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Two Jewish women join all-new cast of 'The Real Housewives of New York'

Among the new cast members is Jewish Internet influencer and social-media activist Lizzy Savetsky. Originally from Texas, the 37-year-old, who uses her platforms to celebrate Jewish traditions and declare her support for Israel, recently moved to the Upper East Side with her three kids and husband, plastic surgeon Ira Savetsky. News of her casting was unofficially announced over the summer.

Also joining the cast is Erin Lichy (née Yitzhari), a 35-year-old Tribeca-area mom and real estate agent with Douglas Elliman. Lichy, who grew up in Manhattan, is "one of five children in a close-knit Israeli family," according to her bio on the Bravo website. She also owns home design and renovation firm Homegirl.

Lichy's husband, Abraham, who runs a law firm, as well as DJs on the side and founded a fashion brand, graduated from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2010.

The announcement about the reality juggernaut's all-new cast was made during the Oct. 16 live taping of "Watch What Happens Live With Andy Cohen," which also concluded the festivities of BravoCon, a three-day convention and party at the Jacob K.

Javits Center featuring panels and performances from the cable network's favorite celebrities.

For the first time in its history, "The Real Housewives of New York" will be rebooted entirely. As executive producer Cohen told Variety in March, the network was seeking a more diverse cast "that better reflected New York City."

The cast will be rounded out by Sai De Silva, Ubah Hassan, Jenna Lyons, Jessel Taank and Brynn Whitfield.

"I would love an opportunity to kind of pass the baton virtually to them and say, 'Wishing you the best, and just keep it real,'" Jill Zarin, "RHONY"'s best-known Jewish cast member, told People magazine. She left the show more than a decade ago.

Though many celebrated the announcement, there has been social media backlash to the inclusion of Savetsky, with many decrying her identity as a "proud Zionist," according to her Instagram bio.

Cohen, who is Jewish, tweeted on Oct. 18: "The amount of antisemitism coming from all corners is alarming," though he did not refer to any remarks specifically.

Savetsky was not at BravoCon because, as she



Ira and Lizzy Savetsky attend a Thomas Ashbourne Craft Spirits and Fleishigs magazine event in New York City on Sept. 18.

explained in an Instagram story, she was observing the Jewish holiday of Hoshana Rabbah, the seventh and final day of Sukkot, which took place from Oct. 15-16.

Cohen called the group of women "the most diverse cast yet" during the taping of his show.

"We were looking for a group of friends who were actually connected and who are vibrant, living all over New York City, with interesting jobs and interesting relationships, and we found them in this group," he told "Entertainment Tonight."

The 14th season of "Real Housewives of New York City" is expected to begin filming sometime this fall. A release date has yet to be announced, though Bravo confirmed the season will premiere sometime in 2023.

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Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce Hires New Leader with Israeli Background

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Ravid Butz was born in Israel; he grew up in Israel; he never expected to leave Israel.

But as a teenager, he did. His father had business in South Africa, and the family followed him there. Then the businessman, whose company made packaging machinery, went to a trade show in Philadelphia and got more orders, so his family followed him there, too.

And Philadelphia is where they stayed, and where Butz went to college at Temple University, and where he eventually met his wife, Sibyl Weidner. The couple started a photo lab, PhotoLounge, in Center City in 1997 and built it into a successful company. They also moved to Bucks County and raised three kids.

Butz thought his story would be an Israeli story, but it blossomed into an American one. Except now, for the first time since his childhood, he's going back.

Butz, 52, was named executive director of the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce. The PICC connects business people in the Philadelphia region and the Jewish homeland, according to Butz. The organization announced the Philadelphian and Israeli as its new executive director in an Oct. 14 email, succeeding longtime leader Vered Nohi.

The new executive director said the position combines Israel, Philadelphia and business, perhaps the three things he cares most about outside of his family.

"I've never had a career in Israel or with an Israeli company," he added. "Just experiencing working with Israeli firms is very exciting to me."

Mike Krupit, the chamber of commerce president, said "the match between the PICC and Ravid could not have been more perfect."

"We are thrilled to be working with him and looking forward to his engag-



Ravid Butz

Photo by Pano Kalogeropoulos

ing with the community," he added.

Butz was born in 1970, just a generation after the founding of modern Israel as the Jewish state. As he explained it, "Israel and the story of how it came to be was everything to me." He said he was "really absorbed in the miracle of Israel's creation." He studied the history, the literature, everything, and found it to be "a very romantic period of history."

After his family left his homeland, the boy was sure that he was going back. He dreamed about joining the Israel Defense Forces. Every stage of

his life in South Africa and the United States was about getting to the next stage, he explained. That way he would be closer to returning.

But then, "I realized I wasn't going back," Butz said.

Instead of serving in the Israeli army in his early 20s, he met his wife. Butz worked with someone who knew Weidner, and after a night when they all hung out, he missed his train home. It got too late, Butz recalled, and he just had to stay.

He thought she was cute; she thought he was arrogant; they've been together

ever since.

"We just connected," Butz said.

As he started a family with Weidner, the young man also ended up managing a camera shop. He always had a passion for photography, so it was a good fit. And after the owner closed the shop, Butz opened his own. PhotoLounge was born.

As time went on, Butz started to network with people who were founding other companies in the area. Then he launched a startup with a digital technology product that he developed at PhotoLounge. In the late 2000s, the couple raised money to sell the product to other retailers and made a profit for a couple of years.

After the 2007-'08 financial crisis, though, they sold part of that business, and Butz started a master's program in technology management at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his degree in 2012 and came out with a new mission: coaching.

"I'm very interested in the personal development of the leader of the company before we even tackle the product side of things," Butz said.

Butz began working as a consultant and met the people involved with the PICC in 2017. He also started a consulting firm to help founders in their 30s and 40s clarify their missions.

"They are not sure why they are doing it," he said.

The consultant has helped bring a series of life science labs to Philadelphia. He also has worked with Grovara, a Philadelphia company that serves as "the world's first marketplace for food distributors in the wellness category," he explained.

And pretty soon, he will work with Israeli companies, too.

"Israel is a leader in tech. Philadelphia also has an active startup culture," Butz said. "Merging this leader in tech in Israel and this hotbed in Philadelphia is very exciting." **JE**

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Jewish Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan Speaks at Penn

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In America today, people are losing faith in democratic institutions and ending relationships over political differences. A September Gallup poll found Supreme Court “trust” and “approval” to be at an all-time low. An October New York Times/Sienna College poll uncovered that almost a

fifth of Americans believed “political disagreements had hurt relationships with friends or family.”

Yet despite those findings, United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan appeared before a group of University of Pennsylvania students on Oct. 21. Officially, the Jewish justice was sitting down for a conversation with new Penn President Elizabeth Magill during the latter’s inaugural

festivities.

But once she got through the Ivy League red meat about serving as solicitor general, as dean of Harvard Law School and now as a Supreme Court justice, and about working alongside former Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, among others, she got to the heart of the conversation.

Kagan, one of the leaders of America, told its future leaders how Democratic

us.” The judge believes that the law develops best when it does so “slowly, and incrementally, by the work of many judges over time.” She also thinks that “it’s a kind of hubris to say, ‘Well just throw that all out because we think we know better.’”

The assembled students, professors and Penn staff members clapped again.

According to Kagan, this deliberate pace prevents the court from “becom-



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From left: U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan speaks with new University of Pennsylvania President Elizabeth Magill.

institutions could still work. And for good measure, she explained how a liberal from New York City like herself could build a friendship with a conservative who went hunting on the weekends in Antonin Scalia, the former Supreme Court justice who died in 2016.

“Law should be stable,” Kagan said. “People depend on law.”

The audience of about 900 people in the Irvine Auditorium clapped and drowned out the rest of Kagan’s answer. But then the justice continued explaining her theory about how the legal system should work.

As Kagan said, “We think we know everything, but it turns out people have been doing law for a long time before

ing politicized.” The justice explained that it’s a human instinct to look at an old doctrine, call it counterintuitive and say, “Why shouldn’t I just get rid of it?”

But if judges come onto a court and say they’re overthrowing the apparatus and the legal rules, “it starts not to look like law anymore,” Kagan said. Such an approach can degenerate into “tit for tat,” as the justice described it.

“Maybe some other justices will come on and they’ll do the same thing,” she said. “There are all these jolts to the system, and it begins to look not like a court, and more like a political institution.”

“Courts should be courts. Courts should act like courts,” Kagan concluded.



Supreme Court Associate Justice Elena Kagan at Penn

***“Law should be stable.
People depend on law.”***

SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ELENA KAGAN

Later in the conversation, Magill asked a question about how Supreme Court justices get along when they disagree on so much. Kagan was nominated to be an associate justice in May 2010 by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate three months later. Over the last 12 years, she has seen the court go from the moderate body that upheld the Affordable Care Act to the 6-3 conservative majority that overturned the constitutional right to an abortion. She watched the previous president, Republican Donald J. Trump, appoint three new justices to reverse that balance of power.

Through it all, though, Kagan remained an American who, as Magill explained, would go on a hunting trip with Scalia.

“Why did you do that?” Magill asked.

“I did it because I promised to,” Kagan answered.

When the Jewish woman was going through her confirmation process, she did a set of “courtesy visits,” as she described them, to the senators who would be responsible for confirming

her. During those visits, the senators could not ask her how she would vote on a case, but they could find ways to ask her that without asking her that.

Conservative senators would pose questions like, “Have you ever hunted? Do you know anybody who’s hunted?” Kagan told the laughing crowd that she grew up in New York City, and that in New York City “this is really not what we did on the weekends.” But during one visit, she invited herself to a gun-loving senator’s ranch.

“And this look of total horror came on,” Kagan said.

Kagan told Scalia the same story after her confirmation, and he started “laughing uproariously,” she recalled. But then he took Kagan to his gun club and had his son-in-law teach her to shoot. During the last five-and-a-half years of Scalia’s life, Kagan went hunting with Scalia “not once, but many times.”

“I enjoy his company very much,” she said. **JE**

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Dresher Holocaust Survivor Unites with Family

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The recent meeting of Franklin Lewinson and his second cousin Klaus Manzel has been about 80 years in the making.

Lewinson, an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor living in Dresher, and Manzel, an 80-year-old native Berliner, united on Oct. 13 at Lewinson's home. The two shared the story of the Lewinson family's survival during the Shoah and Manzel's plan to have a Stolperstein — a brass plate honoring victims of Nazi extermination — installed at the address of Lewinson's family home in honor of Lewinson's father Hans, who was murdered in Auschwitz.

Until a few years ago, neither knew of the other's existence.

"I was shocked," Lewinson said.

"Because I didn't even realize there was anybody still alive."

Born in 1935 in Berlin, Lewinson, originally named Wolfgang, and his younger sister Renate spent most of their early childhood in Blumenstraße, the neighborhood where most Jews were relegated under Nazi rule. The family relocated from their Tempelhof home, where they were evicted, to Charlottenburg, and then to Blumenstraße in the same year. They were required by law to mark their doors with a Magen David.

Lewinson's mother converted to Judaism in 1930 after marrying Hans, having grown up Christian. Her Christian maiden name, Ruckheim, and paperwork helped her find a job at a time when employment for Jews was scarce. While most Jews were assigned limited evening hours to shop — when



Betsy (left) and Franklin Lewinson with Klaus Manzel and Julia Flood at Lewinson's Dresher home on Oct. 13

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Her Christian paperwork was what saved her and her children's lives, but Hans Lewinson was not as lucky. In 1943, after multiple arrests and imprisonments at Nazi labor camps, he was deported to Auschwitz on a train car carrying more than 1,000 prisoners. He was killed shortly after he arrived at the death camp.

The Lewinson children spent the years of 1940-1945 inside at their mother's behest. She received no support from her Christian family, who all but abandoned her and joined the Nazi Party.

"I can remember leaving the house two times," Lewinson said.

On a rare outing, Lewinson's mother removed the yellow Magen David from her children's clothing. They hid periodically at convents and farms, but only for brief windows of time.

Fortune continued to be on Lewinson's side. The family came to the U.S. in November 1946 on a troopship. His mother's status as a single woman with

two children allowed the family to immigrate early. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee helped the family settle in Jackson Heights in Queens.

After a two-year stint in the Army stationed at Fort Dix and Poitiers, France, Lewinson moved with his family to Lakewood, New Jersey. He met his wife Betsy there, and the two married in 1982, moving to Blue Bell in 2000, and to Dresher 15 years later.

Lewinson's lack of family knowledge was not through lack of trying, Betsy Lewinson said.

"Wherever we have been — we've been to Auschwitz, to Yad Vashem in Israel, elsewhere ... no one could ever trace his father," she said.

Across the sea in Germany, Manzel's grandmother had kept in touch with Lewinson's mother until her death in 1987. Manzel knew that Hans had been

arrested and that the Lewinsons were living in America. With the help of his daughter Julia Flood, who's now a therapist in San Jose, California, Manzel was able to find Renate in New Jersey

and contacted her and Lewinson in 2020. The family exchanged letters, emails and WhatsApp messages.

"For that generation, everyone had died out because they lost their hus-

band, or they didn't have children," Manzel said through Flood's translation. "So [I] was just curious to see if there was anybody left and what became of them."

During the war, Manzel's family was afforded some protection by their Christian status, but Manzel's father was anti-government, and the family was never affiliated with the Nazi Party.

The dedication of a Stolperstein was a way for Manzel to memorialize Lewinson's father and do his part in continuing the Shoah's legacy of "never forget." The stone will be installed in January.

Though Lewinson can no longer travel to Berlin to visit where his childhood home once stood, Manzel plans on attending its dedication.

"The stone will be right smack in the middle of a completely new complex, where you would never know [a Jewish family lived there]," Manzel said. "That street has a new name, but the whole point of the memorial stone is that you wonder, 'What is this?'. What will be useful is to stumble upon

it and pause and consider and hope that something like that will never happen again." JE

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A mock-up of the Stolperstein honoring Lewinson's father Hans, which will be installed at their family's old address in January

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"It is incredible that we have hosted the Legends and Leaders event for ten years. It is a testament to the original founders of JFRE that we have continued to have such a strong foundation after all these years," said Jonathan Morgan, JFRE chair. "This year's Legends and Leaders was our best one yet. JFRE remains resolute in its mission of bringing real estate and related industry professionals together as well as providing philanthropic opportunities for our members. I'm honored to lead JFRE into the future."

Approximately 600 professionals in real estate and related industries attended the signature event that featured breakfast, networking and two conversations with expert speakers. Presentations included discussions about the current geopolitical pressures of real estate and

the future of sports infrastructure in Greater Philadelphia.

JFRE's Legends and Leaders event proved to withstand the test of time, raising over \$500,000 in sponsorship from nearly 70 companies. This is the largest amount in the history of the program.

In 2021-2022, the JFRE Fund granted \$444,936.42 to 18 capital projects in Greater Philadelphia, Israel and overseas. Around \$160,000 was additionally allocated to the development of a medical clinic in Gondar, Ethiopia from the JFRE Fund and contributions by JFRE Executive Committee to provide humanitarian assistance to Ethiopian Jews as they await aliyah to Israel.

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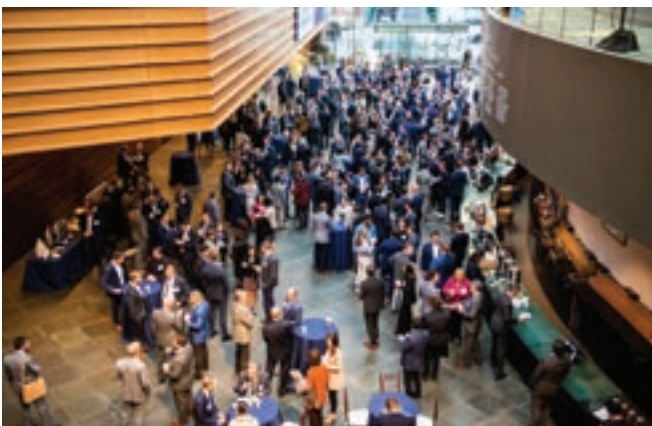
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(L to R) CBRE Economists Richard Barkam and Spencer Levy talked about "Inflation, Rising Interest Rates and Geopolitical Tension: What Does it Mean for US Real Estate."



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Jonathan Morgan, JFRE chair, welcomed the hundreds of attendees.

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Moriel Rothman-Zecher



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An asymptote is a line that approaches a given curve but never touches it. On a graph, the mathematical concept looks like two functions moving closer toward one another but never quite meeting or intersecting.

For the past five years, Jewish author Moriel Rothman-Zecher has had something of an asymptotic relationship with his grandmother. In 2017, Rothman-Zecher, 33, began writing “Before All the World” — his sophomore novel loosely based on his hidden family history — within months of his grandmother’s death. In July, he moved from Dayton, Ohio to West Philadelphia, just 20 blocks from where his grandmother and her sister grew up on Cobbs Creek Parkway.

Rothman-Zecher is interested in both the malleability and precision of time, a seeming contradiction that he has woven through “Before All the World,” published Oct. 11 by Farrar, Straus and

Giroux. The novel is grounded in history, but is fiction; it’s based on real people and places Rothman-Zecher wants to honor, though he admits that at least one of the stories he based the book on could have been apocrypha.

The Jerusalem-born author’s deep curiosity about his Jewish roots and connection to the places his family lived — Israel, Ohio, Pennsylvania — are a common theme in his writing. His 2018 debut novel “Sadness is a White Bird” was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award and earned Rothman-Zecher recognition on the National Book Foundation’s “5 Under 35” list. Rothman-Zecher teaches poetry and fiction at the University of the Arts.

“I’m primarily a novelist; I’m primarily a storyteller, and I’ve turned now — for the last seven or eight years — mostly to fiction, in order to tell the truth through making things up,” he said. “What I’m most drawn to is the truth of the story in its kind of narrow sense, in its kind of spiritual sense, and not necessarily its factual sense.”

“Before All the World” is set in Prohibition-era Philadelphia in a time when the word “pogrom” refers to both the violence against Jews in Eastern Europe and the violence against Black people in America.

Leyb, a Jewish man, finds himself in the city after escaping from the Eastern European village of Zatelsk, where most of the residents were taken to a nearby forest and killed. At Crickets, a speakeasy serving a mostly gay clientele, Leyb meets Charles, a Black man from Philadelphia’s Seventh Ward, becoming fascinated with Charles’ ability to speak Yiddish, a language Leyb has previously only thought to be spoken by Jews.

Miraculously, Leyb also reunites with Gittl, the other Jewish survivor of the Zatelsk pogrom. The story of unlikely survival of the three protagon-

nists asks both the characters and the readers to imagine a better world.

Though Zatelsk, Crickets and Charles’ apartment addresses are fictional locales, their coming together is loosely based on real events.

Rothman-Zecher, who attends Kol Tzedek, grew up very close with his grandparents, but following the death of his grandmother, he uncovered parts of her life that were once hidden.

“We had really extensive, deep conversations about a lot of things. But also in my early adulthood, I realized that there were some subjects that had been totally off-limits,” Rothman-Zecher said. “Specifically, growing up, I had thought that my grandmother had one sister, Beatrice, who lived in Center City for her whole life, and we would visit her regularly. I think when I was in my late teenage years, maybe early 20s, I realized that my grandma had actually had two sisters.”

Rothman-Zecher’s grandmother’s younger sister Leonore Steinberg had a child with a Black man in the 1940s. Shortly after the child’s birth, Steinberg was sent to a psychiatric hospital, where she lived for the rest of her life. The institution adopted her child. Rothman-Zecher is unsure whether the child was adopted for nefarious reasons or whether Leonore was institutionalized because her relationship with a Black man was pathologized.

Rothman-Zecher also drew on a story his grandfather once told him about his experience at a speakeasy-turned-gay bar, though Rothman-Zecher isn’t entirely sure he remembered the story correctly.

As he tries his best to extract the spiritual truth from his family’s stories, Rothman-Zecher has observed a transformation in his relationship with them.

“Writing the book, researching the book and living in the book and moving around the book was this opportunity to be in conversation with people who weren’t alive anymore,” he said. “It has been a special feeling, to feel the presence of my family members, both literal and literary, as the book goes out into the world.” **JE**

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Courtesy of Moriel Rothman-Zecher

USPS Issues Chanukah Stamp

The U.S. Postal Service announced on Oct. 20 the release of a new Chanukah stamp. “I remember looking forward to Chanukah as a child, especially the traditional foods, gifts and games,” said Lori Dym, USPS managing counsel for procurement and property law, who served as the dedicating official at an event at an Ohio synagogue.

Chanukah begins this year at sundown on Dec. 18. The stamp art features the design from an original wall hanging. The fiber art was hand-dyed, appliquéd and quilted to form an abstract image of a hanukkah. Blue and purple represent the sky, while greens and browns represent the earth. The bright yellows and oranges represent the Festival of Lights. At the bottom of the stamp, the words Hanukkah, Forever and USA appear in white capital letters.

‘Hitler Truck’ Inflames Tensions in Berkeley

Three weeks after a prominent pro-Israel activist accused the University of California, Berkeley of creating “Jew-free zones,” two trucks rolled into town to address the controversy, JTA.org reported.

One displayed a massive picture of Adolf Hitler. “All in favor of banning Jews, raise your right hand,” read the billboard on the side of the truck.

The truck was dispatched by a political advocacy group called Accuracy in Media, which has a history of finding ways to provoke liberals and progressives. The group’s president Adam Guillette told J. The Jewish News of Northern California that the truck was part of a larger campaign to combat antisemitism on college campuses and was meant to oppose the Berkeley Law student groups that recently announced they had adopted a bylaw pledging to bar Zionist speakers from campus.

“The amount of hatred, intolerance, and antisemitism is morally outrageous and it’s time for us to (non-violently) fight back,” Guillette said.

But whatever the truck’s intended effect, its presence frightened students and drew condemnation from the local branch of the Anti-Defamation League, Berkeley Hillel and the local Jewish Community Relations Council, along with offers of emotional support from university administrators. Some passersby threw rocks at the vehicle.

In Reversal, Australia Won’t Recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s Capital

Australia’s new left-leaning government is reversing the decision made nearly four years ago under a conservative administration to move the country’s embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, JTA.org reported.

Then-Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced in December 2018 that Australia would recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital. The move put him in line with then-U.S. President Donald Trump, who made a similar announcement a year earlier, pleasing his base, and had already opened an embassy in Jerusalem. But it made Morrison an outlier among the vast majority of world leaders, who have long held that whether Jerusalem is Israel’s capital should be negotiated as part of an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

Australia’s embassy never moved from Tel Aviv. And now, Morrison’s successor is returning the country’s official position to the one it maintained until 2018.

“Australia is committed to a two-state solution in which Israel and a future Palestinian state coexist, in peace and security, within internationally recognised borders,” Penny Wong, Australia’s minister for foreign affairs, said in a statement. “We will not support an approach that undermines this prospect.”

Israel, Bahrain Sign Accord on Agricultural Cooperation

Israel and Bahrain on Oct. 19 signed an agricultural cooperation declaration on the sidelines of the first-ever International Summit on Food Technologies from the Dead Sea and Desert that took place in Eilat, JNS.org reported.

The conference, an initiative of Israel’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, was attended by 70 senior officials, who focused on promoting coordination and innovation in aquaculture and the overall battle to combat food insecurity.

The declaration calls for the promotion and expansion of cooperation between Jerusalem and Manama in the fields of agriculture, livestock and food security, and the sharing of related knowledge, technology and diverse products. **JE**

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Celebrate Israel's Economic Juggernaut

As we brace for the frustration and uncertainty of Israel's fifth national election in four years to be held next Tuesday, and bemoan the frustration of an Israeli electorate so deeply divided on a host of political and social issues, it is worth taking a step back to marvel at the remarkable success of the Jewish state's bursting economy.

While virtually every country in the world is suffering from rampant inflation, slow economic growth and challenges to maintenance of currency values, Israel is an exception. Israel's economy is growing at one of the fastest paces in the world; it boasts a very low rate of inflation and a high level of employment. Israel's shekel is reported to be the world's best performing currency among the more than 30 that trade actively, and the only one that strengthened against the dollar in the past decade.

Israel's projected domestic product growth in 2022 will reach 5.2%. Unemployment is at an impressive 3.5%, and Israel's inflation rate of 4.3% is less than half the annualized rate in the U.S. and Europe. Israel's economy is strong and is poised to

continue to grow. Analysts attribute that strength to a culture of innovation that dominates Israel's business sector and a broad, diverse and growing base of companies that make up corporate Israel.

As highlighted in a recent Bloomberg analysis of Israel's economic success, it is innovation and technology that drive Israel's remarkable impact on some of the world's largest industries. The range of impacted industries includes business sectors as diverse as auto parts, medical equipment and food, water and climate-change solutions. Companies like Mobileye Global Inc., the creator of vision-based driver assistance programs, and Innoviz Technologies Ltd., the maker of light detection ranging (Lidar) sensor and perception software for autonomous driving are making a significant impact on the worldwide automobile industry. And Nanox Imaging Ltd. — a company devoted to moving from predictive medicine to preventive medicine — brings new approaches and promise to governments, hospitals and clinics with cloud-based image analysis, online diagnosis and billing services while continuing its work in

the development of a 3D medical imaging device.

And then there is Redefine Meat, the Israeli startup in its fourth year that seeks to address meat's significant impact on the challenges of climate change and sustainability by creating the first 3D printed plant-based steak, which now boasts distribution in more than 500 restaurants and butcher shops in Israel, Berlin, Amsterdam and London.

There are, of course, many more such companies, each with an impressive story and many with eye-popping success. There are some 630 companies domiciled in Israel. Not all of them will succeed. But not one of them accounts for more than 10% of Israel's market value. That diversity — coupled with an innovative, single-minded dedication to understanding new challenges and working through them without fear of failure — bodes well for continued growth and expansion of Israel's economy.

We can only hope that the new government Israel will elect on Nov. 1 will bring a similar stability, reliability, innovation and a drive to solve problems creatively. **JE**

Ignore the Polls. Go Vote!

The upcoming midterm elections on Nov. 8 are important. The outcome will determine control of the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives and leadership and control of state government. In our deeply divided and hyper-partisan political environment, the stakes couldn't be higher.

So, if you care about who is going to represent your interests in the next Congress and in the state Capitol, and you care about any of the issues being debated on the campaign trail, you need to make your voice heard by voting. Candidates you elect will be in a position to make a difference going forward.

We urge you to vote no matter what competing polls are predicting. That's because we have seen repeatedly that many polls are not reliable predictors of election outcomes.

Analysts have differing views on why pollsters keep getting things wrong. Some complain that the polling questions themselves are biased and tend to pre-ordain a result. Other argue that some pollsters improperly focus on registered voters rather than likely voters and assert that likely voters will more accurately predict election results than registered voters who may not actually show up to vote. And then there is the claimed undercounting of Republicans because of "shy Trump



supporters" or others seeking to avoid vilification or worse for support of more conservative candidates or positions. This sometimes leads to no answer or misleading answers to polling surveys and skews poll results.

Further complicating things are the hot political issues that initially grab voter attention, and then cool down after some period of time. In this election cycle, the abortion issue, the flailing economy and the Jan. 6 hearings may be good examples of hot topic concerns with differing voter impact with

the passage of time.

Earlier this year, most analysts expected Republicans to make big gains in November, as usually happens for the party that doesn't hold the White House. But the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the rollout of the Jan. 6 hearings and the investigation of former President Donald Trump's handling of classified documents and the rise, fall and threatened further rise of gas prices have all captured voter attention and served as a rallying point for advocates to push for voter turnout to elect candidates sympathetic to a particular view. That was then.

But now, some reports suggest that uneasiness about the economy and immigration may have overtaken abortion concerns or continued focus on the expanding saga of Donald Trump's legal problems, raising new concerns and predictions about control of the House, Senate and state capitols.

But who knows? And that's precisely the point. No matter what you hear from the pollsters, not a single poll result actually votes for a candidate. Only registered voters can do that. Voting is an enormous privilege and empowers each of us to be a part of a communal decision on issues that matter to us. We encourage you to vote on Nov. 8. Your future depends on it. **JE**



Does Trump Hate Jews, or Just ‘Bad Jews’?

BY ANDREW SILOW-CARROLL

In her new book “Bad Jews,” Emily Tamkin frames recent American Jewish communal politics as a series of clashes between antagonists who insist there are right ways and wrong ways to be Jewish — that is, “good Jews” and “bad Jews.” It’s a useful and revealing way to look at how Jews fight among themselves.

It’s also incredibly timely (or timeless). Donald Trump had his own version of “bad Jews” in mind when he tweeted this month that American Jews were insufficiently grateful to him for his support of Israel, and warned that “U.S. Jews have to get their act together and appreciate what they have in Israel — before it is too late!”

Some Jewish groups heard that as an antisemitic threat. Even giving him the benefit of the doubt — I thought he meant that Israel itself would be in danger if Jews didn’t vote for a pro-Israel president like him the next time — it does fit into a pattern in which Trump treats “the Jews” as a monolith, and distinguishes between the good Jews who vote for him and the bad Jews who don’t recognize their own self-interest. That sort of ethnic pigeonholing never ends well. And as I have written before, I don’t know if Trump is antisemitic, but he has certainly been good for antisemitism.

Trump was also echoing the kinds of internal Jewish conversations that Tamkin describes. It may be presumptuous for a gentile politician to explain how “good Jews” vote, but Jewish individuals and organizations have been doing it for years. Liberal Jews use the “good Jew/bad Jew” framing, on everything from immigration to LGBTQ rights. But it has over the years become a conservative specialty, especially when it comes to Israel:

In 2002, New York Times columnist William Safire urged Jewish Democrats to put their domestic agenda aside to vote for Republicans he felt had a better record on Israel.

In 2008, neoconservative icon Norman Podhoretz lamented that liberalism had “super-seeded Judaism and become a religion in its own right.”

In 2011, Jewish conservative firebrand Ben Shapiro tweeted, “The Jewish people has always been plagued by Bad Jews, who undermine it from within. In America, those Bad Jews largely vote Democrat.”

In 2018, Jonathan Neumann turned that idea into a book-length attack on Jews involved in



Former President Donald Trump in 2021

social justice movements, subtitled, “How the Jewish Left Corrupts and Endangers Israel.”

In each case, the writers implied that good Jews put the fate of Israel ahead of other values — which, to the degree that they are liberal, seem to the writers barely Jewish in the first place.

Some of those objecting to Trump’s tweet said it fed the “dual loyalty” accusation — that is, Jews pledge their true allegiance to Israel. But again, Trump is turning an internal Jewish discourse back on itself. Let’s be honest: Caring about the well-being of Israel — political, social, military — is a normative value in the vast majority of American Jewish settings: synagogues, schools, summer camps, community councils. That’s not dual loyalty, but solidarity with millions of co-religionists and extended family members. Such solidarity is the right of any ethnic group, and Jews have rightly owned it, even as polls show that is the minority of Jews who make Israel their number one issue at the polls. Trump’s tweet is a funhouse version of that tendency — demanding Jews stand in solidarity with Israel but on his terms, and exclusive of other priorities.

Trump’s tweet is of a piece with what Maggie Haberman, in her new book about Trump, describes as the “racial tribalism” the real estate mogul absorbed in the New York City of the 1960s, ’70s and ’80s. In that Archie Bunkerish New York, individuals were pegged and defined, for good and ill, by their ethnicity. In Trump’s view, Jews are good business people, savvy negotiators and of one mind when it comes to Israel — and are confounding and even ungrateful when

they are not. That’s the Trump heard in a recent video clip, asking if the filmmaker was “a good Jewish character.” Good Jew or bad Jew?

Tamkin calls her book an attempt to “wrestle with what I believe to be the one truth of American Jewish identity: it can never be pinned down.” Still, a lot of people have tried — sometimes out of the best of intentions, and sometimes to push people out of the fold. When we presume to tell ourselves who is and isn’t a “good Jew,” however, we shouldn’t be shocked when others — especially a politician who has made racial tribalism his brand — do the same. **JE**

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Compounding an Error

The president recently said that “there will be consequences” in his latest kerfuffle with the leader of our once-close ally, Saudi Arabia. This may be one of the few times in his tenure that he may be right/half right, since we will suffer the effects of those consequences.

As the Exponent implies (“From Fist Bump to Poke in the Eye,” Oct. 20), Biden’s statement during his campaign to make the kingdom an “international pariah” was a sound moral statement while at the same time being a very poor foreign policy one. The reason is simple: While the Saudis’ morality leaves much to be desired, its economic and political power remains vital to the Middle East’s ability to contain Iran’s hegemony in the area.

It’s long been obvious that both America and Israel need the kingdom to be part of a coalition to act as a buffer against Iranian expansion. Threatening the Saudis along with some of his other poorly conceived policies was an unforced error, and compounding it by indulging in retaliations would send the kingdom directly into the Soviet and Chinese coalition. **JE**

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Israel Should Stay Out of the War in Ukraine

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN

Eight months into Russia's brutal and illegal invasion of Ukraine, two things are clear about the conflict.

One is that Russian President Vladimir Putin's launching of the largest land war in Europe since 1945 was a crime that has largely united the civilized world in revulsion. Another is that no one seems to have any realistic idea of how it can be brought to an end.

Note that I used the word "realistic." By this I mean a solution that doesn't require the complete military defeat of a nuclear power that is unlikely to accept abject humiliation. That would also rule out a policy predicated on an attempt at regime change in Moscow, a reckless notion with unknowable and possibly catastrophic consequences.

Of course, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whose courageous leadership has helped Kyiv mount a resolute and surprisingly successful resistance to the onslaught, does have a vision of how the war will end. He says Ukraine will keep fighting until a military victory chases the Russians off of every inch of soil that his country controlled in February, and perhaps even those areas it lost to Russia in 2014.

In pursuit of that goal, he has obtained the kind of massive military and intelligence assistance that is reminiscent of the West's commitment to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Biden administration had already committed itself to spending \$54 billion on aid to Ukraine, with the implicit promise of continuing that flow.

But that isn't enough for Zelenskyy and his admirers. Not only does he want even more American weaponry, the supply of which has already stripped active U.S. forces of most of their reserves of armaments; he is also continuing to clamor for Israel to join the conflict by sending Kyiv some of its most sophisticated weapons systems.

Pressure on Israel

There is a growing chorus of criticism of the Jewish state for its attempt to chart a middle course between pure neutrality and becoming an open participant in the fighting. Israel has sent considerable humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and taken in refugees, yet has stopped short of military aid or involvement. Former Prisoner of Zion and Jewish Agency head Natan Sharansky has chided the Jewish state for "being afraid" of Russia. He's right about that. But Israel has good reason to worry



about escalating tensions with Putin.

There is a sizable Jewish population that still lives in Russia which, up until this year, seemed to enjoy Putin's protection. The war has called that into question.

Moscow's heavy-handed efforts to signal Israel that it would pay a price if it did more to help Ukraine has included threats against the Jewish Agency's operations in the country.

Russia also has a large military presence in Syria. Putin has acquiesced to Israel's military carrying out strikes against Iranian, Hezbollah and other terrorist targets inside that state without repercussions. This would be put at risk if Israel joined Ukraine's war.

More important than Sharansky's stand is the criticism coming from Congress. A number of lawmakers have attacked Israel for its position on Ukraine.

They, like Zelenskyy, dismiss the fact that Israel has done a lot to help Ukraine, even offering it an early-warning system that could help it defend its population against Russian attacks. Like the Ukrainian leader, they want Israel to "get off the sidelines."

It's worth questioning why, ever since the fighting started, Israel's position is the focus of so much interest. With the U.S. and Europe on its side, Ukraine doesn't need Israel.

However, Zelenskyy, in particular, seems to have devoted an inordinate amount of attention to pressuring Israel. That included a virtual speech to the Knesset, in which he falsified the history of the Holocaust by claiming that Ukrainians had stood with the Jews during the Shoah, instead of being the most enthusiastic of collaborators with

the Nazis in helping to kill hundreds of thousands of Jewish victims.

Had any other European leader uttered such an appalling lie, he or she would have been roundly condemned and treated like a pariah by world Jewry. But Zelenskyy, who is Jewish, and is seen as a 21st-century version of Winston Churchill by many otherwise sober observers, got away with it. And the pressure on Israel, which is always judged by a double standard on any issue, continues to grow.

That's because support for Ukraine transcends the usual sympathy that underdogs elicit. Despite the lionization of Zelenskyy and the justified admiration for his country's resistance, Ukraine is far from a model of democracy and human rights. In fact, it is arguably as corrupt as most former Soviet republics.

The impulse to romanticize it as a uniquely noble cause involves more than a belief that sovereign nations should not be invaded by larger neighbors, and goes beyond outrage over Russian atrocities.

The accusation that Russia helped steal the 2016 presidential election for former President Donald Trump — a myth that many still believe, despite the collusion charges turning out to be a hoax — helps fuel anger at Moscow. Without that, and the fact that a conversation with Zelenskyy was the excuse for the Democrats' first attempt to impeach Trump, it's possible the American reaction to Putin's invasion would have resembled the passive indifference on the part of the Obama administration to his seizure of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine in 2014.

At the same time, many traditional foreign-policy

Israelis Should Vote Their Conscience No Matter What

BY DAVID M. WEINBERG

hawks consider the war to be in America's interest, since it is helping to weaken Russia — a geopolitical foe of the United States and ally of China, an even more dangerous potential enemy. From that point of view, it is a grand military exercise in which Western military and intelligence capabilities are being field-tested in real time against Russian materiel and that of its Iranian allies, who have supplied drones to their ally in the conflict in Syria.

The above argument is undermined, however, by the spectacle of Russian incompetence that has rendered untenable the idea that it poses a conventional, as opposed to a nuclear, threat to the West.

Dismissing talk of peace

The international community has always opposed allowing Israel to achieve the kind of complete military victory over its enemies that would force them to give up their struggle against its existence. World opinion also dismisses terrorist attacks on the lives of Israelis as being part of a "cycle of violence" that ought to be stopped, regardless of who is in the right.

In contrast, many otherwise sensible people think Ukrainian ambitions for a military victory over Russia should be indulged, including if that means, as even President Joe Biden recently acknowledged, a risk of a nuclear confrontation.

Anger and disgust with Russia are justified, as are economic sanctions, even if they are clearly hurting the West more than the Putin regime. Yet, now that Ukraine's extinction is no longer possible, a rational rather than an emotional response to the situation shouldn't involve an open-ended commitment to an endless war that — Zelenskyy's boasts and Biden's promises notwithstanding — isn't going to end in a total Ukrainian victory or anything like it.

Instead of ganging up on Israel in an effort to force it to join a war that has nothing to do with its security, perhaps the virtue-signalers should start considering whether it wouldn't be more sensible for the United States to begin exploring a way to end the war. Instead, they are supporting policies geared to ensure it goes on indefinitely, and speak as if advocacy for a negotiated settlement is Russian propaganda. They have no coherent exit strategy or achievable goal and accuse those who point out this inconvenient fact of being insufficiently supportive of the cause of freedom.

The idea that Israel should be dragged into this morass simply for the sake of a dubious romanticizing of the conflict, to assert its status as a world power or any other reason is as irresponsible as it is reckless. **JE**

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With only a few days to go until the Israeli election, the message one hears from almost all the various party leaders is: Vote for me to block the other guy. Vote for me to stymie the other guy's potential coalition.

Such "tactical" voting is rotten. It completely ignores the critical diplomatic, defense, economic and social issues at hand. It guts Israeli politics of any serious ideological argument. It reduces our serial election campaigns to yet another round of sumo wrestling. It is a mind-numbing approach to determining Israel's future.

Worse still is the oft-heard admonition not to "waste" your vote, not to vote for a political party that teeters at the so-called "threshold." (The current electoral threshold, the minimum for gaining Knesset representation, is 3.25% of all valid votes. In practice, this means that a party that fails to gain votes equivalent to about four Knesset seats is wiped-off the political map.)

This, too, is a terrible contention. It strips voters of their right to vote their conscience in an unadulterated manner. It reduces election day to tactical play, instead of it being a celebration of democracy in action. It is a dispiriting approach to Zionist and Jewish political commitment.

I say, forget the "threshold." Be a strategic and principled, not a tactical and cynical, voter. Vote your conscience, even if it means your ballot might "go to waste."

Voting in such upright fashion is a healthy and satisfying form of political engagement. Selecting the political party and political leader that most closely represents one's worldview without slavish reference to the latest polls proffered by biased media outlets and various political hucksters is a corrective to the cynicism that almost all Israelis feel about the political system.

It might mean that your vote "goes to waste," but guess what? It could also mean your vote does not go to waste. If enough people in your "sector" vote their conscience and best ideological judgment, your preferred political party might be elected to the Knesset. Your vote could make the difference.

And what's the worst that can happen? Israel seems headed towards another political stalemate, with repeat elections likely in April 2023. So, you'll get another chance at that time to reconsider your vote and make a greater impact on the overall result. (And perhaps, hopefully, by then the range of political party options and especially their

leaders will be better and broader.)

To be clear, I am not suggesting that Israelis vote for any one of the two dozen super-fringe factions that will have ballot slips on Nov. 1. Doing so would be truly silly. These splinters are too wacky to be taken seriously and too tiny to have any chance whatsoever of being elected to the Knesset.

But I am suggesting that left-wing Israelis who believe in the principles espoused by Zehava Galon of Meretz should vote as a matter of principle for Meretz, even though the pollsters question whether the party will cross the threshold. They should not be off put by the pollsters.

I am suggesting that Arab Israelis who are impressed by the bravery of Mansour Abbas of Ra'am in joining an Israeli government (the first time that an Israeli Arab party has done so), and by his achievements in government, should vote as a matter of principle for Ra'am. They should not be deterred by doubts that the party can surmount the threshold this time (nor should they be threatened by radicals in their sector for identifying with Ra'am).

I am suggesting that right-wing and/or religious-Zionist Israelis who deem Ayelet Shaked to be an honest, effective and weighty conservative leader should vote as a matter of principle for Yamina. They should not be daunted by threshold uncertainties, nor frightened by angry accusations of "disloyalty" to the Netanyahu bloc. If enough people in this sector vote their conscience and best ideological judgment, Yamina may indeed be elected to the Knesset.

The same goes for potential voters for Merav Michaeli. Her version of the Labor Party, and each of the above-mentioned parties, has a clear identity and political history and there are tens of thousands of votes behind it, making it a passable choice.

Alas, Israeli voters face another muddled election in a convoluted Israeli political system where negative campaigning and personal animosities are at a peak. Most politicians are selling fallacies instead of tackling real issues with concrete solutions. They are selling tactical calculations instead of purposeful policies. They tell Israelis to vote to sidetrack the other guy.

Israelis ought to ignore such soul-destroying rat-a-tat and proudly vote their principles, even defiantly vote their conscience. Worse come to worst, there will soon be another election. **JE**

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Recognizing That Western Jerusalem Is Israel's Capital Should Not be Controversial

BY DR. ERIC R. MANDEL

This month, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong reversed the previous government's decision to recognize Western Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The question that should be asked is why that recognition was controversial at all.

No fair-minded person who believes in two states for two peoples thinks Israel should not be entitled to at least the western part of Jerusalem in any future settlement with the Palestinians. This principle has been part of every peace proposal in recent memory and the area has been in possession of the Jewish state since it was founded.

On multiple occasions, Israel offered the eastern part of Jerusalem to the Palestinian Arabs as their capital. It was repeatedly turned down. That is because the real problem, unacknowledged by Australia's recently elected left-leaning government, is that the Palestinians and their current leadership refuse to accept a Jewish state in any part of the Land of Israel.

Israel is the only country in the world whose capital is not recognized by the overwhelming majority of the world's countries. If Israel were any state other than Jewish, the international community would have, at minimum, accepted the western half of Jerusalem as Israel's capital while leaving the disputed eastern half for a future settlement.

The United States has gone much further, not only recognizing all of Jerusalem as Israel's capital but moving its embassy to the city. President Joe Biden, to his credit, has not moved the embassy back to Tel Aviv, despite pressure from the pro-Palestinian left-wing of his party.

After Russia, of all places, recognized western Jerusalem as Israel's capital in 2017, international law scholar Eugene Kontorovich wrote, "There's no good reason to maintain the charade that Jerusalem is not Israeli."

As a Jerusalem Post editorial recently stated, "How ironic it is that the Russians, whose relationship with Israel is now being strained by the war in Ukraine, have not reversed their Jerusalem move, while Australia, considered among Israel's best friends in the world, has done just that. ... They have said that western Jerusalem, the country's capital since 1948, is up for negotiations. ... It reinforces the rejectionist tendency amid the Palestinians."

Critics have claimed that to acknowledge any part of Jerusalem as Israel's capital prejudices the final settlement of a sensitive issue. But if the west-



ern half of Jerusalem is considered up for negotiation, it means that not only are the Palestinians laying claim to the entire city, but the international community acknowledges Palestinian claims on Israel within the 1949 armistice lines.

The excuse that the U.N. partition plan of 1947 envisioned Jerusalem as an international city should have disappeared when the Arabs attacked Israel within five hours of its creation. Every part of Jerusalem the Arabs controlled was emptied of Jews. Almost all of Eastern Jerusalem's synagogues were destroyed, and Jewish property was desecrated. Jewish tombstones from the Mount of Olives were used for building materials. Jews were not allowed to enter the Old City of Jerusalem, which contains their holiest sites, despite international guarantees that they would be able to do so. Under Israeli rule, Jews, Christians and Muslims can all visit and pray at their holy sites.

In short, Wong's claim that recognizing Western Jerusalem as Israel's capital would undermine a

final settlement to the conflict is disingenuous. Her government's decision rewards a weak and corrupt Palestinian Authority, which is supporting an ongoing insurrection in Judea and Samaria and glorifies terrorists as martyrs.

Wong called for a two-state solution, not a two states for two peoples solution. The Palestinian goal is a one-state solution. For them, that means a de-Judaized state in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and a binational state within the 1949 armistice lines with an unlimited right of return for descendants of Palestinian refugees.

The Australian move to end recognition of Western Jerusalem as the Israeli capital rewards Palestinian maximalism while undermining the possibility of a resolution to the conflict in which both sides would have to make significant concessions.[JE](#)

Dr. Eric R. Mandel is the director of the Middle East Political Information Network. He is also the senior security editor for the Jerusalem Report.



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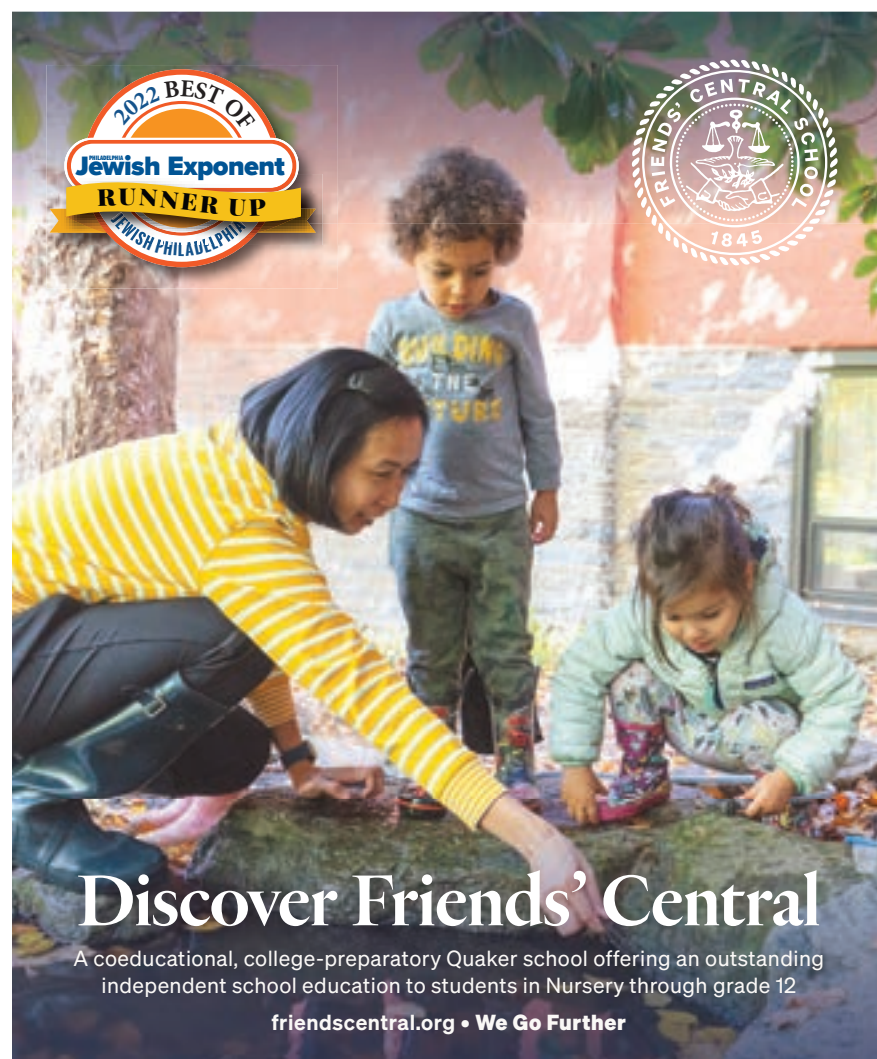
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Theatre Ariel Begins New Season With Play About Passover

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

Theatre Ariel opened its 32nd season at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley on Oct. 22. Even though it was a Saturday night when the Philadelphia Phillies were playing in the National League Championship Series, more than 40 people showed up for the show.

It was a nice turnout for the first performance of Jesse Bernstein's tenure as artistic director. Bernstein replaced Deborah Baer Mozes, the Jewish theater's founding artistic director, after she retired over the summer. And, like usual, the actors stood on the stage, read from their scripts and made the play, "We All Fall Down" by Lila Rose Kaplan, come to life without costumes, music or special effects. It was just their characters and words in a well-lit room.

Theatre Ariel's salon style is like the

theater version of an acoustic concert. It strips away the bells and whistles so the audience can focus on the essentials: the characters, the themes and the story. During its 2022-'23 season premiere, the salon theater made yet another story come to life.

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Theatre Ariel's 32nd season is about legacy, as Bernstein discussed with the Jewish Exponent in August.

"What do we inherit? What do we leave behind?" explained an email from the theater promoting the season.

"We All Fall Down" has a premise that fits with this theme. A Jewish family that has not done "anything even remotely religious for decades," as a post on Theatre Ariel's website explains, gets together for a Passover seder.

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The actors perform "We All Fall Down" at Theatre Ariel's season opener at Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley on Oct. 22.

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GOODMAN

STEVEN passed away on September 30, 2022. He was the son of the late Samuel and Reba Goodman. He grew up in the Logan section of Philadelphia. Steven worked for 35 years in the insurance industry. He was an avid collector of antique radios and similar memorabilia. His latest passion was driving around in his vintage Ford Thunderbird. Steven was a caring feline owner of several beloved pets. He had a keen sense of humor and always appreciated a good joke. Steven will be missed by his cousins and the Jonathan Lazorko family, which whom he had a special relationship over the years. Graveside services were held at Montefiore Cemetery. Donations in Steven's memory may be made to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

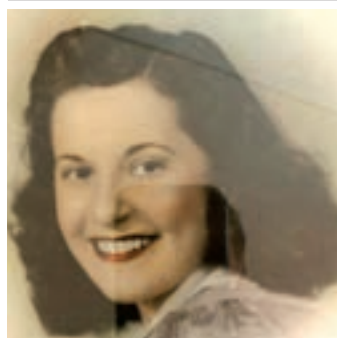
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May 30, 1920 - October 14, 2022
MARTHA (nee Zemle) died peacefully at her home in Boca Raton, FL, on October 14, 2022, at age 102. She was the beloved wife of the late Morris (Moishe) Grossman, loving mother of Howard (Susan Galante); Gerald; and Barry (Margarite); extremely proud and devoted grandmother of Jodi Woundy (Richard), Rachel Grossman (Teodoro Ortiz), Jeffrey Grossman, Max Grossman (Marissa), and Sam Grossman (Samantha); and an adoring great-grandmother of Jordan and Azlyn Grossman. She was also the much loved sister of the late Nettie Zemle Rafkin and the late Eli Zemle. Martha was born on May 30, 1920. Her parents Simon and Jennie Zemle were recent immigrants to the United States who settled in the closely knit neighborhood of South Philadelphia. Their lives were hard not only because they were new to the U.S., but also because the country was soon to be ravaged by the Great Depression. Neverthe-

less, they managed to keep food on the table and raise Nettie, Martha, and Eli. Martha grew up to be an intelligent and resilient young woman who helped her immigrant parents navigate the complexities of life in the U.S. Martha met Morris (Grossman) at a dance and he was immediately smitten by her beauty, wit, and grace. After their marriage, they lived first in a small apartment above a storefront in South Philadelphia. Three years later, they bought a home in the Logan section of Philadelphia where, at first, Martha was saddened by being "so far" from her family and friends. She adjusted of course, and Morris and Martha raised Howard, Jerry, and Barry in a warm and nurturing environment. During their long and happy marriage, Martha was a consummate homemaker, renowned cook, expert seamstress and, in her spare time, a self-taught pianist. Martha was also an essential contributor to Morris's toy importing business. She traveled with him on business trips to Hong Kong and Japan and performed many administrative tasks for the business. After her sons were grown, Martha rejoined the workforce as secretary to Gloria Hochman, then the Communications Director for the Philadelphia Association for Jewish Children, an organization devoted to helping children in difficult family circumstances. Martha was a deeply empathetic person who was drawn to this mission. Martha was always proud of her work with Ms. Hochman, who later became an award-winning author and journalist. In their early retirement years, Martha and Morris took courses at Penn State on subjects such as Current Events, Philosophy, Film Studies, and Psychology. Martha earned top grades and was praised by professors for her thoughtful essays and lively writing style. In the 1990s, Martha and Morris began spending winters in Boca Raton, FL, where Barry and Margarite had settled. They enjoyed the Florida lifestyle and, most importantly, being able to see Max and Sam grow up, as they were able to do with Jodi, Rachel, and Jeff, all of whom live in the Philadelphia area. Throughout their 66 years of marriage, Martha and Morris were inseparable. When Morris passed in 2006, Martha's sons worried how she would fare. Slowly, Martha built a life for herself. She formed a close bond with her "machtanista", Betsy Galante, and Betsy, Howard and Susan went on many outings together, where Betsy especially appreciated Martha's dry wit. Gerry took Martha to car shows, flea markets, restaurants, and rides in Bucks County. He once remarked that he never knew what a cool person she was until he spent time with her one-on-one. Martha also continued to spend winters in Florida, where she relished seeing Max and Sam graduate from college, embark on careers, and meet Ma-

thia and Samantha. In 2016, Martha moved into the Samuel Green House, an independent living senior housing complex in Elkins Park, Pa. There she met a whole new group of friends and was admired for her charm, engaging personality, and enduring fashion sense. She also reunited with a friend from her youth, Hilda Gecker, and together they enjoyed attending Rabbi Sandi Berliner's services and lectures and participating in programs at nearby Salus University. In 2020, Martha became a full-time Florida resident. While Martha's mind was sharp until the end, she became increasingly frail physically. However, due to Barry and Margarite's extraordinary care and devotion, she was able to remain in her own home until her passing. The family is forever grateful for the love and care that Barry and Margarite lavished on Martha. When you met Martha, the first thing you noticed was her beauty, style, and remarkably youthful appearance. When she obtained her Florida ID card, the staff member could not believe she was as old as her birth certificate stated. She gathered other employees around as she took Martha's photo. However, once you got to know Martha, you realized she was so much more than her pleasing appearance. At her core, she was an intelligent, talented, and compassionate woman who remained actively engaged with her family and the world until the end of her life. She was an inspiration to her family and friends and to all who knew her. She will be sorely missed. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Jewish Family and Children's Services of Greater Philadelphia, www.jfcsphilly.org.

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BEATRICE G. KAUFFMAN nee Mirkin, on September 21, 2022. Wife of the late Marvin. Mother of Steven (Jan) Kauffman, Larry (Susan) Kauffman, Beverly (Charles) Grossman and Lance (late Betty) Kauffman, also survived by 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Tifereth Israel of Lower Bucks County, 2909 Bristol Road, Bensalem, PA 19020 or the Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org.

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LEVINSON

BERNICE (nee Ruttenberg), on October 17, 2022. Wife of the late Howard; loving mother of David (Kathy Kim), Michael (Cathy) and Mark (Sally); adoring grandmother of Al (Meghan), Madeline,

Louis, Noah, Sophie and Isabelle. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Greater Altoona Jewish Federation, www.greateraltoonajewishfederation.org.

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LEVY

S. ROY - October 17, 2022. Husband of Janet (nee Pearl), of Bala Cynwd, father of Albert (Shari) Levy and Robert (Sheryl) Levy, brother of Lorraine Cowan, grandfather of Jessica (Wayne) Robbins, Jamie (Ryan) Sankey, Samantha (Stephen) Decatur, Gregory Levy and Allison, great grandfather of Blake and Ethan. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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MYERS

HYMAN, Oct. 17, 2022. He was the son of the late Manuel Myers and Sydney Kushner Myers and is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra (Kitner) Myers of Philadelphia; son Benjamin Merson Myers of Lisbon, Portugal; sister Sheila Myers Bell (Robert M. Bell) of Glen Mills; nieces June Bell of Foster City, California; Fern Llewellyn of Blue Bell; and Deena Evancik of Kingsville, Maryland; and other family members. Contributions in his memory may be made to Victorian Society in America, 24 Wilkins Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033, www.victoriansociety.org or to Jewish National Fund, 42 E. 69th St., New York, NY 10021, www.jnfn.org.

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PRESSMAN

ROBERT N. - October 11, 2022. Age 97 of Boynton Beach, Florida. Devoted husband of Dorothy Pressman (nee Evantash). Loving father of Mitchell Pressman and Ross Pressman. Contributions in his memory may be made to World Jewish Congress, www.worldjewishcongress.org/en, or Hadassah, www.hadassah.org

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POMERANTZ-ROMM (FELDMAN)

May 2, 1926- October 5, 2022

With sadness the family of Dulcie Pomerantz-Romm announce her peaceful passing. Wife of the late William Pomerantz and the late Chuck Romm, the love of her life. Daughter of the late Isobel and King Feldman. Loving mother and mother in law of Betsy Pomerantz and Sam Berliner, Patti Pomerantz and Toni Tortorilla, Jeff and Anna Romm. Proud grandmother of David and Kelley Berliner, Lara Berliner and Aaron Gluck Thaler, and Gryffin Romm. Dulcie was a cruise agent for Rosenbluth Travel for over 40 years, retiring at the age of 89. She loved to travel and enjoyed all of her trips, clients, and new friends. She was a devoted member of Congregation Rodeph Shalom, serving in many leadership positions in her decades there. It was fitting that she died while listening to Yom Kippur services in her hospital room, surrounded by loving family there and on zoom. We are grateful to her caregivers Darlene Gillard, Raphaelle Jean, Fatu Kouyateh, Terry and Aulekia McDaniel and Helen Smith whose care and companionship allowed Mom to live well and happily in her apartment until her death. A

memorial service will be held at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, 615 N. Broad Street at 1:30pm on Sunday, October 30, followed by a reception. The family will receive visitors at the Kennedy House, 1901 JFK Blvd, on Monday October 31 and Tuesday November 1, from 2-4:00 pm and 7-9:00 pm. The family requests donations in her honor go to Rodeph Shalom or a charity of your choice.

REMER

SANDI LYN on October 17, 2022. Wife of the late Henry John Hoffmann. Mother of Justin Remer-Hoffman. Daughter of the late Philip and Frances Remer. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126.

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RICHMAN

BONNIE, on October 17, 2022, passed away in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Bonnie was the wife of the late Alan Richman, sister to Debbie, mother to Heidi (Danny) Silverberg,

Larry Richman, Brad (Stephanie) Richman, Adam (Jody) Richman, and Bubbie to Zachary (Samantha), Max (Alana), Amanda, Andrew, Aaron, Emily, Abigail, Alexis, Alex, and Ava. Born in Philadelphia to Jack and Ruth, Bonnie paved her way as a trailblazer during each phase of her life as a medical technician, mother, co-owner of Karl's Baby Furniture, and Bubbie to her grandchildren and all of their friends. Bonnie enjoyed each day of her life accompanied by Alan, her family, and each and everyone of her friends. Passionate about the importance of family, she and Alan hosted frequent large gatherings at their home in Cherry Hill for many years. Bonnie lived her life with her glass overflowing with joy and positivity. She found pleasure in helping hundreds of families design nurseries, helping the community through many charities related to children and as a Bubbie to each and everyone that crossed her path. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions made to the Alan Richman Childrens' Recreation Fund, c/o Cong. Beth El, 8000 Main Street, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

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STEIN

BERNARD "BERNIE", 86, of Springfield, Delaware County, PA, died October 16, 2022. Beloved husband of Jean (nee Bacharach); Loving father of Lauren (Eric) Marcuson and Dana (Jonathan) Grosser; Adoring grandfather to Gabrielle (Gaby) and Josephine (Josie); Cherished brother of Leonard (Jutta); and Devoted brother-in-law of Lois Schure (and the late Jack). Throughout his life, Bernie

was wholly committed to public education and community service. He taught earth science, chemistry, physics, environmental science and forensics for more than 50 years at Rose Tree Media School District in PA and Deptford School District in NJ. A life-long learner, he consistently sought to educate himself on new methods of teaching and new science discoveries, with the goal of bringing them to life for his students. His commitment to public education was not solely focused on the classroom; he coached boys' baseball and wrestling, as well as girls' softball and basketball for many years. Additionally, he was a strong advocate for public school teachers, serving for many years as a contract negotiator for his teacher's union. Bernie was also dedicated to making his community a better place. He was elected to the Springfield (Delaware County) Board of Commissioners for seven terms and served in that role for 28 years. He was honored by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for his commitment and service to his community. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bernie's memory can be made to the Zionist Organization of America, Planned Parenthood, or the Springfield (Delco) Township Library.

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STEIN

On October 15, 2022, Charlotte Stein (nee Chubin) passed away at the age of 92 in Boca Raton, FL. Charlotte was the wife of Alfred Stein, deceased, and mother to Irv (Lynn Myers), Jack (Wendy) and Joyce (Don Douglass), grand-

mother of 8 and great-grandmother of 14. Born in Philadelphia to Esther and David Chubin, she was preceded in death by her brother Joseph, and is survived by her brother Herb. Charlotte worked alongside her husband Alfred in the automobile business that they started. Passionate about the importance of family, she and Alfred hosted frequent large family gatherings they called "Cousins Club Picnics" at their home in Dresher for many years. She and Alfred loved to travel, often with friends, and visited many countries. Charlotte was generous and strong. She was a modern thinker, embracing change and new technologies, especially when they helped her stay in touch with family. She was well known for saying what was on her mind, her card-playing skills and amazing memory. More than anything else, she cared about the health and happiness of each member of her large family. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions made to: Mitzvah Circle, Alfred Stein Memorial Fund, <https://mitzvahcircle.org/donate/> or, to a charity of your choice.

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VERLIN

EILEEN L. (nee Feldman), died on October 15, 2022. Wife of Jerome. Mother of Jonathan Verlin and Maxwell (Carol) Verlin. Sister of Eugene Feldman. Grandmother of Brandon and Ethan. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

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Holocaust Survivor Yvonne Sytner Lutzner Dies at 87

JARRAD SAFFREN | STAFF WRITER

By all accounts, Yvonne Sytner Lutzner was a “beautiful, charming and magnetic” woman. As her daughter Jodie Garay explained, “There was something about her. People loved her.”

Garay doesn’t doubt that this quality helped her mother survive the Holocaust.

Born in 1934 in Antwerp, Belgium, she hid in plain sight under an assumed name through the Shoah and World War II. Sytner Lutzner, who was Jewish, stayed with two different non-Jewish families, even going to church every morning during her time with one of them.

After the war, while staying in an orphanage for Jewish children, Sytner

Lutzner was spotted by a cousin in the Army, who put her on a refugee ship to America. Once there, “she was welcomed by her uncle, Louis Sitner, in Philadelphia” and raised by his daughter and son-in-law, Miriam Sitner Clibanoff and Louis Clibanoff, according to her family. And in 1954 she married “the boy next door,” Herman Lutzner, and raised a family with him in Havertown for the next 64 years.

“She was a positive and upbeat person,” Garay said. “She was so grateful to have family and to have created family.”

Sytner Lutzner died on Oct. 12. She was 87.

The Holocaust survivor is survived by her children Jodie Garay (Andrea Stanley) and Jeffrey Lutzner (Jessica DeGroot) and three grandchildren.

She is also survived by her little sis-



ter/biological cousin Lynne Selkow, the daughter of the Clibanoffs who grew up with Sytner Lutzner. The “sisters” talked every day for the rest of their lives.

“It’s just what we did,” Selkow said.

In August 1942, Sytner Lutzner’s brother had already been transported to Auschwitz, according to Garay. So her parents, Abram and Rosa Sytner, tried to save their daughter by paying a non-Jewish family to take care of her. The Sytners knew the parents, who lived north of Antwerp, because their son had gone to school with Sytner-Lutzner’s brother.

For more than a year, the young girl pretended to be Catholic and went to church every morning. The nuns and priest knew she was Jewish, kept it a secret and did not even make her take confession. Over time, Sytner Lutzner “kind of fell in love with the church,” her daughter said.

“I think she felt safe there,” Garay added.

Soon after, though, Sytner Lutzner no longer felt safe. One of the family members, Garay believes, was having an affair with a German soldier. But the underground network in Belgium helped transport Sytner Lutzner to a different family in Brussels, the Le Chats, with whom she stayed until the end of the war.

The young girl’s new guardians were “a bit older,” Garay said, with a daughter in her early 20s. And they treated Sytner Lutzner like a second daughter,

giving her all the food, protection and comfort she needed.

“They loved her,” Garay said. “She loved them.”

Sytner Lutzner would have stayed with the Le Chats, but Zionist organizations were gathering Jewish children into orphanages for survivor parents to identify. Sytner Lutzner never saw her parents again, but she did run into that distant cousin in the Army, who filled out the paperwork that allowed her to emigrate.

Garay, whose mother told her everything about her Holocaust experience, is still not sure how, exactly, the cousin knew Sytner Lutzner was a member of his extended family.

“He found her,” the daughter said.

If he hadn’t, the young girl never would have met Herman Lutzner, who literally lived next door. Once they started dating when he was 26 and she 20, they became “inseparable,” according to Garay.

After they started a family, Herman Lutzner worked and she stayed home. As their daughter explained, her focus was her family.

She cooked great meals like spaghetti and chicken. She attended every sporting event that her children played in. Her unconditional love enabled them to “walk with confidence,” said Jeffrey Lutzner, who later went on to own a manufacturing company.

And once her children had children, Sytner Lutzner loved her grandkids even more unconditionally. Jeff Lutzner, his wife Jessica DeGroot and their kids Jocelyn and Julian lived in the Philadelphia area, so the kids would go over to their grandparents’ house in Havertown every Friday night growing up.

Yvonne Sytner Lutzner would cook dinner, and the four of them would play Scrabble, watch TV shows like “Reno 911!” and go for walks in a nearby park. The grandma even took care of the family dog, Meeko.

“She was a big proponent of spending quality time together,” Julian DeGroot-Lutzner said. **JE**

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What's happening at ... Lechu Neranena

Lechu Neranena Seeks to Expand Women's Role in Prayer

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

At Lechu Neranena partnership minyan in Lower Merion, the *mechitza*, the partition used to divide the men and women in a prayer space, remains a fixture in the Orthodox community.

However, instead of the davening stand skewing toward the men's side, it sits directly in the middle of the divider, equally visible to both sides of the community.

The set-up of Lechu Neranena's prayer space — which has various changing locations in minyan member's homes — is representative of the partnership minyan's "liberal Orthodox" philosophy of "creating a spiritual and inclusive atmosphere within the framework of halacha," according to the spiritual community's website.

Founded in May 2012, Lechu Neranena is now home to 20-50 minyan members for weekly Shabbat services and holiday gatherings, though its email listserv has swelled to 227 interested parties.

Men and women participate in their respective Torah services, with women also reading from the scrolls. Women also read the megillah over Purim and lead Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night.

"One of our values is to convey a sense of respect and acknowledging the importance of everyone in our community," said Lechu Neranena board member Noah Gradofsky, a member of the partnership minyan for nine years. "It is important for everyone in the community to be able to be a part of our religious ritual in partnership."

Partnership is the key word, Gradofsky said. Lechu Neranena is part of the partnership minyan movement created by the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance, a national organization that uses halachic interpretations to advocate for women's rights.

"Driven by multigenerational communal interest and leadership, partnership minyanim create an environment



Louie Asher reads from the megillah on Purim in March.

that is not just about giving women the opportunity to lead, but a space where men and women can lead together," said JOFA Executive Director Daphne Lazar Price.

The concept was first developed in 2001 by Modern Orthodox Rabbi Mendel Shapiro and Bar-Ilan University Talmud Professor Rabbi Daniel Sperber, who argued that Jewish law permitted women to read from the Torah and participate in prayer rituals, under certain parameters.

In some other Jewish communities, women are not permitted to pray in front of men because it violates *kol isha*, the idea that men should not hear

women's singing voices, Lazar Price said. Others argue that the participation of women in the Torah services is against *kavod hatzibur*, the dignity of a congregation.

According to Lazar Price, Shapiro and Sperber posited that the principle of *kavod habriyot*, human dignity, superseded these other Jewish principles.

Partnership minyanim, including Lechu Neranena, still set some boundaries on participation. In addition to the *mechitza*, women do not usually lead the Saturday morning Shabbat service or maariv, evening services. Women are not permitted to lead the amidah, kaddish or kedushah.

There is some wiggle room, however. With more than 40 partnership minyanim across the world, there's bound to be some differences in how services are led, Lazar Price said.

"Some minyanim may have a spiritual leader who advises them, and who guides or leads their partnership minyan on a regular basis. Others may follow the generally accepted practices ... and consult a halachic authority as needed for particular cases," she said.

Lechu Neranena works with halachic adviser Rabbi Martin Lockshin, who offers his services remotely. Otherwise, the community is lay-led, though some members, such as Gradofsky, are rabbis.

The members of the minyanim come from a variety of backgrounds, but share the desire for women to participate more fully in the spiritual community.

"I have a background of strong involvement with Jewish rituals and prayer groups," said member Louie Asher, who's been involved at Lechu Neranena since shortly after its founding. "I've been part of many different types, including Conservative synagogues, Orthodox synagogues, chavurot, summer camps; and I grew up in a congregation where the rabbi was a great advocate for girls and boys learning how to lead services and do various rituals."

The Orthodox population in Philadelphia and beyond is diverse, Asher said. She maintains the importance of mutual respect: Just as she hopes other Orthodox communities respect Lechu Neranena's decision to include women in Torah readings and services, she, too, understands why some Orthodox communities keep other rituals.

"I know that some people feel like, 'We want to do it this way. We want our way to prevail. We want our way to be accepted here and there,'" she said. "I just accept that some people do it one way, some people do it another way; some people accept it, some people won't accept it. I just understand that's the way Jews are." **JE**

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Who Learns What From the Flood: Mortality or Morality?

BY RABBI BARRY DOV LERNER

Parshat Noach

Last week, we followed the Torah description of the Creation. Now, seemingly this same benevolent Creator decides that this new world does not deserve to survive: “Adonai saw how human wickedness filled the earth — how every plan devised by the human mind was nothing but evil all the time.” (Gen 6:5)

But haven't you ever wondered whether our universe is constantly created and destroyed, one after another? Not a new question for the Jewish tradition! Our sages of the Talmud themselves debate whether our “world” is the first and only world created or “just another one in a series of creations.” “Rabbi Abbahu claimed that the Creation story itself teaches us that

God created worlds and destroyed them, saying, “This one pleases me; those did not please me.” (Ber. Rabba 3:7)

But the sinfulness of humanity apparently is never-ending in our narrative, from the very beginning. Firstly, Adam and Eve fail to follow simple instructions and are punished and are driven from Gan Eden. Then Cain ultimately murders his brother Abel, needing punishment.

Human beings persist in such disobedience and selfishly destroying what God made for them that the Torah records what is to me one of the saddest verses in the Bible. Can anything be sadder than the omniscient divinity being forced to acknowledge a cosmic blunder, an absolute miscalculation? God declares that he will blot out every living thing he created because he's sorry he made them! As the Torah itself records: “And Adonai regretted having made humankind on earth.”

(Gen. 6:6)

But, as in every great story, we can discern a silver lining of hope: God finds one redeeming human being. Everyone knows the description of Noah and the reason he is selected to survive: “Noah was a righteous man; he was blameless in his age; Noah walked with God.” (Gen. 6:7) Therefore, Noah was given the blueprints, the protocols and the details of the survival of the great flood.

However, two very important questions remain for interpretation: (1) Did Noah truly act as a “whole-hearted, righteous” leader in his generation? Two comparisons come to mind in this season of beginnings. When Abraham was told of the impending destruction of the evil in Sodom, he begged God for mercy and even forgiveness. And we read just a short while ago about Jonah who, when faced with the destruction of evil, ran away.

Some of our sages claimed that the 120 years it took to build the Ark and then to provision it for all life, was a reasonable and very visible warning to humanity, even if we are not informed that Noah ever told them of impending disaster.

(2) Perhaps more importantly, who learned the most from the flood? Noah? Not really. He was and remained passive rather than active with regard to his fellow humanity. Ultimately, Noah built his boat for himself — as he was instructed — for his own family and saved them. Even then, he was not certain until the text reports Noah entered the Ark only when told to do so. Then, “And Adonai shut him in” which Rashi interprets to mean both “He surrounded the Ark with bears and lions which killed some of them.” (Gen.R. 32:8) But the literal meaning of the text is: “He shut the door in front of him against the waters.” (Gen. 7:16)

At the beginning of the narrative, God is sufficiently disappointed in humanity to drown the whole earth. But in the end something major changes in God's thinking; He does an about-face and announces that henceforth humanity will never again be divinely destroyed. The story of the flood is not about a change in humankind. It's a story about a change in God, who swears off retribution and chooses relationship.

For us, however, when will we learn the lesson of the flood to become the compassionate, righteous humanity of which we are capable — justifying our creation and the stewardship of this earth we share with so many? **JE**

Rabbi Barry Dov Lerner is retired and provides kosher supervision for Traditional Kosher Supervision in the Greater Philadelphia area, while teaching hands-on craft skills to make and use properly holiday ritual objects. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author's own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



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FRIDAY, OCT. 28

PARSHA FOR LIFE

Join Rabbi Alexander Coleman, a 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.**

CONTEMPLATIVE SHABBAT

Join Beth Sholom Congregation's Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Cantor Jacob Agar and the band for a contemplative musical Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. The community is welcome to attend. **Call 215-887-1342 for information. 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park.**

ART EXHIBIT

After two-and-a-half years, the Olitsky Gallery presents an exhibit featuring area artists Cyndi Philkill

and Karen Liebman. The exhibit continues until Nov. 9. **For more information, call 267-975-7555. 239 Welsh Road, Upper Dublin.**

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

THEATRE ARIEL PERFORMANCE

Philadelphia's only professional Jewish theater company, Theatre Ariel, presents its 32nd season, all on the theme of legacy. The season opener, "We All Fall Down" by Lila Rose Kaplan, runs for the last time at 8 p.m. **For more information and for tickets, visit TheatreAriel.org or contact info@theatreariel.org or 610-667-9230.**

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

AUTHOR TALK

At 1 p.m. author Andrew Kane will be with Congregations of Shaare Shamayim in person to discuss his book "Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale." There will be a dessert buffet served, and the cost for this event

is \$36. **For more information or details, contact the office at 215-677-1600. 9768 Verree Road, Philadelphia.**

MONDAY, OCT. 31

MAHJONG GAME

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 1

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1 The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia hosted a night of networking and socializing for real estate and related industry professionals at The Plaza in Conshohocken on Sept. 20. **2** As part of Gratz College's Forum on Antisemitism in America on Sept. 29, Gratz President Zev Eleff awarded the Gratz College Medal to Rabbi Lance Sussman for his years of distinguished service and scholarship. **3** Main Line Reform Temple-Beth Elohim took religious school students in grades K-2 to the Elmwood Zoo on Oct. 2. **4** Congregation Or Hadash's Carry the Light team walked through the rain to raise almost \$3,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Oct. 3. **5** The Vilna Congregation dedicated the Center City Community Mikvah at 509 Pine St. on Oct. 2. **6** The American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern NJ and the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs launched the Pennsylvania Asian Pacific American Jewish Alliance at the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History on Sept. 29.

Chani and Zev Baram

FORGE CONNECTIONS THROUGH PHILLY FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

SASHA ROGELBERG | STAFF WRITER

The Philly Friendship Circle, a nonprofit connecting kids and young adults both with and without disabilities to foster connection in the Jewish community and beyond, has grown from one friend to about 300 since 2004.

At the organization's 2022 Philly Friendship Walk on Nov. 13 to raise funds for the Friendship Circle, about 500 participants are expected to attend, a feat despite the organization "building back up" from before the pandemic, when more than 700 people participated.

The nonprofit's true impact isn't in the numbers. Philly Friendship Circle offers Sunday Circle, a weekly opportunity for kids under 17 to essentially partake in summer camp activities for the day. The Mitzvah Volunteer Program gives sixth and seventh graders a chance to become part of the Friendship Circle for their b'nai mitzvah project. Virtual happy hours allow young adults to continue to connect, even after aging out from other programs. All of the organization's programming, from its birthright trip to its Teen Leadership Board, is open to individuals with and without disabilities.

"We all may be different. We all look different; we all act different; we all have different interests, but each and every one of us has that same Godly soul inside of us," said Rabbi Zev Baram, Philly Friendship Circle's CEO. "When we can just look at it in that light ... it allows us to break those barriers and make other people feel like, 'Oh, you and I are one in the same.'"

Zev Baram, 43, and his wife Chani Baram, 42, founded Philly Friendship Circle with these values, congruent with Chabad's philosophy of finding the commonality of humanity among cherished differences.

The organization is one of 66 chapters of the Chabad Lubavitch-affiliated



Friendship Circle International, though Philly Friendship Circle operates financially independently of its parent organization, with programming designed to benefit local community needs.

When Zev Baram wanted to begin Philly Friendship Circle after moving to the city in 2003 and before founding the organization a year later, he made sure Philadelphia had the demand for the nonprofit.

"My main goal, really, was not wanting to come in and step on anyone's toes or reinvent the wheel," he said. "If we're gonna focus as a community organization, we want to start off on the right foot, making sure that we are

part of that community, either supporting the community or supporting other organizations in the community or starting Friendship Circle as a support for the community."

Zev Baram has worked with individuals with disabilities for years. A Sheffield, England, native with Israeli parents, he ran educational workshops at yeshiva and at a friend's Chabad in Livingston, New Jersey. He moved to Iowa for a year before starting his rabbinical training and worked with a child with a disability, at first meeting with him for an hour a day in the classroom and then shadowing him during lunch.

Their relationship "clicked," and Zev

Baram began working full time with the boy and his family from Passover through the summer. He continued to lead educational workshops and provide bar mitzvah training to young teens with disabilities as part of a Friendship Circle in Livingston.

"It was something I was really comfortable doing and really liked doing," he said.

During his rabbinical training process, Zev Baram met Chani, whose background closely intertwined with individuals with disabilities.

Chani Baram is the daughter of Rabbi Menachem Schmidt of Vilna Congregation and the Center City Mikvah Mei Shalva. She grew up steeped in Chabad values and was the oldest of four brothers, three of whom had disabilities.

"The way that my parents kind of responded to having three kids with disabilities was just a very natural response of inclusion, which wasn't the buzzword in those days," Chani Baram said. "It was something that I think was just really tied in with who they are as people and tied into their philosophy of how they look at the world, that it was just natural for them to include my brothers in whatever was going on."

Through COVID and the growth of Philly Friendship Circle, Chani and Zev Baram are still asking the same question from 19 years ago of how to best serve their community. As the friends from the circle age up but still want to be involved in the organization, Philly Friendship Circle has had to adapt. The Barams have set up opportunities for young adults to meet with one another and take on leadership roles, all while continuing to expand their reach to young children.

"COVID allowed us to do a reset, and really look at all the offerings for our younger families and families of kids with young adults as totally distinct offerings," Chani Baram said. "And that's a new thing for us." **JE**

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Date of Death: July 11, 2022
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Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, October Term, 2022, No. 001086. Notice is hereby given that on October 17, 2022 the petition was filed, praying for a decree to change his name from Mohammed Othman Ali to Mohammed Ahmed Nagi Allahabi. The Court has fixed November 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 691, City Hall, Phila., PA for the hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.
Ejaz A. Sabir, Esq.
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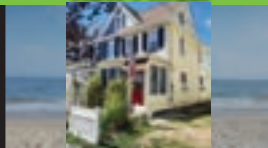
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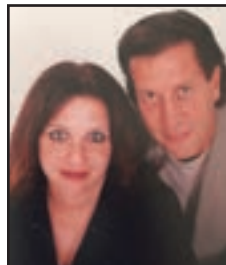
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So, it's a Jewish family that understands that it's Jewish but that also never practices religion. That's a relatable premise in 2022/5783.

Yet as soon as the play starts, you quickly realize that this is not a story about real Jews who are trying to reconnect with their religion. It's a story about Jewish and millennial caricatures who barely have a Jewish identity.

There's the old white dad Saul, whose opinions are outdated but who still says a little too much; there's the therapist mom Linda, who cannot stop criticizing her daughters' life choices; there's the older daughter Sammi, who lives across the country in California and runs an alternative school that gives no grades; and there's the younger daughter Ariel, who wants to move to Bali and become a yoga instructor.

The father looks back fondly on seders at his nana's house. But the mother was a communist who did not believe in religion, so the family never practiced. Rose Kaplan makes this much clear. What she doesn't make

clear is how this family even maintains a Jewish identity.

Saul has his childhood experiences, to be sure. Linda, on the other hand, has no formative Jewish memories to speak of, and her daughters, thanks to her, do not have any either.

The family has never sat for a seder before; they've never stepped foot inside of a synagogue; they've never celebrated a bar or bat mitzvah; they do not even reference the type of extended Jewish community that even the most secular Jews often find themselves in.

Being Jewish is little more than some faint and distant footnote from their family tree. When would it have even occurred to them? Yet somehow, without any shared experiences, they all seem to possess a deep understanding of their Jewish identity.

This is a family of intellectuals. I can see why their Jewish history might be more extreme than that of the average family. But their Jewish history is pretty much nonexistent, making the entire premise seem unrealistic.

These are hardly the play's only flaws,

either. It is 90 minutes, but it could be 40. It has three extra characters who use way too much stage time to carry out their respective shticks.

There's Saul's sister Nan, an old communist and comrade of Linda's whose only note is to ask why in the world is this family sitting for Passover. There's Ester, Linda's assistant who keeps begging her to take a call from Ellen DeGeneres about Linda's popular new book. And there's Beverly, a conservative former neighbor of the family who is as stupid as you would expect a conservative character in a play about communists to be.

If you're going to write a play about caricatures, you better at least make them funny. Maybe they spend much of the show making you laugh before revealing some surprising depth as the story goes on. This is often what makes for a good comedy.

"We All Fall Down" is not even supposed to be a comedy, but that's probably the best it could have done. **JE**

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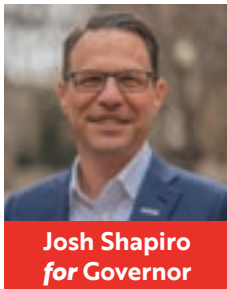
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