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NEW DATA RELEASED from “Jews of Color Community Portrait: A 2019 Jewish Population Study of Greater Philadelphia” reveals high levels of socioeconomic inequality in the area, as well as cultural differences between Jews of color and white, non-Hispanic Jews.

The study was part of “Community Portrait: A 2019 Jewish Population Study,” the larger 2019 Jewish community demographics study commissioned by Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia from the Maryland-based research firm Westat.

The study defined a Jew of color as “any Jewish individual who identified themselves as Hispanic or any other non-white racial identity.” According to the results, there are approximately 36,300 Jews of color in the Greater Philadelphia region — about 10% of the Jewish population here — living in 18,400 households.

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Morocco led by her husband, Rabbi Neil Cooper, excused herself from the table and went back to her room, where a fever and terrible body aches soon followed. Respiratory issues came later, only after she and the rest of the Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El group made a tense, winding trip back to the United States on March 18-19.

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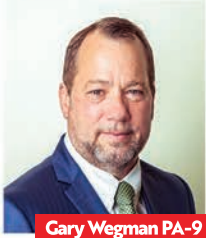
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AG Josh Shapiro Seeks Four More Years

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PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY General Josh Shapiro wants to continue to be the people's lawyer.

After four years in office, he's asking voters to judge him on his accomplishments as he seeks reelection on Nov. 3.

"I've got a proven track record of taking on the big fights and putting people before powerful institutions," he said. "And I've done what I said I was going to do."

During his time in office, Shapiro helmed an investigation of sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church, lawsuits against loan servicing company Navient Corp. for predatory lending and a lawsuit against

Purdue Pharma, the creator of prescription painkiller OxyContin, which has been identified as a major cause of the country's opioid crisis.

Shapiro also filed lawsuits against the United States Postal Service in response to operational changes made by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, including limiting extra shifts, which Shapiro's office said could interfere with the timely delivery of mail-in ballots, as well as medical prescriptions, paychecks and bills.

Shapiro, a Democrat, pulled off a win in 2016 despite Pennsylvania swinging red for President Donald Trump. He attributes his success to showing up for communities that often went ignored by Democrats and believes that strategy will carry him to victory again this year.

"I showed them a plan for

how I would fight for them. Now, four years later, I've gone back to those communities, those forgotten communities, many times and delivered real results: money back for consumers, drug dealers off the streets, rights protected," he said.

Shapiro named tackling the opioid crisis, climate change, gun violence, threats to civil rights and the coronavirus pandemic as some of his priorities for a new term.

"I talk to moms who've lost their sons to an opioid overdose, who are included in my conversations about how we're holding the pharmaceutical executives accountable for their role in manufacturing the opioid crisis. I'm talking to parents in rural Southwestern Pennsylvania who couldn't put their children in the bathtub because fracking companies had poisoned their

water and it wasn't safe for their children to bathe or drink. I talk to grandmas in Philadelphia who lost their grandchildren to guns. And I've worked hard for all of these individuals who are struggling," he said.

He also has an eye on rising anti-Semitism and hate crimes in the state. Shapiro has been subject to anti-Semitic slurs and attacks throughout his tenure, but said he was more concerned about the impact of hate crimes on his constituents. He cited the shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue building in Pittsburgh as an example of the dangers of unchecked hate speech.

"That's one of the reasons why we started a civil rights division — in order to protect all people, no matter what they look like, or where they come from, or who they love or who they pray to," he said. "We've aggressively tried to combat racism and anti-Semitism, not only through making arrests and filing lawsuits, but by trying to tamp down on the hate speech that exists in our community."

Shapiro's opponent, Republican Heather Heidelbaugh, is a trial lawyer who previously served on the Allegheny County Council as an at-large member. Her platform also includes tackling the opioid crisis, as well as decriminalizing the actions of the mentally ill.

"I want to devote a considerable amount of time to trying to tackle that as a societal issue," she said.

She has criticized Shapiro for creating units dedicated to impact litigation and favors a more restrained role for the office.

"That sort of unit is not outlined in the Commonwealth Attorneys Act," she said. "So the question is whether you want to devote your resources to suing the federal government because you disagree with the policies, or whether you're going to use the resources to fight crime here



▲ Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro
Courtesy of Democratic Attorneys General Association

in Pennsylvania, to handle cases that are referred to the Attorney General's Office from a district attorney."

Shapiro wants to think bigger. "That demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of our laws here in Pennsylvania, and what the people of Pennsylvania really need from their leaders," he said. "They need someone who's willing to fight for them, defend their rights, not someone who's going to support special interests and limit the role of the Office of Attorney General."

Terry Madonna, professor of public affairs and director of the Franklin and Marshall College Poll, said Shapiro has the wind at his back for several reasons, including his appeal in populous Philadelphia suburbs that have gone Democratic in the past several elections and his time traveling the state.

"He's advantaged by the fact that he understands and knows the state quite well. Voters tend to know him because of the service, and he's been very high-profile," he said. "He's been going around the state doing talks and has not been confined to the capital in Harrisburg, and that's very important." •

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Sen. Ben Cardin, Boris Epshteyn Speak at Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Town Halls

LOCAL

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THE CONGREGATIONS of Shaare Shamayim held its traditional presidential town hall via Zoom this year, splitting sessions with Sen. Ben Cardin, a long-serving Democrat from Maryland, and Boris Epshteyn, a Republican strategist and former White House official, into two nights.

Each spoke on behalf of their party's presidential candidate before submitting to Q&A sessions moderated by Linda Kobrin, the synagogue's executive vice president, and congregant Rhona Sloan.

Cardin and Epshteyn, both nationally known figures, were

the latest high-profile representatives to speak at the synagogue's town halls; Sen. Joe Lieberman and former White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer have appeared in the past.

Each campaign surrogate spoke about their candidate's commitment to Israel; each attested to their candidate's special relationship with American Jews. And that was about the extent of the similarities between the campaign surrogates' delivery.

Cardin, who spoke on Oct. 22, was able to be seen on his camera, and wore a suit as he answered questions with long, winding answers from a desk; Epshteyn, his voice scratchy and hoarse from speaking at a series of rallies in the days prior to his Oct. 26 appearance, was

not able to appear on camera, and answered the questions he was given in rapid succession, spending about half of the time that Cardin did at the town hall.

Cardin spoke and answered questions for 45 minutes, imploring viewers to vote and warning that President Donald Trump had signaled a willingness to challenge election results.

"I come to the Jewish community, and can say very clearly, that Joe Biden will continue to ensure the unbreakable support in the United States for the Jewish state, for the Jewish people and for Jewish values," Cardin said. "All are under challenge today."

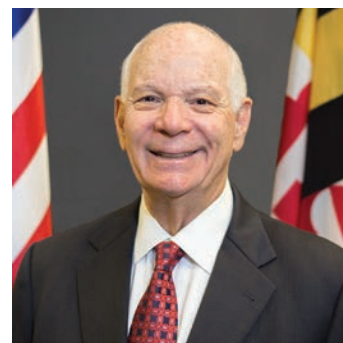
Cardin spoke for about 20 minutes before answering questions passed along by Kobrin.

Preempting questions that



▲ Boris Epshteyn

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▲ Sen. Ben Cardin

would pop up during the Q&A, Cardin made the case for Biden as a defender of Israel, pointing to the nearly \$40 billion in military aid pledged to Israel by the Obama administration in 2016. He half-defended the Iran deal; having voted against it, Cardin still disagreed with the president's decision to withdraw. Cardin decried Trump's comments following the Charlottesville, Virginia, rally of 2017 (though Epshteyn would dispute the common characterization of those comments in his own session.) He downplayed the power of the "Squad" within the Democratic Party, and assured viewers that Biden was not a socialist.

COVID-19 lingered at the edge of a few questions, but for the most part, it was absent.

Four days later, Epshteyn, a Soviet immigrant who was the chief political commentator at Sinclair Broadcast Group until last December, joined congregants and viewers for about 25 minutes, splitting his time evenly between his opening address and the Q&A.

Trump, he said, is rivaled only by President Harry Truman in the support he's offered to the state of Israel. Going down the line, Epshteyn named the numerous peace deals of the last few months that the U.S. has brokered between Israel and historically antagonistic countries, as well as the killing of Qasem

Soleimani and the new U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, as signature accomplishments of the administration.

Trump "has fought and combated anti-Semitism anywhere and everywhere," he said, adding that Biden and Sen. Kamala Harris belong to the party of Linda Sarsour and have met with Jacob Blake Sr., "an avowed and rabid anti-Semite" (Blake's son, Jacob Blake, was killed by police in Kenosha, Wisconsin, setting off protests and riots; the elder Blake was later found to have made anti-Semitic Facebook posts). After about 10 minutes, Epshteyn fielded questions from Sloan, answering queries about Charlottesville, the border wall, masks, protecting preexisting conditions and Vladimir Putin as rapidly as they came in.

Though synagogue president Jacques Lurie said that there was some apprehension about the possibility of disruption, the precautions that were taken allowed each night go off without a hitch. The questions from attendees were often pointed, but rancor and name-calling were absent from the decidedly low-key affairs.

"You know, we have really gotten very good at organizing this and keeping people respectful," Lurie said. "So I really wasn't worried about that." •

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Partisan Fighting Divides World Zionist Congress

WORLD

ERIC SCHUCHT | JE FEATURE

LIBERAL ISRAELI and Diaspora groups this week pushed back against an agreement by a coalition of Orthodox and right-wing groups that would have wrested control of decision-making in the World Zionist Congress.

The Congress, a 500-delegate decision-making body, meets every five years to influence policy and set the leadership of organizations including the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish National Fund (JNF). Collectively, their budget amounts to nearly \$1 billion, which goes to supporting Jewish life globally in every sector from security to immigration. This year, the Congress was held virtually from Oct. 20 to 22.

The first Zionist Congress convened in 1897. Traditionally, parties reach a “wall-to-wall agreement” so that all parties to the congress are consulted before decisions are made. But a coalition of five parties with delegates reflecting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s largely right-wing and Orthodox government agreed to change this practice and reserve the top spots for themselves.

This would have cut out left-leaning Israeli parties and liberal religious and secular Diaspora slates from the decision-making process. Many members of liberal slates described it as a power grab.

“They wanted to get rid of the Reform and Conservative and Reconstructionist voices, which in America are a significant portion of the Jewish population,” said Sheila Katz,

the CEO of the National Council of Jewish Women and a delegate for the liberal Hatikvah slate. “And it would be deeply problematic to the relationship between the United States and Israel to not validate those segments of Judaism as worthy of being in the World Zionist Congress.”

In the end, a compromise allowed for more power sharing than the original plan. However, the power is still largely in the hands of the right.

An official from Netanyahu’s Likud party was named chairman of the World Zionist Organization. The chairmanship of the JNF will rotate between the Orthodox Israel Coalition and the Likud. The chairman of Keren Hayesod, which raises funds for Israel, will be chosen by Blue and White, a party in Netanyahu’s



▲ Representatives from various parties sign an agreement in Jerusalem on Oct. 22. Courtesy of World Union of Meretz

coalition government. However, if Netanyahu objects to the choice, Blue and White will get another senior position.

JNF’s finance committee, which controls its budget, will be controlled by the Yesh Atid, a centrist opposition party in the Knesset. And the chairmanship of JNF’s education committee will rotate between the Orthodox Eretz Hakodesh Party and Blue and White.

Part of the compromise was bringing back the ceremonial position of president of the Zionist movement. It will be filled by a member of Yesh Atid — the first woman to hold the position.

“There was a compromise made that gave enough seats to the progressive bloc, and still more power to the right-wing bloc, but allowed everybody to walk away feeling like they had a say and a voice” on the disbursement of funds, Katz said.

When the right-wing coalition attempted to put its proposal up for a vote, it held 51% of the seats in the congress.

“They just came in and thought that because they did well, they could take over everything,” said Marilyn L. Wind, a delegate for the Conservative movement’s Mercaz USA slate. A long-time attendee of Zionist Congresses, Wind called the move a “hostile takeover” and “unprecedented.”

But there was another factor at play: a group of self-described nonpartisan organizations (including the century-old-Hadassah Women’s Zionist Organization of America) that

don’t traditionally vote for leadership. This time, though, they sent a message to the World Zionist Organization expressing their disapproval of the proposal.

“If those organizations did not choose to write that letter and pressure the World Zionist Congress, this would have been over on Tuesday, and we would not have any power,” Katz said. “They expressed outrage. And it’s really the first time that that’s ever happened. And I think because those organizations took a stand, then everyone was forced to go back to the drawing board and renegotiate.”

Rabbi Josh Weinberg, executive director of the Reform movement’s ARZA slate and a delegate to the congress, said cutting liberal American Zionists out of decision making would have been unfair.

He said the money that fuels the WZO and other Zionist organizations comes from the Israeli government as well as Jewish philanthropic organizations around the world, including the Jewish Federations of North America.

So Diaspora Zionists feel they should have a say in where the money goes, Weinberg said.

“We feel that the budgets of these organizations are largely from Jewish philanthropic dollars from around the world,” Weinberg said. “That’s public Jewish money and it’s very important that there’s accountability for it.” ●

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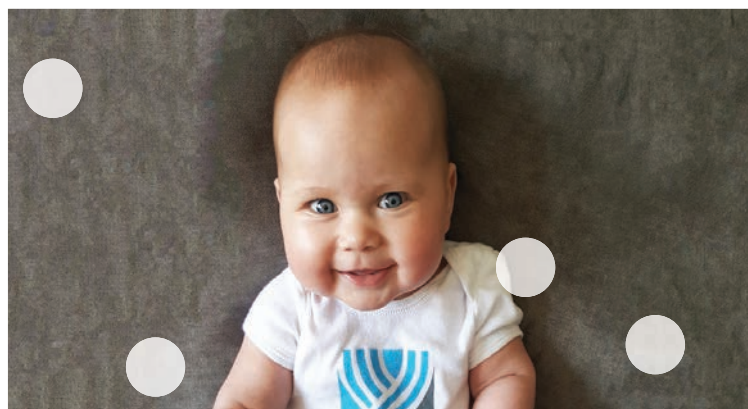


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TWO YEARS AFTER the shooting at the Tree of Life building, “Bound in the Bond of Life: Pittsburgh Writers Reflect on the Tree of Life Tragedy” collects essays from 24 writers as they attempt to make sense of the Oct. 27, 2018, tragedy.

The Pittsburgh journalists, spiritual leaders, historians, writers, poets and academics presented in the collection share their pain, fear, confusion and anger in writings that are scholarly and personal, raw and profound.

Co-editor Beth Kissileff came up with the idea for the book, initially thinking it would be a collaboration with Eric Lidji, director of the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. It was Lidji who initially floated the idea of including other local writers.

“Our prime criteria,” Kissileff said, “was writers, people, that would be able to process the vent through

writing. We wanted to be sure that it contained good writing.”

Kissileff is married to Jonathan Perlman, rabbi at New Light Congregation, one of three synagogues that shared the Tree of Life building. Three members of that congregation were murdered during the Oct. 27 attack. Kissileff believed it was important that local voices told their story in the collection.

“We really wanted to elevate the stories and perspectives of local writers. The national media has a certain angle and story and way of framing things,” she said. “A lot of people don’t even realize there were three synagogues involved. So, we made sure there were two writers from each synagogue who wrote for the book. It was really a chance for different perspectives to be heard.”

Lidji explained that the pair originally considered an anthology of previously published pieces but by 2019, the idea evolved to solicit original material from local authors who had unique points of view.

“We feel like this is the beginning of a bigger process,”

Lidji said, “allowing people to tell their stories.”

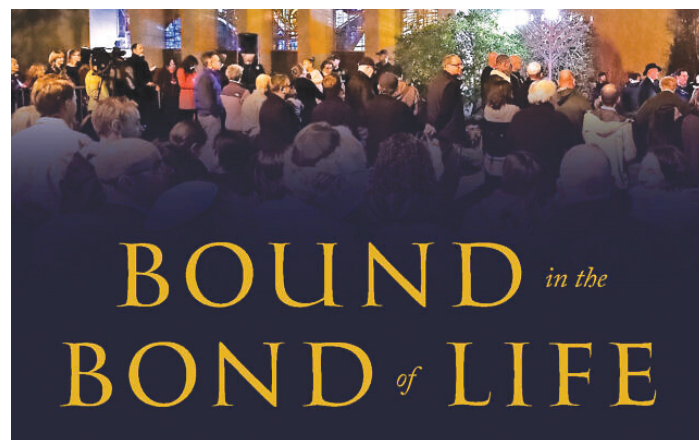
Rather than feature stories by those that were a part of the shooting, “Bound in the Bond of Life” reaches into the broader Jewish and Pittsburgh community. Perlman’s essay in the book, “Eleh Ezkerah, Nusach Pittsburgh,” is the only contribution from someone in the building from the day of the attack. By looking beyond the three synagogues, the geographical limitations of Squirrel Hill and the Jewish faith, Kissileff and Lidji illustrate that, like a pebble dropped into still water, the shooting had effects that rippled throughout Pittsburgh.

In his essay “I Read Somewhere That Pittsburgh is Stronger Than Hate,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Tony Norman ties the shooting to others that have captured national attention, including those in Charleston, South Carolina, and Las Vegas, and highlights several others, both in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood and the larger city. He ties anti-Semitism to America’s other long simmering hate, racism, illustrating the point with examples from his own life.

Norman said that when first approached, he wasn’t sure what he could add to the anthology. “And then it occurred to me: I’m a member of this community. I was profoundly affected and shocked. You know, I can do this. It will definitely be from a different perspective.”

The columnist said he wrote his essay before George Floyd was murdered while being arrested by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, spurring Black Lives Matter protests.

“There’s an interesting confluence between these things,” Norman said. “And I think people have become much more aware of the fact that there are these tribal hatreds out there. They’re quite primordial and quite deep, and that there needs to be a reckoning. We need to really talk about



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what this is all about.”

Barbara Burstin teaches courses on the Holocaust and American Jewish history at both the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. In her essay, “Fall Semester 2018,” she recalls her experience of teaching her first class Tuesday morning following the shooting the previous Shabbat morning.

“Clearly, my experience going into the classroom was pretty dramatic and traumatic,” she said.

Burstin viewed her writing as an opportunity for the community to learn about and celebrate Jewish life and the history of Jewish life. “I wrote to celebrate life and not just death. I think that’s an important message to come out of this,” Burstin said.

Conscious that Jews are often presented as victims in Holocaust lessons, she writes that she tries to underscore the lives Jews led before the Holocaust, talking about their hopes and dreams, accomplishments and disappointments. She worries that because of events like the Tree of Life shooting, American Jews are mired in a swamp of anti-Semitism. When the Tree of Life building is reimagined and rebuilt, she said, “I would hope that a good chunk of that reestablishment would involve the celebration of the Jewish community.”

Historian Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg’s essay “Sharing Their Stories” is unique to the anthology. Instead of addressing her reaction to the

shooting, it instead looks at the artifacts left behind by the community to show their grief.

Her writing is accompanied by photos showing both the expected and unusual items people left at the Tree of Life building memorial. In the pictures, there are a pair of tennis shoes next to a menorah surrounded by flowers; a framed leaf from the Raoul Wallenberg Tree on the Righteous Among the Nations Walk in Israel; stones decorated by grieving members of the community; a guitar; and crosses affixed with Jewish stars by a man who has traveled the country leaving white crosses for other shooting victims.

Each of the items shown, and those discussed by Zittrain Eisenberg, are puzzles that the historian and Tree of Life member have attempted to solve by reaching out to the community asking for information about the objects.

“I came up with a project to try and identify the back stories of all the things that people left for us, most of which were left anonymously, or with inadvertent clues as to who the benefactor had been,” she said. “I got over 50 stories that came from people. The essay is kind of my sharing those stories and trying to make sense out of them, trying to find intent and put that in context.” •

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Local Rabbi Honored by LGBT History Month

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EVERY OCTOBER, in honor of LGBT History Month, the nonprofit Equality Forum names 31 LGBT “icons” — one for each day of the month. This year, a local rabbi made the list.

Rabbi Deborah Waxman, president of Reconstructing Judaism and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, will be honored as an icon on Oct. 30. She is the first woman and first lesbian to lead both a major Jewish denomination and a rabbinical seminary.

Although there were women rabbis and gay rabbis who came before her, she didn't have many role models when she chose her path. She grew up in the Conservative movement, which did not start ordaining

women rabbis until the '80s.

However, the nurturing, supportive environment allowed her to imagine that there would be space for her in leadership, and she didn't think that being a woman would disqualify her from becoming a rabbi.

She eventually decided to attend the Reconstructionist seminary because she believed it would help her become the best rabbi and best human being she could be. It also became a safe space for her to come out later in her 20s as she wrestled with her sexuality.

“If I hadn't been in a community that was really encouraging me to bring my core self and to develop fully, I might not only have been in the closet, I might have just kind of cut off the idea of relationships,” she said.

She said her journey to leadership was shaped by male allies and mentors who helped her grow.

“Advancement happens because there are allies who champion, and who open doors, who don't just say, ‘Oh, it would be nice ...’ but actually extend

themselves to allow women, queer people, people of color and people with disabilities to rise up, who mentor and create opportunities and network on their behalf.”

One of her own mentors, Rabbi David Teutsch, hired her to do grant writing for her rabbinical school when she was still a student.

“I reached out to Deborah because she's a talented, thoughtful person of great creativity and insight, and it would have been a loss to the Jewish people and to the world in general had we not brought her into leadership,” he said.

She was ordained in 1999 and taught at RRC for several years before assuming her role as president of her organizations in 2014. Under Waxman's leadership, Reconstructing Judaism has adopted a framework of resilience in the face of strong communal anxiety about climate change, anti-Semitism, politics and the pandemic.

“We really bring that understanding that Judaism writ large is about resilience, that our ancestors have faced catastrophe again and again and they found

ways, both on the individual and on the collective level, to renew themselves,” she said.

Her podcast, “Hashivenu: Jewish Teachings on Resilience,” has addressed this topic for the past three years and featured conversations with Jewish leaders, teachers and activists about resilience in the Jewish tradition.

Rabbi Joshua Lesser, who entered rabbinical school at the same time as Waxman and leads Congregation Bet Haverim in Atlanta, said one of her talents as a leader is bringing people of different backgrounds together.

“Her ability to do that as well as she does has created an avenue for so many people, not only people who are becoming rabbis but Jews across the board, who can see themselves as part of a Jewish community without necessarily having to fight for it,” he said.

Waxman was honored and humbled to be in the company of this year's icon lineup, which includes actor and comedian Kate McKinnon and first out federal judge Deborah Batts. She said the poets on the list



▲ Rabbi Deborah Waxman
Courtesy of Reconstructing Judaism

— Sappho, Emily Dickinson and especially Mary Oliver — had a strong influence on her.

“I would say that I consider poetry a kind of liturgy. I incorporate a lot of poetry into when I lead services,” she said. “They helped me to create space and to express my pain and my hopes.”

Her favorite Oliver poem is “When Death Comes.”

“It's a primer in how to live a life fully and beautifully and open-heartedly,” she said. •

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Dr. Paul Brody and his now 21-year-old son, Joey proudly flank their pithy “**JEWISH DEMOCRATS FOR TRUMP**” placard.

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JEWISH DEMOCRATS FOR TRUMP!

Activist Dr. Paul Brody, a practicing Dermatologist, of Great Neck, Long Island in New York, has launched a campaign entitled “**JEWISH DEMOCRATS FOR TRUMP**” - It’s **INCUMBENT** Upon Us to Keep The **INCUMBENT!** A Man Of **ACTION:** He Ain’t ‘biden’ His Time!”

Dr. Brody is puzzled as to how any Jew could vote for the opposition considering President Trump’s



Dr. Paul Brody presents “Say **CAIN (YES)** to **McCAIN**, Because **McCAIN** is **ABLE**” placard to Sen. Joe Lieberman in 2008, in Lawrence, NY.

Photo credit: Staff photographer for Sen Joe Lieberman

great achievements for America and for Israel. All Jews must give “HaKarat HaTov” (Expression of Gratitude) and say “Thank You” to the greatest friend that the Jewish people have **EVER** had in the White House, by pulling the lever for Donald Trump on November 3rd.

Perceiving that most Jews are still registered Democrats, Dr. Brody is focusing his attention on Jewish Democrats who should “be made more aware of the facts.” To protect America and Israel, accomplishments and achievements must be placed at a higher value than a candidate’s rhetoric when casting one’s ballot.

Dr. Brody himself never switched his affiliation from the Democratic Party - although his views have been much more closely aligned with the Republican Party for many years - so that he is able to criticize certain Democratic Party ideologies as a Party member.

Over the years, Dr. Brody, partnering with Dr. Joe Frager, has accompanied Governor

Mike Huckabee to Israel on many occasions, including arranging for him to address the Knesset several times, and was instrumental in enabling commentator Glenn Beck’s presentations in Israel, including addressing the Knesset in the summer of 2011. He and his wife Drora served as the Chairpersons of the Israel Day Concert in Central Park - the “Concert With A Message” (coined by Dr. Brody) - for 14 years, held annually, immediately following the Salute to Israel Parade - galvanizing the Jewish people to call for the Unification of Jerusalem, as the eternal capital of Israel - **NEVER** to be divided, and never relinquishing any part of our sovereign Land. These are basic principles that motivate President Donald J. Trump. President Trump reiterated these ideas when he addressed Ministers and Members of the Knesset, and VIP’S, together with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem on May 23, 2017. Dr. Brody and his daughter Dana Brody, Esq. were in attendance.

During the 2008 presidential elections, Dr. Brody coined the slogan “Say **CAIN (YES)** for **McCAIN** - because **McCAIN** is **ABLE!**” A placard highlighting this slogan, was presented to Senator Joe Lieberman, representing Sen. McCain, at a gathering of support, at the Lawrence, LI home of Phil Rosen, then Chairman of the American Friends of Likud. Dr. Brody also quipped, at a Press Conference he helped organize at Jerusalem’s King David Hotel, that if McCain had selected Gov. Huckabee as his running mate, the ticket would have been dubbed **MaCCABEE!!**”

“**JEWISH DEMOCRATS FOR ROMNEY: IT’S A MITTzvah!**” made its debut on October 16, 2012, at the demonstration at Long Island’s Hofstra University before the second Presidential Debate.

Dr. Brody and his then 13-year-old son Joey, joined the Republican Jewish Coalition and unveiled their “Jewish Democrats for Romney...” placard. The placard garnered much attention and comment, both encouraging and negative, by other demonstrators and passers-by.



Dr. Paul Brody and then 13-year-old son Joey launch “Jewish Democrats for Romney: It’s A **MITTzvah**,” at the Presidential Debates at Hofstra, October 16, 2012.

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Dr. Brody hopes that in the same vein, the “**JEWISH DEMOCRATS for TRUMP**” campaign will stimulate Jewish Democrats - especially in the “swing states” - and everyone else, to re-evaluate their thinking - hopefully quickly - and strongly support the incumbent President Donald Trump.

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Unemployment Soars in Israel in Late September

UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBED from 9.7% to 17.1% in Israel in the second half of September because of the nation's pandemic lockdown, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics, Globes reported.

The bureau pinned the increase on a large number of workers being placed on unpaid leave.

When employees fired at the beginning of the pandemic who are not actively looking for jobs are added, unemployment reached 19.1% of the workforce, or 767,400 jobless. That compares to 11.5%, or 471,100 jobless, in the first half of September.

In the second half of the month, 507,000 workers were on unpaid leave compared to 158,500 in the first half of September.

The bureau did say that the number of workers considered in long-term unemployment fell during the month from 232,000 (5.8%) to 165,000 (4.2%).

Israel Names Sole Female F-35 Pilot as Squadron's Deputy Commander

The Israeli Air Force named its only female F-35 fighter pilot as the new deputy commander of the 116th Squadron, The Times of Israel reported.

The pilot, 26, was only identified by her rank and first Hebrew initial: Capt. "Shin."

The 116th Squadron flies the fifth-generation stealth aircraft. The pilot first served in the squadron after completing her training in December 2016. She later moved to the air force's 107th Squadron.

Most air force pilots remain male, even though both men and women are able to serve — following a 1994 petition to the Supreme Court.

The military announced in August that it was considering increasing gender integration in combat units after a group of women filed a petition to the High Court of Justice. A committee was formed to consider the issue.

Israeli COVID-19 Cases Halved in a Week

The Ministry of Health reported Oct. 23 that the number of people in Israel testing positive for COVID in the week of Oct. 16-22 was 7,283, compared to 14,896 the week of Oct. 9-15, Globes reported.

In addition, the number of patients classified as seriously ill fell from 713 to 570, although the number of people on respirators (247) remained the same. There were 191 deaths in the past week — bringing the total since the pandemic began to 2,319 — versus 264 fatalities a week earlier.

"Israel had the highest infection rate in the world and today we have almost the lowest, and it is still going down," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "However, not everybody is cooperating. And so next week I will put additional measures before the cabinet against those who are violating instructions including heavy fines for educational institutions that are opening without permission."

Israel, UAE Form Academic Partnership

Israel and the United Arab Emirates announced a memorandum of understanding on Oct. 22 between Tel Aviv University and the TRENDS Research and Advisory Center in Abu Dhabi for an academic partnership, The Jerusalem Post reported.

The university's Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies is expected to work with TRENDS to "expand and combine the expertise at both institutions in a variety of disciplines, from geopolitics of the Middle East to economics, to eventually effectuate policy in both countries," the Post reported.

The partnership comes in the wake of the Abraham Accords signed in September, which normalized relations between the two countries. ●

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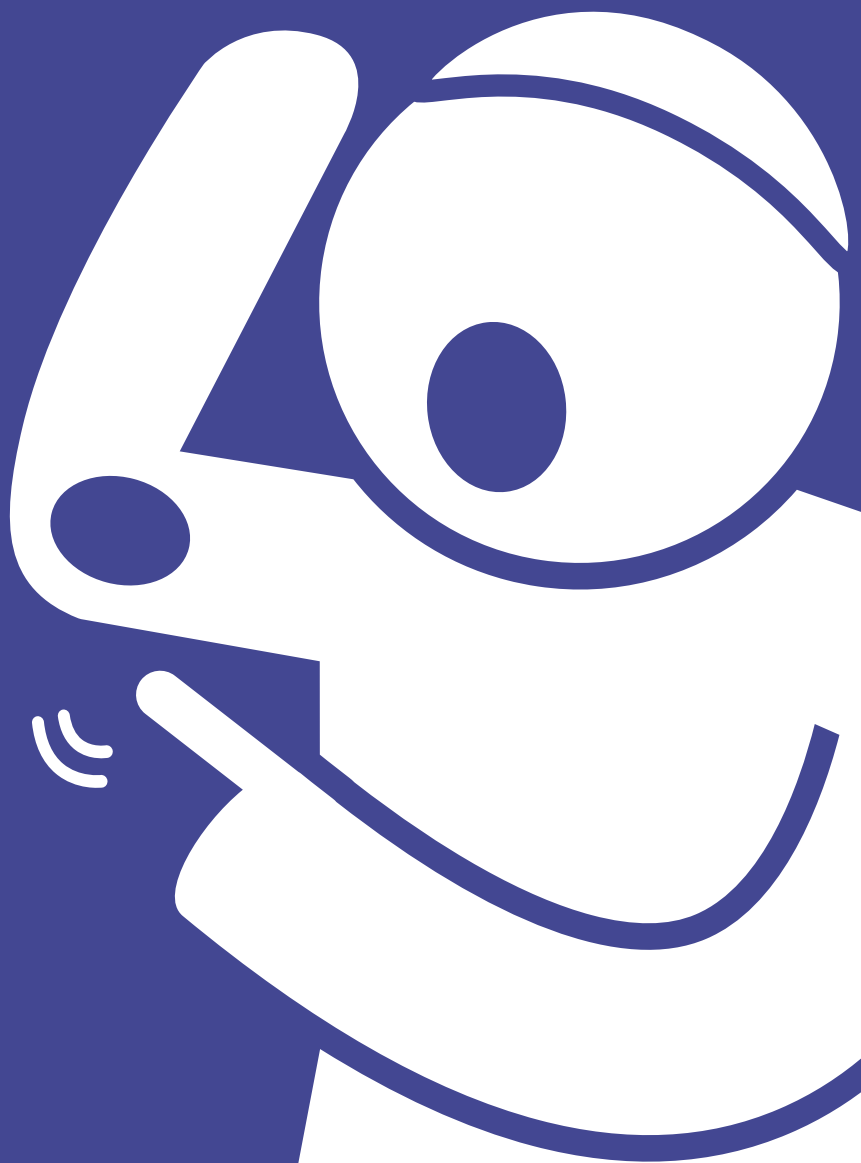
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Survivor Itka Zygmuntowicz Dies at 94

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EVEN AFTER SHE experienced the horrors of Auschwitz, Holocaust survivor Itka Zygmuntowicz did not hate anyone.

As she told the Jewish Exponent in 2019, hating the Nazis would mean letting them win.

Instead, she channeled her energy into raising her family, writing poetry and teaching students how to have hope in the face of tragedy.

"So many mountains, so many streams/ So many hopes, such endless dreams./ I yearn to fill my empty cup/ And drink life's joy and never stop," she wrote in her 1967 poem "Life's Dream."

Zygmuntowicz died in her bed in her Northeast Philadelphia home on Oct. 9.

She was 94.

She was the author of the poetry books "You Only Have What You Give Away" and "The Power of Words and Deeds." In 2016 she also published a memoir, "Remember, My Child," which tells the story of her life through photos, narrative and poetry.

"She felt this incredible responsibility to be a witness," her son Samuel Zygmuntowicz said.

Zygmuntowicz was born Itka Frajman in Ciechanów, Poland in 1926. She credited her interest in poetry to her mother, who was a Yiddish theater actress. When she was a child, her grandmother taught her, "You only have what you give away."

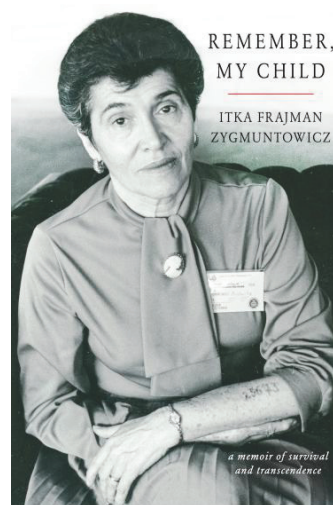
She was 13 when Germany invaded Poland in 1939. Two years later, she and her family

were deported to the Nowe Miasto Ghetto and then to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"Yitkele, remember, my child, no matter what they do, don't let them make you hateful and bitter, don't let them destroy you," her mother told her before they were separated. She would never see her mother or her younger siblings again.

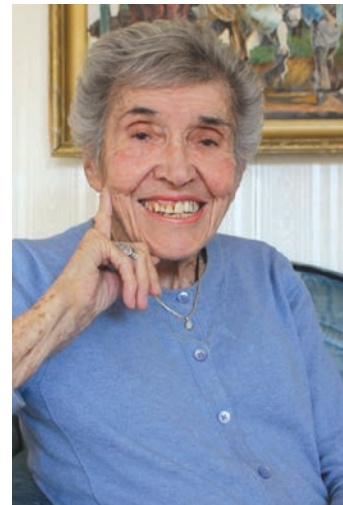
Even as she endured inhumane conditions, Zygmuntowicz remembered her mother's words and fiercely reminded herself that she was "Yitkele" when the Nazis called her by the number on her arm.

The Swedish Red Cross liberated her in 1945. She was sent to recover at a hospital in Sweden, then to a displaced persons camp. In 1946, she met and married Rachmil Zygmuntowicz. They moved to Philadelphia through a



▲ Cover of Itka Zygmuntowicz's memoir

Photo by Selah Maya Zighelboim
Courtesy of Samuel Zygmuntowicz



▲ Itka Zygmuntowicz in her home in Northeast Philadelphia

relocation program in 1953.

The couple had four sons together: Erland, Jerry, Sam and Michael Zygmuntowicz. Erland Zygmuntowicz described his mother as an anchor, a singer and a talented cook.

"She created this feeling of beauty and peace in our family," he said. "And she really taught us the values she learned in her family in Poland, about the meaning of *menschlichkeit*, humaneness."

She brought her values of *menschlichkeit* into classrooms and museums during the 1970s when she began speaking publicly about her experiences surviving the Holocaust. Lise Marlowe, chair of the education committee at the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center, said her words helped students understand that it was possible to endure struggles and go on to live a happy life.

"She gave students so many stories of hope, of how to be a tolerant person and how to be a kind person, and how to love people. She just was really good at giving so much love where you felt so special when you were with her," Marlowe said.

Marlowe, who is a sixth grade social studies teacher in Cheltenham School District, said one of her students had a

particularly strong reaction to Zygmuntowicz's story because his family survived the Cambodian genocide.

"He shared that with her, and broke down into tears in front of, you know, 50-plus students because of what happened to his family, and she said, 'Come here and give me a hug,' she said. 'We were all in tears.'"

Itka Zygmuntowicz would endure even more tragedy with the loss of her husband and her son Michael in separate car accidents. She became physically disabled in her later years after she broke her back falling down the stairs in her home.

Samuel Zygmuntowicz said that after years of confinement, personal freedom was extremely important to her, and she was determined to live in her own home rather than an assisted living facility. Despite relying on a cane to walk and needing assistance to leave her home after the accident, she remained active and regularly attended KleinLife programs.

He said his mother never let tragedy change her loving personality.

"It was about not being hateful, taking tragedy and transforming it into something that bolsters your humanity," he said. ●

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German Auction House Under Fire Again for Selling Hitler Manuscripts

A MUNICH, GERMANY, auction house that was widely condemned last year for selling Nazi memorabilia is being criticized again — this time for selling Adolf Hitler-penned manuscripts, JTA reported.

The European Jewish Association criticized Hermann Historica on Oct. 20 for the manuscripts it is selling, many of which are notes written before infamous speeches Hitler made in the 1930s.

"It defies logic, decency and humanity for the very same auction house that came under fire less than a year ago for selling disgusting lots of Nazi memorabilia that they should do so again," Rabbi Menachem Margolin, head of the Brussels-based association, said in a statement. "I cannot get my head around the sheer irresponsibility and insensitivity."

In November, Hermann Historica auctioned 10 items that belonged to Hitler and other Nazi memorabilia, including a silver-plated copy of “Mein Kampf” that once belonged to senior Nazi Hermann Goering. A Lebanese-Swiss businessman bought the items and then donated them to Keren Hayesod-United Israel Appeal.

Europe's Jewish Population as Low Now as 1,000 Years Ago — and Still Declining

The Jewish share of Europe's population is as low now

as it was 1,000 years ago and continues to decline, according to a study published Oct. 21 by the London-based Institute for Jewish Policy Research, JTA reported.

The study said there were 1.3 million people who describe themselves as Jewish in continental Europe, the United Kingdom, Turkey and Russia.

That's a decline of nearly 60% since 1970, when there were 3.2 million Jews, report authors Daniel Staetsky and Sergio DellaPergola wrote.

“The proportion of Jews residing in Europe is about the same as it was at the time of the first Jewish global population account conducted by Benjamin of Tudela, a Jewish medieval traveler, in 1170,” they wrote.

Aside from the deaths of about 6 million European Jews in the Holocaust, the decline is mostly tied to the emigration of more than 1.5 million people following the collapse of the Iron Curtain. But Western Europe also has lost 8.5% of its Jewish population since 1970.

Canadian Jews Demand Deportation of Nazi War Criminal

B'nai Brith Canada asked Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to move forward with the deportation of Nazi war criminal Helmut Oberlander, the *Algemeiner* reported.

The Canadian government has tried to deport Oberlander, 95, who served with a death squad responsible for more than 90,000 murders in Russia and

Ukraine, for 25 years. He obtained citizenship in 1960.

Lower courts have stripped Oberlander of his citizenship four times, but appeals led to reversals. In December, the country's Supreme Court rejected his latest appeal.

“Canada cannot continue to allow a mockery to be made of its processes,” B’nai Brith Canada CEO Michael Mostyn said in a statement. “Oberlander has had his day in court, and he lost. To not remove him now would be a punch in the gut to every Holocaust survivor in this country.”

Social Media Platforms to Expand Range of Hate Content Bans

Video platform TikTok announced Oct. 21 that it was expanding the range of hate content it will ban, following the lead of Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, JTA reported.

TikTok said while it already bans Holocaust denial and works to remove neo-Nazi and white supremacist content, it will begin removing posts that advocate similar ideologies like white nationalism, male supremacy and “white genocide theory.”

It also said it would ban “misinformation about notable Jewish individuals and families who are used as proxies to spread anti-Semitism.” ●

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Car Dealership Owner Don Rosen Dies at 81

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DONALD M. ROSEN, owner of a successful group of car dealerships and a committed supporter of Jewish organizations in Philadelphia and Israel, died in his home on Oct. 18 at the age of 81, surrounded by family.

According to his eldest daughter, Lynne Rosen, that's how he spent his life, too. Her father's "incredible ethic of family," she said, was perhaps his defining feature, and the one that's been passed down to his children and grandchildren.

"He especially enjoyed seeing the family grow, spending time with new babies and attending graduations and weddings," the Rosen family said in a statement. "If there was a celebration,

Don was involved, and wanted everyone to have a great time together. He was well known for planning the most elaborate celebrations, always the life of the party which included surprises to entertain his guests."

Rosen was born in Philadelphia on Nov. 1, 1938, to Reuben and Tallu Rosen. The Temple graduate made his way to the automobile business in 1979, when he opened up his first dealership, selling the car with which his name would come to be most closely associated: Cadillacs. Rosen's name was followed by "Cadillac" and other vehicle brands for so long that Philadelphia-area car buyers could be forgiven for thinking that he and his wife had chosen to hyphenate.

Rosen's first wife, Debra (Gaye) Rosen, died of cancer in 1989; together, they had five children. Rosen met his second



▲ Don Rosen

► Don Rosen, front and center, with family

Courtesy of the Rosen family



wife, Roni (Pomerantz) Rosen, at a party on the Jersey shore, and they were married for 23 years. Together, they raised her two children from a previous marriage. Brett Pomerantz, who ended up working for his stepfather, remembers how odd it seemed that his mother was

dating Don Rosen.

"My neck kind of snapped back," Pomerantz recalls. "I go, 'Car guy, Don Rosen? Like, Don Rosen Don Rosen?'"

Rosen's larger-than-life personality, as Lynne Rosen describes it, preceded him.

"He just had this presence," she said. "When he walked into a room, you knew he was walking into a room ... His playfulness, his ability to make people laugh. He just wanted to make people happy. And he'd go to great lengths to do that."

One method that never failed to delight the family was when Rosen would put on a goofy costume; one recent turn as an Eagles cheerleader, according to Brett Pomerantz, was particularly memorable.

"He was not a good-looking woman," Pomerantz said with a laugh. "And he owned it, and like, loved it."

At his 70th birthday, all the attendees dressed up as different versions of Don Rosen.

"We may not be the life of the party in the way that Dad was," Lynne Rosen said, "but there's ways that we have that kind of enthusiasm in life that he passed along."

Rosen loved to travel with his family, and was a regular in Ventnor, New Jersey, and Jupiter, Florida. On a family trip to Israel to celebrate his contributions to Technion – Israel Institute of Technology,

the Rosen family ran into boxer and senator of the Philippines Manny Pacquiao at a mall, who took a picture with Don Rosen, as Brett Pomerantz frames it.

Rosen dedicated himself to a lifetime of support for Jewish causes. His father and uncle established the Maurice and Ruben Rosen Solid State Institute Building at Technion in 1976, and Rosen stayed involved with Technion for decades. Over the years, Rosen has supported the Abramson Center for Jewish Life (where he was a board member), the American Technion Society, JAFCO Jewish Children's Village, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and many other charitable organizations.

His warm personality was found in that arena as well; at a charity golf tournament that he organized, Rosen was torched on the course by none other than golf legend Jack Nicklaus, who let everyone to whom he'd given helpful tips know that Rosen was beyond help. That story was one that Rosen was happy to tell over and over.

Rosen is survived by his wife, Roni; his children, David, Lynne, Julie, Daniel and Donna; his stepchildren, Blair and Brett; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. •

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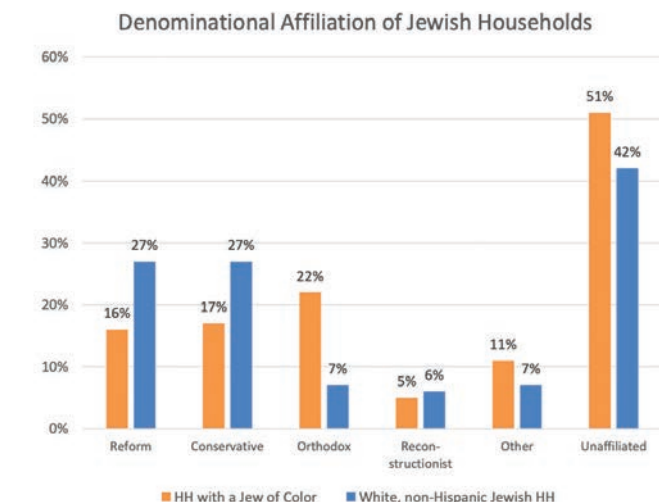
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a study on Jewish demographics was in 2009, when the results revealed approximately 5% of the Jewish community identified as Jews of color.

Jewish Federation Director of Strategy and Impact Kelly Romirowsky said the recent community portrait was more comprehensive and used questions and methodology similar to the American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau. It is the first study of a Jewish community in the United States to use address-based sampling rather than landlines.

The study found households that include a Jew of color are significantly more likely to be making under \$50,000 per year than households that consist only of white, non-Hispanic Jews (54% versus 21%). Households that include a Jew of color are nearly four times as likely to be living in poverty (46% versus 12%).

Twenty-nine percent of households with a Jew of color are receiving some form of public benefits, including Supplemental Security Income Program or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, versus 13% of households that do not include a Jew of color.



▲ Data shows a large percentage of Jews of color are unaffiliated.

Households with a Jew of color are also more than four times as likely to be at risk for food insecurity (41% versus 9%) and twice as likely to be without health insurance than households without a Jew of color (16% versus 8%).

The study addressed Jewish identity and engagement and found that Jews of color are significantly less likely to identify as Jewish by religion (41% versus 69%). However, they are nearly twice as likely to identify as Jewish by culture, ethnicity or heritage (56% versus 27%).

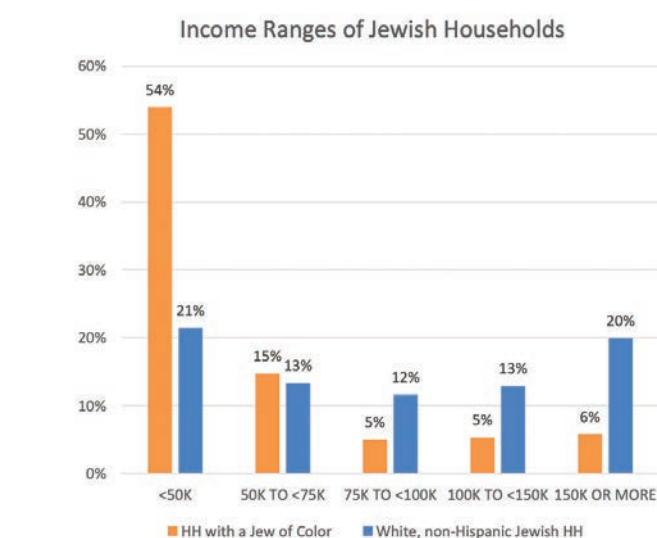
Results showed that Jews of color also tend to engage with Judaism and Jewish community differently than white, non-Hispanic Jews.

“What we found is that there are some engagements that households with Jews of color are more likely to participate in than white non-Hispanic households. So they’re more likely to participate in non traditional activity, like a Shabbat hike or Jewish meditation, and they’re more likely to participate in prayer or attend a class or lecture, but they’re less likely than white non Hispanic households to participate in ritual-like activity,” said Lindsay Weicher, manager of data analytics at Jewish Federation. “Ritual-like” activities included lighting Chanukah candles or attending a High Holidays service.

Jews of color were just as likely to participate in synagogue programming as white, non-Hispanic Jews, but were less likely to do so as members. Fifty-six percent of households with a Jew of color are not connected to a synagogue.

Jared Jackson, executive director of Jews in ALL Hues, an education and advocacy organization that supports multiple-heritage Jews and Jews of color, said racism is often a barrier to synagogue engagement for Jews of color. They may face implications that they are somehow not “real” Jews because they are not of white Ashkenazi heritage. Another common issue is feeling pressured to choose between their Jewish and racial identities in certain political contexts.

“It shouldn’t be a cost of being a part of a community to take racism from people,”



▲ Fifty-four percent of households with Jews of color made under \$50,000 per year. Courtesy of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

he said, especially in a space where people are seeking spiritual fulfillment.

In terms of affiliation, Jews of color were most likely to identify as unaffiliated (51%) or Orthodox (22%). Jackson said this data aligned with his own observations.

“I would say probably a good fifth of the Jews of color that I know are Orthodox in some way, shape or form,” he said. “A lot of them lean towards Sephardim because there are certain Sephardi communities that are more accepting of Jewish people of color.”

He also said there are many Jews of color who are not affiliated with any movement whatsoever, or who say they are Reform, if asked, to avoid scrutiny.

The study also showed that households with Jews of color tend to prefer to use Jewish agencies for social services across all areas, including food, housing, senior care and child care, compared to white non-Hispanic Jews.

Romirowsky said Jewish Federation plans to use the study’s findings to inform grant writing, investments and proposals for creating inclusive community programming and social services.

“We would like for our community agencies to make sure that any services they provide, whether it be social services or Jewish engagement or education, are inclusive, and, if need be, that

they are doing specific outreach in some cases to Jews of color communities,” she said.

She said the findings could be used to create culturally sensitive outreach — publicizing a program through channels other than synagogues, for example.

Her department plans to continue to conduct smaller follow-up studies and focus groups in areas that they believe need further explanations. They plan to commission more studies depending on what they can accomplish with in-house staff.

“The plan is not to wait 10 years for another big study, because the world is changing too fast now,” she said.

Jackson said the results, particularly those revealing income inequality and need for social services, showed the huge amount of work that needs to be done to provide better economic and engagement opportunities for Jews of color.

“Having a multiracial community is not a given. It has to be earned at every turn,” he said. “We need to invest in a multiracial future and a multiracial present that integrates and honors people.”

“We’re growing as a multiracial religious and cultural community, and that’s a beautiful thing,” he added. ●

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hospitalized twice, with pneumonia that got worse and worse, and COVID-19, evident from the shattered glass look of her lungs on a CT scan. It was all a blur — Cooper doesn't remember much of her hospital stay.

Though she started to feel closer to normal by May — her ability to taste has returned to normal — the onset of the virus was followed by months of drawn-out, debilitating medical and emotional complications. She's developed an auto-immune disease (which may not be connected to COVID, but is nevertheless challenging); she hasn't seen her children or grandchildren in months; she feels angst and guilt related to her survival, coupled with newfound pains in her joints and fatigue that's never abated.

And her experience — that of the COVID long hauler, as those who have endured similar trials have come to call themselves — is hardly unique.

"It's quite a scary time," Cooper said. "Our world is scary right now."

Long haulers, according to Harvard Health's Coronavirus Resource Center, are those who contracted COVID-19 and have not fully recovered weeks or even months after their initial symptoms. Some long haulers began with mild or moderate symptoms; others may have first showed symptoms toward the beginning of the pandemic, but never received lab confirmation of COVID-19 due to the initial scarcity of tests. Much like the symptoms of COVID-19, those of "post-COVID-19 syndrome," as it has been termed, vary widely, encompassing fatigue, shortness of breath, continued loss of taste and smell and much more.

A survey of the increasingly large Facebook groups, WhatsApp group chats and Slack channels dedicated to



▲ Lori Cooper in Morocco in March. When she returned to the U.S., she was diagnosed with COVID-19.
Photo by Rabbi Neil Cooper



▲ Dr. Fredric Jaffe
Courtesy of the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University



▲ Congregants welcome home David Forsted after a lengthy hospital stay caused by COVID-19.
Photo by Julie LaFair Miller Photography

It's a novel virus. So we don't have a year [of] data. We don't have two years, we don't have five years, we don't have 10 years, as we do other diseases."

DR. FREDRIC JAFFE

support between long haulers reveals the widespread anxiety and fear around the long-tail effects of coronavirus; tens of thousands of long haulers share aches and pains, odd tastes and new sensations, asking if anyone else has heard anything new on the news or from their doctor.

Rabbanit Dasi Fruchter, leader of the South Philadelphia Shtiebel, has found more comfort than she expected from such groups. Since Fruchter, her mother and her father were all diagnosed with COVID-19 in March, their bodies have tangled with the virus in different ways. Her father, asymptomatic; her mother, hospitalized; Fruchter, to this day, smelling and tasting rancidity for nearly eight months, along with fatigue, nausea and headaches. That's not to mention the confusion and grief that she's learned to dwell with.

Though not a heavy social media user, Fruchter began to join some of the larger long hauler groups, trying to get a sense of what was happening to her.

"We are each other's doctor. It's very strange," she said. "But since there's no real data out there yet about what exactly

to do, it's like the way that I think about a *beit midrash* sometimes. It's communally sourced knowledge."

Dr. Fredric Jaffe, a pulmonologist at Temple University Hospital, explained that doctors simply don't know enough about COVID-19 yet to be able to understand what's happening to long haulers like Cooper and Fruchter.

"It's a novel virus. So we don't have a year [of] data. We don't have two years, we don't have five years, we don't have 10 years, as we do other diseases," he said. "So the symptoms that we're seeing, like fatigue and continued shortness of breath, or headaches — name a symptom and somebody probably reported it. Did it activate these things? Or is it part of the disease? We don't know just yet."

Only with time, Jaffe said, will the long term effects of COVID-19 (on long haulers and non-long haulers alike) be more fully comprehended.

But even the short-term observations are concerning; Dr. Sadia Benzaquen, a pulmonologist in the Einstein Healthcare Network, said that he's seen a high incidence of

severe lung scarring among COVID-19 patients in the ICU.

When David Forsted, a retired doctor himself, tells the story of his battle with COVID-19, he does so with slow, labored sentences. Forsted and his wife were on the same synagogue trip to Morocco as Lori Cooper.

"My birthday is March 24. I woke up on March 25, and I couldn't breathe," Forsted said.

Forsted, 74, who said he was

in the best physical shape of his life prior to the pandemic, remembers almost nothing of what happened between that day and late August. He was sedated, he was intubated and he was on a ventilator. Today, Forsted needs to sit on a bench in the shower and can only move about with the assistance of a walker. His right wrist appears to have lost most of its function, and he was forced to learn how to brush his teeth and comb his hair with the left.

"They don't talk very much about people like me," Forsted said. •

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Joe Biden: For Decency, For Democracy, for America



BY JILL ZIPIN

IN 1980, Gov. Ronald Reagan stood across from President Jimmy Carter and asked Americans, “Are you better off today than you were four years ago?” As I contemplate that question in terms of 2020, I can’t help but think that the soon-to-be President Reagan would be appalled by the state of the party he once led and by its president and standard bearer today.

The Republican Party is one consumed by intolerance and injustice and has created the highest deficits in American history while fumbling from crisis to crisis. The party of Lincoln, as Republicans are fond of reminding us, is now led by a

commander-in-chief who creates policy 280 characters at a time and refers to respected statesmen by childish nicknames. President Donald Trump has left our country sicker, poorer and more divided than ever. And we, as American Jews, feel the brunt of so much of this.

We need a leader who is committed to leading. A leader who is committed not just to ending the pandemic’s grip on us and restoring the American economy, but also committed to restoring decency, honesty and compassion to our nation. That’s why I’ve cast my ballot for former Vice President Joe Biden.

We are a nation torn asunder by the deepest political divisions since the Civil War. We need a president who knows that there is more that unites us than divides us. We need a president who knows we are better when we lift each other up instead of tear each other down. Biden will heal the nation’s wounds and bring us together. A united America is good for Jewish security, and good for the security of all Americans.

Joe Biden is a mensch. He and Sen. Kamala Harris

will champion a government for which we yearn — one of responsible leadership, respect for all Americans, justice and compassion. They will restore the soul of our nation and preserve our democracy, and it is in democracy that we as Jews thrive best. Make no mistake about it, in this election, the most important election of our lifetimes, it is democracy itself that is on the ballot.

Biden will meet the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic with healing and truth. Biden values science and listens to experts. He will ensure that all those with preexisting conditions receive the medical care that they deserve. He will grow and expand the Affordable Care Act so no American goes without health care.

He will address systemic racism with empathy, repair a battered economy, protect Social Security and Medicare and deal with climate change to secure our planet’s future for our children and grandchildren. He will work with Congress to repair a broken immigration system, knowing

that the United States is a beacon of hope and freedom to those who seek a better life for themselves and their children. Women will not be denied control of their own bodies, as Biden knows whether to bear a child is a woman’s decision not a governmental one.

Biden will not wink at white supremacists and anti-Semites. He will not see “very fine people” in torch-carrying mobs chanting anti-Semitic, racist, sexist and homophobic slogans. We will not have a president who is unable, when asked during a presidential debate, to renounce white nationalists or the Proud Boys, a group the Anti-Defamation League describes as extremist, some of whose members endorse white supremacist and anti-Semitic ideologies.

Biden — who decided to enter the presidential race because of Trump’s outrageous Charlottesville comments — for over 40 years in public life has unequivocally condemned hatred against Jews regardless of the source. He has not hesitated to take on those on the left whose modern form of anti-Semitism

takes the form of rejecting Israel’s legitimacy as the nation state of the Jewish people.

Biden is a longtime friend of Israel. He will follow policies that guarantee the security of the Jewish state — based on his convictions, not political expediency. Biden has a long record of support for Israel and his commitment to protect Israel’s security and strengthen our two nations’ partnership is deeply personal and unshakable.

As vice president, Biden helped ensure unwavering support for Israel’s security. As Sen. Harris said during a virtual fundraiser in August covered by Jewish Insider: “During the Obama-Biden administration, he was a key advocate in securing support for lifesaving technologies [like the] Iron Dome, David’s Sling, The Arrow — three anti-rocket and missile defense systems. And Joe has also helped shape the unprecedented \$38 billion-a-year memorandum of understanding for defense assistance to Israel that was signed in 2016 ... the largest military aid package in

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Disagreement Shouldn’t Mean Disunion: Fair and Free Elections Are a Jewish Value

BY ARLENE FICKLER, RABBI ANNIE LEWIS, RABBI ERIC YANOFF

WE ARE LIVING in a moment of deep division and disagreement. Political polarization in our country is more pronounced than at any point in our lifetimes. We watch people using social media to dehumanize those who hold different viewpoints, and we worry about the threat of political violence in our city as the election draws near. Within our Jewish community, there is fundamental disagreement about which candidates

and policies are best for the American Jewish community, for Israel, for the United States and for the world.

However, disagreement in itself need not tear us apart. Rigorous disagreement is an essential element of a healthy democracy and is central to how we develop our ideas in Jewish discourse. Our rabbinic tradition teaches us that it is possible for us to disagree and still respect each other’s essential humanity. We write today with the hope that our shared commitment to this country and its guiding values is deeper

than our divisions. At a time when the division is so great, it is more important than ever to protect the mechanisms and institutions of our democracy, particularly the principle of a free and fair election where every eligible American can vote, knowing that their vote will be counted.

We recently began the Torah again, rereading the story of creation. The Torah’s depiction of each day of creation ends with a common refrain: “And God saw that it was good.” Following the second day, however, this description is missing. The

midrash suggests that this is because on the second day of creation, disunion was brought into being, as God separated water from water, like from like, introducing division into the structure of the world. Thus, our tradition cautions that division and disunion can lead to disarray, chaos and the

disintegration of relationships.

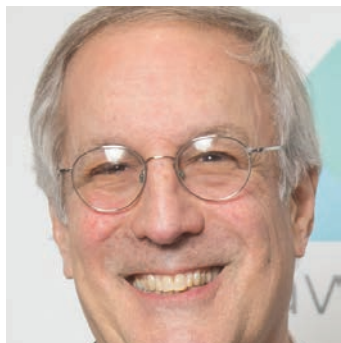
Our tradition also recognizes that disagreement can be a powerful force for positive change, what the rabbis call *mahloket l’shem shamayim*, disagreement for the sake of heaven. *Mahloket* is at the

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Donald Trump: Promises Made, Promises Kept



BY WILLIAM WANGER

TRUMP HAS accomplished more in 45 months in office than Biden has in his near half century. I know many cringe at some of Trump's tweets. I have.

Clearly, the former businessman isn't a politician. He loves his country and that's what guides him. He's not about financial benefit or a hypocritical insider with disdain for our values. Unlike career politician Biden, who, with his family, became a millionaire serving in the D.C. swamp, Trump has forgone millions to serve.

Biden's policies are a mix of recycled bologna and pie in the sky. He's sold out so many of his moderate positions

taken during his career that his resume resembles Swiss cheese. The Trump presidency is highlighted by "promises made, promises kept."

Trump's actions on behalf of Israel are especially noteworthy. He supports Israel, not just because he has an observant Jewish daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan and clarified that Israel's settlements in Judea and Samaria are legal. Trump stopped payments to UNRWA for its misuse of funds, and cut funding to the Palestinian Authority until it ceases making "pay to slay" payments to terrorist families.

Trump embraces Israel as a strategic ally, rejecting the "daylight" stiff-arm by Obama-Biden. Trump released a bold vision for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. His leadership led to historic peace agreements by the UAE and Bahrain with Israel.

U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley

delivered Trump's powerful message that America won't tolerate U.N. anti-Israel bias. Haley repudiated UNSC Resolution 2334. Passed with Obama-Biden's complicity in December 2016, 2334 called East Jerusalem, the site of the Western Wall, "occupied Palestinian territory," and condemned Jewish "settlements" in Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter. Biden's support of 2334 was reminiscent of his bullying Israel four decades earlier, when he threatened to withhold economic aid if Israel didn't comply with his demands regarding settlements.

Biden's poor record on Israel is worse now. Anti-Israel, anti-Semitic activist Linda Sarsour spoke at his Democratic National Convention, along with other Farrakhan friends. His party embraces the warped anti-America, anti-Israel, and anti-Semitic remarks of the Rep. Ilhan Omar, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and Rep. Ayanna Pressley squad.

While Biden welcomes anti-Semites, Trump fights anti-Semitism. A Trump executive order extended Civil Rights

Act anti-discrimination protections to Jewish students fighting anti-Semitism on campuses. He signed the JUST Act to strengthen Holocaust restitution efforts and the Never Again Act to fund Holocaust education.

Trump destroyed the ISIS caliphate, and is extricating the U.S. from endless foreign wars favored by the military-industrial complex. He withdrew from Obama-Biden's disastrous Iran nuclear deal that gave Iran a pathway to nuclear weapons and billions in cash. Trump reinstituted sanctions against Iran, cutting-off its oil exports and denying Iran revenue to fund terrorism. Trump eliminated murderous Qasem Soleimani.

Biden says he'll rejoin the Iran deal, and resume payments to Iran. Trump withdrew from the job-killing, China-advantaged Paris Climate Accord, and NATO allies now pay billions more on their own defense.

Trump has nominated Supreme Court justices and judges who understand they're not policymakers. Trump's tax reform

legislation provided relief for 82% of middle-class families. His Opportunity Zones foster government investments to revitalize previously overlooked and underserved communities.

Trump's regulations roll-back lifted-up American families and businesses. He terminated NAFTA, and signed the U.S.-Canada-Mexico trade deal putting American workers first. While Biden champions open borders without any vetting, Trump champions revamping legal immigration to protect America's workers and our security. He has made the U.S. energy independent, and the world's top energy producer and net energy exporter, all while keeping our drinking water and air the cleanest they've ever been.

Despite what Biden and Harris now claim, they oppose the fracking and clean coal that have revitalized Pennsylvania's economy, and supports the Green New Deal that would kill U.S. energy independence.

Obama-Biden shipped jobs

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Quarantining With My Holocaust Survivor Grandmother



EMILY BARASCH | JTA.ORG

A WOMAN I quarantined with inadvertently shamed me on a regular basis. As strange March rolled into tragic April which rolled into tragic and strange May, she found ways of keeping herself occupied that were both

maddeningly self-enriching and deeply sophisticated.

Though we are related, our approach to quarantine was different. As she watched the French film "Portrait of a Lady on Fire" and the French series "The Bureau," both sans subtitles, I gleefully watched the most depraved Bravo shows. She played bridge on her iPad — lessons and tournaments in which she competed for cash; I learned the ins and outs of the TikTok "Hype House."

Where my social Zooms petered out, she was invited everywhere: into people's living rooms for birth-days, bat mitzvahs, even the occasional bris. As ambulances

ravaged our home city, New York, and deaths mounted, we both turned to food. I'd botch Alison Roman recipes and smother cream cheese frosting onto cinnamon buns and then lick it off the spoon. She'd slow cook ratatouille and regularly remind me that she drinks at least nine glasses of water by 6 p.m. Infuriatingly, she did online yoga, kept up her skin care routine, and wore flattering lipstick.

Even seeing no one, her style could be described as uptown-doyenne-takes-a-day-trip-to-Brooklyn-galleries. She wore sweatpants, yes, but they were somehow chic paired with sumptuous cream cashmeres,

well-ironed button-down Oxfords, and several different pairs of festive Birkenstocks. It was a good day if I wore a bra, or better, something that I didn't wear the day before.

This woman was, of course, my octogenarian grandmother — we call her Oma — who my husband and I found ourselves quarantining with from mid-March to July.

She didn't mean to shame me; she was just better prepared to live in a "cool zone" of history — as in a "period in history that's super cool to read about, but much less cool to live through." Oma is no stranger to "cool zones": She was born a Jew in Arad, Romania in 1934, where

her family narrowly side-skirted the Nazis and then fled from the Soviets on foot and horse to Belgium. There she met my grandfather, himself a survivor of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.

Fast forward seven decades, two children, six grandchildren and widowhood; my grandmother is now a bona fide New Yorker. And like any New Yorker with taste and an independent streak, she has her preferences: her favorite butcher and shoe cobbler, her favorite companion for the symphony and art house movie, her favorite walking route around Central Park.

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Zipin

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U.S. history.”

Biden recognizes the threat posed by Iran, not just to Israel but to our other allies in the Middle East. He has stated unequivocally that Iran should never be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. Against the strong objections of our closest allies, Trump pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear deal, and, now, Iran is closer to achieving nuclear weapons capability.

Not only will Biden be a good friend to Israel but he, as well, will restore America’s leadership around the world. At present our standing in the international community, most importantly, with our Western European allies and NATO, is at the lowest point it has ever been.

Our international alliances make our nation not only stronger,

but safer. Biden, who understands the significance of these relationships, will always stand by our allies — not betray them to dictators and potentates who do not reflect or support our American values or our Jewish values.

We are at an inflection point in our nation’s history and we have a choice to make. Do we maintain and protect our democratic institutions, or do we allow ourselves to slide into autocracy? The choice is clear. The only thing standing between us and autocracy is Joe Biden. We, at Democratic Jewish Outreach Pennsylvania, urge you to vote for Joe Biden for our children, for our grandchildren and for our nation. •

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Fickler

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heart of how we exchange ideas and how we engage with our sacred texts and traditions. The hallmark of Talmud is the proliferation of differing opinions that coexist and are recorded together. American democracy, too, is founded on the value of healthy disagreement and coexistence. It is because of this very value, as codified in our Constitution, that our Jewish communities found safe haven here in the United States and have been able to flourish in this nation in ways unprecedented in our people’s history.

In our commonwealth and in our country, we remain committed to a democracy in which there is robust and fruitful debate, each person’s dignity is honored, each person’s life matters, and each person’s vote

is counted. We must denounce all violence both before and following the election, including intimidation of election officials and citizens seeking to cast their vote, as well as intentional dissemination of false information about the voting process. No matter who your preferred candidates might be, it is imperative that we all support the election being conducted in a fair and just manner with all eligible voters having unhindered access to the polls and all votes being counted before winners are determined.

It is highly unlikely that we will have a clear winner in the presidential race on Election Day. We ask for patience and commitment to our system of democracy as we allow for every valid vote to be counted.

Although this may take longer than usual, it means that democracy is working. Finally, we must honor the legitimate results of the election, whether they require a peaceful transition of power or a continuation of leadership.

Long after this election is behind us, may we look back with a clear conscience, knowing that, despite our differences, we each did our part to preserve our shared democracy. As we hold multiple viewpoints, may we hold onto the humanity of one another. •

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A Melange of Roasted Vegetables

FOOD

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AS I MOVE into fall, roasting replaces grilling or sautéing as my preferred way to cook vegetables.

Partly, this is due to fall produce lending itself beautifully to roasting — carrots, parsnips, squash and Brussels sprouts prepared this way will convert even the most ardent carnivore, but it also has to do with the weather. As the temperatures drop, we are indoors more, and crave heartier, more warming foods.

Roasting vegetables brings out a depth of flavor that you simply do not get from a sauté, steam or grill. The dry heat caramelizes the natural sugars in the vegetables, and a nutty, toasty flavor emerges with minimal effort by the cook. My favorite type of recipe!

The most basic preparation of oil/salt/pepper produces spectacular results, and I heartily encourage you to try that with any and all veggies at your disposal. As to the oil, you can use what you have or what you prefer — I like olive oil for flavor and health, but canola, corn or vegetable is just fine. I always line the pan with parchment because I detest scrubbing, but if you don't have parchment, just skip that step and proceed.

The following recipes branch out a bit more from the basic salt/pepper/oil and integrate additional flavors into this useful technique.

CUMIN-ROASTED CABBAGE

Serves 6-8

I served this with a vegetarian Indian menu, and it was a huge hit. Using both green and red cabbage made for a nice presentation, but you can use one whole head of whatever you have lying around.

½ head green cabbage,
coarsely chopped

½ head red cabbage,
coarsely chopped
⅓ cup oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon cumin seeds
½ teaspoon black pepper

Heat your oven to 375 F. Line a rimmed cookie sheet with parchment. Place the cabbage in the pan and drizzle it with oil. Toss with your hands to distribute oil evenly. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and cumin and toss again.

Roast the cabbage for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until it is beginning to brown.

PAPRIKA-ROASTED HONEYNUT SQUASH

Serves 4

Honeynut squash is butternut squash's smaller, sweeter cousin. This recipe works well with any fall squash — delicata, acorn, butternut, etc. It was delightful with roasted chicken.

4 small honeynut squash,
cut in half, stems and
seeds removed
2 tablespoons oil
1 tablespoon honey
Pinch salt
Sprinkle of black pepper
Dusting of smoked paprika

Heat your oven to 350 F. Line a baking pan with parchment. Place the squash, flesh side up, in the pan. Drizzle the squash with oil and honey so that surface is lightly coated, and then sprinkle it with salt, pepper and paprika. Bake for 45 minutes until softened.

ZA'ATAR-ROASTED CARROTS

Serves 4

Za'atar is a Middle Eastern spice blend; the ingredients vary depending on where you are and who is making it, but they generally include thyme, sumac and sesame seeds. It can be sprinkled on everything



▲ Paprika-roasted honeynut squash



▲ Cumin-roasted cabbage



▲ Za'atar-roasted carrots

Photos by Keri White

from toast to yogurt, and adds a wonderful flavor to just about any savory dish. If the version of za'atar you are using includes salt, you may want to omit the salt from this recipe.

I used assorted colored carrots, which made for a lovely visual, but the standard-issue orange variety works just fine. For quicker cooking, you can slice the carrots into coins, but I like the presentation of the whole carrots for this dish. No need to peel them, which is an added bonus for the cook.

1½ pounds large carrots,
rinsed, stem ends removed
¼ cup oil
1 tablespoon za'atar
½ teaspoon salt (optional)

Heat your oven to 375 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment. Place the carrots in a single layer on the parchment, and drizzle them with oil. Toss with your hands to coat evenly. Sprinkle the carrots with za'atar and salt (if using) and roast for 40 minutes until golden brown.

ROASTED TOMATOES

Serves 4

As tomato season wanes and the quality of the fruit begins to decline, roasting is a wonderful way to coax maximum flavor out of the last of the crop. These can be served hot as a side dish, cold in a salad, spread onto bread or sandwiches, mashed into a sauce (curry,

marinara or any other type you can conceive of), or stirred into a soup. They are supremely versatile and oh-so-delicious.

I used plum tomatoes because that was what my market had for sale, but any variety such as Roma, beefsteak, etc., works fine.

2 pounds tomatoes,
cut in half
¼ cup olive oil

1 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
Generous sprinkling fresh
cracked pepper

Heat your oven to 350 F. Line a baking pan with parchment. Place the tomatoes, cut side up, in the pan and drizzle them with oil. Sprinkle them with salt and pepper and roast for 45-60 minutes until the tomatoes are beginning to collapse. ●

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If You Loved ‘Borat,’ You’ll Like the Sequel

FILM

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“BORAT SUBSEQUENT Moviefilm” struggles with the same issues that affect all sequels — how to recapture what made the original so captivating.

For the new “Borat,” the problem is compounded because Sacha Baron Cohen’s 2006 mockumentary about fictional Kazakhstan journalist Borat Sagdiyev’s visit to the United States succeeded because he was able to trick unsuspecting citizens into saying and doing stupid stuff. Lots of it.

But the sequel is hindered because the element of surprise is gone — which is alluded to early on when Borat returns to the U.S. and is recognized by numerous people who replicate his most-famous sayings and gestures. In turn, Borat often takes to disguising himself, although a costume store worker does show him a “stupid foreign reporter” outfit that features his trademark suit and a mustachioed man on the plastic bag.

In addition, the number of truly impromptu moments seems far fewer than the original; it appears that more moments were staged than in the original (although the number of staged scenes in the original remains up for debate).

And the sequel, now available on Amazon Prime, lacks a truly signature outrageous moment, such as the nude wrestling scene in the original between Borat and his manager Azamat (Ken Davitian). A couple scenes do come close.

Still, “Borat Subsequent Moviefilm” has numerous funny, even hilarious, moments and offers plenty of social commentary wrapped up in a goofy package. In other words, if you loved the original, you’ll probably like the new offering

— and the twist at the end about Borat’s real mission is pretty good, too.

The new movie shows Borat in a gulag, sentenced to life imprisonment for embarrassing his native Kazakhstan with his first documentary. Borat gets a reprieve, however, when Premier Nursultan Nazarbayev releases him so he can redeem the nation with a gift to President Donald Trump (who Borat calls McDonald Trump) of Kazakh Minister of Culture Johnny the Monkey (I’m not making this up).

Because Borat defecated in the Trump International Hotel and Tower in the first film, he decides to instead give the monkey to Vice President Mike Pence.

When Borat arrives via cargo ship in Texas, he discovers the monkey is dead in its shipping crate, apparently eaten by his 15-year-old wild child daughter Tutar (Bulgarian actress Maria Bakalova), who smuggled herself into the country. In the movie’s early moments, we learn about the daughter, so her appearance isn’t a surprise.

Thinking fast, Borat decides that Tutar will become the gift to Pence, gets her a makeover and even introduces her at a debutante ball, which features a major gross-out scene.

Some of the movie’s best moments come when Borat crashes the Conservative Political Action Conference where Pence spoke in February. Borat first shows up in a Ku Klux Klan outfit, announcing that he is Trump’s Jewish adviser Stephen Miller, then as Trump himself.

After getting tossed from CPAC, Borat decides the next best thing would be to give Tutar to Rudy Giuliani, setting up a signature (and somewhat controversial) moment of the film. Various other adventures occur beforehand, including nods to COVID-19 and social distancing.



▲ Borat Sagdiyev shares a semi-tender moment with his daughter Tutar.

Photos courtesy of Amazon Studios

As with the original, the sequel includes several moments of Jewish-specific content viewed through the lens of anti-Semitic Borat. Some may contend the humor is mean-spirited, but Baron Cohen, who is Jewish, is making a point about how anti-Semitism — or simple ignorance — often bubbles right below the surface.

In one scene, for example, Borat buys a chocolate cake as instructed by his country’s leader. The woman who sells him the cake doesn’t bat an eye when asked to pipe the Charlottesville, Virginia, white supremacist rallying cry of “Jews will not replace us” onto the cake.

It’s also a bit of an in-joke that when Borat is supposedly speaking in Kazakh, he’s actually speaking Hebrew with some gibberish mixed in.

And his scene with a Holocaust survivor who unconditionally accepts the anti-Semite character even borders on touching.

All in all, “Borat Subsequent Moviefilm” is certainly worth a view, especially in these overly tense and hostile times when it might feel good to lighten up now and again.

While the sequel doesn’t quite match the original, Baron Cohen’s been on a roll of late, stealing numerous scenes as



▲ Borat models his Mickey Mouse pajamas.



▲ Borat draws scorn from his neighbors at home.

Abbie Hoffman in “The Trial of the Chicago 7,” which debuted on Netflix earlier this month. Hoffman provided much of the comic relief during the trial, so the role isn’t that much of a stretch for Baron Cohen, but he was also excellent in the 2019

drama miniseries “The Spy,” playing Israeli spy Eli Cohen.

Baron Cohen is next slated to appear as the title character in “Mandrake the Magician.” •

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Jews of Philly Fashion: Emunah Wircborg

FASHION

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It's the newest edition of Jews of Philly Fashion, introducing you to the Chosen few who dress our city. They might mix wool and linen, but they've got some strong opinions on mixing stripes with florals. In this space, we'll talk to designers, sellers, buyers, influencers, models and more. This week, we spoke to Emunah Wircborg.

IT'S HARD TO FIND the time to be Emunah Wircborg. She can barely find it herself.

Between raising three children and running the Old City Jewish Arts Center — alongside her husband, Rabbi Zalman Wircborg — the 28-year-old Kosloff Torah Academy Girls' High School graduate and Philadelphia native needs to work hard to find the time for creative expression.

Running the OCJAC allows for opportunities of that type, given the breadth of non-visual arts programming that's usually offered (poetry readings, cooking classes, writing classes and more). But to see Wircborg really shine, you don't need to go to OCJAC at all.

Her *tzniut*-minded fashion Instagram account, The Modest Mom, has more than 20,000 followers. Wircborg, who worked in the fashion industry back when she and her husband lived in Brooklyn, is now a bona fide fashion influencer. Her project, as she explains it, is to help those who wish to dress modestly to understand that proposition as something generative and exciting, rather than restrictively drab and dull.

"I kind of wanted to show for myself how you could dress fashionably and have style while, at the same time, adhering to the guidelines of modesty, which are so important,"



▲ Emunah Wircborg, The Modest Mom

Photo by Rabbi Zalman Wircborg

Wircborg said. What started as a hobby has grown into a vehicle for Wircborg to attract paid sponsors and raise money for organizations like the Center City Community Mikvah and the Philly Friendship Circle.

Wircborg spoke about her son's avant-garde art, bringing back old trends and her favorite neighborhoods in Philadelphia.

What clothing trend would you like to see make a comeback?

Growing up in the '90s, there are many trends coming back that bring me such joy. Fanny packs, scrunchies and slip dresses, to name a few. I'm also loving some of the '80s trends — shoulder pads, oversized menswear. I am a minimalist when it comes to style, but love incorporating these trends into my wardrobe while adding my own modest twist.

What's something you can't believe you used to wear?

No regrets. Well, actually, I can't believe I used to wear heels every day! Mom of three now, who am I kidding?

What's your go-to quarantine meal?

Any salad, always a pick-me-up. Or a halvah milkshake.

What item of clothing should more people be wearing?

Everyone should invest in an awesome pair of kicks. Most days I can be found in my white high-top basketball sneakers. They're trendy and, in my line of work, comfort is key.

What's the oddest piece of art that you have in your house?

I wouldn't say oddest, but my son Levi, 9, is an artist, and boy, do we have a house filled with his unique pieces. Running out

of space here — all artwork for sale, contact for inquiries.

Best neighborhood in Philadelphia (that's not Old City)?

This is honestly the hardest question. Rittenhouse is so classic Philadelphia. Love the rich history that comes with Old City, along with the quaint coffee shops, boutiques and galleries. Northern Liberties/

Fishtown is the new hip place to be, though. I feel blessed to live back in the city that I grew up in and have all these neighborhoods so close by.

What talent would you most like to have?

Playing an instrument would be cool. ●

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Parshat Lech Lecha

ABRAHAM WAS a fanatic. He understood G-d to be different from the accepted worldview of his era. Contrary to the popular belief that G-d was a being of sticks and stones, stars and planets, Abraham believed that G-d was unlimited yet invisible, and beyond — yet comprising the essence of — the entire universe. Abraham the zealot was determined not only to have the rights to his own beliefs, but to also convert every person to his way of thinking.

So how did this fanatic go about his work transforming the world to his radical ideas? He invested in a hotel. He offered delicacies, even fruits and desserts in a desert oasis. He fed and washed his guests and used the opportunity to speak to and convince his

patrons of the One G-d.

The Torah tells us how, three days after his circumcision, while still in great pain, Abraham went to greet three guests in the scorching sun. He first gave them water to wash their feet from the dirt that they worshipped. In other words, these were people very different from, and quite oppositional to, Abraham’s ideals and beliefs. Yet Abraham went out of his way, greeted them with a smile and put all his remaining energy into preparing a feast of delicacies for his guests. After the meal, Abraham didn’t just say goodbye, but rather escorted his guests along their way, showing his true care for their very well-being.

This week, we will mark two years since the sad day of Oct. 27, the 18th of Cheshvan, when senseless hatred shattered our world, and we will also vote to elect the president of the

United States of America.

Let’s all remember that the most successful fanatic ever, the one whose vision is shared by billions of people the world over, didn’t fight or shout, demean or sow hatred. He showed care to each and every human being, and made clear that he wasn’t fighting for his own biases but rather as part of his love for another.

The road to changing our country and world for the better doesn’t begin with shouting down a neighbor or accusing a friend or stranger of being radical and stupid. It begins with sharing a hello, having a meal together, and showing basic civility, love and care for another — even those we might totally disagree with.

On this foundation, long-term change happens for the good. When we get caught up in who’s perfect, right or wrong, we foment

anger, divisiveness and a world devoid of values.

But it’s more than just being right. Winners and losers don’t make the world more peaceful and perfect. Rather, the ability to have a multitude of people, with distinct voices and ideas that blend together to create the most beautiful music and harmony, is the true perfection we all strive for.

So the real quest and goal should be in applauding compromise and civility, and to show care and love even for those we disagree with. To be able to listen and have empathy — and ultimately, respect — even for individuals whom we don’t understand. That should be our goal: a world of G-dliness recognized in each individual, where a vote is not a means but rather the very individual expression and voice of a G-dly creation that we respect and cherish.

Remember, a vote or person ignored or demeaned can bring, heaven forbid, the tragedies of the past. Greater respect, an attentive ear to distinct voices and reaching out to one another will bring the everlasting peace and goal we truly want.

The word “mitzvah” means to connect. Our good deeds are conduits that connect us to G-d and our fellow man. Let’s increase in mitzvot and acts of goodness and kindness, and be fanatical about it. Then we will follow the greatest fanatic of all time to his true dream of a Messianic world, where peace, harmony and G-dly revelation will be the staple of existence.

Shabbat Shalom. ●

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Jerome E. Furman, Esq. on October 19, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Peggy (nee Schaller); Loving father of Dr. Richard (Sue) Furman, Fred (Ellen) Furman and Ted (Ruth) Furman; Devoted grandfather of Debbie, Brad, Ali (Jay), Zach (Melisa) and the late Michael; Adoring great-grandfather of Abraham Jerome and Nathan Michael. He was 101 yrs. old. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation www.jdrf.org.

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Judith Kremer Saslow of Bryn Mawr died on Oct. 17, 2020. She was the beloved wife of Edwin, loving mother of Beth (Neil) and Alan, and fun-loving mom-mom to Brian and Matthew. She was the devoted daughter of Martin Kremer, Esq. and Lillie Barash, and sister to Dr. Joel Kremer (Sara) and the late Merle Kremer. She was a talented artist, teacher, business owner, and travel agent who generously shared her love, passions and expertise with numerous clients, students, family, and friends. Contributions in her memory can be made to The Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 19 E. Ridge Pike, PO Box 222, Conshohocken, PA 19428-0222.

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Harris T. Levin, on August 17, 2020. Beloved husband of Marci (nee KATZ) for over 41 years. Loving father of Jhanna, Joshua Hantman, Jamie (Matt Disturnell), Jordan (fiancee Kaitlin Ryan). Adoring pop-pop to Kenny Faro. Brother of Lee(Sharron) Services were held at Washington Crossing Memorial National Cemetary. Arrangements by Goldstein's Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks.

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LITT

Irwin Litt, M.D., of Princeton, New Jersey, passed away in August of 2020 at the age of 83. Irv was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia, attending South Philadelphia High School for Boys, and completing his undergraduate and medical training at Temple University. He interned in Brooklyn, New York and was subsequently commissioned as a Captain in the United States Air Force, serving as a General Medical Officer. He returned to Temple University to complete his residency in radiology and a fellowship in interventional radiology, and soon after joined what is now the University Radiology Group in New Jersey. Irv practiced with this group for his entire career, specializing in mammography and dedicating himself to women's health for decades. He mentored medical students and residents and worked tirelessly on behalf of his patients. He loved his profession. Irv lived a full life with his wife of 57 years, Barbara. His three children and their spouses as well as eight grandchildren brought him much joy. He loved them all. In his free time, he was a music enthusiast with a passion for jazz, blues, classical music and opera. He loved theater and visiting New York City, as well as travel, always with his trusty camera by his side. Irv was an avid reader of newspapers, magazines, medical journals and books. For years he audited classes at Princeton University and later attended classes at the Senior Resource Center, and he enjoyed spending time with his friends in the Old Guard and 55 Plus social groups. Private funeral services were held due to COVID. Charitable contributions in Irv's memory may be sent to The Jewish Center in Princeton www.thejewishcenter.org or Greenwood House www.greenwoodhouse.org. To send condolences to the family visit orlandsmemorial-chapel.com

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Lise Luborsky, October 18, 2020 of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved daughter of the late Lester and Ruth (nee Samson) Luborsky; loving sister of Ellen Luborsky and Peter Luborsky; adoring aunt of Miranda, Alex (Shana), David, and Marie. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the National Audubon Society audubon.org, Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel bzbi.org, or the Vineyard Conservation Society vineyardconservation.org

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Dr. Howard Popky on October 21, 2020 of Royersford, PA; beloved husband of the late Sheila (nee Abrams); loving father of Bruce (Heather) Popky, Lisa (Stephen) Kullman, Michael (Cassie) Popky and the late Jay (Kira) Popky; adoring grandfather of seven. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Brith Achim in King of Prussia.

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Donald Rosen on October 18, 2020; of Haverford, PA. Husband of Roni Rosen (nee Sachs) and the late Debra Rosen (nee Jaffe); Father of David (Terri), Lynne (Steve), Julie (The late Ira), Daniel and Donna (Mike); Step-Father of Blair (Lance) and Brett (Betsy); Grandfather of Ian, Jack, Jonah, Nina, Ruby, Josiah, Beau, Brayden, Parker, Levi, Ty and Violet; Great Grandfather of Zion. The family respectfully requests contributions in lieu of flowers be made to Abramson Senior Care or American Technion Institute. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all those whose lives he has touched.

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SKLAR

Edith Sklar (nee Gordon) of Paul's Run, Philadelphia, PA passed away on October 16, 2020. She was 95 years old. Beloved mother of Paul Sofian (Alice Farber), Leigh Lieberman (Lewis) and the late Albert Sofian. Beloved stepmother of Sherry Sklar Berman (Mark). Wife of the late Edward Sofian and the late Raymond Sklar. Grandmother of Jeffrey Sofian (Giselle), Mark Lieberman, Michael Lieberman (Laura), Todd Berman (Kristy) and Jenna Berman. Great Grandmother of Naomi Lieberman and Shaydon Berman. Sister of Evelyn Katz and the late Eli Gordon. Interment Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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SORKIN

Stephen Sorkin, Oct. 17, 2020 of Bala Cynwyd, PA; husband of Ann (nee Finer), father of Edward "Ted" Sorkin, James "Jim" Sorkin (Karin) and Elizabeth "Liz" Sorkin. Brother of Susan Yermish and the late Rochelle Picker. Loving grandfather of Sophia, Mint and Wit. Private graveside services were held at Roosevelt Mem. Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to Philabundance or Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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WEINBERG

Dr. Paul Weinberg, 74, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dr. Linda Weinberg (nee Levin); daughter, Sarah Weinberg (Ricky) Gratz; siblings, Marsha Flager, and Michael (Michelle) Weinberg; and grandchildren, Julia, Rena, and Eve. He was predeceased by his adored son, Joshua Martin Weinberg; and parents, Alan and Claryne Weinberg. Services are private. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, ATTN: Dr. Paul Weinberg Distinguished Teaching Award Fund, or the Joshua Martin Weinberg Memorial Fund of Kellman Brown Academy (856-679-2929).

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ZITOMER

Norma Zitomer (nee Faerman), passed away on October 16, 2020. Wife of the late Donald Zitomer. Mother of Michelle Trachtenberg "Mikki Zitomer" and the late Sheldon Zitomer. Sister of Annette Kravitz. Grandmother of Jordan Trachtenberg, Eric Trachtenberg (Jen Goldman), Benjamin (Sue) Zitomer and Nicholas (Karen) Zitomer. Great Grandmother of Avery and Jake Trachtenberg, and Sam and Will Zitomer. Longtime companion of the late Sol Waxman, and also remembered by his daughters Ronnie Sheckman and Diane Schwab, and their children. Contributions in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/delval.

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Wanger

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overseas and hurt American workers. Pre-COVID-19, Trump brought back American factories and generated nearly a half-million manufacturing jobs. African-American, Latino and Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans, veterans, women and youth employment were historically high.

Trump advocates expanded, free market health care for all, where pre-existing conditions are covered. Veterans' health care now has choice and enhanced quality. Biden wants government-run, single payer health care for all. His tax plan will increase taxes and delay economic recovery. Biden's for open borders, and giving health care and other benefits

to persons entering illegally, pandering to wealthy American hypocrites, bleeding American resources dry and betraying hard-working American families.

Trump took swift action about COVID-19, closing our borders to flights from China and Europe, despite Biden and others calling him xenophobic and racist. In a coordinated operation not seen since World War II, Trump rallied American industry and government to work together rapidly to manufacture and distribute ventilators, personal protection equipment, therapeutics and vaccines.

Democratic governors made bad decisions about COVID-19, and this summer's riots that killed too many. They and the media wrongly blame Trump, mischaracterizing and misstating facts and putting politics above the

American people.

Still, Trump has worked tirelessly for all Americans despite the relentless wrath of Democrats and much of the corrupt political establishment. He's endured the hostility and dishonesty of the mainstream and social media, including mass censorship by Big Tech.

Sadly, today's Democratic Party has dangerously tilted anti-Semitic and anti-Israel. Trump is neither. There's never been a better friend of Israel and the Jewish community in the White House, and a second Trump term will only bring a closer alliance between the U.S. and Israel, and an even stronger U.S. Trump deserves our vote. •

William Wanger is chair of the PA/SNJ chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Barasch

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She made fierce friendships with people of all ages and enjoyed hosting in her apartment, foisting chicken soup, braised veal and her political views onto her guests. Like all of us, she would lose this freedom and independence in quarantine; unlike us, she didn't have the assumption of many decades of her life to regain it.

But she didn't succumb to gloom. She had the constitution of a survivor, a word that takes on another meaning when paired with the historical circumstances of her life. Interestingly, throughout our childhood, it was my grandfather's story we focused on more, perhaps because it was gendered or simply because his story fit better into the well-known Holocaust narratives. And indeed, it is common to define a "Holocaust survivor" as someone who endured concentration camps as my grandfather did. Compared to my grandfather, Oma's story seemed almost privileged: Her parents and sibling lived.

As we grew older, however, we learned more and more about my grandmother's story. And even putting aside the insane and difficult details of her displacement, the fact of being a Jew in Europe at that time makes her a survivor — which is to say she survived.

In a different life, I like to imagine Oma would have made an excellent diplomat or foreign dignitary. She is a language savant who speaks eight languages: English, French, German, Italian, Romanian, Hungarian, Hebrew and Yiddish. One quarantine dinner, when all we wanted to talk about was "the numbers," Cuomo and PPE on repeat, trying to understand what the hell was going on, Oma wanted to discuss language — and particularly, how pitiful it was that we Americans could barely speak two. This needling, in the time of COVID-19, was refreshing.

Another time, she gently suggested my husband shave his beard and less gently suggested that I might brush my hair once in a while. She did not understand my droopy sweatpants or the tie-dye trend, as if she could alone predict the fallacy in the idea that sorbet colors all bleeding together onto a T-shirt

could negate the hundreds of thousands of people who have died.

We shared one crucial thing in common: We couldn't believe we were living through this. A little over two months into it, shortly after George Floyd was murdered and protests erupted across the country, she looked at me and said, "This may be the craziest thing I've ever lived through." After what she'd been through, it was surprising to hear. But it was also strangely validating to hear someone with so much perspective express that none of this was close to normal.

Though not sentimental, another thing she said was, "I'm so happy I got to know you." Though we'd been close my whole life, we gained a new understanding that comes with living with one another, observing each other's rhythms up close without a place to go or anything to do, under the specter of a global health crisis. I got to know her, too, and in many ways, her life-must-go-on, Jewish survivor ethos carried me through. •

Emily Barasch is a writer based in the New York area. This originally appeared in Alma.



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Don joined Abramson Senior Care's Board of Trustees in 2016. Long before joining the Board, and dating back to 2003, Don and his wife, Roni, were generous supporters of Abramson's mission. They were also among the very first supporters of Abramson's Birnhak Transitional Care at Lankenau Medical Center. In 2018, Don and Roni served as Gala Chairs and in 2019 served on our Gala Committee. Most recently, they contributed to our COVID Crisis Campaign.

Don brought energy, passion and compassion to life. His philanthropy and caring heart reached countless individuals and causes. In addition to his generosity, Don will most definitely be remembered for his "zest for life." His legacy serves as a shining example of the importance of celebrating life's gifts and joys, even in the midst of challenging times.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Don's time, leadership and enduring tzedakah.

To his wife, Roni; children David (Terri), Lynne (Steve), Julie (the late Ira), Daniel, Donna (Mike), Blair (Lance) and Brett (Betsy); his grandchildren and great-grandchild; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

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▼ SHMIDHEISER-DOUEK

Taffy Mandel of Huntingdon Valley and George Shmidheiser of Devon, and Isaac and Amalia Douek of Brooklyn, New York, announce the marriage of their children, Caitlin Shmidheiser and Gil Douek, on Aug. 30. The couple resides in Manhattan.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Former Temple University Fraternity President Ari Goldstein Sentenced

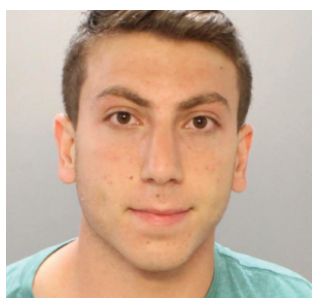
ARI GOLDSTEIN, the former president of Temple University's Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, was sentenced Oct. 21 to up to seven years in state prison following his conviction for attempted sexual assault, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported.

In addition, Goldstein, 23, of Wrightstown, will be required to register as a sex offender.

Goldstein was found guilty on Feb. 18 of indecent assault, attempted involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and attempted sexual assault regarding an

► Ari Goldstein

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incident in February 2018. He also was found not guilty of sexual assault, attempted involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and indecent assault pertaining to a second incident in November 2017.

Common Pleas Court Judge Tamika Lane said she observed Goldstein's lack of remorse as the victim testified about the mental and physical damage she suffered.

The victim said she has nightmares and was alienated by friends, as some sided with Goldstein.

"Physically, the bruises healed in a few weeks, but mentally I'm still damaged by what you did to me," she said. "In 30 minutes, you instilled in me a fear that I will carry with me into every intimate relationship in my life, and that's not fair."

Goldstein attorney William J. Brennan said Goldstein's sentence should hinge on his crimes, not social issues. He presented 34 letters and statements

that attested to his client's character.

"Mr. Goldstein isn't here to be patient zero for some systemic campus sexual assault crisis that may be out there, or some fraternity issue that may be out there," he said.

AEPi was suspended by Temple in April 2018.

NMAJH to Induct Copperfield, Houdini into Only in America Gallery/Hall of Fame

The National Museum of American Jewish History announced Oct. 22 that famed Jewish magicians David Copperfield and the late Harry Houdini will be inducted into its Only in America Gallery/Hall of Fame during its annual gala on Dec. 12.

"The kinds of 'Only in America' stories we explore in the museum are in great part about the legacies created for future generations. With this event, we are able to celebrate a cross-generational story," NMAJH trustee and gala chair Sharon Tobin Kesterman said. "From immigrant Harry Houdini to first-

► David Copperfield

Photo by DCDI



generation American David Copperfield, this event clearly demonstrates what's possible when individuals are simply given the chance to be great."

Copperfield, who was born David Seth Kotkin, will accept the honor from his International Museum

and Library of the Conjuring Arts in Las Vegas and induct Houdini, who was born Eric Weisz.

Copperfield has earned 21 Emmy Awards, set 11 Guinness World Records and is a recipient of the Living Legend honor by The Library of Congress. Houdini is one of the most influential illusionists of all time, and Copperfield's museum is home to a large collection of his artifacts.

The late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the museum's last inductee.

KleinLife Announces Two Free Education Programs for Active Older Adults

KleinLife announced two new adult education programs for active older adults that are free to both members and the public.

The programs, "Chronic Disease Self-Management Education" and "Supportive Older Women's Network," seek adults 60-plus and 55-plus, respectively, as participants.

The chronic disease workshop will be a six-week program designed to help active adults better manage chronic medical conditions including diabetes, heart disease, asthma, high blood pressure, chronic pain and others.

Participants will have the option to complete the workshop in two ways. They can participate through Zoom sessions for 2½ hours every week for six weeks or they can connect via conference call for an abbreviated session for 30 to 60 minutes every week for six weeks.

The Supportive Older Women's Network will offer a way for women to connect with other women to share important knowledge and vital resources.

Starting dates for both programs are to be determined.

For additional information or to join one or both groups, contact KleinLife Director of Support Services Inna Gulko at 215-698-7300, ext. 195, or email igulko@kleinlife.org. •

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10 Rittenhouse: 130 S. 18th Street. Immaculate 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom boasting see-forever city views, eat-in kitchen with large center island, and luxurious primary suite that leads to a picturesque private balcony. 1 parking spot & 1 storage space included. 2,294 square feet. \$2,575,000.



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