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How Do Clergy Relax Once the High Holidays End?

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

LOCAL CLERGY WANT to clear up one thing about the High Holiday season off the top.

It's not just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. After those 10 days, the season continues through the week of Sukkot and the two days of Simchat Torah.

So, in the end, the High Holiday season lasts almost a month. And by the end of a season of long days, rabbis, cantors and synagogue leaders are often wiped.

Now, you may be inclined to believe that rabbis sleep at their synagogues just like teachers sleep at their schools. But just like with teachers, that is a myth. Just like teachers, rabbis have lives, too.

And come the end of the High Holiday month, they get to live them again. The 5782/2021 High Holiday season concluded Sept. 29 with Simchat Torah. Since then,

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▲ HIAS PA's inventory of sorted donations that will be given to arriving Afghan newcomers

Courtesy of HIAS PA

Community Assists in Resettling Afghan Evacuees

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

SINCE THE FALL of Kabul, Afghanistan, to Taliban forces on Aug. 15, almost 12,000 Afghan evacuees have arrived in the Greater Philadelphia area, according to city officials, and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Pennsylvania is tasked with resettling 100 of them.

Of the 12,000 evacuees, 300 will need to be resettled in Philadelphia, 100 in Erie and 75 in Upper Darby. Nine of the HIAS PA evacuees have already arrived.

In addition, HIAS PA and area synagogues have played a key role in collecting donations.

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A reader has a neighbor who's gotten into baking during the pandemic and regularly brings over her products for sampling. The neighbor is seeking feedback on her offerings, which aren't exactly stellar. How should the reader respond? Miriam suggests a few ways to delicately handle the situation. From dating to parenting, Miriam welcomes all questions. Email yours to news@jewishexponent.com and put "Advice Well Question" in the subject line. jewishexponent.com/2021/10/04/dear-miriam-baking-neighbor-seeks-feedback/



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Salad dressings don't have to be complicated to be tasty, and food columnist Keri White has created one that has just three ingredients (five, if you count the salt and pepper). The dressing may also be used as a marinade or stirred into things like chicken or tuna salad. Visit the Jewish Exponent online to read Philacatessen and get the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. jewishexponent.com/2021/10/04/miracle-dressing/



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Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Offers New Problem

IN the past eleven years the Philadelphia Philanthropic League, United Order of True Sisters, in aid of Crippled and Anaemic Children, has been distributing milk daily to hundreds of crippled and anaemic children in Philadelphia. In addition to this it has supplied braces and orthopedic equipment as well as medical attention to many crippled children.

Prior to this year the League has obtained the funds for its work through its own organization. The League is 100 per cent. charitable and has no paid workers.

As a result of the present epidemic of Infantile Paralysis, which is so prevalent among the poorer classes, there has arisen in Philadelphia a need for braces and convalescent medical attention, which has thrown a heavy drain on the resources of charitable institutions. The Philanthropic League, which is approved by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, is practically the only organization in Philadelphia that takes care of such cases. However, they find that it will be next to impossible to continue their good work unless their fund is renewed.

Mrs. Louis Lefkoe, 1425 Nedro avenue, Head Guide, has at present many requests from various hospitals in the city for braces to help poor children who are suffering from the ravages of this disease. She is, therefore, asking for contributions to help these poor unfortunate kiddies who are so afflicted. The future of these children depends on the care they receive now.

During the past year the League has supplied eighty quarts of milk daily besides braces, clothing, glasses and medical attention wherever needed. The League also pays carefare for crippled children who have to go to the hospital from their homes from time to time for medical attention.

To assist in a small way with this great work the League will give a series of money raising affairs during the coming season.

The first of these will take the form of a Dutch Supper to be held at McCallister's Hall, 1811 Spring Garden street, Sunday evening, November 13th. Supper will be served from six to eight with an entertaining evening to follow. Admission 50c. Mrs. Sylvan Wolters, 1633 W. Wyoming avenue, is chairman in charge.

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Aish Chaim Handles Yom Kippur Service Intruder

LOCAL

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ON THE NIGHT of Sept. 16, Aish Chaim was wrapping up Yom Kippur with an evening service in a congregant's backyard.

Between 8 and 9 p.m., a woman walked up and tried to gain entry, according to Grant Schmidt, a congregant and a member of the synagogue's contracted security team, the Protexia Detective and Security Agency. She was wearing a Christmas wreath on her head, yoga pants and a low-cut vest.

The woman tried to gain entry multiple times but was stopped by Lewis Padilla, the armed security officer on duty. Then, she started yelling.

She said she wasn't being let in because she was Black; she shouted antisemitic obscenities like "Jewish devils"; and then she started hollering at Padilla to shoot her.

Finally, Padilla called the Lower Merion Police Department. At least two police cars quietly drove up and detained the woman without conflict. They didn't arrest her, but they did call an ambulance to take her away.

Out back, the service finished uninterrupted, Rabbi Binyomin Davis said.

Aish Chaim's security detail worked with the local police department to stop a potential attack. About 40 synagogue members were present for the service.

Schmidt was not present. But he did talk to Padilla and the Protexia team about the episode afterward. A Protexia leader confirmed his account to the Jewish Exponent. The LMPD declined to provide an incident report, citing Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law that allows agencies to exclude non-criminal

investigative materials from the media.

Before being taken away, the woman threw her Christmas wreath over the hedges and into the backyard, Schmidt said. Some attendees saw it and wondered if it fit into "suspicious package territory," he added.

But in the end, it was just a wreath. Other than that, the incident didn't register inside the service, Davis said.

The rabbi didn't even find out about it until after.

Davis called the security guards, like Schmidt and Padilla, who is not a congregant, "well-trained guys who know how to handle these situations."

Davis' analysis makes the incident sound almost routine. That's because, in a way, it is.

The rabbi took over leadership at Aish Chaim in 2018, the same year that the Pittsburgh Tree of Life synagogue complex shooting that killed 11. After the shooting, Aish Chaim started using security at all of its events, including Shabbat services, a policy that continues today.

Davis called security "a huge line item" in the synagogue's annual budget. But as the Yom Kippur episode showed, it's worth it, he said.

Antisemitic incidents rose in the United States in the second half of the 2010s. And over the last couple of years, homicides have been rising in Philadelphia.

This year, the city surpassed 400 homicides in September. Philadelphia's record for a single year is 500.

Davis is paying close attention to this, too, as Lower Merion Township is just across from City Avenue.

"To say we're not in Philly is just silly," the rabbi said.

According to Schmidt, Aish Chaim congregants do not mind seeing armed security guards at religious events. Instead of scaring them, it makes them feel



▲ Lewis Padilla
Courtesy of Protexia Detective and Security Agency

safe, he added.

Over the summer, Aish Chaim even held an open meeting, involving congregants, to discuss security.

"It's important to have a plan, and not to pretend we're living in some kind of utopia," Davis said. "That's naive."

Schmidt credited the LMPD with answering the Sept. 16 call in a responsible manner. But he said synagogues need to look out for themselves.

The congregant/security guard believes it's a mistake to discuss police officers as "first responders." They are actually "second responders," he said.

The first responders are the line of defense on site, not the local officials who only come if something happens. And this line of defense is vital.

"If you don't feel safe to come to shul, you won't go," Schmidt said. "If you don't feel safe sending your kid to Jewish programming, you won't send them."

The Orthodox man even argued that securing your property, organization and community is a mitzvah.

"If you had a cliff on your property, or some sort of hazard, to not deal with it would be immoral," Schmidt said. "You would have to take care of it." •

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ISRAEL BRIEFS

Israel Steps Up Vaccine Enforcement

MORE THAN 1 MILLION ISRAELIS lost their “Green Passes” on Oct. 3 when a new definition of “fully vaccinated” went into effect, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Most of those who lost their Green Passes were vaccinated more than six months ago, but haven’t received a booster shot.

Police stepped up enforcement on Oct. 3, but spent the first few days informing the public about the rules and regulations — and the privileges lost.

Since Sukkot ended, Israelis flocked to the vaccination complexes to get the booster. However, they are only defined as fully vaccinated a week after receiving the shot.

Class Action Accuses Facebook in Israel of Job Ads Discrimination

Facebook allegedly encouraged discrimination against older people in its ad campaign management system by allowing age-range restrictions in potential exposures for job advertisements, according to a class action filed in the Tel Aviv District Labor Court, Globes reported.

The court was asked to approve the suit.

The suit alleges that Facebook’s ad tool “allows and encourages companies to place job ads on social media which discriminate and exclude people based on age, gender and place of residence. Consequently, many people, especially those over 40, are not exposed to major job opportunities,” Globes wrote.

The suit names several companies that placed discriminatory ads, although the suit is not targeted against them as well.

The lawsuit doesn’t state how much compensation is being sought.

Police Arrest 694 Illegal Palestinians Near Jerusalem’s Old City

Border Police on Oct.1 arrested 694 Palestinians who were illegally in Israel as they tried to enter the Old City of Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Police were trying to catch the illegal aliens following recent incidents in Jerusalem, the Post reported. That included an incident the previous day when a resident of the West Bank town of Kabatiya tried to stab police officers after exiting the Temple Mount complex.

The Palestinian media reported that Israeli police set up checkpoints between the Damascus Gate and

the Temple Mount, the Post reported. There they checked the IDs of everyone entering the Old City,

First Commercial Flight Between Israel, Bahrain Lands at Ben Gurion Airport

The first commercial flight between Bahrain and Israel landed Sept. 30 at Ben Gurion Airport — a year after the United States brokered the normalization of ties between the countries as part of the Abraham Accords, The Times of Israel reported.

The flight touched down shortly after Foreign Minister Yair Lapid began a visit to Manama to open the Israeli embassy and to sign agreements on water, the environment and sports. He was received on the tarmac by Bahrain’s Foreign Minister Abdullatif al-Zayani.

The plane’s crew waved the flags of Israel and Bahrain from the cockpit windows when the jet landed.

The passengers included the heads of Gulf Air and a Jewish chef named Alex. The latter owns a restaurant in Bahrain; he flew to Israel to visit his family.

The flight was the first of a new regular Tel Aviv-Manama route. It includes two weekly flights in each direction, on Mondays and Thursdays. •

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Philly Faces: Aimee Goldstein

PHILLY FACES

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2021 TRIBE12 Fellowship alum Aimee Goldstein sat down with friend and colleague Doriane Feinstein at a bubble tea shop in Philadelphia's Chinatown in October 2019, nervously planning on pitching a partnership to produce a theater festival.

Unbeknownst to Goldstein, Feinstein was nervously planning on pitching the same idea to her.

Though the festival went digital and audio-only due to the pandemic, it was a success by their standards.

The participating Philadelphia-based playwrights approached the duo after the festival, asking what the production company's next project would be. Only Goldstein and Feinstein didn't have a production company. So they made one.

Shortly thereafter, Curlyfish Productions was born, with the purpose of "bringing a dynamic theater and shared life experiences through a Jewish lens."

Hoping to partner with local Black, Indigenous and people of color creators, Curlyfish Productions aims to create theater that is "contemporary and edgy and thought-provoking," sharing a diverse set of ideas with Jewish undertones and values woven into it.

With the pandemic hopefully retreating once more, Goldstein is hungry to return to the theater.

What does Curlyfish mean?

My hair is very, very, very curly, and 'Dori' is the name of the fish from "Finding Nemo." It is as basic as that really.

What is your background in theater?

I went to school for acting — originally musical theater and then acting, so my background



▲ Aimee Goldstein co-founded Curlyfish Productions with the goal of "bringing a dynamic theater and shared life experience through a Jewish lens."™
Courtesy of Aimee Goldstein

really is in acting and musical theater and singing.

I graduated from Temple, and from there, I worked at Bucks County Playhouse for five years in different roles: in the box office, front of house and also somewhat in company management.

With the exception of COVID, for the past five years, I was fully immersed in theater 24/7 ... constantly seeing shows and constantly surrounding myself around creative people.

During COVID, I recognized that what I really enjoy is producing. I've produced a couple shows with Chickadee Theatre Co., which is also a previous Tribe12 Fellowship venture.

How do you plan to work with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, people of color) organizations?

Some of the things that Dori and I are really focused on is just really highlighting people of different cultures and backgrounds and ethnicities. For instance, if a playwright approached us, and they wanted to do a play about Black and trans lives on the streets of Philadelphia, we would jump at that.

We want to have conversations with the Black Theatre Alliance. Dori and I are really good friends with many

people on that board, so that's definitely a conversation in the works, as a goal to have a future collaboration, maybe a show, a play that we could work on together.

What are the next steps for Curlyfish Productions?

The next step for Curlyfish is to fundraise.

One of the things that we were considering starting, hopefully in 2022, would be a monthly or bi-monthly small play festival — to take 10-minute plays and have people of different religions and cultures and backgrounds read them.

[We want to] find new actors, hold auditions, maybe even work with people who we've worked with before and get a space, hopefully, that won't be virtual.

I'm trying to write a one-woman cabaret; Dori wants to produce that through Curlyfish as well.

What is the first play or musical you saw?

I want to say it was the original "Cats" movie. The original one, the filmed Broadway production. When I was 7 years old, my father showed it to me. And I just thought it was the coolest thing that I've ever seen in my life. I

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Tikvah Hires New Executive Director

LOCAL

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ABBY GILBERT IS the new executive director of Tikvah, the Philadelphia nonprofit that helps adults living with mental illnesses.

Gilbert, 59, of Jenkintown, comes to Tikvah after 35 years in the Jewish community service field. Before Tikvah, she held leadership positions with the JCCs of Greater Philadelphia, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia’s Northeast NORC and Reconstructing Judaism, among others.

Gilbert applied to Tikvah because she dealt with mental illnesses at NORC, which helps people 60 and up age in place in their homes. Gilbert



▲ Abby Gilbert Photo by Rachel Forth

saw how hard it was for those with mental illnesses to remain independent but also stay connected.

“Folks with mental illness challenges experience a higher level of anxiety and a lower



▲ Tikvah President Neen Davis, second from left, hired Abby Gilbert as the nonprofit’s new executive director. Courtesy of Tikvah

level of ability with regard to reaching out for what they need,” Gilbert said.

Tikvah, established in 1990, works with adults of all ages in their “social, educational, employment and spiritual

development,” according to the news release about Gilbert’s hiring. The nonprofit’s president, Neen Davis, felt Gilbert was qualified because of her past experiences.

“She had a good under-

standing of who we were and what we’re trying to accomplish,” Davis said.

What Tikvah wants to do is help more people, Davis said.

The 2019 Jewish Population Study of Greater Philadelphia revealed that 33% of Jewish households in the five-county area had at least one member diagnosed with a mental illness. But Tikvah only has about 80 active members, Davis said.

Gilbert’s goal is the same as Tikvah’s: to increase that number.

When Gilbert took over at NORC in 2011, she faced a similar situation. There were roughly 60,000 Philly-area adults aging in place in their homes. NORC was helping

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Formidable Fruits: Squeezing the Most out of Etrogim

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SUKKOT IS MEANT to celebrate the beauty of impermanence, symbolized by the temporary structure under which one dwells.

However, after *chag*, there's one ritual item — the etrog — that some are reluctant to part with, as its scent is emblematic of the holiday's rich themes of harvest. It's also exorbitantly priced.

"You paid \$70 for a lemon!" said Gratz College President Zev Eleff, who authored "The History of the Etrog in America," which appeared in *Segula* magazine in August.

Perhaps because of its steep cost, or perhaps for sentimental reasons, Jews are turning to creative epicurean ventures to make the most of the citrus following Sukkot.

Though fragrant, the smell of an etrog is a bit deceiving. The fruit is bitter if eaten raw, due to the thick white pith that dominates the inside of the fruit below its delicate and oily rind. If one were to squeeze an etrog and

expect juice to flow out of the fruit like a lemon, they would be disappointed.

"You can kind of think of an etrog as a citrus fruit that puts all its energy into fragrance; it's all about the oil," Philadelphia-based chef and food writer Aliza Green said.

Yet home cooks and chefs alike have managed to turn the formidable fruit into something delicious anyway, using the pectin-rich pith to create thick and syrupy etrog marmalade.

Green offsets the bitterness of the fruit by slicing it and soaking it in syrup, though etrogim can also be boiled — once in water and again in simple syrup — to candy it.

Greg Kirkpatrick of Lindcove Ranch in Lemon Cove, California, the country's only commercial etrog grower, suggests a riff on limoncello.

By peeling etrogim rinds and soaking them in the highest proof alcohol available, one can have a fragrant liqueur after about two months of waiting.

Along with the plethora of

dishes that can be made with etrogim are the plethora of varieties of the fruit.

According to Green, Moroccan etrogim are preferred by Sephardic Jews and aren't commonly found in America; the Diamonte variety, popular among Lubavitch Jews, is grown in the Calabria region of Italy.

Yemenite etrogim are the most rotund; Balady, or native, etrogim are grown in Israel; and within the Balady variety, there are Halperin, Braverman and Chazon Ish etrogim, among others.

Green sources many of her etrogim from Lindcove Ranch, which grows five varieties of etrog and is experimenting with a sixth. She deviates from many



▲ Yaakov Rothberg, owner of Esrogei California, who helps Lindcove Ranch with marketing
Photo by David Karp

Jews who prefer to ship in the citrus from Israel, preferring fruit grown for consumption.

In Israel, etrog farms abound, but because the fruit is prone to pests and fungus, chemical interventions must be taken to protect the fruit. If the rind becomes too blemished, the fruit is no longer deemed kosher.

"They're not really grown to be consumed," said Rebbetzin Reuvena Grodnitzky from Mamash! Chabad in Center City. "They have a very intense level of pesticides."

At Lindcove Ranch, however, though some pesticides are used, threats to the etrog trees are thwarted by the growth of avocado trees, which are resistant against fungal growths.

But growing etrogim is no easy feat. Kirkpatrick has worked with local farms to grow the fruit, but there have been 13 failed attempts.

"People just think they can throw seeds in the ground and make a lot of money, but it just doesn't happen," Kirkpatrick said.

Israeli etrogim are easier to grow, but it comes at the cost of the etrog's taste.

Because she sources her etrogim from Israel, Grodnitzky opts to dry out the fruits and use them as besamim for Havdalah. Before the etrogim dry, she and her children, each with their own etrog, pierce the fruit's flesh with aromatic cloves.

Tova du Plessis, the pastry chef behind Essen in South Philadelphia, takes a similar approach, boiling etrogim with cinnamon stick and sage, or whatever herbs and spices she has in the house. Lavender stems, rosemary, cloves and eucalyptus are popular in her household.

The fragrance of the simmer pot acts like a scented candle, refreshing a space.

"It's especially useful after cooking a strong-smelling dinner or when having people over," du Plessis said.

Though not typically edible, etrogim from Israel still have an advantage over their U.S.-grown counterparts, Eleff said.

"As American Judaism embraces Zionism more and more ... Jews — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform — are taking on the mitzvah of the etrog, not just because of religious sensibilities, but also because it's in concert with their Zionist fealty," Eleff said.

Though Eleff joked about the priciness of etrogim, he was insistent that their lingering beyond the holidays, whether in the form of a snack, drink — or even dried and piled in a bowl in the kitchen — is remarkable.

"In a time in which there's a lot of questions about continuity and observance, here's an example of how people try ... to extend that meaning," Eleff said. "The liqueurs and the jams and the like are an example of how we pour our religion into all sorts of spaces." •

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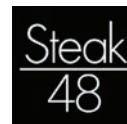
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Relax

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area rabbis and cantors have emerged from their synagogues, breathed some fresh fall air and rediscovered their families and hobbies.

Cantor Lauren Goodlev of Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne rediscovers her family in a profound way.

After a month of late nights planning services, sometimes emailing her rabbi, Beth Kalisch, as early as 3 a.m., Goodlev uses the fall to work on a more personal project: making a family photo album from the past year.

Goodlev has “three little babies at home,” as her oldest son is only three-and-a-half. So each year, her three boys grow and develop in visible ways, and she wants to make sure she chronicles that process.

On Shutterfily, Goodlev creates a digital album and fills



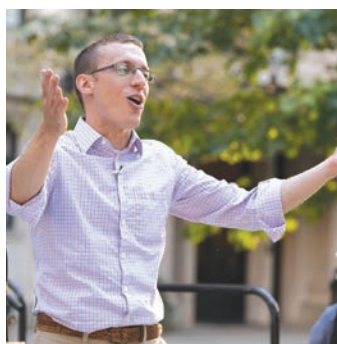
▲ Cantor Lauren Goodlev, of Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne, with her family
Courtesy of Lauren Goodlev

it with family pictures. Then she pays for several and gets Shutterfily to send her the real books. Every year at Chanukah, she gives albums to her children’s grandparents as gifts.

She also keeps one for herself and her husband.

“With our cell phones, we take so many pictures,” Goodlev said. “Otherwise, they’ll get stuck in the cloud and we’ll never look at them again.”

Rabbi Abe Friedman of



▲ Rabbi Abe Friedman
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the Conservative Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel in Philadelphia is in a similar situation as Goodlev. He’s the parent of four kids 13 and under, including a year-old daughter.

So once Simchat Torah ended, he started taking her to Fitler Square Park, on Pine Street between 23rd and 24th streets, every morning. Friedman does chalk art on the pavement for his daughter to observe.

Last week, on different

mornings, he drew a Torah, a nature scene and a Shabbat scene, with candles, grape juice and challah.

“I fell into doing this because we were there in the park, and it just went from there,” Friedman said. “The weather’s been gorgeous.”

But for Friedman and his daughter, it’s not just mornings that they get to spend together. Now that the rabbi no longer needs to work seven days a week, he is his daughter’s primary caregiver on his day off.

And when she naps, daddy gets some me time. Friedman goes down in the basement to tinker in his electronics workshop, where he fixes pedals for electric guitars.

“It’s a little bit sad to see it go,” the rabbi said of the High Holidays. “But then it’s like, deep breath.”

Rabbi Solomon Isaacson leads the Orthodox Congregation Beth Solomon in Northeast Philadelphia. As an Orthodox rabbi, he has a different perspective than his Reform and Conservative contemporaries.

For Isaacson, the season requires almost no extra work besides giving speeches.

Beth Solomon is considered the largest Russian synagogue in the country, Isaacson said. It doesn’t have a membership model, but it helps thousands of families, and many attend Shabbat services throughout the year.

So when they show up for the High Holidays, they just open their prayer books and the services begin, like any Friday.

“You don’t have to tell them to stand up or sit down. You don’t have to call out page numbers,” Isaacson said. “They know what

they’re doing.”

Isaacson did say that Yom Kippur is a little busier than other High Holidays, as non-Orthodox people come, too, and the crowd can reach up to 3,000 attendees. But otherwise, the season is no more hectic than the months before and after it.

The rabbi said the High Holiday month might be lighter than others because there’s less going on between services.

Once October came this year, Isaacson started planning and running more classes. Beth Solomon operates a small rabbinical college with seminars every morning and evening.

“We’re busy,” Isaacson said.

Another more traditional rabbi, Zalman Blecher of the Lubavitch of Yardley, a Chabad center, follows a similar annual rhythm. For Blecher, just like for Isaacson, the High Holiday month is not some climactic stretch on the Jewish calendar.

It’s the start of a new year.

Therefore, it’s not time to relax; it’s time to get going.

But Blecher, unlike Isaacson, does have to work extra during the High Holidays. He’s often up until 1 a.m. planning services, sermons and a marketing campaign to the public.

Yet Blecher tries not to slow down too much once the big days end. This month, the Lubavitch will resume weekly Torah classes, start a new class for moms and babies, hold Shabbat dinners and even conduct a nature hike at Tyler Park in Newtown.

“That’s how we’re going to channel that inspiration of the holiday season,” Blecher said. •

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Afghan

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\$725,000 in donations between Aug. 14 and Sept. 21, Executive Director Cathryn Miller-Wilson said.

The monetary donations to HIAS PA are the tip of the iceberg. HIAS PA has long partnered with area synagogues to organize supply drives for refugees and newcomers, and the Jewish community's response to the arrival of the Afghan evacuees was no exception.

"There's a role the community — the Jewish community — can play," said Judi Bernstein-Baker, former executive director of HIAS PA and a member of Mishkan Shalom, one of the synagogues with which HIAS PA has worked. "We have a sensibility for this. Didn't we go through this? It's almost in our DNA."

"The amount of stuff that is in our building is both heartwarming and overwhelming at the same time," said Amy Krulik, executive director of Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood.

MLRT has partnered with HIAS PA for almost 13 years, accepting donations of blankets, kitchen appliances, dishes and gift cards.

Since mid-August, MLRT volunteers have been overwhelmed with donations; they rented an off-site storage facility to accommodate the supplies received.

Previously, MLRT mostly relied on donations from the community. After the fall of Kabul, Krulik said that a "caravan of cars" from people across the area lined up at the synagogue with donations. She received hundreds of calls asking if people can donate to HIAS PA through MLRT.

More donations meant more help was needed to sort through the supplies, ensuring that they were of appropriate quality to give to evacuees.

Linda Brock, an MLRT



▲ A flight from Kabul to the U.S. on Aug. 15 carrying 640 Afghan evacuees
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congregant who has volunteered to help HIAS PA through the synagogue for 11 years, said volunteer numbers have doubled since August, from five to 10 or sometimes 12. Along with congregant Adele Margulies, Brock has delegated tasks and trained the newcomers.

Brock and Margulies usually work alongside volunteers from the synagogue, but now volunteers are "people from churches, people who have worked in other organizations, people who read about us and call and offer [to help]."

For Brock, it's crucial that the quality of the items sorted for donation to HIAS PA doesn't falter due to the overwhelming amount.

Blankets and sheets cannot be frayed or stained. If they are, they are donated to local animal shelters rather than to evacuees.

HIAS PA also wanted to ensure that the items given to evacuees are culturally appropriate and useful. Single-use kitchen appliances like waffle irons are a no-go, as are wine glasses and bottle openers, as many of the donation recipients are Muslims who do not drink alcohol.

"Everything needs to be really in pristine condition because it's the way you would treat a guest," Krulik said. "It's

the way ... to make sure that the families are being welcomed into the Philadelphia community."

Mishkan Shalom also has gathered donations to HIAS PA, but after the fall of Kabul, the synagogue is taking a different approach to helping evacuees.

On Oct. 6, Bernstein-Baker, who's a member of the congregation's Refugee and Immigrant Rights Committee and co-chair of the Philadelphia Chapter

of the American Immigration Lawyers pro bono committee, held a training session for congregants interested in being sponsors for Afghans still in Afghanistan or a third country.

Being a sponsor allows someone to provide referrals to Afghans applying for social services and doesn't necessarily entail supporting an individual financially.

Recruiting sponsors for Afghan families is particularly challenging. The U.S. immigration system was not designed to assist in this type of humanitarian crisis, meaning that sponsor application forms don't completely align with the needs and circumstances of the Afghan community, Bernstein-Baker said.

HIAS PA is also feeling frustration around the limitations of the U.S. immigration system. It is equipped to take in more than 100 evacuees, as is Nationalities Service Center Philadelphia, which is resettling 200 evacuees. However, they are unable to now because the resettlement pipeline is so slow.

The federal government authorized humanitarian parole to be given to Afghan newcomers, which is an entree visa for evacuees but does not provide a legal status, such as refugee status, that would allow evacuees to be eligible

for cash assistance. There's also confusion about whether evacuees come to the U.S. with a work authorization.

A backlogged asylum application process means that for arriving Afghans, applying for asylum, which gives similar benefits as refugee status, could take years.

Because of the lack of government assistance to evacuees, HIAS has to take a greater intervention, providing housing, groceries and prescription drugs.

"These folks have no way to support themselves, no way at all," Miller-Wilson said.

The sheer number of donations have put stress on HIAS PA and MLRT, who are requesting a pause on donations until 2022 unless they are contacted beforehand.

However, HIAS PA has a Target registry from which

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Pennsylvania Needs Driver's Licenses for All



BY RABBI ALAN ISER

BEFORE 2002, you did not need a Social Security number to apply for a driver's license in Pennsylvania. Instead, to prove your identity, you could provide a federally issued tax identification number along with other documents.

This meant that undocumented immigrants were able to take and pass the driving exam in order to apply for a driver's license.

In 2009, the Pennsylvania

Department of Transportation canceled the driver's licenses of tens of thousands of undocumented Pennsylvanians who had legally obtained their licenses using pre-2002 criteria. As anyone who lives beyond easy access to public transportation knows, driving is a necessity for much of day-to-day life: taking children to school, shopping for groceries, going to work or getting to medical appointments.

In addition to making these everyday activities of life much more difficult, not having valid identification creates fear and stress within immigrant communities, including those where various family members have a different immigration status.

Having valid identification means that if an undocumented immigrant is pulled over during a traffic stop, they will not automatically be put into jail

and be thrust into the quagmire of deportation hearings. Having state-issued identification is also vital for many other family functions. People might need an ID to get their prescriptions, or to enter a medical facility or to prove they can pick up their children from school.

There is a remedy for this situation being proposed in the Pennsylvania legislature, HB-279. This bill would provide driver's licenses for all. Opening up driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants is not only good for them, but for all of us, for our safety and our economy. If implemented, it could expand the number of those who know the rules of the road, have car insurance, buy cars and gas for their cars, and have greater accessibility to more jobs.

Undocumented immigrants are a vital part of our economy. In Philadelphia alone, approximately 50,000 undocumented

workers pay more than \$128 million in taxes annually.

As Jews, we have additional reasons based on our historical experiences and our religious tradition to be concerned about the welfare of immigrants. The Torah commands us to befriend and protect the stranger, no less than 36 times.

The Torah gives two reasons for this commandment. The first calls on our experiences and our compassion: "You shall not oppress the stranger, having yourself been strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:9). The second reason the Torah gives is we were mistreated while strangers, so do not do to others what was done to you.

To reinforce this, the Torah reminds us that God hears the cry of the oppressed. Not just our sojourn in Egypt, but thousands of years of wanderings and being outsiders should

sensitize us to the experience of immigrants.

We just celebrated Sukkot, where each night we invite *ushpizin* (guests) in the symbolic form of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron and David, to enter our sukkot. We are supposed to donate the amount that would feed these supernal guests to the needy. Let us transform our sukkot into a metaphorical sukkah to protect all who need shelter and support.

Pennsylvania should join 15 other states, including New York and New Jersey, that have passed legislation providing driver's licenses for all. Urge your state representative to support HB-279. It is both the moral and sensible thing to do. •

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Why I Made a Podcast About Father Coughlin



BY ANDREW LAPIN

AS A KID growing up in suburban Detroit, I used to pass a church right by my house every day. It was a huge church, standing 100 feet tall, with a massive, limestone carving of Jesus on the cross staring down at a busy thoroughfare. And when I came to learn about this church's origins, it terrified me.

This wasn't any church. This was the National Shrine of the Little Flower, seat of a parish

started in 1926 by Father Charles Coughlin — known as the "Radio Priest" because he hosted a wildly popular weekly radio show that reached tens of millions of listeners (and donors) nationwide during the Great Depression.

His show began as a purely religious one, but soon Father Coughlin would taste the thrill of an adoring audience and exploit their fear and uncertainty. He started casting his followers as the "true" Americans while spinning wild, antisemitic conspiracy theories — tales of "atheistic Jews" running rampant across Europe and commanding the Communists to overthrow Christianity and Americanism. Over the air and in his magazine, "Social Justice," Coughlin would say that something must be done to combat this threat, and some took him up on his

suggestion. During the course of Coughlin's career, he created a political third party so his movement could mount a run for the White House — and, when that didn't work, his followers instead plotted to overthrow the government.

It's a strange experience to see a still-thriving institution in your community that was founded on the back of hate and intolerance. But Father Coughlin was pushed off the air in 1940 by a combination of pressure from the Catholic Church and new anti-sedition broadcasting laws, and died in 1979. Most locals seemed in agreement that his story was no longer relevant — after all, we didn't stop driving Ford cars just because Henry Ford once published a newspaper with the headline "The International Jew: The World's Problem."

So my fascination with the Shrine began as a mere

curiosity. But lately, it's turned into something else: a sense of fear. If Father Coughlin's story was just a footnote, why was I now hearing echoes of him everywhere?

Because there he was whenever conspiracy theorists and demagogic figures found a new toehold in our politics and media. There he was in the barely regulated world of social media, where every extreme voice can find its followers. There he was lurking in the background of the Charlottesville white-supremacist march, the Tree of Life synagogue shooting, the Jan. 6 insurrection and a multitude of other horrific moments in recent American history. Few, if any, of the perpetrators behind those events could cite Father Coughlin by name, but they're following his playbook all the same. The Radio Priest has gone from a historical

footnote to the modern era's biggest progenitor — the one whose increasingly unhinged broadcasts predicted a society where antisemitism, scapegoating, xenophobia and disdain for democratic norms would thrive again in new forms of media.

This is how I realized Coughlin's story shouldn't be limited to the whisper networks of a few Jews in Detroit. It needed to be heard by everyone.

My new podcast, "Radioactive: The Father Coughlin Story," is a deep dive into the rise and fall of the demagogue, the barely regulated mass-communication medium he took advantage of, and the antisemitic, fascist movement he inspired right here in America — including the "Christian Front," a militia that plotted, on guidance from Coughlin himself, to

overthrow the government. And it tells the story through audio — the very same medium Coughlin himself once exploited for personal gain — using archival tapes of his own words and music from his own programs, as well as new, recently unsealed material from the Archdiocese of Detroit that sheds more light on Coughlin's tactics.

The podcast also charts my journey of correspondence with the Shrine itself, and my conversations with its spiritual leaders who have found very different ways to grapple with their founder's legacy. Produced with Tablet Studios, the limited series premiered on Oct. 5.

Though there have been biographies of Coughlin in the past, my hope is that this podcast will be something different: an attempt to reckon with his legacy through a modern lens. The world he created has paved the way for right-wing talk radio and social media disinformation, for the rise of suspiciously Coughlinesque figures in the highest corridors of power in our country and for the continued and ever-evolving demonization of Jews.

I began work on "Radioactive" in early 2017, a time when many people were starting to openly debate the potential of American demagogues to shape our politics and distort our society, and I believe that every step of his story is fraught with implications for our collective future. I hope my exploration of the topic can shine some light on where figures like Father Coughlin come from... and how they can be stopped. •

Andrew Lapin is JTA's managing editor for local news. JTA was not involved in the production of the "Radioactive" podcast. This piece first appeared on JTA.

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Sisters Clash Over Intermarriage, Manage to Remain Family Despite the Turmoil



BY RACHEL HARTMAN

MY SISTER AND I grew up in a small settlement surrounded by Arab villages in the disputed West Bank. We have ended up, however, in very different places.

I am pursuing a Ph.D. in social psychology, studying the science of moral understanding and how it can be leveraged to bridge divides. My sister is an activist and full-time employee at an Israeli organization that strictly opposes personal relationships, especially romantic ones, between Jews and non-Jews.

My research focuses on bridging divides, but I am somewhat at a loss for how to traverse the widening gulf between my sister and me. She faces a similar dilemma — she is becoming increasingly (in)famous in Israel for her rhetoric against intermarriage while her own sister is ... marrying someone who is not Jewish.

Conflict, of one form or another, has defined our entire lives. Our family moved from the United States to a settlement in the West Bank when I was 5. We used to stop by Palestinian watermelon stands on our way back from Jerusalem. My brother became friends with the Arab workers who built our home.

At the turn of the millennium, everything changed and this sense of peaceful

coexistence was gone. Riots broke out in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. My father bought bullet-proof vests for us to wear when we had to travel that same road to Jerusalem. The watermelon stands were gone. In their place, children threw rocks at cars that drove by.

Two teenagers from our town went for a hike and never returned. Their bodies were found in a cave, mutilated beyond recognition. We grieved, then grew angry. I was keenly aware of the Jewish side of the conflict: We were the rightful occupants of the land; they were our enemy. We were righteous; they were evil.

Given my sister's chosen career path, telling her that my non-Jewish partner had proposed was ... difficult. She had previously told me (on national television) that she would be happy if he broke up with me, since then there would be a chance of me marrying a Jewish guy. Needless to say, she refuses to come to the wedding.

As a child I was unschooled. My mother was your typical "hippie liberal all-natural health nut" when we lived in the United States. Over time, however, my mother, and the rest of my family, became less and less liberal.

At 15, I enrolled myself into a Jerusalem high school. The narratives in my classes conflicted with my political and religious upbringing. I began to understand there were two sides to the story. After high school, I worked at a store where my closest friend was Palestinian. We shared lunches and gossiped about our co-workers, and through our interactions I realized how prejudiced I had been.

Months later, in the military, I led an intelligence

team, gathering data to inform the peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Aspects of intelligence-gathering may be morally questionable, but it gave me the unique opportunity to come as close as possible to reading another person's mind. We spent long hours learning everything about the "enemy" only to discover that they ate, slept, fought and loved just like we did. There was a wide gap between my family's beliefs about the enemy's thoughts and their actual thoughts.

My experiences growing up in the midst of an ongoing conflict fraught with violence and political volatility

together, she is working hard to keep them apart. She works for Lehava, which means "flame" in Hebrew, but in this case is also an acronym for the Hebrew phrase "For the Prevention of Assimilation in the Holy Land." Lehava fights to prevent "relationships between Jewish girls and Arabs, non-Jews, and foreign workers." Lehava has been described on several occasions as a far-right and Jewish supremacist group, and elected officials in Israel have embarked on the process of declaring it a terrorist organization.

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Change-of-Season Dinners

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AS FALL PROGRESSES, we start to say a fond farewell to summer's produce. However, warm temperatures may still linger well into the autumn and, just like wardrobes, which have transitional phases, so does food.

I lament the final batch of local tomatoes, grieve for the last of the peaches, keen a bit over the zucchini ... but as the bounty of autumn's harvest arrives, I bounce back.

The recipes here are designed as a bridge — on the lighter side and featuring end-of-summer crops that are cooked, thereby masking the fact that they are past their prime.

But they're substantial enough that you don't reach for sunscreen and bug spray as you sit down to dinner. Think of them as a stylish cardigan — ready to don when a slight chill arrives, but easily wrapped around your waist if summer seems to stick around.

EARLY FALL FISH DISH

Serves 4

I opted to grill this in a foil pan; it enabled us to cook the meal outside, which kept the kitchen cool on an Indian summer day, and it passed off the task to my husband, who prefers to “man” the grill. But this is a cinch to convert to an indoor meal if the weather or your preference dictates: Simply bake the fish at 350 degrees F for about 20 minutes in the oven, depending on thickness.

We used tilefish because it was fresh and local, but any flaky fish works — salmon, cod, haddock, bass, snapper, etc. Just be sure to adjust the cooking time depending on the thickness of the fillets. The tomato/onion/lemon mixture is delightful with the fish and is

a nice topping for rice or pasta. It is also delicious scooped up with crusty bread.

- 1½ pounds tilefish fillet
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut in pieces
- Salt and pepper
- 1 lemon
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 1 additional tablespoon butter, cut in pieces
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped

Heat a grill to medium-high heat.

Place a few pieces of butter in the bottom of a baking pan along with the tomato and onion. Spritz the fish with lemon juice, and sprinkle it generously with salt and pepper. Place a few more pieces of butter atop the fish, and top it with the lemon rind and parsley.

Cook the fish in the pan with the grill cover closed for about 20 minutes; check it for doneness. It will flake easily and be opaque throughout when done.

ZUCCHETTI WITH SUNDRIED TOMATOES AND HALOUMI

Serves 4

This is a great way to use surplus zucchini. I use a spiral slicer, but you can also hand grate it or use a food processor. The “zucchetti” strands will be shorter, but they will still be delicious. And if your family requires actual pasta for a dish like this, you can certainly add it or go halves with pasta and zucchetti.

- 3 tablespoons oil, separated
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- Red pepper flakes to taste
- A few generous pinches of salt
- 2-3 zucchini, spiralized into “zucchetti”



▲ Fish dish



▲ Zucchini with sundried tomatoes

Photos by Keri White

- ⅔ cup sundried tomatoes (dry, not in oil)
- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 package haloumi cut in small, bite-sized pieces and dried with a paper towel

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of oil and sauté the onions, garlic, red pepper and salt. Cook until they are soft and fragrant, about 5 minutes.

While the onions sauté, cut the sundried tomatoes into halves with kitchen scissors and place them in a microwave-safe bowl. Add water just to cover and heat them in the microwave for 1 minute. Let it sit so the water becomes infused with the flavor.

When the onion is sautéed, add the zucchini, and stir it so it begins to cook. Add the chickpeas and the tomato mixture. Lower the heat and

simmer, stirring frequently.

Meanwhile, heat the remaining oil in another skillet to medium-high, and cook the haloumi in batches until it is brown and crispy on all sides. Drain it on paper towels.

Check the zucchini for doneness — it should be cooked but not mushy — this takes about 10 minutes in the pan.

Scatter the haloumi over the zucchini mixture, and serve immediately. ●

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'Velvet Underground' Withstands Test of Time

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BEFORE LOU REED proclaimed, "My God is rock 'n' roll," the Velvet Underground frontman was a Jewish boy who grew up in Freeport, Long Island, with Russian refugee grandparents. He was born Lewis Allan Reed — though his grandparents changed their family name from "Rabinowitz" to "Reed."

The boy with a love for the "Murray the K" radio show grew into an amateur musician who played — and got arrested — at gay bars, who became the leader of the iconic rock 'n' roll band the Velvet Underground with the help of pop artist Andy Warhol and New York's finest anti-establishment creatives.

"The Velvet Underground," produced and directed by Jewish filmmaker Todd Haynes, unravels the story of Reed and his eccentric cohort of avant-garde artists, cementing the titular band as one that will live on long after its dissolution and the deaths of its members. The documentary will be available on AppleTV+ on Oct. 15.

Haynes' film — his first documentary, but not his first

film to draw inspiration from Reed — is a mosaic of video clips and photographs: Reed as a baby, New York in the '60s, a precious collection of 2018 interviews with Velvet Underground band members and their peers.

The sheer volume of Haynes' archive is impressive, yet the curation of clips and photos somehow manage to be greater than the sum of their parts.

Haynes doesn't shy away from Reed's notoriety as abrasive and petulant, but rather tries to provide an explanation for it.

Reed was socially anxious and underwent electroconvulsive therapy at the request of his parents, who suspected him of having "homosexual urges." He began using drugs in high school.

He dropped out of New York University after one-and-a-half semesters, transferring to Syracuse University, where friends say he developed an at-times bitter personality.

Early bandmates recall Reed punching drum sets if they missed a note or beat; Reed, who died in 2013, demanded perfection.

Yet time seemed to tame Reed a bit, as did the synergy between bandmates Moe Tucker, Sterling Morrison and John Cale. Their

improvisations pushed the boundaries of what rock 'n' roll — and music — could entail.

The Velvet Underground was unique, but Reed wanted to be cemented as a rock star, a feat which couldn't have been made possible without Warhol, the band's producer, who, in the band's early days, would sit silently in the studio, session after session.

Warhol recruited German actress and model Nico, whose "ghostly" beauty and elegance foiled the band's untidy sound and aesthetic.

Without Warhol's signature pop-art banana on the debut album's cover, the Velvet Underground would likely not have experienced the stardom they did.

Conversely, when Warhol and Reed's relationship soured and Nico left to pursue an independent musical career, the Velvet Underground's sound and synergism faltered, though the band continued creating music together for several more years.

Though the Velvet Underground was revived in the 1990s, the zeitgeist of the 1960s that helped create the band's renown was long gone.

In its prime playing as part of Warhol's Plastic



▲ From left: Moe Tucker, John Cale, Sterling Morrison and Lou Reed from archival photography in a split-screen frame. Courtesy of AppleTV+

Exploding Inevitable, the Velvet Underground would have images of polka dots and scenes from Warhol's reels projected behind it during performances, prompting sensory overload for the audience.

Haynes employs a similar technique to his documentary: Over the narration of Cale, Tucker and musician and Velvet Underground protege Jonathan Richman, among other artists of the time, Haynes fills the screen with swirling geometric shapes and musical performances and footage sped up or slowed down.

To some, the indulgent use of archival footage may seem excessive, distracting from the

documentary's narrative. To Haynes, it's emblematic of the 1960s epoch.

"Painters, musicians, filmmakers — they were not so much interested in telling narrative stories," said Jonas Mekas, a Lithuanian-American avant-garde filmmaker, in the film. "The poetic aspect of cinema brought cinema to the level of the other parts."

Throughout the film, Haynes makes his fascination with the passing of time clear.

The story of Reed and the Velvet Underground digresses at one point to explain the evocative 1963 "Kiss" film by Warhol.

The 50-minute silent film is broken up into three-and-a-half-minute segments, each of a pair of people of various genders and races kissing each other. The film is shown at 16 frames per second, slower than the speed of the subjects while they were being filmed.

"The people in those images are breathing, and their hearts are beating in a different time frame than yours is when you watch it," film critic Amy Taubin said.

And as if he were a ghost, Reed's voice appears and disappears throughout the documentary, coloring the black-and-white footage with his commentary, bringing archival clips — and the musician behind them — to life. ●

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Jewish Radio Show Aims to Connects Local Singles

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IN OUR REMOTE and isolated world today, “it’s hard to meet people,” Valori Zaslow said.

“They are on apps, websites, blind dates,” she continued. “They are all over the place.”

Except, it seems, in public spaces with other people.

So, to help singles reconnect to the dating scene, Zaslow and her new friend, Diana Pivenshteyn, created a radio show, Jewish Singles, on WWDB-AM TALK 860.

The show airs for an hour every Wednesday at 7 p.m. It also goes out as a podcast on the WWDB website and on podcast platforms.

Zaslow, 54, of Narberth, and Pivenshteyn, 45, of Philadelphia, aired their first episode in June and started building a loyal audience. As divorced women of a certain age, they get what their listeners are going through and are capable of commiserating and offering advice.

But they also bring on spiritual leaders, life coaches and matchmakers, among others. Some shows have topics, like how to navigate dating if you have children. Others feature one expert and several callers asking for advice.

At least two couples have met from appearing on the show at the same time, though the hosts do not profess to be matchmakers.

“We just want to help facilitate that for people who are struggling,” Zaslow said.

Zaslow and Pivenshteyn did not know each other before the show. They actually had their own matchmaker: Perry Milou, a mutual friend and an artist with a studio in Bristol.

Milou had a feeling that the women would complement



▲ The logo for the Jewish Singles Radio Show

Courtesy of Valori Zaslow

each other.

As the artist explained it, Zaslow, a candy store owner, event planner and streaming television host, has “always got her mind into something.”

And Pivenshteyn, an event planner who ran beauty pageants in the area’s Russian community for many years, is “very creative.”

So one day in the spring, the artist invited both women to his studio space.

Around the same time, Zaslow got a call from Barry Reisman, the host of a Jewish music show on WWDB-AM.

He knew that, over a year earlier, she created a Facebook page called Jewish Singles Society that got hundreds of likes before the pandemic halted its burgeoning event schedule. He also knew that Zaslow had media experience.

“Barry asked if I’d be interested in bringing a show to [WW]DB in that realm,” Zaslow said. “This is what came to mind.”

That day, Zaslow walked into Milou’s studio and made an instant connection with Pivenshteyn, as expected. Then, she popped the question about

co-hosting Jewish Singles.

Pivenshteyn loved the idea. She used to host a Russian music show on WWDB.

“Valori brought it up. Diana had some experience at the station. And they took it to the next level,” Milou said.

According to Pivenshteyn, due to the ongoing pandemic, neither woman had a lot going on in the spring. There still weren’t many big events.

Plus, according to Zaslow, the Jewish Singles Society maintained a big Facebook following, even though it never really got off the ground. So, she still wanted to launch it, and the show would be a way to do that.

But more than anything, Pivenshteyn said, the connective fiber between the women was their status as Jewish singles themselves.

“We’re both single and divorced,” Pivenshteyn said. “When two women get together and have that in common, that’s like hours of talking.”

WWDB-AM executives tell their hosts that the station has 10,000 listeners a day at any given time, but the women aren’t sure how big their audience is.

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They do, however, understand its makeup based on the conversations that break out.

“Most of our listeners, because of our age, are in the same boat,” Pivenshteyn said. “It’s like a support group on air.”

Zaslow has a boyfriend. But Pivenshteyn is just dating. And since she has two young kids, two dogs and elderly parents who need her help, she doesn’t need a boyfriend, she says. Pivenshteyn has plenty of responsibilities and company.

So when she does date, she has prerequisites: The guy must be Jewish, Russian and a parent like her, though she’s flexible

on the Russian part.

Pivenshteyn has ventured outside her world before and has no desire to do it again. But that’s just what works for her.

“My advice to people is stick with what they really want,” Pivenshteyn said.

The show has gotten popular enough to transform into a community, Zaslow said. She is talking to local Jewish organizers about planning events for singles to meet in public again.

“It’s been tough in the last 15 months to do that,” she said. ●

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There’s a New Test for Cancer Risks from a Longtime Jewish Genetic Screening Program

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AFTER DISCOVERING a suspicious lump in her breast one day while in the shower, Abby Match was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She subsequently underwent a bilateral mastectomy, a hysterectomy, chemotherapy and radiation.

It was only after she discovered she was sick that Match, 35, learned she was a carrier of a mutation in her BRCA1 gene — associated with a significantly elevated risk for developing breast cancer at a young age, and also for ovarian and other cancers. One in 40 Ashkenazi Jews have a BRCA mutation, which is 10 times higher than in the general population.

Match, a speech pathologist living outside Philadelphia, wishes she had known beforehand about her genetic predisposition. She could have — by having a genetic screening. Had she known she was a BRCA carrier, she could have more closely monitored herself for early signs and taken certain preventive steps.

“Knowledge is power — it is important to know the risks ahead of time,” Match said. “It doesn’t mean that it will happen, but knowing allows you to take actions to increase the chances to live a long, healthy life.”

Having a genetic screening for cancer risk is actually quite simple — and recently became easier with a national program called JScreen that focuses on the prevention of Jewish genetic diseases. A nonprofit project of the Emory University School of Medicine’s Department of Human Genetics, JScreen provides genetic screening tests

for at-home use that can be completed just by sending in a saliva sample using a mail-in kit.

JScreen long has provided subsidized reproductive testing for genetic diseases, screening for conditions like Tay-Sachs disease that could impact a couple’s future children.

Now the organization also offers cancer genetic testing, including a comprehensive panel of more than 60 cancer susceptibility genes associated with hereditary risks for breast, ovarian, prostate, colorectal, skin and many other cancers. Genetic counselors discuss the results with users by phone or secure videoconference.

“Making cancer genetic testing accessible is key,” said Dr. Jane Lowe Meisel, associate professor of hematology and medical oncology at the Emory University School of Medicine and medical director for JScreen’s cancer program. “This type of testing is important because it alerts people to their risks before they get cancer. They can then take action to help prevent cancer altogether or to detect it at an early, treatable stage.”

If your mother or father has a BRCA mutation, you have a 50% chance of carrying it. After Match’s diagnosis, her family members underwent genetic screening and discovered that Match’s mother, Carla Rockmaker, 61, carries the same BRCA1 mutation as her daughter and had passed it on to her.

“It was very distressing, to say the least,” Rockmaker said.

Rockmaker, who lives in Sarasota, Florida, decided to undergo a preventive bilateral mastectomy and also encouraged her fiancé to be screened. It turned out that he carries a BRCA2 mutation. The couple

plans to avoid excess sun exposure and monitor their health closely, as BRCA-related cancers include pancreatic, prostate and melanoma, in addition to breast and ovarian cancer. Jews also are at higher risk of carrying a mutation in the APC gene, increasing their risk for colorectal cancer.

After completing a pilot project in Atlanta from July 2019 to June 2020, in which 500 people of Jewish background were tested for mutations in the BRCA genes, JScreen formally launched its 60-plus gene cancer screening test nationally in January.

“For the Atlanta pilot, none of the people tested had related cancers in close family members, but we still found that there was a higher rate of BRCA mutations than in the non-Jewish population,” JScreen Executive Director Karen Arnovitz Grinzaid said. “We added the cancer panel to our testing options because we want to impact the health of the Jewish community over the entire life span.”

The subsidized cancer screening requires a doctor’s order and is available to anyone age 21 and above.

JScreen, which originally launched in 2013 with seed funding from The Marcus Foundation, initially focused on reproductive screening for those aged 18-45 to determine the risk for having a child with a genetic disease. This testing helps parents and would-be parents ensure that they are taking the precautions necessary to have healthy children. (For example, couples in which both parents are carriers of the same genetic disease can minimize their chances of passing it on by conceiving via in-vitro fertilization with pre-implantation

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genetic testing of embryos).

JScreen's ReproGEN test screens for 226 genetic diseases, many of which are commonly found in the Jewish population (Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Mizrahi), and others that are found in the general population. Most of these diseases are inherited in a recessive pattern, meaning that a child may have the condition only if both parents carry a mutation in that disease gene.

Each child of two carrier parents has a 25% chance of inheriting both mutations and having the condition. JScreen also screens for several X-linked conditions that can be passed from a carrier mother to a child who may have symptoms.

Some of these genetic diseases are relatively common, such as Gaucher's, cystic fibrosis and Tay-Sachs. However, Carly Sonenshine, a 32-year-old social worker in Atlanta, learned from her JScreen test that she carries a mutation for CPT2 deficiency, an extremely rare condition that prevents the body from using certain fats for energy. There are three main types of the disease, one lethal to neonates.

JScreen counseled Sonenshine's husband to do the genetic panel, too, before the couple began trying to have children. They discovered he was a carrier for three genetic diseases, including CPT2.

"We considered doing IVF, but I got pregnant naturally in the meantime," Sonenshine said. "We did chorionic villus

sampling [CVS] and learned our son was just a carrier" — and not afflicted with the disease.

However, they weren't as lucky when Sonenshine had a surprise pregnancy just five months after their son's birth. Prenatal testing was positive for the disease.

The couple considered terminating the pregnancy, but then Sonenshine's husband found some reputable research indicating that the severity of the condition could be determined based on the parents' CPT2 mutations.

"We sent the researchers our JScreen results, and they did the analysis and were able to tell us that our daughter would have a mild and manageable form of the disease," Sonenshine said. "We just need to make sure our daughter eats a low-fat, high-carbohydrate diet in order to keep her healthy. We wouldn't have known this without JScreen."

Thousands of people have done reproductive testing through JScreen over the years. Adding the cancer genetic test is bringing in a whole new demographic, the organization said. In the future, JScreen plans to add screening for other genetic risks. •

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Parshat Noach

I WRITE THESE words as I contemplate when I might take down my sukkah at the end of Sukkot. I love Sukkot for the natural elements that make it a unique fall harvest, for the spiritual impulses that allow us to invite guests of ages past into our sukkah and for the spiritual practice of waving lulav and etrog.

Most importantly, I love Sukkot because I get to build a sukkah. Our sukkah design at home is one that was influenced by the sukkah I grew up in in Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook, New York. That sukkah, centered in our temple's biblical garden, was expertly constructed of lattice and 2-by-2 lumber, stained a dark brown, without a wayward piece of lattice to be found. Wherever I have tried to duplicate that sukkah, in our childhood home and then our family homes in New York, Boston and Pittsburgh, I have never succeeded in making

our sukkah as pristine as that childhood prototype.

Don't get me wrong, I love our sukkah and its predecessors, not because of the design — although I am proud of its Lynbrook origins — but because of the shared effort it has taken over the years to design it, build it, assemble it, unassemble it and store it until the next Sukkot. Over the years, all of us in the family have taken part in building, assembling and decorating. I learned that process, too, from Temple Emanu-El where everyone from religious school to youth group, to sisterhood, to men's club would help year after year as we prepared for Sukkot.

And now, with Sukkot behind us, we have two examples of building projects in this week's Torah portion, Noach. Both the building of the ark and the Tower of Babel sit in a deep place of collective memory, even for those who have limited exposure to the Bible. Both projects required individuals to transform the world around them to survive

and better suit their needs.

That's where the similarities end. After all, the ark was built by one man as his neighbors mocked him for decades while the tower was built by an entire community. The project of building the ark appeared to succeed by protecting the animals and Noah's family from the waters of the flood; but it only protected them, and not his neighbors. They, alone, lived to see the world the day after the rain stopped.

The project of building the tower appeared to fail when God expressed frustration with it because of the monolithic nature of communication. Ultimately, humanity was dispersed across the earth and across languages so that we could not rise up together again in one voice.

How sad for us? Our attempt to make a name for ourselves and to rise to heaven was thwarted way back when, even as we might strive for unity of humanity today. It seems like the message of the Tower of Babel is that we should not try to work together.

That's what I thought until I came across the wisdom of Rabbi Mary Zamore, executive director of the Women's Rabbinic Network, an affiliate of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Now I see the Babel text differently. In contrast to their living as 70 different nations, the humans were able to create peace and harmony among themselves only when they were united by place, language and mission. God foiled their plan and scattered them — and us, their descendants — to send a strong message, one still needed today.

True peace, true unity lies in respectful diversity. The answer to the pre-flood human-against-human violence is not evolving into a homogenous unit; only when we learn to co-exist as different nations, cultures, religions, lifestyles and languages will we find true peace.

Her embrace of diversity as a message of the Tower of Babel was echoed by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks when he wrote, "... they are attempting

to frustrate God's command in Genesis One, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.' They attempt to concentrate in a city. And we have this critique throughout the Bible of urban civilisation." The goal of creation was always for us to spread far and wide and live diverse lives.

The truth is that when we arrived to "build" the sukkah at Temple Emanu-El, it was already built. You see, Charlie, the Temple caretaker, and his diverse staff of non-Jews had already built the frame. The job of the young and old, inexperienced and experienced, was to put the corn stalks on the walls and the roof. We built that sukkah year after year on a foundation of diversity. That's how we need to build community today, tomorrow and the next day. •

Rabbi Ron Symons is the senior director of Jewish life and the director of the Center for Loving Kindness at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh. This column is a service of the Greater Pittsburgh Rabbinic Association.

Faces

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ended up making — essentially, in theater, they call it — the "stage management Bible"; it's like the bulk of all of the cues and characters and costumes and basically everything.

I was like a little mini stage manager at 7 years old. My parents took me to see it when I was 9 when it came to Philly, and I just called out all the differences from the movie. I was that person.

Do you have any theater superstitions?

I don't know if I have theater superstitions as much as I believe that theater ghosts are real.

Have you ever seen a theater ghost?

When I was working in Bucks County Playhouse. I swear I was the only person in the building, and the doors were all closed and no one was there, and it was just me. There was no wind coming through, and especially not in the room that I was in. And I felt a breeze, and I saw a breeze come through, and then I swear I saw like this milky figure go through the door of the theater.

I wasn't scared; I just felt calm. I was like, 'Oh, there's the theater ghost.' •

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Tikvah

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about 680 of them, she said.

By the time she left NORC in 2019, it was serving more than 1,100 households. It also doubled its number of community partners and increased volunteer engagement by a third.

"By increasing volunteer engagement, we broadened the number of people in the community who understood what we were doing," Gilbert said.

NORC taught Gilbert how to build a community around a specific purpose. But it was a previous position that showed her how to build a community.

From 1985 to 1998, she

served as youth director and then program director at Congregation Beth Or in Montgomery County. In both roles, Gilbert introduced a variety of programs: from common interest groups, like knitting circles and a photography club, to a congregation-wide Mitzvah Day to regular theater trips.

"Things people might do on their own if they weren't part of a congregation," she said.

With Gilbert's help, Congregation Beth Or grew from 350 families in 1985 to 850 by 1998.

"It was really all about community building to attract new families and also to retain people through their

connections to one another," Gilbert said.

Gilbert cared deeply about both of those missions: building a congregation and helping senior citizens. And she feels the same way about her new mission.

Gilbert has family members living with mental illnesses. Based on those experiences, she believes the best way to help them is to surround them with strong support systems.

"It's about the family members learning how to effectively support them," she said. "And for them to get the supports they need as well." •

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Hilary and Mitchell Bayer of Ambler and Stuart and Lorraine Drobný of Blue Bell announce the engagement of their children, Brooke Bayer and Michael Drobný.

Brooke is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, where she earned her bachelor's degree in communications with a minor degree in French. She holds a master of arts from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, in interior design. She works as a senior manager in customer experience design and strategy at Comcast.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Arizona, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He serves as chief financial officer for Stumar Investigations and is on the board of lamps.com.

Brooke and Michael live in Center City Philadelphia and are planning a May 2022 wedding in the area.



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Arts and Culture Promoter Phoebe Resnick Dies at 85

PHOEBE RESNICK, who promoted Philadelphia's cultural and arts scene for many years, died Sept. 25 from lung cancer. She was 85.

Resnick's career began in the 1970s as cultural affairs director at Delaware County Community College, where she booked musical bands and performing artists. Those early bookings included the magic and comedy duo Penn & Teller and rockers George Thorogood and the Destroyers.

She later became head of public relations at what is now called the Penn Museum.

In 1986, she opened her own public relations firm, Resnick Communications, and focused on clients in the arts, culture and philanthropy circles. Among her clients were the Moderne Gallery and Thos. Moser, the furniture maker.

Resnick also volunteered with the Mighty Writers organization in Philadelphia 10 years ago.

Resnick is survived by her husband Myron; three children Rosalind Resnick, Bruce Resnick (Robyn Martin) and Dave Resnick (Marlys Miller); and eight grandchildren.



▲ **Phoebe Resnick**
Courtesy of the Resnick family

Charles "Les" Robbins Named JFCS Board Chair

Charles "Les" Robbins was named the new board chair of Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia.

Robbins, who is an associate vice president for investments at Wells Fargo, has been on the JFCS board since 2016, serving as both treasurer and assistant treasurer.

As chair, Robbins will oversee a 25-member board of volunteers and a full-time professional team to help guide and support the organization in its mission to strengthen families and individuals across generations and cultures to achieve stability, independence and community.

Robbins wants to help expand JFCS' mental health support, diversity, equity and inclusion; its organizational evolution; resource development; and achieving a new culture of learning and innovation.

"I plan to reach out to solicit support from more members of our diverse community to help support those in need," Robbins said. "I also want to find opportunities that engage our board members and the community to help us continue to impact the lives of thousands across the region."



▲ **Charles "Les" Robinson**
Courtesy of Jewish Family and Children's Service

Robert Miller Wins Edward N. Polisher Award from Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

Robert A. Miller, president of Charlap & Miller, Inc., received the 16th annual Edward N. Polisher Award during the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's 26th annual Solomon and Sylvia Bronstein Seminar for Professionals held via Zoom on Sept. 10.

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Miller has been involved with the Jewish Federation's endowment strategy and helped develop the key donor life insurance program. He also has served on the boards of the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council, Federation Endowments Corporation, Congregation Beth Or and Boys Town Jerusalem. •

Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



▲ **Robert A. Miller**
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Hartman

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hating her for saying hateful things will result in nothing but more hate. Instead, I've chosen to focus on loving her. I love her for being passionate about her values. I love her for stepping outside her comfort zone. I love her for reasons unrelated to her jealousy — she's smart, funny, caring and beautiful, inside and out.

During my latest trip to Israel, my sister and I didn't shy away from tough discussions. We talked about our conflicting values and beliefs. She expressed sadness about the sinful life she thinks I live; I expressed similar sorrow at hearing her talk about Palestinians. We agreed to disagree, then disagreed some more. But we also talked about other things. She took time off work to be

my personal chauffeur for the week because I'd gotten too used to American roads, and driving in Israel terrified me. I beat her at multiple games of Scrabble. We prepared meals together. I teased her about being too picky in her search for a husband, but also gave her some stern sisterly advice about not settling for someone she doesn't like.

In his excellent book, "The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World," Jamil Zaki tells the story of Tony, a Canadian ex-neo-Nazi. One of the pivotal moments in Tony's transformation is when he confesses his deeds to his (Jewish) therapist Dov, who accepts him with open arms:

Here was this man who loved me and wanted to heal me, and here was I, a person who had once advocated for the annihilation of his people.

Tony felt he didn't deserve a shred of compassion from Dov, but Dov extended it nonetheless. This cracked Tony open. He'd created a surface of hatred to cover his shame and loneliness. Once someone accepted him, warts and all, he no longer needed it.

I don't live in fantasyland. I don't think my sister will drop her beliefs on intermarriage just because I love her and treat her kindly. But I do think that by responding with love, I might be able to prevent her extremism from getting worse. Perhaps by regularly exposing her to the fact that I'm in a relationship that makes me happier than I've ever been, she will soften her views, even just a little. Or at least, maybe she will continue talking to me rather than cutting me off entirely, as some family members do in such cases.

Though it is (arguably)

easier to love someone if they're related to you, this approach might be helpful in other contexts. Many people would rather shut down or at least disengage from discussion with people whom they view as intolerant, whether the intolerance comes from their religiosity, political ideology or some other driving force. But they should consider how counterproductive this approach is. It does nothing to change the intolerant person, and may even motivate them to become even more intolerant. Instead, approaching them with kindness, accepting them and, yes, even loving them, may have a more positive effect. •

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COMMUNITY

DEATH NOTICES

BEHREND

Elsa Behrend (nee Loewenstein) passed away calmly at home on September 24, 2021. Born in Philadelphia in 1919 to Sidney and Cecelia Loewenstein, she enjoyed a long and wonderful life. She attended Goucher College and the University of Pennsylvania. She married Albert Behrend in 1942. They were married until his death in 1978. She was active in charitable work, helping to establish an annual surgical lectureship at Albert Einstein Medical Center and made sure it continued after Albert's passing, in addition to establishing a permanent library for the education of surgical residents. She was active in the United Way, and in her eighties and nineties taught ESL to immigrants and prepared them for the citizenship examination. She and Albert moved to Florida after he retired and she continued to play golf, her favorite pastime, there. She played on Philmont C.C.'s women's first team for many years. After Albert's death she would organize golfing vacations for her lady friends to England, Scotland, and Ireland. She is survived by her sons Jim (and wife Pat), John (and wife Polly), grandchildren Mark, Matthew, and Cynthia, and several great grandchildren. Services and interment were private. Memorial contributions may be made to Keneseth Israel Rabbis Philanthropic Fund, VNA Hospice of Philadelphia, or the charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

BENOWITZ

Robert Benowitz, JD, on September 26, 2021. Beloved husband of Nancy. Survived by loving children Adam (Alexandra) and Abbey; sister Miriam Klein; grandchildren Summer, Max, and their mother Sara; Luca, Anderson and Addison. GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com

BILKER

Murray J. Bilker, September 24, 2021; of Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania; beloved son of Stanton and the late Adele Bilker; loving brother of Warren (Stacey) Bilker and Paul (Faith) Bilker; uncle of Miriam (Daniel) Neff and Anne (Aviv) Shmaya; great-uncle of Shaina. Contributions in Murray's memory may be made to Chabad of Hebron (chabad-hebron.com) - Donate button top right of page.

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COOPER

Freda Cooper (nee Trachtenberg) on September 27, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Isadore Album and the late Louis Cooper; Loving mother of Michele Weinstein (Michael), Stan Cooper (Jodi), Lisa Cooper (Martin Gilbert) and the late Marshall Album; Dear mother-in-law of Gail Album; Devoted grandmother of Kim (Jeff), Hope (Mark), Ryan (Sheena), Laurence (Danielle), Robert, Jonathan, and Lindsay; Adoring great-grandmother of Gail, Anna, Nicolas, Max, Reese, and Farrah. Services and interment were Private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Haddassah, 1518 Walnut St. Ste. 402, Phila., PA 19102 or to a charity of the donor's choice. GOLDSTEIN'S ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS www.goldsteinsfuneral.com



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Janet R. Cramer, 92, of Austin, TX, formerly of Bala Cynwyd, PA and Boynton Beach, FL passed away peacefully on September 24th, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Manuel Cramer, mother of Andrea Cole (Andrew) and Leslie Berson (Alan), grandmother of Jonathan. Interment will be private.

FARBER

Annette Farber (nee Feinberg), known to family as Honey, died on Thursday, Sat age 98, just short of her 99th birthday in November. Annette grew up in southwest Philadelphia, the youngest of four siblings and a girl following three boys. She was the recipient of much love as well as rollicking teasing from her brothers. Annette had much satisfaction in her work as an interior designer and furniture salesperson which she continued into her 80's, and this is also how she met Dale Reiser, her partner. She was a longstanding and valued member of Hadassah, serving on the board of her main line chapter, and enjoying her position as a coordinator for the annual chapter luncheons. Annette will be remembered for her lively mind, her energy, her fun-loving spirit, flair for fashion, easy laugh, loving nature, her gift of gab and her dedication to family and friends. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her partner of 17 plus years, Dale Reiser, her sons Stuart Farber, and Mitchell Farber (Mildred), granddaughter Krysta, niece Helene Feinberg Walker (Kent), nephew Marshall Feinberg (Pari), grand-nephews Jared Bader (Rashidah Salam), Lowell Walker, Forrest Walker (Kathryn) and great grandnephews Zachary Bader and Olin Walker. She is predeceased by her husband Joseph Farber, her brothers Herbert, Norman and Robert Feinberg, and her niece, Francine Bader.

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FREIMARK

September 29, 2021, Phyllis Freimark, widow of Fred, beloved Mom of Les, Carl (Suzanne), Lynn (Harold), Lora (Dave), loving Grandmom of Noah, Jess, Melissa, Jordan, Josh, & Great Grandmom of Isaiah. Animal lover, Philly sports fanatic, Headstart volunteer, freed Soviet Jews, civil rights activist. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the SPCA.

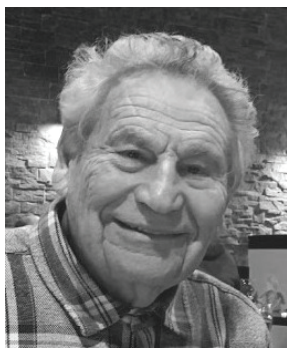
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GROSSMAN

Isidore "Izzy" Grossman, 88, of Warminster, PA passed away September 27th. Beloved husband of Reba (née Litter), loving father of Harvey, Sharon (Alan), Michael and Jill. Adoring Zayde of Danielle (Adam), Renee (Jen), Adam, Brett, Jared, Emilee, Jazmin, Selena and Jeramiah. And special great-grandfather to his namesake Isadora "Izzy" Credeur. Izzy will be fondly remembered for his quick wit, his love of storytelling (to anyone who would listen!) and ability to make a friend wherever he went. Contributions in his memory may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society, 55 Chapel Street, Suite 200, Newton, MA 02458 or braintumor.org

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GOLDFARB

Irwin Louis "Cookie" on September 23, 2021. Beloved husband of Sylvia (nee Goldberg); Loving father of Steven Goldfarb, Richard Goldfarb, and David (Rachel Kraft) Goldfarb. He was a veteran of the US Navy. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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KRUM

Robert Krum, September 28, 2021 of Cherry Hill, NJ. Husband of the late Marlene (nee Zukerman), father of Mark Krum, Dr. Seth (Kelly) Krum and Beth (Barry) Sokol. Brother of the late Irvin Krum and the late Edith Berger. Grandfather of Erika, Grant, Jake, Blake and Sophie. The family respectfully requests contributions in his memory be made to Golden Slipper Camp or Alzheimer's Assoc. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS
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PRIPSTEIN

Mina M. Pripstein (nee Marcus), September 26, 2021 of Philadelphia, PA. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Kanter and late Harry Pripstein; loving mother of the late Joan Durden and late Steven Kanter; adoring grandmother of Morgon (Samantha) Kanter, Harry Kanter, and Margaret (Taylor) Perkins. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Phoebe R. Resnick (nee Rogosin), September 25, 2021; of Wallingford, PA; beloved wife of Myron Resnick; loving mother of Rosalind Resnick, Bruce Resnick (Robyn Martin) and Dave Resnick (Marlys Miller); cherished grandmother of Julia Grueskin, Caroline Grueskin, Nora Martin-Resnick, Amelia Martin-Resnick, Luke Martin-Resnick, Hannah Resnick, Miranda Resnick and Georgia Resnick. Contributions in Phoebe's memory may be made to Temple Sholom (temple-sholom.org).

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SATZBERG

Burton Satzberg. With our deepest sorrow, we announce the passing of Burton Satzberg on Sept. 27, 2021. Husband of Judith (nee Ginsburg) of Boca Raton and Bala Cynwyd. Father of Michael (Lori) Satzberg, Sheryl (Robert) Levy and Marcy (Paul Wozniak) Satzberg. Brother of the late Arthur Satzberg. Grandfather of Stephen (Kate) Satzberg, Kristie Satzberg, Samantha (Stephen) Levy, Allison Levy and the late Blake Satzberg. Great grandfather of Mia and Emily Satzberg. Private graveside services. The family respectfully requests contributions in his memory be made to biausa.org/burton-satzberg

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Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on August 04, 2021 for **Last Drop Creative** at 1827 S. 18th Street Philadelphia, PA 19145. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Dane LaMontia at 1827 S. 18th Street Philadelphia, PA 19145. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 30, 2021 for **Make A Move Contractors** at 330 W 3rd St. Apt. 606B Bridgeport, PA 19405. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Marcus A. Hill at 330 W 3rd St. Apt. 606B Bridgeport, PA 19405. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 21, 2021 for **Mama Phoenix Traveling Boutique** at 1909 West Nedro Avenue #1, Philadelphia, PA 19141. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Iris Elena Kimbrough at 1909 West Nedro Avenue #1, Philadelphia, PA 19141. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

Ohr HaTorah, Inc. has been incorporated under the provisions of the PA Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLC 1617 JFK Blvd., (1500) Philadelphia, PA 19103

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Business Corporation Law of 1988 **Pension Consulting Alliance, Inc.**, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of California withdrew on 6/11/21, from doing business in Pennsylvania. The address of its principal office in its jurisdiction of incorporation is 411 NW Park Ave, Ste. 411, Portland OR 97209 and the name of its commercial registered office provider in Pennsylvania is C T Corporation System.

Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 16, 2021 for **Prime Painting Professionals** at 416 N. Main St., Souderton, PA 18964. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Eric Frentzen at 416 N. Main St., Souderton, PA 18964 Souderton, PA 18964. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION - Notice is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with and approved by the Dept. of State of the Commonwealth of PA at Harrisburg, PA, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to the provisions of the Professional Corp. Act of the Commonwealth of PA. The name of the corp. is: HING LAW P.C.

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Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 16, 2021 for **Shawn Ebron Auto** at 2339 N 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Shawn Ebron at 2339 N 15th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

T PAZ CLEANING INC has been incorporated under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988.

Fictitious Name Registration Notice is hereby given that an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name was filed in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on July 28, 2021 for **Tandem Roots** at 9226 Andover Road Philadelphia, PA 19114. The name and address of each individual interested in the business is Gina Marie Stansfield at 9226 Andover Road Philadelphia, PA 19114. This was filed in accordance with 54 PaC.S. 311.417

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ESTATE OF ANDY LAMANI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ANILA LAMANI, ADMINISTRATRIX, 8811 Blue Grass Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19152, Or to her Attorney: BARRY F. PENN LAW OFFICES OF BARRY F. PENN, P.C. 30 S. 17th St., Ste. 810 Philadelphia, PA 19103

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ESTATE OF WAYNE R. GOULD, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to DAWN GALLAGHER and CHRISTINE MCNALLY, ADMINISTRATRICES, c/o Zachary R. Dolchin, Esq., 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 3530, Philadelphia, PA 19102, Or to their Attorney: Zachary R. Dolchin Dolchin Slotkin & Todd, P.C. 50 S. 16th Street, Suite 3530 Philadelphia, PA 19102

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ESTATE OF CARL ISENBURG, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to: Jeffrey M. Rowe, Executor 258 West 22nd Street, 2A New York, NY 10011

ESTATE OF DANA S. YORKO, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to THOMAS R. YORKO, EXECUTOR, c/o Peter L. Klenk, Esquire, 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to his Attorney: PETER L. KLENK THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

Estate of Dominador S. Ong, Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Heintje O. Limketkai, Administrator, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys, Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq. Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF EDITH S. RESSLER, DECEASED. Late of Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, PA LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JOSEPH ISRAELI, KATHERINE ISRAELI and DAVID ISRAELI, EXECUTORS, c/o Justin C. Esposito, Esq., 3000 Two Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to their Attorney: JUSTIN C. ESPOSITO TROUTMAN PEPPER HAMILTON SANDERS LLP 3000 Two Logan Square Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Estate of HELEN CHEE WONG; WONG, HELEN CHEE Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Jeffrey Wong and Janet Wong, c/o Alfred Rauch, III, Esq., Black & Gerngross, PC, 1617 JFK Blvd., Suite 1575, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Co-Executors. Black & Gerngross, P.C. 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 1575 Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Estate of Jacqueline Carlucci-Staley; Carlucci-Staley, Jacqueline Deceased Late of Philadelphia, PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to: Deborah A. Dunbar, 3246 Gaul St., Philadelphia, PA 19134, Executrix. Edward J. Campanella, Esq. 477 West Valley Rd. Wayne, PA 19087

ESTATE OF JAMES L. HELFRICH a/k/a JAMES LEONARD HELFRICH, SR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to MARYBETH K. HELFRICH, EXECUTRIX, c/o Harry Metka, Esquire, 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to her Attorney: HARRY METKA 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

ESTATE OF JANICE MARX a/k/a JANICE K. MARX, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to RICHARD MARX, JR., EXECUTOR, 201 South 25th Street, Apt. 512, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Estate of Lanny Louis Leibowitz aka Lanny L. Leibowitz, Deceased Late of Lower Merion Twp., PA. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay, to Paula Leibowitz, Executrix, c/o Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq., Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC, One Commerce Sq., 2005 Market St., 16th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to their attorneys, Gary A. Zlotnick, Esq. Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaefer & Toddy, PC One Commerce Sq. 2005 Market St., 16th Fl. Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

ESTATE OF LYNNE ANN CAPLAN Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY Notice is hereby given that, in the estate of the decedent set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters of administration to the persons named. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to make known the same to them or their attorneys and all persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment without delay to: Deborah B. Miller, Esq., Executrix 650 Sentry Parkway Suite One Blue Bell, PA 19422

ESTATE OF MARIA JUDITH SZEPESI a/k/a JUDITH MARY SZEPESI, MARIA J. SZEPESI, MARIA SZEPESI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to ARIA ELIZABETH CRAIG AND JOSEPH P. DELAGOL, EXECUTORS, c/o Harry Metka, Esquire, 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9, Bensalem, PA 19020, Or to their Attorney: Harry Metka 4802 Neshaminy Boulevard, Suite 9 Bensalem, PA 19020

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Estate of PHILLIP STEPHEN BROWNE, Deceased Late of Philadelphia County LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to Karen Browne, Administratrix c/o her attorney: Diane Fenner Fenner Law Office 1515 Market Street Suite 1650 Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ROBERT JABLONOWSKI, DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JESSICA ROBINSON, ADMINISTRATRIX, c/o Amy H. Bessler, Esq., 2202 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Or to her Attorney: AMY H. BESSER THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES 2202 Delancey Place Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF ROBERT T. HANKINSON a/k/a ROBERT THOMAS HANKINSON, SR., DECEASED. Late of Philadelphia LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to JEAN WOLFINGER and ROBERT HANKINSON, EXECUTORS, c/o of Jessica L. VanderKam, Esq., P.O. Box 70, Newtown, PA 18940, Or to their Attorney: JESSICA L. VANDERKAM STUCKERT AND YATES P.O. Box 70 Newtown, PA 18940

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COMMUNITYCALENDAR

▼ SUNDAY, OCT. 10

Walk Against Hate

The Anti-Defamation League

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Chanukah Shopping

Come one, come all to the **Beth Or** Chanukah Bazaar sponsored by Sisterhood. From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., pick from a variety of vendors selling clothes, jewelry, gifts, dog treats, pickles, kosher foods, stationery and more. For more information, contact Sherry Spector at sspector1949@gmail.com. 239 Welsh Road, Maple Glen.

Urology Lecture

Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El

Men's Club will host Dr. Steven J. Hirschberg, fellow of the American College of Surgeons and Chief of Male Reproductive Medicine at the Toll Center for Reproductive Sciences, Abington Hospital. He will speak about and answer questions about men's health and urologic issues. The program is open to men and women. 10:30 a.m. Call 215-645-1505 or visit mbiee.org for more information. 8339 Old York Road, Elkins Park.

Genealogy Lecture

Join the **Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia** for our annual Steve Shechter Memorial Lecture. Robert Watson, historian, author and professor at Lynn University, will present "Truman and Israel: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of Statehood in 1948" on Zoom. Official program starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. with a tribute to Steve Schecter. jgasgp.org.

Writing Course

Briya Project will host a weekly course of eight two-hour class sessions from 6-8 p.m. until Oct. 31.

We will gather on Zoom for moments of ritual and writing, to harness our creative spirits, seek our artistic voices and let them speak out. Register at tickettailor.com/events/briyaproject/564066/.

JNF-USA Conference

Jewish National Fund-USA's national conference is now virtual. Join JNF-USA for one hour each evening at 7 p.m. from Oct. 10-14 as we bring the land of Israel to your home. Enjoy a side of Israel you have never seen with the help of a licensed tour guide. Visit jnf.org/nc to register.

Menstruation Lecture

Join **Moving Traditions'** virtual conversation with Anita Diamant, bestselling author of "Period. End of Sentence.", featuring two Kol Koleinu teen feminist fellows. The webinar will help parents and Jewish educators break through the taboo and have conversations to support preteens and teens who menstruate. Preteens and teens are welcome. 7 p.m. Visit movingtraditions.org/advancing-menstrual-justice/.

▼ TUESDAY, OCT. 12

Sisterhood Meeting

The **Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim** will host a virtual general meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program is "Let's Talk Retirement: A Conversation About Important Financial Topics." There is no charge, but we need your email address, so we can send you the meeting link. Contact the synagogue office at 215-677-1600 for further details. 9768 Verree Road.

▼ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

Global Connections

Robert Siegel (former senior host of NPR's "All Things Considered" for 31 years) interviews Dr. Kenneth Offit (chief, Clinical Genetics Service, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center), Susan Domchek (executive director, Bassett Center for BRCA, University of Pennsylvania), and Dr.

David Margel (Institute of Urology and founder of Male BRCA Clinic, Israel's Rabin Medical Center) on what to do when you have cancer in your family. 4 p.m. Free registration: rb.gy/iljlra.

Parenting Workshop

Learn practical and effective methods to address this past year's challenges on young kids. Join **Jewish Family and Children's Service** and parenting consultant Julie King from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for this four-part program for parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 7. Additional workshop sessions on Oct. 20 and 27. \$209 for an individual, \$309 for a couple. Contact Sharon Schwartz at sschwartz@jfcspilly.org or 267-256-2112.

▼ THURSDAY, OCT. 14

Film Screening

A California history teacher conducted a class exercise to teach his students how easy it is to be seduced by power and succumb to fascist rule; he never envisioned his "Third Wave" experiment would end in a global scandal. **Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** will stream "The Invisible Line" for seven days, or you can see it in-person at Gratz College (Mandell Education Campus) at 7 p.m. pjff.org/event/the-invisible-line/.

Bend the Arc Meeting

Join **Bend the Arc** for an evening of focused movement-building in South Jersey. Learn more about the Moral Minyan, ideas for action and start thinking about your role in the movement. 7:30 p.m.; register at bendthearc.us/southjersey_signup by the Tuesday before.

Gratz@Home

Join speaker Herb Kaufman at 7:30 p.m. for this **Gratz@Home** webinar: "Almost Forgotten: The Heroic History of Jews in the American Military." For more information: 215-635-7300, ext. 155 or mcohen@gratz.edu. ●

NEWSMAKERS

American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern NJ leaders gathered with AJC CEO David Harris outdoors in the Congregation Rodeph Shalom sukkah on Sept. 28 to discuss AJC's advocacy work and the role that everyone can play in reaching out to elected officials. Harris shared several recent AJC "success" stories in critical areas.



▲ AJC leaders gather with AJC CEO David Harris in the Congregation Rodeph Shalom sukkah



▲ Longtime AJC leader Ed Brown poses a question to AJC CEO David Harris

The Kehillah Sunday Soccer League kicked off the first session of its 11-series program with guest instructor Philadelphia Union Assistant Coach Pat Noonan. More than 200 kids ages pre-K through ninth grade play at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Mandell Campus each week.



Courtesy of the Kehillah Sunday Soccer League

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