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JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

MADDY MALIS IS going to walk out of the Federation Early Learning Services office on Oct. 9 with her head held high, just as she's done for nearly 50 years. The only difference will be that she'll step onto Jamison Avenue as a retiree.

Malis, 68, joined FELS as a preschool teacher in 1971, predating the name "FELS" by decades (it was still Federation Day Care Services then). Moving from teaching to administration, and from administration to leadership, Malis became CEO of the sprawling day care network — which sprawled even more under her leadership — in 1999.

"I am grateful to the entire FELS community for such a long and rewarding career," Malis wrote in a memo to staff, who were notified of Malis' decision to retire about six months ago. "Our work has not only benefited the families we serve; our contributions have had a notable impact on the early education community in our region and throughout

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▲ A Jordanian press photo shows the aircraft that were blown up by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine on Sept. 12, 1970. Public domain photo from Wikimedia Commons

Hijacking Survivor Reflects A Half-Century After Ordeal

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

JERRY BERKOWITZ KNEW there was something suspicious about the man boarding his plane.

On Sept. 6, 1970, the Philadelphia native had stepped off his return flight from Israel for some fresh air during a stopover in Frankfurt, Germany, when he

noticed the figure. He considered asking the flight staff to question him, since there had been a string of hijackings throughout the summer, but ultimately decided against it.

He rejoined his wife, Rivke Berkowitz, and their 2-year-old daughter Talia on the plane. Shortly after takeoff, he saw the man and a woman running down the aisle

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SMOKED FISH DIP

Food columnist Keri White's been into fish lately and worked out an easy recipe for smoked fish dip that could use a variety of fish, including salmon, sable, mackerel and whitefish, to name a few. All it really takes to make the recipe is a food processor or an immersion blender. Read Philcatessen, her online blog, for the recipe. And check Philcatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, including other recipes, gift ideas, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley.

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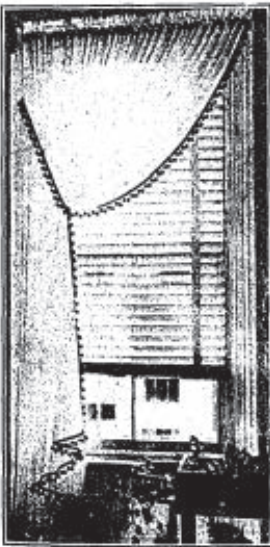
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Tribe 12 Gets Younger With New Board Members

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THE WORLD WAS a very different place when Tribe 12 launched in 2010.

The first-ever Instagram posts were made that year; “Tik Tok” was merely the name of Kesha’s chart-topping single; and the Phillies made the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year, if you want to get a sense for what a truly dissimilar planet it was.

To keep up with a world that keeps on turning, Tribe 12, dedicated to facilitating Jewish community engagement for locals in their 20s and 30s, added seven new board members — five of them in the same age range as their target audience.

Mara Swift, Nuriya Neumann, Adam Wodka, Carly Zimmerman, Jeffrey Hurok, Kimberly Decker and Jacob Lindy joined Tribe 12’s board of directors on Sept. 30. And Rachel Dukeman began as the new board president.

“We believe in building a board of directors that is based on skills, diverse perspectives and potential, not reliant on age or wealth,” Dukeman said. “This will help us build a board that is based on equity rather than privilege.”

Ross Berkowitz, founder and CEO of Tribe 12, stressed that the addition of new members to the board does not represent a total reconstitution; in fact, Tribe 12’s bylaws allow for up to 24 board members, and the new seven will join members of different ages, perspectives and identities than their own. Adding board members whose experiences are closer to those of their constituents, he believes, is just one part of creating a well-rounded board.

“It’s that diversity of thought, that diversity of perspective that they can bring to really support the



▲ Ross Berkowitz, founder and CEO of Tribe 12

Photo by Yael Pachino Photography



▲ Carly Zimmerman, a seasoned veteran of the Jewish community engagement scene in Philadelphia, will join the board of Tribe 12.

Photo by Chris Kendig

“We believe in building a board of directors that is based on skills, diverse perspectives and potential, not reliant on age or wealth.”

RACHEL DUKEMAN

organization,” he said.

“These are people I like, personally, and they’re people that I respect, professionally,” he added. “I’m just very excited to have that opportunity to work with them, to have an opportunity to learn from them, and to bring their skills to Tribe 12 as we grow and make things more incredible than what they are.”

He sees enthusiasm in the group, too; after the board whittled down the list of candidates and made the ask, each of the seven candidates contacted agreed to serve.

Zimmerman, 32, is already a seasoned veteran of the Jewish community engagement scene in Philadelphia. With leadership positions at Challah for Hunger, Hillel at Temple University, Jewish Farm School

and BBYO under her belt, Zimmerman, an alum of Tribe 12’s Fellowship program, was an obvious choice.

Age, Zimmerman said, is not the sole determinant of skill or ability. In the case of Tribe 12, though, she and the other board members believe that their similarities with fellows and the young Jews that the organization works with will help to develop more exciting programming.

“To be able to understand the experiences that our particular demographic and audience is experiencing, and able to speak to them first-hand, rather than just sort of go off with maybe one or two people’s stories or ideas or news articles that you hear about millennials, in general, is really, really helpful,” she said.

Dukeman said that the cultural familiarity that will link the board members and the constituents will serve as a bit of a timesaver; there’s less “translation” to be done between generations, in her view.

Being just 10 years old, Tribe 12’s board, Dukeman said, is in a transitional phase alongside the organization itself.

“The board had to shift from being more of an advisory, donating, philanthropic figure to being a little bit more hands-on, able to govern, and still clearly has a very high fundraising and fiduciary responsibility,” she said. “We’re making sure that the programs are reflective of what our audience needs are, and making sure that we have the right staff and professional

capacity to meet those needs.”

Like Dukeman, 36, and Zimmerman, Lindy, 34, has a longstanding prior association with the organization. He even met his wife, Rachel, through a mutual friend who was a part of Tribe 12. There’s also the fact that his grandparents, Phillip and Annabel Lindy, provided the financial support and enthusiasm for Tribe 12 that first got it off of the ground.

Tribe 12 has been a part of his life for a long time, and Lindy is excited by the prospect of being more intimately involved in its future success.

“I’d like to see it grow and really be a strong program for a long time,” he said. ●

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Oak Hill Residents Displaced, Traumatized by Fire

LOCAL

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JOAN RAYFIELD STILL can't go home.

The Oak Hill Terrace Apartment resident was one of 150 people displaced after a two-alarm fire damaged the Penn Valley complex's south building on May 24. She was also one of three people injured and hospitalized during the blaze.

"This was the most devastating thing that ever happened to me in my life, and I feel like I'm never going to get over it. It really scarred me, physically and mentally," she said.

Her apartment is uninhabitable. When she went back to the building at the beginning of the month, she was shocked at how bad the damage was.

"There were no walls, no ceiling, nothing," she said.

Four months after the fire, some of the physical damage to the building has been repaired, and residents, many of whom are Jewish, are slowly beginning to move back. Others will have to wait much longer before their homes are safe to inhabit.

"We have made significant progress and residents have

begun to move back into their homes," property manager Gary van Niekirk said in an email, adding that he couldn't comment further on post-fire issues.

Susan Baron, an advertising account executive at the Jewish Exponent who lives in the damaged building, said Oak Hill's property management sent out a newsletter that claimed half the displaced residents would be able to return at the end of September. She is not one of them.

Her unit was contaminated by smoke and failed two hygienist inspections before passing a third on Sept. 25. More cleaning and repairs are needed before she can move back in.

David Lane and his wife Patty Lane moved back into the building Sept. 26 after living in another apartment building they found through their insurance company. Their Oak Hill unit sustained minimal damage, but it still had to undergo several cleanings and inspections before it was declared safe to inhabit.

"First, they make you get someone to move all your furniture into the middle of the room, and they clean the



▲ Firefighters at the scene of the Oak Hill fire on May 24

Photo by Susan Baron

► The second floor of the building

Photo by David Lane



ceiling, the walls and the furniture, if necessary. Then you have to put it back and they clean the middle of the room, and then they come in and they start testing," David Lane said.

He said that while units like his on the fourth floor have been declared safe, the second floor was almost completely destroyed.

"To this day, if you walk in there you can take the elevator up to the second floor, and it's cinder block. It's just cinder

block. Some of those people won't be moving back for another six months."

He added that many of his neighbors are afraid to come back.

"It's emotionally distressing, and there's a number of people that may not be able to move back to Oak Hill," he said.

Resident Susan Gilmore said she was traumatized by the fire and feels anxious when she has to return to the building.

She started seeing a psychiatrist and taking medication for intense anxiety.

"I've never had anxiety like that, ever. And I'm still suffering from that," she said. "If I had a situation with anxiety, I knew exactly how to deal with it, but this is way beyond that."

She stayed with her daughter's family for six weeks after the fire

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State Senator: Fight Against Bigotry Failing

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STATE SEN. ANTHONY Williams didn't pull any punches on Sept. 23 when discussing bigotry in the United States: He's embarrassed by what he sees.

"We are quickly becoming the non-envy of the world," he said.

Williams was one of several dignitaries speaking at a "Stand Against Bigotry" press conference hosted by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation at the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial, and he was clearly the most blunt.

"We are at the crossroads

of another civil war in this country," he said. "My 7-year-old grandson was born to a place I don't recognize."

Williams recognized the efforts underway to fight racism, anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry — efforts he said don't go nearly far enough.

"The fact that we have friends of different ethnic backgrounds will not win the fight," he said. "We have to get off the sidelines and get into the streets."

Williams referred to the anti-Semitic social media posts that drew headlines this summer by Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson and former Philadelphia NAACP President Rodney Muhammad, saying the former was more troubling



▲ Stand Against Bigotry participants place stones on the Monument to Six Million Jewish Martyrs at the Horwitz-Wasserman Holocaust Memorial Plaza in Center City.



▲ State Sen. Anthony Williams

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— Jackson is a young man with a platform to influence others — because it's a sign that educational efforts are failing.

"If he was properly educated, he never would have posted that," Williams said.

That theme cropped up a couple times during the 35-minute event.

"Our No. 1 enemy is ignorance," said Bishop J. Louis Felton, senior pastor at Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ. "Ignorance is a deep resistance to knowledge."

"The younger generations are not connected to their history," said Eszter Kutas, executive director of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation. "History does not have to repeat itself."

And there are ample opportunities to teach, Attorney General Josh Shapiro said.

"This is a moment in time when we can reach into our teaching ... and realize each of us has an obligation to do our part," he said.

Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia Regional Director

Shira Goodman noted that hate is something that is learned, not something that's innate.

"The good news is that it can be unlearned," she said.

City Councilman and real estate developer Allan Domb spent a couple of minutes detailing his background, describing his family's immigration from Poland and a childhood incident of anti-Semitism in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where a landlord evicted his family and two other Jewish families after his mother complained about having no hot water.

David Adelman, who chairs the Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and is the co-chair of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, said a concerning trend is the number of people who acknowledge there's a problem with hatred yet do nothing about it.

"The most harmful words are 'not my problem,'" he said. ●

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Art Therapist Myra Levick Dies at 96

OBITUARY

SOPHIE PANZER | JE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA NATIVE
Myra Levick was a pioneer in the field of art therapy — the practice of using creative outlets to promote mental healing.

“The art therapist does not interpret,” she said during an interview with 6ABC in March 2019. “The important thing is for someone to appreciate their own artwork and understand it.”

The artist and clinical psychologist died Sept. 16 of complications from a seizure at the Abramson Center for Jewish Life in North Wales. She was 96.

She married her high school sweetheart, Leonard Levick, when she was 19 and he was 23. The couple lived in Mt. Airy with their three daughters.

“We were members of the Mount Airy Jewish Community Center. The rabbi at that time was Aaron Gold, and my parents were very close friends with Rabbi Gold and his wife,” Levick’s daughter Bonnie Cossrow said.

Myra Levick agreed to work to send her husband to medical school on the condition that he would, in turn, send her to art school so she could pursue her own career. He became a physician and made good on his word — she attended Moore College of Art & Design 17 years later.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Moore, then earned a master’s degree in education from Temple University and a Ph.D. in psychology from Bryn Mawr College.

In the 1960s, psychoanalyst Morris Goldman hired her to work with his patients at Albert Einstein Medical Center North and later at what was then Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital. She helped him create a graduate-level art therapy program at Hahnemann, which became part of Drexel University in 2002.

When Goldman died suddenly after the program



▲ Myra Levick was president of the American Art Therapy Association.
Photo by Bonnie Cossrow.

debuted, Levick was promoted from adjunct instructor to associate professor so she could direct it. In 1976, she became a tenured professor in Hahnemann’s Department of Psychiatry, where she taught for 20 years.

Cossrow said she continued to grow as an artist, working in mediums like sculpture and knitting in addition to painting.

“She started out doing a lot of oil painting, a lot of portraits, portraits of everybody in the family, and then she did a little more abstract, and she did a lot of watercolors and then she did acrylics,” she said.

Myra Levick created the American Art Therapy Association in 1969 and became its president. The organization has grown from 20 members to 4,000 members since it was founded, according to the online newsletter Drexel NOW.

In addition to her career, she was a dedicated mother to her daughters, who saw her as an inspiration.

“She was always very involved in our lives but had very high expectations of all of us, and we all went to college and graduate school and had our careers because for us that was the normal, natural thing

to do, even in the ’50s and ’60s,” Cossrow said.

Levick retired from Hahnemann at age 62 and moved to Florida, where she continued to

practice art therapy.

Craig Siegel, a clinical art therapist in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, worked with her on a study on the Levick Emotional and Cognitive Art Therapy Assessment, a tool she developed to evaluate the therapeutic needs of special-needs children. They later co-authored a chapter about the LECATA in “The Wiley Handbook of Art Therapy.”

“She was an individual that was ahead of her time, a trail-blazer who fought for causes for everyone, not just for her family but for her community, for those in need, those that didn’t have a voice,” Siegel said. “She advocated for the growth of the profession she loved by being the first president and one of the creators of the American Art Therapy Association.”

She returned to the

Philadelphia area in 2018 to live in Blue Bell Place, an assisted living facility. She continued to learn new artistic techniques and practice art therapy by teaching classes on art and aging for fellow residents.

In addition to Cossrow, she is survived by daughters Marsha Levick and Karen Gomer, as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her family and colleagues remember her dedication to the people she loved and her visionary personality.

“She was a feminist before there was feminism. She was a pioneer,” Cossrow said. “We were so influenced by her, we learned to follow our dreams and be very comfortable in our own skin because she was in hers.” ●

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FOR MOST OF his life, all the information Igor Kulakov had about his paternal great-grandparents was their picture, their names and the fact that they had been murdered during the Holocaust.

The assumption in his family had always been that Sheindle and Mordechai Sova were shot at Babyn Yar (often spelled “Babi Yar”), a ravine on Kyiv’s outskirts where German troops massacred at least 33,000 Jews in September 1941 in one of the largest massacres of the Holocaust.

But beyond that, he was unable to unearth any further details, even after attempting to research the subject in the Kyiv city archives. As he grew older, the uncertainty began to have a psychological effect on him.

“I would get physically ill whenever I needed to pass near Babyn Yar,” he said.

But in recent months, Kulakov, a 45-year-old linguist who lives near Kyiv with his wife and three children, has been able to fill in many of the blanks thanks to a new research project led by the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center, an organization established in 2016 to build a Holocaust museum in Kyiv. The center’s Names project — which began last year and has led to the identification of 800 Babyn Yar victims whose fates had been previously unknown — provided Kulakov with the couple’s former address, age, place of burial, as well as the terrible specifics of their final hours.

The lack of such identifying details is not unusual for Holocaust victims from present-day Ukraine, where some 1.5 million Jews were killed by firing squad between 1941 and 1943, often with minimal paperwork. Ukraine’s so-called “Holocaust by bullets”

happened more sporadically, rapidly and chaotically than in the death camps. There is so little information on what happened at Babyn Yar that the total death toll — including Jews, psychiatric patients, prisoners of war, suspected Ukrainian nationalists and communists — ranges between 70,000 and 100,000 victims.

The Names project has so far collected data on about 18,000 people who were killed at Babyn Yar. Of those, only a few thousand have comprehensive person files. Information on many of the others is patchy, sometimes limited to nothing more than their names, according to Alexander Belikov, a senior researcher at the center.

The paucity owes to a mix of factors, including the lack of German documentation, massive wartime damage to Kyiv’s archives, decades of obfuscation when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union, and an outdated archiving methodology that downplayed the importance of individual stories.

“In the Soviet period, and also sometimes after that, the historical methodology in Ukraine placed very little emphasis on individuals, despite the early efforts of some researchers to give victims a face,” Belikov said.

When Kulakov consulted archives for traces of his great-grandparents, all he found was a Soviet-era registry of civilian war casualties that listed their last name, last known address, year of birth and two serial numbers: 1868 and 1869.

“It didn’t even have their first names,” he recalled.

Thanks to the project, Kulakov learned that his great-grandparents were wholesale food merchants, traveling often to arrange shipments from the countryside to the city. On one such trip, during the Holodomor famine of 1932, they took in a starving girl whose mother



▲ Stray dogs roam the Babyn Yar monument in Kyiv, where Nazis and local collaborators murdered more than 30,000 Jews in 1941.

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► Mordechai and Sheindle Sova were shot in 1941 on a central street of Kyiv, Ukraine, and buried in a ditch after they ignored the order to gather to be murdered at Babyn Yar.

Courtesy of Igor Kulakov and the Babyn Yar Holocaust Memorial Center via JTA.org



could no longer support her.

The research also helped ascertain that Mordechai and Sheindle didn’t die at Babyn Yar after all. They had disobeyed the order to report for deportation which, in reality, was a call for Jews to be rounded up for murder. They were betrayed to police in October 1941 and executed on the spot, but not before the woman whose daughter they saved convinced them to part with their own daughter Freuda, Kulakov’s grandmother. Their burial place is on Nyzhnii Val Street in Podil, a neighborhood in the center of Kyiv not far from their last known address.

Researchers were able to pull together this story by following leads to locate information in physical archives across Ukraine. They also use various search algorithms to mine

digitized archives. Some of the information about Mordechai and Sheindle came from a tip that led to archives in the Ukrainian city of Fastiv, which turned out to be where the Sovas bought their products.

“We’ll interview relatives to get leads, and then cross reference that with relevant archives,” Belikov said.

Other victims whom the project lifted out of anonymity include Aba Yakovlevich and Clara Abramovna Kaganovich, a Jewish couple who were 48 when they were murdered at Babyn Yar. In the weeks following the Nazi invasion, they used their connections — Aba was a prominent jurist — to get their only daughter and her newly married husband a spot aboard a train headed for Russia.

Having achieved that, they

made no further attempts to escape themselves, their file states. The project team obtained a copy of testimony by the concierge at the couple’s building, who said that after the deportation order came, he “helped them aboard” a horse-drawn carriage bound for Babyn Yar.

Researchers hope to eventually have a web page for each identified victim, complete with their life story and picture. Kulakov concedes that learning the specifics of Mordechai and Sheindle’s last days is gruesome and that he still avoids Babyn Yar even now.

“But it’s better to know — much better,” he said. “Only when you know do you have any hope of moving forward. That’s true for an individual person, and it’s true for a nation as a whole.” ●

Philly Faces: Aidan Nadell

PHILLY FACES

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

TEENAGERS DON'T typically spend a lot of time thinking about their legacies. Impressions, sure, but legacies are a decidedly less frequent topic of thought and discussion. Aidan Nadell, a 17-year old senior at Upper Dublin High School, is one of the exceptions that prove the rule.

Nadell, stuck at home like everyone else during the pandemic, wanted to bring together the threads of his life into something positive. So, gathering up the skills he'd learned through his extracurricular activity (Future Business Leaders of America), his volunteer work (Philly Friendship Circle) and his job (Chabad Garden School, in Fort Washington), Nadell started the Spread Smiles Movement, selling apparel and accessories with prominently displayed smile designs in order to raise \$5,000 for a "coronavirus-conscientious" playground at the Chabad Garden School over 12 months.

Nadell quickly blew past that goal, and has other Philadelphia-area organizations in mind for the



▲ Aidan Nadell

Courtesy of Aidan Nadell

destination of the Spread Smiles Movement's next \$5,000. Nadell doesn't leave for college until next year, so there may be other charitable organizations reaping the benefits before he goes.

What is the Spread Smiles Movement? And how does it connect to the work the to the fundraising work you've done with Chabad?

I founded the movement to

promote positivity, philanthropy and perspective during today's uncertainty. I sell "smiling" products, such as shirts, masks, bracelets, stickers — you name it. The goal was to be able to raise \$5,000 in 12 months to be able to leave a legacy behind at Chabad Garden School, and to have a piece of the playground named after me, for when I'm in college, and I'm not no longer working with the kids there. So thanks to involvement with social media,

and talking to media outlets, I was able to accomplish that goal in a quarter of the time, in only three months. I was able to hand in that check before the school year started. These kids can have that COVID-safe playground, and I can still work there.

How does this work fit in with what you want to do academically and professionally?

I'm going to Ursinus College to study business administration and entrepreneurship. This passion project of mine is kind of a pioneering project for me; I want to be able to take my love for kindness, love for perspective, love for making a difference in the places that shaped me, and be able to create businesses out of it. The Spread Smiles Movement — I'm going to take it as far as people are willing to support it. That's why I had committed to the next chapter. I don't want to just stop at the \$5,000 if there's potential to make more. I told you about the Share Food Program?

Tell me a little bit more about it.

It's the destination of my

next \$5,000. It is the largest food bank in the Philadelphia region. I'm dedicating it to my guidance counselor, who, through 25 years of service at Upper Dublin — I've been with her for seven years, and just like how Chabad has really shaped who I am, so has she with the academic side of things. And food insecurity is also a very meaningful and potent cause right now, there's a lot more food insecurity going on. And they're tripling their efforts. So any dollar counts and every dollar counts.

What's the most exciting thing about the Spread Smiles Movement?

It's amazing that, whether you know me, whether you know my movement or not, you are able to recognize and appreciate the message, you're able to have your day lifted a little bit. Just to be able to see that and be able to see that, to touch and impact of people that I haven't even heard of, I don't even know — it's just wonderful. ●

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the Commonwealth. I feel so fortunate for having spent years — even decades — with such compassionate, dedicated professionals, many of whom I consider family.”

Malis was forthcoming about the strangeness of it all.

“I’m not old enough to be anywhere for 50 years,” she laughed.

Malis’ career is as decorated as it is lengthy. She’s won countless grants for FELS, and created departments within the organization that make it what it is today. She’s opened up new branches to serve new populations, and kept educational standards at an award-winning level.

Malis has overseen Child Care Information Services Northeast, a body that authorizes subsidized child care to thousands of residents of Northeast Philadelphia. She was co-chair of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Child Care Coalition, served as a board member and officer for the Pennsylvania Child Care Association and sat on United Way’s Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee. She’s a graduate of the Wexner Tri-State Jewish Leadership



▲ FELS CEO Maddy Malis will retire on Oct. 9.

Courtesy of FELS



▲ Maddy Malis during her early years at what is now the Paley Early Learning Center

Courtesy of Maddy Malis

program, and she’s overseen the education of thousands of young children.

“It’s truly an accomplishment that she’s A) with an organization that long, and B) that it has grown to what it has become,” said Ron Perilstein, a longtime member of the FELS board and a past chairman.

“She has made her mark and she will leave her mark on this community, and on the early childhood education community, not only in Philadelphia, but across the state.”

Pamela Thomas, who has been vice president and chief financial officer in her 12 years with FELS, calls Malis “the sidewalk doctor,” a reference to Malis’ propensity to let you know that you should get medical problems checked out. But more than that, she believes, Malis’ legacy is as a true leader of the people around her.

“She is more than just the CEO,” Thomas said. “She actually cares about everyone that works under her, with her, and always tries to bring everyone along to meet the goals of the organization.”

Malis grew up in Northeast Philadelphia, attending Gilbert Spruance Elementary School. Her father, Jerome Ralph Malis, worked for a lumber company; now 96, he still works there.

Encouragement from “Mrs. Mandy,” Malis’ fourth-grade teacher, put her on the path to

education as a vocation and, within a few years, Malis was running her own day camp, scooping up 10 toddlers from around the neighborhood for a few hours of story time, games, Kool-Aid and art projects.

After finishing a program at Temple University in child care, Malis began her career as a teacher at what is now the Paley Early Learning Center. Paley was a Jewish Federation project and, in the early 1970s, it was folded into Federation Day Care Services.

Soon after that merger, Malis’ talents for organization were noted by Norman Finkel, who was CEO then. Finkel encouraged her to join the administration and nurtured her career for as long as he was with FELS. Finkel’s ideas about what a work environment should be — “a tight family,” Malis said — were hugely influential on her as she worked her way through every management job that FELS had to offer.

She’s certainly needed that family in the last few months,

as the COVID-19 pandemic made education a difficult prospect and gave it new political dimensions. Malis was proud that FELS committed to in-person education early on and, thus far, things have gone smoothly, more or less.

Her real-life family, perhaps more than anyone else, understands what she has gone through. Her son, Eric Malis, an attorney in Palo Alto, California, explained that it wasn’t only his mother’s desire to do the right thing every time that weighed on her; the consequences of those decisions stuck with her, long after they’d concluded. Watching his mother, Eric Malis said, he wasn’t aware until later in life that her dedication to her profession was something exceptional.

“She really put her whole self into trying to do what was right,” he said. That pressure, he believes, “helps build the person that she is: the person I’m so proud to call my mother.” •

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Hijacking

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carrying pistols and grenades.

"This is your new captain speaking," the woman announced from the cockpit moments later. "This plane has been taken over by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. We are taking you to a friendly country with friendly people."

September marked the 50th anniversary of the 1970 Dawson's Field plane hijackings and the ensuing hostage crisis, which drew international attention and escalated tensions that led to the outbreak of the Jordanian civil war. Jerry Berkowitz, a college professor, was one of six men held captive for nearly a month.

Boaz Atzili, an associate professor of Israel studies, Jewish studies and Arab studies at American University, said hijacking was an increasingly common tactic for organizations like PFLP to negotiate for the release of prisoners and draw international attention to their cause after the Six-Day War in 1967, when Israel won against Egypt, Syria and Jordan and took control of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"Until '67, the Palestinians were basically putting their trust in the Arab states to eventually bring the liberation of Palestine, what became Israel," Atzili said. "But the '67 war was such a decisive blow to this vision that the Arabs will somehow win over Israel. So that's where we see this mind shift in Palestinian operation, and basically they decided, 'OK, if we're not going to help ourselves, nobody is going to help us.'"

Berkowitz's TWA Flight 74 was one of four planes to be hijacked that day, along with Swissair Flight 100, El Al Flight 219 and Pan Am Flight 93. The hijackers landed the TWA plane and Swissair plane on Dawson's Field, a World War II landing strip in the Jordanian desert. Three days later,



▲ Jerry Berkowitz

Courtesy of Gerald Berkowitz



▲ Jerry and Rivke Berkowitz

Courtesy of Gerald Berkowitz

another hijacker forced BOAC Flight 775 to land at the field.

Men with guns rushed Berkowitz's plane, collected passports and instructed passengers to fill out customs declarations.

"That kind of blew our minds, because you had to be prepared to have the declarations available," said Berkowitz, who now lives in Buffalo, New York.

The next day, the militants issued demands for the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Germany, Switzerland, England and Israel. They included the United States in the group of governments they would negotiate with.

The hijackers told all women and children to get off the plane. Many, including Rivke Berkowitz, were afraid to leave.

"I convinced my wife that I'd feel a lot better if she and my daughter were safe," Jerry Berkowitz said.

The guards separated Jews and non-Jews before releasing the non-Jewish passengers, who were transported to Amman. The Jewish women and children were sent back on the plane.

That night, Jerry Berkowitz, now 81, was called off the plane along with five other men. Two

were rabbis with American and Israeli passports, and three were U.S. government employees. They were loaded onto a truck and driven through the desert.

"Every time we stopped behind a large sand dune, I figured, 'They're going to take us out here and kill us,'" Berkowitz said. He had nightmares that his body would never be found and, in accordance with Jewish law when a body cannot be identified, his wife would never be able to remarry.

Their guards drove them to the Jordanian city of Irbid, where they were dropped at the house that served as PFLP headquarters. The men were kept in a small room and given a single glass to share for water.

A few days later, the guards brought the hostages an Arabic language newspaper with a picture of their plane being blown up. Jerry Berkowitz had no idea that his wife and daughter were taken off the plane on Sept. 12 and returned to the U.S. on Sept. 14. He didn't know if they were still alive.

Atzili said the hijackings and destruction of the planes at Dawson's Field brought tensions between

Palestinians and Jordanians to a boiling point. After the Six-Day War, Palestinian groups in Jordan attempted to create an autonomous zone where they exercised control independently of Jordanian authorities. When Palestinians blew up the hijacked planes on Sept. 16, King Hussein of Jordan declared martial order and ordered a concerted attack on Palestinian forces.

Soon after the captives arrived at the PFLP headquarters, they heard the mortar fire between Palestinian and Jordanian forces that marked the beginning of the Jordanian civil war.

On Sept. 21, the Jordanians occupied Irbid and the guards moved the hostages to an abandoned schoolhouse. On Sept. 29, the International Committee of the Red Cross arrived along with an official secretary from the Embassy of Egypt in Amman, who told the men they were being released unconditionally.

After flying to Athens to give a press conference, the group boarded a flight to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, where Jerry Berkowitz was finally reunited with his wife and

daughter. Police cars rushed them to a family member's house, and they made it just before sundown on the eve of Rosh Hashanah.

Jerry Berkowitz, who is retired, said the ordeal left its mark on his family. He and his wife had flashbacks and nightmares, particularly when a hostage crisis appeared in the news.

"In the 50 years since, I don't know if we flew 10 times," he said. The couple lived in Buffalo together until Rivke Berkowitz died in 2015.

He said he found solace during his captivity by reflecting on Jewish education and ritual. On Sept. 26, the last Saturday before Rosh Hashanah, he prayed on the second floor of the schoolhouse.

"And I looked up at the sky and a sentence from Genesis came to mind: 'God told Abraham to look at the sky and promised to make his descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens.' And I had the sense that all over the world Jews were at synagogue, and even if they weren't, they were praying for us to return safely," he said. ●

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There's No Singular Jewish Way to Mourn or Grieve



BY RABBI LISA SILVERSTEIN

WHEN I WAS IN rabbinical school, we were taught some pretty solid information about death and burial. It was academically correct and historically accurate — it was actually one of my favorite courses.

However, the class did not prepare me in the least to conduct a funeral. Moreover, the information I learned certainly did not give me the tools to counsel families about death and dying. In fact, the very first week of my rabbinate, due to my inexperience and my lack of training, I advised a family to make a disastrous decision regarding the burial of a loved one — leading a family to go against the soon-to-be deceased's clearly articulated

wishes to be cremated. I overzealously lectured the family in the hospital waiting room about the Jewish preference for burial over cremation, hoping the family would change their loved one's mind. But instead, minutes after he died, the family insisted on burying him — against his wishes.

I've never quite gotten over that mistake or that moment. It has profoundly influenced me in the way in which I approach families during these difficult, painful moments that often precede death of a loved one.

I've been thinking about this a lot in recent days, as I have seen many posts — some indignant, others curious — questioning the fact that Ruth Bader Ginsburg would lie in repose, and how this honor might be in conflict with the Jewish practice of hastening burial.

There is no doubt that, overall, the Jewish custom is to bury our loved ones as soon as possible. We are guided by the Torah, which teaches us that the body of an executed man may not be left overnight because it is an affront to God (Deut. 21:22-23).

While it is true that, in

general, we do not encourage delaying burial in Jewish practice, there are instances where we make exceptions — a principle first noted in the Shulchan Aruch, the Code of Jewish Law, which notes that while immediate burial is ultimately preferred, there are a number of situations that warrant delay.

I can personally attest to the fact that, in Israel, the burial of the deceased occurs so quickly that if you don't check your text messages for a few hours, you might very well miss not only the death notice but also the funeral of a loved one or an acquaintance. However, when a noted dignitary dies, the funeral is delayed without a second thought in order to allow other heads of state from around the world to arrive, as well as giving time for Israeli citizens to pay their respects to the deceased.

When Nobel Prize-winning visionary and former Israeli Prime Minister and President Shimon Peres died in 2016, his funeral was delayed 48 hours. Peres' body laid in state at the Knesset for one day in order to allow the Israeli public to pay their respects.

So, too, was the funeral

of Yitzhak Rabin, who was murdered on Nov. 4, 1995, in the middle of a peace rally. His body also laid in state, and then was slowly taken through the streets of Jerusalem to allow the public to pay respect. There was also a two-day delay in his burial in order to allow for the arrival of dignitaries from around the world.

Golda Meir died on Dec. 8, 1978, and was buried on Dec. 12 — four days later. Tens of thousands of Israelis filed by her coffin while it lay in state.

I am quite certain that Ginsburg considered all of the implications of what it would mean for her to lie — or not to lie — in repose, and that she made deliberate, intelligent decisions based on the desires of her family. It is not upon us to question those decisions, nor to judge her or her family regarding their difficult (or perhaps not so difficult) choices.

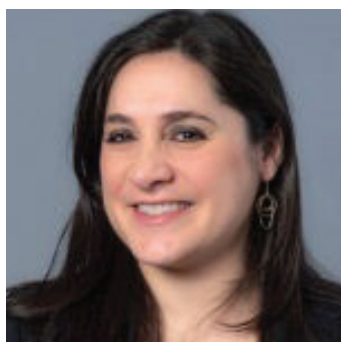
I began this post with the story of my inadequacies regarding counseling grieving families partly because, even now, with more than 20 years of experience as a rabbi, I still don't have all of the right answers. However, I can say with great certainty that there is not a

singular Jewish way to mourn, to bury, to grieve. For those of us who are rightfully sad about the loss of such a magnificent human being, we will find our path through mourning and preserving her public legacy. I have no doubt that her family's private mourning will likely look radically different than the public honor that will be bestowed to her by her admirers. Just as I became overzealous in my desire to "help" that family make the "right" decision about the rituals to bestow upon their loved one, I fear that in our desire to take pride in Ginsburg's Jewish legacy, we might have collectively crossed appropriate boundaries.

There is no doubt that many of us feel a visceral connection to Ginsburg. Rather than questioning the rituals that will ultimately lay her body to rest and bind her soul with God, let us learn from her life's lessons and fight for truth, justice, fairness, and equality, as she would most certainly encourage us to do. •

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Diplomacy Built Israeli-Arab Peace. The Private Sector Will Sustain It.



BY DANA STROUL

LESS THAN 100 YEARS after Israel's founding as the homeland for the Jewish people in 1948,

the "Arab-Israeli conflict" appears to be winding down. The Sept. 15 White House ceremony celebrating a peace treaty between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, and a peace declaration between Israel and Bahrain, marks another advance in Israel's regional integration. It also delinks resolution of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians and the creation of an independent Palestinian state from the broader question of its acceptance by the rest of the Arab world.

As the normalization train moves forward, the most

pressing question is when, not if, another country jumps aboard.

Though the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains unresolved, the promise of a warm peace among Israeli, Emirati and Bahraini citizens and businesspeople has the potential to change the region in profound ways by demonstrating the tangible, real-world benefits of people-to-people ties and cooperation.

The Bahrain and UAE agreements mark the third and fourth Arab governments to normalize relations with

Israel. Egypt made peace in 1979 and Jordan in 1994. But there are profound differences from what was negotiated with two countries that fought Israel on the battlefield. For the UAE and Bahrain, there are no territorial exchanges required or historical baggage to overcome. Moreover, the accelerated timeline from summer announcement to fall signing ceremony underscores the expansive relationships between Israeli and Arab countries already developing for decades out of public view.

Though the United States played a critical facilitation role, the architecture for normalized relationships well predates 2020. Two major regional security trends prompted unofficial ties between Israel and countries in the Middle East years ago.

First, alarm at Iranian nuclear ambitions and support for terrorist groups throughout the region. Second, fear of Islamism in both its violent extremist form such as al-Qaida and ISIS,

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Clergy Stress Levels Are Soaring. Rabbis Need a Break.

BY RABBI ELYSE WECHTERMAN
AND RABBI ILANA GARBER

IN THESE LAST six months, Jewish clergy all over the world have worked more hours, in more ways, and with more demands than ever before. And they need a break.

In March, when the pandemic became a reality, rabbis and cantors pivoted in every way: They conducted online services, streamed Passover seders and began officiating at remote and socially distanced funerals. They counseled families who either postponed or drastically reimagined the shape of the simchas — the b'nai mitzvah, weddings and other events — that had been in the works for months (if not years).

parents of school-age children barely holding it together while they worked, parented, managed their households and watched the world falling apart around them, all demanded our clergy's attention. And rabbis and cantors, as they are trained and so desperately want to do, responded. They made calls, arranged porch visits and stepped up, sometimes putting themselves in harm's way by gathering with people who needed them. Against the backdrop of increasing civil-unrest and their own passion for justice, clergy also participated — be-masked — in BLM protests and rallies, supported immigrants and asylum seekers at detention centers, and protested against the ongoing degradation of civil

with an outpouring of creativity and energy, creating websites, Facebook groups and resources, holding conference calls and practicum sessions, all on top of their regular work. While summer vacations were put on hold, many used the time to write or rewrite scripts, service outlines and sermons. Synagogue clergy produced and edited video and audio productions, crafted resources for use at home and reinvented liturgy designed for shorter and online services. Those working at schools reimagined everything from curriculum to instruction, while our clergy on college campuses prepared to welcome students back to a very different community. The explosion of creativity and response has been enormous.

Clergy stress levels have been soaring, according to experts on ministry and clergy nationally. Articles on clergy burnout during COVID-19 and civil unrest abound on the internet.

Without prior experience in production, they adjusted to this new virtual reality by working together to invent best-practices for community building and inclusion in a digital world. They learned terms like “mute all” and “original sound,” and they practiced defending their communities against “Zoom-bombing” — none of which was covered in rabbinical or cantorial school.

At the same time, the pastoral demands, often the most meaningful part of a clergy person's work, multiplied dramatically. Isolated individuals (especially elders) experiencing loneliness and loss, mourners unable to attend in-person funerals or be comforted by visitors for shiva,

discourse and human rights in this country in particular.

All of this while managing their own losses, their own displacements and their own family situations — children needing to be home-schooled or monitored online, aging parents far away and fearful of their risk for illness, marriages needing attention, and congregations, day schools and organizations weighing the constantly changing CDC guidelines, unsure on a day-to-day basis how to proceed.

And this was all before we started worrying about the High Holidays.

Sometime in May, questions about High Holidays began circulating, and clergy and their organizations responded

And all of this has taken a toll.

Clergy stress levels have been soaring, according to experts on ministry and clergy nationally. Articles on clergy burnout during COVID-19 and civil unrest abound on the internet. Barna Research, a Christian-based think tank on faith and public life, reports in a recent study that 31% of pastors are struggling with their mental and physical well-being and 25% are concerned about their marriage and family lives. A Duke university Clergy Health Initiative study found that 11% of pastors report symptoms of depression normally. Numbers have skyrocketed during the pandemic and shut down.

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KVETCH 'N' KVELL

Biden Recalls Examples of *Befarek*

RABBI JOSHUA RUNYAN'S ASSUMPTION that Joe Biden is a capable, good man and supporter of Israel is not evidenced by Biden's history (“Why Trump's Not Getting This Orthodox Vote: He's Neither Good for the Jews, Nor for Judaism,” Sept. 10).

This reminds me of our Passover story, which tells how Pharaoh seduced the Jews with *befarek*, or gentle speech. Franklin D. Roosevelt was beloved by our people, an eloquent practitioner of *befarek*. Yet, in our hour of deepest peril, he was nowhere to be found. He limited Jewish immigration to the U.S. to 300,000 souls during WWII and famously refused to bomb railroad tracks leading to Auschwitz, costing more than a million lives.

During Biden's service under [President Barack] Obama (another practitioner of *befarek*), what, if anything, did he do to mitigate the clear anti-Israel bias in that administration? The answer is nothing, he furthered the appeasing of Iran by Obama.

Biden is an old-school careerist politician, dedicated only to his own interests and those of his corrupt inner circle. Trump's actions have proven friendship for Israel and have struck a serious blow against rising campus anti-Semitism, denying government funding to universities who allow this danger to flourish on campus. He is not a practitioner of *befarek*, but he has demonstrated real support towards our community.

Trump has his flaws, but his policies are good for America, good for Israel and good for our community. This committed Jew, former professor of political science, and American patriot, will be voting for Donald J. Trump on Nov. 3.

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Trump Is Not for Family Values

My wife and I want to applaud Rabbi Joshua Runyan for his un-Orthodox courage in writing his opinion piece (“Why Trump's Not Getting This Orthodox Vote: He's Neither Good for the Jews, Nor for Judaism,” Sept. 10).

It is a sad time in America that so many believe the lies emanating from the White House. Runyan lays out his argument clearly, factually. I, too, feel that this country is more dangerous for Jews at any time in my lifetime and the source lies at the doorstep of a president who has stoked the fires of racism and abetted the pandemic through his lack of leadership and thoughtless comments.

When it comes to family values, the opposing writer Binyamin Rose (“Many Orthodox Support President Trump. I'm One of Them — Here's Why,” Sept. 10) suggested that the Orthodox community sees the Republican Party in line with theirs. And their standard bearer? His values were heard on the tape recorded on the infamous bus ride that is naturally totally discounted by hypocrites. ●

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but also its social-political form most recently manifested in Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated parties in Egypt and Turkey. This shared view of regional threats opened opportunities for cooperation in the security and intelligence sectors, and also relationship building.

Building on the foundation of security collaboration, Israel and Gulf governments and private sectors were already testing the waters of expanded engagement. Oil-dependent Arab governments, recognizing the urgent need for economic diversification, desire access to Israeli know-how in technology, alternative energy, irrigation and desert agriculture, health care and science. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated these trends with specific interest in medical sector collaboration.

Israeli-Arab cultural engagements were also already accelerating. In 2018 an Israeli judo team, and in February 2020 an Israeli cycling team, competed in the UAE. Israel was invited to present a booth at the Dubai World Expo 2020, now postponed until 2021. Planning for an Israeli team at the World Cup 2022 hosted in Qatar is underway, including Israeli spectators. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Oman in 2018, and thousands of Moroccans and Israeli tourists visit each other's countries every year.

The texts signed at the White House are noteworthy for their future-oriented vision of

partnership and mutual benefit. Israel, the UAE and Bahrain must now focus on the practical steps required to scale up relations — civil aviation agreements, banking relationships, navigating each other's private sectors, and preparing hotels and tourism sites to receive new groups of foreigner visitors.

Other governments in the region are watching closely as they consider bringing their own relationships with Israel out from under the table. How tangible are the economic benefits? Can the Emirati and Bahraini models be replicated to effectively prepare citizens for interaction in this refreshed strategic milieu?

To be sure, these important normalization agreements do not augur a new Middle East or remove the most pressing threats to Israel, especially on its borders. The regime in Iran continues its pursuit of a nuclear weapon and its support for a terrorist threat network. Lebanese Hezbollah remains entrenched with its missile arsenal on Israel's northern border. Also in the north, a civil war rages on in Syria with dictator Bashar al-Assad working hand in hand with Iran and Hezbollah. An active ISIS affiliate retains the ability to launch lethal attacks in Sinai on Israeli's southern border.

To the east, the fragile yet obstinate Palestinian Authority continues to muddle through in the West Bank. And to the west, Hamas retains control of the Gaza Strip, using the area to launch explosive balloons and rockets at Israeli population centers as recently as the

same day as the White House ceremony.

Going forward, the U.S.-Israel relationship will mostly remain unchanged. Despite criticism from certain members of Congress directed at specific Israeli government policies, the ironclad commitment to Israel's security will hold fast. The long-standing U.S. priority to improve relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors will continue. This is a matter not just of national security — coordinating counter-Iran and counterterrorism policies — but also of interest in ensuring that Israel is able to thrive as the Jewish and democratic state. Both the Trump administration and the Biden campaign pledged to continue the important work of normalizing ties between Israel and its neighbors in the region.

What remains elusive, however, is a viable peace process between Israel and the Palestinians that leads to two states. Indeed, bipartisan resolutions lauding the UAE and Bahrain normalization agreements — in the House of Representatives and the Senate — highlighted the long-standing U.S. priority to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict so that both peoples are ultimately able to live side by side in peace and security. ●

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Clergy

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For Jews, like other marginalized groups around the world, the shocking examples of hate activity and growth of far-right hate groups — in particular those spouting anti-Semitism — add fuel to this already devastating mix of fires burning through Jewish clergy energy at this moment.

For these and so many other reasons, we, a cross-denominational collaboration of movement leaders and clergy support organizations, invite Jewish clergy to join our initiative called #HeshbonHeshvan, an opportunity to rest, renew and rejuvenate during the first week of Heshvan, from Sunday, Oct. 18 through Thursday, Oct. 22 (and through Shabbat, a true day of rest, if possible).

In Elul, Jews perform a *heshbon hanefesh*, an accounting of the soul, as we prepare for the holidays in Tishrei. Once the holidays conclude, we begin the month of Heshvan, a month void of Jewish holidays. Through #HeshbonHeshvan we perform an accounting of our self-care as we find new ways to rejuvenate so that we may continue to care for our communities. As we encourage #JewishClergySelfCare, we will offer free virtual opportunities for clergy to relax, renew and recharge as we Breathe, Create, Dance, Laugh, Learn, Sing and Support. This is open to all Jewish clergy, all over the world, working in all types of settings.

Likewise, we are inviting our congregations, day schools, Hillels, Jewish continuing care facilities, yeshivot, organizations and every other places that employ Jewish clergy to Take the Pledge to avoid additional programming, meetings and demands on your clergy in order to support this initiative for #JewishClergySelfCare. Communities that Take the Pledge will be celebrated publicly.

Even if clergy do not want to participate in any of our online programming, we hope you will give them some space and an opportunity to recharge. We support the concept that #JewishClergySelfCare comes in many forms. Our goal is to encourage this exploration, foster *hevruta* (partnership), and engage commitment to self-care, so it may truly be a happy and healthy new year for all.

As has been said many times, "You cannot pour from an empty cup." We believe our Jewish clergy, who have worked so hard and so long for the sake of our communities, deserve a moment to fill up and enjoy a *cos rivaya* (full goblet) once again. ●

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A Trio of Fish Dishes

FOOD

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ALTHOUGH MY summer sojourn to the beach seems a long time ago, I have held on to some of the fish recipes I enjoyed while there.

Sure, we get plenty of top-quality seafood in the Philadelphia area, but there is something about buying fish from a market adjacent to where the boats come in that just makes it taste better.

HORSERADISH-CRUSTED TILEFISH

Serves 4

Horseradish goes beautifully with fish. It shines in this recipe atop tilefish, which is local to the Jersey coast, but any firm, flaky white fish — such as cod, bass, haddock or halibut — would be a fine substitute.

- ¼ cup prepared horseradish
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- Juice plus zest of 1 lemon
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

- 1 egg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Generous dusting fresh cracked pepper
- ½ cup panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tilefish filets

Heat your oven to 300 F.

Line a baking dish with parchment. Place the filets on the parchment and drizzle them with olive oil

Mix the horseradish, parsley, lemon juice and zest, garlic, egg, salt and pepper together in a small bowl.

Top each filet with an equal amount of horseradish mixture, then an equal amount of panko. Press lightly to make sure the toppings adhere.

Roast the fish in the oven until the bread crumb crust is turning golden and the fish is cooked through, 20-30 minutes, depending on the thickness of the filets. Serve immediately.



▲ Horseradish-crusted tilefish

Photo by Keri White

FLOUNDER IN LEMON-CAPER BUTTER

Serves 2

This is a wonderful warm-weather recipe, because it involves minimal cooking — no scorching kitchen from this dinner, with the fish done in about 6 minutes. Unlike other summer recipes that rely on seasonal ingredients, however, this is timeless and will taste just as good in January. If flounder is not available, use another thin, mild fish such as sole or tilapia.

Serve this over rice or pasta, or with crusty bread to enjoy the delicious sauce.

- 2 flounder filets
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon white wine
- 1 tablespoon capers with juice

Mix the lemon zest, capers with juice, wine and lemon juice in a small measuring cup. Set aside.

Season the filets with salt and pepper and lightly dust them with flour.

Heat a large skillet and melt the butter and oil. Add the filets, and cook 3 minutes.

Flip the fish carefully, and add the lemon mixture to the pan. Cook another 3 minutes until the fish is opaque throughout and flakes easily.

Serve immediately topped with sauce from the pan.

PAN-FRIED SNAPPER WITH PINEAPPLE SALSA

Serves 4

This is a really wonderful dish. It showcases pineapple in a unique way and is simple to make, but it has an air of sophistication and complexity of flavors.

Make the salsa ahead of time, so when it's time for

dinner, all you have to do is cook the fish.

If you don't love pineapple, or don't have any on hand, you can substitute mango, watermelon or peach. If snapper is not readily available, try fluke, tilapia, mahi mahi, grouper or striped bass.

Pineapple salsa:

- 1½ cups chopped pineapple
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- ⅓ cup chopped red onion
- ⅓ cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- Juice of 1 lime
- Optional: ½ teaspoon or more finely minced hot chili pepper

Snapper:

- 4 snapper filets, skin removed

- ¼ cup flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons oil

Make the salsa: Mix all the ingredients and let them sit for at least 30 minutes (can be done a day ahead).

Season the filets with salt and pepper, and dust them lightly with flour.

Heat the butter and oil in a skillet. Place the filets in the hot skillet; cook about 2-3 minutes per side depending on thickness, until just cooked through. The fish should flake easily and be opaque throughout when done.

Remove the fish from the skillet, drain any excess oil on the paper towels, and serve immediately with the pineapple salsa. ●

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'Pop Art Rabbi' to Install Sukkah Project

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THERE WAS A TIME when Rabbi Yitzchok Mouly, known as The Pop Art Rabbi, wondered

if he should continue to paint. His dedication to the rabbinate was deepening, and he was not sure that there was a place in his life for art making. Discussing the matter with a mentor, Mouly realized that

he had it all wrong. "What he told me really changed my life," Mouly said, "because what he said was, 'You got the wrong question. The question isn't should you paint or not. The question is,

how can you take the gifts that God gave you, and use them to impact the world in a meaningful way?' That's been my direction ever since."

The fruits of that life-altering decision will be on display at the Old City Jewish Art Center beginning Oct. 2. Some of Mouly's paintings will be on display until the end of October, and from Oct. 2 until the end of Sukkot, Mouly's recurring experiential art piece based in a sukkah, "We All Belong," will be open to visitors as well, set up outside the building. As part of the sukkah experience, visitors will be able to write their own messages on a large blank canvas.

"It's a great opportunity that we're thrilled to present," said Rabbi Zalman Wirtemberg,

director of the OCJAC.

For months, OCJAC, a nonprofit, has only hosted small groups by appointment and provided virtual tours of its gallery space. That or you could "stumble in" on a weekday, Wirtemberg said. "It's very easy to social distance when you're a visitor to a gallery." It was all a far cry from OCJAC's First Friday "Shabbos Gallery" events, which typically drew close to 1,000 visitors.

Mouly's sukkah, which stretches over a sidewalk and will set limits on how many masked and distanced visitors can dwell within it at a given time, will allow those uncomfortable with crowded indoor spaces to engage with art. Even if the pandemic didn't necessitate such installations, Wirtemberg said, OCJAC was moving toward doing more in that genre, anyway.

Murals, he said, "are a big thing in the gallery world, and I really want to connect it with Judaism, to what we do, and with holiness, and I just thought, what better way? [Mouly] is great, he does great murals literally all over the country and all over the world." Mouly has painted murals in Los Angeles, Jersey City and Brooklyn.

Wirtemberg and Mouly, who is based in Hillside, New Jersey, had a prior relationship; Mouly had shown his work at OCJAC before, and their mothers were friends when they were children.

Mouly's work has gained widespread acclaim, with write-ups in The Wall Street Journal, The Forward, Tablet Magazine and other publications. Last year, his work was shown at the Jerusalem Biennale, where 50,000 visitors saw work from 243 different artists.

A self-described "child of hippies," Mouly felt a creative spirit within from a young age,

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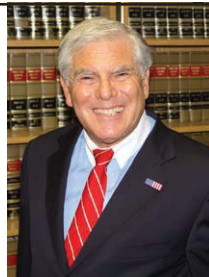
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▲ Rabbi Yitzchok Mouly at work

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▲ A new painting from Yitzchok Mouly will be displayed at his show at the OCJAC. Courtesy of Yitzchok Mouly

which he carried with him from his native Australia to Toronto, Belgium, Brooklyn, Venice and Basking Ridge, New Jersey. As Judaism grew into more of a priority for him, the places of spiritual elevation

that he sought in his practice of art and religion began to seem awfully similar.

Outside of his painting, Mouly is interested in photography and silk screen printing. Combine those two, along

with his penchant for bright, saturated colors, and you begin to see how “The Pop Art Rabbi” caught on.

In 2017, his painting “Orange Socks,” depicting silhouettes of 12 Chassidim,

one wearing orange socks, was granted an entire gallery wall at the 2017 edition of the Biennale. Mouly likes to joke that it’s a self-portrait.

“The message behind it, for me, is to find yourself in your

Judaism, that we can’t be a carbon copy of each other,” he said. “We all have to find our uniqueness. And it doesn’t have to be counterculture. The guy wearing orange socks isn’t walking in a different direction; he’s part of the community, but he’s personalized it.”

And even though Mouly finds meaning in filling up a canvas, he’s looking forward to seeing what comes of the blank canvas to be filled by visitors to Old City Jewish Art Center.

“I say that I create elaborate blank canvases for other people to come and to share,” he said. “So it’ll be exciting to see where it starts and, of course, where it ends.” ●

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Finding Strength in Yoga and Judaism

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2020 HAS BEEN anything but relaxing, and Deborah Glassman wants you to breathe.

Glassman, a urologist at Jefferson Medical College and registered yoga teacher, began practicing yoga to manage her mental and physical health as a medical student. Twenty-five years later, she is still using it to center herself and others in a world that is even more stressful than her medical school days.

Glassman leads Shabbhakti, a series of Jewish-inspired yoga workshops, at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel. Now that the pandemic has forced participants into isolation, she has moved the classes to Zoom and created new programming

designed to help people cope with the stress and uncertainty of their new reality.

Shabbhakti emerged as a way for Glassman to bring more embodiment to Jewish ritual.

"I call it 'prayer in motion' because, truly, Judaism started as an embodied practice. We brought sacrifices to the Temple, and it was much more physical and about our being in touch with how we hold ourselves in the world, rather than prayer-based," she said. "Over the last three years, I've really developed the program to try to hold to that and have that be my mission, to live Judaism through our physical self."

Glassman begins each of her practices with a short d'var Torah on the weekly parsha that introduces the theme of the session. Poses and sequencing



▲ Deborah Glassman practices yoga at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel.

Photo by Josh Thornton.

are centered around the theme. On Rosh Hashanah, Glassman led a class focused on the binding of Isaac and themes of trust.

"We talk about how it is really a test for Abraham and Isaac and that it was truly about letting go of ego, learning to trust and simultaneously learning that by being bound to something we can find greater freedom," she said. "Where can we use our body to hold ourselves and find greater freedom of movement? Where can we, when we are challenged, let go of our ego and realize that we are in a space that we need to be in?"

Sharri Horowitz, a Shabbhakti participant, enjoys traditional services at BZBI but appreciates Glassman's alternative approach to prayer and spirituality. For her, the physical aspect of yoga emphasizes the presence of God in individuals, and the mind-body connection feels moving and spiritual.

Like many classes during the pandemic, Glassman's Zoom sessions are still attracting participants, with people from Massachusetts and Florida joining the BZBI regulars.

However, Shabbhakti's coronavirus pivot is more than simply transferring in-person classes online. Glassman is also reenvisioning the role yoga can play in her students' lives with the creation of the workshop "Finding the Chutzpah to Exist in this Meshugganah World." This new class, which Glassman plans to run in the winter, focuses not simply on stress relief but on cultivating inner strength and courage in the face of adversity.

"It's still using all of the same principles of Jewish spirituality with the intention of finding the chutzpah, finding the nerve, finding our guts to navigate this uncertain world we're living in right now," Glassman said.

She plans to expand her roster of Jewish yoga workshops, either online or in-person if circumstances allow, in the coming months.

Glassman is not the only instructor combining Judaism and yoga practice.

Jewish communities all over the country offer yoga classes at synagogues, Jewish mindfulness retreats, stress

relief sessions and other forms of yoga practice designed to appeal to those who want to take a different approach to their spirituality. Judaism and yoga also have certain practices in common, like meditation.

"Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and many more Jewish holy men were shepherds who spent long hours in meditation, while the tradition of meditation before prayer was common for the sages, the mystical Kabbalists, and for many Chassidim from the days of the Ba'al Shem Tov to the present," Rea Bochner wrote in Jewish Community Voice in 2019.

Glassman expects the trend to continue to grow. She believes there are many people who, whether due to the social isolation of the pandemic or other personal reasons, find it difficult to connect to traditional prayer now.

"My goal is to help people find their Jewish spirituality in a way they may not have been able to previously," she said. •

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Making the Most of Sukkot

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Sukkot

THESE ARE TOUGH TIMES for everyone. Only two weeks ago, we recited “who shall live and who shall die.” This year we really feel our vulnerability to those awful propositions: “Who shall live and who shall die” and “who by fire” in the West, “who by storm and water” in our South and “who by pandemic” in all 50 states.

In this time of COVID-19, this liturgy asks us to examine our lives, just as it often can cause depression, anxiety for the future and uncertainty for our future.

Why then is Sukkot so problematic? We began with Rosh Hashanah, defined in our liturgy as a “Day of Remembrance” and then Yom Kippur labeled as a “Day of Judgment.” But Sukkot is called *zeman simchateinu*, a “Day of Joy.”

To be honest, how joyful do we all feel right now, hunkering down at home, afraid — or at least cautious — about doing anything in a public setting? Other than joyful gratitude for survival in a pandemic, we are still apprehensive about the future. We have already lost 200,000 American lives.

Why should we be so joyful now, virtually locked out of the synagogue for Sukkot? How can we regain peace of mind or emotional equilibrium when too many Americans refuse to agree to the minimal disciplines

of masking, social distancing and washing our hands just to avoid losing our lives?

We all feel this need for delivery from our loneliness and the rigor of medically directed separation from others.

How does Sukkot follow with any promise of relief? How can we focus on the now and find moments of joy and positive peace of mind in Sukkot?

In short, when one is unhappy, even depressed — how can we lift up our spirits and relieve our apprehension about tomorrow and the days to come? Is there a path away from the uncertainty about the future and to find our way back to optimism and confidence?

My suggestion is to find renewed enthusiasm for life in a “*nachas* box.” Create a *nachas* box — a repository for cards, notes, emails and expressions of gratitude we receive for what we have done for others. An additional definition includes pride for our children and for others, and what they have achieved.

Creating a *nachas* box was a suggestion from a colleague decades ago. He said there will be days when you will be challenged for your decisions and choices — anxious and depressed perhaps. At that moment, take out your *nachas* box and review the notes and letters you received describing the impact you had in their lives. It will not take long. You will be uplifted.

I created my *nachas* box decades ago. Well, really, it was a large file folder, and then a second file. Today, you might create it digitally. But the impact will be the same: You open it up, read and smile, recalling the moment, the people and the memories. You are worthwhile; you are meaningful in the lives of friends and family.

How then does this relate to Sukkot? I must be personal: Our sukkah is also a *nachas* box, which renews my feelings of pride, meaning and hope.

As a family, before there were children, my wife Barbara and I built a sukkah. Two were memorable and we talked about our first experiments. We built one for the High Holidays in Great Neck and brought out Rabbi Mordecai Waxman to appreciate it. With me was the committee youth chairman, and together we watched the vertical cube slowly become a parallelogram with decreasing internal angles until it was a pile of two-by-fours on the ground. We had designed the first self-folding sukkah, and the chairman went on to become an architect in San Francisco.

Our first home sukkah was so strong and remained vertical that it survived snowstorms into the winter. This leads to a question: What is the name of the day on which the Sukkah is taken down? Chanukah.

Over the years, our children

helped decorate the sukkah, and we still put up their creations — except for those we gifted to them. We also remember the decorations we no longer can use. There was a year when, to surprise Barbara, who complained about the weather, I installed a window in one wall with a sliding storm panel that could be closed.

I bought a chandelier with candle-like bulbs, and when she came into the sukkah, I hit the switch. Unfortunately, weather and years took their toll, and we just remember the surprise moment and laughter.

In recent years, we even had high school students from Cheltenham High School come to our sukkah to eat their lunch. Not this year.

The annual purchase of a lulav and etrog set led to holding on to one of the etrogim; drying it and saving it marked with the Hebrew year, while the other etrogim we purchased were turned into etrog liqueur which we could serve to sukkah guests. Since I made it with potato vodka, it was also kosher for Passover, linking our holidays.

You get it now. Sukkot for the Lerner family is a living, breathing *nachas* box, and it offers us joy and happiness in moments recalled from the past 55 years.

The *nachas* memories remind you to forget that you have been productive, a positive force in the lives of congregants, community and family.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Oct. 2
Oct. 9

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Above all, you are grateful for the kindness of others who took the time and effort to express their gratitude to you.

And Sukkot is a natural, annual *nachas* box. One can sit in the sukkah as a moment of balancing the past as an antidote for worry about the future.

To conclude, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks of the United Kingdom wrote: “Happiness is an attitude to life, while joy lives in the moment. Happiness is something you pursue. But joy is not. It discovers you. It has to do with a sense of connection to other people or to God. It comes from a different realm than happiness. It is a social emotion. It is the exhilaration we feel when we merge with others.”

This year we may be at home. Find joy in Sukkot this year as the beginning of your *nachas* box. We can really say: *Chag Sameach* and next year in your own sukkah. •

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Oak Hill

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before moving to an apartment complex in King of Prussia, which she found through her insurance company.

She has been frustrated by communication from the building management and condo board, which she described as unhelpful and inconsistent.

Rayfield is heartbroken by the loss of her home, which she bought with her retirement savings and renovated 11 years ago. She is still pained by the injuries she sustained when she collapsed in a smoke-filled hallway and had to be rescued by firefighters.

“My eyes were bright blood red for two weeks. It was killing me to even squint. My throat, I

couldn't even talk, it was so burned,” she said.

Her esophagus and vocal cords were damaged by smoke inhalation. Her rescuers had to drag her down a flight of stairs to get her out of the building, and the impact aggravated her arthritis, especially in her hips.

“Now I'm in a lot of pain when I walk,” she said. “I'm 80 years old. So, you know, it's

really left its mark on me.”

She has suffered from acute vertigo for several weeks, which makes any movement difficult. She also has nightmares about being trapped in the hallway, unable to find the exit. She is going to physical therapy for her injuries and speaking with a clinical social worker about the upheaval she has experienced.

She is not sure when she will be able to return to Oak Hill, but she expects it will not be until 2021.

“I feel like I don't have control over anything anymore,” she said. “I'm praying that my insurance will cover it all. You know, it's scary.” •

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia mobilizes financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world.

Using Data to Map Our Communities' COVID-19 Needs

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When COVID-19 hit, we knew that many more people would find themselves in need, and that their needs would be increasingly complex. To respond to this, our Strategy and Impact team put out a Community Needs survey that more than 1,000 people answered. Individuals were invited to share how the pandemic had affected them personally, and organizations shared how COVID impacted their businesses and the services they provided to the community.

The end result is data that will guide our strategy and reveal areas of need that would have remained hidden. Check out our interesting stats.

Individual needs

When it comes to individuals and families, our evaluation team learned:

- The three service needs cited most frequently were virtual community programming (29%), mental health (21%) and job loss/employment services (18%).
- Households with children are more likely to have decreased participation in

Jewish engagement activities.

- 37% of households indicate decreased participation in volunteer activities, and 27% indicated decreased participation in Shabbat or holiday programming.
- Adult education during COVID-19 saw a higher level of both decreased and increased participation as compared to youth education.

Want more data? Visit jewishphilly.org/covid-19-survey-results.

Organizational needs

When it comes to local organizations, our evaluation team learned:

- 84% of organizations reported some degree of revenue loss, and 16% had to furlough or lay off staff.
- The most-cited services reported by organizations as requested by their clients include: virtual community programming (65%), virtual Jewish education (39%), food services (35%), financial assistance (33%) and child care (31%).
- Half of social service organizations reported an increase in service requests, and Jewish life and learning organizations were more likely to see a decrease in demand.
- Jewish life and learning organizations, such as camps and day schools, reported a harder time meeting new service needs (56%) than community engagement and social responsibility organizations (25%).



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DEATH NOTICES

BERMAN

Gerald Berman, died on Sept. 19, 2020. Husband of the late Pearl (nee Lieberman). Brother of Irv Berman. Also survived by other extended family members. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, 702 N. 22nd St., Allentown, PA 18104

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BORMACK

Barbara Bormack (Mitchell), September 20, 2020 of Haverford, PA. Wife of the late Melvin Bormack; Mother of Leslie Seibel, Mitchell Bormack and Matthew Bormack; Sister of Trevethan Brownlee (the late Herbert) and Sandran Ellis (Jack); Grandmother of Sarah Seibel. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (www.pancan.org)

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FINKELSTEIN

Leonard B. Finkelstein, on September 21, 2020. Beloved husband of Leila (nee Levick); Loving father of Larry (Donna), Lisa, Lee (Rita) and Lon (Holly); Devoted grandfather of Ariel, Lauren, Marisa, Lia, Sam, Ben, Jordan, Elle and Charlie. He was an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, and friend. His smile was infectious and inspiring to all of us and to his students. We will miss him. Services and interment were Private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Dona Gracia Hadassah, 1518 Walnut St., Ste 402, Phila., PA 19102 or to 185th Class Central High School, Central High School Alumni Association, 1700 W. Olney Ave., Phila., PA 19141.

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FLEISHMAN

Steven Fleishman passed away too soon on September 19, 2020. Beloved son of Delores "Dolly" and the late Philip Fleishman. Dear brother of Wayne (Rachel) Fleishman and the late David Fleishman. Loving uncle of Don, Lee (Wendy), and Amber. Great uncle of Lucas. He was an avid stamp collector and a puzzle maker. Graveside services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society of a charity of the donor's choice.

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GRABEL

David S. Grabel on September 22, 2020, Husband of Judy; Father of Michael (Sharon) Grabel and Robert (Kimberly) Grabel; Grandfather of Bonnie, Alexandra and Matthew. Dave went to Central High School, attended Wharton Business School and became an accountant and occasional real estate developer. He often joked that if he's buying, you should be selling! Dave loved spending time with Judy, his children, grandchildren and friends. While he enjoyed his professional work, he was happiest when using his hands whether it was tinkering with his boat, fixing something around the house, painting or drawing. He loved reading, building and flying model airplanes, and traveling. Dave's humor, good nature and appreciation for the simple things in life made him a joy to be around. And his endlessly positive attitude, particularly in his later years, was truly exemplary. Dave will be missed by his family and friends. Funeral Services were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org

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HIRSCHHORN

Rita Hirschhorn (nee Fein), 90, a former resident of Philadelphia and Elkins Park, PA, and later, Austin, TX, died peacefully at her assisted living residence in Ocoee, FL on September 16, 2020 surrounded by her loved ones. She started her life in Philadelphia, raised her family in Elkins Park, PA, together with her beloved husband, Arthur Hirschhorn, and enjoyed good friends and all that life had to offer in her time there. She instilled a joie de vivre in all those around her and was an inspiration to many. Known as one to seize the moment, Rita followed her passion for travel and started her own woman owned business as an eponymous travel agency which would grow for decades. She inspired countless clients with her unending enthusiasm to plan memorable adventures. After Arthur passed, Rita moved to Austin at age 78 in search of a new adventure of her own. Her thriving life in Austin included socializing with her many new friends, involvement in the Austin Jazz Society, serving as social director in her building, volunteering as a guide at the Zach Theatre, and enjoying all that life had to offer. After 8 years in Austin, she moved to an assisted living facility in Florida. In her 4 years there, Rita expressed her zest for life in many ways, including by adopting her signature wardrobe piece of a different hat every day, and she brightened the room with her big smile and infectious laugh. Rita never lost her ability to bring delight, joy and humor into the lives of others. Thank you to all who made her life richer. She will be dearly missed. Following her wishes, there is no public memorial service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Rita's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.



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KATZ

Claire Katz (nee Pastman), passed away on September 22, 2020. Wife of the late Leonard Brenner and the late Morris Katz. Mother of Farrell (Alice) Brenner. Grandmother of Leonard Brenner.

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KRONE

Phyllis Krone (nee Friedman) on Sept. 17, 2020. Wife of the late Stanley. Mother of Randee (Jeff) Hurvitz and Richard Krone (Jane Dobkin). Grandmother of Steven (Kimberly) Hurvitz, Julie (Marcos) Hurvitz Aliaga, Benjamin (Christina) Krone, and Samantha Krone (Ryan Stephens). Great-grandmother of Emma, Sofia, Madelyn, Jonah, Ethan and Mason. Aunt of David Krone (Alyssa Mastromonaco) and Jamie (Harry) Krotz. Phyllis along with Stanley owned Interior Arts, a custom drapery business. She was a member of ASID (American Society of Interior Designers). Graveside services are private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Cardiology Department at Children's National Hospital, www.childrensnational.org or to The Children's Heart Foundation, www.childrensheartfoundation.org

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NEVINS

David Nevins, September 16, 2020, of Mt. Laurel, NJ. Husband of Hannah Nevins. Step-Father of Jodi (Edward) Abrams. Grandfather of Samantha and Heather. Contributions may be made to Cong. Beth El's Early Childhood Center, 8000 Main St., Voorhees, NJ 08043.

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NEWMAN

Alan Newman, August 27, 2020, age of 89. Beloved husband of Janice Shapiro for 64 years, beloved father of Dr. Michael (Megan), Mark (Suzanne), Paul (Maury). Adoring Pop-Pop to Madison, Logan, Bailey, Alex, Peri, Allison and Josh. Services and burial were private.



PECARSKY

Dr. Alvin Joseph Pecarsky, 87, September 17, 2020. Beloved and devoted husband of Nancy (nee Orlow). Loving father of Hara (Robert) Wiseman and Rona (Joseph) Gugliemino. Adoring "Poppie" of Stephen and Jeffery Wiseman, Rachel and Benjamin Gugliemino. Brother of Phyllis Weber. Al graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry and practiced for 40 years. Many of his patients were saddened when he retired. Al treasured his family and friends. He had a quick wit, was kindhearted, enjoyed traveling, the theatre, jazz, opera and his Phillies and Eagles. Al was an avid and accomplished duplicate bridge player. He will be missed beyond words. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 2100 Arch St., Phila., PA 19103 or a charity of donor's choice.

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RICHMAN

Dolores Richman (nee Auslander), September 20, 2020; of Phila.; beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Linda Toll (Michael) and Aaron Richman; cherished grandmother of Amanda. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.


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ROTHMAN

Lillian Rothman (nee Kleinman), on September 19, 2020. Beloved wife of Dr. Edwin Rothman (deceased); loving mother of Allen and Dr. Ilene Rothman; grandmother of Charles (deceased) and Daniel, sister to Mildred, and aunt to many nieces and nephews. Pre-deceased by one sister (Freda) and two brothers (Herman and Morris). Ms. Rothman was a graduate of Hunter College with a BA in Political Science and a Master's degree in Education as well as post-graduate credits from Arcadia University and Penn State. She was a much beloved second and third grade teacher for many years at Wyncote Elementary School in the Cheltenham Township school district. After retiring from teaching, Ms. Rothman remained very active to the present day in service to her community, often in leadership roles. Involvement included Board member of Community Scholars of Arcadia University developing courses and trips, volunteer work at Woodmere Art Museum, co-chair of the trip committee of the Cheltenham Township Adult School coordinating as well as leading many trips and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Coventry House for multiple terms. Ms. Rothman was a dear friend to many and was an avid bridge player and reader. She and her husband enjoyed subscriptions to the Philadelphia Orchestra as well as many of the downtown theaters. Ms. Rothman also loved to travel. She and her husband traveled in Europe as well as to many National Parks in the western United States and made numerous visits to family, especially enjoying spending time with her grandsons. She was a cherished and loving grandma as well as an excellent cook for her family. There will be a private family graveside service. Contributions in Lillian's memory may be made to the Cheltenham Township Adult School (1414 Panther Road, Wyncote, PA 19095) or Autism on the Seas Foundation (494 Bridgeport Ave, Suite 101-346, Shelton, CT. 06484-4762; designate as "Charlie Grant").

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2020. The address of the corpora-
tion's initial registered office is
3512 Tuscany Drive, Philadelphia,
PA 19145 in Philadelphia county.
This Corporation is incorporated
under the provisions of the
Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corpora-
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Notice is hereby given that, pursu-
ant to the Business Corporation
Law of 1988, **Balboa Insurance**
Services, Inc., a corporation incor-
porated under the laws of the State
of California has withdrawn, on
9/2/20, from doing business in
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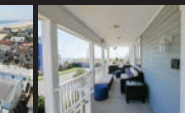
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CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILA. COUNTY, PA No. NC2001001 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 8/10/2020, Petitioner Nicole Franklin on behalf of her minor child, EMMA NICOLE KOSKI, have filed in the above-named Court, praying for a Decree to change the minor's name to EMMA NICOLE MASSARO and amend the child's birth certificate. The Court has fixed 10/19/2020, at 9:00 A.M. in Courtroom 3D of the Phila. Court of Common Pleas Family Div. via telephone/video hearing at 215.686.9123, as the time and place for the hearing of said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted. APRIL M. TOWNSEND, Atty. for Petitioner, KAREN ANN ULMER, P.C., 174 Middletown Blvd., Ste. 300, Langhorne, PA 19047, 215.752.6200

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Cindy and Larry Wanerman of Miami Beach, Florida, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Ashlyn Wanerman, to Jake Irving Vitrofsky, son of Suzanne Rutstein of Hallandale Beach, Florida, and Jan Vitrofsky of Coconut Grove, Florida.

Stacy is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. She is the regional director of BBYO (formerly B'nai Brith Youth Organization) in Miami.

Jake received his master's degree in biotechnology from Northwestern University. He is executive director of operations for HEDsouth, his family business in Florida and California.

Sharing in the couple's happiness are Stacy's brother and sister-in-law, Alex and Lisette Wanerman, Jake's stepmother Kashia Orlando, and Jake's half-brother Jude.

The couple will celebrate their engagement in Philadelphia with family and friends in 2021, and plan to be married in Miami in 2022.



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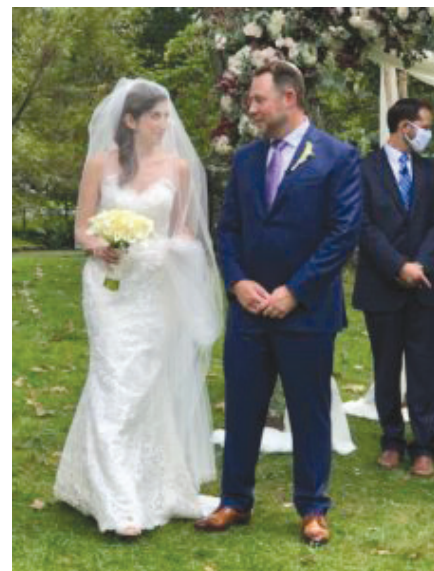
FISHER-POLIS

Miriam Lisser of Narberth and Mark Fisher of Longport, New Jersey, announce the wedding of their children, Rachael Polis and Josh Fisher.

The couple were married in an intimate outdoor ceremony at Appleford Estate in Villanova. Rabbis Neil Cooper of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood and Rabbi Micah Peltz of Temple Beth Shalom in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, officiated.

The couple reside in Philadelphia.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

JAFCO Rebrands and Relocates

JEWISH ADOPTION AND Family Care Options (JAFCO) Northeast Communities, which provides services to children dealing with the impact of trauma, announced that it has rebranded itself as FamilyMatters to better capture the personalized nature of its programs.

In addition, FamilyMatters has moved to a larger space called the Linda and Don Brodie FamilyMatters office at 3 Bala Plaza, Suite 104 East, in Bala Cynwyd.

The South Florida-based nonprofit, which was founded in 1992, expanded to the Philadelphia area in 2014 and now serves more than 100 children and families in Greater Philadelphia and southern New Jersey.

JFCS to Host Virtual Wellness Fest

Jewish Family and Children's Service will host a two-hour virtual Wellness Fest on Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Aditi Nerurkar, a Harvard University-trained doctor who specializes in stress and resilience, and other medical professionals will speak about building resilience in the mind, body and spirit during the pandemic.

"As we all continue to readjust in this era of social distancing and COVID, it's challenging to keep our resilience high and our stress low," said Pia Eisenberg, JFCS' senior vice president, community engagement. "With so many juggling working at home and parenting amid the everyday struggles of the pandemic, it is more important than ever to connect the community with wellness experts."

In addition to Nerurkar, the program will feature several breakout sessions with other doctors and

wellness practitioners.

The fest will launch JFCS' Wellness Week, which runs Oct. 16-23 and features discussion on self-care, healthy eating, mindfulness and other topics through the lens of the pandemic.

Those interested in participating should RSVP in advance at jfcspilly.org/wellnessfest. The cost is \$36, with proceeds benefiting JFCS' mental health programs and services.

Pandemic Claims Rodeph Shalom Beehives

The beehives atop the roof of Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia that provided honey for congregation members in recent years are dead because they haven't been able to be accessed until recently, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

Inquirer food columnist Craig LaBan, whose son Arthur created Holy Honey six years ago as part of his bar mitzvah project, said the hives were destroyed by mites, wax moths and "robber bees" from competing hives.



▲ From left: Arthur LaBan and Don Shump tend to the bees at Congregation Rodeph Shalom.

Photo by Craig LaBan

In a 2019 Exponent article, it was reported that the four hives on the roof totaled about 250,000 bees, with about 80 pounds of honey collected twice a year. The synagogue sold about 140 eight-ounce bottles to its members.

The Inquirer reported that Don Shump, owner of Philadelphia Bee Co., donated four gallons of extra honey to K'Far so that restaurant could make its honey cakes for the High Holidays. In turn, owners Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook will make a donation to the synagogue to rebuild the hives in 2021.

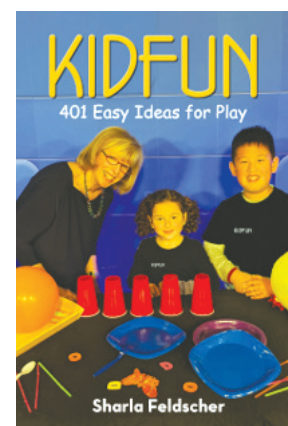
Publicist Publishes Book of Kids Activities

Public relations practitioner Sharla Feldscher published a book of creative ideas for children called "KIDFUN: 401 Easy Idea for Play, Ages 2 to 8."

Feldscher, who is the president of Feldscher Horwitz Public Relations in Marlton, New Jersey, said the ideas draw upon her former kindergarten teaching experiences.

"The activities use stuff already in the home — like paper plates, paper cups, drinking straws, pots and pans, containers, scarves and more," she said, noting that the activities don't involve screen time.

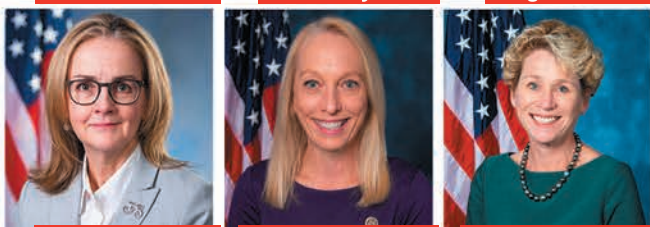
This is the second "KIDFUN" book Feldscher has published and her eighth overall on activities for children. ●



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