overload of the last few years, it is easy to forget that Jews are a small minority in this country. Growing antisemitism and the increasing willingness of some to act on their hate leaves us all vulnerable. We welcome all attempts to address the problem. One was provided last week by late-night host Jimmy Kimmel, who introduced a spoof product to cure antisemitism called, "Yentanyl" — a mashup of "yenta" and the narcotic fentanyl. If only the curse of antisemitism could be addressed in pill form.

On a more serious note, Rabbi David Wolpe published a piece in Sapir Journal, arguing that Judaism "teaches us how we can grow past and heal the cleavages rending our culture." Wolpe didn't mention West, but his message about the importance of engagement and conciliation and the process of teshuvah/repentance reminds us that reconciliation must be an intentional, mutual effort

West is unrepentant and appears to have no interest in reconciliation. He deserves to be shunned. The world needs to block Kanye West on social media, and those drawn to his music should explore other talent. JE



Why I Wouldn't Sign the Petition to Cancel Kanye

BY REBECCA SUGAR

he Change.org petition calling on Adidas to cancel its partnership with Kanye West (aka "Ye") flooded my inbox and social media feeds a few days ago. Many of my Jewish friends, outraged by Ye's recent antisemitic comments, were rightly upset and wanted to do something.

But they shouldn't have done this.

Summoning corporate America to punish those with disfavored views is a dangerous idea, especially for Jews. It leads to bans on ice cream sales on the "bad" side of Israel's "Green Line" and the cancellation of Zionist and conservative speakers who say the "wrong" things. Jews should trust CEOs and international corporations to adjudicate socially acceptable discourse and mete out consequences only slightly more than they trust the media, humanities departments and the United Nations to do the same.

Over-investing in Jewish celebrities and their "allies" who have selective antisemitism antennae and have made this cancellation campaign their passion project is also ill-advised. Welcoming their support is one thing. Harnessing their power to influence companies to penalize Judaism. those we find reprehensible is another. Once we

use it or to what ideological ends.

Ultimately, we have to accept that Ye has a right to say absurd things about the Jews. And we have the right to point out how absurd he is in doing so. He isn't even creative enough to come up with an original scapegoat for his frustrations. Ilhan Omar, Bella Hadid, Louis Farrakhan and a long list of others have walked the same tired Jew-bashing path before him. If his creative juices are that diminished, perhaps his Adidas line wasn't worth buying anyway.

That is how free speech and free markets are supposed to work. The people refuse to buy the bigot's narrative and his \$300 shoes, thus diminishing the power of his toxic message. Companies respond to people's spending habits. not their personal sentiments. The job of those "fighting antisemitism" is to persuade people with a flood of rational speech that counters the irrational rant of a guy with a gripe.

Ye has surely been silenced and attacked for his past political views by media executives, some of whom were Jews. But that kind of corrupt manipulation is motivated by profit, fear, ideological fervor and partisan commitment, not

The hope is that if enough people reinforce

give them that power, we can't control how they the idea that stereotyping Jews is a technique utilized by the aggrieved, the majority will reject it. It may not be as gratifying as getting a contract canceled, but legitimizing the corporate cancellation tactic simply because we feel we have a legitimate target is short-sighted at best. It never stops at "legitimate" targets, and it often overlooks inconvenient ones. That is never good for the Jews. JE

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Column Blurred Distinctions

Ian Haworth is confused ("Both the Left and the Right Have Turned on Jews," Oct. 20).

First, to cherry-pick several really poor and misleading examples to prove the point that no one in America cares about the Jews is just out of step. And Haworth provides no substantiation for the claim that there is no political home for Jews in America. There are, indeed, too many loose lips, crazies and haters (especially white supremacists) in America (and around the world), but Jews are not the only people that are targets of their vitriol.

What is seriously missing from Haworth's op-ed is any attempt to separate the Jewish people and the state of Israel's right to exist and flourish from the actions of the Israeli government and radical West Bank settlers.

Many leading Jews in America have, perhaps purposefully, also blurred this distinction. But many Jews and non-Jews in America have distinguished love of country and Jews in general from some of the things the government of Israel has

Mark Twain perhaps said it best: "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."

The continued presence of the hawk Netanyahu among Israel's top leaders does not help matters any, nor does Israel's lack of full support for Ukraine in its fight against Russia. JE

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Kanye in Context: Which Came First, the Hatred or the Target?

BY RABBI AARON MILLER

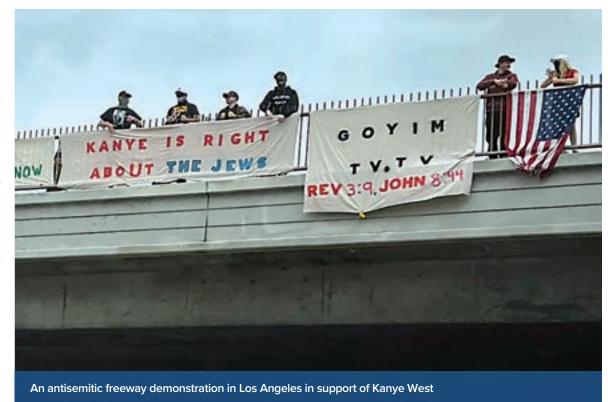
In the early years of my rabbinate, antisemitism ■rarely crossed my mind. I saw how antisemitism was rising in Europe, and I knew how pervasive it had become in the Middle East. But somehow, I held the illusion that the spread of antisemitism was contained to a specific time (the past), certain places (not here) and fringe people (whose names I have never heard). Antisemitism had not disappeared, but it felt like a distant siren shrieking so far away that I could hardly hear its blare.

Now, as these past days have shown, antisemitism is spreading like wildfire, and the alarms are sounding everywhere. Antisemitism has rightly been called "the world's oldest hatred." On its surface, antisemitism is a hatred against Jews. but underneath, antisemitism emerges from a person's need to hate someone and, conveniently, yet again, landing on the Jew. For antisemites, hatred comes first, and for thousands of years, Jews have been their first targets.

This has been a terrifyingly familiar week for the Jewish people. When Kanye West posts about Jewish bankers or Jewish media moguls or Jewish blood libel, for all his creative genius, his antisemitism is actually quite stale. When the United Nations publishes yet another report singling out the State of Israel for crimes against humanity, as it recently did, we know we have been here before. When a former president tweets, yet again, about Jewish dual loyalty, he is not saying anything that Jewish people have not heard countless times before. Jewish space lasers? That's a new one, but for anyone who has studied or experienced antisemitism, this week's flare up is surprisingly old.

Today's antisemitic outbursts do not reveal anything about Jews, but they speak volumes to our times. I should not even have to say it, but there is no Jewish conspiracy. There is no cabal. There are no secret meetings. We are not parasites, or termites or cancers spreading across the globe. The world has not and will never be saved by long-suffering international superstars or politicians who believe they are the only ones courageous enough to stand up against the Jewish strawman of their imaginations. The first revelation of antisemitism is the madness of the antisemite.

Antisemitism's other great revelation is a society so dysfunctional that Jew-hatred spreads. The world is full of dangerous people. We Jews know this better than most. But this week, we have seen how a broken political system, or a soulless corporation, can bring their ravings to the mainstream.



Like fire, antisemitism is only dangerous when it is allowed to spread.

At the risk of sounding too much like Jerry Seinfeld's Uncle Leo, the spread of antisemitism depends on a host of conspirators. While Republicans are right to call out antisemitism on college campuses or under the guise of intersectionality, they have been slow to reject Ye's "bold" ideas on Jewish world domination. While Democrats are right to sound the alarm on rightwing antisemitic violence or shameless dog-whistling, they are doing precious little to address anti-Israel purity tests that its Jewish activists increasingly must pass. If antisemitism remains a cudgel that the right and left use only to wallop each other, then today's hatred has more than enough room to spread. And unchecked, this madness will consume us all.

Jews are the first victims of antisemitism, but history has shown that Jews are never the last. Millions of people starved to death while Russian elites peddled "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Societies collapsed and nations fell with the Nazis' rise to power. Jews suffered gravely and disproportionately during these upheavals, but as the expression goes, crazy does not know where to stop. Jews are a nation's canary in the coal mine. The same forces that hurt Jewish people will eventually come for everyone. They always have. No exceptions.

As we witness our democracy fraying and civility reaching ever new lows, the time has come for people who are not Jewish to be just as worried about antisemitism as Jews have been. I used to think that the Holocaust finally taught the world a lesson in acceptance 2,000 years in the making. I naively hoped that future generations would see once and for all where the hatred fueling antisemitism inevitably leads. This week has shown, again, how easily people forget. Though antisemitism hurts Jews first, its spread only exacerbates the crises that cause it. We are in crisis now. It will take everyone committed to reconciliation and understanding to fight for a future where these things are far from quaranteed.

Jews have been fighting hatred for millennia against the strongest forces the world has ever known. But altogether, we comprise only 0.2% of humanity. Now is the time for allies who are not Jewish to join the struggle and raise their voices with ours. Together, and only together, can we stop antisemitism's spread. We can make sure this chapter of madness has finally reached its end. And then, together, we will be able to write a new story, one in which God's children can come back together once again. JE

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Tom Stoppard Reveals His Jewish Self in 'Leopoldstadt'

BY THANE ROSENBAUM

here is no small amount of irony in Tom Stoppard's latest play, "Leopoldstadt," dazzling audiences on Broadway at the same time as America's streets are convulsing with antisemitic mayhem.

After all, Stoppard, one of the world's finest dramatists, has for the entirety of his career been a closeted Jew. And not just any Jew, but one of the fortunate ones who, as a small boy, actually survived the Holocaust.

Stoppard was born in Czechoslovakia as Tomáš Sträussler. His family managed to escape the encircling Nazis, although his father was eventually killed. His mother would marry a British, non-Jewish military officer in India, who brought his new family to England. That's when Tomáš became Tom and adopted his stepfather's surname.

Stoppard mastered the language of his new country and wrote widely and wittily about weighty themes in a career that landed him on the short list of England's theatrical royalty. He would eventually be knighted. Not bad for someone whose childhood was darkened by the monstrous events that resulted in the murder of two-thirds of European Jewry.

"Leopoldstadt" is a fictional account of what happened to Stoppard's entire Jewish family. Most were killed in death camps.

After a long and distinguished career writing award-winning plays and screenplays, none of which revealed any tribal connection to the ancient Hebrews, Stoppard arrived at a point where he would train his considerable dramatic gifts on exploring the buried story that, psychologically, might have shaped him most. All that British schooling and literary fame had left something very precious unsaid and undone.

And it arrives at a propitious moment on America's finest stage. "Leopoldstadt" should be required viewing for Kanve West. Kyrie Irving and the woke mobs who had never heard of Kristallnacht and who believe that Jews, throughout the ages, have led charmed, white-privileged lives. Their ignorance, or plain antisemitism, is astounding. Jews involved in the slave trade? When did they have time for that, folded in between the expulsions, Inquisitions, pogroms and genocide?

With this new wave of antisemitism becoming so fashionably mainstream and unapologetically visible, far too many have forgotten that Jews were always first among equals in deserving the special protection of minority status. "Leopoldstadt"

"Leopoldstadt" is both a metaphor and object lesson for Jews.

is an astonishing tutorial on how deceptive perceived privilege can be.

The play unfolds over half a century. The Jewish family at the center of the story plunges from lavishly wealthy, cultured, cosmopolitan Jews to a decimated family tree stump. All that's left are three scattered cousins and fractured memories.

Stoppard sets the play in Vienna so as to allow the adults in the opening scene to boast of how much influence Jews have had on Austrian culture, and how successfully Jews have assimilated and have been embraced by Austrian society. Indeed, the curtain opens to a massive Christmas tree that upstages the large cast of Jewish parents and children.

Twice characters say: "We Jews worship culture." They see it as an inoculant. Obviously, they have never heard of today's cancel culture.

Another thematic reason for Austria as set piece is that a fellow Austrian Jew Theodor Herzl had just written a book about how the Jews of Europe should leave and start their own country. What a laughable idea, they think. Another Jew from Vienna, Dr. Sigmund Freud, is introducing a new field of medicine — one of the mind — once more demonstrating to the world the intellectual agility of the Jewish people. What would Austrian society do without its Jews? Apparently, the mayor of Vienna is a major Jew-hater, but, honestly, what does that have to do with them?

Later in the play, one of those same characters confesses. "All that culture did not save us from

"Leopoldstadt" is both a metaphor and object lesson for Jews who deceive themselves into believing that once they graduate from the lowly streets of ghettos, they will be forever welcome in high society.

For the poignant reminder of this misperception, Stoppard should be congratulated yet again. After all, he is not alone among Jewish-British playwrights who Anglicized their names and strategically left any trace of their secret identities out of their dramas. Toward the end of "Leopoldstadt," the character who represents Stoppard himself as

a young writer remarks on his Jewishness as nothing more than "an ironic fact."

There are many such writers in England. British stages have hosted scores of plays by Jewish dramatists who never came close to making such an admission: Harold Pinter (in the first draft of "The Homecoming," the family was Jewish), Peter Shaffer, Alfred Sutro, Arnold Wesker, Ronald Harwood ("Taking Sides," an exception), Peter Barnes and Patrick Marber (who directed "Leopoldstadt," and has written one Jewish play, titled, "Howard Katz"). Together they comprise a canon of Jew-less storytelling.

The British are known for having a stiff upper lip. British Jews, apparently, go one step farther: keeping their entire mouths shut. Perhaps it's because Jews were officially expelled from England in the 13th century, which left a legacy of provisional residency — gentle manners always expected, Queen and country first, bags always packed, just in case.

It was the rare British Jew for whom Jewishness was part of the mystique. Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli converted to Christianity. Mendoza the Jew, who boxed in the late 18th century, was perhaps the first professional athlete to market his name — and nickname. Harold Abrahams, the world's fastest man during the 1924 Olympic Games, despite his Cambridge pedigree, never outran the prejudice that drove him.

Until now, in what may become his last play, Stoppard never dwelled on his past. The scope of his loss and degree of Jewish ties took decades to materialize as art. All along the tragedy of his parents and many uncles, aunts and cousins was rich with dramatic possibility and catharsis. Even England could not contain such emotion.

And it has arrived at the right time - for Stoppard, and for Jews living in a world eerily reminiscent of those foreboding days when actual Leopoldstadts provided no shelter from dark clouds and hard rain.

Despite his longtime association with Shakespeare (his first play was a retelling of "Hamlet"; his screenplay for "Shakespeare in Love" received an Oscar), Stoppard's backstory, and the dissolution of his family, proved to be the real thing. JE

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It's Time for Jews to Fight for Their Own People

BY AMY ROSENTHAL

Say Their Names. After the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor this mantra was used to raise millions of dollars for Black Lives Matter. Now another name is being used to raise money and influence public opinion — Shireen Abu Akleh.

On May 11 of this year, Israeli forces led an operation against Palestinian Islamic Jihad in Jenin, a hotbed of terrorism in Samaria. During the ensuing firefight between IDF soldiers and Palestinian terrorists, Akleh — an Al Jazeera journalist and American citizen — was killed. Many other journalists have been killed covering the Middle East, but this time the outcry was apoplectic and pervasive, from Qatar to the U.N. to the U.S. Of course, there was an immediate rush to blame Israel for Akleh's death. In July, the U.S. State Department's investigation was inconclusive, but in September Israel said there was a high probability that Akleh was accidentally hit by Israeli fire.

What does this have to do with us here in North Carolina? Why is Akleh a household name here? Because antisemitic and anti-Israel activists have been laser-focused on making it so, in order to use her death as a weapon against Israel.

Akleh's name has entered the political arena. In June 2022, the North Carolina Democratic Party published a series of antisemitic resolutions. The first claimed that Israel is ghettoizing Palestinian land. The second asserted that Akleh's death was the targeted killing of an American citizen by Israelis. A third called for commemoration of "Nakba Day." There was pushback from the Jewish community, but the first two resolutions stood. In response, a North Carolina Democratic Jewish Caucus was formed. Unfortunately, the group has shown little interest in fighting antisemitism within the party.

This month, notorious antisemite Amer Zahr came to Charlotte and Raleigh, North Carolina on a fundraising trip for the Reach Education Fund. The organization uses Akleh's death to raise money, calling her a "shahid" — a martyr. Her photo is everywhere.

Contrast this to the Jewish community. Can anyone say the name of a single Jewish victim of terrorism? Do they know about Doris Yahbas, Moshe Kravitsky, Lora Yitzhak and Menachem Yehezkel, who were run over and stabbed to death by a Bedouin Israeli in March, the third knife attack that week? What about the Jewish victims of terrorist attacks in Europe? How many



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American Jews have heard of Sarah Halimi, for example? She was a 65-year-old French Jewish woman who was beaten and thrown off the balcony by her Muslim neighbor as he chanted the Quran and shouted "Allahu akbar." Are American Jews saving her name?

During the High Holidays at my Chapel Hill synagogue, we heard from the bimah about the "ravages of climate change, the assault on women's reproductive rights, bail bond justice, voting rights, the survival of democracy, food insecurity, and the holy work of standing with refugees." Earlier in the year, the shul posted messages about wearing masks at a graduation ceremony, prayers for safety during hurricane lan, supplies for refugees and other topics such as gun violence, racial equity, anti-racism, Black Lives Matter, parenting beyond the binary, bail

bond justice, the "deplorable" ruling overturning Roe v. Wade and the significance of Juneteenth. No mention was made of the stabbing of Jews in New Jersey or the deaths of Israelis due to terrorist attacks.

Evidently, Jewish lives don't matter to American Jewish leaders. Why are those who claim to care about social justice and other causes silent when Jews are attacked and killed? It is said that silence is consent.

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D JEWISH CANDIDATE IN DEAD HEAT for Lehigh Valley Congressional Seat

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

f you take a lap around downtown Allentown, Easton or Bethlehem, the three Lehigh Valley metro centers, you may not meet too many people who know the names of Susan Wild and Lisa Scheller.

The Jewish Exponent tried and, to a large degree, failed.

"Who are they again?" went one common response. "I'm not political," went another.

"I have somewhere to be," went a third.

Wild, a Jewish Democrat, is the district's representative in the United States Congress. Scheller, a Jewish Republican, is her challenger in the Nov. 8 election. The Eastern Pennsylvania district consists of Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties, as well as a portion of Monroe County to the north, totaling more than 730,000 residents.

Having two Jewish candidates compete for a seat in Congress is a rarity, considering there are only 27 Jewish members, according to The Morning Call.

And both candidates say their religion plays into the

campaign.

Scheller said that it's her Jewish faith that is motivating her to run. She calls Judaism "the bedrock" of her life. She says she prays every morning to thank God for both "the good and the bad."

"Through it all, I've lived a blessed life, and my faith has taught me to give back to my community — something I strive to do every day," Scheller said.

Wild, whose first husband was Jewish, converted to Judaism during her son's bar mitzvah process. And she has said before that religion motivates her. In 2019, she talked about her conversion experience on the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Philly podcast.

"I like the emphasis in the Jewish religion on tzedakah, for instance, doing well for others, compassion for others. That was the initial attraction," she said.

Wild defeated Scheller by 14,144 votes when they ran against each other in PA-7 in 2020. And the two-term incumbent holds a 1-point lead in 2022 — a virtual dead heat — according to the latest poll conducted by

And that, according to voters in this mountainous region, may end up making a difference.

"I prefer Lisa Scheller, and the reason for that is: I'm tired of (House Speaker) Nancy Pelosi," said Sue Bentz, an Allentown resident.

Bentz was walking into a Weis Markets location in a shopping center on Cedar Crest Boulevard, outside of downtown Allentown. She explained that she was a lifelong Democrat; she voted for John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election, and she was going to vote Republican for the first time this year.

Bentz admitted to not knowing much about Wild and Scheller. But she did say that she prefers Scheller because the Republican is a businesswoman. Scheller is the CEO of her family's company, Silberline Manufacturing, which makes aluminum effect pigments used in paints and coatings.

"I think Susan Wild is a politician," Bentz said. "I'm sick of politicians."

Diana Rosamilia, a Bethlehem Township resident, is



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Muhlenberg College and The Morning Call, both in

But there may be one key difference this time around. The 2020 political season ended up belonging to the Democrats, with the party holding the House and winning the Senate and presidency. The 2022 season, though, looks like it may belong to Republicans in part due to high crime rates and inflation — and the usual trend of the party not in power making gains in non-presidential election years.



"I'm basically in the middle," she added. "I guess I could be independent. I don't know."

According to the Bethlehem resident, "we do need to fix the country" because Democrats have failed over the past couple of years. Rosamilia believes that "everything has gone so far to the left that the country is a mess right now." She thinks that a lot of her "Democrat friends" feel the same way.

"Who's going to fix the economy and crime?" Rosamilia asked. "And the energy costs have gone up and the food is out of control."

The Bethlehem resident further explained that President Joe Biden is not looking to fix those problems. She said his administration is just spending more; therefore, it's time to give the Republicans a chance.

Rosamilia said that when Republican President Donald J. Trump was in office, "the economy was excellent." Inflation was "2.something; now it's like 8.something," she added. Gas prices, too, have come down in recent

months but are still more expensive than they were under Trump. Rosamilia also used to go to Philadelphia and New York City once a month, but now she doesn't because of crime.

"I think people want change," she concluded. "And I think in the midterms, maybe a lot of people are going to vote for change to see if that will fix this country because it's really in a bad way."

Some Lehigh Valley residents, though, do not want to see change in PA-7.

Ajaz Quazi, an Allentown resident, is a Democrat who doesn't love the job that Biden has done since taking office. He expects Biden not to run in the 2024 presidential election and thinks that a new group of Democratic leaders will emerge in the next couple of years. Quazi also said that he likes Vice President Kamala Harris.

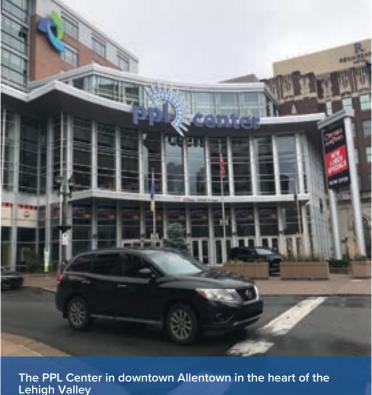
But for Congress this year, he's sticking with Wild because she's a Democrat.

"I think Wild is a good candidate," he said. "And plus, I'm a Democrat."

That latest Muhlenberg/Morning Call poll that showed Wild with a one-point lead also showed another number that was less prominent but perhaps more interesting. Only 4% of voters called themselves undecided. But within that group, 31% said they leaned toward Scheller, while 0% claimed to prefer Wild. (69% doubled down on being undecided.)

While Jewish issues aren't a major theme in the campaign, the two candidates did discuss antisemitic hate crimes and Middle East instability at an Oct. 13 forum hosted by the Lehigh Valley Jewish Federation. Both reaffirmed their support for Israel and condemned the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, The Morning Call reported.

At the forum, Wild called for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Scheller said aid to Israel



should be unconditional and contended that Wild votes for Israeli aid conditioned upon the Jewish state continuing two-state negotiations.

To combat hate crimes, Scheller called for additional investments in law enforcement. Wild touted actions taken by Congress, including the appointment of an antisemitism ambassador and a resolution to provide additional funding to houses of worship.

During the Exponent's travels around the Lehigh Valley two weeks before Election Day, most people preferred not to talk about the race at all, let alone about Jewish issues. But among those who did, five people said they would vote for Scheller against four who preferred

John Briggs of Hellertown in Northampton County called politics "a theater act" and said he no longer wanted to participate. The 36-year-old voted for George W. Bush in 2004 and Barack Obama in 2008. But he described Obama as a great candidate who turned out to be "a terrible president." He also said he appreciated "some things" Trump did but that he was also "playing the heel," a reference to the loud and outrageous bad guys in pro wrestling matches.

"These people are maniacs. I just don't want to be a part of it anymore," Briggs added. "What would be the best thing is if nobody voted, and we all just took care of each other. That's kind of where I'm at."

Briggs plans on voting for Republican Doug Mastriano over Democrat Josh Shapiro in the Pennsylvania governor's race. He said he likes "some of the things" Mastriano says and finds Shapiro to be "derelict in his duties" as the commonwealth's attorney general. But he finds the race for Pennsylvania's senate seat between TV doctor Republican Mehmet Oz and sweatshirt-wearing Democrat John Fetterman to be "ridiculous."

As for Wild-Scheller, Briggs plans on writing jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

in a candidate.

"I'm not Republican. I'm independent," he

Among the five people who told the Exponent they were voting for Scheller, two were Bentz and Rosamilia, a Democrat and an independent, respectively, while the other three were conservatives. Out of the four who pledged support for Wild, one was a campaign volunteer. The others were Democrats.

"I'm nervous. I think I hear it's kind of close," said Chris Fowler, a Bethlehem resident and Wild supporter. "I feel like the economic situation we're in is not a product of just the last two years."

Wild, a lawyer and former solicitor of Allentown, first won this House seat in 2018 by 10% of the vote against Marty Nothstein. But in 2020 against Scheller, that margin fell to about 3%. Now in 2022, the Democrat must contend with high crime and inflation rates under a Democratic president, Republican momentum and more conservative voters in her district.

As The Morning Call has reported and discussed, red Carbon County was not part of PA-7 two years ago. But it is in 2022, along with its

population of more than 64,000 people.

The Wild campaign did not respond to several requests for comment. But the congresswoman is running like an incumbent in a very close race.

Wild's negative TV ads portray Scheller as a CEO more concerned with creating jobs in China than America; her positive ad credits her for the CHIPS and Science Act, which invests in making semiconductors in America. Over the past week, Wild made sure to be seen visiting small business owners in Bethlehem and Easton and touring a construction site at the Lehigh Valley International Airport.

Then on Oct. 30, a Sunday morning, she brought in House Majority WHIP Jim Clyburn to attend a service with her at the Greater Shiloh Church in Easton. Clyburn, a Black congressman from South Carolina whose endorsement of Biden helped swing the 2020 Democratic primary, appeared with Wild at a church that the congresswoman's campaign labeled "the oldest and largest minority congregation in the Lehigh Valley."

It remains to be seen if all of this will be enough.

Scheller does not think that it will be. The Republican called her opponent "a rubber stamp for the Biden agenda" who supported "the reckless spending and tax increases that have helped to give us the worst inflation in 40 years."

Scheller, by contrast, promises to help "unleash American energy, especially right here in Pennsylvania." She said "there are enough energy resources in PA to power America for 200 years," and that "it's time we use those to bring relief to working people."

"I can do a better job representing the Lehigh Valley and fighting for the needs of our communities," Scheller said. JE

Hyatt Centric Exhibit Features Israeli-born Artist

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edecked in a gold chain, a Sharpie-tattooed heart on his face, a rainbow pin draped from his torso and an evil eye — harkening to a Jewish superstition — around his neck, the statue of George Washington is still recognizable as the American forefather in John Y. Wind's sculpture.

But instead of merely representing America's first president, the sculpture shows all that America can be in terms of political and personal identities, represented in knickknacks strewn on top of and around the leader's body.

Washington is one of several American Revolution heroes to whom Wind gives the assemblage treatment. In "Whiskey Rebellion," Jewish, Israel-born artist Wind challenges the masculinity and heroics of the country's early leaders, giving them expansive American identities that address the country's racism, antisemitism and homophobia in the process. The exhibit is on display through Nov. 27 at the Hyatt Centric in Center City.

Part of the hotel's monthly "Maker Series," the exhibit is an avenue to draw attention to Philadelphia artists from visitors, as well as to draw locals to the hotel.

The series began earlier this year, and Wind's works, perched on the hotel's lobby bookshelves, will be the series' first sculptural installment.

"Not only is that just creating a truly different vibe in our lobby, but he's also showcasing the history of not just Philadelphia, but America in general, in a totally different light," said Elizabeth Fricke, Hyatt Centric Center City director of sales and marketing.

With a background in jewelry and found object sculptures. Wind became fascinated with a collection of American hero-themed whiskey decanters he found in his fiance's grandmother's basement shortly after her death.

The figures — representatives of all 50 states — sat in Wind's South Philadelphia studio for months, until he was asked to participate in the Maker's Series.

"I knew it would include some kind of transformation; I knew it would include poking fun at their heroic presentation; I knew it would include the language of

John Y. Wind is an Israel-born Jewish sculptor and Jeweler based in South Philadelphia.

jewelry," Wind said of the exhibit.

The name of the exhibit "Whiskey Rebellion" is a reference to the 1794 uprising of farmers and distillers after the freshly formed U.S. government under Washington enforced a whiskey tax. Wind wanted to similarly challenge Washington's authority.

As a gay, Jewish man, Wind, 61, intended to comment on the growing polarization of American politics, drawing on humor and irreverence to transform stoic, upright American heroes into symbols of pluralism and multifaceted identities, confronting their legacies as red-blooded men and rugged champions of democracy.

In addition to Washington and Thomas Jefferson, Wind gives assemblage makeovers to the foreign-born Thaddeus Kosciuszko and Napoleon Bonaparte in the exhibit.

"I'm really interested in portraiture, and how objects in our lives represent different aspects of who we are," he said. "That's digging into the individual. But then, because these objects are familiar and relatable [to] others, it takes it from the specific to the general."

Wind refers to most of his sculptural pieces as "portraits," in the sense that they represent a singular person or idea. In other projects, he's drawn on personal stories as inspirations for his pieces.

In "Portrait of Zoltan," a 2021 piece, Wind sculpts a portrait of his grandfather Zoltan Windt in the form of a suitcase filled with tchotchkes, heirlooms and photographs.

In 1932, Windt emigrated from Hungary to Haifa, British Mandate Palestine, the precursor to the state of Israel. He originally came as a tourist and fell in love with Wind's grandmother, whose parents owned the penzion, or hostel, where Windt stayed. The couple owned a men's clothing store for 40 years.

After Windt died in the 1990s, Wind began collecting his grandfather's leftover belongings, including his Israeli passport, which features in the piece.

"I've always been the family archivist and the one who keeps the stuff," Wind

Like his immigrant grandfather, Wind has also reckoned with his identity. Born Yaron Windt, Wind changed his name to Jaron, and later John, upon moving to the United States at age 3, hoping his name would be easier to pronounce. The push and pull of his identities is something featured in his work explicitly and implicitly.



As he reflects on depicting American heroes in "Whiskey Rebellion," he feels the tension of both revering American history but also feeling alienated from it.

"As an immigrant, and as a gay man, I've also always been aware of having an outsider status," he said. "And that shapes the way that I approach these figures." JE

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Pasta From Bologna

KERI WHITE | SPECIAL TO THE JE

y neighbor Irene is a meticulous cook and an avid

When these two passions meet, her friends benefit, and this was the case last week when she returned from a trip to Italy, having taken a pasta cooking course in Bologna. She made an abundance of ravioli with her newly acquired knowledge and skill.

The instructor was passionate about her subject; in one case, when the ravioli finished cooking before the class was ready to eat them, she insisted they all stop in their tracks and dig in to ensure that the pasta was eaten at absolute peak perfection. She also informed them authoritatively that lasagne Bolognese must be made with spinach pasta and, if it is not green, then it is inauthentic.

Rules aside, Irene came back eager to share, and who was I to quash this motivation?

The butternut squash ravioli was delightful, a perfect autumn supper, and we are ready to continue sampling her creations as she explores the entire canon of pasta shapes and flavors and perfects her craft.

The technique described for the dough below is more of a guide than a recipe. It details how to make the pasta, can be upsized depending on your crowd and can also be cut however you wish.

If you prefer to make lasagne, just use the sheets. Pappardelle? Just cut the sheets into ribbons. And if you want to make ravioli, the recipe for a perfect autumnal butternut squash filling and sage butter sauce appears below. Mangia!

A note on the flour: 00 flour is a finely ground Italian flour used in pasta. It is available in many supermarkets, specialty shops and online. The quantity below is an approximation; the conversion from the metric system, along with the variation in egg size will generate some inconsistency so it is necessary to gauge the flour based on feel. It should not be overly





sticky, should roll out well, the shapes should hold together and, when laid out, should begin to dry.

Another note on the process: Irene described an enormous wooden board and an enormous wooden rolling pin that "La Profesora" used to demonstrate the technique. Most American kitchens are not equipped with such accouterments, nor would they have space to store them. Upon returning, Irene ordered a dough hook and pasta roller attachment for her mixer and says they work "like a charm."

Heaping 11/2 cups 00 flour

- 2 large eggs plus 1 egg yolk at room temperature
- ½ teaspoon finely ground table salt

On a large board or clean work surface, mix the flour and salt, and form it into a volcano shape.

In a small bowl, lightly beat the eggs and yolk, and pour them into the center of the flour mixture. Using a fork, gradually work the eggs into the flour. When a dough begins to form, ditch the fork and start pressing the dough. If the dough feels sticky, add more flour in small amounts. Knead the dough for 10 minutes: it should be smooth and not sticky. Cover or wrap the dough, and let it sit on the counter for at least 30 minutes, or wrap it and refrigerate it overnight.

When ready to move to the next step, cut 1/4 of the dough off the ball, and leave the rest of the dough covered. Flatten the piece of dough, sprinkle it with some flour and press it through the pasta rollers (or roll it by hand with a rolling pin).

If using the roller, start on setting 1. Continue passing the pasta dough through the roller, making the setting smaller each time. Ravioli should reach setting No. 6.

When the sheets are complete, place them on a floured surface to avoid sticking, and repeat this step with the remaining pasta. When the pasta is all rolled to the desired thinness, cut it as desired; for pappardelle or fettuccine, a pizza cutter comes in handy to slice the long ribbons. For ravioli, you can hand-cut the shapes with a pastry cutter or use a mold. (Irene suggested a YouTube video by the "Pasta Grannies" to demonstrate this process most effectively.) For lasagna, cut the squares to fit the pan and layer as desired.

A note on the cooking: Authenticity requires large pots of generously salted boiling water to cook the pasta. For filled pasta like ravioli, the boil should be gentle to prevent the delicate ravioli or tortellini from breaking. Ribbon or non-filled pasta

will cook much more quickly, but Irene also learned that the old convention "when it floats, it's done" is not accurate. La Profesora advised that cooks remove a piece from the pot and keep checking for al dente doneness. It seems that this is both an art and a science!

Butternut Squash Filling

This makes more than enough for ravioli for two; use the surplus as a side dish.

- 1 butternut or 2 honeynut squash Oil to coat
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder A generous sprinkling of freshly ground nutmeg Salt and pepper to taste

Heat your oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Cut the squash in half vertically and scoop out the seeds. Lightly coat the squash with oil, and roast, cut side up, for about 45 minutes until soft. Scoop out the flesh, and mash it with the remaining ingredi-

Fill the pasta with this mixture as desired and cook as directed above.

Sage/Brown Butter Sauce

1/4 stick butter A handful of fresh sage leaves

In a large skillet, melt the butter and toss in the sage leaves. Let the butter coat the leaves, and crisp slightly.

When the pasta is done, gently place it in the skillet with the sage and butter. Add a splash or two of the pasta cooking water to spread the butter sauce.

Serve the pasta with generous scoops of additional grated cheese. JE

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stunt that could be replaced by concrete action. The same critique was frequently leveled against people who shared solidarity posts about the Black Lives Matter movement in 2020

"Your black square with the empty words and the cesspool that is your comment section isn't doing any of the work to dismantle antisemitism and protect the Jewish community," wrote Debbie Lechtman, a jewelry designer and online activist against antisemitism. "So instead of lying to us and to the world, I'd rather you not say nothing [sic] at all. Seriously."

Lechtman said people sharing Seinfeld's post were demonstrating "fake allyship" and instead offered a 10-slide Instagram carousel in which she lamented not being able to build a non-Jewish audience for her regular posts about antisemitism and outlined actions she said would represent more meaningful efforts, including "condemn[ing] the antisemitism of your allies" and "speak[ing] up for the Jews you don't like."

For Lechtman and others advancing a similar view, the moment is conjuring painful memories of May 2021, when an outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian violence ignited a high volume of posts criticizing Israel. Some Jewish Instagram users said the slew of anti-Israel posts left them feeling alone, particularly when they sought to counter inaccuracies.

Already, the response to Seinfeld's post, and to West's antisemitism, is veering into some of the divisive territory that characterized posts during that time. One pro-Israel Instagram user, part of a coterie of Zionist activists on social media, posted a doctored version of Seinfeld's square to add an asterisk that reads in part, "as long as you aren't Zionists, as long as you aren't religious, as long as your political views align with mine."

But gratitude from Jewish social-media users when non-Jews have posted about opposing antisemitism is also prevalent. Seinfeld has shared examples of posts thanking her, and other widely followed social-media users have reported the same — in a dynamic that one of the most prominent voices on Twitter suggested was

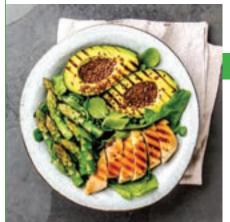
"Every time I tweet about antisemitism I get thank you texts from Jewish people in my life," Yashar Ali, who is not Jewish, wrote to his 730,000 followers on Oct. 24. "It's gracious but tragic. Jewish people, who are just .2% of the world's population, feel so alone in fighting antisemitism that they notice each and every time gentiles stand up for them."

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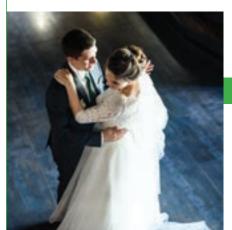
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BOMZE

PAULETTE, age 77, died on October 22, 2022. Sister of Richard (Ilene) Bomze and the late Michael Bomze; aunt of Rori Bomze and Nikki (Adam) David; great-aunt Leni and Sasha; cousin of David Levin and Isabel Gutstein. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Association for Adults with Developmental Disabilities (AADD), 261 Old York Road, Ste. 530, Jenkintown, PA 19046

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ELAINE (nee Hahn), 88, of Wynnewood, PA, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022. She was the wife of the late Irwin Bookbinder who passed away in 1997. She is survived by two sons, Brian Bookbinder, his wife Andi and their son Zack, and Michael Bookbinder, his wife Dana and their daughters, Jamie and Michelle; one brother, Gerald Hahn; and many nieces and nephews. Elaine was born in Wilkes Barre, PA, on

September 19, 1934. Elaine enjoyed playing the piano, listening to classical music, gardening, reading and spending time with her family. Contributions in Elaine's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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RUTH STRUG GREEN, October 26, 2022. Just celebrated her 99th birthday. Beloved Wife of the late Milton Bortner and the late Harold "Reds" Green; Loving mother of Barbara Bortner and partner Eileen Joseph; adoring grandmother of Dr. Jessica Goldberg (David) and cherished great-grandmother of Benjamin and Harrison. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Montgomery County SPCA or a charity of the Donor's choice.

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EHRLICH

DAVID, Aug. 12, 1942 - Oct. 22, 2022. Husband of Shantiji "Shanti" Ehrlich (nee Sarah Ann Schalek). Father of Ian, Blake, Ella, and Arthur Ehrlich. David was born in Philadelphia, PA, and raised in

Lower Merion, PA, and Miami, FL. A businessman, antiquities collector, and real estate investor, Alumni of Johns Hopkins University, long-time resident of NYC, NY, Southampton, NY, Miami, FL, Los Angeles, CA, and Austin, TX. David was an adventurer and traveled to over 70 countries throughout his life. David passed peacefully in his sleep after a life well lived. Contributions in his memory may be made to Help for Orphans Int., 3300 Bee Caves Road, 650/1262 Austin, TX 78746, www.helpfororphans.org.

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FFDFR

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of George Barry Feder, 10/6/22, beloved husband of the late Sandra Nemchek and son of the late Theodora and Morris Feder. George was a native of Philadelphia and a Lower Merion High School graduate. He left his legacy as a Philadelphia photographer on every corner. He is survived by his daughter Kelly Feder Miller (Greg Miller), son Christopher Feder (Anna D'Auria Feder), sister Naomi Feder Zipkin, grandchildren Brayden, Sawyer and Harper and partner Barbara Laskin.

FEINBERG

HELENE (nee Rosenberg)-On October 22, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Samuel Feinberg. Devoted mother of Frank Feinberg (Sherri) and Andrew Feinberg (Kathy McDowell). Dear sister of Elaine Jacobs. Loving grandmother of Ariel, Zachary, Jacob, and Elise. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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GROLLMAN

CECELIA-October 24, 2022. Wife of the late Jack Grollman; mother of Suraya Rose Sarae and Bruce Corbman; grandmother and great-grandmother to many. Graveside services were held Thurs. October 27 at Haym Salomon Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

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LEVINE

STEPHEN A., age 84, died peacefully in Boynton Beach, FL on October 29, 2022. Beloved husband of Susan Bodner Levine. Loving father of Lisa Levine (Eddie), Janet Steinman (Ray), David Levine, and Lauren Sager (Dan). Adoring Grandpa to Jake and Lily Rehfeldt, Brett, Alysha, Corey and Jack Steinman, and Caroline and Annie Sager. He will also be greatly missed by Jennifer and Paolo Giacone and their son Alessandro and Jason and Laure Bodner and their sons Noah, Liam and Sacha, as well as many cousins, nieces,

and nephews. Relatives and friends will celebrate his life on November 4th at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, FL.

MATLOW

THEODORE A. "Ted" October 23, 2022 of Ann's Choice, Warminster, PA and formerly of Mt. Carmel, PA. Son of the late Louis J. and Jennie (Block) Matlow. Loving husband of Jacqueline (nee Cohn); father of Jody (Mat) Marks, Jill Matlow and Louis Matlow; grandfather of Daniel (Caitlin) Lyons, Jeffrey (Aria) Lyons and Zachary Lyons; great grandfather of Noah and Lainey; brother of Dorothy Sparber, David Matlow, late Sedell Bloch and late Ruth Schwartz. Ted was born in Girarville, PA and was a 1953 graduate of Penn State. Graveside Services are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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MAYRON

March 18, 1927-October 10, 2022 On October 10, 2022, David Mayron passed peacefully at the age of 95, surrounded by his three chil-

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dren, Melanie, Shelly, and Gale. David was born in Cairo, Egypt to Shalom and Milcha Mizrahi, the second oldest of seven children. He grew up surrounded by orange trees in Tel Aviv. He studied chemistry at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. In 1947, when war broke out in Palestine, he made a perilous journey back to Tel Aviv to join the fight alongside his brothers. He served as a Medic, first in the Air Force and then in the Army in the war of Independence that made Palestine the State of Israel in 1948. After the war he continued his studies, traveling to the United States to attend the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, the oldest pharmaceutical school in the country, (now Saint Joseph's University). One night at a small gathering of international students, he met Norma Goodman, a student at Temple University and it was love at first sight. Accompanying her on the trolley ride home he asked her for her number, and she wrote it in the back of one of his textbooks. A year and a half later they were married. Over the years they had three children. David worked at Wyeth Laboratories in Philadelphia (Pfizer) and then Smith, Kline and French (GlaxoSmithKline.) While at Smith Kline, a job opening came up to head the International Division. Having learned French as a child, he gave himself a crash course over the weekend, and proudly landed the job the next day. Among his many pharmaceutical accomplishments, David has a patent for the time release tablet. At 58 years old he took an early retirement, starting his own business, Mayron Research Laboratories in Hatfield, Pa. where he did R & D development independent entrepreneurs. He formulated toothpaste, horse medicines, cough syrups and even developed a line of skincare with each of his daughters, Jao Brand and Mayron's Goods, with whom he had great chemistry. He worked in his lab until the age of 90. David was a gentlemen's gentleman. Everyone who met him fell under his spell. He was the favored Uncle of many. A brilliant man with a twinkle in his eye, David was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His joy for life was infectious. He loved this world and did not want to leave it, and vet he did, with courage, grace, and dignity. He will be missed by many. Beloved husband of the late Norma (nee Goodman) he is survived by his brothers Jack, Eli, and Yigal, his sisters, Rosetta and Rahela, his children, Melanie, (Cynthia), Shelly and Gale, (Seth) and by his grandchildren, Olivia, Miles, Hudson and Jake. A lover of animals, contributions in his memory may be made to the ASPCA.org. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.LaurelHillphl.com LAUREL HILL FUNERAL HOME www.laurelhillphl.com

SAMUELS

MARGARET L. (nee Beach) age 84, passed away October 26, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Stanley Samuels. Loving mother of Dr. Janet Rosoff (Michael) and her "son" Harold Samuels. Adoring grandmother of Talia, Maggie, Ali, and Samantha. She was predeceased by her siblings Joanne and Nelson. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Dementia Society of America www.dementiasociety.org GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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STUDENT

JACQUELINE "JACQUIE" - nee Blum. October 24, 2022. Wife of the late David. Mother of Sanford Student, Susan (Richard) Loether and Sarena (Mordechai) Kopciel. Grandmother of Stephanie and Dave Bell, Sam Student, Zack and

Amber Loether, Joseph Loether, Lazer and Miriam Kopciel, Suri and Tzviki Pollak, Chananya and Shana Kopciel, Leah and Jonathan Weiss and the late Aaron Loether, also survived by 17 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Samaritan Hospice. PO Box 71425, Philadelphia, PA 19176, www.samaritanNJ.org or the Aaron Loether Legacy Support Fund, https://tinyurl.com./y3nxb8jo.

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ZAVOD

WILLIAM, MD- Oct.13, beloved husband of Rosalie(nee Bernstein), loving father of Merrill J.(Erika P.) Zavod and Blaine S. Zavod, cherished grandfather of Cory, Avery, and Radek. Contributions in Bill's memory may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.michaeljfox.org)

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Ernie Kahn, Jewish Federation Executive for 36 Years, Dies at 96

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

ormer Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia executive and Gratz College President Ernest "Ernie" Kahn died on Oct. 11. The Center City resident was 96.

During Kahn's 36-year career serving the Jewish community in Philadelphia from 1978 to 2014, he acted as the director of allocations and planning, associate executive vice president and interim executive director on three occasions. Kahn was the interim president of Gratz College from 1997-'99.

According to a 2020 Jewish Exponent article about Kahn becoming an honorary trustee of the Jewish Federation, Kahn served on almost every committee the organization offered.

"In the Jewish communal world, when you're in a high-level position of authority, you'll always find someone who doesn't like you or how you do your job. I doubt you'll find anyone who didn't like Ernie or how he did whatever job he did," said Jay Steinberg, a former Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia officer and director.

Kahn, despite his busyness and status as an "Energizer bunny," according to American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey Regional Director Marcia Bronstein, still took time to chat with colleagues and visitors, wanting to learn their stories. He was the center of the web of connection at the Jewish Federation and beyond.

"He was the institutional memory of the Jewish community of Philadelphia," Bronstein said.

Along with stories of the Philadelphia Jewish community, Kahn contained a multitude of stories, both victories and tragedies, of Jewish communities all

Born in 1926 in the eastern German city of Schwäbisch Gmünd, Kahn was 8 when the Nazi Party rose to power. Forbidden by law to attend school with his Christian counterparts, Kahn moved to Stuttgart, where the closest Jewish school was.



Ernest "Ernie" Kahn served as an executive at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia from 1978 to 2014.

The Kahns avoided the plight of many German Jewish families with the help of Kahn's father's friends and customers of the family's retail stores. Kahn also had a maternal aunt living with her husband in New York who was able to provide financial assistance and ensure the family stayed together during their journey to the U.S.

Though Kahn was forthcoming about his childhood when asked, his family doesn't have a clear picture of how exactly he survived the Holocaust.

"At various different times, my father has given credence to the various different stories, which leads me to believe that there's probably an element of truth to almost all, that there was not just one series of events," daughter Rachel Kahn Ross said.

The Kahn family arrived in the United States — by way of France and England — on the Queen Mary in the fall of 1939, and Kahn had a formal bar mitzvah shortly after arriving.

Despite his tumultuous childhood and journey to the U.S., Kahn never described himself as a Holocaust survivor or refugee.

"That would not be my father's style, to either see srogelberg@midatlanticmedia.com

himself as a refugee or as a Holocaust survivor," Ross said. "I think I can say he considered himself to be among the very fortunate."

He received a bachelor's degree from the City University of New York, a master's degree in social work from the University of Chicago and a doctorate in education for social movements from the University of Maryland, where he later worked as an assistant dean at the school of social work. Kahn also was involved at the Baltimore Hebrew College.

By the time he moved to Philadelphia in 1978, Kahn was 52 and a seasoned Jewish professional. Toward the end of his career at the Jewish Federation, his biggest challenge was retiring, colleagues and family said unanimously. Daughter Beth Kahn remembers her father stepping down, but then helping the Jewish Federation with a project, which over and over became a return to employment.

"His work was very, very important to him," she said. "He was very committed to the Jewish community. ... Next to his family, it was probably the most important thing."

When he wasn't working, Kahn enjoyed going to the theater and symphony with his wife Marcia of 67 years, who died in February, and traveling, including on a trip with his grandsons to Schwäbisch Gmünd and Stuttgart in 2017 to visit his childhood home, family store and synagogue.

On a 2015 Jewish Federation mission to Israel, Kahn and his family visited Yad Vashem. At one point during the guided tour, he split off from the group and started telling a couple of stragglers about his childhood during the Shoah. The group eventually swelled and congregated around Kahn.

"We gathered a following of about 30 other people behind us," Beth Kahn said, "who decided they wanted to listen to my dad tell his story."

Kahn is survived by his two daughters and two grandchildren. JE



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Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El Starts **New Era with Rabbi Installation** Weekend

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

abbi Marshall Maltzman served as the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood from 1961 to 1991. Then Rabbi Neil Cooper served in the same role from '91 until this summer.

So when Rabbi Ethan Witkovsky replaced Cooper in June, he became just the third spiritual leader in the congregation's 61-year history. That's a moment worth celebrating, according to temple leaders. And over the weekend of Nov. 11, they will.

Witkovsky's "installation weekend" will be a moment of communal "dedication," he said. The synagogue's 700plus households are invited to observe the new leader "become installed" on Sunday in the sanctuary.

In addition to the ceremony, the weekend will include a Shabbat service on Friday night with a dinner and two talks — one by Arnold Eisen, the former chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and another by Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove, the senior rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, where Witkovsky worked for the past eight years.

"It's less about me and more about the community," Witkovsky said. "It's giving us a good reason to have everyone come out."

After two-plus years of COVID, restrictions and Zoom services, it's also a way of "reminding everybody that Bookman said. we're here," he added.

"We want to get everyone excited about the strength and how good the community really is," he said. "And then we're going to set up where things are going to go in the future."

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El President Barbara Bookman explained that the installation weekend will emphasize the synagogue's "shared history" and "future." And there is no future without funding. That is why, in addition to

the festivities, the weekend will serve as a launching point for a "seeds campaign."

As Bookman put it, the Main Line temple is going to raise money and plant trees.

"Our seeds campaign is planting the roots for our future where we can flourish and grow," she added. "It's a campaign that will help with financial stability for the future of our congre-

"We're looking to grow in a lot of wonderful ways with Rabbi Witkovsky," Bookman said.

Synagogue leaders do not have a specific number in mind. The new rabbi said "the sky's the limit," and the president, a member of 39 years, added, "It's all good."

Once they start raising money, Witkovsky, Bookman and other leaders hope to continue the momentum toward a strategic plan process. Bookman said that members have known that a new plan was necessary, but they wanted to wait until they hired a new rabbi.

Now though, the process should begin this winter. To start, synagogue officials will gather a group of congregants into a committee to lead the process. Then it will hold general meetings and meetings with "different constituency groups," as Bookman described them, to discuss issues and brainstorm ideas.

"Talk about what we think is needed,"

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El had about 600 households when Cooper took over in 1991. By the time he announced his retirement in August 2021, that number had grown to 700. Today it's even higher, according to Bookman and Witkovsky. The rabbi also mentioned that there's a "relatively even split of young families, families with high school- and school-aged kids and whatever the right names are for the generations above that."





The temple's Early Childhood Center has 133 students, and Witkovsky described it as "bursting at the seams." Religious school enrollment is 160 students, the highest number in four or five years, he said.

Anecdotally, the synagogue also has "a lot of people who are volunteering and coming out," Bookman said.

"It is growing a lot," Witkovsky said. jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

"We're very excited, and we need to plan for the future in an intentional

Those intentions, though, are not yet clear. Right now, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El has a plan to make a plan, but that's really it.

Bookman and Witkovsky identified no major issues that the synagogue needs to address. They believe that core focus areas will emerge from the conversations they have with members during the planning process.

As Bookman said at the time of Cooper's retirement announcement, "We have a thriving synagogue in a difficult time for Conservative synagogues." But the time is nonetheless difficult, so maybe that's the challenge. In the hybrid service era, with the less religious generations of millenni- $\stackrel{\square}{\Leftarrow}$ als and Gen Zers in their primes, how can a synagogue convince people to come out?

"People are looking for a community that cares about them," Witkovsky said after his hiring in February. JE



The Eternal Search

BY RABBI GEORGE STERN

Parshat Lech L'cha

few days before you read this, Americans and Israelis will have gone to the polls with many different ideas about what sort of future they would like for themselves and their country.

The specific outcomes aren't known as I write, but this Shabbat's parshah, Lech L'cha, provides some insights into the importance of playing active roles in determining the future.

The first words of the parshah, *Lech L'cha*, demand explication. God's command to Abram is usually translated as "go forth." But that misses the significance of the *lamed* (L) in the second word. According to the medieval commentator Rashi, *lech l'cha* means "go for

yourself": Do what God is asking for your own sake.

I prefer the more literal "go to yourself," such as, "Go find yourself, learn who you are and be that person." That speaks more to a person's soul.

In this Jewish foundational story, Abram sets out on a journey "to a land that I will show you." Jewish history, then, begins with "leaving." In this parshah alone, Abram arrives at the Canaanite site Elon Moreh near Hebron, "moves on" (Hebrew root ayin-beit-reish, avar) to the east, then heads south to the Negev. Next, a famine drives him to Egypt, then he returns to Hebron.

In next week's parshah, Vayeira, Abraham (he now has the name we know him best by) takes perhaps the most fateful journey of all. Responding to another *lech l'cha* from God, he takes his son Isaac to Mt. Moriah, "the place that God

told him of," where Abraham expects to have to sacrifice Isaac. The Hebrew word for "place" used here is *hamakom*. It's also one of the Hebrew names for God. Was this "place" Abraham's intended destination all along?

I have to think that Abraham had real doubts about the climb to Mt. Moriah: Am I really supposed to sacrifice my son? When a voice told him to withhold the knife of sacrifice, he must have breathed a huge sigh of relief, realizing that his doubts were appropriate and that he all along could have proven his faith by refusing this call, just as he had done when he questioned God's intent to destroy everyone in Sodom and Gomorrah. I imagine he wondered, "Why wasn't I more forceful with God?"

While we might wish it were otherwise, it's not enough to stand for principle only once or, for that matter, to assume that

a stance we take today is necessarily the right one for tomorrow. It is important always to "keep moving," to question our motives, decisions and the "place" we are in. Indeed, after Moriah, Abraham moved on and even took a second wife.

The Place — God, the human soul, the true self, call it what you will — isn't one place at all; it moves as we move. It's not simply "found and done." It's not the idols that Abraham's ancestors worshipped, nor atop some particular mountain; it's not a grand Temple in Jerusalem or a synagogue. The Place, we might say, is in the journey, the ongoing soul-searching, questioning and rethinking as life moves on. The Place moves with us. The Place is us, each and every one of us.

Let's go back to that root word, *avar*. Add to it a *yod* (*ayin-beit-reish-yod*) and you get *ivri*, the word for "Hebrew." Jews are Hebrews, people who move from place to place, who don't "settle," but rather forever search for the Place.

In both American and Israeli society today, it seems to me that too many have stopped seeking. They are so afraid of change, of what's new, that they would do anything to find immediate equilibrium, whether it would be good for them or not. They are afraid to keep looking.

As Jews, descendants of Abraham the *ivri*, we know that the world around us can be challenging. We also know, with Abraham, that we have a role to play in creating the future for ourselves and, yes, for our nation.

As Rabbi Tarfon said (Pirke Avot 2:21), "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." We must always be movers and shakers. JE

Rabbi George Stern is retired from both congregational work and executive director positions at several Philadelphia faith-based nonprofits and attends Germantown Jewish Centre and Congregation Rodeph Shalom. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



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THURSDAY, NOV. 10 WEITZMAN ACTOR TALK

The Weitzman welcomes the award-winning actor and star of Sterlin Harjo and Taika Waititi's critically acclaimed television dramedy "Reservation Dogs," Sarah Podemski, to our stage at 7 p.m. Podemski's Anishinaabe/Ashkenazi background is a significant factor in her life, and she is uniquely positioned to speak about indigenous and Jewish representation in the media. Register at bit.ly/3fWx8Jv. 101 S. Independence Mall E., Philadelphia.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

PARSHA FOR LIFE

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

BLUES MUSIC SHABBAT

Join Beth Sholom Congregation's Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Cantor Jacob Agar and the band at 6 p.m. for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring blues

music. The community is welcome to attend. Call 215-887-1342 for information. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

ART EXHIBIT

After two-and-a-half years, the Olitsky Gallery presents an exhibit featuring area artists Cyndi Philkill and Karen Liebman. The exhibit continues until Nov. 9. For more information, call 267-975-7555, 239 Welsh Road, Upper Dublin.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

HOLOCAUST TEACH-IN

To kickoff Gratz College's Holocaust Teach-In's day of learning, Elisha Wiesel and Irwin Cotler will discuss

the importance of Holocaust education for protecting human rights and preventing mass atrocity, starting at 1 p.m. For more information and to register, contact 215-635-7300, ext. 155, or mcohen@gratz.edu. 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park.

MONDAY, NOV. 7

MAHJONG GAME

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

AARP DRIVING COURSE

The Congregations of Shaare Shamavim will host an AARP Drivers Two-Day Refresher course on Nov. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There are no tests to pass, and most insurance companies provide a discount for completing the course. For details, call the synagogue office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim will host its November Zoom session at 7 p.m. For further information or to register, contact Lynn Ratmansky at the synagogue office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

BINGO WITH BARRY

Join Barry at Tabas Kleinlife for an afternoon of bingo at 12:45 p.m. on Nov. 8 and 9. Free parking and free to play with snacks available on Nov. 9. For more information. call 215-745-3127. 2101 Strahle St... Philadelphia.

SISTERHOOD APPRECIATION

As we celebrate our 60th jubilee anniversary, the Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim will host our membership appreciation meeting at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call the synagogue office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

LITURGY AND SONG CLASS

In this course at Congregation Kol Ami from 10:30-11:45 a.m., we will examine different settings of two of our most familiar prayers, Mi Chamocha and Shalom Aleichem, as we explore how the music makes us feel and how it lends itself to the expression of the text. **Registration** required to receive Zoom information: kolaminj.shulcloud.com/ event/exploringsongnov2022.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

JRA FOOD PACKING

Volunteers will assist with Jewish Relief Agency's pre-distribution preparation from 10 a.m.-noon. Volunteers will tape boxes, pack toiletries and assemble family-friendly food bags. For more information about JRA's volunteer schedule. visit iewishrelief.org/calendar. 10980 Dutton Road, Philadelphia.

YIDDISH SHMOOZE GROUP

If you've got the chutzpah, join us for casual conversations and programs in Yiddish. Congregation Kol Ami's Yiddish Schmooze Group will meet from 10:30-11:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month through June. **Registration** is required for Zoom login information: kolaminj.shulcloud.com/ event/yiddishgroup.

CANASTA GAME

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County Sisterhood invites the community to a weekly canasta game from 1-3 p.m. Open play is \$4. Call 215-968-6755 for more information. 944 Second Street Pike, Richboro.

OPEN A BOOK ... OPEN YOUR MIND

The Sisterhood of Har Zion Temple and the Department of Lifelong Learning proudly present "Open a Book ... Open Your Mind." At 7 p.m., author Ari Mittleman will present "Paths of the Righteous." Admission is \$18 per author or \$180 for the series. For reservations, email openabook@harziontemple.org or go to harziontemple.org. 1500 Hagys Ford Road, Penn Valley. JE

Out & About











Courtesy of Beth Sholom Congregation



University of Pennsylvania students celebrated Sukkot with Chabad in the Sukkah on Locust Walk. Abrams Hebrew Academy students had fun learning about Simchat Torah. 3 As part of the Parkway Council Foundation's "Parkway Presents" series, the Ken Ulansey Ensemble performed at the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City. 4 Beth Sholom Congregation member Ivonne Rodriguez Mosquera and her family visited the Beth Sholom Auto Invitational featuring cars Atlantic & Cape May Counties volunteers Bernice Matz and Rae Fierro, a mother-daughter combo, assisted with a mailing for an agency fundraiser. 6 Holocaust survivor Ruth Kessler's daughter Michele Taroff and her husband Scott set up the Ruth Fisch Kessler Memorial Endowed Scholarship to Stockton University in Galloway, New Jersey, which will go to an undergraduate student interested in Holocaust and genocide studies.

Photo by Rabbi Levi Haskelevich

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Jack Belitsky

ADVOCATES FOR NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA AT THE JEWISH FEDERATION

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

n 2010, leaders at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia asked Jack Belitsky to submit some names of people from Northeast Philadelphia who could fill a spot on its board of trustees. The organization that tries to help Jews throughout the region thought it had a blind spot in an area that was often forgotten.

Belitsky, a resident of the Northeast, was president of the advisory committee at the KleinLife community center and chair of the Northeast Synagogue Council. He was the right man for the task.

But when he submitted his names, Jewish Federation leaders said no to all of them. Instead, they came back to him with a different one entirely: his own.

"I was honored," Belitsky said.

The man who was perhaps the most active member of the Jewish community in the area also became its representative in the regional body. It's a role that Belitsky has played for 12 years now, helping to increase funding for programs in his neighborhood.

Jewish Federation money now helps provide Belitsky's neighbors with basic needs like food, shelter and socialization, particularly through programs at KleinLife. It also goes toward fun activities like a soup and story hour, a book discussion group and an art therapy program.

Belitsky, 82, participates in many of the activities with fellow seniors.

"I have been speaking for many years to the people at (Jewish) Federation about the needs of the Jewish population in the Northeast, and the leadership has agreed that we need to provide these activities for people," he said.

"This is where I live. This is where I attend synagogue. This is where I have grown old," he added. "And I think I have an obligation to give back to the community."

Belitsky moved to the Northeast 57 years ago because it offered walkability



to his synagogue at the time, Ner Zedek, but also to banks, supermarkets and anything else he needed. He remained at Ner Zedek for 50 years and walked there on Shabbat and other holidays.

Today Belitsky is a member — and a member of the executive board — at Congregations of Shaare Shamayim, which welcomed Ner Zedek into its community in 2017. He's also a congregant at the Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park. And he says it's his deep faith in Judaism and the value of tikkun olam, or repairing the world, that motivates him to help his community.

Belitsky first developed this faith from spending time with his grandparents, Morris and Bessie Kaytes, who were shomer Shabbos and who emphasized the importance of tzedakah. The city resident even built his career as an elementary school teacher in the Neshaminy School District around serving others.

of my life," he said.

Belitsky never married and does not have kids. But he still wants to help future generations.

Belitsky likes to tell the allegory of the old man who is planting trees when some people walk by. They say, "You'll never see the fruits of these trees," according to Belitsky. And the old man responds, "I plant these for future gen-

"Not only am I doing this for myself but for others who will come along in vears to come," he said.

Andre Krug, the president and CEO of KleinLife, and Inna Gulko, KleinLife's director of support services, described Belitsky as "a total pleasure," "a very low-key kind of guy," "a mensch" and "very personable, too." Gulko mentioned that every time he meets with someone, he asks about their kids.

"He cares," she said.

But the KleinLife leaders also "It has always been an integral part explained that they rely on Belitsky

to help them raise money and get the attention of the Jewish Federation, and that he's quite good at it, even though it often brings out a different side of his

"He could be tough when he needs to be in terms of advocating his position,"

Jacques Lurie, the executive director of Shaare Shamayim, has worked with Belitsky for years and called him "an institution in Northeast Philadelphia." The duo was able to get funding from the Jewish Federation to start the Northeast Philadelphia Kehillah, which brings together the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform communities in the area.

"We're talking about ways to do things and Jack will cut through it and say, 'Here's the best way to do it," Lurie said. "And you take a step back and say, 'That was spot on.'" JE

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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my Office on this 24th day of August, 2022. Justin Graham, Deputy Register of Wills

BINDER & WEISS CERTIFICATE OF GRANT OF LETTERS

Estate of Victoria Hoplamazian Late of Chester County Date of Death: July 15, 2022 File Number: 15-22-1914

Whereas, on the 29th day of August, 2022, my office admitted to probate an instrument dated the 23rd day of August, 2002, known as the Last Will of the decedent a true copy of which is annexed hereto:

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