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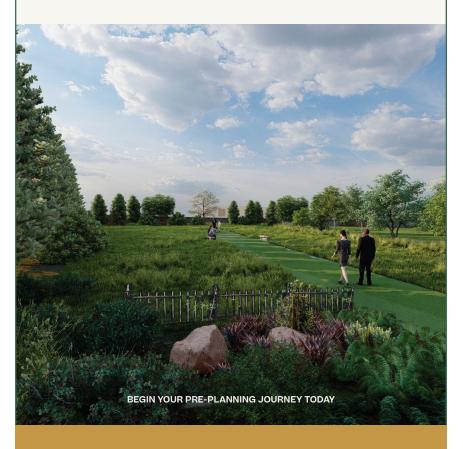
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Mila Kunis Tears Up in Multifaceted Talk Ranging From Family to Films

Jewish actress Mila Kunis has charmed millions of fans around the world, but did she charm her way into America?

After a screening of her new film "Luckiest Girl Alive" at the 92nd Street Y on Manhattan's Upper East Side on Sept. 29, the star, who rose to fame playing Jackie Burkhart on "That '70s Show," told the crowd that as a child she strolled into the office of the woman who was to decide if her family would be allowed to go to the United States. They'd been at the American embassy in Moscow for about 16 hours, and she asked if she had any candy. The woman had something better.

"Long story short, she was like, 'Welcome to America,'" recalled Kunis, saying she was about 7 when her family received a religious refugee visa.

Interviewed by Josh Horowitz, who has covered film for MTV, she said her parents initially lied and told her that they were moving across the street, but when they needed to take a train to the Moscow embassy, she realized that wasn't true.

Kunis had her first on-screen kiss with Ashton Kutcher, who played Michael Kelso on "That '70s Show." The hit Fox program ended in 2006. Kunis and

Kutcher got married in 2015 and have two children.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, the couple has donated funds and helped raise \$35 million for Kunis' native embattled country. In fact, she got choked up when she told the audience that her daughter, who is now 8, expressed pride in being half-Ukrainian when discussing the ongoing war. Kunis said she returned to Ukraine about five years ago for a visit.

She famously starred with Natalie Portman in "Black Swan" and said that film, as well as "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," proved that she could make it in movies. People had advised her to stick to television, but she didn't listen.

Horowitz noted that Kutcher recently said his movie with Portman, "No Strings Attached," was basically the same movie as "Friends With Benefits," which starred Kunis and Justin Timberlake.

"We were better, but it's no big deal," quipped Kunis, drawing laughs.

With a screenplay by Jessica Knoll, whose best-selling book is the basis for the film "Luckiest Girl Alive," Kunis stars as Ani FaNelli, who's in position to become a senior editor at The New York Times, though her



husband wants to move to London. As the movie goes on, Ani struggles to deal with a past trauma as a victim of sexual violence, and she is disturbed by rumors about whether or not she had a connection

to a horrific high school attack that some did not

survive. The film, which streams on Netflix, features one of Kunis' strongest performances.

She said the film's voice-over is particularly important as the character relives her trauma. She called Knoll's voice "incredibly specific" and said she chose to do the film because it is in part based on the writer's real life.

As to whether she prefers comic or intense dramatic roles. Kunis said that she has no preference.

"There's an ego that comes with filmmaking," she went on to explain. "If anyone tells you otherwise, they're lying."

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Jewish Federation Leads Civil Rights **Mission Trip to Southern US**

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

hirty-one Philadelphia Jewish leaders returned to the City of Brotherly Love on Sept. 20 from the third annual Civil Rights Mission.

The trip, organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Jewish Community Relations Council in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League Philadelphia and American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey, included visits to Atlanta and Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham, Alabama to tour civil rights-era landmarks, museums and memorials.

The third of its kind, the mission aimed to "change words into action" and "continue the dialogue between the Black and Jewish communities," according to a Jewish Federation blog post about the trip.

"The current climate in our country and the division in our country made this mission even more relevant," said Dave Gold, Jewish Federation Civil Rights Mission chair. "It opened my eyes to how we can never forget our history because if we do, it's bound to repeat itself."

Over three days, the group visited Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta - where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. served as co-pastor — and heard Rev. Sen. Raphael Warnock preach on a Sunday morning; they visited Montgomery's National Memorial for Peace & Justice, the nation's first memorial for lynching victims; and met with Joanne Bland, a participant in the 1965 "Bloody Sunday" march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge for voting rights for Black Americans; among other activities.

AJC Philadelphia/SNJ Regional Director Marcia Bronstein was most struck by the conversation the group had with Bland. Bland shared the hopes she had to revitalize the impoverished city of Selma as well as her involvement in Bloody Sunday.

Only 13 in 1965, Bland was a child when civil rights discourse heightened in the 1960s. Not allowed to sit at

restaurant lunch counters, she remembered crossing the Pettus Bridge in the name of being able to eat ice cream at the lunch counter like her white counterparts.

"She said she and her sister walked across the bridge on Bloody Sunday where they were met with hoses and dogs and police beating them," Bronstein said. "She asked us to help preserve history, help tell the story to, I guess, amplify social justice and activism."

Robin Schatz, Jewish Federation's director of government affairs, believed the trip put into perspective the role of Jews in the civil rights movement 50 years ago. She recollected the photo of King with Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel in 1965, marching together from Selma to Montgomery.

Despite previous solidarity between Jewish and Black people in the past, Schatz said, "Our role has been overstated."

"This was an attempt to study these issues, to hear from the perspective of people who have suffered because of racist policies, whether overt or more hidden, and to see how we can come together to create a better society for everyone," Schatz said.

White Jews in particular must reckon with their role in both being the victims and perpetuators of discrimination and white supremacy, argued ADL Philadelphia Director of Education Randi Boyette.

She most grappled with those two identities at the National Memorial for Peace & Justice. The group learned that in 1911, a white mob lynched Zachariah Walker, a Black man from Coatesville — about 39 miles from Philadelphia — as well as about the lynching of Leo Frank, a white Jew, in Atlanta in 1913.

"The experience of Black people in the United States is not the same experience as the Holocaust experience," Boyette said. "But it packs an emotional punch to think of the immense suffering in both of those experiences that really resonated with me, I think as a human, but also as a Jewish person."

Though the Civil Rights Mission took on different iterations, one in 2020





Participants visited Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was a co-pastor, and heard Rev. Sen. Raphael Warnock speak.

before the pandemic and one for Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy in May, the JCRC hopes to continue the annual trip, making it more accessible to the greater Philadelphia community.

As Jewish leaders return with a renewed perspective, they are already working on ways to increase Black-Jewish relationships and address racism in the Jewish community.

AJC will host the first part of its srogelberg@midatlanticmedia.com

anti-racism book club at Rodeph Shalom on Nov. 2 with a moderated discussion of "The Case for Reparations" by Ta-Nehisi Coates; the Jewish Federation is working with the National Urban League and ADL on increasing voter engagement, carrying out a Get Out the Vote campaign for the November election. JE

A Backyard Orchard of Etrog Trees Thrives in Philadelphia

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n Eve Merriam's poem "Simile Willow and Ginkgo," she writes, "The ginkgo forces its way through gray concrete/ Like a city child, it grows up in the street./ Thrust against the metal sky,/ Somehow it survives and even thrives," lauding the tree's persistence in an environment for which it's not suited.

The same can be said for etrog trees growing in Philadelphia.

About a year ago, West Philadelphia resident and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Assistant Director of Thriving Communities/Tikkun Olam Specialist Rabbi Micah Weiss planted about 75 etrog seeds. Over the year, nearly all germinated, producing little etrog saplings.

For Sukkot, Weiss has gifted some of the saplings to his coworkers and plans on selling 45 of them to raise money for his shul's, Kol Tzedek's, 18th year.

Along with the tree comes some guidance: Weiss



has put together a "Pri Etz Hadar" WhatsApp group, where new etrog growers can share wisdom on how to cultivate trees known to thrive in the Mediterranean in a cold urban locale.

"Tactile things are a wonderful way to be intimately connected to your Judaism," Weiss said.

In a world where it's easy to have anything shipped to your door in 48 hours, finding a new Jewish ritual in your backyard can help flex a different Jewish

"It's amazing that you can go on Amazon and order a tallit and a chanukiah and a tzitzit and a lulav and a lulav holder. We have instant access to mass-produced, cheap Judaica," he said. "And there's a disconnect ... you don't get to know the fabric and how to tie the knots and the symbolism of each of the knots."

With the grassroots project spreading to households all over the West Philadelphia Reconstructionist community, Weiss hopes many can share in a Jewish practice that is both ancient and adapted to today's climate and technologies.

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"I didn't grow up in a place where etrogs could grow, much less knowing what they were, so having one to tend to could help me connect personally with my ancestral land-based rituals, moreover in a neighborhood web of others doing the same," one WhatsApp member said.

That's not to say it hasn't been a challenge. To be kosher for the harvest holiday, etrog trees must have unique genetic material; they can't be clones of a parent plant. Kosher etrog trees cannot be grafted planted from the existing limb of another etrog tree and instead must come from a seed.

After Sukkot last year, Weiss frantically called on community members to donate their leftover etrogs, from where he harvested his many seeds.

Because of the Northeast's colder autumn and winter temperature, the trees must be closely monitored in chillier seasons and brought inside before a frost. They require year-round sun and regular water. When Weiss wasn't keeping his dozens of etrog trees on a folding table in his backyard, they sat on his

enclosed porch, serving as a Zoom background for meetings (and a nifty conversation starter).

Weiss was inspired by Rabbi Vivie Mayer, a teacher of his who also raised etrog trees on the East Coast.

Mayer, however, had little guidance when she took on a similar project years ago.

"I brought the trees indoors before the first frost and back outdoors after the last frost. As those weeks approached, I paid special attention to the nighttime temperatures," she said. "When I brought them outside, I put them near my bee balm and butterfly bushes, which attract pollinators. But clearly, I was managing the fertilization like a farmer, as we only got two fruits in 10 years from four trees!"

With the many variables that any agricultural process entails, there's no guarantee that the saplings will one day flower and fruit, helping to fulfill the sukkot mitzvah and what Mayer calls "hiddur mitzvah' — making a mitzvah lovely and cherished."

However, Weiss, in the spirit of following the farming practices of his ancestors, wants to play by the rules. He's entrenched in the complicated Jewish agricultural laws, trying his best to navigate and apply them to his makeshift etrog arboretum.

As is common in Jewish tradition, the very laws in question have already been debated and discussed.

Nati Passow, founder of the now-closed Jewish Farm School in Philadelphia and the director of operations and finance at Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action, has worked in the past to help identify the beginning of a tree's orla period, the threeyear wait before a tree's fruit can be harvested, as well as answer other questions.

Weiss' etrog growing project is among a growing number of Jewish grassroots agricultural projects in the past two decades, Passow said. It's an opportunity to learn from tradition and apply it to today's world.

"It's a pretty amazing way to draw from this tradition that emerged from a land far away and then make it more local and more personal," he said. JE

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Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Finds Home at Kaiserman JCC

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ore than a year after being flooded out of the Iewish Community Services Building in Center City, the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame has a new home at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood.

You will see the hall right as you walk in through the glass doors. The new decals showing Philadelphia Jewish sports luminaries like Philadelphia Eagles GM Howie Roseman, NBC Sports Philadelphia host Michael Barkann and Temple University coaching legend Harry Litwack line the walls of the main sitting area and two hallways leading to the gym.

Twenty-six years' worth of classes and inductees are there, and there is



plenty of room for more, according to hall chairman Steve Rosenberg. Two "very large windows," as Rosenberg describes them, are available in the front lobby for future classes.

In an August Jewish Exponent story

about the hall's 2022 class, Rosenberg said it's important for the organization to have a permanent home. He wanted people to be able to "take their friends and family and say, 'There's my name."

Now, they can.

"I wanted to be in the most public space possible so as many people as possible could see it," Rosenberg said.

The space inside the Main Line JCC is more visible than the hall's previous two homes. Since opening in 1997, the organization has lived in a corner in the Gershman Y and in the basement of the Jewish Community Services building. You had to go to it to see it.

But at the JCC, it does not matter if you are there for a basketball game, a swim or some other activity. You will not get there without a history lesson on Jewish sports in Philadelphia.

"I'll say in the next year more people will know about the Jewish hall of fame than have ever known about it before," Rosenberg said.

After you walk past the decals, inside the gym there's a sign that reads "Future Inductees Playing." Kaiserman CEO Alan Scher pointed to that sign when explaining why the JCC wanted to become the new home for the hall.

The Wynnewood institution hosts youth sports programs. It is "in the business of inspiring the next generation of Jewish athletes," Scher said.

"There's a real connection between these institutions, and that's the reason it's such a natural fit," he added.

In addition to inspiring young athletes, the hall will likely partner with jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

the JCC to host events. Scher mentioned a possible speaker series. He also said that Kaiserman would be interested in hosting the hall's annual induction ceremony, which was held at Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia the last two years.

"We see nothing but upside in collaborating with them," Scher said.

Hurricane Ida flooded the basement of the Jewish Community Services Building on Sept. 2, 2021. Seven feet of water ruined physical cabinets, televisions and lockers, among other items, according to Stephen Frishberg, the hall's chairman at the time.

Rosenberg said that more than 90% of the hall's artifacts ended up in the trash. Some of them just washed away.

After the flood, Scher got a call from Rosenberg and Frishberg. They told him that they had been contemplating an expansion, and that the flood gave them the opportunity to do it.

Scher, who took over at Kaiserman in July 2021, was a new executive trying to figure out a business model for the Philadelphia area's last true JCC on the Pennsylvania side. And he described himself as "over the moon with excitement" when they called. He felt like the hall was in line with the JCC's programs and could add to the institution's brand.

"I'm committed to bringing vibrancy to the JCC in any way I can, and this is a great way to do that," he said.

Rosenberg then secured the funding to build a new display, and the organizations agreed on a fall unveiling date. There may be a ribbon-cutting at some point, but either way, the display is up.

On Oct. 16, the JCC will host a Sukkot festival with 500 to 700 people and more than 30 sponsors, according to Scher. He said the JCC will be "thrilled to welcome everybody to campus and show them the Jewish sports hall of fame."

In September, more than 200 people attended the hall's induction ceremony for its 2022 class. Rosenberg said he's "still getting emails from people saying it was one of the best ceremonies we've had."

"There was tremendous energy," he added. JE



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Jewish Federation Real Estate Announces 10th Annual Legends and Leaders Event

he Jewish Federation Real Estate's Legends and Leaders event will make its comeback at the Kimmel Center on Friday, Oct. 21 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

As part of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, real estate and related industry professionals will gather for the 10th iteration of the city's premier event to enjoy a morning of networking with some of the most lauded real estate executives.

"The 10th Annual Legends and Leaders milestone demonstrates proof-of-concept that like-minded professionals can become the central force of both their professional industry and their philanthropic community," said Bill Glazer, the Jewish Federation's campaign co-chair as well as founding and current member of JFRE's executive committee.

The much-anticipated event will feature expert speakers from across the industry. Jessica Morgan, Lubert-Adler Real Estate Funds principal and JFRE executive committee member, will host a conversation with David Adelman, Jewish Federation board co-chair and chairman of 76 Devcorp; Josh Harris, 76ers managing partner; and Tad Brown, 76ers CEO. Attendees will also hear from CBRE economists Richard Barkham and Spencer Levy as they discuss inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitical tension, and its impact on United States real estate.

Presented by Firstrust, this powerhouse event is supported by nearly 70 sponsors.

"I'm excited to hear from David Adelman, Josh Harris and Tad Brown on the Sixers' new stadium and particularly on the job creation they anticipate it will deliver to Center City," JFRE chair Jonathan

Similarly, moderator Jessica Morgan is looking forward to the speakers' insights and conversations.

"The best parts of JFRE events are the opportunities to hear from experts in the field," shared Morgan, who is also an advisory board member of Penn Institute for Urban Research. "This year's presenters will no doubt share thoughtful insight into our industry and give us some behind-the-scenes details about the 76ers' new arena."

In addition to this annual signature event, JFRE also offers events and educational programs, where members can deepen and expand their networks, dis-



The Jewish Federation Real Estate's signature Legends and Leaders event will be on Oct. 21 at the Kimmel Center.

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cover and tour new venues and development projects, and learn about meaningful opportunities to donate and volunteer.

"It's a great place for people starting out to meet those that are further ahead and get advice or insight into their career," said Adelman, one of the event's speakers and a founding member of JFRE.

Besides career-advancing events, JFRE also makes a profound impact within the Greater Philadelphia community and in Israel and overseas through its funding of capital and security projects.

In 2021-2022, JFRE allocated \$444,936.42 from its fund to 18 projects, with a heightened focus on security. These projects included a vast array of local efforts, like adding new fencing and cameras to Jewish summer camps and synagogues and creating new housing for seniors and low-income families. In Israel, funds allowed numerous organizations to enhance shelters for at-risk children.

One of JFRE's major global projects was the recent development of a medical clinic in Gondar, Ethiopia. In the midst of a humanitarian crisis, the life-saving

clinic will serve Ethiopian Jews while they await making aliyah to Israel. With a grant from the JFRE Fund and additional dollars raised by the JFRE Executive Committee, JFRE was able to allocate almost \$160,000 to create this much-needed clinic. Its construction was done in partnership with the Struggle to Save Ethiopian Jewry, the main source of humanitarian assistance for the Jewish community in Ethiopia.

"While all the projects we fund are impactful, I was particularly proud of the JFRE project to build a medical clinic in Gondar," Jonathan Morgan stated. "SSEJ proposed building a medical clinic to provide necessary health and medical support for Ethiopian Jews. Thanks to the JFRE Fund and the leadership of our executive committee, we answered the call and are literally saving lives in doing so."

The signature Legends and Leaders event is free for all JFRE members and is \$175 for non-members. To register for the event, visit jewishphilly.org/legends or contact Joel Schwarz at jschwarz@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0544.

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Garrett Snider



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ou may have heard of Garrett Snider's grandfather, Ed

The late owner of the Philadelphia Flyers, who died in 2016 at 83, was the man who brought the NHL to Philadelphia in 1967. He was also the man who transformed the Flyers into the Broad Street Bullies, the team that won two Stanley Cups in the 1970s, and a consistent winner over his decades of ownership.

The Jewish businessman credited his success in life to his good fortune of having been born in the United States, according to Garrett Snider. He believed that Judaism "thrived in America," the grandson said. It was the combination of "Jewish culture and life" and "American liberty" that "enabled him to be successful," he added.

It was this belief that led Snider to make a large contribution to help what is now the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History move to its current home on South Independence Mall.

And now his grandson, 26 and a Rittenhouse Square resident, is helping to continue that legacy.

The Weitzman recently sent out an announcement about seven new members of its board of trustees, and Garrett Snider is one of them. His grandfather served on the board during his life, and his mother, Ed Snider's daughter Lindy, still sits on the board today.

"I have very fond childhood memories of my grandfather galvanizing our family around the Jewish museum," Garrett Snider said. "So my participation feels like an extension of the intention that he had."

Lindy Snider and other trustees said they wanted Garrett to join because of his youthful perspective. Born in the mid-1990s, he has come of age at the intersection of the millennial generation and Gen Z.

"Every institution is looking for the next generation," said Joseph Zuritsky, the board's co-chair and the CEO of the Parkway Corp. "My company is run by my next generation, my son and daughter."

Garrett Snider, who is a member of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, will be the first to tell you that his family connections didn't exactly hurt him. His mother, after all, is one of the board members. And both Zuritsky and Sharon Kestenbaum, another trustee, mentioned that they've known the Sniders for decades.

But the grandson's body of work was also crucial to his appointment, trustees said. Garrett lists himself as a nonprofit leader, real estate investor and strategic consultant on his website, garrett.media.

At 20, he started the Resilience Foundation to try to prevent child abuse. At 24, shortly after COVID broke out, he helped launch the Reeds Organic Farm & Animal Sanctuary in jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, an organization that teaches "underserved populations" how to farm, according to its website. And at 25, he was listed as part of "America's Next Generation of Power Philanthropists" by Gotham, an online style magazine.

Today, in addition to his Weitzman role, Snider is a director of the Mayor's Fund for Philadelphia, which works on projects throughout the city, and a member of the Philadelphia Department of Human Services' Child Welfare Oversight Board. He's also on the executive board of PALS, a nonprofit that helps people with Down syndrome. Snider even manages a small portfolio of single-family homes and consults family offices and foundations on how to use nonprofit organizations.

Snider is a busy guy. But he's not just trying to stay busy. All of these projects have intention, he said, much like his grandfather's contributions to the Weitzman.

The 26-year-old knows that he's been fortunate in life. And he wants to help bring opportunity to others, too.

"That's the desire that threads the work," he said. "Making people aware of their potential and reinforcing that, no matter who you are, your life is of great consequence and value to your community and the world."

Of all the work he's done over the years, Snider is most proud of the Resilience Foundation. It was his creation; it's now evolving from an organization that helps child abuse victims to one that tries to address inequities in high school education.

In 2023, the Resilience Foundation and the National Math and Science Initiative will start a three-year program to bring AP classes in those subjects to two Philadelphia schools. The goal is to "radically improve the exit statistics around graduating seniors from Philadelphia with AP credit," Snider said.

"The result will be a new generation with more opportunities and evidence of academic achievement that is otherwise hard to attain depending on who you are and where you go to school," he added. JE

German Synagogue Reports Shattered Window During Yom Kippur Services

A broken window interrupted the final moments of Yom Kippur services in Hanover, Germany, unsettling a Jewish community on edge because of prior attacks during the holiday, JTA.org reported.

It was unclear late Oct. 5 exactly what had happened at the Orthodox synagogue in the northern German city, officials there said. Police are investigating and had learned that there are no video cameras in the vicinity, according to local media reports. No one was injured in the incident.

The chair of the synagogue said he believed someone had entered the synagogue grounds and thrown an object through the window. The synagogue's rabbi said he believed that the broken window represented an assault on his community.

"I don't want to play down what happened, but such criminal acts were often our historical companions," Rabbi Shlomo Afanasev wrote on Twitter, where he posted videos of the broken window. "We will not be intimidated and will continue to build: our communities, our families, and Judaism in Germany."

Orthodox Jewish Groups Join an Evangelical Christian Mailman's **Supreme Court Case**

Multiple Orthodox Jewish groups are filing friend of the court briefs on behalf of an evangelical Christian postal worker who is taking his case to get Sundays off to the Supreme Court, JTA.org reported.

The case, Groff v. DeJoy, seeks to expand the standard the Supreme Court set in a 1977 ruling regarding what constituted "undue hardship" to an employer in providing religious accommodation.

Groff v. DeJoy involves a Pennsylvania mailman who sought accommodations after the U.S. Postal Service started Sunday deliveries on behalf of Amazon in 2013. At first, Gerald Groff was able to work around Sunday deliveries, but as demand for the service grew, USPS disciplined him for declining Sunday shifts. He quit and sued. (Louis DeJoy is the postmaster general.)

Lower courts have ruled in favor of the post office.

Now, Orthodox groups are filing amicus briefs this week in support of Groff. They see the case as a chance to overturn Trans World Airlines v. Hardison, the 1977 decision that ruled for the airline over a member of a Christian sect who sought Saturdays off, rejecting as "undue hardships" three possible accommodations posited by a lower court.

Jewish Gun Club Sues NY Governor to Allow Concealed Weapons in Synagogues

A group of Jewish gun owners filed a lawsuit against New York Gov. Kathy Hochul's gun laws, saying they infringe on their religious freedom as well as their right to bear arms, New York Jewish Week reported.

The New York State Jewish Gun Club, a Rockland County-based firearms club, funded and put together the lawsuit, which was filed on Sept. 29. It specifically targets the section of the new gun laws that prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons in "sensitive locations," including houses of worship.

"New York State has expressed that legal carry in New York is okay, but not for those who observe religious rituals and customs," a NYS-JGC press release said. "This law specifically targets religious people, by threatening them with arrest and felony prosecution if they carry their firearm while engaging in religious observance."

In July, Hochul signed the Concealed Carry Improvement Act in response to the June Supreme Court decision that struck down New York's strict concealed carry laws. The CCIA law added multiple checks on gun ownership in the state.

Novak Djokovic Wins Tel Aviv Tournament

Novak Djokovic won his third trophy of 2022 and the 89th of his career at the Aviv Watergen Open on Oct. 2, defeating Marin Cilic in straight sets, JNS.org reported. Djokovic, 35, won 6-3, 6-4 to add the Israeli title to his successes in Rome and Wimbledon this season.

Due to his unwillingness to get immunized against the coronavirus, Djokovic was barred from the US Open and the entire North American hard court season. JE — Compiled by Andy Gotlieb





Self-censorship on Campus

irst, there were Jewish space lasers. Now there heat of hostility to its Jewish students and their are Jew-free zones. Neither exists. But both urban myths are signs of our hyperbolic times.

Jewish space lasers came from the fevered mind of Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia. Jew-free zones refer to nine student groups at the UC Berkeley Law School (out of more than 100) that signed on to a statement pledging not to invite speakers to their events that support "Zionism, the apartheid state of Israel, and the occupation of Palestine." For good measure, the nine groups reiterated support for BDS. The school's dean condemned the pledge. So did Jewish groups from coast to coast. Even Barbra Streisand expressed concern.

While there are no Jew-free zones, there is fear that there are. And this fear feeds vigilance — and hyperbole — that can make it easier to declare certain speech or actions antisemitic when a more nuanced view might lead to a different conclusion. That fear can also cause intimidated students to not speak up at all.

Berkeley is an extreme example. But there are others. Many college campuses are feeling the guilt by association to Israel. What's needed is college leadership, including teachers, to take on a mediating role and to encourage constructive, respectful discussion and debate. That may not change anyone's mind, but it will empower those being vilified to feel less put upon by a disturbingly increasing college campus culture of exclusion and derision.

Unfortunately, many of the nonstudent campus leaders lack the interest or the skill to help analyze and critique both sides of the debate. And worse, it is often members of the college faculty who lead the accusatory and demeaning challenges that generate the tension and conflict.

It's not just Jewish students who feel intimidated and reluctant to speak up. A recent survey by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education found that 83% of college students reported engaging in self-censorship, up from 60% in 2020. And according to a recent op-ed in The Boston Globe, "The primary reason students say they don't express their authentic views, according to a Heterodox Academy survey, is fear of peers

taking offense. Many even worry that sharing their thoughts will cause others 'harm."

But fear of speaking up is different from fear of being victimized or attacked. An ADL survey from 2021 found that one in three Jewish students experienced antisemitic hate directed at them in the previous academic year. The most common incidents were offensive comments online or in person, and damage or defacement of property. Jewish students on campus report that they keep their kippot in their pockets and hide their Stars of David under their sweaters. These concerns are real. And reports of these problems frighten other students who may not have actually experienced antisemitism themselves. This leads to a feeling of alienation on

We hope wise professionals will step forward to help shift the mood on our college campuses. And we encourage everyone involved to work to lower the temperature. The situation at Berkelev is upsetting and deserves to be called out and should be corrected. But there are no "Jew-free zones." JE

The Promise and Uncertainty of the Lebanon Gas Deal

arly last week, Israel gave a preliminary nod of approval to a U.S.-brokered draft deal with Lebanon to address a years-long dispute regarding a Mediterranean gas project. The maritime border dispute is an ongoing territorial and natural gas dispute between Lebanon and Israel over the Qana and Karish gas fields, which are believed to contain significant gas reserves.

Israel is reportedly poised to start extracting gas from the area, and Hezbollah — the powerful Lebanese Shiite militia and party — is threatening all-out war if Israel proceeds without first resolving the territorial dispute.

At the time U.S. mediator and the State Department's senior adviser for energy security Amos Hochstein presented the confidential draft proposal for resolution to the parties, there was hope that the deal might be accepted by both sides. But, just a few days later, after Lebanon presented proposed amendments to the plan and other clarifications to Hochstein, the message from Israel became much more pessimistic.

According to reports, Israel rejected the

Lebanese amendments, which were deemed by Israel to be a threat to the Jewish state's security and economic interests. That action was immediately followed by Israel's defense minister, Benny Gantz, reportedly instructing Israel's defense establishment to prepare for a rise in tension with Lebanon overreaction to Israel's rejection of Lebanon's demands.

In today's Middle East environment of endorsement and expansion of the Abraham Accords. more cooperative engagement with Egypt, possible opportunities for expanded exchanges with Jordan and even potential positive steps in relations with Saudi Arabia, the Israel-Lebanon negotiations are a clear outlier.

While all of the other regional accords, treaties and discussions are focused on rapprochement, with an eye toward growing interdependence, engagement and peaceful coexistence, the Israel-Lebanon negotiations are much different. All participants agree that the objective of the bilateral, indirect negotiations is not for Israel and Lebanon to be friends, and all agree that the possible gas

deal is not a normalization agreement or a peace agreement. What is being proposed is a business deal between two very hostile parties.

Israel and Lebanon disagree over the land border between the two countries, and there are ongoing tensions and clashes between Israel and Hezbollah, the Iranian terror proxy that plays a decisive role in Lebanon's domestic and international affairs. But notwithstanding those fundamental disagreements and related deep mistrust. both sides see the benefit of an economic deal that enables Israel and Lebanon to extract gas from the Mediterranean and provide muchneeded revenue for Lebanon and an element of stability to an otherwise threatened border for Israel

This is not an easy negotiation. And the U.S. and Hochstein are to be commended for their impressive efforts to broker a deal. While the fits and starts will continue, as will the posturing on both sides, there is a deal to be made that can be of significant benefit to both sides. We remain hopeful that a deal will be reached. JE



Surprised by Joy

BY RABBI RAYMOND APPLE

S. Lewis wrote a book about his early life titled "Surprised by Joy." The name is from a sonnet by William Wordsworth mourning the death of his daughter Catherine in 1812.

Lewis said that joy was "almost as unlike security or prosperity as it is unlike agony. It jumps under one's ribs and tickles down one's back and makes one forget meals and keeps one (delightfully) sleepless o' nights."

Lewis is trying to say that joy is a deep pleasant feeling that suffuses every part of your life, coming upon you with a glowing feeling that things are going well.

Joy surrounds you in the sukkah in a combination of aroma, food, company, song and gratitude for one's blessings. Judaism also believes in welcoming the joy-giving presence of God.

Symbolism of the sukkah

- A sukkah must not be too high. A person must not be too high and mighty.
- A sukkah must not be too small. A person must not belittle himself.
- The walls must be able to withstand ordinary gusts of wind. A person must stand up for his
- The stars must be visible through the foliage on the roof. A person must always see and strive for the Divine light.

Adventures of the etrog

- One of the Four Species used on Sukkot is the etrog. It is the odd man out, the only plant that is not bound together with the others.
- The etrog is called in the Torah "the fruit of a goodly (beautiful) tree" (Leviticus 23:40). Each of the four plants symbolizes a part of the human body. The etrog is the heart, which makes the body function. It also represents the Jewish people, a small separate group who exemplify ethics. The four plants symbolize four Biblical figures: The etrog is Abraham.
- The name etrog is from a Persian root tarag and the original name might be torange. The etrog was known for its aroma and medicinal
- In size, the etrog must not be smaller than an egg, even though today's eggs are regarded as smaller than those of Talmudic times.
- Etrogim used to be rare and expensive. The question arose: "If one has to choose between visiting a town that has a sukkah and one that has an etrog, which should be chosen?" The answer: "The one with the etrog!"



who jointly own the appurtenances of the and nothing could rival it. synagogue.

Each festival has its theme. Sometimes, it is the individual and his soul. Sometimes, it is the family and its future; sometimes, the nation and its quality; sometimes, the people and its ethos. With Sukkot, it is nature and God's bounty.

Maybe if you live in a rural environment, you already have nature as your neighbor, but if you are a city-dweller, there is a special dimension to be found when you build your annual sukkah, hemmed in and its corner is precious.

So many of our streets are concrete jungles, so many houses are brick building blocks, so many apartments are anonymous pigeonholes.

Living in Jerusalem, I constantly wonder why the ubiquitous building projects seldom have sukkah balconies. In our case, there is a sukkah balcony. which is one of the jewels of our home. Having a sukkah makes sure that at least once in a while, you encounter a bit of fresh air and greenery. Even if it's only for eight days you can get a tiny taste of nature.

In the cramped conditions of urban living, we don't all have the chance of building our own sukkah, so we try to make do by being invited to someone else's or spending time in the synagogue sukkah. Some of us can do both.

I well recall, even after many decades, the fragrance of a certain synagogue sukkah I patronized as a child; I still vividly remember the greenery around the walls, and I inhale the air and can taste years. Now retired, he lives in Jerusalem.

Can one use an etrog owned by the syna- the Kiddush-time sponge cake. That synagogue gogue? The members of the shul are partners had its sukkah in an open area outside the shul,

> Up until recent times, city dwelling was rather rare. The Torah makes a special point of Cain building a city (Genesis 4:17). That "city," however, was probably only an encampment of two or three houses. In the Biblical era, the only city with urban status was probably Jerusalem, though in modern terms Jerusalem was not much more than a village. The Mishnah Megillah speaks of villages, towns and cities, but none of them had any pretensions to city status in modern terms.

Until quite recently, most people lived in relahowever small it might have to be if its nook is tively small settlements, and indeed, up to 200 years ago, no more than one person in 50 lived in what we today would call a city. So it's only recently that the sukkah was desperately needed as a fleeting contact with nature. How they managed to build sukkot in Eastern Europe I have no idea.

> Move on to today, and you see how hard it is to find a nook that is open to the sky, and how important it is to have a festival that gives us a feeling for branches, greenery and the fresh air. Because of the sukkah, the Jewish people always had a feeling for nature and gave thanks to the Creator. And thanks to the Arba'ah Minim ("Four Species" or "Four Kinds") used on Sukkot, we Jews saw, held and celebrated samples of God's creation. JE

> Rabbi Raymond Apple served congregations in London before becoming chief minister of the Great Synagogue of Sydney, Australia, for 32



Should Israel Lead the Fight Against Antisemitism?

BY BEN COHEN

The just-published Annual Assessment of the Jerusalem-based Jewish People Policy the Jerusalem-based Jewish People Policy Institute makes for sobering reading when it comes to the section of antisemitism.

It's not that the report contains any new information or fresh insights. Largely culled from the reporting of other institutions, the analysis in the JPPI publication notes that during the last two years, two events — the war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas in May 2021 as well as the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic — have profoundly shaped antisemitic discourse and our perception of it. Further, it observes that the "fight against anti-Semitism has attained increasing awareness and support. It is the focus of more conferences and seminars than ever before, and legislative initiatives against anti-Semitism have multiplied." Yet despite "the proliferation of initiatives, some reports have declared the effort to eradicate anti-Semitism a 'failure,'" it adds.

Given that there is a question mark over whether antisemitism can ever be entirely eradicated, as opposed to controlled and marginalized, such judgments on existing efforts are perhaps unfair. Nevertheless, it is certainly true that in recent years, an unprecedented infrastructure for countering antisemitism has crystallized in place at just the same time that the problem has worsened on a scale not witnessed since World War II.

Many democratic countries have appointed government officials to deal with the fight against antisemitism and the preservation of Jewish life more broadly. This global infrastructure is almost 20 years old, with the first steps towards its creation emerging in 2003 in the wake of a major intergovernmental conference on antisemitism hosted by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. During that time, these officials have stressed similar themes to counter antisemitism on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean: more Holocaust education in schools, more training for police officers, emergency responders and other frontline personnel in recognizing and responding to antisemitism, and the active promotion of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism, which includes instances of anti-Zionism among its examples.

A particularly grim account of what the resurgence of antisemitism has meant for Jewish communities was provided last week by Eddo Verdoner, the government-appointed national coordinator to counter antisemitism in the Netherlands. In an

Trouw, Verdoner revealed that his office is inundated with reports from Jewish students and Jewish employees that complain of antisemitic harassment — for example, Jews being told they have to first criticize Israel's policies toward the Palestinians before they are permitted to participate in a campus debate.

"The result is that Jews hide their identity or apologize for it," Verdoner remarked. "Children say: 'Why am I even here?' Or they don't even want to be a Jew at all ... A child should be able to express his identity at school, a student should feel safe at university, and in the workplace people should be able to say that they are Jewish to colleagues without any worries."

The Israeli government has been an important partner in the fight against antisemitism.

This disarmingly simple statement is more revealing than the dry statistics that document the rise of antisemitic agitation in both Europe and North America. Essentially, Verdoner is saying that the climate of fear among Jews in the Netherlands — where the size of the community is estimated between 30,000 and 50,000 — has become so great that it is a factor in their day-to-day routines. Will my Jewish identity, many Dutch Jews are evidently asking themselves, create a fresh problem for me today?

As the JPPI report makes clear, these issues are not confined to the Netherlands. In France too, it notes, Jewish students are equally prone to hiding their identities in the face of hostility, while the discernible movement of Jews from neighborhoods that are less Jewish into those that are more so dubbed by some an "internal aliyah" — continues apace. And hiding Jewish identity is even a factor in the U.S. The JPPI report cited an American Jewish Committee study which discovered that "four out of ten American Jews say they have avoided posting content online that would reveal their Jewishness or their views on Jewish issues, and 22 percent refrained from publicly displaying Jewish items."

know, it is nevertheless a useful overview of its and international affairs for JNS.

extensive interview with the Dutch newspaper global dimensions. Striking, too, is its conclusion.

"The return of anti-Semitism could become a long-term fixture of global discourse, while the ability of Jewish communities and Israel to influence it is limited," it states. "Under these circumstances, Israel, as the world's strongest Jewish organizing force, cannot confine itself to attempts to 'fight anti-Semitism.' Israelis must understand what it will mean to live in an era when anti-Semitism is a persistent factor in Jewish life, and prepare for that era accordingly, while formulating plans for appropriate explanatory, diplomatic, and security activity."

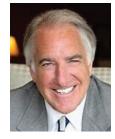
Hence, the report went on to say, the response to antisemitism should be entrusted "a single integrative body with powers and implementation capabilities" created by the Israeli government. For anyone familiar with the troughs and peaks of antisemitism over the last 20 years, such a proposal should give pause.

The Israeli government has been an important partner in the fight against antisemitism, for example running a vocal social media campaign to counter the anti-Zionist boycott, divestment and sanctions movement through its Ministry of Strategic Affairs. But it doesn't follow logically that the Israeli government should be the main address for those who want to step up the fight against antisemitism.

There are several reasons for this. To begin with, antisemitism impacts Jews who are citizens of other countries, not Israel; it is their governments that need to be mobilized and it is local Jewish organizations, not Israeli diplomats, that are best placed to secure that response. Additionally, Israel is not just a Jewish state but an active member of the international community; in recent years and months, Israel has encountered diplomatic tensions with Poland, France and Russia among other countries over domestic antisemitism. Will making antisemitism a confirmed priority lead to more or less clear thinking when it comes to formulating Israeli foreign policy? The jury is out on that question.

Finally, and depressingly, Israel taking the reins in this particular fight will simply reinforce the antisemitic meme that all Jews are closet Israelis who are more loyal to Israel than their countries of citizenship. Better, then, for Israel to remain what it has always been — a beacon of hope and a refuge for those who need one, but absolutely not a substitute government for Jews in the Diaspora. JE

While the JPPI report doesn't really tell us any- Ben Cohen is a New York City-based journalist thing about antisemitism that we didn't already and author who writes a weekly column on Jewish



Campus Newspapers and the Cognitive War Against Israel

BY RICHARD L. CRAVATTS

or at least two decades, university campuses have been roiled by anti-Israel activism, manifested by Israeli Apartheid Weeks, BDS resolutions rammed through student governments and the toxic activism of groups like Students for Justice in Palestine.

This cognitive war against Israel, which frequently morphs into antisemitism, has resulted in a campus climate that oppresses Jewish students, who are often vilified as racist Zionists who support an alleged apartheid regime that oppresses the ever-aggrieved Palestinian Arabs.

Now, a new report from the antisemitism watchdog group Alums for Campus Fairness has revealed that university student newspapers are part of the problem. The report, entitled, "Institutional Bias: Campus Newspapers and Israel," reviewed nearly 2,000 articles on Israel published since 2017 in the primary student newspapers of 75 selected campuses.

"Of the 1,450 articles that address Israel," the researchers found, "over a third — 532 — present the Jewish state in a negative way." A mere "17% provided a positive view of the country." Moreover, "Over half of op-eds addressing Israel on all college campuses — 307 out of 585 — were negative."

ACF also pointed out that, tellingly, "These same newspapers are notably silent on antisemitism and discrimination against Jews on their own campuses, publishing only 505 news articles about this growing trend in their own community." That statistic is particularly relevant in light of data from the Anti-Defamation League showing that some one-third of Jewish students had experienced antisemitism in 2021.

Examples of anti-Israel media bias exposed by the ACF report are, unfortunately, numerous. One troubling example is the 2016 controversy involving The McGill Daily, which admitted that it refused to publish "pieces which promote a Zionist worldview, or any other ideology which we consider oppressive."

"While we recognize that, for some, Zionism represents an important freedom project," the editors wrote, "we also recognize that it functions as a settler-colonial ideology that perpetuates the displacement and the oppression of the Palestinian people."

At Connecticut College in 2014, Prof. Andrew Pessin found himself vilified after he wrote about Hamas on his Facebook page: "One image which essentializes the current situation in Gaza might be this. You've got a rabid pit bull chained in a

cage, regularly making mass efforts to escape."

The editors of the campus paper The College Voice insisted that Pessin's words were "dehumanizing" to Palestinians and had "caused widespread alarm in the campus community." The paper's editor, Ayla Zuraw-Friedland, initiated a campaign of lies against Pessin, contending that the students viciously attacking him for his speech were "victims of racism," which they were not. In March 2015, the Voice ran three op-eds, including on the paper's front page, that condemned Pessin and accused him of racism.

In April of 2022, the University of Chicago's student newspaper The Chicago Maroon violated journalistic and free speech principles by retracting an op-ed written by students Melody Dias and Benjamin ZeBrack entitled, "We Must Condemn the SJP's Online Anti-Semitism." The piece questioned the tactics and ideology of members of the university's SJP chapter. On Jan. 26, it noted, SJP posted the shocking admonition "DON'T TAKE SH***Y ZIONIST CLASSES" on its Instagram page. Students were asked to "support the Palestinian movement for liberation by boycotting classes on Israel or those taught by Israeli fellows."

Dias and ZeBrack made a number of accusations against SJP in their now-deleted op-ed, including that the SJP post "demonizes [Israeli] nationality by declaring all courses taught by someone affiliated with the nation as propaganda." SJP demanded the "immediate deletion of the article" for what it called "offenses," as well as a "public apology issued by the Maroon to SJP UChicago and to Palestinian students for the dissemination of misinformation and the disregard of speech is one of their chief principles, the ACF journalistic integrity and factual reporting."

Astoundingly, in response to SJP's absurd demands, two feckless editors, Kelly Hui and Elizabeth Winkler, not only deleted the offending op-ed but wrote a craven editorial in which they dissected the op-ed for its supposed factual inaccuracies. They justified their surrender by claiming that Dias and ZeBrack's op-ed could be the source of campus enmity. SJP's call for a boycott of courses about Israel apparently was not.

This double standard was also evident in a 2021 editorial, "In support of Students for Justice in Palestine," written by the editorial board of The Daily Campus, the University of Connecticut's student newspaper. The editors were troubled by the fact that during an SJP event, UConn Hillel "held a demonstration nearby in direct opposition to the ideas behind UConn SJP." In other words, Hillel attempted to engage in a balanced debate by presenting its own views on the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict. This, it appears, was unforgivable.

The Harvard Crimson has also taken an extremist anti-Israel position, particularly in a controversial editorial published in April entitled, "In Support of Boycott, Divest, Sanction and a Free Palestine," which was replete with slanders against the Jewish state and called on the Harvard community to commit itself to the corrosive BDS campaign.

The editorial was inspired by the April demonstrations and programming of the Harvard College Palestine Solidarity Committee, which, as part of Israeli Apartheid Week, "installed a colorful, multipanel 'Wall of Resistance' in favor of Palestinian freedom and sovereignty." The fawning editorial heaped praise on this childish mock wall and suggested that "art is a potent form of resistance." The writers added that they were "humbled by our peers' passion and skill" in creating such an activist masterpiece.

They further contended, "The admittedly controversial panels dare the viewer to contend with well-established, if rarely stated, facts" (emphasis added). What were these "well-established facts"? One panel, for example, announced in capital letters, "Zionism is: Racism — Settler Colonialism — White Supremacy — Apartheid." It appears that the word "facts," in this case, was synonymous with crude slander and libel. The editorial's endorsement of the claim that Israel is a white supremacist state, moreover, constitutes antisemitic hate speech according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's widely adopted definition of antisemitism.

Although most universities claim that free report shows that it is rarely for everyone. It is reserved for the lucky few who feel they are morally qualified to express themselves. As for their ideological opponents, they must be silenced.

Biases are to be expected in the marketplace of ideas. In newspapers, however, editorial bias and the exclusion of alternate views are intellectually corrupt practices that violate the spirit and purpose of journalism. This is especially the case on university campuses, where vigorous debate and scholarship should be the supreme value, not bias and suppression of others' ideas. JE

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Why Mainstream Jewish Groups Didn't Defend Yeshiva University

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN

he latest exchange in the ongoing battle between Yeshiva University and the YU Pride Alliance, a student LGBTQ club, allowed for at least a temporary ceasefire between the two sides. But the case continues to generate controversy, as the status quo of other recognized groups continuing to operate on the campus, while the gay club still seeks equal treatment, remains.

YU stands a good chance of eventually prevailing if, as expected, a decision on the merits of the case is decided by the Supreme Court at some point. But even if it does win, it may wind up losing vital support from key donors.

The case has shown that in the conflict between two competing legal rights — that of the school to religious freedom, and that of the gay club not to be discriminated against — the mainstream Jewish world clearly thinks the latter is the more important.

The law may ultimately be on the side of an Orthodox school's ability to govern itself according to the religious precepts to which it is dedicated. But, judging by the reaction to the case from the organized Jewish world, which has largely distanced itself from one of the country's leading Jewish institutions, most Jews appear ready to sacrifice that principle. Especially if solidarity with religious Jews means putting them on the wrong side of a dispute in which Jewish law is pitted against gay rights.

While Yeshiva University is a major force in Jewish life and has an estimated endowment of approximately \$800 million, the argument over YU Pride is demonstrating that, when push comes to shove, it is in the same precarious boat as conservative Christian bakers and florists who have found themselves under legal sieges because of their opposition to gay marriage.

Though the courts can and should vindicate its right to run its campus according to Torah principles, the school is discovering that the price of opposing a cultural consensus on gay rights may be far higher than it is willing to pay.

The dispute began with the school's saying that it would not grant official recognition to the group. This led to a lawsuit, which the club won through a decision by a New York state judge.

The court in question seized on a technicality to rule that since Yeshiva was incorporated as an educational, rather than a religious, institution, the city's laws forbidding discrimination against gays mandated that it must recognize the club, even if doing so violated the tenants of the Torah.

Yeshiva responded with litigation challenging the

ruling as a violation of its right to religious liberty. Its attempt to short-circuit the lengthy judicial process by going to the Supreme Court narrowly failed.

The high court ruled 5-4 that Yeshiva must exhaust all of its options for appeal under state laws before turning to it for a ruling. However, Justice Samuel Alito's dissenting opinion not only made clear how strong Yeshiva's case was, but he predicted that when, as the case inevitably will, return to the higher body, there is every likelihood that the current 6-3 conservative majority will rule in the school's favor.

If this legal tangle is ultimately resolved with another reaffirmation of the importance of the First Amendment right of "free exercise" of faith, civil libertarians should applaud. As legal authority and veteran Supreme Court litigator Nathan Lewin wrote in JNS, the law is clearly on the side of the school.

Religious freedom is under assault in an increasingly secular society in which the left seeks not so much to guarantee equal rights for members of the LGBTQ community as it does to crush anyone who dissents on the issue. In his opinion, Alito asked, "Does the First Amendment permit a state to force a Jewish school to instruct its students in accordance with an interpretation of the Torah that and want them to feel welcome, even if they the school ... has concluded is incorrect?"

His answer was, "Surely, no."

The other conservative justices are likely to can tell Yeshiva to ignore its beliefs and traditions that are rooted in Jewish religious law, then no one's right to religious freedom, or to disagree with prevailing cultural trends, is safe.

This is more than a legal dispute, of course. By refusing to accept YU Pride, the school has placed itself outside of mainstream cultural thought. While gay marriage used to be a controversial issue — with liberals like former President Barack Obama swearing opposition to it as late as during his 2008 presidential campaign — the pendulum swung very quickly in the other direction.

The mainstreaming of acceptance of gavs in popular culture helped pave the way for the Supreme Court's 2015 Obergefell v. Hodges decision that legalized gay marriage in all 50 states. Almost overnight, opposition to what had been a highly controversial proposition vanished. Few, if any, conservatives have any appetite to relitigate a fight that they know has already been lost.

Those outlier individuals and businesses owned by conservative Christians and Orthodox Jews who continue to dissent have been able to get the courts to defend their right to refuse to be compelled to take part in gay marriages, as in the Masterpiece Cake Shop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission case.

Yet it is one thing for a lone baker or florist to take such a stand and hope, with the help of courageous legal groups like the Becket Foundation, the Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs and the Jewish Coalition for Religious Liberty, to preserve their rights. It is guite another for a major institution like YU, which seeks to play a significant role in the life of the country, to do so.

This was made clear by the news that one of the school's major donors, the Wilf Family Foundations, for whom Yeshiva's Washington Heights main campus is named, has weighed in against the school's stand. That charitable group, which is funded by a family with vast real-estate holdings, as well as control of the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings, made clear its displeasure, echoing the anger at the university that was expressed by much of its graduate faculty in non-religious subjects.

Yeshiva's leaders seem to recognize that they have isolated themselves from many of the philanthropic and political forces that they could normally count on to back them. They have been at pains to say that they welcome LGBTQ students cannot grant official recognition to their clubs or otherwise treat their relationships as kosher.

This is why the silence of most Jewish groups agree, and they will be right to do so. If New York on Yeshiva's dilemma is so troubling. It's not just that many liberal groups, such as the ADL, seem now to believe that religious freedom is only worth defending if the faith in question is aligned with their secular donors' beliefs.

> By essentially abandoning the school to fight for its rights with only the help of conservatives, they are sending a message that Orthodox Jews are essentially beyond the pale. It's a signal that those who dissent about gay issues should no longer be treated as equal members of a society that no longer treats their faith as legitimate. That's not just dangerous for a group that is already the target of an epidemic of antisemitic hate crimes. It's also the end of any pretense that the Jewish community will defend one of its denominations if it falls afoul of liberal fashion.

Thus, even if and when the courts back up YU, it is likely to pay a high price — both where fundraising is concerned and in terms of political isolation — that will have an enormous impact on its future.

You don't have to agree with the school's religious principles on this or any other issue to understand that the consequences of making an Orthodox university a pariah in the public square in this manner will ultimately be felt by all people of faith. JE

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To Build Jewish Student Community on Christian Colleges, It Takes a Village

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ear the entrance of Saint Joseph's University's Chapel of Saint Joseph-Michael J. Smith, S.J. Memorial, sits a sculpture, "Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time" by Jewish Philadelphia-based artist Joshua Koffman. Forged in bronze are two figures, a rabbi and a priest holding their respective holy books and studying together.

Erected in 2015, the statue represented a renewed urgency to foster ties between the Catholic and Jewish religions. That same year, Pope Francis attended a dedication of the statue and visited St. Joseph's. Following the visit, the Jesuit-affiliated campus experienced a collective interest in developing interreligious ties.

Seven years later, the reverberations of this initial push aren't obvious. In a student population of 6,779, there are about 60 identified Jewish students. The school has no cohesive Jewish community, but the tides are once again changing.

Following three COVID-affected academic years, students at St. Joe's are experiencing a renaissance of student engagement. The college's acquisition of the Philadelphia private school University of the Sciences means it must reckon with the addition of a new student body with varied religious identities.

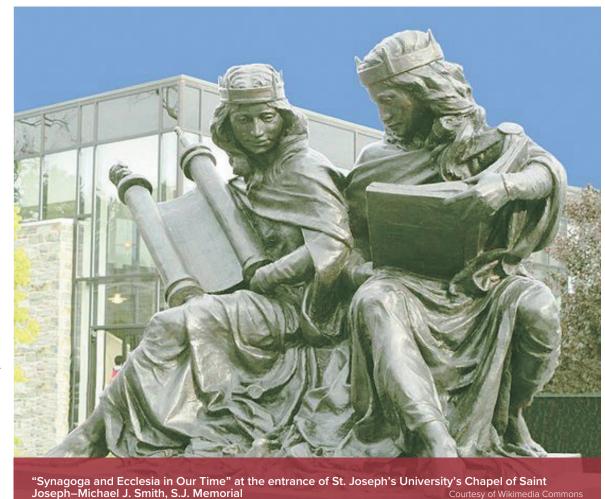
After a symbolic commitment to strengthening interreligious ties, the college is looking to fulfill its promise of promoting religious diversity more tangibly.

On the Main Line, St. Joe's is joined by Villanova University, another Catholic-affiliated college with a budding Jewish community. This year, the Greater Philly Hillel Network, a Hillel organization working with students at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges and West Chester University, has hired a new rabbinical intern to spend more time on campus and a Springboard Innovation Fellow to more deeply engage with the school's Jewish students.

As the new academic year nearly coincides with the Jewish New Year, there's a growing sense that this will be the year when the Jewish student population on these two Christian campuses becomes an institutionalized and unified group.

"We've set modest goals for the coming year and are really exploring what the future might bring," Greater Philly Hillel Network Executive Director Rabbi Jeremy Winaker said. "Our modest goals include developing the leadership pipeline for the Hillel at Villanova and establishing a Hillel at St. Joe's."

Villanova created a Hillel several years ago with the help of Campus Ministry. Greater Philly Hillel



began the partnership in August 2021 and, since then, the organization has experienced "waxing and waning" student support and attendance, according to

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College rabbinical intern

Aviva Marchione.

dents attend each event.

Marchione works with students at Villanova's campus for eight hours a week, sitting down for coffee and a meal with students or hosting dinners, such as on Rosh Hashanah and break the fast. Usually, a handful of stu-

In previous years, a rabbinical intern was only on campus for two hours per week. In addition to Marchione's increased presence, Springboard fellow Sean Culley is on campus, tasked with engaging students and gathering information on what makes them tick.

As students emerge from a COVID-induced student engagement hibernation, identifying student interests is increasingly important.

"Talking with students, there's a clear need for community and just relationships with other Jews — a space $\,$ just for Jewish students to be Jewish together is the biggest need," Marchione said. "I have realized that that is a higher need than any sort of Jewish identity-building or Jewish learning."

As Culley has spoken with students at Villanova, he's noticed a shift in the way they engage with student life. There used to be a "bread and butter" formula students would follow: They'd see a poster around campus or a post on Instagram about an event, and then they'd show up. Now, however, students are looking to be engaged more personally.

"Students, everybody involved in Jewish community at Villanova and St. Joe's, is just looking for people to relate to, for people to understand them and for people that want to help them grow in their own personal lives, whether it be their Jewish journey or not," Culley said.

Changing student needs means that Marchione and Culley are still trying to figure out how to get students to show up.

"The Jewish community at Villanova is really still





kind of amorphous," Marchione said. "It's still such in its early phases that it's hard to draw any conclusions at this point."

St. Joe's' Jewish community has been even more ambiguous in recent years, with the school's few Jewish professors doing their best to engage with the campus' Jewish students.

Nancy Fox, a professor of economics at St. Joe's, has helped lead the charge in building Jewish community on campus. She's worked at the college for 37 years but only began engaging with Jewish students after 10 years of teaching.

Fox had an epiphany when speaking to a colleague, Sister Francis. During her previous teaching career at New York University, she made hamantaschen for Purim every year for her sizable Jewish population. She debated making the cookies for her students at St. Joe's and finally decided to after Sister Francis told her that Catholics also study the story of Esther.

"And that's when it clicked," she said.

With the help of congregants at Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid in Broomall, Fox and members of Campus Ministry dropped off *shalach manot* to Jewish students on campus.

Fifteen years ago, Fox helped organize an interfaith service to kick off the spring semester, complementing the Catholic mass that took place at the beginning of each fall semester. She's helped organize a Passover seder at the college for the past ten years.

Through her time working with Jewish students and organizing interfaith activities with Campus Ministry, she's noticed a parallel between their stories and hers: "It kind of awakened their Jewish identity. Most of these students, to my knowledge — the ones who I know — do not actively practice Judaism. And I have a feeling that this reminds them that they're Jewish."

With little infrastructure in place to support Jewish community before Greater Philly Hillel's involvement, why would Jewish students choose to attend a school where they knew they would be the religious minority? When they knew, in the case of Villanova, that they would enter buildings donned with crosses and learn in classrooms adorned with a crucifix?

Evan Koss, who is in his last semester at St. Joe's, matriculated to the school because he was drawn to their food marketing program, which he deemed highly competitive. He grew up in the area and attended the Conservative Kesher Israel Congregation in West Chester. As he was getting ready to graduate high school, he knew he wanted to stay in the area for college.

"St. Joe's is right next to Lower Merion, which is a very heavily Jewish area," Koss said. "I have family that lives in Ardmore, kind of minutes away, so I was familiar with the area to begin with."

According to Culley, other Jewish students at St. Joe's share Koss' experience. They are commuter students from the heavily Jewish Main Line wanting to major within one of the competitive but specific programs St. Joe's has to offer.

At Villanova, Jewish students are drawn to the college's basketball team and its lively campus life, Culley said. The college offers good financial aid.

These Jewish students are aware of what they're getting into.

"I fully accepted the risk of going to a religious school that wasn't my own and all that would entail with it," Koss said.

During his four years at St. Joe's, Koss doesn't recall instances of antisemitism, but he has become an "unintentional mouthpiece," having to educate some of his classmates about his religion.

"There's just a lack of education because a lot of students ... they've been in Catholic school since they were kindergarten through 12th grade, and then they went right to a Catholic [college]; they may not have been exposed to Jewish people or Jewish culture," Koss said.

While Koss didn't mind doing some work to educate his classmates, he was also looking to connect with students who shared his Jewish upbringing. Before the semester began, he talked with six Jewish students, most of whom had not previously been interested in becoming involved in Jewish life on campus.

Koss worked with Winaker and Culley to create a Jewish presence at activity fairs, where students interested in Hillel could put their emails on a listserv. Beth Ford McNamee, assistant director in the Office of

Campus Ministry, has worked with Greater Philly Hillel and the Jewish students to try to eliminate barriers to holding programming, such as reserving spaces or navigating the student organization formation process.

According to McNamee, St. Joe's has always tried to be respectful of religious diversity; it's part of the core tenets of Catholic values. Villanova has shared similar values, following the changing philosophy of the Catholic Church, according to Villanova's Director of Multifaith Ministry Rev. Julie Sheetz.

In 1965, the Second Vatican Council met and created the declaration Nostra Aetate, "when the church really began to wrestle with its relationship to modernity," Sheetz said. Among other ideas, the declaration grappled with its role in antisemitism and the fate of Jews during the Holocaust, advocating for increased correspondence with other religious groups.

In 1967, St. Joe founded its Jewish-Catholic Institute, promoting coursework on non-Christian religions and speaker series promoting interreligious connections. "Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time" marked the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate and acted as a reminder of the work St. Joe's still had to do to create a truly religiously diverse campus climate.

Villanova has a similar reaction to Nostra Aetate's 50th anniversary. According to Sheetz, the theology department hired a professor of interreligious studies and a Jewish professor for Hebrew Bible and Jewish studies courses.

As both Villanova and St. Joe's faculty and staff have coalesced to support Jewish students, and with increasing Jewish infrastructure created by Greater Philly Hillel, the onus to build a sustained Jewish community is now on the students.

While Marchione and Culley have seen evidence of momentum and excitement from students, students need to continue to lend their insights and time to ensure these projects can come to fruition.

"It's sort of chicken-and-egg," Sheetz said. "It's hard to attract more Jewish students if there's not already vibrant evidence of a lot of Jewish students on campus." JE

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ecause potatoes are ubiquitous, people hardly notice them. Mostly white in color and always bland in flavor, they fade into the culinary background. But where would soups, stews, casseroles, gratins, side dishes and French fries be without them?

Besides being a filling comfort food, potatoes are quite complex. Not every potato is good for every recipe. And some potatoes may harm you.

Low in moisture and high in starch with rough skins, russet potatoes are ideal for baking, mashing, French fries and latkes.

Red bliss potatoes, new potatoes, fingerlings and most of the petit varieties have moister flesh and thinner skins. They hold their shape during cooking, so they are great for roasting, potato salads, gratins and simply boiling.

With their buttery color, Yukon Golds are the ultimate all-purpose potato. Fluffy and light, they're not too crumbly, nor are they dense. Boil, mash and roast them. They are an asset in soups, stews and casseroles.

Although many people peel and discard potato skins, they contain more nutrients than the flesh inside. They are full of fiber, vitamin B and calcium. Since potatoes are a vegetable, actually an underground tuber, they are gluten-free.

On the safety front, potatoes retain more pesticides than most produce, so it's best to buy organic. When potatoes are green, they have been exposed to light and have begun to produce chlorophyll. If this greening is pale and only skin deep, peel them to remove the green layers. But if the green color is dark and goes deeper into potatoes, they could be toxic and should not be eaten.

If your potatoes exhibit a few small sprouts, simply cut them out. But if the sprouts have formed an extensive network, the potatoes could be toxic so it's best to discard them.

If after peeling potatoes, you see dark spots, don't worry. This means the potatoes got bruised, but are perfectly healthy to eat. Scrape off the dark spots if they bother you.

There are at least 5,000 potato varieties and probably double that num-

ber of recipes calling for this versatile tuber. Believe it or not, potatoes are this country's most consumed produce item. Americans eat nearly 50 pounds per person per year. That's a lot of popularity for overlooked spuds.

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes Pareve

Serves 4-6

Equipment: 11-inch-by-17-inch baking pan and parchment paper

- 11/2 pounds fingerling potatoes, on the small side
- 1/4 teaspoon each: onion powder, garlic powder, curry powder and cumin
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Preheat your oven to 375 degrees F. Line the baking pan with parchment paper.

Rinse the potatoes under cold water, and drain them on paper towels. Cut them in half lengthwise. Move them to a plastic bag and

In a small bowl, place the spices, salt, balsamic vinegar and the olive oil. Whisk until well combined. Drizzle the mixture into the plastic bag over the potatoes. With one hand, close the plastic bag, and gently shake it until the potatoes are well coated.

Move the potatoes to the prepared pan. Arrange them cut side down. Roast them for 25-30 minutes, turning once or twice, until crisp. Serve immediately.

Homemade Potato Chips Pareve

Serves 4-6

Equipment: 2 large frying pans and 16 paper towels, or more if needed

2 pounds russet potatoes 1/2 cup olive oil, or more, if needed Kosher salt to taste

Arrange two layers of paper tow-

els on two cookie sheets, about 4 paper towels per cookie sheet.

Fun Facts About Potatoes

Rinse the potatoes under cold water, and pat them dry with paper towels. Scrape off the potato skins. Using a sharp knife, slice the potatoes as thinly as possible.

Pour some of the oil into each frying pan. You won't need the entire ½ cup now. Heat it over a medium flame.

Arrange as many potato slices in each frying pan as will comfortably fit without overlapping. Sprinkle them with a generous amount of salt. When the bottom sides are golden, turn them over. Continue frying until both sides are light brown. Add more oil when needed.

Move the chips to the paper towels to drain, and continue frving until all potato slices are crisp. When the paper towels become saturated with oil, discard them and move the potato chips to a bowl or platter. Line the cookie sheets with fresh paper towels, when needed.

Serve immediately.

Creamy Smashed Potatoes | **Pareve**

Serves 4-6

1/3 cup olive oil

5 garlic cloves, squeezed through a garlic press

Kosher salt to taste

1 heaping tablespoon capers drained on paper towels

6 Yukon Gold potatoes

In a small saucepan, heat the oil over a medium-low flame. Sauté the garlic and sprinkle it with salt. When the garlic is fragrant, remove it from the flame. Reserve.

Peel the potatoes and cut them into quarters. Boil them until they

are soft in the center. Drain them in a colander, and move them to a large mixing bowl. Drizzle the olive oil mixture over the potatoes.

With a fork or masher, gently smash the potatoes until lumpy and retaining some shape. (This is not a mashed potato recipe.) Add the capers, and gently mix them into the potatoes. Add more salt, if needed.

Serve immediately.

Italian Boiled Potatoes with Garlic Oil | Pareve

Serves 4-6

1/4 cup olive oil

4 garlic cloves, minced Kosher salt to taste

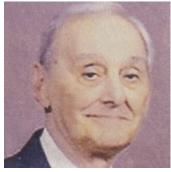
2 tablespoons chives, chopped

10 new potatoes, peeled

In a small saucepan, heat the olive oil over a medium-low flame. Add the garlic and salt. Sauté until the garlic is fragrant. Remove the pan from the heat, and add the chives. Stir briefly. Reserve.

Scrape the skin off the potatoes. Cut the potatoes into bite-sized pieces. Boil them until soft in the center. Drain them in a colander. Move them to a serving bowl. Drizzle the potatoes with the olive oil mixture, and gently stir to combine. Add more salt, if needed. Serve immediately. JE





ABRAMS

JOSEPH H. has left to join the love of his life, Mary Ann on 09/25/2022 for eternity. He also joins his parents Ben and Pauline, his brother Edward, and his life sister Ruth Spector. He is survived by his loving children Beth and Andy (Wendy) who were his proudest moments. He is also survived by his adored grandchildren Rachel, Drew, Erica, and Jennifer. They were the light of his life. He was also fortunate to have a wonderful family all of his life. He was a graduate of Central High School and Drexel University with a BS. in Engineering. He owned and sold one of the largest industrial gas companies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He held 3 patents including one issued when he was 90 years old and was a pioneer in the industrial gas industry by developing the industry's first state of the art cylinder filling plants to inventing the LifeGuard Safety Hose technology that has been mandated for use by the US, Canadian and Indian governments as well as specified by all of the largest industrial gas companies in the world. He was highly regarded in both the LPG industry and the Industrial Gas industry. In addition he was active in a number of charities in the area. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www. alz.org/delval in honor of Mary Ann. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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ALLEN

ROY on September 28., 2022, surrounded by his beloved family. Loving husband for 67 years of Heather Allen (Rubin); Devoted father of Cindy Monroe (Greg), Michelle Bryson and Debbie Finer (Steven), and the late Jeffrey Allen: Fantastic grandfather of Austin (Lily), Blaire, Joshua (Bridget), Elysha (Matthew), Cole, and the late Ryan; Outstanding great-grandfather of Jackson, Cameron, Mal-

colm and Benjamin; Loyal brother of Larry Allen and the late Arthur Allen. Roy grew up in Phila., PA and graduated from Central HS, class of 196 and then went on to graduate from Drexel Univ. with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He started his career as an engineer with RCA both in Phila, PA and Burlington MA. He went on to own his own business, Dentronix, a manufacturing company for orthodontic instruments where he patented a dry heat sterilizer that was the first of its kind in the industry. He retired from Dentronix, then he and Heather explored the world together in a series of fantastic trips to places like Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. For the last 20 yrs. they were snowbirds splitting their time between FL and PA. Roy had a lifelong love affair with his wife Heather who he met in high school and loved until the day he died. He was a devoted father who encouraged and supported his children. He adored his grandchildren and spent time with each and every one of them including Bar and Bat Mitzvah travel. His great grandchildren were the light of his life. He was a loyal son, brother and friend. Roy was smart, kind, funny, generous and a pure joy to be around. Contributions in his memo-

ry may be made to the Alzheimer's Association https://www.alz.org/ or The Congs. Of Shaare Shamayim Jeffrey Allen Fund https://www.shaareshamayim.org/jeffrey-r.-allen-memorial-fund.html

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BELFUS

ISAAC "Lou", 97, of Vineland passed away on Friday, September 30, 2022. A graveside services and burial were held on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm from Alliance Cemetery, 970 Gershal Ave, Norma. ARRANGEMENTS are under the supervision of Rone Funeral Service, 1110 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland, NJ 08360. To send

online condolences and view full obituary please visit our website at www.RONEFUNERALSERVICE.

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BERG

SALLY (nee Jacobs) of Margate, NJ, passed away on October 2, 2022, at the age of 85 at Lions Gate in Vorhees, NJ, following a battle with dementia. A native Philadelphian, she grew up in Logan and went to Olney High School and Temple University, where she was one of the few women of her era to earn a B.A. in business. She taught science and occasionally business and French at Samuel Fels Junior High School in the



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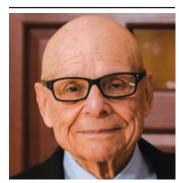
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Northeast for twenty-five years. She helped the school transition to a senior high school and then served as vice-principal at the new senior high school. While teaching full time, she went back to Temple and earned a Master's in Education. After thirty-two years in the Philadelphia school system, she took early retirement and started her own business designing and selling women's clothing. She married Charles J. Berg in 1961, and they lived in Germantown, East Oak Lane, and Rydal. In the late 1980's, they bought a shore house in Margate, and they moved down the shore full time in 2011. At the shore, she enjoyed socializing with friends, playing bridge, and going to the casinos with Charles and their friends for dinner and shows. She also liked a little gambling from time to time. Throughout their marriage, she and Charles enjoyed dining out, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Temple basketball, European travel, and Caribbean cruises. Later in life, she developed a taste for adventure travel, going on expeditions like an African safari, a European river cruise, and a trip to Burma well into her 70's and even into her early 80's. She had sewed many of her own clothes when she was younger, and so, when the pandemic hit, brought her sewing machine out of storage and made masks for two New Jersey health care facilities. Sally is survived by her husband Charles, her son, David J. Berg, and her daughter in law, Dr. Martha K. Badger. She was predeceased by a brother. Michael Jacobs.

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GOLD

EDWARD-September 30, 2022. 88, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones. Son of the late Claire and Louis Gold. Beloved husband of Susan (nee Godfrey) Forman Gold Devoted father of Lauren (Frank) Heslin and Jennifer Gold. Beloved stepfather to Andrew (Jamie) Forman Matthew (Stacie) Forman and Robert Hirsh. Devoted Grandfather to Lindsay, Zachary, Meredith, Rachel and Grant. Ed was an adored history teacher at Wagner Junior High School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School, both part of the Philadelphia School District. He was proud to serve in the US Army. Ed will be deeply missed for his kindness, humor and respect for all humanity. Donations in his memory can be made to Mitzvah Circles 1561 Gehman Road Harleysville, PA 19438 or American Cancer Society 1818 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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KARPF

JOAN (nee Fink) on October 3, 2022. Wife of the late Irving Karpf and the late Marty Linsk. Mother of Brad Linsk, Fred (Jennifer) Karpf and Gwen Karpf. Sister of Herb Fink and the late Ilene Lerner. Grandmother of Hannah and Zachary Karpf, Ian and Lara Korotkin and Lexi Lerner. Aunt of Matthew (Paula) Lerner and Nancy (Boris) Korotkin. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KLASKY

LILLIAN (nee Mondros) passed away peacefully on October 2, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the late Phillip Klasky and loving mother of Sheryl Weiner (Mark) and Robert (Cheryl Haines). Loving grandmother of Brooke Kogan (Peter) and Ryan Klasky. Cherished daughter of the late Samuel and Reba Mondros. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KRATKA

RUTH (nee Markowitz)-September 30, 2022, of Flushing, NY; beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Kratka, loving mother of Peter Kratka (Suzanne), and Judith Kratka (David Pentland); cherished grandmother of Jennifer Kratka (Peter Tirado), Alexis Kratka (Kevin DeBraganca), Harris Kratka (Nicole) and the late Ben Kratka; adored great-grandmother of Max, Bella, Aiden, Josie, James, Jackie, Kelsey and Colin. Graveside services were held on October 4, 2022, at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus NJ. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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LIPSCHUTZ

RUTH (nee Pepp Winegrad) 6/9/31-9/18/22-Passed away peacefully on September 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert and her son Neil Matthew. She is survived by her son Irv (Tina) Lipschutz, daughterin-law Nancy, grandchildren Zach and Jacob, her sister Susan Goldman and her children Andrew (Suzanne) Goldman and Leslie (Roy) Porter. Contributions in her memory may be made to Cong. Adath Jeshurun, www.adathjeshurun.info. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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MALIS

BARBARA-September 28, 2022 of Philadelphia, PA. Wife of Jerry Malis; loving mother of Katherine Schenkman (Russell) and the late Jack Malis; adoring grandmother of Benjamin and Brett. Services and interment are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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PARDYS

EILEEN MARYLYN (nee Klyman), 85 of Holland PA died September 12, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Aaron Pardys; loving mother of Richard (Richard Gordon) Pardys and Martin Pardys; devoted sister of Constance Klyman; cherished aunt of Michael Feldsher and Barry Feldsher. Eileen had a successful business as a psychic. She was known for her tarot card readings, handwriting analysis, and past-life regressions. She was a radio psychic on WBUX Radio, did readings in many Bucks County dining establishments, and had a successful psychic shop called "Psychic Phenomena" in New Hope, PA for many years. She wrote a book about one of her past lives at age 83, "Lemuria, A Journey of a Past Life". The family invites you to plant a tree in Israel in her memory. Contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund

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SCHATZBERG

ELSA (nee Rich)-Passed away on October 3, 2022. Mother of Daniel (Aurora) Schatzberg and Peter Schatzberg. Sister of Ellen (Arthur) Rosten. Grandmother of Rebecca, Andrea, Peter Jordan, Christopher and Michael Schatzberg. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, www.iewishphillv.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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STARKMAN

LOUIS - September 20, 2022, of Havertown, PA; Beloved husband of the late Joan (nee Pasker); loving father of Lori Shapiro and Lawrence Starkman; cherished grandfather of Justin and Brooke Starkman, Shane and Jake Shapiro. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Louis's memory may be made to Magee Rehabilitation Foundation, 1513 Race Street, Philadelphia 19102, http://JeffersonHealth.org/ Magee

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STEIN

JEROME "Jerry" died peacefully on September 18, 2022 after a short illness. A lifelong Philadelphian, Jerry was raised in Wynnefield, graduated from Overbrook High School, and attended Penn State and Villanova Universities before going into the automobile and later the camping business with his father and uncles. For more than 40 years, Jerry owned and operated Camp Green Lane, an overnight camp for children, where he was affectionately known as "Uncle Jerry" to generations of happy campers who continued to view him as a mentor and friend long after their camp experience ended. He was an avid supporter and longtime season ticket holder of the Villanova basketball program, and his grandchildren fondly recall attending games with him each year. Jerry will be sorely missed by his adoring family, his devoted friends, and the many other people he touched throughout his long and rich life. He is survived by his wife Carol. his sister Beth Freedman, and his children Lee Stein (June), Lynda Smith (Jonathan), Michael Banks (Lori), Debbi Weidman (Peter) and David Banks. He was also blessed with 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Alex's Lemonade Stand or any charity of your choice.

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TILLMAN

LYNN (nee SCHATZ) of Blue Bell, PA and formally of Ambler, PA and Boca Raton, FL passed away peacefully on October 2, 2022. Preceded in death by parents Leon and Bessie (Fremder) Schatz and sister Rita Needleman, Survived by devoted partner Amnon Sitchin: loving mother of Susan (Robert) Harrell, Karen (Nick) Caputo, David (Kelly) Tillman and Philip (Nel) Tillman; cherished grandmother of Rachel, Sophia, Bennett, Ryan, Justin, Samuel and Robert; beloved sister of Dr. Nathan Schatz; devoted aunt to Sheri Smedley and Lori Needleman. Contributions in Lynn's memory may be made to either the Lewy Body Dementia Association (www. Ibda.org) or the Jewish Agency Supporting Ukrainian Jews .

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TUCKERMAN

It is with tremendous sadness and eternal love that the family acknowledges the passing of Elaine Barbara Tuckerman, age 89, on October 6, 2022. Elaine fought a hard battle with Parkinson's She is survived by her loving husband, Donald, her three children, Eric (Belinda), Sandi (Robert), and Jay (Hilary), her five grandchildren, Rachel (Harael), Michael (Ariel), Daniel, Tyler, and Samuel, as well as her great granddaughter, Elisheva. Elaine was born on March 23. 1933 in West Philadelphia to Albert and Sylvia Rothman. At a very young age, she developed a passion for art and attended several art schools on her way to becoming a very accomplished artist. In addition to her artistic talents, Elaine had a keen eye for design and built a successful interior design business. Don and Elaine lived a lovedfilled, fairytale life together for many years in the Philadelphia area, before moving to Delray Beach, Florida in 1996. For over 70 years, they traveled the world, played golf, tennis, spent summers in Atlantic City, and enjoyed time with their children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter. Elaine continued painting all the way up until Parkinson's took its toll. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the Parkinson's Foundation, Attn: Donor Services 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

MEMORIAL

KLEVAN

Bernard Klevan January 28th 1933 -September 30th 2007 Remembering a loving and adored Father, Father-in-law and Pop Pop on his 15th Yahrzeit. Remembering you is easy, We do it everyday Learning how to live without you, the heartache will never go away. Always on our mind and forever in our hearts. Love Lisa, Howard, Nolan and Ilana Soffer

Camp Green Lane Owner Jerome 'Jerry' Stein Dies at 92

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

n the afternoon of Oct. 6, the doorbell rang at Carol Stein's Bryn Mawr home. It was the sprinkler man.

Stein knew it was time to turn off the sprinklers for the season, but she hadn't gotten around to it yet. It used to be her husband's job.

But the man was not ringing her doorbell to ask about that. He said he knew something was wrong because he hadn't heard from her husband, Jerome "Jerry" Stein, recently. Jerry Stein would call him just to talk or ask him if he saw the Phillies game.

Later that day, at the bank drivethru, the tellers told Carol Stein that they missed her husband. And after that, at Dairy Queen, employees said



the same thing.

"Everywhere I went yesterday," Carol

Stein said. "He took that extra step to make people feel important."

Jerry Stein died Sept. 18 at home "after a short illness," according to a death notice published in the Jewish Exponent. The man who owned Camp Green Lane in Montgomery County for more than 40 years was 92.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years and partner for more than 40, Carol, as well as his children Lee Stein (June), Lynda Smith (Jonathan), Michael Banks (Lori), Debbi Weidman (Peter) and David Banks. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Jerry Stein initially went into the automobile business but found his true calling after his father, George Stein, bought Green Lane in the 1950s. As "Uncle Jerry," the son grew into the camp's friendly, high-energy public

He would ride around on his golf cart and wave to everybody; he would make time for any camper who needed to talk to him; he would watch from the living room of his camp house and count buses after out-of-camp trips just to make sure everyone got back safely. His favorite part about the summer, according to his wife, was watching a kid walk in shy or homesick on the first day, and then walk out on the last day smiling and laughing with friends.

"He knew every camper's name," Carol Stein said.

Years after he sold the camp in 1995, "Uncle Jerry" returned with Carol Stein for a visiting day. The couple ran into grandparents they knew from Green Lane whose grandchildren were now campers.

Many former campers attended the shiva at the Stein house after the funeral, according to Jerry Stein's sonin-law Peter Weidman. Several were in their 60s. One told a story about how he broke his arm in camp playing ball. Uncle Jerry drove him to the hospital and stayed with him all night. The boy's parents could not make it up in time, and he was scared.

Weidman's three daughters, Hilary, 36, Rachel, 32, and Katie, 29, all attended camp. Rachel got married three years ago, and four of her bridesmaids were from her bunk at Green Lane. Katie's camp friends remain among her closest friends, according to her father. Hilary was a competitive gymnast, so she stopped going a little earlier than her sisters, but next summer she'll be sending her 8-year-old son Brody.

A little over a month before Grandpa Jerry died, Brody called him with the good news.

"Pop Pop, guess what?" he said, according to Carol Stein. "I'm going to Green Lane next year."

The grandpa smiled from ear to ear.

"Another generation," Carol Stein

Stein's children Lee Stein and Lynda Smith are from his first marriage, while Michael Banks, Debbi Weidman and David Banks are from Carol Stein's first marriage. But none of them, least of all Jerry Stein, saw it that way. They were just a family.

The patriarch took his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to Villanova University men's basketball games; he called himself a "judge" when he wanted to book a reservation for them at a nice restaurant, claiming the label because he had once "judged" Color War sing; he called them all with his wife on their birthdays to sing happy birthday.

Weidman said 10 grandchildren gave eulogies at the funeral.

"He was always concerned with their lives, careers and personal lives," Weidman said.

In his eulogy to his grandfather, Sammy Smith, Lynda Smith's son, talked about how much he would miss him. But he also said, "More important than what I'll miss is what I'll keep."

"I'll keep working on the, in his words, grandfatherly advice, he gave me," he said.

"How to make everyone around you feel like the most important person in the world," he concluded. "And his final lesson: how to live beyond your years through the stories and relationships you create." JE

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Looking Through God's Eyes

BY RABBI GREGORY MARX

Sukkot

he holiday of Sukkot is without a doubt one of my favorite festivals. The moon is full, the weather is, more often than not, cool in the evenings. The leaves are turning from their verdant green of the summer to the reds, yellows and oranges of fall. It is a wondrous time.

As for me, I am coming "down," if you will, from the pressures of the High Holy Days. I love Sukkot.

Where else can we look for a critical lesson about appreciation and wonderment for the times of our lives than the Torah reading for the Shabbat of Sukkot?

In it, we learn about Moses approaching God and asking to see "God's face." This is actually not a particularly unusual request. It says elsewhere in Torah that Moses knew God "face to face." Most religious teachings focus on its founder "knowing God."

But here, during the intermediate days of Sukkot, God pushes back against Moses' request. God says, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim before you the name Eternal and the grace that I grant and the compassion that I show... But you cannot see my face, for no human being may not see me and live ... See, there is a place near me. Station yourself on the rock. And as My Presence passes by, I will ... shield you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you will see My back, but My face must not be seen."

What actually transpired at that moment?

There are some who say that Moses was only allowed to see traces of God. It has been compared to seeing the wake of a boat but not the actual vessel. Or, perhaps, human wisdom, compassion or generosity are the traces of God that we can "see," while not actually knowing God. Others believe that it is a teaching about life after death. Moses

would be able to see God face-to-face upon his demise but not during life.

I would like to suggest a fourth option. Moses was allowed to see what truly mattered in life. He could see in an instant when God revealed His back, the sacred not the profane. If Moses was seeing only God's back, then Moses was looking in the same direction, theoretically, as God. Moses was allowed to perceive what God was seeing. It is the difference between looking into God's eyes and looking through God's eyes.

Imagine for just a moment that Moses could see what truly mattered in life. Rudolph Otto, the theologian, called this the Mysterium Tremendum, the great mystery of being. For that brief moment, perhaps it was just an instance, Moses had that "aha" moment where he could see and realize the profundity of life as opposed to the small annoyances of everyday living.

Too often we get distracted or aggravated by the little things of life. Having to wait on the phone for a customer representative who "values my time," but makes me wait for 45 minutes, the dripping kitchen faucet that we've been meaning to fix which consistently

Too often, the little things in life distract us from the beauty and the wonderment of life. A friend of mine once called it "the missing tiles syndrome." If we look up at a magnificent fresco or mosaic, we, too, often gravitate to the missing tiles, the flaws, the imperfections, rather than marveling at the wonderment.

There are some faiths that will tell us that the essence of life is to look into God's eyes, to have a personal relationship with God. All we can hope for, according to the Torah, is to look through God's eyes and to see what truly matters in life. And what does our tradition value? All the intangible things that cannot be qualified or quantified. Life is made meaningful with wonderment, gratitude, love, hope, faith, courage and integrity.

As we celebrate this glorious season,

may we "look through God's eyes" as Moses briefly did and give thanks for the splendor and majesty of the moment. JE

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What's happening at ... the Jewish Children's Folkshul & Adult Community

Folkshul a Long Tradition with **Contemporary Values**

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

n the early 20th century, the Greater Philadelphia area was home to dozens of Folkshuls — Jewish organizations that provided Yiddish and secular Jewish education to children in the city's Strawberry Mansion, Overbrook Park and West Philadelphia neighborhoods, among

Founded by Eastern European immigrants looking to pass down Jewish heritage and knowledge, Folkshuls thrived by providing practical education to the next generation of Jews — the children of members of the Workmen's Circle, Labor Zionists and the pro-Soviet Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

But as the decades wore on, the younger generations of Jews became detached from their families' immigration stories, losing interest in the language of their now-dead relatives. By the '60s and '70s, Folkshuls merged to create the critical mass to sustain classes. By the 1980s, many had closed altogether.

And then, in 2022, there was one.

The Jewish Children's Folkshul & Adult Community, which claims to be Philadelphia's last standing Folkshul, carries on the secular humanistic tradition introduced to the Philadelphia Jewish community more than a century ago.

Home to about 85 adult members at its Chestnut Hill location, the Folkshul provides Jewish education and breit mitzvah (its gender-neutral term for Jewish coming of age) training to 47 children, from kindergarten to ninth grade. Nine assistants, teenage alumni of the Folkshul, are paid to help out in the classrooms.

From the youth leadership development program to its social and environmental justice projects, meditation groups and restaurant club, Folkshul casts an intentionally wide net to encompass its community. Its secular humanistic sensibilities pervade its culture of welcoming others, which has



Folkshul members light candles for the High Holidays.



Folkshul has a high retention rate for young Jews, most of whom opt in to continuing their Jewish education after their breit mitzvah.

allowed the congregation to grow, even during the pandemic and a zeitgeist of synagogue downsizing.

"You're Jewish if you feel Jewish," Beth Ann Margolis Rupp, Folkshul's executive director, said.

According to Rupp, Jewish secular humanism celebrates Judaism beyond its theology and texts. The congregation eschews the label "synagogue" and is lay-led, save for a director of life cycles who facilitates celebrations of birth, death and marriage.

"When I think about it from a Jewish point of view, I recall all that is Jewish beyond God," Rupp said of secular humanism. "So that would include culture, history, ancestry — which is our human connection. Beyond the historical perspective, it is the culture with the arts and music and everything else that fits within that context."

Rupp joined the Folkshul in 1982 as a teacher. She stayed for a few years, left to travel and focus on her career as a teacher at the Philadelphia School, but returned, becoming the community's director in 2019, then executive director last spring.

Rupp's story mirrors that of many Folkshul members. The children's education program has a 90% retention rate, with most breit mitzvah students choosing to continue their Jewish education at the Folkshul, even after their milestone. Three teachers at the Folkshul are Folkshul alumni.

The community's secular humanistic philosophy establishes broad Jewish values while meeting the needs of individual students and congregants.

"We look at the world from a scientific and humanity perspective — how those two things come together," Rupp said. "And the Jewish lens of that is what affords us the strength of what is the functional community, and that's what makes Folkshul work."

Beyond retaining its young members, Folkshul is starting to gain attention outside of its immediate community. Between partnering with JCCs and co-hosting tashlich with Jewish Learning Venture, word is getting out that the Folkshul is still alive and well, according to program director Leah Siemiarowski Wright.

"A large portion of it is that people are finally realizing we exist," she said of Folkshul's growing membership.

Siemiarowski Wright cites a 2020 Pew Research Center study that found that 41% of Jews reported no affiliation with a particular denomination. They were called "Jews of no religion."

"And they are Folkshul Jews; they srogelberg@midatlanticmedia.com

just don't know it yet," she said.

A spiritual catch-all and a home for young Jewish families, the Folkshul prides itself on its practicality, a secret sauce to building community, even if its congregants' lives are busy or in

Liz Goldberg has been a Folkshul member for nine years. Her three children — two twins in the ninth grade and a fourth grader — are Folkshul students. She appreciates that at Folkshul, "everything happens on the Sunday."

While her children are at religious school, she and her husband can attend adult education classes at the same time. As the children have fostered friendships through their Jewish learning, so, too, have the adults.

"As an adult, there's not a lot of space for you to just kind of get to sit and interact with and get to know other like-minded adults," Goldberg said. "That social network is really important to us as adults, and we have just really appreciated finding this place where we can be lewish; we can talk about our ethics and our values, talk about what Judaism means to us, think about how we can integrate it into our lives." JE

OCTOBER 14-OCTOBER 20

FRIDAY, OCT. 14 **ART EXHIBIT**

After two-and-a-half years, the Olitsky Gallery will once again present exhibits featuring area artists, starting at 9 p.m. after Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Or. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit continues until Nov. 9. For more information, call 267-975-7555, 239 Welsh Road, Upper Dublin.



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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

BOSCOV'S DAY

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Out & About













1 The Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties promoted Christine Zoda-Egizi to senior director of homeless alliance services and Iyana James to associate director of justice involved services. 2 Ralph Penn and his band performed for Federation Housing residents at Samuel A. Green House in Elkins Park. 3 KleinLife and the Northeast Philadelphia Kehillah marked Jewish New Year 5783 with a Rosh Hashanah celebration. 4 Abrams Hebrew Academy's Head of School Rabbi Ira Budow showed his Sandy Koufax jersey to students during a lesson about the Hall of Fame pitcher's decision to sit out the first game of the 1965 World Series on Yom Kippur. 5 The National Merit Scholarship Corp. named Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy seniors Ben Zelnick and Niva Cohen National Merit Semifinalists. 6 Congregation Or Shalom's religious school leaders in Berwyn taught students how to decorate for Sukkot and blow the shofar.

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Cantor Eliot Vogel

RETIRES FROM HAR ZION TEMPLE AFTER NEARLY 32 YEARS

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

antor Eliot Vogel arrived at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley in 1991. He grew up in Connecticut, graduated from Boston University and then the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City and served congregations in his home state and New Jersey.

But once he got to the Main Line, he never left.

Through six rabbinic transitions in 15 years between the late 2000s and late 2010s, Vogel was there. During the pandemic, the cantor was the only person in the building, keeping the community alive. And after it reopened, he was still there, greeting people as they walked through the doors or around the campus.

But after the first Shabbat weekend in November, he will no longer be there.

Vogel, 68, is retiring after more than three decades. He said it's time for a younger voice to step onto the bimah and help transition to shorter services with more instruments and congregational participation. Vogel believes that Conservative synagogues are moving in that direction, while he is better-versed in the longer Conservative services of yesteryear.

"I imagine my successor being more adept at speaking to the Jews who will fill the pews in the future in a musical language, style and idiom which, while I might be able to appreciate, and might even employ at times now, would not be one that would feel entirely authentic to me," Vogel said.

But the cantor will be missed, proved him wrong. according to congregants.

Joe Carver, a Har Zion member for Carver said. 70 years and a past president, called Vogel the "glue who's kept Har Zion together." Carver remembers the final Yom Kippur service led by the previous cantor, Isaac Wall, who served for 46 years, according to Har Zion's website. Carver recalls thinking that the synagogue would never find such a great

cantor again.

Now, though, he admits that Vogel

"He's much more than a cantor,"

But a great cantor he certainly is. Carver remembered that, on numerous occasions, Vogel's baritone voice brought him to tears. That voice can make a prayer "reach deep inside of you," the longtime congregant said.

At the same time, according to Carver, Vogel is like a rabbi: He's "a

people person," too. Despite his attachment to Conservative traditions, Vogel was willing to grow with his congregation. As Carver put it, Vogel probably never imagined when he took the job in 1991 that he would one day share the bimah with a computer. But during COVID, he adopted the practice to keep services going online.

Carver is not sure if Har Zion would even still be here without Vogel.

"There were people who fled when we had rabbi turmoil," he said. "But he jsaffren@midatlanticmedia.com

kept people there."

Sarah Luksenberg has been a Har Zion congregant for more than 40 years. She lives within walking distance of the synagogue on Hagys Ford Road. And she called Vogel "the heart of Har Zion."

"For 32 years, he's been a leader, a mentor, a teacher," she added.

Luksenberg thought about it for a second and then stated with confidence that she had not experienced a major life event without Vogel present. He was on the bimah at her bat mitzvah; he officiated at her wedding; he oversaw the naming ceremonies for her children.

While preparing for a wedding, the cantor tries to get to know "everything about you," she said. And when he's prepping for a bar or bat mitzvah, "he's making sure you know the part and why you're doing the part," she added.

"He's always there and always available. He's a true leader," Luksenberg concluded.

As he transitions into retirement, Vogel is looking forward to being available on a weekend for maybe the first time in his adult life. His wife, Karen Vogel, is also planning on retiring from her job as the director of social work for Saint Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Working for a hospital requires weekend work, too, so for most of their careers, "doing something on a weekend was unheard of," the cantor said. Now the couple can just enjoy the Sabbath and their three grandchildren, all of whom live within driving distance in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Rockville, Maryland.

Vogel doesn't have a more specific plan than that. And he doesn't want to make one just yet.

"It's evolving sort of daily," he said.

As he looks back over his career, the cantor hopes that people remember him for leading "beautiful services with a lot of intent" and as "a constant in people's spiritual lives." JE

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OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Executor, William Taylor. Beneficiaries John Fritz, Evan Samuel, Ronald T. Scott, Gail Scott Reich, Roger Kolb, Mark Scott, Debra Scott, Deborah K. Scott, Joanna Zepp. The Law Offices of Jon Taylor, Esquire, PC, 1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 1888, Philadelphia, PA19103 also the attorney

ESTATE OF DORIS ROSE JOHNSON a/k/a DORIS R. JOHNSON, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DEBORAH JOHNSON, EXECUTRIX, c/o Jay E. Kivitz, Esq., 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150, Or to her Attorney: JAY E. KIVITZ KIVITZ & KIVITZ, P.C. 7901 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19150

ESTATE OF ELAINE R. SKIDDS, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to HAROLD J. SKIDDS, III, EXECUTOR, 610 Winton Ave.,

ESTATE OF JANICE BRECHT, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent

Everett, WA 98201

to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to EDWARD H. WOLF, EXECUTOR, 146 Ticonderoga Rd., East Petersburg, PA 17520, Or to his Attorney:
MARK J. DAVIS
CONNOR ELDER LAW
644 Germantown Pike, Ste. 2-C Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

ESTATE OF JEFFREY S CARPINO, DECEASED Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment with out delay to JOSEPH CARPINO. ADMINISTRATOR, c/o D. Keith Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, Or to his Attorney D. KEITH BROWN STUCKERT AND YATES P.O. Box 70

ESTATE OF JOSEPH E. KRAMER, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BENJAMIN JEFFREY FREEMAN, EXECUTOR, c/o Andrew J. Haas, Esq., One Logan Square, 130 N.
18th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-

Or to his Attorney: ANDREW J. HAAS BLANK ROME LLP One Logan Square 130 N. 18th St. Philadelphia, PA 19103-6998

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Newtown, PA 18940

ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE DIGIOVANNANTONIO, DECEASED Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ROBERT A. DITOMASSO EXECUTOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Or to his Attorney DANIELLA A. HÓRN 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF JULIA McLAURIN, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to KATHRYN WILLIAMS, EXECUTRIX, c/o Nicole B. LaBletta, Esq., 200 Barr Harbor Dr., Ste. 400, Conshohocken, PA 19428, Or to her Attorney NICOLE B. LABLETTA LABLETTA & WALTERS LLC 200 Barr Harbor Dr., Ste. 400 Conshohocken, PA 19428

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY JANE MERK, DECEASED.
Late of Philadelphia County
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who

request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ROBERT J. MERK, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney:

DANIELLA A. HORN KLENK LAW, LLC 2202 Delancey Place
Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LEROY M. JOHNSON Late of Philadelphia, PA.
LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment with out delay, to Genevieve Carminati, Executor, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys, Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq. Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer & Toddy, PC One Commerce Sa 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

FSTATE LILLIAN BETH BARONE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MATTHEW WENTZ. ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Daniella A. Horn, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: DANIELLA A. HORN KLENK LAW LLC. 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF LUCILLE BEALE, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment with out delay to DUERWARD BEALE. ADMINISTRATOR, 1242 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Philadelphia, PA Or to his Attorney JOSEPH L. DITOMO, JR. JOSEPH I DITOMO JR PC 1026 Winter St., Ste. 100 Philadelphia, PA 19107-1808

ESTATE OF MARGARET ANNE VILE a/k/a MARGARET VILE, DECEASED Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARGARET J. FLOREK, ADMINISTRATRIX. c/o Metka, Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9. Bensalem, PA 19020 Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

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ESTATE OF MICHAEL FARINA aka MICHAEL FARINA, JR.

Farina, Michael aka Farina, Jr., Michael late of Philadelphia, PA. Maureen M. Farrell, Esq., 1628 JFK Blvd., Suite 1901, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Administrator. Maureen M. Farrell, Esq. 1628 JFK Blvd. Suite 1901 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF NASEERDHEEN A. DAVIS

Davis, Naseerdheen A. late of Philadelphia, PA. Zakiyyah Saleemah Dean-Davis, c/o John R. Lundy, Esq., Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC, 450 N. Narberth Ave., Suite 200, Narberth, PA 19072, Administratrix. Lundy Beldecos & Milby, PC 450 N. Narberth Ave. Suite 200 Narberth, PA 19072

ESTATE OF PHILOMENA K. BATSCHELET a/k/a PHILOMENA BATSCHELET, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to WARREN BATSCHELET, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Harry Metka Esq., 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9, Bensalem, PA 19020. Or to his Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Blvd., Ste. 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF ROBERT J. PFEIFER, DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia County
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persons indebted to the decedent
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to MARK STEPHEN PFEIFER,
EXECUTOR, c/o D. Keith Brown,
Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, PA
18940,

Or to his Attorney: D. KEITH BROWN STUCKERT AND YATES P.O. Box 70 Newtown, PA 18940

ESTATE OF SAMOEUN OUM, DECEASED.

Late of Philadelphia County
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against the estate of the decedent
to make known the same and all
persons indebted to the decedent
to make payment without delay to
KEO NUTH, ADMINISTRATRIX,
c/o Jermaine Harris, Esq., 100 S.
Broad St., Ste. 1523, Philadelphia,
PA 19110,

Or to her Attorney: JERMAINE HARRIS 100 S. Broad St., Ste. 1523 Philadelphia, PA 19110 ESTATE OF SHAHIDAH B. MUHAMMAD, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to SALAHUDDIN SABREE MUHAMMAD, ADMINISTRATOR, c/o Wendy Fein Cooper, Esq., 50 S. 16th St., Ste. 3530, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Or to his Attorney: WENDY FEIN COOPER DOLCHIN, SLOTKIN & TODD, P.C. 50 S 16th St Ste 3530 Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF SHELDON L. STEIN, DECEASED. Late of Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to STEVEN M. STEIN and DIEDRE STEIN COLE, EXECUTORS, c/o Adam S. Bernick, Esg., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to their Attorney ADAM S. BERNICK LAW OFFICE OF ADAM S. BERNICK 2047 Locust St

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ESTATE OF SUSAN GRAHAM, DECEASED Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DONALD W. GRAHAM, EXECUTOR, c/o Stephanie A. Henrick, Esq., 1001 Conshohocken State Rd., Ste. 1-625, West Conshohocken, PA 19428, Or to his Attorney: STEPHANIE A. HENRICK ORERMAYER REBMANN MAXWELL & HIPPEL, LLP 1001 Conshohocken State Rd., Ste. 1-625 West Conshohocken, PA 19428

ESTATE OF TOMMY J. DODD aka TOM J. DODD Dodd, Tommy J. aka Dodd, Tom J. late of Philadelphia, PA. Penny E. Dodd-Bruneau, c/o David A. Applebaum, Esq., Friedman, Schuman, PC, 275 Commerce Dr., Suite 210, Ft. Washington, PA 19034, Executrix.

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ESTATE OF VERONICA A. BASARA a/k/a VERONICA BASARA, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to - LORRAINE BASARA, EXECUTRIX, c/o Benjamin L. Jerner, Esq., 5401 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144, Or to her Attorney BENJAMIN L. JERNER JERNER LAW GROUP, P.C. 5401 Wissahickon Ave Philadelphia, PA 19144

Fictitious Name RegistrationNotice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of

Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 01, 2022 for ALPT Logistics Management at 7201 Frankford Ave. #977, Philadelphia, PA 19135. The entity interested in such business is Alpha Transports, LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 7201 Frankford Ave. #977, Philadelphia, PA 19135 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 01, 2022 for EN Allure at 3525 I Street Suite 403, Philadelphia, PA 19135. The entity interested in such business is Timeless: Hair Studio by Erica Nicho LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 3525 I Street Suite 403, Philadelphia, PA 19135 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 01, 2022 for FAL Logistics Management at 7201 Frankford Ave. #977, Philadelphia, PA 19135. The entity interested in such business is Fain Logistics LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 7201 Frankford Ave. #977, Philadelphia, PA 19135 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filled in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 02, 2020 for Queen of Cups at 2671 South Ave., Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Cara Yellin at 2671 South Ave., Bryn Athyn, PA 19009. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 02, 2022 for C.P.S.R. at 215 Passmore Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Dawn Crawley at 215 Passmore Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. This was filed in accordance with 54 Pac.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

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Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 03, 2022 for Mosaic Coaching at 7407 Sharpless

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Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 05, 2022 for Dependable Medical Transportation Agency at 1714 Grant Ave., Suite 3, Philadelphia, PA 19115. The entity interested in such business is Amazing Care Home Health Services LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 1714 Grant Ave., Suite 3, Philadelphia, PA 19115 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 08, 2022 for GOT U HOOKED TOWING at 3971 Elser Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. The entity interested in such business is TMSav LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 3971 Elser Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 09, 2022 for Rowan Levy Therapy at 2022 Dickinson Street Philadelphia, PA 19146. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Rebecca Nicholle Levy at 2022 Dickinson Street Philadelphia, PA 19146. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 10, 2020 for **Triskell Design Build** at 105 Hampden Ave., Narberth, PA 19072. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Meredith Alexandra Triskell at 105 Hampden Ave., Narberth, PA 19072. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of ictitious Name was filed the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania August 11, 2022 for MATGENCON at 1209 S 19th Street, Philadelphia PA 19146 The entity interested in such business is MAT GENERAL CONTRACTING LLC, whose Registered Commercial provider's address is 1209 S 19th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 15, 2022 for **My babies boutique** at 3705 Pitt PI, Philadelphia, PA 19114. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Michelle Wilkerson at

3705 Pitt PI, Philadelphia, PA 19114. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 16, 2022 for SOUNDTRACKSEEZ at 1210 E Price Street, Philadelphia, PA 19138. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Carlton Michael Clement at 1210 E Price Street, Philadelphia, PA 19138. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 17, 2022 for Kinetic Wellness Center at 1101 Rhawn St. Philadelphia, PA 19111. The entity interested in such business is Star Tribe LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 1101 Rhawn St. Philadelphia, PA 19111 in Philadelphia County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 18, 2020 for **Sarah Campisi, MS, OTR/L** at 312 Winding Way, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Sarah Campisi at 312 Winding Way, King of Prussia, PA 19406. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 22, 2022 for NICKY BOY ENTERTAINMENT at 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Mr. Nicola DiMatteo at 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filled in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 22, 2022 for Reliable Repairs & Renovations at 1771 Cindy Lane, Hatfield, PA 19440. The entity interested in such business is Sean Kirby LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 1771 Cindy Lane, Hatfield, PA 19440 in Montgomery County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 25, 2022 for MY.COM at 580 Buchert Rd. Gilbertsville, PA 19525. The entity interested in such business is Real Care, LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 580 Buchert Rd. Gilbertsville, PA 19525 in Montgomery County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

Fictitious Name Registration

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 29, 2022 for Topline Painting at 642 Wendy Way, Hatfield, PA 19440. The entity interested in such business is Victory General Contracting LLC, whose Commercial Registered Office provider's address is 642 Wendy Way, Hatfield, PA 19440 in Montgomery County. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.

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