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# Har Nebo Cemetery Cleanup **Slated** for **Oct. 17**

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**IN EARLY NOVEMBER 2020, Richard** Blumberg took his son to Har Nebo Cemetery in Oxford Circle to visit the graves of 10 ancestors.

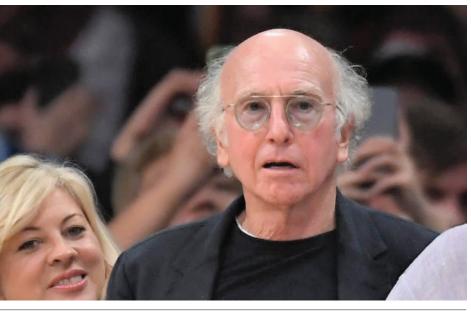
Upon arriving, Blumberg was devastated. About 2,000 of the cemetery's 35,000 stones had toppled and broken in half.

"When I saw all the stones — falling, broken, ready to fall - I was like, 'there's got to be good people that would care," Blumberg said. "This is atrocious."

Blumberg has devoted the past 11 months to partnering with the National Park Service and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, creating his group, Friends of Jewish Cemeteries, committed to leading efforts to tidy cemeteries and repair gravestones.

Friends of Jewish Cemeteries and the Jewish Federation will host a cleanup of Har Nebo on Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. It is continuing to raise up to \$20,000 for a pilot restoration project to fully restore 10-20 graves at the cemetery.

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▲ Larry David, star of "Curb Your Enthusiasm"

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# **Do Jews Still Love 'Curb'?** What Do You Think?

#### JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

LARRY DAVID'S "Curb Your Enthusiasm" returns to HBO for its 11th season on Oct. 24 — and local Jews can't wait.

the third season since "Curb" returned lower ratings. from a six-year hiatus in 2017.

2000 and 2011, transformed David into an unmistakable celebrity and attracted millions of devoted fans. But a six-year hiatus is a long one. And the more recent seasons, airing in an era with more enter-The upcoming 10 episodes will form tainment options, have gotten slightly

At the same time, local Jews haven't Those first eight seasons, airing between forgotten about David. Instead, many

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Anyone who grew up in the 1970s is probably familiar with the eminently mediocre side dish of "Spanish" rice, which mixed the grain with tomato sauce and a few seasonings. Food columnist Keri White was recently cleaning out a vacation home pantry and decided to reimagine the dish — and came up with a version she liked. Visit the Jewish Exponent online to read Philacatessen and get the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Vallev.

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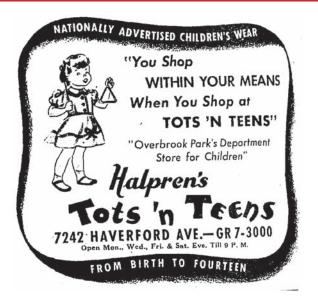
One person in every four in Philadelphia and suburbs is served directly by a Red Feather agency. Federation agencies alone serve 100,000 yearly.

40,000 volunteers will solicit contributions and perform other tasks to put the appeal over. Campaign organization consists of men and women of every faith and walk of life, working side by side for the κood of all. Thursday, October 20, is Campaign Opening Day. Giant rally of workers in Convention Hall at 8 P. M. will start the drive (doors open at 7 P. M.). Nationally prominent speakers and stellar entertainment will be featured.

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# JFNA Announces \$54M Security Initiative

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#### THE JEWISH FEDERATIONS

of North America announced at its virtual General Assembly on Oct. 3 a new priority for the over the next three years. Jewish community both locally and nationally: security.

The JFNA revealed a \$54 example, can apply for however million LiveSecure campaign much money it thinks it needs. to help Jewish communities But to receive the money, of things we're talking about."

#### across North America secure Jewish Federation would have their institutions against rising to match the grant at a 2-1 rate.

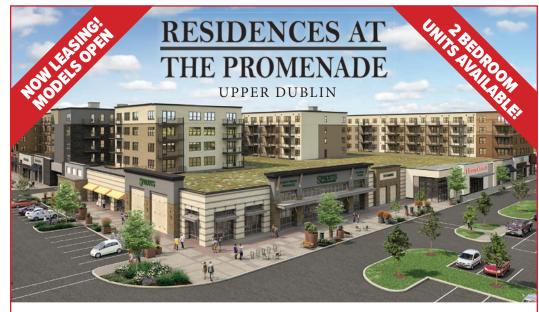
The nonprofit organizaand CEO Eric Fingerhut said tion could then distribute the money to community institumillion per year to Jewish tions like synagogues and child Federations around the nation care centers. It would have to go toward security expenses.

"It's not always going to be of Greater Philadelphia, for armed security," Fingerhut said. "It could be security plans and cameras. There are a huge range



▲ Eric Fingerhut

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antisemitism. JFNA President

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It's impossible for me to think that we're going to go back to a day when we don't have to worry about physical security."

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to help communities that don't have security programs build them and to help ones in Pittsburgh killed 11 people, that do, like Philadelphia, expand them. The LiveSecure campaign is going to last three years because both processes will take time, Fingerhut said.

Fingerhut called security Jewish community."

"It's impossible for me to think that we're going to go back to a day when we don't have to worry about physical security," he added.

United States have surged since Fingerhut said. "This is real." 2016, reaching a record-high of 2,107 in 2019, according to Anti-Defamation League numbers. The ADL began Michael Balaban said. There

The JFNA's goal is two-fold: tracking attacks on American Jews in 1979.

> In 2018, a synagogue shooter the deadliest attack on the American Jewish community in history. Similar attacks followed in Poway, California; Monsey, New York; and Denver.

Locally, a woman started "a permanent new cost to the shouting antisemitic obscenities last month outside a Yom Kippur service in Lower Merion. The synagogue's private security officer stopped her from gaining entry to the service.

"You don't know all the Antisemitic incidents in the attacks that have been thwarted,"

Before the mid-2010s, it wasn't quite like this for American Jews, Jewish Federation CEO

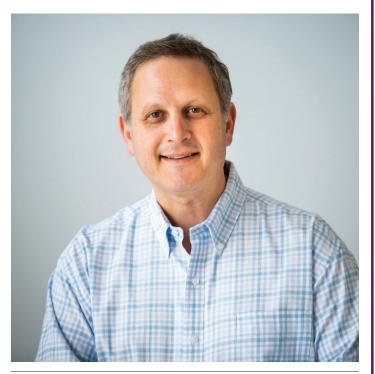
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Michael Balaban

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sure. But for the most part, Jews felt safe in their synagogues and schools.

antisemitic rhetoric in public North America. spaces.

benefits, also offered antisemplatform. And then the digital combat the rise of hate." world started spilling over into physical reality.

2017 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, as a moment that forced Jews to confront the new harsh reality. Antisemitism emerged not just Main Street America.

And since that horrific event, Balaban said, national politicians on both the right and left have failed to tame antisemitic extremists in their ranks. Party leaders continue to allow those elected leaders to "use Israel as to the JFNA's matching a wedge to splinter us apart," Balaban said.

So online, the problem continues unabated, he added. "This is happening every 215-832-0740

were antisemitic incidents, to be day with kids who are joining these white supremacy groups," Balaban said.

Balaban credited the JFNA Balaban traced that feeling with focusing on a "paramount" back to World War II. The and "vital" issue because while United States beat the Nazis he has resources, he also needs and, in the aftermath, did a help. So do the hundreds of great job of clamping down on other Jewish communities in

"You don't want someone But the rise of technology leaving your house to attack and the internet, for all their the neighbor next door," he said. "By working together as ites a megaphone and a a national network, we can

Both Balaban and Fingerhut said it's a shame that the Jewish Balaban pointed to the community needs to focus so heavily on security. They also said it's sad that Jews can't just feel safe in their community buildings.

But the new focus is necesinto physical reality, but onto sary. And, in the long run, quality security may make people feel safe again.

> "We're not just going to sit back," Balaban said.

> Balaban said he is already meeting with local donors to raise enough money to commit program.

"We're moving," he said. •

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# As Facebook Groups Grow, Admins Dodge Politics

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AFTER MORE THAN 13 years of moderating the "Jewish Philadelphia" Facebook group, administrator Len Lipkin is hoping to pass the torch.

The group — created by Lipkin on Sept. 22, 2008 now boasts 3,600 members from the Greater Philadelphia community.

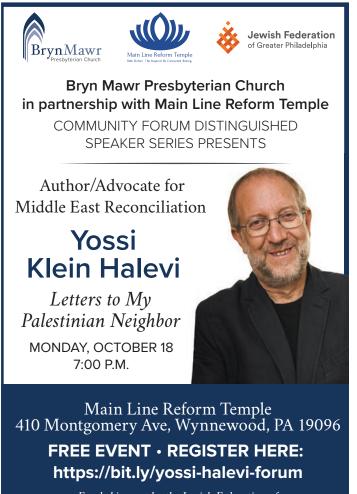
And with the group's rapid growth over the past few years, Lipkin said he doesn't have the time or energy to moderate the group's posts and comments, organizations to help manage and things like that."

the page, but with limited interest.

largest Jewish Facebook group in Philadelphia, he's noticed a lot of changes. Once created as a forum for area Jews to find synagogues or discuss Jewish current events and antisemitism, the group now serves as the virtual bulletin board scientist Frances Haugen testifor area Jewish programming, businesses and holiday events.

However, around five years ago, Lipkin observed another shift.

"When the 2016 election came around, there were a lot of people that started getting a little bit more testy with which can reach up to 100 per one another," Lipkin said. "I day. Lipkin put out feelers in started moderating, and we the community, asking group started getting spam, groups of members and community people joining just to post ads



Funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Israeli Engagement Grant Program.

This wasn't just the case for Lipkin. Other administrators Over Lipkin's tenure with the of Jewish Facebook groups

locally and nationally noticed a similar trend: increased political posting and advertisements that have caused their experiences on the social media site to sour.

When former Facebook data fied at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee hearing on Consumer Protection, Product Safety and Data Security on Oct. 5, she outlined Facebook's alleged use of algorithms to further partisan agendas and expose younger audiences to content that may damage their mental health.

"It is causing teenagers to be exposed to more anorexia content. It is pulling families apart. And in places like Ethiopia, it's literally fanning ethnic violence," Haugen said in her testimony.

For Facebook group admins, political posts pose a nuisance.

Charles Schnur, administrator for the 2,600-member "Jews in Center City" group, said he's noticed Facebook becoming a politically divisive space. He tries to keep politics out, approving posts about community events, not political discussions.

"I've done my best to make this as a unifying area for the Jews in the area," Schnur said.

However, Schnur said this wasn't the case in other Jewish Facebook groups of which he is a part.

"We live in a world where both Biden and Trump are requests. antisemites," Schnur said, referring to the range of opinions he's seen in various groups. "Can't we just, for a minute, put that all aside and find something we have in common? Whether it's a Shabbos dinner, a Torah event, some other event — The labels shouldn't matter."



▲ Len Lipkin is the sole administrator of the Facebook group "Jewish Philadelphia," which has about 3,600 members. Courtesy of Len Lipkin

Even "Frum Fandom," a aligns with why others may Jews to discuss their favorite media site. science fiction and fantasy media — and where Schnur is important, but people also a member — isn't a sanctuary from politics.

Group admin Chesky Salomon said he sees a request to post something divisive about once a week. Salomon immediately deletes those

"I forbid it," he said.

Salomon believes that politics stray from the group's his students - still use Facebook purpose, and that "politics ruin everything."

Dustin Kidd, a sociology professor at Temple University who studies social media, said Salomon's disdain for politics in his Facebook group really hate these sites and want

Facebook group for Orthodox be frustrated with the social

"Political issues may be very want a place of respite from them," he said.

In combination with a "bombardment" of sponsored content and advertisements, Facebook can feel less like a place to disconnect with outside issues and more of a political and economic minefield.

However, Kidd - and all of or other social media sites. Despite issues with Facebook, it's sometimes the only place for people to find out about events and programming.

"Many of [my students]

## **H**EADLINES



▲ Former President Donald Trump and Mark Zuckerberg at a White House event on Sept. 19, 2019 Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



▲ Former Facebook data scientist Frances Haugen testifying before the Senate on Oct. 5. Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

to get rid of them, but they feel multiple times a day, Lipkin others," Kidd said.

For all of its faults, however, technology job. Facebook isn't all bad, Lipkin said. Last month, someone ical spats or spam posts once a posted on "Jewish Philadelphia" asking for ways to help Afghan evacuees, pointing people administrative role. However, toward HIAS PA and JEVS.

of COVID, Ronit Treatman, administrator of "Jews of Northwest Philadelphia" and "South Philly Jews," saw Facebook as a beacon of hope.

"It was the only window that some people had to be with other people, especially those who live alone," Treatman said.

it easier for admins to connections. moderate page traffic and avoid spam, allowing them to nity as much as I might have select frequent users to post hoped that it would," Lipkin automatically, circumventing said. the manual approval process. As someone who checks the srogelberg@jewishexponent.com; "Jewish Philadelphia" site 215-832-0741

like it's so much a part of the can keep his role as the group's way that they are connected to administrator in balance with his full-time information

Lipkin only witnesses politmonth or so, and that isn't why he hopes to resign from his he feels as though the group During the early days hasn't achieved the goal he had in mind in 2008.

From what Lipkin has seen, "Jewish Philadelphia" hasn't helped people make new friends; it's mostly a place for people to promote their events. Though useful and fulfilling a community need, Lipkin said, it's fallen short of his Facebook has also made goal of forging more profound

"It's not building commu-

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# Local Man to Lead International Jewish Sports HOF

#### LOCAL

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THE INTERNATIONAL Jewish Sports Hall of Fame opened in 1981 and is located in the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports in Netanya, Israel.

It has more than 420 inductees, all of them Jewish athletic luminaries, though some more famous than others, like former Boston Celtics coach Arnold "Red" Auerbach, U.S. Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz and Detroit Tigers slugger Hank Greenberg. The most recent inductee was Sue Bird, the still-active WNBA star and women's basketball legend.

The hall's founding chairman, Potomac, Maryland, resident Alan Sherman, views it as the official repository for Jewish sports history.

And now Sherman is tapping an Exton resident, Brian Schiff, to replace him as the official repository's gatekeeper.

Sherman, 85, retired in for four decades.

"It was time to pass it on," he said.

competition athletes, from the 1970s into the '90s. During that period, Games eight times.

The original chairman knew Schiff and, by the time he stepped down from the hall, he felt his old acquaintance would make a good replacement.

"I knew he had an interest in the hall. I knew he knew about sports," Sherman said.

Sherman called Schiff and asked if he wanted the role, and over with his wife, who thought it would be both prestigious and something he would enjoy. next step," he said. "I was

works full time, too, in the would have meaning and make athletic department at the a difference." Abington Friends School. But the hall.

"It's like anything in life," doing, you make time."

For the hall, this is a moment events. of transition in general, not just

Sherman held various at the chairman level. Schiff is leadership positions with being joined in his endeavor the international Maccabiah by another Philadelphia-area Games, an Olympic-style resident: Jed Margolis, of for Jewish Dresher, the hall's new vice president.

As VP of the nonprofit Schiff coached the USA basket- organization, Margolis will ball team at the Maccabiah lead the 15-person election committee for picking new hall of famers. The IJSHF inducts new members every year and holds a ceremony every four years at its Israel facility.

Margolis is replacing Joe Siegman, a California-based television producer who came up with the original idea for the hall.

The Dresher resident, now the coach said he was inter- 70, retired four years ago after ested. Schiff, 68, then talked it a 45-year career with Jewish Community Centers.

"This seemed like a natural The new chairman still looking for something that

Schiff and Margolis have he said he will make time for worked together before, at the JCC Maccabi Games for Jewish athletes 16 and under. Schiff January after leading the hall Schiff said. "Things you love coached basketball, while Margolis helped organize the

"I know he's smart, driven

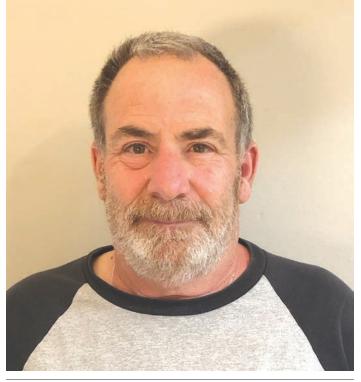
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and committed to whatever with a 2017 inductee, who said task he takes on," Margolis said of Schiff

With the hall, Schiff's and Margolis' task is to keep it the same: to keep the inductions rolling and the website and facility operating.

Sherman said he left the organization in good shape, and the new leaders agree. But Sherman acknowledged that the hall needs to do more to enter the 21st century. And that, according to Schiff and Margolis, is the mission moving forward.

Schiff wants to start with the website, which, even more than the Israel facility, Sherman labeled as "the sole repository in the world for outstanding Iewish athletes."

Right now, though, the site is just text and information. Schiff and Margolis want to make it more interactive with videos and pictures.

"To get people to want to go to it," Schiff said.

After the website, Schiff hopes to focus on the Israel building. He recently spoke 215-832-0740

the facility, like the site, needs a 21st-century upgrade.

At the moment, it's just exhibits and lists of names. Like its web home, the physical hall would benefit from more interactive elements, Schiff said.

"Something people would be interested in visiting," he said.

Both foundational renovations, though, would cost "enormous amounts of money," Schiff added. An amount beyond the existing \$100,000 quadrennial cost to run the hall and hold the induction ceremony.

Schiff and Margolis are planning to host a Zoom meeting with board members this month to discuss this vision.

Both local men are committed to it.

"We just want to let people out there know that Jews have accomplished great things in the world of sports," Schiff said.

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## Headlines

# **ISRAEL**BRIEFS

#### Ancient Private Toilet Found in Jerusalem

A 2,700-YEAR-OLD toilet from the days of Jerusalem's First Temple was discovered by Israel's Antiquities Authority, JTA reported.

Built as a private toilet stall at a time when few could afford such a luxury, the toilet was unveiled to the public on Oct. 6 at an archaeology conference, though for viewing only.

The toilet, which was carved from limestone, appears similar to a modern-day fixture with a hole at the center leading to a septic tank.

"A private toilet cubicle was very rare in antiquity, and only a few were found to date, most of them in the City of David. In fact, only the rich could afford toilets," said Yaakov Billig, who directed the dig for the authority on the site of a large estate on the Armon Hanatziv promenade in Jerusalem.

Archaeologists plan to examine the septic tank to investigate what people living in the First Temple Period ate and to better understand diseases of that era.

#### Israel's Fiscal Deficit Continues to Narrow

Israel's cumulative fiscal deficit for the 12 months ending in September declined to 7.4% of gross domestic product, or \$36.2 billion, down from 8% at the end of August and 9.2% at the end of July, Globes reported.

The Ministry of Finance Accountant General reported that as the COVID crisis recedes in Israel, the deficit has narrowed. It was 11.7% of GDP at the end of 2020.

Due to the few working days in September because of the holidays, an estimated \$2.54 billion in taxes was deferred until October. That would have created a surplus of \$680 million in September, dropping the budget deficit over the past 12 months to 6.85% of GDP.

#### **Knesset to Mark Day Against Sexual Violence**

The Knesset will mark the War Against Sexual Violence Day on Oct. 19 to honor the fourth anniversary of the #MeToo movement.

The first-ever day is a joint initiative between Mossi Raz of the Meretz party and Idit Silman of the Yamina party. Its goal is to ensure that the topic receives recognition as crucial to the national agenda.

Knesset committees will debate laws and reforms that are being completed. An afternoon conference will include victims of sexual crime.

#### Ukraine Asks KKL-JNF for Tree-planting Help

The Ukrainian government asked the Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund for help in planting 1 billion trees over the next three years, The Times of Israel reported.

A KKL-JNF spokesperson said the organization's chief forester will set up a joint Israeli-Ukrainian team, with Israeli experts flying to Ukraine to teach their counterparts there how to plant and maintain trees, while providing tools and technology to plant and monitor forests.

Roman Abramovsky, Ukraine's environment and natural resources minister, told KKL-JNF that tree-planting would center on former industrial areas and more than 1,500 urban parks as a way to combat global climate change. New forests would only be planted where woodlands were damaged by fire or disease or in areas where forests grew before humans intervened.

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# **Rabbi to Speak at Africa Night to Honor Israel**

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ON NOV. 29, 1947, Liberia was one of 33 countries in the United Nations to vote in favor of Israel's statehood. The West African country's relationship with Israel endures 70 years later.

In June 2017, Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu became the first non-African speaker invited to the Economic Community of West African States conference in Liberia, hoping to bolster Israeli and Jewish ties to the region.

Efforts to cement these ties are taking place locally, too.

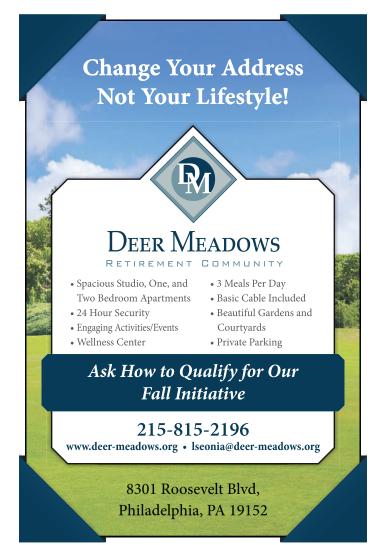
African Christians United for Israel will host its second annual Africa Night to Honor Israel in Philadelphia on Oct. 17 at 5 p.m., standing in solidarity with Israel and tism, anti-Zionism and interfaith

the Jewish community. Rabbi Aaron Gaber of Congregation Brothers of Israel in Newtown will speak at the event.

"It's quite profound and very significant to see a group, to see people, who are incredibly supportive of Israel because they think it has the right and ability to exist in this world," Gaber said.

Gaber attended the first Africa Night in Philadelphia three years ago. This year's event, albeit with COVID protocols in place, will mirror its predecessor, consisting of a series of speakers from the Philadelphia chapter of ACUFI, as well as performances and dancing and both Jewish and African foods.

Though celebratory in its tone, the event will tackle the topics of the day: increased antisemi-





Rev. Dumisani Washington speaking at Minnesota's eighth annual Africa Night to Honor Israel

community connections.

"So often, the media portravs Israel in a negative light, and this is a way of showing folks another side of Israel," Gaber said. "It helps people get past the headlines."

By building bridges between the Jewish and African Christian communities in Philadelphia, Gaber said he hopes these budding relationships will foster community interconnectedness.

"Once people get to know each other, maybe have meals together, teach together, learn together — it breaks down barriers between one another, which generally leads to good things.'

Gaber's hope is not one-sided. Rev. Dumisani Washington, founder and CEO of the Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel and the event's keynote speaker, shares Gaber's wish.

According to Washington, a Christian interpretation of Psalm 68 calls on African nations to stand in solidarity with Israel.

"Africa must lead," Washington said.

crux of Washington's keynote address.

Because of Africa's growing Christian population, the



Jewish and African Christian attentees at Minnesota's eighth annual Africa Night to Honor Israel Courtesy of Aaron Gabe

number of Christians on the continent and in Latin America will exceed the number of Christians in the Western world. There is, therefore, an increased responsibility for Christians to support Israel.

"It is paramount that we, as pastors, preach biblical Zionism, which we define as Israel's right to live in peace with its neighbors, that the land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people," Washington said. "Historically, they are indigenous."

Beyond biblically, West Africa's loyalty to Israel has stemmed from Israel's interest in what Netanyahu called "Israel's return to Africa," an effort to break the United Nations' majority opposition to Israel through Israeli investment in Africa through agricultural, homeland security and cybersecurity efforts.

Israel's independence created a domino effect of Ghana and other African countries gaining independence from the common colonial power of Great Britain. One of Ghana's first diplomatic relationships was with Israel.

"Israeli technology - partic-This message will be the ularly science and agriculture and irrigation - helped strengthen African nations to the point where several, particularly Nigeria, had a stronger 215-832-0741

currency than the United States by the mid-1970s," Washington said.

Gaber will use his platform as an opportunity to commend Washington's, ACUFI's and IBSI's efforts to support Israel, as well as lay the groundwork for future collaborations.

Though only its second iteration in Philadelphia, ACUFI's Africa Night to Honor Israel has been a hallmark of the organization's national programming for the past nine years, with the eighth annual Minnesota Africa Night taking place on Oct. 3.

Pastor Steve Kelly of Victory Harvest Fellowship International, who is one of the event's organizers, said ACUFI partners with Jewish Federations in some cities, who help liaise the relationship between ACUFI and Jewish and Israeli organizations in Israel they hope to support.

"We know the land of Israel is blessed," Kelly said. "Who wouldn't want to be a partner with someone who is blessed?"

The Philadelphia Africa night will take place at 2536 S. 59th St. Speakers and church staff are vaccinated, and masks are required. •

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## HEADLINES

# **NEWS**BRIEFS

#### Josh Shapiro to Run for Governor

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced that he is running for governor, JTA reported.

Shapiro, a Democrat, made the long-anticipated announcement on Oct. 11. Incumbent Gov. Tom Wolf, who cannot run for a third term, said as long ago as 2019 that he favored Shapiro as his successor.

Shapiro, 48, gained prominence last year by resisting efforts by former President Donald Trump and his Republican allies in the state to stop the vote count or reverse it.

Shapiro is not likely to face any Democratic challengers, and Republicans have yet to settle on a front-runner, JTA reported. The only Republican to announce their candidacy thus far is retired heart surgeon Dr. Nche Zama.

Republicans have said they will target Shapiro for Philadelphia's rising crime rate, among other issues.

#### **UK Labour Party Announces New Review Process for Antisemitism Complaints**

Labour members attending the British party's annual conference passed a rule on how to handle antisemitism complaints, JTA reported.

"We've turned our back on the dark chapter. Having closed that door, that door will never be parties affected by major crimes may initiate criminal

opened again in our Labour Party to antisemitism," Labour leader Keir Starmer said.

The change, passed Sept. 26 in Brighton, England, calls for complaints about antisemitism to be reviewed by an independent committee. During his years leading the party, former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was accused of allowing antisemitism to fester among some of the party's left-wing supporters.

#### Lawyer Seeks Trial for Last Living Alleged **Babyn Yar Perpetrator**

German lawyer Hahns Brehm wants to bring to justice a man he says may be the last Babyn Yar perpetrator alive, a 99-year-old German named Herbert Waller, JTA reported.

In September 1941, Ukrainian collaborators brought more than 33,000 Jews to Kyiv's Babyn Yar ravine, where Adolf Hitler's army executed defenseless victims by machine guns.

Brehm and his partners believe indicting Waller is a symbolic, last-ditch effort to correct decades of what they see as inaction by German authorities against participants in the Holocaust's largest single pogrom of Jews. Out of about 700 participants, only 10 were convicted.

Brehm traveled to Kyiv recently to speak with relatives of Babi Yar victims. Under German law,

proceedings even if prosecutors don't indict.

#### Alleged War Criminal, 96, Caught in Germany **After Skipping Trial**

German police arrested a 96-year-old suspected war criminal after she failed to show up for trial, JTA reported.

Irmgard Furchner was indicted in February for complicity in the murders of 10,000 people at Stutthof. She served as a secretary at that concentration camp in occupied Poland during World War II.

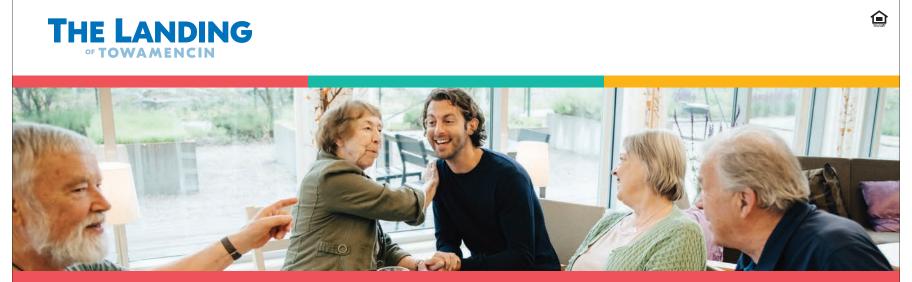
Despite her age, she is being tried by a special youth court because she was 18 at the time of her alleged crimes. Furchner has admitted to working at Stutthof but denied knowledge of any murders there.

The Regional Court of Itzehoe near Hamburg declared Furchner a "fugitive" on Sept. 30 after she failed to appear before the court, but police found her a few hours later. The new court date is Oct. 19.

Before her trial, Furchner argued that her advanced age and medical complications prevent her from standing trial, but Efraim Zuroff, a Nazi hunter and director of Eastern European affairs at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, questioned that.

"If she's healthy enough to flee, she is healthy enough to be imprisoned," he said.

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# Jewish Issues Part of Supreme Court Agenda

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WASHINGTON -The Supreme Court opened a new session of cases last week, and an array of them affect Jewish life in the United States.

But there is one issue that a range of Jewish groups are keenly interested in that is not on the docket: the court's credibility.

A series of bruising confirmation battles in recent years and a pair of recent decisions — on Texas' controversial abortion law and on President Biden's proposed moratoriums on evictions in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic have polarized public opinion Jewish organizations, who so out of sync with thoughtful about the court. In the wake of worry about how erosion of consensus issues, like access to last year's rush by Republicans the court's reputation could abortion," Pesner said.

confirmed as the court's sixth Ginsburg, there have been calls from left-leaning groups to reconstitute the court by adding more justices.

Sensing the growing criticism, several justices — liberal and conservative - have spoken out in recent weeks. Barrett emphasized that justices should not let personal biases influence their decisions. Samuel Alito dismissed claims that the court's conservatives have formed a "shadow docket" to push decisions through sessions.

That has not appeased many

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to get Amy Coney Barrett eventually harm Jews.

"There will be a time when conservative justice, following the court's prestige is necesthe death of Ruth Bader sary to protect individual or group rights or the institutional interests of the country, and the prestige shouldn't be squandered," said Marc Stern, general counsel for the centrist American Jewish Committee.

Rabbi Jonah Pesner, who directs the Reform movement's more progressive Religious Action Center, said recent court decisions have set it on a path toward radical changes, among them severely curtailing the right to an abortion.

"We are worried about the without traditional debate hyper-polarization of the court and the potential that it is being delegitimized when it is

Under that cloud, the court's weeks of pregnancy. justices will hear a range of impactful cases. Here are the ones that Jews should know about.

#### The threat to Roe v. Wade

The court has agreed to hear Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, pitting the state of Mississippi, which bans most abortions after 15 weeks, against an abortion clinic.

Lower courts — including those known to lean conservative - have upheld the abortion clinic's claim that the law violates the seminal 1973 decision that upheld a woman's right to an abortion, Roe. v. Wade, which held that about laws that would severely abortions are legal until the limit access to abortion," fetus is viable, at between 22-24 Pesner said. He said the laws

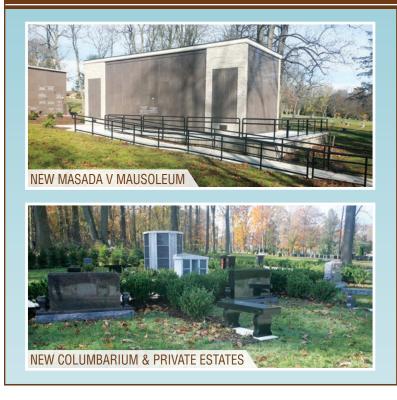
The National Council of Jewish Women is leading a friend of the court brief on behalf of the clinic, with some 50 organizations signed on, and the Religious Action Center and Anti-Defamation League have signed onto separate amicus briefs.

NCJW has launched an initiative, 73Forward (referring to the decision's year), that will educate women about abortion and help facilitate access to abortions. It includes a component called Rabbis for Repro, now numbering some 1,500 rabbis, to underscore that for many Jews, access to abortion is a religious imperative.

"We are deeply concerned

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Pro-choice and anti-abortion activists protest alongside each other during a demonstration outside of the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 4. Photo by Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images via JTA.org

particularly afflict segments of taking up the case the court **A Pissarro painting's** more liberal laws.

Jody Rabhan, NCJW's chief not in dispute in the lower forced to give up a Camille policy officer, said that by courts.

the population that do not have is signaling it wants to revisit rightful place

access to private care or the Roe v. Wade - even though In Cassirer v. Thyssenmeans to travel to states with the Supreme court does not Bornemisza Foundation, the usually take up cases that are descendants of a Jewish woman Pissarro painting to Nazis

its restitution from its current owner, a state-owned museum in Madrid.

The case hinges on whether **schools** California or Spanish law applies here.

Spanish law allows an owner to retain stolen property if there was no reason at the time of purchase to believe it was stolen, and if no one comes forward to claim it within a given period of time. In the U.S., by contrast, there is no time limit for the original owner to reclaim stolen property.

Stern said the AJC is considering an amicus brief, in part because he would like the court to consider an issue narrower than the thorny one of whether Spanish law supersedes U.S. law: if the museum is lying.

Stern does not believe the museum carried out due diligence when it acquired the painting in 1999, and may not

for her freedom are seeking be entitled to the painting even under Spanish law.

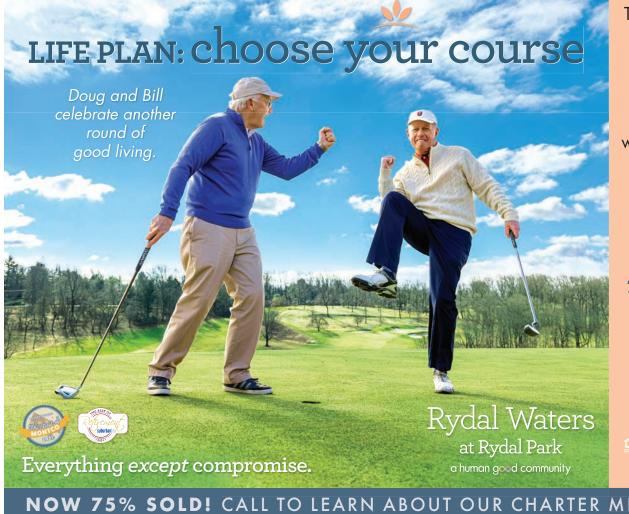
# **Paying for religious**

Accepting a case involving the separation of church and state is the one sure way to get dueling Jewish amicus briefs before the Supreme Court. Carson v. Makin fits the bill.

In Maine, some parents want to use state funds to send their children to religious schools. Maine and Vermont are the only two states that allow parents of children in rural districts without a high school to opt out of sending their kids to a neighboring district's public school. Instead, they can use state funds to send them to an in-district private school - unless that private school is religious.

The parents in Carson v.

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unconstitutional.

The Orthodox Union has filed an amicus brief on behalf of the complainant parents, and the Anti-Defamation League is set to file an amicus brief on behalf of the state of Maine.

Steve Freeman, the ADL's **The case of the** vice president of civil rights spent on religious schools religious instruction — for instance, in the use of funds for a playground. He said the ADL, in its amicus brief, will join arguments that public money should not fund indoctrination in a faith.

Orthodox Union's Washington director, said that the distinction that the ADL is hoping the case is "a slam dunk group is joining two individuals

topic is ostensibly secular, he Amendment." said.

# Christian flag

and director of legal affairs, The ADL and the AJC are both endorsement of faith, but he said that court precedent considering whether to weigh allows public money to be in on Boston's rejection of a Christian group's request to fly as long as it did not involve a Christian flag outside city hall, a case known as Shurtleff v. Boston.

The Christian group sued on free speech grounds because the city makes the flagpole available to local groups for a limited period of time. Excluding a Heeding the kids from Nathan Diament, the religious group is discriminatory, the group argues.

Makin say that this ban is the court will uphold may be kind of question that flying a challenging a New York state sued the board for passing a impossible to make: There is religious flag in front of City little that a religious institution Hall is not consistent with instructs that is not founded what the framers had in mind in religious belief, even if the when they adopted the First

The AJC's Stern said a case could be made that flying a religious flag on public grounds amounts to an was also concerned that precedent might not be on the side of church-state separationists: Courts have for decades upheld the rights of Jewish groups (most frequently, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement) to position menorahs on public property during Chanukah.

# Parkland

In New York State Rifle & Pistol The ADL's Freeman said Association v. Bruen, a gun

law that only grants permits to carry concealed handguns outside the home if someone can show "proper cause" for a need for self-defense.

The Reform movement's Pesner said his group has joined an amicus brief, in part because younger Reform Jews have made gun control a focus since the deadly 2018 shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida. There were a number of Jewish victims killed in the attack, and local Jews in response took up gun reform advocacy through Reformaffiliated groups.

#### The case of the

community college crank In Houston Community College System v. Wilson, a former member of a community college's board of trustees resolution censuring him for his relentless opposition to the board's agenda. He allegedly leaked confidential information, filed lawsuits against the system and trolled the other members' constituents with robocalls.

Wilson said the censure violated his right to free speech. A lower court said that the censure amounted to little more than a statement and threw out the case. Then an appeals court reinstated it.

So why is this the single case, so far, that the AJC is addressing in an amicus brief?

Stern said a ruling upholding Wilson's claim that the community college board limited his free speech could have dire consequences for Jewish groups that call out instances of antisemitism. Government officials should have the freedom to call people out for bad behavior without being sued, he argued.

#### Upholding the right of the undocumented to a hearing

The court is hearing two cases, Garland v. Gonzalez and Jonson v. Arteaga-Martinez, in which undocumented migrants in detention who face dangers if they are deported to their homeland argue that they are entitled to a hearing after six months to determine whether they are eligible to be released on bond.

HIAS, the lead Jewish immigration advocacy group, is tracking the cases closely, in part because the Supreme Court has leaned in favor of continued detention in recent cases, said Andrew Geibel, the group's policy counsel.

Geibel said the detainees are susceptible to COVID infection, are suffering mental health privations and are unable to adequately prepare for their defense while in detention.

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# Ben & Jerry's **Founders Deny** Antisemitism

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**IN AN INTERVIEW** that aired on HBO, both of the founders of the Ben & Jerry's ice cream brand reiterated that they stand behind the company's decision to stop selling their products in the West Bank.

But for Jerry Greenfield, being accused of antisemitism is "painful." For Ben Cohen, it's "absurd."

"I think Ben & Jerry's and Unilever are being characterized as boycotting Israel, which is not the case at all. It's not boycotting Israel in any way," Greenfield said in an interview with Axios that aired on its HBO show Sunday night.

The Jewish duo, who founded the company in 1978, are no longer its owners, but they remain the most recognizable public faces of the company. They had previ- Jerry's continues to sell its ice ously defended the West Bank decision in a New York Times op-ed shortly after the move took place in July, but the Axios interview gave them a chance abortion is now limited, and to expound on the human side of the aftermath.

"I understand people being upset, it's a very emotional issue for a lot of people and I totally understand it, and it's a very painful issue for a lot of people," Greenfield said.

it felt to be "wrapped up in accusations of antisemitism."

laughing. "It's absurd. What, I'm anti-Jewish? I'm a Jew! All are Jewish."

Ben & Jerry's had long been decided to pull its product from

latest armed conflict with Gaza. The decision prompted calls to boycott Ben & Jerry's and its parent company Unilever, along with accusations of antisemitism from some pro-Israel activists. The state of Arizona divested nearly \$200 million from Unilever in September, and several other states have since reviewed their investments in the conglomerate.

activists in the wake of Israel's

Unilever has also said in public statements that it does not believe Ben & Jerry's is boycotting the state of Israel, and that it plans to keep selling within the borders Israel established after the Six-Day War in 1967. However, Israeli law outlaws business that boycotts the West Bank, so it remains to be seen whether the company will be allowed to follow through with its plan.

When asked why Ben & cream in states with policies that are not in line with Cohen and Greenfield's values such as Texas, where access to Georgia, where voting rights have been curtailed — Cohen did not have an answer.

"I don't know. I mean it's an interesting question, I don't know what that would accomplish, we're working on those issues of voting rights and ... They were also asked how I don't know. I think you ask a really good question, and I think I'd have to sit down and "Totally fine," Cohen said, think about it for a bit," Cohen said.

Greenfield suggested that my family is Jewish, my friends the answer had to do with international law.

"One thing that's different engaged in social issues when it is that what Israel is doing is considered illegal by internathe West Bank, after months of tional law, so I think that's a pressure from pro-Palestinian consideration," Greenfield said. •



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# Cemetery

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"The way we respect our dead reflects our own values," said Addie Lewis Klein, the Jewish Federation's senior director of leadership development and community engagement. "And it's important for the Jewish Federation to help convene and connect the people who can care about our history."

The community's response to the cleanup event has been overwhelming, Blumberg said. More than 300 people have signed up to volunteer. Friends of Jewish Cemeteries has raised more than \$11,000 of the \$20,000 goal.

At the cleanup, volunteers will pick up litter around the cemetery's fence line; rake twigs, branches, leaves and other debris; and clip overgrown vines. Volunteers may also clean off the plaques that delineate the cemetery's plots, allowing visitors to find the graves of loved ones.

Though volunteer help is needed to tidy the cemetery's 16-acre grounds, much of in 1890, but fewer people are of cemetery upkeep, much of a the restoration work must be being buried there, which cemetery's maintenance is out of completed by professionals.

Many gravestones weigh 500-1,000 pounds,

ground underneath them have to be done by a professional. Masons must clean and repair the gravestones to avoid altering the text written on them.

gravestones and leveling the

With the money raised for the pilot project, Blumberg hopes to hire area conservator Joe Ferrannini to consult with him on how to best restore the pilot project's allotted space at the beginning of November.

The pilot project will focus on a plot with graves from 1918-1936. The area has some graves that are toppled, leaning and split in multiple places, providing the opportunity to address multiple problems in a contained area. The spot is also accessible by truck.

"It gives us a really good cross section," Blumberg said.

Har Nebo's maintenance has declined likely due to its small perpetual care endowment that provides funds to keep plots tidy, according to Dennis Montagna, the program lead of Monument including ones as old as and Research & Preservation for the larger than Har Nebo. National Parks Service.

means less revenue is incoming humans' control, Montagna said. to maintain the area. Rabbi up to 2,000 pounds. Lifting of Bucks County, who will as rainfall, can shift the ground



Plagues to be cleaned as part of Friends of Jewish Cemeteries' pilot restoration project. Courtesy of Richard Blumberg

conduct a memorial service at the cleanup, has noticed a decrease in traffic there.

"I've been a rabbi here for a number of years, and I've only had about three or four funerals in that cemetery," he said. "There's still space for burial, but it's not a cemetery that people are going to these days."

Har Nebo owner Rich Levy said 44 people were buried there last year.

According to Perlstein, fewer people are aware of Har Nebo than before. There are other cemeteries in the area,

Har Nebo was established is a manmade reason for a lack

Cemetery aging is inevitable,



▲ When Richard Blumberg visited Har Nebo Cemetery, he saw 2,000 of the cemetery's 35,000 gravestones in disrepair.

beneath the gravestones, as can the breaking down of caskets, he said. This is particularly an issue for Jewish cemeteries, where caskets are not ornate and quickly degrade.

If cemeteries are overgrown, they can become habitats for small animals, which can pose a danger for both the animals and visitors, Montagna said.

"Sometimes you have Though poor maintenance animals burrowing," he said. "If the grass is overgrown, you don't always see where those holes are, so the chance of stepping in one is pretty high."

Montagna said that Har Nebo some Eliott Perlstein of Ohev Shalom but environmental factors, such is particularly worse for wear: "It's like the worst-case scenario."

However, Montagna believes that there's a renewed interest in cemeteries, thanks to Ancestry. com and similar sites that have made genealogy more accessible. Blumberg hopes to incorporate genealogy projects into Har Nebo cleanup efforts once more gravestones have been cleaned.

Har Nebo isn't the only struggling Jewish cemetery.

Har Jehuda Cemetery in Upper Darby has struggled with upkeep. In 2017, vandals desecrated 275 gravestones at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Philadelphia, which is also owned by Levy. The Jewish Federation raised \$288,000 for cleanup.

Though cemetery cleanup efforts are seldom proactive, Perlstein believes it's really the only way to help.

"Other than an event like this, where people are invited to purposely go to that cemetery, I don't think there really is a more natural way," Perlstein said.

Though Blumberg's pilot project will only tackle a small portion of the cemetery, he hopes it's just the beginning.

"My dream would be to start a movement where we, as a Jewish community, include cemeteries in our daily lives," Blumberg said. "And we start to put our attention, our awareness and resources towards fixing them." •

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## Curb

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were just waiting for "Curb" to come back.

"I couldn't wait," said Rabbi Cynthia Kravitz, a Lafayette Hill resident. "Just as I can't wait until Oct. 24."

"We needed it," added Brett Goldman, who lives in Center City. "In the time we're in, everything is so serious, and we're so hypersensitive. It's good that comedy can still exist."

"They can take six months off or 20 years. Doesn't matter. I want more," said Perry Shall, also of Philadelphia. "That's the one show I could watch until the end of time."

Fans described "Curb" as timeless because it remains hilarious, oddly thought-provoking and quintessentially Jewish. David's antics in the show do not embarrass lews as some sort of caricature.

Quite the contrary, actually.

Local followers said David, in pointing out and questioning ridiculous social conventions, represents the very Jewish question and debate literally anything.

We all have that Larry David in us, according to Goldman. Unlike David's character in the show, though, we just learn to tame its most awkward manifestations, said Rabbi Joel Seltzer of Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

"We let our better intentions win the day most of the time," Seltzer added.

Amy Milbert, a Phoenix resident who grew up in Philly, said her husband has a lot of Larry David in him. Recently, the couple was going to a party where gifts were optional ... similar to the season four "Curb" episode where the host, the comedy actor Ben Stiller, tells guests not to bring gifts.

In the show, Larry doesn't bring a present and Stiller gets host told people not to bring presents. And comedy ensues.



▲ Local artist Perry Shall said it doesn't matter how long "Curb" stays off the air between seasons. He will Photo by Jarrett Dougherty always watch the show when it comes back.

gift. The party was, after all, gift-optional, he reasoned.

"Even if it's gift-optional, you have to bring a gift!" Milbert responded.

By the end of the debate, they got to the party, everyone

said.

those hilarious, incisive and representative qualities for fans, Larry's friendship with its entire two-plus decade Leon takes up a lot of the space existence. But while fans say those essential qualities keep them coming back, they also argue that the show had one key inflection point: Larry's divorce from his wife Cheryl David, played by Cheryl Hines. The couple split up in a season another level. six episode in 2007.

seasons focused on Larry's dating and sex lives. They also Black, played by J.B. Smoove.

mad at him, even though the in season six, before the life's absurdities, too. Davids' breakup, as part of a storyline involving the Davids humor, but it's also broader Milbert's husband, like taking in a family displaced than that," Seltzer said. "Other

family left the David house, though, Leon stayed, and hilarity ensued.

The comedian's character was so popular that he became an integral part of the show. quality of being willing to her husband agreed. And when Smoove's Leon was listed as "recurring" during seasons else had brought a present, too. 6-8 from 2007-'11. But he was "We love the show," Milbert upgraded to "main," alongside David, Hines and others, for The show has maintained season nine in 2017.

> Now, according to local that used to belong to Larry and Cheryl's marriage.

And fans love it.

David always had chemistry with the improv performers on the show, Seltzer said. But his chemistry with Smoove is on

That opened the stage to Subsequent episodes and Smoove's and Leon's different comedic perspective on the world. And by adding that focused more on the show's first perspective, Leon kept the major Black character: Leon show fresh and current. He even showed that people from Smoove joined the show other cultures often question

"We typify it as Jewish

Larry, didn't want to bring a by a hurricane. Even after his cultures are looking at the jsaffren@jewishexponent.com; minutiae of things, or might 215-832-0740

like argument for the sake of argument."

Fans are pretty much unanimous in their love for Leon's character.

But some think the show has been a little less funny post-divorce. Milbert liked it better when Larry was married to Cheryl and doing provocative things at otherwise respectful events for married people.

She preferred that dynamic because it allowed the same rotating cast of friends, like Susie Greene (played by Susie Essman), Jeff Greene (played by Jeff Garlin) and Ted Danson (portraying himself), to have more of their own hilarious moments.

At the same time, Milbert still loves the show and can't wait for the new season.

"I'm completely committed," she said.



# Noah's Ark Is One Weird Bedtime Story



BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

**OUR OLDEST SON** is named Noah and, as a result, we collected a lot of children's books based on the Bible story. On its face, the story of Noah and the flood, with its parade of animals, is just right for kids. In truth, it's a weird and woolly story that gets weirder and woolier the more you think about it. If bedtime reading was supposed to be relaxing, we picked the wrong story.

Every kids' version of a Bible story is a "midrash," which is a Jewish method for explaining and expanding on the Hebrew canon. The closest English word is "homily," but midrash is really literary analysis, except written in the form of parables, legal arguments and fan fiction. A midrash can fill in the gaps of the typically terse Torah. The famous bit about Abraham smashing his father's idols? That's a midrash, made up by the rabbis to explain

Jewish people came to reject theology, but some deal with kid "We must obey God!" has his father's bad example.

of midrash, but the spirit of the fashioned out of modeling clay, enterprise lives on whenever people use the Bible as inspiration for novels, films, comic Even the boas felt constricted"). books — and children's books.

Midrash is also what you leave out of a story. When it comes to Noah, there's an awful lot an author or parent might prefer to leave out. First of all, it presupposes an exasperated God who, terrifyingly, decides to wipe out nearly all of humanity because of the sinful ways of the people He created. A kid just might ask exactly what all those sinners did to deserve annihilation.

And while Noah, his family and the animals survive their 40-day ordeal, and God makes a rainbow as a sign that he'll never do it again, you can't help but think about the 41st day. In his new book, "The JPS Jewish Heritage Torah Commentary," Rabbi Eli L. Garfinkel notes that when the Noah story is told to age-appropriate cheery patina, depicting the ark and the animals anything but colorful and happy. It is a dark, dismal story, a tale of people who are left to mourn a lost and destroyed world." Sweet dreams, kids.

it. "Two by Two" by Barbara There is a formal literature Reid, with amazing illustrations is a whimsical, pun-filled poem ("Space within was so restricted/ But it opens by acknowledging that people "turned to evil ways" and with God declaring "Let them drown!"

Bright children might also wonder — just as the classic midrash does - why Noah doesn't do more to save people outside of his immediate family. The rabbis solve this by suggesting that he took so long to build the ark — perhaps 52 or 70 years — because he wanted to give his fellow humans time to see what he was up to and repent. But there's also Bart Simpson's midrash, which comes to the opposite conclusion: Acting out the story, Bart has the people cry out, "Noah, Noah, save us!" To which Bart, as Noah, replies tersely, "No."

"Noah's Ark" deals at some kids, "Planet Ark: Preserving children, the tale is given "an length (for a kid's book) with Earth's Biodiversity," author Noah's unease and his neighbors' contempt. After God tells as a metaphor for the earth with bright, primary colors. The Noah he is going to "Wash away itself: "In many ways, our actual biblical text, however, is the evil in the world," Noah is beautiful blue home - planet next seen telling his wife and kids, "We must obey God!" You are left to imagine, as any good midrash writer would, the heated family discussion groups and individuals — who Kids' books about Noah that came before this declarahow the future patriarch of the tend to glide past the sticky tion. Any parent who tells his Earth's biodiversity."

probably lost the argument.

For those who don't want story time to become a seminar on theodicy, there are books, like "On Noah's Ark" by Jan Brett, that leave God out of the story entirely. Instead, Brett's version begins with, "Grandpa Noah says that the rains are coming." No God, no bad guys. Of course, this only ends up shifting the conversation from "Must we obey God?" to "Must we obey Grandpa?"

A lot of the children's books instead treat Noah as an ecological cautionary tale. That's a Jewish tradition too, based in part on the verses: "The earth became corrupt before God." (Genesis 6:11) A literal reading suggests that humankind's evil had infected the earth itself — a potent metaphor and prophecy for environmentalists. And Noah, as the savior of all life on earth, can be portrayed as the very first eco-war-The Little Golden Books rior. In a science book for Adrienne Mason takes the ark Earth — is like an ark sailing through the universe," she writes. "Thankfully, there are many modern-day Noahs are working hard to preserve Week and senior editor of the

One of our favorite versions of the Noah story, "Aardvarks, Disembark!" by Ann Jonas, is essentially a roll call of the animal pairs as they leave the ark. The kids loved hearing us recite the odd names aurochs, gerenuks, lechwes, peludos, urumutums - and we adults understood that a lot of these animals were extinct or endangered.

Parents know their kids best, and it's up to them to decide what sort of lessons they'd like to impart and what books best help them do that. Is Noah about the wages of sin? The possibility for forgiveness and a fresh start? The need to protect a fragile planet? If your kid doesn't ask vou what they did with all the poop on the ark, you're missing out on a peak parenting moment.

My Noah is all grown up, and the children's books have been set aside in the hope that we'll one day read them to grandkids. Given the headlines, I suspect that the Noah story and its themes - a reckless populace, a degraded environment, a retributive flood (or fire, or pandemic) - are only going to become more relevant. Bedtime with grandpa is going to be a bummer.

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# Judaism Often Thrives on New Technologies. That Doesn't Mean Impossible Pork Should Be Kosher



#### BY DAVID ZVI KALMAN

THE ORTHODOX UNION right move. won't certify Impossible Pork as kosher, representing a break certifying food are normally made.

products from the way that decisions century ago, kosher super- have built out fantastically about certifying kosher vision has always remained complex global operations doggedly focused on objec- that keep track of complicated But as someone who studies tive fact-finding: Food is and constantly shifting supply Judaism's long relationship kosher because of what's in chains. These systems are sometimes leaks in anyway).

that it is undoubtedly the occasionally, who makes it) and that's basically it. To get Since the OU first started this information, modern a kosher supervision agencies

with technology, I would argue it and how it's made (and, often incurious about almost everything not directly related to the food processing itself, including whether factory working conditions are acceptable, whether the ingredients are sustainably sourced, or whether the certified product will kill you (though politics

So it was unusual when the OU - the largest certifier of kosher products in the world — denied certification to Impossible Pork, a next-gen meat substitute, despite the fact that every ingredient in the product is kosher. The OU explained that it could not certify a product that described itself as pork.

Despite protestations to the contrary from hungry Jews and my own deep culinary curiosity, I believe that the OU made the right call. Though it seems that the decision was narrowly decided, the move to withhold kosher certification may, in fact, turn out to be one of the most important Jewish legal decisions of the 21st century. This may seem like a hyperbolic way of talking about sov protein slurry, but I really think it isn't. The OU's move is a first, tentative step towards a stance on technological innovation that desperately needs to become more common.

To understand why, we need to understand the effect of new technologies on legal regimes. Law needs to be specific to be effective, and so well-constructed law is often carefully tailored to the nittygritty details of specific objects, systems and ways of behaving. When a new technology comes along and replaces the old even if the new tech does exactly the same thing as the old - it can make the old law irrelevant unless lawmakers intervene with an update. Interventions are especially important when the old technology has been around for a long time and law has grown intertwined with it. Regulating cryptocurrency, for example, is crucial precisely because so many financial regulations assume that transactions take place exclusively through state-issued currency that is mostly stored in banks.

But if the job of lawmakers is to create continuities between old and new tech, many modern tech firms, with their "move fast and

The makers of new technology like to call things "unprecedented" because it generates hype, but disconnecting new technologies from old ones is also a good way of shielding themselves from ethical and legal responsibility for how those technologies behave.

This new tech dynamic Shabbat without it. plays out in Jewish law, too. How should the rule forbidding leather shoes on Yom considered an indulgence -

hellbent on tearing them apart. the argument carried because it was understood by leadership and laity alike that electricity was coming to replace fire, to do everything fire could do and more. Today, the restrictions on electricity are a cornerstone of the Shabbat experience, so fundamental that it is hard for many observant Jews to imagine

Is Impossible Pork the 21st-century version of electricity? There's a good case Kippur - because they were to be made that it is. The rise of plant-based meat substitutes

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synthetic shoes? Must one and environmental concerns wear tzitzit (ritual fringes) at around meat production. Their all when modern shirts don't success depends on their being have the four corners that so delicious that they escape from triggered the Biblical requirement of tzitzit? On a larger scious consumers and take on the scale, the Shabbat elevator, same cultural role as meat. That the Kosher Lamp, as well as a Burger King offers an Impossible host of technologies developed Whopper signals that this is by Israel's Tzomet Institute, already happening, as does the all employ new technologies fact that major meat producers to circumvent existing rules have invested heavily in the while keeping within the letter, growth of plant-based alternaif not the spirit, of the law.

Sometimes Jews have because the stakes didn't feel high enough, but when a new technology threatens to undermine Jewish tradition, the rabbis have tended to respond appropriately.

ban on turning electricity on or off on Shabbat. For millennia, the experience of Shabbat was use of meat — and inasmuch shaped by the Biblical prohibition as meat matters, it matters that on lighting fires; with the advent of electricity at the turn of the last century, that ban threatened to become irrelevant. Orthodox rabbis responded by coalescing around the argument that electricity is fire, or was covered by some other well-established should be glad that technology prohibition. That electricity is has created a meaningful break things" culture, often seem not actually fire didn't matter; difference between veggie beef

apply in an era of comfortable has been spurred by ethical the boutique realm of eco-contives to their own products.

These developments should allowed these rules to be eroded be celebrated — but rather than diminishing meat's special cultural meaning, its substitutes have only served to burnish it.

Meat has a special significance in Judaism, too. God The best example of this is the is a big fan of animal sacrifices, and many holidays still involve the ritual or cultural the meat isn't pork. It's irrelevant that the Ancient Israelite origins of the ban are obscure; it's enough that modern observant Jews (and Muslims) still treat the ban on pig products as a cultural touchstone. We

and veggie pork — but if the cultural unmooring that the pork must be, too.

The OU's ruling does not yet amount to a full-fledged policy that all fake meat should be treated like real meat; a kosher restaurant can still serve plantbased "cheeseburgers" without fear that its license will be revoked. But even if it was not intended to be profound, the OU's decision is an example of how all regulators, both religious and governmental, can fight back against the Pennsylvania.

distinction is there, the ban on the present onslaught of new technology continues to cause. In this unprecedented age, creating continuity between the past and the present serves to ground society in the wisdom and norms of its own past.

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## KVETCH 'N' KVELL

#### **Tone of Article Suspect**

I WAS DISMAYED BY the tone of "Aish Chaim Handles Yom Kippur Service Intruder" (Oct. 7). A woman with obvious mental problems created a scene at the entrance to an outdoor service. I expected the article to praise the security guard's and police officers' professionalism in handling the incident without the congregation even noticing, and the rabbi to show concern for the woman's condition. Instead, the article dwells on antisemitic violence, terrorism and homicides in Philadelphia.

Just one year ago and four miles from Aish Chaim, a mentally ill young man was shot dead by Philadelphia police. A mindset that regards inner-city residents with suspicion and people with mental issues as criminals is dangerous.

Jon Arnon | Merion Station

#### Antisemitism is the Same as Anti-semitism

Spell it antisemitism or anti-Semitism ("Why Should Jews Be Concerned About Hyphens?", Sept. 30), but either way it's like pornography. I know Jew hatred when I see it.

Paul L. Newman | Merion Station

#### **Reorganization Plans Are Pleasing**

I was pleased to read the comments made by Michael Balaban about his plans for a reorganization of the Philadelphia Jewish Federation ("Coming Home: An Interview With New Jewish Federation President and CEO Michael Balaban," Aug. 12).

It was not until I moved to Florida that I realized how important and meaningful a well-run and well-organized Jewish Federation can be to the Jewish community.

Lois Robins Portnoff | Sarasota, Florida

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# **Jewish Federation** of Greater Philadelphia

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

# **NextGen Spotlight: Meet Colby Pellegrini**

FOR COLBY PELLEGRINI, 31, it's all about paying it forward.

After graduating NextGen's Leadership Development Program (LDP) in 2019, he joined the Committee for Jewish Life and Learning (CJLL) at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. Proudly serving on the committee, Pellegrini understands firsthand the importance of Jewish education and the work the Jewish Federation does to help all children have access to it.

While attending the Jewish Federationsupported Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, at the time Akiba Hebrew Academy, Pellegrini's father suddenly passed away, and his family struggled to pay his tuition. Through scholarships and financial assistance, the Jewish Federation and Barrack Hebrew Academy ensured that Pellegrini could remain at the school he loved.

Today, Pellegrini is the vice president of employee benefits at USI Insurance Services and is an active leader in uplifting the community that has always been there for him.

We spoke with Pellegrini about his passion for Jewish education, the Jewish Federation and NextGen.

#### How did you first get involved with NextGen and the **Jewish Federation?**

I have always been very familiar with the my family and subsidized my tuition as helped him when he was younger. a child. I didn't get involved with the



Jewish Federation. They helped support Colby Pellegrini wants to give back to the Jewish Federation and community that Courtesy of Colby Pellegrini

organization until my late 20s. My friend Matt Shipon, NextGen board chair at the time, knew of my interfaith upbringing and thought I'd be a great addition to the already-diverse group.

#### What is an organization, program or cause that the Jewish Federation supports that personally resonates with you?

I asked to become a member of the Committee for Jewish Life and Learning because of the impact the Jewish community has already had on my life. I was fortunate enough to have the Jewish Federation support me and my family and provide financial aid so I could attend Jewish day school when I was younger. My dad, who battled mental illness for years, suddenly passed midway through high school. Without hesitation, my high school, Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy (formerly Akiba), stepped in to cover my tuition for the remainder of high school.

I look back now and realize how truly lucky I was to have my community standing beside me when I needed them most. Being a part of the CJLL is meaningful to me because they help fund organizations that support kids who

were just like me. I can attribute a lot of my success to the support I had. Now, I'm in a position and point in my life where I'm able to give back. It's my turn to pay it forward for the next generation.

#### Throughout your leadership journey in the Jewish Federation, what has been one of your most memorable experiences?

My most memorable experience was our NextGen Leadership Project through LDP. Our group spent months planning a social event for March Madness in 2020. The goal was to bring people in the community together while supporting an incredible Jewish Federation-backed organization, Makom Community, which creates family-centered, after-school Jewish experiences for children ages 4-11. We titled our event "Makom Madness." As we all know today, the timing of this coincided with so much uncertainty in our country. March Madness of 2020 was one of the first national events to be canceled due to the pandemic, with our local program being canceled as well. While our project may not have gone the way we had hoped, the mission of generating visibility and funding for Makom Community was a success.

#### Why do you give to the Jewish Federation?

I give to the Jewish Federation because I believe in what they do and the organiza-

tions they support. I can say firsthand that they have personally made an impact on my life. The Jewish Federation depends on donors, so without everyone's contributions, they wouldn't be able to sustain the life-changing work they do each and every day for those in need. It's so important that people realize this. It's on all of us to continue to donate and show our ongoing support.

#### What advice would you give to someone who is just starting to get involved in NextGen?

I would advise anyone who is just starting to get involved in NextGen to take full advantage of the affinity group. Show up, attend the networking and social events, and be engaged. You would be surprised by the relationships that are formed through this group, both personal and professional.

NextGen is the young professional affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater

Philadelphia. To learn more about NextGen, email Max Moline at mmoline@ jewishphilly.org.

# Garlic — October's Delicious Secret

#### FOOD

LINDA MOREL | JE FOOD COLUMNIST

BECAUSE YOU CAN buy perfectly pungent garlic all year, who knew the tastiest garlic of the year is flooding markets this month?

Many people object to slicing, dicing or crushing garlic in a press because its assertive smell sticks to their fingers, along with the tissue paper-like skin covering each clove. Yet the very same people swoon when they catch a tantalizing whiff of garlic as it mellows during cooking.

Often sneered at as the stinking rose, no ingredient is as misunderstood as the lowly garlic clove. Yet it's ubiquitous - the ingredient that's the most versatile and flavorful, elevating dishes from bland to spectacular. Garlic enriches salad dressings, marinades, casseroles, stews, pasta sauces, roasted vegetables, fish, meat, guacamole, hummus, baba ghanoush and so much more.

Despite garlic's robust reputation, almost every savory recipe starts with a clove or two of garlic. Cookbook author Ina in advance if covered and it with a generous amount of Turn the vegetables every on hand all the time. • Garten raises the ante in her Chicken with Forty Cloves of to room temperature or gently Garlic recipe, which dazzles reheat it before using. anyone lucky enough to eat it.

Overpowering aroma aside, ZITI WITH GARLIC AND garlic is actually delicate. When heat hits garlic, it can burn easily. On a dime, garlic turns from sumptuous to bitter. While handling fresh garlic is challenging, jarred minced garlic is a big disappointment, especially since it's so easy to preserve fresh garlic cloves in a jar of olive oil. Store-bought peeled garlic is a good compromise, but the cloves need to be consumed quickly before they turn

In the movie "Goodfellas," Mafioso Paulie performed a as he prepared dinner for his high flame.

he sliced garlic cloves so thin that they liquefied in a pool of olive oil warmed in a skillet. Although his ethics squeeze it through a garlic were shaky, he gave garlic the respect it deserves.

#### SAUTÉED GARLIC IN OLIVE OIL | PAREVE OR DAIRY Yield: <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup

6-8 garlic cloves <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup olive oil Kosher salt to taste

Chop the garlic fine or squeeze it through a garlic press. Place it in a bowl.

In a small saucepan, heat the olive oil over a medium-low flame until warm. Spoon the onions will naturally break into garlic into the oil. Sprinkle it rings. When this mixture is with salt. Stir it for a minute or fragrant, return the broccoli to two, until the garlic is fragrant. the skillet. Remove the skillet Remove it from the flame from the heat, and cover it. before it burns or overcooks.

Brush it onto sourdough toast and serve it as an hors d'oeurefrigerated. Return the garlic

### **BROCCOLI | PAREVE** Serves 4-6

2 drops olive oil, plus

- 3 tablespoons, plus 2 tablespoons, or more if needed
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 head of broccoli
- 8-10 cloves of garlic
- 1 medium onion
- 1 pound ziti

Fill a large pot with water. Add 2 drops of olive oil and the kosher salt. Cover the pot, ritual every night in prison and bring it to a boil over a

Meanwhile, cut the florets Parmigiano cheese, if desired. off of the broccoli stems. If buddies. With a razor blade, some are larger than bite-sized, cut them into halves or thirds. Reserve

Chop the garlic finely or press. Reserve it in a mediumsized bowl. Cut the onion into thin slices, and add it to the bowl

Pour 3 tablespoons of olive oil into a medium-large skillet. Heat it over a medium-low flame. Add the broccoli and stir. Cover the skillet and braise the broccoli until softened, about 8 minutes. Stir occasionally, and add more oil, if needed. Move the broccoli to a bowl.

Pour in 2 tablespoons olive oil. Add the garlic and onions. Stir almost constantly. The

When the water comes to Serve the garlic over a a boil, add the ziti and cook pound of pasta, goat cheese, it according to the package feta cheese or plain yogurt. instructions. Drain it in a colander, and move it to a

#### **ROASTED AUTUMN** VEGETABLES AND GARLIC PAREVE

Serves 4-6 as a side dish

- Nonstick vegetable spray 2 zucchini, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 8 ounces whole white mushrooms
- 1 large onion, cut into 6 wedges
- 8-10 fingerling potatoes
- 1 large red pepper, cleaned and cut into 6-8 slices
- 1/3 cup olive oil, or more, if needed

Kosher salt to taste 10 whole cloves of garlic

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F. Coat a roasting pan with nonstick vegetable spray. Reserve.

Arrange the vegetables - except the garlic - in the roasting pan. Drizzle them with olive oil. The vegetables should be generously coated with oil. Sprinkle them with salt.

Place the pan in the oven pasta bowl. Place the garlic and roast, adding olive oil if

10 minutes or so. After 35 minutes, sprinkle around the garlic cloves. Coat them with olive oil.

Roast the vegetables for another 10 minutes, checking the garlic every 3 minutes to make sure it doesn't overcook. If the garlic is ready before the vegetables, remove it from the pan. The recipe is ready when the vegetables, particularly the potatoes, are soft in the center.

Serve immediately or cool it to room temperature and serve.

#### GARLIC-INFUSED OLIVE OIL PAREVE

Yield: 1 cup infused olive oil

- 1 cup olive oil
- 12 whole garlic cloves, skinned

Pour the olive oil into a small jar, such as an empty jelly jar. Add the garlic cloves and seal. Store this way for at least 3 days at room temperature.

The oil can be used in salad dressings or for cooking. The garlic can be used for cooking as well. Once you start making vres. This can be made a week broccoli mixture on top. Serve the vegetables get a little dry. this infusion, you will have it



# Ari Shapiro's 'Och and Oy' to Run at Kimmel Center

#### THEATER

#### SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

THOUGH HOST OF National Public Radio's All Things Considered since 2015, Ari incoming president and CEO Shapiro is far from having a of the Philadelphia Orchestra face made for radio.

The journalist will take to the stage on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. other since 2014, when the Kimmel Cultural Campus's Merriam Theater, joining actor and performer Alan Cumming in "Och and Oy: A Considered Cabaret."

A departure from his usual reporting, but a return to Shapiro's long love of stage performance, "Och and Oy" is a nod to Shapiro's Jewish roots and Cumming's Scottish ones.

Shapiro describes the cabaret as having "some of the thoughtful conversations that you would expect from a public radio broadcast, as well as the kind of entertaining song and dance numbers that you would expect from an Alan Cumming show."

The one-night show also underlines the return of in-person performances for the Kimmel Center's 2021-2022 season, which began on Sept. 18.

Cumming and Ari Shapiro is one of those combinations where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," said Matías Tarnopolsky, and Kimmel Center, Inc.

"What you have with Alan

The duo has known each Shapiro met Cumming backstage of the "Cabaret" Broadway revival in which Shapiro's friend was performing. Cumming played the show's Emcee.

The two developed a friendship over the next five years until the idea for "Och and Ov" was conceived in 2019

"Over the course of several years, our paths continued to cross," Shapiro said. "And then from in public radio, but hopes one day, Alan said, 'You know, to embody onstage. you and I should make a show together,' and we have."

more than 20 years, Shapiro cabaret show because he is used to asking the questions and spotlighting his interview outside of NPR. Along the way, subject. Being the subject of his Cumming has taught Shapiro own show, he learned to "use a some unexpected lessons. different muscle set."



From left: Alan Cumming and Ari Shapiro wrote "Och and Oy: A Considered Cabaret" as a nod to their respective Scottish and Jewish roots. Courtesy of Hannah Clough

Cumming, whom Shapiro believes demonstrates the vulnerability he stays away

Shapiro insists that he no stranger to performing. wanted to pursue the opporwanted to continue to grow

"Alan has taught me that Shapiro took cues from sometimes the things that at a Jewish Community Center

are unexpected, the things that don't go the way you had planned, are actually the best, most delightful moments," Shapiro said.

Rather than thinking about bearing his soul to a large audience, Shapiro instead thinks about confiding in Cumming, whom he considers a friend, during "Och & Oy" performances, where Shapiro tells stories of himself growing up.

"Friends have sometimes asked if it's intimidating - sharing the stage with somebody as accomplished as Alan," Shapiro said. "And the truth is, it's the opposite because Alan is so good at what he does."

Though Cumming is a veteran of the stage, Shapiro is

Shapiro remembered A journalist with NPR for tunity to perform in his own attending plays with his parents growing up, where he was enraptured by the worlds the performers created on stage for the audience to live in for the duration of the show.

He made his theater debut

are a little ragged around summer theater camp in the edges, the things that Portland, Oregon, not far from Beaverton, Oregon, where he grew up.

Since 2009, Shapiro has periodically performed with the band Pink Martini, becoming versatile in singing in multiple languages.

Yet "Och and Oy" is much different than his time in Pink Martini, Shapiro said.

"As a guest performer who shows up and sings a song or a couple of songs, getting to tour with [Pink Martini] is an experience like summer camp," Shapiro said. "Creating the show with Alan was building something from scratch collaboratively - just the two of us and our musical director. Henry Koperski, then watching it come to fruition, creating it on stage, night-after-night."

Though "Och and Oy" was originally scheduled for the Kimmel Center in October 2020, little has changed about the show's content over the pandemic.

Early this summer, when Shapiro and Cumming reunited after a year-and-ahalf apart to perform "Och and Oy" once more, they tweaked the show to incorporate the ongoing pandemic, but with little success.

They ultimately decided to not include the pandemic in the show.

"We realized that was not what people wanted and, in fact, people have spent their lives for more than a year now consumed with dire, depressing news," Shapiro said. "What this show can provide is something delightful and surprising and refreshing and new."

Tickets for "Och and Ov: A Considered Cabaret" are available atkimmelculturalcampus. org/. •

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# New 76ers Voice Details Her Jewish Background

#### SPORTS

#### JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

SINCE KATE SCOTT is a a central part of her narrative.

Scott, the new television voice of the Philadelphia 76ers for NBC Sports Philadelphia, is the first woman to call an NFL game on the radio, an NHL game on television and Olympic men's basketball in general, among several other "firsts."

Now, alongside Milwaukee announcer Bucks Lisa Byington, also hired this year, Scott, 38, is about a week away from becoming the "first" female voice of a major professional sports team in North America. The Sixers open their 2021-'22 season on Oct. 20 against the New Orleans Pelicans.

As a gay woman, too, Scott is well aware that fans and representative for her identity groups. At the same time, there narrative about her career.

Much like her predecesso with the Sixers, Marc Zumof Scott is Jewish.

Or, to put it more accurately Scott has a Jewish mom Maggie Cone. But as Scot knows, that's what counts.

Though the broadcaster no longer religious, she did say "I'm Jewish," when asked.

"It's a really important par of who my mom is," said Scott "I try to honor that."

One way she honored it wa by revealing some fun Jewis facts about herself.

"My sister and I went t Sunday school"

Scott's father is a Methodis Christian, so when Scott an her sister were young, the were exposed to both religions

Growing up in Clovis California, they went to Jewis

Cone and her husband wanted their children to understand notable "first," her identity is both faiths so they could Sixers started her journey at choose their own, if they wanted to, once they got older.

> The sisters celebrated Jewish holidays with their parents and family friends and got Chanukah gifts from their making Reuben sandwiches maternal grandparents, who and gathering whitefish lived in Connecticut, every December.

They did, however, stop going to Sunday school before they were old enough to have b'not mitzvah.

Jewish upbringing. We didn't have Friday night dinner," Cone said. "But it was very important to me. So I tried to instill it in the kids."

#### "I worked at a Jewish deli in Berkeley"

After blowing out her knee couldn't earn a collegiate Fame of Northern California. scholarship in her favorite is one Scott identity that gets sport. So later in high school,

Sunday school, but they also and leadership skills as class for the PAC 12 Networks and attended church activities with president, Scott was encourtheir paternal grandmother. aged by a teacher to pursue broadcasting.

> The new voice of the the University of California, Berkeley. While there, she also worked at a Jewish deli, Saul's, to earn extra money.

> Scott spent her weekends orders for California Jews who relocated from New York. On breaks, she would eat chicken liver sandwiches ... with pickles on the side.

Whenever Scott's parents "It wasn't an in-depth would visit, the family would eat at Saul's.

> "That was another thing that made my mom very happy," Scott said, laughing.

#### "I am a member of the Jewish happy," Scott said. Sports Hall of Fame of Northern California"

In 2016, Scott was inducted media will often see her as a playing travel soccer, Scott into the Jewish Sports Hall of

She did much of her earlier

NBC Sports Bay Area. A couple of the hall's board members knew of her background and liked her work, according to the broadcaster.

They also knew she had achieved a couple "firsts."

"That was a wonderful ceremony," Scott said of her induction.

#### "Every year we FaceTime with my mom and light the candles"

Scott and her wife are not religious, but they do celebrate Chanukah with Cone. Every year, they FaceTime Cone, and they all light the candles together from their respective locations.

She carries her menorah with her wherever her career takes her.

"That makes my mom very

Cone is excited for her daughter to go to Philadelphia, markets in the country.

After Scott arrived in the broadcast work in the San city, she met Zumoff for lunch jsaffren@jewishexponent.com; a little less attention in the after showing her speaking Francisco Bay Area, including at a deli to discuss her new role. 215-832-0740

▲ Kate Scott, left, will become the new TV voice of the Sixers during the upcoming season. Courtesyof The NBC Sports Group

Then, naturally, she told her mom about where they ate.

"It's where she was meant to be," Cone said.

Scott, for her part, said that, if she reached a point where she wanted to consider a faith, she could see herself reconnecting with Judaism.

"It's always seemed like a very kind, welcoming and inclusive religion to me," she said. "Those things have meant one of the biggest Jewish a lot to me in my life and career." •

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# The Nature of Our Calling

#### BY RABBI SHAWN ISRAEL ZEVIT

#### Parshat Lech-Lecha

DEDICATED TO ALL the sacred work of menschwork. org and my father Lester Zevit, Eliezer Shimon b. Shoshana V'Ahron Yosef HaKohen (1938-2020).

"Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, his daughter-in-law *Sarai*... *and they set out together* from Ur of the Chaldeans for the land of Canaan. But when they had come as far as Haran, they settled there ... and Terah died in Haran. God said to Abram, *Lech lecha ("get yourself up and* go" or "go towards your Self") from where you dwell and from your father's house to the land that I will show you...and you will be a blessing ..." (Genesis 11:31-32, 12:1,2)

While this week's parsha starts at Bereysheet (Genesis 12), in the Torah scroll there are no chapters and verses, only columns, indentations and a little past we left. space between the five books.

from the text above that the idea that Avram wakes up one morning to a unique Divine realization and call to go to Canaan, is a recommitment and in the generations yet to come. reaffirmation of the journey he was on — not a "eureka!" bility, purpose and aspiring a broader container within

of Avram's father, Terah, so textured by midrash and interpretative stories, is more than an idol-maker that Avram challenges and breaks from (Genesis Rabbah, chapter 38).

It is Terah who takes the initiative to leave his ancestral homeland, fueled by the death of his son Haran, and enables Lecha Avram experiences? What the extended family (including Haran's son Lot, of future fame), to leave painful memories and explore new horizons. Terah dies in a city midway between Ur and Canaan, named after his deceased son, consumed by grief as his son's name indicates.

Perhaps the Torah narrative is inviting us to look at what we leave behind that in fact goes with us — mourning, grief or trauma that is unaddressed goes where we go. We may even break free physically and did, in the place internally, or in external work or family name and burden of the very

Honoring this, one can see and Torah and our tradition, in fact, elevate and esteem the shmita year support and person who connects their own actions and ideas with those

At the same time, possi-

moment. Even the character to transcendent ends for the good of all may yet be ahead. I once read an article called "The Calling" that defined this term as when the longing of one's heart and capabilities meets the needs and aspirations of the time and state of the world in which we live

What then is the new Lech of Sarai and Lot's own spiritual journeys and how do they co-influence each other to hear the Divine call to get up and leave the place their father was only able to go so far into? What is the deep internal life Avram touches so that he hears or experiences the call to take the inner truth and express it in action fulfilling a vision that is at once his and the Universe's call and a legacy he is fulfilling *l'dor v'dor* — from generation to generation?

In this new year of 5782, a yet become immobilized, and shmita year - a year of release even meet our end as Terah and checking our use of the land and its bounty; psychological and economic forgiving of debts; circumstances that carries the socio-economic rebalancing; reviewing our Torah, purpose and direction - we add additional None of us lives in a vacuum, inquiry to the ancient charge.

The overall themes of the enhance our ongoing work; it does not replace or negate our who have come before and are current activities. The confluence of this earth-based justice cycle of Jewish life can provide

which to continue to adapt and find resilience and meaning amid so much uncertainty.

I invite all of us, in this New Year to review our own personal, professional and communal lives in the light of these shmita year principles, and listen to the ancient call of Lech Lecha to see where we can fulfill the promise of our individual and collective lives:

- · How do you want to live in the world with a deeper connection to conscious Jewish values-based living?
- How can you renew, reconnect and relate to your spiritual life?
- How can vou release and re-evaluate your consumption of resources and ownership of "stuff"?
- How can you rethink, with discipline and forgiveness, habitual physical, emotional and thought patterns? Which of these "debts" need to be forgiven so you can move out of past-based determined living and what debts need to be repaid so we can all be free of individual and collective injustice that is continuing its systemic grip on us and oppressing others?

How can we revisit together our local and broader communities' role and work in climate, racial and economic justice?

Like the charge to Avram to become all that he might become, to grow into Avraham in a new place he did not know, so we are asked to expand our self-image to reflect the values and Godly potential more fully in our lives. Then we will come to know the blessing we inherently are meant to be — not at the cost of others along the way — for the benefit of

humanity (Adam) and the future

sustainability of the adamah, the

earth itself.

6:03 p.m.

5:53 p.m.

**CANDLE LIGHTING** 

Oct. 15 Oct. 22

> Rabbi Shawn Israel Zevit serves as rabbi at Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, co-founder/codirector of the Davennen Leader's Training Institute and associate director for the ALEPH Hashpa'ah (Spiritual Direction) program. He is the author of "Offerings of the Heart: Money and Values in Faith Community," and a member of the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Faith Leader's caucus of POWER Interfaith PA. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.





#### BIRTH

#### ALANA SARI ABRAMS

Harriet and Bert Soltoff of Warminster announce the birth of their fourth great-grandchild, Alana Sari Abrams, who is named for Bert's mother, Anne Soltoff.

The parents are Erica and Jason Abrams, and Erica is the daughter of Rich and Mindy Soltoff.

Photo by Bert Soltoff





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## **COMMUNITY**BRIEFS

Temple Professor Trudy Moskowitz Dies at 93 LONGTIME TEMPLE UNIVERSITY Professor of Foreign Language Teaching Gertrude "Trudy" Moskowitz (née Rothenstein) of Bala Cynwyd died Oct. 10. She was 93.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Moskowitz attended The Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1949 and beginning her career as a foreign language teacher.

moved She to Philadelphia to continue her career and begin her family. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees in education at Temple, becoming one of the first female Trudy Moskowitz tenured full professors of the era.



Courtesy of the Moskowitz family

During her 35-year career at Temple, Moskowitz published four books, including "The Foreign Language Teacher Interacts" and "Caring and Sharing in the Foreign Language Classroom: A Sourcebook on Humanistic Techniques." She also published 60 scholarly articles; delivered more than 200 presentations and workshops in the U.S., Canada, Israel, Mexico and Japan; and received the Educator of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association.

Her filmstrip "Don't Smile Till Christmas: A Story of Classroom Interaction" promoted relationships and positive learning experiences.

Many family members have followed in her WWII Army Nurse Joyce Sherman Dies at 100 footsteps as educators.

Moskowitz is survived by daughters Lynne (Steven) died Oct. 5. She was 100.

Glasser and Jan (Mario) Zacharjasz; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

#### **Einstein, Jefferson Complete Merger**

Jefferson Health and Einstein Healthcare Network announced on Oct. 4 the completion of the merger of the two health systems.

By bringing together Jefferson and Einstein which was founded in 1866 as The Jewish Hospital - it "creates an integrated 18-hospital health system focused on providing greater access to high-quality patient care in our communities and delivering outstanding health sciences education to tomorrow's health care professionals," according to a news release.

With the addition of Einstein, Jefferson Health will host the largest number of residents and fellows in the Greater Philadelphia region.

In addition, it will feature seven specialties that are nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report; two Level One and one Level Two trauma centers; the largest midwifery and transplant programs in the region; and 10 hospitals that have achieved Magnet status for nursing excellence.

The merger also brings together MossRehab and Magee Rehab, with nationally recognized brain trauma and spinal cord injury programs.

Ken Levitan will remain as president and CEO of Einstein while adding the role of executive vice president at Jefferson Health.

Einstein and Jefferson next begin an integration to care at Einstein and Jefferson will remain uninterrupted throughout the process.

World War II Army nurse Joyce Sherman of Bensalem

Joyce Sherman Courtesy of the Sherman family



Sherman graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1939, went on to nursing school at the old Jewish Hospital in Philadelphia and graduated from there in 1942. She worked there until June of 1943 when she was recruited into the Army.

After basic training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Sherman was shipped overseas, where she was stationed in West Africa, serving in Accra, Ghana, and Dakkar, Senegal. She later served in a station hospital in Cairo, Egypt. While in the service, she was introduced to her late husband, Herbert.

Sherman was a longtime member of Fegelson Young Feinberg Jewish War Veterans Post 697 in Levittown.

Sherman was interviewed by the Jewish Exponent process for all services. The release said patient access in 2020 for a story about disrepair at Har Nebo Cemetery. She went to pay her respects to her parents and found the gates closed and the grass high.

"From what we saw, the place is deplorable. The grass is high, and it doesn't seem to be taken care of," Sherman said. •

- *Compiled by Andy Gotlieb* 

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Sid Bari on October 2, 2021. Beloved husband for 62 years of Joan (nee Rotter); Loving father of Merle Bari, M.D. (Honorable David Shulkin, M.D.) and Jonathan Bari (Leslie); Adoring grandfather of Daniel and Jennifer Shulkin, Lexi and Jax Bari. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS

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BAXT

Benjamin Baxt, 84, of Penn Valley, PA on October 5, 2021. Loved and beloved father of Elisa Baxt (Richard Voroscak) and doting and beloved husband to the late Joni Baxt. Born in Philadelphia to Dr. Leon and Ruth Baxt, he spoke fondly of his close relationship with his parents, especially driving his father around on house calls once he could legally drive. Ben's loves, in order, were his wife and daughter, cars, boats, watches, and anything chocolate. Please no flowers or donations. Ben asked that you do something kind for a friend, neighbor, or elderly person. WEST LAUREL HILL FUNERAL HOME

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#### BOROFSKY

Ronald R. Borofsky passed away peacefully on September 30, 2021. Loving husband of Charlotte (nee Kaplan); adoring father of Shelly (Ted) Grossman, Harriet (Peter Johannet) Borofsky and Michael (Dita) Borofsky. Grandfather of Yael (Jonas), Sam, Talia, Ben, Evan and Liddy; great-grandfather of Gloria and Aspen. Ron lived a full and blessed life, devoted to his beloved family to the very end. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish Family & Children's Services, www.jfcsphilly.org. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S

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FURMAN

Allan Furman, September 29, 2021 of Blue Bell, PA; beloved husband of the late Marilyn

(nee Gimpel); devoted father of Susan Bris-

ter (Howell), Ellen Furman, Judith Furman and the late Stephen Furman. Loving grand-

father of Todd and Rachel and Great grand-

father of Asher. In lieu of flowers, the family

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#### **GOLDBERG BOOKSPAN**

It is with profound sadness to acknowledge the death of Shirley Esther Yentis Goldberg 2, 2021. Beloved wife of Arthur; Loving mother of Sheryl Schwartz (and the late Bookspan formerly of Philadelphia, Pa, and Barry), Rhonda Schwartz (Shaun), and Robin currently of Siesta Key in Sarasota, Fl. Shir-Gamburg Simmons (Scott); Dear sister of ley was born in South Philadelphia to Anna Shelly Galen (Mitchell); Devoted grandmoth-er of Robert (Julia), Lauren (Lance), Rachel Serota and Samuel Yentis, both Jewish immigrants from the village of Katelyinka in (Ben), Brett (Deena), Danielle (Jason), Seth, Ukraine and Kiev, respectively. A first genera-Aaron, Evan, Alyssa and Kaila; Adoring great-grandmother of Miri, Naomi, Sadie, Oliver, tion American, Shirley attended Overbrook High School and throughout the 1950's she Aria and Alexandria. Contributions in her studied art history, contemporary art, and horticulture at the Barnes Foundation under memory may be made to The Parkinson Council, 111 Presidential Blvd, Ste. 141, Bala the esteemed Ms. Violet De Mazia in Merion, Cynwyd, PA 19004 or to American Cancer PA. Throughout the 1960's, she co-produced with Dallie Mohammed, children's theater in Society, 1818 Market St., Ste. 2820, Phila., Philadelphia (Phoenix Productions). Shirley always believed that inclusion and diversity were fundamental to community progress, and ensured that Phoenix Productions paved the way as the first integrated theatre company in the Philadelphia area. Families and children knew Shirley as The Storybook Lady, a title in which took great pride and joy. Morris (Moishe) Lift, on September 18, 2021 age 98. Beloved husband of 74 years of Ruth Later, Shirley produced an award nominated television special for PBS highlighting young (Herman). Son of the late Kalman and Maita prodigy musicians. A passionate lover of mu-Lift, brother to the late Sim Rosenfeld, Desic, arts and nature, she spent much of her voted father to Carl (Lisa), Alan, Marc and time volunteering as a docent with the Phildaughter-in-law Varsha Lift. Grandfather to adelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center for Michael, Priva, Daveed, Elan, Amit, the late Adiv, Micah, Carly, and Avi; great grandfath-Performing Arts, the Curtis Institute of Music, and the Rosenbach Museum in Philadelphia. er to Samara, Jai and Ava. He is also suras well as the Marie Selby Botanical Gardensvived by many nieces and nephews. Moishe -Historic Spanish Point in Sarasota, Fl. Shirwas a graduate of Central High School and lev was a volunteer and member of the Sarathe Wharton School of the University of sota Democratic Party and an avid reader Pennsylvania, and a Certified Public Accountwho adored her book club and it's members. ant for over 70 years. Moishe Lift was the ac-Shirley was loved by so many with whom she came in contact, touching the lives of a multicountant for hundreds of clients, including local businesses and professional practices tude of people. She imparted to her family a for decades he volunteered his services as deep love of theater, art, nature, music, accountant to the Talmudic Yeshiva of Phildance, animals and a spirited celebration of adelphia. He was a Mason and a member of life in all its stages. A strong and passionate the greatest generation who actively served in WW II. Memorial contributions may be made democrat and human rights advocate, she never hesitated making her views known and insisting injustice at every level of society must be fought. She taught her family to lead by her example, in her boldness, her glamour, her fierce spirit, independent nature and her courage to always be exceptionally herself. Twice widowed, she was first married at 17 years of age to Albert L. (Boomie) Goldberg until his death in 1984, and later to Mi-Jerome J. Ostro, on October 1, 2021. Be-loved husband of Gail (nee Borowsky). Dechael (Mickey) Bookspan, both of Philadelphia. She is survived by her two daughvoted father of Michelle Cohen (Steven), and ters, Barbara Goldberg Goldman (Michael F Brett Ostro (Stacey). Loving pop-pop of Luke, Logan, and Maizey. Contributions in his Goldman) and Robin Goldberg Coleman (Michael Coleman) both of Potomac. MD. five memory may be made to Chandler Hall Hosgrandchildren Josh Coleman (Alissa Richin pice, 99 Barclay Street, Newtown, PA 18940. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S Čoleman), Julianna Goldman Gottlieb (Mi-

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great-grandchildren Jacob, Austin, Abner, and Molly. In addition to her children, she was the beloved sister of the late Marlene Yentis Greenberg, and the aunt of two nieces Dr. Suzan Greenberg (Milt Tarshish) and Ellen Greenberg, and one nephew, Dr. Michael Greenberg (Carol Greenberg), two grand-nieces Dr. Yael Tarshish and Anna Tarshish (Nathaniel Levy), three grand-nephews Nath-aniel Tarshish, Gus Greenberg and Jessie Greenberg and one great-grand nephew Lipa. She will be loved, deeply missed, forever remembered by, and remain in the hearts of her family members, and all who knew and were touched by both her inner and outward strength, magnetic presence and remarkable beauty. May her name and memory be a blessing for generations to come. In honor of Shirley's memory, the family has asked that donations be made in her name to the The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota FL (http://selby.org/support/memorial) and the Florida Democratic Party (https://secure.actblue.com/donate/shirleybookspan).



SCHWARTZ

Allan B. Schwartz, MD, passed away peace-fully after a long illness on Monday, September 27, 2021 at his home in Lafayette Hill, PA. He was 83 years old, born on March 20 1938 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Morris and Jean (Jablon) Schwartz. Allan grew up in Germantown, where his parents owned a grocery. He spent much of his youth helping them with their store. He was selling Christmas trees at the age of four and would go with his father to the fish market early in the morning Allan attended Central High School (Class number 205), and then Temple University School of Pharmacy, which is where he met the love of his life. Barbara, one of his classmates. Allan then went on to attend Hahnemann Medical College, where he earned his Doctor of Medicine. He specialized in Internal Medicine and then Nephrology. Shortly after completing all of his training, Allan served in the Army during the Vietnam War, working as a nephrologist at Letterman General Hospital on the Presidio in San Francisco. He and Barbara, who married in 1961, decided to move back to the Philadelphia area and settled in Lafayette Hill, where his sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Bud Herman, lived. Allan spent the en-tirety of his career at Hahnemann University Hospital, teaching, treating patients, and do ing research. He was dedicated to the many patients and students he encountered and changed many lives. During the 1970s and

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1980s, he and his partner, Joel Chinitz, MD, ran their group practice, including the first outpatient Dialysis unit in Philadelphia, one of only four in the country at that time. He specialized in helping those with severe kidney disease and hypertension. Allan ran the resid-ency program in Internal Medicine and the Continuing Education program for many years at Hahnemann, two endeavors that were particularly rewarding to him. He treated his patients with the utmost respect and care. While busy with his career, Allan made an effort to have a healthy balance with family and activities. He made sure to be home for dinner each night with Barbara and their two daughters, Michelle and Cindy. Allan developed a passion for tennis, which became his primary athletic outlet. He coached Michelle's softball team, played tennis with the whole family and took the family on outings to Veteran's Stadium to watch the Phillies, a past time he had enjoyed with his own father. Vacations were an important part of Allan's family life as well. The family went to Florida twice a year to visit Allan and Barbara's parents, which led to Allan and Bar-bara eventually obtaining their own vacation home in Longboat Key, on the west coast of Florida. Allan and Barbara also enjoyed collecting art and traveling to many beautiful places in the world, including the French Riviera, which became a favorite destination. As Allan wound down his clinical work, in his early 70s, he continued to devote time to lecturing at hospitals in Philadelphia and the Longboat Key area. A lifelong history lover, he developed his own lecture series on Presidents and their medical illnesses. After presenting and writing about over 20 presidents, he expanded the series to include other world leaders. Allan published many articles in the Philadelphia Inquirer in the Medical Mystery section of the Health segment of the paper. He loved teaching and did so until his illness no longer allowed him to. Allan was a kind, down-to-earth, curious, and intelligent man who had a wide, warm smile. He had his serious side too, which contributed to his focus on ongoing learning, so he could be upto-date with the latest medical knowledge. Allan also loved telling stories and he could captivate an audience with his excitement and knowledge. Most importantly, Allan loved and was devoted to his family. He was always available to encourage, give advice, or help in whatever way he could. Allan is survived by his wife, Barbara, of sixty years, his two daughters Michelle Loiederman and Cindy Schwartz-DeVol his son-in-law Carter DeVol and his four grandchildren: Megan Schmon, Sam Brewer, Avi Loiederman, and Micah Loiederman. Services and interment information will be posted at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Allan's honor to: The National Kidney Foundation

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There aren't enough great things to say about Andy Weinstein. Andrew G. Weinstein MD was born in Philadelphia, PA to George L. Weinstein MD and Ruth Siedel Weinstein of Bala Cynwyd, PA, and the younger brother of Robert S. Weinstein MD. As a boy who spent summers with his family in Long Beach Island. NJ. he learned to sail and play tennis which remained two of his great passions. Andy attended Friends Central School, followed by a full academic scholarship to Swarthmore College graduating with a BS in 1969. At Swarthmore, Andy was a member of Sigma Xi, and played varsity football and was captain of the tennis team. He earned his medical degree in 1973 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, fol-lowed by a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He later became the Chief Pediatric Resident at Hahnemann Hos-pital of Philadelphia, completed a fellowship in Pediatric Allergy at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and spent two years training in Family Therapy at Philadelphia Child Guidance. Andy's professional certifications included the American Board of Pediatrics, The American Board of Allergy and Clinical Im-munology, and as a trainer in Motivational Interviewing. Andy searched for meaningful ways to practice medicine, and he trained with Peggy Papp and Salvador Minuchin from whom he learned how to engage the entire family not just the patient. In 1977, Andy met Melinda Hessan of Philadelphia, PA , who he married in 1979 and they remained married for nearly 42 years. He was the beloved father to Abbey Heather Samet and Robyn Weinstein, with whom he enjoyed many Phillies games on school nights, cross country skiing trips, summers in Maine, and Capriotti's subs. Andy always remained a sailor, and he named his boat the "Melinda Lu" after his wife. Melinda always joked that he loved the boat more than her, but he would never agree. During his 35-year career as a practicing allergist with Asthma & Al-lergy Care of Delaware, Andy treated thousands of patients and published more than 30 articles focused on medication adherence in severe asthmatics. Andy also served as President of the Pennsylvania Allergy Association and was a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immuno-logy, The American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, the Medical Society of Delaware, Delaware Asthma and Allergy Soci-ety. In addition to his wife and daughters, Andy is survived by his son-in-law Matt Goldich, and his four grandchildren, Alex and Astrid "Gigi" Pappanicholas, and Graham and Sylvie Goldich. He was a devoted grandfathwho loved sharing his passion for learning with his grandchildren. His grandson Alex lovingly nicknamed him "Grandpa Sailboat" at age one and a half, and Graham always looked forward to "Grandpa Time." All of his grandchildren loved his unpredictable and sometimes strange sense of humor. If you would like to donate to a charity in memory of Andy, we are suggesting Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA) and University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

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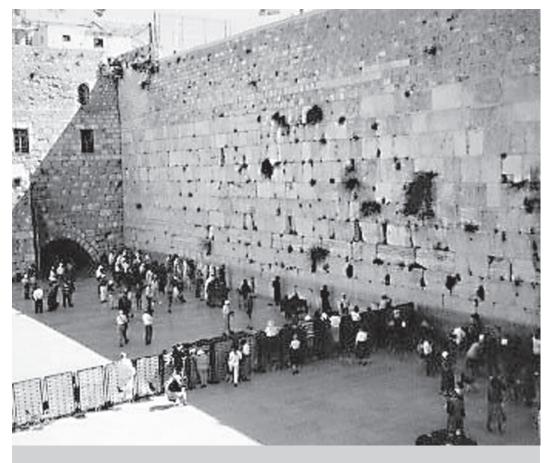
Joyce A. Sherman (nee Abramson), died October 5, 2021. She lived in Bensalem, Pa. Mrs. Sherman was a retired nurse for many years at Albert Einstein Medical Center-Northern Division. She was a Veteran of WWII (Army Nurse Corps), a longtime member of the Fegelson-Young- Feinberg Post # 697- Jewish War Veterans and Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County in Bensalem, PA. Wife of the late Herbert. Mother of Jonathan Sherman and Owen Sherman. Grandmother of Aaron Sherman (Carrie Hittel). Former mother in law of Mary Keane. Contributions in her memory may be made to Fegelson-Young-Feinberg Post 697- Jewish War Veterans, P.O. Box 872, Levittown, Pa or Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Road, Bensalem, Pa. 19020.

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The Jewish Residents Council of Ann's Choice in Warminster heard Ira Cooperman speak Sept. 30 on the subject of "The Spying Game - Mossad vs. the C.I.A." Cooperman is a former intelligence officer with the CIA and the Air Force, and a newspaper reporter. Cooperman emphasized the critical importance of the spy game. About 100 residents attended.

From left: Ira Cooperman, Joe Shrager and Phyllis Halpern, president of the Jewish Residents Council Photo by Bernie Roseman



## **COMMUNITY**CALENDAR

#### ▼ FRIDAY, OCT. 15

#### Parsha for Life

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

#### **Geography of Summer**

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

#### Film Screening

A California history teacher conducted an exercise to teach his students how easy it is to be seduced by power and succumb to fascist rule; he never envisioned his "Third Wave" experiment would end in a global scandal. **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** will stream "The Invisible Line" through Oct. 21. pjff.org/event/the-invisible-line/.

## MBIEE Shabbat

▼ SATURDAY, OCT. 16

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El welcomes Hazzan David Tilman, longtime friend of Rabbi Charles Sherman, to its pulpit Shabbat morning, Parshat Lekh Lekha, at 9:15 a.m. Services are both in-person and virtual. mbiee.org. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

## Kids Koresh Dance

Koresh Dance Co.'s Koresh Kids Dance: Outdoor Edition is back for fall. While these 45-minute classes are aimed for dancers in grades K-5, all ages are welcome, and no dance experience is required. 12:45-1:15 p.m. at Penn Treaty Park. 1301 N. Beach St.

#### ▼ SUNDAY, OCT. 17

#### Writing Course

Briya Project will host a weekly course of eight two-hour sessions from 6-8 p.m. until Oct. 31. We will gather on Zoom for moments of ritual and writing, to harness our creative spirits, seek our artistic voices and let them speak out. Register at tickettailor.com/events/ briyaproject/564066/.

#### JRA Food Distribution Join Jewish Relief Agency Philadelphia from 9 a.m. until 2

p.m. for its food distribution. Grab a box, hop in line and help pack boxes

of food and critical household items for more than 6,800 individuals in our community coping with food insecurity. On Oct. 18–19 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., volunteers can sign up to deliver food and other items. Advanced registration is required using our link: jewishrelief.org/ calendar. 10980 Dutton Road.

#### ▼ MONDAY, OCT. 18

#### Mahjong Game Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El

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

#### Gun Violence Panel At 7 p.m., Reform Congregation

Keneseth Israel and CeaseFirePA will present a Zoom panel discussion on existing and proposed state and federal gun legislation and initiatives and how these laws and programs address gun violence. Register at: tinyurl.com/GunViolenceAndLaw and send questions for the panel: socialjustice@kenesethisrael.org.

#### ▼ TUESDAY, OCT. 19

LGBTQ Art Group Explore your gender, your sexuality and your questioning nature

through art-making from 4-5 p.m.

The **Jewish Family and Children's Service** facilitators will provide a safe space to express feelings about your identity, build self-esteem and find an increased sense of support. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcsphilly.org or call 267-273-6006. RSVP at jfcsphilly.org/ supportgroups. Zoom link provided upon registration.

#### ▼ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

#### Book Talk Har Zion Temple Sisterhood and Department of Lifelong Learning present the Open A Book, Open Your Mind event series via Zoom. Each event costs \$18. At 11:30 a.m. Author Pam Jenoff will discuss her book "The Woman With The Blue Star." For information and to register:

#### LGBTQ Support Group Join Jewish Family & Children's

openabook@harziontemple.org.

Service at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual and is looking for a space to process. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. For more information, contact Galia Godel at ggodel@jfcsphilly. org or call 267-273-6006. RSVP at jfcsphilly.org/supportgroups. Zoom link provided upon registration.

Parenting Workshop Learn practical and effective methods to address this past year's challenges on young kids. Join Jewish Family and Children's Service and parenting consultant Julie King from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for part three of the four-part program for parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 7. Additional workshop session on Oct. 27. \$209 for an individual, \$309 for a couple. Contact Sharon Schwartz at sschwartz@jfcsphilly.org or 267-256-2112.

#### ▼ THURSDAY, OCT. 21

Jewish Farming Exhibit The Alliance Heritage Center has teamed with the Noyes Museum at Stockton University and the South Jersey Culture & History Center to curate a two-gallery exhibition presenting the history of Alliance that runs until Feb. 4. An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Kramer Hall. 30 Front St., Hammonton, New Jersey.

#### **Author Visit**

The Meyers Library of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel of Elkins Park invites you to a Zoom visit with author Pam Jenoff ("The Woman with the Blue Star") at 7 p.m. Jenoff's novels are inspired by her experiences working at the Pentagon and as a diplomat for the State Department handling Holocaust issues in Poland. kenesethisrael.org/; 215-887-8700.

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