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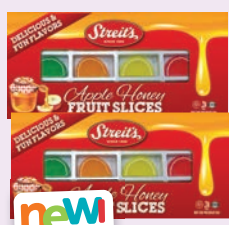
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Larry David reportedly yelled at Alan Dershowitz over politics

Alan Dershowitz's Martha's Vineyard vacations are still prettay, prettay uncomfortable.

Larry David "screamed" at the prominent legal commentator at a popular convenience store on the island, the New York Post reported, over Dershowitz's ties to the Donald Trump camp in recent years.

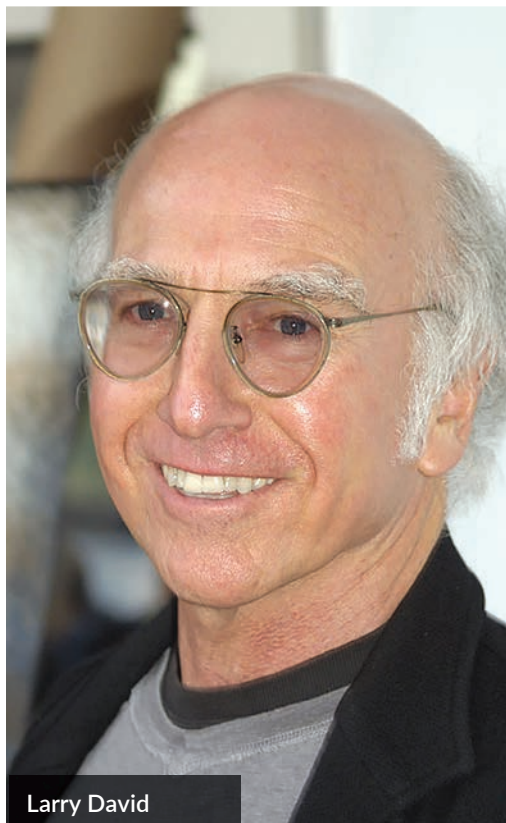
Those ties have made him a pariah at the posh vacation spot since at least 2018, reports have claimed. But the David episode, involving two of the world's most prominent Jews, is circulating on the internet for its humorous details.

David apparently hit Dershowitz with this line, among others: "It's disgusting. Your whole enclave — it's disgusting. You're disgusting!" The lawyer clapped back before he "drove off in an old, dirty Volvo."

Dershowitz didn't find the scene to be funny, he said. After David critiqued him for cozying up to former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Dershowitz told the Post that he worked with Pompeo, a former student of his at Harvard, on the Trump administration's Israel policy.

"While [David] was writing bad jokes, I was helping to bring about peace in the Middle East," Dershowitz said.

Dershowitz defended Trump against impeachment calls through several TV interviews during his presidency, and critics have also pointed to the famed O.J. Simpson defender's ties to the late disgraced Jewish financier Jeffrey Epstein. In response, many of



Larry David

his liberal Martha's Vineyard friends, such as David, now shun Dershowitz.

"I'm reveling not whining," he tweeted in 2018. "I'm proud of taking an unpopular, principled position that gets me shunned by partisan zealots. It's not about me. I couldn't care less about being shunned by such people."

— Gabe Friedman



Barbra Streisand

Barbra Streisand sets another record: A top 20 album in every decade since the 1960s

Barbra Streisand has become the only woman to record a top 20 album on the Billboard charts in every decade from the 1960s to the 2020s.

The only other person to achieve that feat is Bob Dylan.

Streisand's latest album, "Release Me 2," came out Saturday and debuted at number 15 on the Billboard charts, Billboard reported. The album features archival recordings as well as duets with Willie Nelson and Kermit the Frog.

Her first album to chart in the top 20 was her self-titled "Barbra Streisand Album," which debuted at the 17th spot 58 years ago, in 1963. Streisand, 79, is also the woman with the most albums to chart in the top 40, with 54. That's more than twice as many as the runner-up, Aretha Franklin, who had 26. The overall record for top 40 albums is held by Frank Sinatra, who had 58.

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Philadelphia Leaders Show Solidarity to Israel Via Mission

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Going into a solidarity mission to Israel organized by the Jewish Federations of North America, Sherrie Savett, Sharon Kestenbaum, Tracy Ginsburg and Gail Norry all knew that Israel faced immense challenges.

But even with that knowledge, the journey opened their eyes and deepened their commitment — emotionally and financially — to supporting the Jewish state through their work with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

A few weeks ago, Savett, Kestenbaum, Ginsburg and Norry, who are all active in Jewish Federation, joined more than 30 other Federation donors, leaders and volunteers from across the United States for the mission. The four-day educational trip included a meeting with Knesset members and visits to several communities.

This year's mission took place after the latest Israel-Palestine conflict, in which Israeli citizens hid in safe rooms and bomb shelters during heavy rocket fire. The intention was to give the group a deeper understanding of the oft-tragic situation in the Jewish state.

And there was no sugarcoating the narrative.

They met with the parents of a 5-year-old boy, Ido Avigal, who was killed by a rocket on May 12 in Sderot. They visited a kibbutz, Kfar Aza, near Gaza that faced heavy rocket fire during previous conflicts, too.



▲ The four Philadelphia-area leaders who went on the solidarity mission to Israel in July are, from left, Sharon Kestenbaum, Sherrie Savett, Tracy Ginsburg and Gail Norry.

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They even visited a community center trying to bring people together in Lod, a city that saw rioting between Arabs and Jews during the crisis.

"It's mind-boggling how the Israelis deal with all this adversity," Ginsburg said. "They are an incredible people."

By the end of the trip, the participants were no longer in shock over the intractable conflict. Instead, they were hopeful about future relations between the Jewish and Arab citizens within Israel's borders.

As Knesset members told the group, the current body

has more Arab members, 14, than any previous government.

"It was inspiring to see that there is an effort to make sure that everyone has a place at the table," Kestenbaum noted.

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In Lod, an Arab woman named Lazinsky told them that she was working to bring Arabs and Jews together for conversations. Lazinsky said she was dismayed when people in her tiny apartment

complex were lighting each other's cars on fire during the conflict.

"We don't have a true appreciation for how devastating a conflict like this is for the entire country," said Norry, who is co-chair of the Jewish Federation's board of directors. "Everybody is affected."

Savett, who is Jewish Federation's campaign chair, said that American Jews often forget, or don't even realize in the first place, that more than 20% of the Israeli population is Arab. They live in the same cities and towns as Israelis.

They are all citizens of Israel, and they have a remarkable ability to resume their lives after days and weeks of rocket fire.

"People have the goal that they should live peacefully together," Savett said. "Everyone from Knesset members to people in kibbutzim."

Norry has been to Israel more than 50 times. But this trip left her with a better feeling about the future than any of her previous visits.

"Knowing that there's a coalition that's more diverse than ever is exciting," Norry said. "Including an Arab party." ●

Local Jewish Softball Leagues Back in Play in 2021

JARRAD SAFFREN | JESTAFF

Much like Major League Baseball, the two big Jewish softball leagues in the Philadelphia area struggled to play a 2020 season.

Due to the pandemic, the Main Line Synagogue Softball League finished a six-game regular season with no playoffs, according to Commissioner Scott Waterman. The Delaware Valley Synagogue League didn't even have a season, per Commissioner Ken Sherman.

But in 2021, much like MLB, the middle-aged man pastime is back in full.

The Main Line League has 11 teams, three more than last year, playing a nine-game season plus playoffs. The Delaware Valley League had 18-21 teams in a typical season before 2020. This year, 18 teams and more than 400 players agreed to come back for a 12-game regular season and playoff tournament.

Most of the players in both leagues are vaccinated, according to the commissioners. That's why they agreed to come back.

But that wasn't the only reason. For middle-aged men with careers, families and lives filled with responsibilities, playing softball on summer nights as the weather cools off might just be heaven.

Todd Leon, 47, is the captain of Del Val's Shir Ami team out of Newtown. The insurance lawyer can't even remember how long he's been playing in the league.

As he described the experience, he gets to keep playing the game he's been

playing since he was 4. He gets to compete, high five, sweat and make fun of guys who make bad plays. Plus, since the Shir Ami team is 10-2 going into the playoffs, Leon gets to win, too.

"Then we go out to eat, have a couple drinks and we go home," he said. "Then we do it all again the next week."

The Main Line League has teams from Montgomery, Delaware and Philadelphia counties. The Del Val League stretches across similar territory, just with Bucks County replacing Delco.

Last year, both leagues faced the same issue into late-June: Suburban townships wouldn't open their fields. As the lockdown ended, with no vaccine yet available, the men could either risk COVID and play with heavy restrictions, like masks and social distancing in the bench area, or just not play.

Enough Main Line players decided to play in a smaller eight-team league; while Del Val guys just scrapped the season.

"If we could have a season last year, we were going to have a season," Waterman said.

Sherman said that, even by mid-summer, he didn't have enough open fields to organize a full schedule.

On the Main Line, nobody got sick in 2020, according to Waterman. In the Delaware Valley, most of the players did get sick ... with boredom.

By the winter, Del Val players were blowing up Sherman's phone about the 2021 campaign.

"What are we going to



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▲ The Delaware Valley Synagogue League is back this summer after a COVID-induced hiatus in 2020.

do?" he recalled. "They were chomping at the bit."

"I was getting texts weekly," Leon added. "When are we going to start batting practice?"

Both leagues started between April and early May to allow more guys to get vaccinated, according to the commissioners. But once they opened the season, it felt like 2019 again.

They were just a bunch of middle-aged guys going out and playing ball. Township rules didn't even require them to wear masks or maintain physical distances anymore.

"The world changed quickly once the vaccinations happened," Sherman said.

"The idea that we're able to provide this activity is a blessing."

With the playoffs coming up in both leagues, it feels like 2019 in the standings, too.

Leon's Shir Ami nucleus is in its sixth or seventh year together. Some of those guys use bats with their names engraved on them.

In other words, they are serious. And in their 10-2 regular season, the Newtown boys outscored opponents by more than 100 runs. They enter

the eight-team playoff field as the favorite to win the title.

On the Main Line, Beth David Reform Congregation in Gladwyne is going for its 15th championship in 16 years. Led by ace pitcher Rob Pearlstein, the Beth David team is undefeated going into the postseason.

"His ball spins," Waterman said of Pearlstein.

More importantly, both leagues are on solid footing again. Waterman expects even more players and teams to sign up for 2022.

This middle-aged man pastime dates back decades, and now it looks likely to go on for decades more.

Sherman, 61, a member at Congregation Beth Or in Ambler, went to the bar and bat mitzvah celebrations of his teammates' children back in the day. Now, Leon is doing the same thing with his Shir Ami teammates.

"Not only are the guys on my team some of my best friends, their wives have become some of my wife's closest friends, too," Leon said. ●



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Makom to Hold Annual Conference

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Makom Community, a Jewish enrichment center for children, will host its second annual conference from Aug. 8-10 to lead training in their pedagogy of Jewish placemaking.

Fifty to 70 attendees from more than 20 educational and religious organizations will attend the virtual conference, funded in part by two grants from the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, in hopes of finding ways to apply Jewish placemaking to their religious and after-school programs.

Makom Community provides after-school programs, b'nai

mitzvah training and summer camps to children from pre-kindergarten through seventh grade in Center City Philadelphia through the lens of this pedagogy, which emphasizes the application of Jewish texts to how children move through their lives and interact with others.

"It brings our engagement with Jewish wisdom and with Jewish texts into our physical space," said Beverly Socher-Lerner, Makom's founding director and conference co-organizer. "It gives kids and families lots of agency to be interpreters of Jewish tradition."

Among the conference attendees is Beth Tikvah-



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▲ Beverly Socher-Lerner (center) is Makom Community's founding director and conference co-organizer.



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Gaby Marantz (right), Makom Community's Jewish enrichment lead educator, co-organized the conference with Socher-Lerner.

B'nai Jeshurun in Erdenheim. According to synagogue Rabbi Roni Handler, the conference will help inform how the synagogue's after-school religious school program can instill even more joyful engagement in Jewish learning. The religious school transitions from an online to an in-person format next year.

"We all needed to take a step back over the last 18 months or so and really look at what we're doing and why we're doing it," Handler said. "As we start to put the pieces back together, I don't want to just go back to what was because that's what we've always done."

The conference, which will take place three hours per day over three days, differs from its first iteration last summer.

Though both conferences are remote over Zoom, last year, Jewish educational organizations shared how they were navigating programming over the pandemic year, and the conference wasn't centered around Jewish place-making consistently.

This year, Makom will provide the conference's entire curriculum and program, focusing on applying the pedagogy to in-person teaching and learning. Makom Community also hopes to learn from this year's conference cohort

■ We always approach our educational interactions as just that – as an interaction – and less like a top-down funnel."

GABY MARANTZ

what challenges and successes they have encountered when designing and executing educational programming. In this way, Makom hopes to learn from its attendees and mirror the bi-directional learning environment it hopes to instill in its students.

"We always approach our educational interactions as just that – as an interaction .

The conference begins in conjunction with the opening of Makom's new South Philadelphia location, which opens next week at 1505 S. 13th St. Makom serves almost 50 children between its after-school programs and b'nai mitzvah training at its Sansom Street location. Already more than a dozen families are enrolled in programming at the new location. ●

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Women's Philanthropy Rises to Challenge Under Julie Savitch's Leadership in Difficult Year

WHEN JULIE SAVITCH became the Women's Philanthropy chair, she did not expect her first year of a two-year term to be during a global pandemic. But Savitch quickly regrouped, switched gears and rose to the occasion to lead the affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and bring the community together through this isolating and challenging time.

"The women who are involved with Women's Philanthropy are amazing. Throughout this pandemic, they were supportive, interested and involved," said Savitch, who is also on the Jewish Federation's board of trustees and Women of Vision Advocacy Committee. "We did not miss a step and continued with our programming and our fundraising virtually, so that our community's needs could be taken care of without a pause."

A dedicated leader and philanthropist, Savitch views the response to the pandemic as a testament to what she has long known — that the Jewish community is always there for one another.

"Despite unforeseen events, we are such a strong community who care about the most vulnerable. even when we ourselves are thrown off balance," explained Savitch, a child welfare advocate and Radnor-based mother of three. "We even had a very successful virtual class of new leaders in the Women's Leadership Development Program!"

As Savitch begins her second year, we spoke with the Women's Philanthropy chair to learn more about her, her passion for Women's Philanthropy and the Jewish Federation and her aspirations in the year ahead.



▲ Women's Philanthropy Chair Julie Savitch showed true leadership as she guided the affinity group of the Jewish Federation through a challenging year.

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In my "free time," I am a CASA, or court-appointed special advocate. As a CASA, I have represented seven children over the last six years, making sure that all of their basic needs are being met. These kids are the most vulnerable, with parents in prison and addicted to drugs, living in poverty in poor communities with few resources. I advocate for my kids at school, at home, in the foster care system, with their doctors and therapists.

As chair of Women's Philanthropy, I am drawn to all of the programs that advocate for the most vulnerable in our community, ensuring that they are getting what they need and beyond, with compassion and respect.

WHY DO YOU DONATE TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION?

I am so fortunate to be able to give both my time and my financial resources to tikkun olam, and it is both my privilege and my obligation to support the Jewish community in Philadelphia, Israel and around the world. The Jewish Federation is uniquely positioned to know what the needs are throughout the community. We have a birds-eye view and, therefore, can make critical allocation decisions based on needs in our community as a whole.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE SECOND YEAR OF YOUR TERM?

I am so excited that people are getting vaccinated and becoming more comfortable with in-person events. We are starting to offer some small group, outside events with limited attendance and are hopeful that we will be able to offer some hybrid events during the next year. We will be rolling out some new initiatives this fall, so keep your eyes open for some more exciting ways to make a difference!

HOW HAS WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY SUPPORTED YOUR JEWISH JOURNEY IN THE COMMUNITY?

I have so many mentors, and though none of them had been leaders during a pandemic, all of them have offered words of wisdom, encouragement, and each lifted me up. There is a strong contingent of past Women's Philanthropy chairs who continue to guide and support me. Plus, I am lucky enough to be working alongside an amazing professional team, Lindsay Davidman and Marni Davis, who help me to reach beyond my comfort zone, answer my texts at all times of the day and provide the support so that I can lead more effectively.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE IMPACT OF WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY ON OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS COLLECTIVE GIVING?

Collective giving builds community. Women's Philanthropy connects women of all ages, providing networking opportunities, peer support, mentoring partnerships and leadership models for so many women. Additionally, by working together for a common goal, our voices are amplified. We are able to impact the community in a much more powerful way than if we just donated on our own.

WHAT IS SOMETHING PEOPLE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Here are a few little-known facts:

I have three chickens in my backyard coop that I built myself

I love taking ceramics classes, and my pots are taking over my house

I play tennis and canasta in my free time

I am in three book clubs, plus I review books so that I have access to even more titles ●

Why do I care?

Community members share their connection with the Jewish Federation

Each and every day, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia is there to uplift and support our communities, both locally and around the world. We spoke to people about what area of impact of the Jewish Federation means most to them.



Supporting Older Adults

I really appreciate the work the Jewish Federation does to help local elderly and hungry people. We have been in a loneliness epidemic since well before the start of the pandemic. Isolation has been a major issue for older adults for many years and providing not only resources but also company to these individuals makes an enormous difference.

– Ben Kellman

Fostering a Vibrant Community

I deeply care about the Jewish Federation and its values – inclusivity, kindness, and empathy – values I too carry. Fostering a vibrant community and promoting Tikkun Olam (rebuilding the world) are so necessary during these trying times. The Jewish Federation deeply and admirably follows through with these values and, as part of this family, I strive to do the same.


– Issa Kabeer



Promoting Self-Sufficiency

I give to the Jewish Federation because I know the importance of its work and how essential it is to so many individuals in our community. My Aunt Jennifer is a resident at the Federation-funded JCHAI apartments, which provides a supportive living community for people with disabilities. This program has allowed my aunt to live a fulfilled life.

– Alex Freedman



Strengthening Jewish Identity

My identity had been primarily shaped by my experiences as an Asian Jew and by growing up in a family that emphasized Jewish culture and community rather than faith. **The Jewish Federation's Diller Teen Fellows program has broadened and deepened my understanding of the larger context my own identity resides in.**

– Jordan Rosh



Uplifting Our Whole Community

Our Jewish community needs our support! The Jewish Federation understands our local needs, from vulnerable populations and support for our seniors to summer camp programs for our children. Using its own programs or by supporting others, **the Jewish Federation has the ability to ensure the funding is most impactful throughout our region.**

– Jeremy Fogel



Encouraging Inclusivity

As director of Jewish Graduate Student Network, a program of Greater Philly Hillel Network, I am so appreciative that the **Jewish Federation supports our work to inclusively connect Jewish college students across all gender identities, sexual orientations, and intersections of the Jewish and LGBTQIA+ communities.**

– Mallory Kovit



Ensuring a Bright Jewish Future

My mother's family escaped Nazi Germany and I feel that it is my obligation to support Jewish people in need both in USA and in Israel. I trust that the **Jewish Federation directs the donations wisely and I am grateful to be able to help.**

– Robyn Barrett



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Rally Showed Community Seeking Comfort, Strength

RON KAMPEAS AND
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More than 2,000 people spent a sweltering afternoon in front of the U.S. Capitol at a rally on July 11 that denounced antisemitism as un-American and made the case that Jewish identity and support for Israel are inextricable.

Those were the unifying messages of the “No Fear” rally, but there were differences among the speakers and in the crowd on how precisely Israel figures in the fight against antisemitism.

“To stand united as one with thousands of other voices in a loud cry against antisemitism was empowering,” said Michael Balaban, president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, who attended the event. “We must challenge this vile hatred through collective actions and our collective unity in support of a secure Israel and for our existence as a flourishing Jewish community and, on Sunday, we did just that.”

Speaker Ron Halber, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, stressed the need to promote unity among the Jewish people itself.

“While we can have differences, we need to reaffirm the basics: that we’re all Zionists and pro-Israel,” he said. “What joins us together as a community is far greater than what divides us.

“None of us should need to be at a rally against



Shlomo Noginsky, a rabbi who was stabbed in Boston on July 1, addresses the rally against antisemitism at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on July 11.

antisemitism in 2021,” he added. “But we do need to be here. Because we must again respond to vile rhetoric, physical attacks and symbols of hatred against our people.”

Some of the most searing messages came from people who have suffered antisemitic attacks in recent years. A recurring theme among these speakers was that they never expected to suffer such attacks in the United States.

Chabad-Lubavitch Rabbi Shlomo Noginsky, who sustained stab wounds in a July 1 attack in Boston, appeared with his arm still in a sling and in evident pain.

“I was born in the Soviet Union in the city of St. Petersburg,” Noginsky said in Hebrew, with his brother translating his words to English. “I remember how even as a young child, I experienced terrible antisemitism. Never in my darkest dreams did I imagine that I would feel the

same way here in the United States, the land of freedom and endless possibilities.”

The crowd shouted “Hero!” as Noginsky spoke. He had held the attacker at bay outside a Chabad facility where about 100 children were in summer camp.

There was a sense among some attending the rally that Jew hatred was closing in from all sides.

Joel Taubman, a rising second-year law student at George Washington University, noted how, among both the right and the left, there is a “growing acceptance of antisemitic voices that have always been there but until recently were less accepted.”

The only instance of antisemitism being “out in the open” for Ava Shulman used to be when Klansmen marched down 16th Street to the Capitol in 1965.

“My father turned the sprinklers on, and their white

outfits got all wet,” she said. “Now it’s just so pervasive.”

Shulman noted that most of the attendees were older, which she attributed to apathy among younger people, who, she said, don’t “remember the Holocaust.”

Notably absent were representatives of more left-wing groups that were asked to join but opted out of attending because some of the sponsoring groups adhere to a definition of antisemitism that encompasses harsh criticism of Israel, including the movement to boycott, divest and sanction Israel. Groups like J Street and Americans for Peace Now oppose BDS, but object to defining it as antisemitic.

Melissa Landa, who leads the Alliance for Israel, a relatively new group with a central tenet that BDS is antisemitic, set the tone at the outset of the event. She first started planning for the

rally after antisemitism spiked during the Israel-Gaza conflict in May,

She spoke of the “shared promise for our children, that they will be free to live as proud Jews, and exercise their religious liberties granted by the United States Constitution, free to wear their yarmulkes and Magen Davids and free to speak their love of Israel without being attacked in the streets of New York or Los Angeles.”

Landa, like other speakers, named lawmakers on the left or the right who have in recent months incurred accusations of antisemitism. Mentions of Rep. Ilhan Omar, a Minnesota Democrat whose criticism of Israel has been seen by Jewish groups and others as crossing into antisemitism, notably garnered much louder boos than those of Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican who has drawn fire for peddling antisemitic conspiracy theories and for likening coronavirus restrictions to Nazi laws on multiple occasions.

Major mainstream groups like the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and B’nai B’rith International, as well as the Orthodox Union and Reform and Conservative movements, signed on as sponsors, but few of their representatives spoke.

Elisha Wiesel, son of Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, appeared to nod to the concerns of some liberal groups — that criticism of Israel and support for the Palestinians would be conflated with antisemitism ●

YOU SHOULD KNOW ...

Carly Zimmerman

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When not on stage — at Olney, Studio or Folger Shakespeare theaters, among others in the region — Gaithersburg-based actress and playwright Dani Stoller, 33, coaches young women on body hatred and diet culture, to help them overcome eating disorders.

As a woman working in theater, you are often judged and cast by your body type. Did you have an eating disorder?

Oh, yes. And I'm open about it. I overexercised. I was a binger, not a purger, so I didn't throw up. But I would starve myself or try to eat very restrictively. I got involved in personal training and then realized that I was exacerbating an issue that was really prevalent, especially among women — body hatred and diet culture.

What did you do?

I did a boatload of therapy, not specifically for food. It was just therapy, and I was learning from all these different people [about nutrition], but something wasn't right ... until I found something called intuitive eating. It's not an easy path because while it's called intuitive, you have to unlearn what you thought you knew about eating, nutrition and being intuitive.

In working with other women on these issues, have you found that disordered eating is more prevalent in the Jewish community, since so many of our celebrations revolve around food and either feasting or fasting?

I do have some clients who are Jewish. But I think this is a woman issue. Food issues cross all religious, racial and ethnic boundaries. The way we eat ends up being a great equalizer. I see [women] from different backgrounds where they might not really have much in common, but I see in my sessions that, no matter who they are, they're

able to relate to one another on food issues.

What about the stereotypical Jewish mother, insisting that everyone eat?

Well, we have the Jewish mother stereotype, but there's also the Catholic mother, the Italian mother, the Greek mother, the Indian mother. Mothers are always feeding you. No matter our culture, we all have this same idea of food as a love language.

Yet, food is also something that, when you hit a certain age, you're then talking with your mother about what diet she's doing and how you can hit a certain weight. That's fascinatingly bizarre to me, that the same people who feed you are also the ones who are terrified of being bigger. In group sessions, [I hear about] moms who were feeding and feeding, yet at the same time restricting themselves.

What else can we do?

I've asked my clients many times, "What helps you keep going?" Many say, "Scripture study." For Jewish women, that means go back to reading the Torah, and it becomes their talisman as they go forward and reclaim how they want to live their life. It takes a long time to build these habits.

Tell me about your Jewish life.

As a child, I went to synagogue every week and to Hebrew school twice a week. I was bat mitzvahed and went to Jewish summer camp. The theater world is very Christian, shows go on Fridays and high holidays, so I lost my [Jewish] connection. As I've found in speaking to many Jews, the rise in antisemitism really sparked my desire to get involved again. [During the pandemic], I started going virtually to Temple Beth Ami. I met with their rabbi and I'm feeling this incredible resurgence of my Judaism. When we're able to go back in person, my husband and I are planning to go to synagogue in person.



What's next for you?

This fall I'm in "The Thanksgiving Play" at Olney Theatre [Center] and I'm working with an African playwright, Awa Sal Secka, on a new drama about a Black family and an Ashkenazi Jewish family.

Back to food, what do you like?

I don't like the idea of "bad" versus "good" food. That's ridiculous. Food doesn't have morality. It's just food. I love to bake lemon bars. Citrus in desserts is really underutilized. ●

Solving the infrastructure puzzle

We all understand the need to invest in maintaining and upgrading our nation's infrastructure. That includes work on such fundamentals like roads, bridges, transportation, water and energy distribution and the upgrade of communication networks, including the internet.

So when the Senate passed a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill with bipartisan support that addressed many of those issues, most of us nodded in agreement. We did so even though we knew that there were some who sought a broader definition of infrastructure, and a much bigger plan — just as there were others who opposed the plan and were concerned about funding and deficit implications. The next day, however, Democratic senators (with no Republican support) passed another “infrastructure” bill for \$3.5 trillion, in order to address a wide range of social needs. It could take months for Congress to work through

ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, THE \$1 TRILLION INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE WILL ADD \$256 BILLION TO THE FEDERAL DEFICIT OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

the two bills, with no assurance at this time that sufficient votes exist to pass a blended measure.

The Biden administration and the Democratic Party are seeking to exploit a thin Democratic majority in the House and the vice president's swing vote in a divided Senate to address pressing societal needs. Thus, the \$3.5 trillion spending plan includes \$726 billion to expand education opportunities, \$198 billion toward clean energy, \$20.5 billion in investments in Native communities, \$18 billion to upgrade VA facilities, \$332 billion toward housing affordability and so on. While each of these items is worthy, we worry that the all-inclusive approach seeks

to do too much at once and fails to give sufficient consideration to the financial implications of the overall undertaking.

That doesn't mean that all of the programs should be abandoned. But it does suggest that a more comprehensive analysis of the financial ramifications of the expanded programming should be performed — including an honest assessment of governmental revenue sources to pay for them. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the \$1 trillion infrastructure package will add \$256 billion to the federal deficit over the next decade. We cannot afford multiples of that number for a \$3.5 trillion plan.

We are concerned that a one-party rush to the finish line could result in waste, mistakes and unintended consequences. Yet we recognize the limited window of opportunity and fraught internal challenge faced by the Democratic Party. That's where the party's standard bearer, President Joe Biden, can lead. As noted by Russell Berman in *The Atlantic*, “For Biden the good news is that he is a president particularly well suited to landing on the sweet spot for his party. If he had a singular talent over the course of nearly half a century in elected office, it was in finding the political center — not necessarily of the country as a whole, but of the Democratic Party.”

If Biden wants to get his mega-plan through, Biden will have to guide Congress through a comprehensive analysis and presentation that minimizes waste, provides targeted solutions and makes clear how those ambitious initiatives will be funded. ●

Fingerhut's four asks

When it comes to issues of communal safety and institutional security, congressional testimony by representatives of our community have historically focused on Jewish-centric concerns, like the rise of antisemitism and encouragement for government to do more to protect against it. There is nothing wrong with that; the government's responsibility to protect its citizenry applies to the Jewish community, just like every other.

But last week, in testimony before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Eric Fingerhut, president and CEO of The Jewish Federations of North America, took the opportunity to go beyond parochial needs, as he urged lawmakers to make broader improvements in the security for all faith-based and nonprofit communities against the threats of domestic terrorism and violent extremism.

While highlighting the distressing rise in violent antisemitic incidents, Fingerhut also spoke about ongoing threats to minorities of color and non-Christian worshipers as he built his case. He reported that the nonprofit community has been part of an “increasingly sophisticated and collaborative public/private partnership” to address security concerns, but lamented that “the growth in need for security assistance has drastically outpaced available resources.” Thus, he argued, “only about 45% of the nearly 3,400 eligible applicants who applied [for security assistance] in fiscal year 2021 were approved and only 45% of the \$400 million in total security investments requested were funded.”

Fingerhut, the former CEO of Hillel International, who was once a Democratic congressman from Ohio, had concrete suggestions: First,

he called for the designation of the charitable sector as a critical part of the nation's infrastructure. Currently, there are 16 designated sectors considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on the country. “The charitable sector has not yet received such a designation, and we urge you to give it one,” he said.

Second, he called for a substantial increase in the funding to the Nonprofit Security Grant Program — which at present meets the needs of less than half of the applicants for security funding. Third, he asked for increased access to the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) and Cybersecurity Advisors (CSAs), in order to help make the grant-making process smoother and more widespread, “especially for the benefit of newly eligible

suburban and rural communities.”

Finally, he encouraged the enactment of the Pray Safe Act to establish a federal clearinghouse through which faith-based organizations, houses of worship and other nonprofits can access centralized information on best practices for safety and security, available federal-grant programs and training opportunities.

Fingerhut's broad appeal resonated. He gave the Senate committee four targeted “asks” that would benefit the entire nonprofit sector and provide a nation-wide yardstick by which congressional action can be measured. As Congress refines the meaning of critical infrastructure to be much more than simply roads and bridges, we encourage them to include the enhanced protection of minority communities and nonprofits from extremists and terrorists within our national infrastructure. ●



My Orthodox Life: A Response to 'My Unorthodox Life'

BY RABBI JOE E. HOFFMAN

The reality series “My Unorthodox Life” is the talk of the Jewish world since its airing on Netflix on July 14. The show’s star Julia Haart, who left her Ultra-Orthodox community in 2013 at age 42, quickly advanced in the fashion industry and is CEO of the modeling agency Elite World Group. In the show, Haart constantly bashes Orthodox Judaism with misrepresentations while trying to showcase that living a secular life is way better.

I am not writing to cast judgment on Haart for her life choices. Judaism forbids me from judging anyone but myself. Rather, what follows is a counter perspective to Haart’s propaganda against Judaism in general, and Orthodox Judaism in particular.

My Orthodox Life consists of ...

(1) Immediately upon waking up in the morning my first words are “Modeh Ani Lifanecha ...” which thank God for giving me another day. Also, three times per day I engage in formal prayer, and throughout the day I say a blessing before and after eating or drinking. The first series of prayers in the morning reminds me of dozens of gifts from God such as a properly working digestive system, eye sight, clothes and freedom. Praying and saying blessings helps me foster a sense of appreciation, which is a key component for living a happy/joyous life.

(2) A staple of everyday Jewish life includes studying Jewish texts. My daily study

regime entails studying Tanach (Hebrew Bible), which is full of moral and ethical teachings, analyzing fine points of Jewish law and engaging in deep-thinking on concepts in Jewish philosophy. When I pray I speak to God, but when I study God “speaks” to me — which means I obtain answers to ultimate questions, and every day I encounter a teaching that is apropos for something current in my life.

(3) By eating only kosher food I concretize the value of all life. This is because the kosher slaughtering process is the most ethical way to end an animal’s life since it assures the quickest death with the least amount of pain. Keeping kosher is Judaism’s compromise with vegetarianism.

(4) Throughout my day I try to live according to the Jewish maxim: “Think Good and It’ll Be Good,” as well as the teachings: See the good in every person; see the positive in every situation; and view every challenge as an opportunity. Perhaps the hardest commandment to observe is not speaking “Lashon Hara” — which is not to say something about a person that I would not say if that person was present. Trying to live by these ideals is the ultimate in personal development.

(5) No essay about Judaism would be complete without discussing Shabbat. Every Friday night I enjoy akin to a Thanksgiving dinner with my family, and for 25 hours I am free from all appointments and refrain from using technology — so no using a cellphone, computer or car. Plus, all

the food I intend to eat on Saturday is cooked before Shabbat. Shabbat aligns a person to spend one day per week focusing on only the important things in life: family, camaraderie with other Jews, praying and learning, while getting mental and physical rest. A Shabbat afternoon nap is amazing! (Why did afternoon naps stop after kindergarten?)

If God ever said we no longer had to keep Shabbat, probably 99.99% of Jews who traditionally keep Shabbat would continue to do so.

Haart has rejected all the above and says she gets meaning from being “free,” which for her manifests in wearing sexy outfits and eating oysters; and she also purposely uses the biased word “Fundamentalism” to badger Orthodox Judaism.

Interestingly, Haart’s show co-stars her three adult children, of which two have remained Orthodox and they concurrently demonstrate that one can be an observant Jew even while working in the fashion industry. (Haart also has a teenage son who is Orthodox, lives with his dad and appears on the show.)

There are aspects of the show which I like and I intend to watch future seasons, but my focus here is on My Orthodox Life. As one can hopefully see from this essay, the more Jewish practices in which a Jew engages, the more meaning he or she will add to their life. ●

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Book Review Perpetuates Left-Wing Smears

Both the novel and its reviewer (“Bibi Netanyahu as Fiction,” June 17) perpetuate the leftist smears that former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is two-faced when addressing domestic/foreign audiences, that he is Manichean and that he disdains the galut.

It was former Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat whose modus operandi was to lie in English as he fomented an intifada in Arabic; it was Netanyahu who forged a productive relationship with Putin despite his alignment with the Ayatollah, and it was Netanyahu who burnished ties with American Jewry despite persistent sabotage from groups such as the ADL.

As a fellow graduate of Cheltenham High School, I find it reprehensible that omitted from both the book of fiction and its fictionalized review, was any citation of how his political/moral character was impacted both by his father’s scholarship at Dropsie College and his brother’s death at Entebbe.

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Criticism of Israeli Government Not Anti-Israel

Greater Philadelphia ZOA Executive Director Steve Feldman’s op-ed (“Don’t Wait for War to Defend Israel,” June 17) asking us to defend Israel is a perfect example of what Jews and Israel do not need. It is full of innuendo, accusations, generalizations and false statements, while at the same time professing to tell the “abundantly clear” truth and decrying the spread of much disinformation. So, let us not spread more disinformation.

We certainly need to be vigilant and active. Balanced education initiatives concerning Middle East history are needed across the country. This is a long-term process. But, know this: The folks I know can find Israel on the map and fully support its right to exit in peace. Yet they disapprove of what the Israeli and U.S. governments have been doing. Being critical of the actions of your own or other governments does not a priori make one anti-anything other than these governments.

As we have learned in the U.S., people are easily driven to hate, mistrust and a belief in falsehoods, to say nothing of violence and brazen damage of person and property. To advocate for Jews to “press” leaders at all government levels for resolutions that blindly support Israel without acknowledging both sides of the historical equation does everyone a disservice. We do not need more of this rhetoric.

But, we do need to acknowledge the need for peace in the Middle East, and the role of Middle East leaders on both sides in making the peace possible. For many decades, now, neither side has been helpful in this mission. ●

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My Four Days in Israel with JFNA: Standing in Solidarity with Israel

BY SHERRIE SAVETT

It is not often that one gets to experience a transformative life experience. This July, I had the privilege of traveling to Israel with 35 other leaders from cities across North America on a four-day national solidarity mission. I knew the trip would be an emotional one, but getting the opportunity to support the country that I love in the aftermath of the recent Gaza conflict was an important journey for me to take.

We focused on three big issues on this trip: the 2021 Gaza conflict, Israel's new government and its challenges, and internal social issues. Israel is ever-changing and evolving, and always seeking effective and creative solutions. While the strength and effectiveness of the new coalition government remains to be proven, many are hopeful and see its diversity as an asset. The new government has members from left- and right-wing parties, as well as, for the first time in history, an Arab party.

Israel faces many complex internal issues and external threats. Most recently, more than 4,300 rockets targeted Israel during an 11-day period. The civilian population all over the country experienced these attacks and the constant sirens warning them to run to safe rooms and bomb shelters. Residents of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem had never experienced missile attacks before and were stunned by the experience. Trauma among Israelis, and especially children, is widespread.

We were fortunate to meet many people during our trip, inspiring people, trying to overcome the incredibly challenging problems and working to heal themselves, others, and their country. Taly Levanon, director of the Israel Trauma Coalition, introduced us to talented and brave therapists who risked their lives amid rocket fire to comfort families.



Like all mission trips, our days were packed. Each person we spoke to and each story we heard were important testimonials to the unwavering strength of the Israeli people. We visited the parents of 5-year-old Ido Avigal, who was killed by a Hamas rocket in Sderot.

Despite having access to a modern safe room and being able to make it there in time, shrapnel pierced the metal and concrete of the room, killing Ido and wounding his mother. It was devastating to see the safe room frozen in time with children's posters on the walls and to meet his incredibly resilient parents who honor their wonderful son and find the means to look forward.

At the Kfar Aza kibbutz in the Jewish Federation's partnership region, just five kilometers east of Gaza, we met

Chen Abrahams, a woman who lived all her life in this kibbutz founded by her grandparents. She showed us a disturbing array of rockets and weapons that had been targeted toward her community over the many years of bombings. Despite the constant threat of war and violence, there is a waiting list to live at this kibbutz, and the city of Sderot is growing rapidly. We saw this love of country and sense of community everywhere we went — an unrelenting pride in Israel, and an unwillingness to give into the terror of Hamas.

Another major issue that emerged during the recent conflict was the rioting that occurred in some of the mixed cities where large populations of Jews and Arabs live together. In Lod, where the worst riots took place, we visited a community center and saw how staff are working with the

Joint Distribution Committee to help people coexist. We learned of JDC programs aimed at closing the social and economic gap between Jews and Arabs. We spoke with Arab women who participated in a program that helped them to secure good jobs in the high-tech arena.

Jewish community members often don't understand where their money goes when it supports overseas work by organizations like JFNA, the JDC or the Jewish Agency's Israel Trauma Coalition. Every gift to the Federation's Jewish Community Fund goes in part to these critical efforts, which support life-saving and well-being programs that encourage positive changes to the complex Israeli society. Our Jewish philanthropy contributes to a more vibrant Israel.

I walk away from this trip with a deepened connection to Israel, as well as a firm belief that as American Jews, it is our responsibility to serve as ambassadors for Israel. We must diffuse lies and correct misinformation being spread about Israel by its detractors and the media, and listen openly and speak calmly and factually about the struggles Israel faces.

When we met at the Knesset with MK Nachman Shai, minister of Diaspora Affairs, he emphasized how American Jewry is a security asset for Israel. We open doors, protect them in our Congress and encourage solidarity. He and the other three MKs we spoke to all emphasized that American Jewry is just as important to Israel as Israel is to American Jewry.

In the end, this trip was about solidarity and support to our brothers and sisters abroad and the feeling that we must stand together as one people united by our common heritage and Jewish values. *Am Yisroel Chai!* •

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Israel Must Remain a Jewish Majority

BY HERBERT CHUBIN

In her essay published in the March 8 issue of the Jewish Daily Forward, Sari Bashi, a Jewish human rights lawyer and the research director at Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), faults Israel for not granting citizenship to Palestinian residents of Gaza and the West Bank. She says Israel “grants citizenship to Jews and their descendants, including millions of Arab Jews like me, descended from Arabic-speaking families in Iraq, Morocco and other Arab countries. But it denies the rights of citizenship to Palestinian residents of Gaza and the West Bank, even though nearly half of them descend from refugees from what is now internationally recognized as the State of Israel, and all of them live under Israeli rule.”

What kind of logic must a person use to reach such an illogical conclusion? Tens of thousands of Jews have given their lives in the past 100-plus years to create a Jewish majority country — the only one in the world — and hundreds of thousands of Jews have sought refuge in that Jewish majority country during the same time period. Yet Bashi asserts that Democracy for Palestinians can only be achieved once Israel ceases to be a Jewish majority country.

How does one respond? By reminding her, and others who think like her, of the consequences that befell Jews when Israel did not exist, and based on history, will happen to Jews if Israel ceases to exist as a Jewish majority nation.

In 1948, Israel was established with the help of the United Nations in a portion of the Jews historic homeland. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Jews have found safety in Israel. Bashi conveniently forgets to mention that most Jews were forced to flee to Israel from the Arab Muslim majority countries that she refers to above, with only the cloths on their backs.

Hatred for Jews has existed for millennia, but intensified with the beginning of Christianity. For almost 2,000 years, generation after generation of Christians sought revenge against Jews for the alleged murder of Jesus Christ. This desire for revenge has taken on a life of its own.

World War II laid bare this phenomenon.

Despite being persecuted themselves by Nazi Germany, many of the citizens of the conquered European countries assisted the Nazis in murdering their Jewish inhabitants. Some were so committed that, even after the war ended, many surviving Jews were murdered by their fellow countrymen when they tried to return to their homes.

Should Israel cease to exist, will any country or group of countries offer sanctuary to the seven million Jews that live in Israel? One only has to look back at 2,000 years of history and to World War II for the answer. All the leading nations of the world, including the United States, found reasons to keep us out during World War II, directly contributing to the deaths of millions of Jews.

There have been three mass extinctions of Jews by Christians: first during the Crusades, followed by the Spanish Inquisition and, in the past century, the Holocaust. In between those events there was, and still is, ongoing persecution of Jews. According to the Pew Research Center, Jews, now largely concentrated in Israel and the United States, number only one fifth of one percent (0.2%) of the world’s population.

Contrary to popular belief, there has not been a reemergence of antisemitism; it never went away. Antisemites again feel that they can openly express and carry out their hatred for Jews without fear of retaliation. For example, according to the ADL, in the United States there were 2,100 incidents of antisemitism in 2019, a 12% increase, the most in any year since the ADL began tracking them four decades ago.

The continued existence of the Jewish majority State of Israel must be ensured for future generations of Jews both living in Israel and living in the diaspora. As such, Palestinians must never be allowed to achieve through diplomacy what they have been prevented from achieving through the force of arms: the end of Israel as a Jewish majority nation. ●

Longtime business executive Herbert Chubin, a Philadelphia native, moved from Yardley to Bethesda, Maryland, eight years ago. He is now retired.

The good news about America’s abandonment of its Afghan allies

BY HAROLD RHODE

Just as America abandoned the Shah of Iran in 1978-79, it has now abandoned its Afghan allies. Other U.S. allies — such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and Israel — must ask themselves whether America can be trusted to come to their aid in times of need. Sadly, the answer is a resounding no.

This undoubtedly will lead to a further tightening of the ties between the Sunni-Arab Gulf states and Israel. To paraphrase former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer: “If you can’t rely on the 250-lb gorilla (America) to protect you, then the 100-lb gorilla (Israel) is your next best alternative.”

This is not the only silver lining, however.

The apparent winners in the debacles — the Taliban, ISIS and other terrorist groups — hate one another. And, due to the eternal battle between militant Sunni forces and the fanatic leaders of the Shi’ite Islamic Republic, Iran hates them. Fears that Tehran and the Taliban are about to engage in serious cooperation, thus, are overblown.

As a result, the task at hand is to encourage all of the above enemies to fight against one another. Given their inability to overcome their historical enmity and put the past behind them, this shouldn’t be too difficult.

One could argue that sometimes enemies cooperate when they consider it in their interest to do so. One example is the CIA and KGB. The same applies to Muslims, such as when the Iranian leadership protected the children of the anti-Shi’ite heads of al-Qaeda and ISIS.

This was a sophisticated strategy on the part of Tehran: to treat the families of potential enemies very well and keep an eye on them — like hostages. Its Sunni enemies understood that if they were to attack the Shi’ite regime, it would kill their sons living in Iran.

America should never take sides when its enemies battle among themselves. The U.S. must only attack when an enemy strikes it, and do so mercilessly, conveying the message that it’s not worth it to attack Americans or U.S. interests.

This is what Israel has been doing to Iran and its proxy Hezbollah in Syria, without deploying troops on the ground. The U.S. needs to emulate the Israeli model of protecting interests from the air. ●

Harold Rhode received in Ph.D. in Islamic history and later served as an adviser on Islamic Culture for 28 years in the Office of the U.S. Department of Defense. He is now a distinguished senior fellow at the Gatestone Institute.

PHILADELPHIA

Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations welcomes the stranger

By Haydee M. Rodriguez

The list of organizations Alyson Friedman has been involved with is long: Beth El Congregation of Philadelphia, CHANA, the Jewish Women's Giving Foundation and Art with a Heart, among others.

On Thursday, at The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Philadelphia's 104th Annual Convention, Friedman was recognized with the E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award. The organization also honored women in the community with the Women Who Welcome Awards. This year's theme was Welcoming the Stranger. The event's guest speaker was well-known immigration attorney, Sheela Murthy, of Philadelphia-based Murthy Law Firm.

Friedman was selected by a committee made up of past Federation presidents, while the other recipients were nominated from each of the federation's 26 constituent organizations, said Marcia Bornfriend, president of the federation.

Friedman is an active volunteer in the community and currently serves as co-chair of marketing for Na'aleh: The Hub for Leadership Learning at The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore.

"I involve myself in projects and organizations I feel passionate about and where I think I can make an impact," Friedman said. "Being recognized for my hard work, time and

dedication to causes I believe in is like icing on the cake. I am especially proud as a Jewish woman who believes strongly in advancing women in leadership roles in our society. Whenever I can take part in lifting up other women, sign me up.”

The E.B. Hirsh Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual for “giving their time and talents to the community,” Bornfriend said. It is named for the federation’s past president, Eleanor Betty “E.B.” Rosenthal Hirsh, who served from 1963-1965, and who was also president of Philadelphia Hebrew Congregation, one of many volunteer leadership roles she held. E.B. Hirsh is listed in the Jewish Museum of Maryland as having helped to preserve the Lloyd Street Synagogue.

“Receiving this honor in the context

Alyson Friedman, the recipient of this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award, is the marketing co-chair of Na’aleh: The Hub for Leadership Learning.

WOMEN WHO WELCOME AWARD RECIPIENTS

Every year, The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Philadelphia recognizes one woman from each of its member organizations. The theme of this year's convention was Welcoming the Stranger, so the organization recognized the Women Who Welcome. Here are the organizations and the women who were recognized.



Adat Chaim Sisterhood - Susan Ansel
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Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Sisterhood - Shirley Carp (in memoriam)
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The Women's Club of Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom - Miriam Lavender (in memoriam) and Erma Sigler
Women of Philadelphia Hebrew Congregation - Marcia Rosenblatt

of this year's theme, 'Welcoming the Stranger,' is especially meaningful as there has been so much happening around the world dealing with diversity, racial equity, inclusion and justice," Friedman said. "There is much work that needs to be done on all of these topics and being welcoming and willing to have difficult conversations with people who may look different from ourselves is just the first step in what I see as a lifelong process. We need to each start with ourselves by reading more, listening and understanding our own biases. I love Maya Angelou's quote, 'When you know better, ... do better.'"

Friedman, 53, grew up in Pikesville. She is a lifelong member of Beth El Congregation, of which her grandparents were founding members, and is involved in the Soul Center. Her children, who were raised in Owings Mills, now live in New Orleans, where she and her husband John enjoy visiting them.

"Jewish values inform all the work I do, whether it's in the Jewish or secular community," she said. "I

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would like to think I treat others with dignity and respect (k'vod), that I live ethically and responsibly (derech erez), practice tolerance (sovlanut) and most importantly I am guided by the work of tikkun olam as I try my best in my own small way to 'repair the world' through my behaviors, attitudes and actions."

Friedman has a bachelor's in communications and psychology from The University of Michigan and a master's in counseling psychology from Towson University.

Friedman began volunteering about 20 years ago when her oldest child began preschool. She got trained as a hotline volunteer for CHANA, taking calls from people who were victims of

domestic violence.

This led to Friedman joining the CHANA board, which she served on for 17 years, and to her greater involvement in the community. She volunteered for The Associated and joined the Art with a Heart board, as well as other student mentoring and tutoring programs. She has served as a founding board member, past chair and campaign liaison for the Jewish Women's Giving Foundation and served as Women's Campaign Chair for The Associated. She also served on the National Women's Philanthropy Board of The Jewish Federations of North America for six years and is a graduate of ACHARAI: The Shoshana S. Cardin Jewish Leadership Institute's first cohort.

She began volunteering, Friedman said, because she "had the time and capacity to do so."

"What started out as a learning opportunity truly became my life's mission to help others," she said. "I feel beyond fortunate to be able to do this important work and take my 'volunteer job' very seriously. I believe people who have the means to help others have a responsibility to do so. We as Jews are very lucky to live in our Baltimore Jewish community and only by helping to grow our infrastructure can we hope to sustain our neighborhoods and vibrant communities we have worked tirelessly to build."

Friedman values community and giving back, but most importantly, she values "family first and foremost, female friendships, justice, fairness and inclusion, clear communication and deep listening skills, intelligence, good grammar, a sense of fashion, our close-knit Baltimore Jewish community, art in its many forms, genuineness, warmth and love." ●

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Play Inspired by Concentration Camp Story Debuts

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE Staff

Steven Fisher is not Jewish. He actually grew up in a Catholic family in Delaware County.

But he was inspired to write “The Last Boy,” a play about the Holocaust, anyway.

The playwright described the story of “The Last Boy,” which opened a two-week off-Broadway run at the Theatre at St. Clement’s in New York City on July 10, as “Dead Poets Society Meets Anne Frank.” It’s a historical fiction inspired by Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp where a group of young boys created a secret literary society and hand-produced a weekly magazine, Vedem, with poems and prose. Toward the end of World War II, as the Allies advanced and the Nazis started burning their records, the only remaining member of the society left in the camp, Sidney Taussig, buried the Vedem archives.

Upon liberation, Taussig dug

up the archives and brought them with him to Prague, ensuring their survival. Most of his friends in the society, though, about 85 out of the 100, according to Fisher, died in the Holocaust.

Fisher discovered the story in his former life as a youth choir director in the Philadelphia area. Every year he would take his Keystone State Boychoir on performance tours/educational trips. Several years ago, he decided to take the choir to the Terezinsite in the Czech Republic because he was worried that the historical memory of the Holocaust was fading, he said. During a pretrip to the site, now a museum, to scout the location, Fisher bought a book with the highlights from those old Vedem archives. He took it back to his hotel room, started reading and didn’t sleep that night.

Fisher was hooked on the boys’ stories about missing food and about being excited to be away from their parents, and to



COURTESY OF STEVEN FISHER

▲ The title card for “The Last Boy,” a play about Jewish boys who created a literary magazine while living in a concentration camp.

be living with other boys their own age. He was also amused by their bawdiness and their evisceration of their “dorm dad.” “These were teenage boys,” Fisher said.

After the choir trip to Terezin, Fisher learned that Taussig was still alive, and living in Florida. He visited the survivor and got a firsthand account of life in the camp. Taussig told his guest stories about hearing other boys crying themselves to sleep over hunger, and about seeing the Nazis post regular lists of about 1,000 people who would be “transported east.”

“They didn’t know what was east,” Fisher said. “But they knew it wasn’t good.”

Taussig also explained Vedem’s editorial process: The 100 or so boys would submit entries to the editor each week, and three or four would be selected. Then, the boys would gather every Friday at sundown — in the attic during winter, outside during summer

— to read their poems and stories aloud.

After that visit, Fisher brought Taussig to Philadelphia for the choir to honor him at the National Museum of American Jewish History. For that June 2019 event, Fisher wrote a musical performance about the Vedem story. But when the performance ended, he asked Taussig if he could take it a step further: Fisher wrote plays in his spare time, and he was still holding onto a childhood dream of getting one to Broadway. Now he wanted to write a play inspired by the story of Taussig and Vedem.

Taussig gave his blessing, on one condition.

“I just want to see it on Broadway before time does to me what Hitler failed to do,” Taussig said to Fisher.

The choir director wrote the play and in October 2020, after 30 years of running youth choir programs, he retired. Then, he decided to raise money and turn the play into an off-Broadway

production, hoping it would be ready to debut just as the world was ready to reopen after the pandemic faded.

“The Last Boy” was the first NYC premiere since the theater industry closed in March 2020.

Taussig can’t attend this run because he’s recovering from a broken femur, but the plan was never for him to be there: It was for him to be in the audience for the Broadway opening.

“We do have hopes of moving it to Broadway, and we’ll bring him up from Florida as the inspiration for the story,” Fisher said.

Tickets to the remaining shows are available via the event’s website: thelastboy.info. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to NMAJH in honor of the late real estate icon Ron Rubin, who was instrumental in the museum’s founding, according to Suzanne Cohn, a Philadelphia resident, Holocaust survivor and friend of both Fisher and Rubin. ●



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BIRTH

SADIE GRACE WEINSTEIN



Kate and Mark Weinstein announce the birth of Sadie Grace on May 1 in Philadelphia. Sharing in their joy are grandparents Lana and Robert Weinstein of Colmar and Denise and Earl Dodds of Leola.

Sadie was named after Mark's maternal grandmother, Rosalie Diamond.



ZACHARY NOAH ROIG

Jill (née Weinstein) and Jonathan Roig and brother Asher announce the birth of Zachary Noah on March 30 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Sharing in their joy are grandparents Lana and Robert Weinstein of Colmar; Bobbie Berkman of Walnut Creek, California; and Randy Roig and Ellen Sampson of Oakland, California.

Zachary was given the Hebrew name of Zev Raphael in loving memory of his great-grandparents, Ronald and Rosalie Diamond.

ANNIVERSARY

SANDLER

Murray and Violet (née Nemez) Sandler of Wynnewood joined a select club on July 1 as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, less than 0.1% of married couples reach their 70th anniversary.

The Sandler were married on July 1, 1951 in Philadelphia. They marked the occasion with a celebratory family dinner at the Capital Grille in Center City. Sharing their joy are their children Rob and Pat, Ken, Jon and Stacey, and grandsons Jeffrey and Lee.

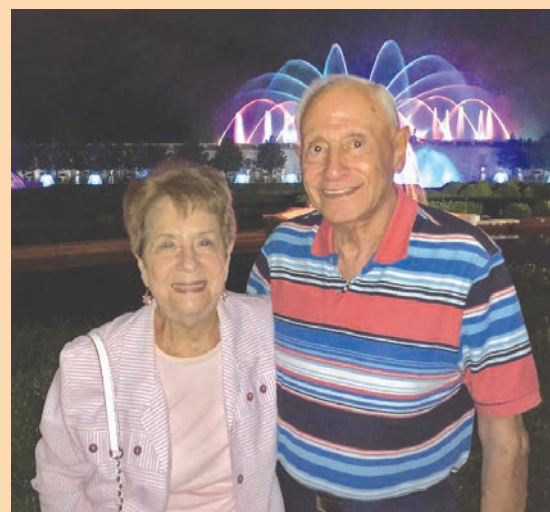


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BIRTHDAY

LORI PAIKIN

Lillian Paikin of Jenkintown turned 105 years old on July 14.

She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and even does the books for her grandson's car business, Frank Paikin Auto. Her motto is not to worry — because worrying causes wrinkles. Happy birthday to the remarkable "Mama Lily."



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ENGAGEMENT

RUBINSTEIN-DOLLIN

Joel Rubinstein (Lisa Levin) of Newtown, Beth Rubinstein of Santa Cruz, California, and Rabbi Bruce and Tamra Dollin of Denver announce the engagement of their children, Michelle Rubinstein and Akiva Dollin.

Michelle is a graduate of the Haas Business School at the University of California, Berkeley, where she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in education. She works as a senior product manager for Visa.

Akiva is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Jewish history; Columbia University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science; and The Grainger College of Engineering, where he earned a master's degree in computer science. He works as a program manager for Microsoft.

Michelle is the granddaughter of Mark and Joan Kay of Bala Cynwyd, and the late Arthur and Arlene Rubinstein (z"l) of Philadelphia. Akiva is the grandson of Rabbi Herbert (z"l) and Judy Morris of Walnut Creek, California, and Marvin (z"l) and Florence Dollin of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



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Brunch Sweets

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I have fond (pre-COVID) memories of a dear friend who hosted an open house brunch every year on Rosh Hashanah for friends and fellow members of his synagogue.

The idea was that he loved to celebrate the holiday with friends, but most people were booked for dinner with family, parents, in-laws, etc., as was he. The brunch gave him a chance to wish his community a happy new year, share fellowship and a nosh, and still keep dinner open for families.

He always put out a wonderful spread of bagels, lox and white-fish salad, along with delicious breakfast pastries. Although we have not had the gathering for the last two years, I will make these treats to symbolize a sweet year to come, and raise a glass to friends and family far and near in hopes that we can all safely gather soon.

BLUEBERRY SCONES WITH LEMON GLAZE

Makes about 12 scones

Since the holiday falls in early September this year, blueberries are still fresh and local. This is a great way to use them, and the lemon complements them beautifully. If you prefer the scones plain, you can skip the lemon glaze. They are delicious on their own!

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, cold, cut in chunks
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 1 cup heavy cream, plus more for brushing the scones

Heat your oven to 375 degrees F.

Mix the dry ingredients in a large bowl; add the butter

and beat it with an electric mixer until it resembles coarse crumbs. Then mix in the cream. Gently fold the blueberries and grated lemon rind into the batter. Go easy so as not to break the blueberries.

Using a ¼-cup measuring cup, scoop the dough onto a parchment-lined cookie sheet. Place the scones on an ungreased cookie sheet and brush the tops with a little heavy cream. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until lightly brown. Let the scones cool before you apply the glaze.

LEMON GLAZE

This glaze is wonderful on the scones, but it is a great recipe for cooks to keep in our back pockets. It can dress up a Bundt cake, a pound cake or even a store-bought angel food or sponge cake.

- ½ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest



Mix the lemon juice and sugar until completely blended and the sugar is dissolved. Whisk in the butter and lemon zest. If the butter is not blending well, microwave the glaze for 20 seconds, and whisk again until smooth. Drizzle the glaze over the top of the scones. Let the glaze set a few minutes before serving.

DATE NUT BREAD

Makes 1 loaf

This bread is slightly retro; it was everywhere in the 1970s, usually spread with cream cheese. When I taste it now, I wonder why it ever faded in popularity; it's delicious!

- 8 ounces dates, chopped
- 1½ cups boiling water
- 2 sticks butter or margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 beaten eggs

- 2½ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Heat your oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease a 9-inch-by-5-inch loaf pan.

In a small bowl, mix the dates, boiling water and butter. Let it sit 15 minutes until the butter is melted. Cool slightly.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs with the sugar, and add the flour, salt and baking soda.

Add the date mixture to the large bowl, and add the vanilla and nuts. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 45 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. ●



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Longtime Gratz Educator Uziel Adini Dies at 83

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Uziel Adini, an educator and administrator who won admirers across the country for his dedication, innovation and energy for Jewish education, died on May 27 at the age of 83. Adini — Uzi, to those who knew him — had battled leukemia for some time.

Adini, wrote Joseph Davis, a professor of Jewish studies at Gratz College, “was one of the leading Jewish educational administrators in the United States from the 1970s until his retirement in 2007.”

Jonathan Sarna, the famed scholar of American Jewish history, wrote in an academic forum last week that “we extend deepest condolences to

Prof. Adini’s family, colleagues, students and friends.”

Adini was born in Mandatory Palestine in 1937. His parents, Leah and Yisrael Adini, were active members of Ha-Poel Ha-Mizrachi, the Religious Zionist Workers Party, and his mother was the first religious woman to address the Zionist Congress. All four of Adini’s grandparents died in Auschwitz; his parents, and the parents of his wife, Tamar (Löw) Adini, all lived and died in Tel Aviv.

Though Adini left Israel for Philadelphia in the 1960s, never to return for an extended period, Israel was entwined with everything he did.

“Israel was instilled in every aspect of his life,” said his daughter, Tali Adini.



▲ Uziel Adini

After completing his Israel Defense Forces service, Adini earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Bible, Hebrew literature and education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Following that, he and his wife packed up and left for Philadelphia, where

Adini studied for a doctorate of education at Dropsie College.

His dissertation, completed in 1969, was a preview of what was to come: It was about the transmission of Jewish values to high school students through Hebrew literature. Tamar Adini knew something about that; for 28 years, she led the Hebrew, Jewish Studies and Foreign languages department at Akiba Hebrew Academy (now the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy).

In 1965, Adini began teaching at Gratz, an association that he would maintain for the rest of his life. At a time when Hebrew language education was flourishing, Adini was an expert in contemporary and Biblical Hebrew, and he instructed students at Gratz as

well as at Temple University. He was a beloved teacher, according to his daughter.

In addition to his time as a professor at Gratz, Adini spent 23 years as the director of the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College, and he eventually served as the school’s vice president.

Adini loved riddles and jokes, and had a lovely singing voice. He led seders, and when family members celebrated milestones, he would come up with a special gematria of the person’s name. His weekly recitation of the Kiddush, Tali Adini said, will be greatly missed.

Adini is survived by his wife, Tamar; his brother, Ami; his daughters, Tali and Ronit; and four grandchildren. ●

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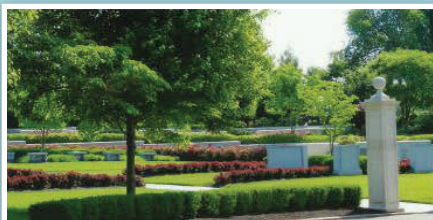
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KUSHNER

Ferne Rodale Kushner, 92, of Allentown, passed away May 26, 2021 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the widow of Jack J. Kushner, who passed away in 2014 and with whom she shared 62 years of marriage. Born in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Brooks) Rodale. She was a 1947 graduate of Allentown High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in 1951 from Penn State University. Ferne was an early education teacher at the Allentown Jewish Community Center, where she was a member and board member. She was a member and board member of Congregation Keneseth Israel and a member of Jewish Family Services. Survivors: Children JoAnne Abrams (Robert), David Kushner and Leila Covrigaru (Arie); Grandchildren Kori (Taryn), Barr (Jill) and Avi; Great Grandchildren Jack, Max and Leo. She was predeceased by a daughter, Kathy. Due to COVID 19, services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Allentown. Contributions may be made to Congregation Keneseth Israel, 2227 W. Chew St., Allentown, PA 18104.

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"Aunt" Carole Saltzman passed peacefully on July 27th 2021. Beloved wife of Stevan Saltzman. Loving Mother of Joanne and Suzanne. Grandmother of Adam, Evan, Ethan, and Wendy. Great Grandmother to Emerson. Funeral arrangements will be private. She will be remembered by many for her kindness and was often awarded for her philanthropic generosity. She has donated her body to www.sciencecare.com to support medical research, education and training around the globe. Loved hosting parties for friends and family. Organized her high school reunions for Cheltenham class of 1954. Loved to dance. Graduate of Shippensburg College for early childhood education. Spent most of her life working with children at Camp Canadensis. Contributions in her memory can be made to Golden Slipper Camp 215 Presidential Blvd Ste 1 Bala Cynwyd PA 19004 www.goldenslippercamp.org



SCHARF

Natalie Scharf (née Mehlman) age 95, of Northeast Philadelphia passed away peacefully on August 1, 2021 surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Scharf, whose Hebrew name is Necha bat Rasel, was born in Jaworzno, Poland in 1925. The Holocaust decimated her family - her parents, Yitzhak and Rasel, and three sisters, Chava, Rivka, and Sarah, were killed along with many others; she survived but spent several harrowing years in the Gabsersdorf labor camp. Her brother, Leon, and one sister, Yadjia, also survived. She met her husband, Bernard, in a displaced persons camp after the war and in 1947 they settled in Philadelphia. Ms. Scharf worked as a seamstress for many years and was a member and choir singer with the Association of Jewish New Americans. She overcame her experiences to build a loving family and is survived by her son, Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Nancy, and her daughter Andie and son-in-law Yehuda as well as grandchildren Joshua, Michael, Cara, Niva, and Jonathan, and great grandchildren Aidan, Daria, and Benjamin, plus many other family members both blood and chosen. In remembering her we are drawn to the MLK quote: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Mary Hospital, Office of Philanthropy, 1207 Langhorne-Newtown Rd, Langhorne PA 19047.

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SCHURR

Howard Schurr, July 29, 2021. Beloved husband of Marsha; loving father of Beth (Gary) Glassman and David (Lisa) Schurr; devoted grandfather of Alexander (Erin), Sara, Scott (Jayme), Amber, and Jake; loving great-grandfather to Charlie. Contributions in his memory may be made to Trustbridge Foundation (www.trustbridgefoundation.org).

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SILVERMAN

Ronna B. Silverman (nee Berger). July 27, 2021. Devoted wife of Donald M. Loving mother of Marc Silverman (Randi) and Stacey Silverman. Beloved grandmother, "Om", of Alex and Michael. Funeral services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Holy Redeemer Hospital-Palliative Care Department, 521 Moredon Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006.

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VEDERMAN

Irwin J. Vederman, 91, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at HopeHealth Hultar Hospice Center. He was the beloved husband of Susan (Hyman) Vederman for 54 years. Born in Philadelphia, PA, a son of the late Samuel and Dora (Jaffe) Vederman, he had lived in Warwick for 51 years. Irwin served in the US Army from 1948-50, stationed in Fort Devens, MA. He was a lifetime jewelry salesman, retiring in 2007. Irwin was a member of Temple Sinai. Devoted father of Samuel Vederman (Jennifer Griffiths) of Lake Havasu City, AZ and Harris Marc Vederman (Carol) of Dickerson, MD. Loving "Papi" of Cecelia and Adeline. Dear brother of the late Adele Rakoff, Norma Mirow and Robert Vederman. Uncle Irv to devoted nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his fluffy companion, Lulu Vedercat. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 5, 2021 at SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagen Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. For online condolences, please visit ShalomMemorialChapel.com. SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL Cranston, RI

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WEINGRAD

Joan Laurie Weingrad (nee Segall), August 2, 2021, of Yardley, PA. Beloved wife of Murray Weingrad; step-mother of Cheryl (Allen) Sandrow and Mark (Michelle) Weingrad. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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ZITIN

Audrey (nee Weisman). August 3, 2021 of Media, Pa. Wife of the late Merton. Mother of Effie (Barry) Brenner, Jay (Susan) Erlichman and Marcia (Robert) Katz. Step-mother of Michael (Amy Berkowitz) Zitin. Sister of Elaine (Richard) Gogel. Also survived by ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services and interment were private. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Stanley Merves, z”l

whose commitment to Jewish causes and philanthropy benefited the seniors served by Abramson Senior Care, and who served as an example to the entire community.

Stanley joined the board of trustees in 1981 and has been a steadfast supporter of Abramson Senior Care’s mission of providing high-quality care to seniors throughout the Philadelphia region. He tirelessly gave of his time and expertise, serving as Board Secretary from 1986 - 1989 and on the Finance, Safety, Executive, Building for Life and Audit Committees.

Alongside his beloved wife, Audrey, Stanley generously gave to our Annual Fund, Gala and Capital Campaign. Their dedication has helped to ensure that Abramson Senior Care will be able to provide much needed care and services for generations of seniors to come. Most recently, their thoughtfulness helped us through the COVID crisis with a gracious donation to our COVID Campaign, and a dedication of the rehabilitation gym at Birnhak Transitional Care at Lankenau Medical Center has helped bring first-rate transitional care services to the Main Line.

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

To his wife, Audrey; children Jennifer (Brian) Robbins, Amy (Mark) Friedman, and Elizabeth (Peter) Bein; grandchildren Nicholas and Jason Robbins, Frederick and Isaac Breslow, Emily (John) Capodilupo, Rebecca (Tim) Clark, Jacob and Alexander Bein, and Eva (Elan) Aiken; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that his dedication, generosity and good works will serve as a living tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

Lorraine Drobny
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President and CEO

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BLACK

Marcia Sikowitz Black of Elkins Park on July 31, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Jan F. Black. Devoted mother of Steven, Morgan, Neil, Sherri, Adam, Fiona and June. Loving grandmother of Evan, Harrison, Sydney and Samantha. Sister of Mark and Rhonda Sikowitz, Linda and Larry Brandt, Mel and Debbie Black, and Laura Sikowitz. Daughter of the late Nathan and Pearl Sikowitz. Contributions in her memory may be made to Old York Road Temple Beth Am.

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CHEIFETZ

Louis Cheifetz on August 3, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline (nee Altaker); Loving father of Craig (Linda Chesterman) and Stuart (Jennifer); Dear brother of Carol (Tom Riley) Mazer; Devoted grandfather of Michelle, Erin, Ryan, and Ethan. Contributions in his memory may be made to Old York Road Temple-Beth Am, 970 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 19001 or National Parkinson’s Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Ste. 800, Miami, FL 33131.

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CALTUNE

Shirley Caltune (nee Kurnitsky) on August 3, 2021. From West Palm Beach, FL. Beloved wife of the late Joseph “Joe” Caltune: Adoring mother of Craig Caltune and the late Michelle “Shelly” (Bob) Passehl; Sister of Arnold Kurnitsky and the late Anne Gabler; Daughter of the late Dora (nee Gerberg) and Louis Kurnitsky. Shirley was born and raised in Strawberry Mansion, Philadelphia. She graduated from Simon Gratz High School and went on to have a career for over 30 years as a Legal Secretary for Senior Partner Bob Freedman at the law firm of Cohen Shapiro (Drinker Biddle) in Center City Phila. The highlight of her life was being a proud Mom-Mom to Jason Passehl and Nicole (Jeff) Ventura, as well as Bubbie to Macie, Avery and Emma Ventura. Shirley was also blessed to be the partner of Harry Kabo for 18 years. His children, Michael (Ellen) Kabo and Bonni (Jerry) Shinfeld, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were loved by Shirley. A once in a lifetime woman whom words cannot adequately describe. Shirley was an amazing friend to all who knew her, but especially to Natalie Pearlman for over 60 years and her cousin Jackie Baseman since birth. Shirley’s smile lit up every room and everybody loved her, as she was magnetic, fun and classy. She loved to share the joy in the good times and always looked on the bright side of life. Shirley will be remembered for her strength, her sense of humor, her poems, her style and her love for shopping. She had a love for singing show-tunes, going to the theater, playing Mahjong and Canasta, going for lunch with the girls, spending time in Atlantic City and Florida, and traveling all over the world. She lived a magnificent life, one that will be cherished forever. In honor of her daughter Shelly, Contributions in Shirley’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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GOLDBERG

Evelyn Goldberg (nee Daroff), age 92, died peacefully at home July 26, 2021 in Springfield, VA. She resided in Cheltenham, Northeast Philadelphia and Logan before moving to Virginia in 1999. Devoted wife of 53 years to the late Jack E. Goldberg. Cherished mother of Michael (Cheryl) Goldberg, Myrtle Beach, SC; and Ivy (Mark) Richards, Pacific Grove, CA. Loving grandmother of Julie Alexander, Eric Goldberg and Lori Rosenblatt; great-grandmother of six. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. Born in Strawberry Mansion, she was the daughter of the late Max and Ida Daroff and sister of the late Faye Daroff Goldberg, Morris (Maish) Daroff, Albert Daroff, Nathan Daroff and Morton Daroff. Graveside services to be held promptly at noon Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at Haym Salomon Memorial Park (Section AA-5A), Frazer, PA. Arrangements by Sagel Bloomfield Danzansky Goldberg Funeral Care, Inc., Rockville, MD. Contributions, if desired, may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice. (www.sagelbloomfield.com/obituary/Evelyn-Goldberg)

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HOFFMAN

Arnold Shawmut Hoffman, August 4, 2021 of Sarasota Florida, formerly Rydal, PA; beloved husband of Bette (nee Gichner); loving father of Daniel (Cinde) Hoffman, James Hoffman, Jeffrey (Debra) Hoffman and Andrew (Allison) Hoffman; cherished grandfather of Henry, Edward, Sophie, Bailey, Jadon, Levi, Colby, Cooper, Vin, Ari and the late Trevor. Contributions in Arnold’s memory may be made to the Sarasota Orchestra or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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ISAACSON

Michael Maxwell Isaacson, 80, style leader in men’s fashions, died at his home in Los Angeles, California. Born in Philadelphia to Albert and Hessie Isaacson on February 22, 1941 growing up in Wynnefield and passing on July 4, 2021. Father of Tanya and Andrea, brother of the late Marlene Zarwin and grandfather to Sofia and Cameron. Michael leaves a loving legacy of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends around the world. Michael was a generous friend, respected industry professional and devoted colleague. He was beloved by his employees for his kindness and leadership. Michael was best known for seeking out future trends in men’s fashion and re-creating them at an affordable level. He was demanding that the style and look of every garment represented the quality brands of Tuliano and Sky High. Always the showman and entertainer, he simply enjoyed being with people and created memorable moments for all.

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KOLLER

Irwin “Irv” Koller, on August 5, 2021. Loving father of Sue (Rick) Palman, Dan (Jessica) Koller, Steve (Shanna Gumaer) Koller and Mark (Natalie) Koller; Dear brother of Dr. Harold (Cookie) Koller and Charlene Koller; Devoted grandfather of Stefanie (Mase), Scott (Brittany), Gabriel, Zachary, Isaac, Iris, Sienna, Scarlett, and Giada; Adoring great-grandfather of Madison, Ryan, and Jack. Also survived by his beloved companion Cheryl Dabrow and her children, Landon, and Lauren Lichterman. Contributions in his memory may be made to Next for Autism or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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KURTZ

Dr. Harold Ronald Kurtz of Holland, PA (October 20, 1942 – August 1, 2021) Beloved Husband of Joy (nee Fingard) for 56 years, Father of Andrew (Julie), Daniel (Lisa), June (Bob), Fred (Leslie), and loving and special Pop-Pop to; Regan, Connor, Evan, Harrison, Olivia, Sydney, Everett, Emma, Sam and Benjamin. Also survived by his sister Harriet (Marshall) and brother Alan (Andrea) and many loving nieces and nephews. Harold had an unlimited capacity to give of himself to everyone. His sincerity and genuine concern for others made everyone who knew him feel special. Whether you had just met him, or had known him since childhood, you felt like he always had and always would be there when needed. His endless interests and passions led to meaningful connections and friendships worldwide, and his quiet calm at the center of that global community was inspiring and grounding for everyone that knew and loved him. A lifelong educator, Harold dedicated his life to the well-being of others. He was a Philadelphia School District principal, Superintendent of Schools in Clayton, NJ and Pennsauken, NJ and founder of Synergy Educational Consultants. Harold was involved in many philanthropic and volunteer endeavors. He was a founding member and President of B’nai B’rith Educators Unit, former Association Director for NJ Odyssey of the Mind, a board member of Maccabi USA, Lincoln Leadership Academy Charter School, Creative Odyssey Unlimited (COU), The Symphonic Mastersingers of Ft. Myers and an avid supporter of the arts, especially the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in Ft. Myers, Florida. He was never without a book, loved to travel, enjoyed summers on the beach in Ventnor and winters in Florida. He cheered and cursed in equal measure while watching his Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies! He lived life to the fullest. But most important to Harold was his family, by whom he will be greatly missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to Gulf Coast Symphony, www.gulfcoastsymphony.org, Symphonic Mastersingers of Ft. Meyers, www.mastersingersfm.com or to the Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU) c/o Odyssey of the Mind, 406 Ganttown Rd., Sewell NJ 08080.

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Blessing and Curse: Reward and Punishment

BY RABBI TSURAH AUGUST
Parshat Ki Tavo

In a weak voice that touched my soul, the weeping woman asked: “Why am I being punished, rabbi? I have been a good person. Why am I cursed? What did I do?”

I, a student chaplain, stood at her bedside, unable to think of what I could say to comfort her. I didn’t know her, but I could feel her pain and wanted to help. But what could I possibly do to help ameliorate her torment and not increase her suffering?

Fast-forward 20-plus years.

I have heard this plea many times, from patients struggling with pain and fear of dying and not able to comprehend from where their suffering has come. Looking for reasons, blaming themselves, the doctors, God. Entering a new land, fearful of what is coming and tired of the pain of living.

And, just as many times, perhaps more often, I have heard from patients — “Rabbi, I am ready. I have had a good life; I have been blessed.” They are ready to leave the land of the living, but not quite ready to enter the new land.

If they are fortunate to have family members at their bedside, there is a poignant moment when they need to find a way to say goodbye.

Feeling cursed or blessed, moments of great transition need to be honored. It is a time to call upon the rituals that our tradition has bequeathed.

Why a ritual? And what has this to do with our parsha, Ki Tavo?

First, why a ritual? Let’s look

at the elements of a ritual:

It creates a safe “container” for expressing thoughts and feelings.

It provides a common focus for the participants.

It connects the participants via a shared experience.

It engages body/mind/spirit.

The Viddui is the Jewish end-of-life ritual, done when death is imminent.

In its most basic form, it is a prayer that can be recited by the dying person, a rabbi or another person. It invokes the ancestors, affirms one’s gratitude for having lived their life, asks for and offers forgiveness, asks for lovingkindness for family — and ends with a recitation of the Shema.

Simply chanted, it has great resonance because of the language, especially if in Hebrew; the cadence of the chant; the connection with a long line of ancestors — and the other elements of gratitude, forgiveness and hopes for family. And, saying

or hearing the Shema, our affirmation of Divine Oneness, can stir the heart, soothe the mind and bring peace.

When the Viddui is incorporated into a ritual that the family can participate in, it becomes the center of a shared experience of sharing love and memories, through stories, songs, touch tears, even laughter.

I have found this ritual is a potent response to a dying person’s experience, increasing the sense of blessing and diminishing the fear of punishment. And it is a powerful way of saying goodbye for the family, leaving positive images emblazoned on their minds, to remember and comfort them as they mourn the loss of their beloved, knowing they have shown their love and respect.

So why do I bring this into Ki Tavo?

“When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a heritage, and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take

some of every first fruit of the soil, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God will choose to establish His name” (Devarim 26 1-2).

What a moment! *When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a heritage...*

We have finally entered the land! We have settled it. We have harvested the first crops from our land. We must do something to mark this moment. And what we are asked to do is very simple, and very difficult. These crops were hard-won — the history of our lives, from slavery, through exodus, to this moment, are in these fruits. And now we are commanded to take these precious fruits and offer them, give them away, we commit to living a generous life, beyond our personal needs, to attend to the needs of others.

Giving these fruits, ritualizes in community, our commitment

of living in relationship with the Divine One, the source, Adonai — with all creation, with gratitude. The ritual creates a communal focus, memory and intention. Much as the Viddui ritual does at the final moments of harvest of our lives.

As we enter the Land of 5782, may we all find the ways to nourish us, guide us and inspire us to live a life of blessing, generosity and gratitude. ●

Rabbi Tsurah August is the in-house chaplain for Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Greater Philadelphia, providing spiritual and emotional support for people facing challenges of loss and illness. The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia is proud to provide diverse perspectives on Torah commentary for the Jewish Exponent. The opinions expressed in this column are the author’s own and do not reflect the view of the Board of Rabbis.



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What's happening at ... Beth Am Synagogue

Beth Am's Shabbats in the park return for the fall

BY JESSE BERMAN

Can a washboard band be part of Shabbat services? At Beth Am, the answer is a firm “yes.”

Services in the Park is an opportunity for members, prospective members and friends of Beth Am Synagogue to gather together for an outdoors, instrumental Kabbalat Shabbat service, said Jamie Aaron, program coordinator at Beth Am. The series normally includes Rabbi Daniel Cotzin Burg playing the guitar, along with Beth Am's Uncle Ira's Hebrew Washboard Ensemble, a collection of musicians who commonly play during Beth Am's Klei Kodesh Shabbat services once a month, Aaron said.

The Services in the Park series will be held July 2, July 16, Aug. 7 and Aug. 20. Beth Am has held the series in the Maryland Zoo's Waterfowl Pavilion, one of its rental facilities, for the last several years, Aaron said, and will do so again this year. While the zoo's exhibits are closed to the public, she said it remained an excellent gathering spot.

“It's just a really great place to gather,” Aaron said. “There's so much green space, and there's kids running around and playing games and it's a really just a different space.”

Burg said in an email that Services in the Park began years before he came to Baltimore, describing them as “a mashup between Tanglewood (or some other outdoor music venue) and a family picnic.”

“This is really our first in-person event as we come out of COVID, and we're just looking forward to being together with our congregants and our friends,” Aaron said.

At the intergenerational, exclusively in-person program, attendees bring dairy or pareve picnic dinners with them to enjoy a summer evening together, Aaron said. Picnic tables are



Courtesy of Beth Am Synagogue

Attendees participate in a 2019 Services in the Park event.

available at the venue, and Beth Am provides attendees with tablecloths. If participants are more comfortable bringing their own picnic blankets or chairs, though, they are quite welcome to.

While in past years Beth Am has provided attendees with ritual items such as challah and wine or grape juice, Aaron said, due to the pandemic this year, people will need to bring their own.

The series will go forward rain or shine, Burg said. The zoo's bathrooms are available for use, while a golf cart for those with mobility challenges is also at the congregation's disposal.

In past years, events in the series have seen an average of 200 attendees, depending on factors such as weather and people's vacation schedules, Aaron said. Participants can listen as the washboard ensemble, which includes professional musicians, volunteers, congregants and nonmembers, plays everything from the drums to the spoons.

The opening event on July 2 will help mark the arrival of two new senior staff members, Rabbi Tyler Dratch and Alex Pomerantz, Aaron said. Dratch will join Beth Am both as the rabbi for Tefilah Leadership and the director of youth and family

education, while Pomerantz will come in as the new executive director. This will be the first opportunity for the congregation to meet both Dratch and Pomerantz face to face.

“Beth Am is rooted in our Reservoir Hill neighborhood, and Druid Hill Park is like our backyard,” Burg said. “The Waterfowl Pavilion where we hold services is at the park's original boat lake. The outdoor setting really adds to the spirituality of the evening, and with COVID, we know many people are thrilled to have opportunities to safely come together outdoors!” ●

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 21

'FIELD OF DREAMS' SCREENING

Watch "Field of Dreams" on the big screen at Gordon Outdoors, a drive-in movie venue in the Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC parking lot. An Iowa farmer is inspired by a voice he can't ignore to pursue a dream he can hardly believe. **8:30 p.m.**; **Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills; \$20 per car for JCC members, \$25 per car for nonmembers; jcc.org.**

TUESDAY, AUG. 24

MEET THE FELLOWS HAPPY HOUR

Repair the World Baltimore is excited to introduce their next cohort of fellows. Come out to meet them at this happy hour. **6-8 p.m.**; **Sisson Street Park, 2701 Sisson St., Baltimore; werepair.org/baltimore.**

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

SPECIALIZED SOLUTIONS

The PEN Project: Services in Orthodox day schools with Cathy Jurist on Zoom. This is an ongoing series of discussions on resources for families with a child with special needs. Do you have questions about evaluations or services in day schools? We have answers.

8-9 p.m.; **on Zoom; \$5; cjebaltimore.org; for more information, contact Rachel Turniansky at rturniansky@cjeb.org or 410-735-5022.**

THURSDAY, AUG. 26

SIPPING FROM THE NILE

Join the Jewish Museum of Maryland and Jean Nagggar, author of "Sipping from the Nile: My Exodus from Egypt," as she recounts her memories of growing up in Egypt and discusses the impact the Suez Crisis had on her family and the wider Jewish community in Egypt. **1-2 p.m.**; **jewishmuseummd.org.**

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

HAR SINAI-OHEB SHALOM PRESENTS SHABBAT EN BLANC

A camp-style Kabbalat Shabbat experience. Wear white and recapture summer camp memories with music and more at Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom Congregation with Deedle's Chicken and Donuts, Rita's and HSOSC Food Truck. **5:30-6 p.m.**: Outdoor pre-neg with food trucks by the tent (Feel free to eat before or after the service). **6-6:30 p.m.**: Kabbalat Shabbat under the tent.

TOT SHABBAT AT THE POOL, AUG. 27



Bring in Shabbat with fun and interactive songs and stories with the JCC and PJ Library. Enjoy a snack, Shabbat treats and free time to swim in the pool with your little ones. **4-6 p.m.**; **Rosenbloom Owings Mills JCC, 3506 Gwynnbrook Ave., Owings Mills; \$10 per family; cjebaltimore.org; for more information, contact Julie Wohl at jwohl@cjeb.org.**

6:30-6:45 p.m.: Musical transition to sanctuary.
6:45-7:30 p.m.: Maariv evening service in the sanctuary.
7:30-8:30 p.m.: Outdoor oneg with food trucks by the tent. **5:30-8:30 p.m.**; **Har Sinai Oheb Shalom Congregation, 7310 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore; hsosc-baltimore.org; for more information, contact Amy Mallor at amy.mallor@hsosc-baltimore.org or 410-358-0105.**

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

BACK TO BETH SHALOM BBQ BASH

Beth Shalom Congregation is having a welcome back bash featuring kids activities, honey tasting, hard seltzer tasting and more. There will be music by DJ Ice. **1-4 p.m.**; **Beth Shalom Congregation, 8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia; \$5 per person or \$15 per family if register online by Aug. 25, \$7 per person or \$20 per family at the door; beth-shalom.net. ●**

Out & About



❶ OFF TO THE RACES: Campers at J Camps learned about sea life while holding hermit crab races.; ❷ COLOR GAMES: At Camp Louise, kids participated in this year's Color Games.; ❸ PARK PLAY: PJ Library of Howard County organized playtime at a local park.



|Snapshots|



Two unidentified gentleman having a chat, circa 1950.
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AJC RECIPIENT AWARD WINNER

Joe Zuritsky

JESSE BERNSTEIN | JE STAFF

JOE ZURITSKY, chairman and CEO of Parkway Corp., will be honored with the American Jewish Committee Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's Human Relations Award at the organization's annual meeting on June 23.

Zuritsky, a longtime AJC board member and a key supporter, was an obvious candidate to be this year's recipient, according to Marcia Bronstein, regional director of AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey.

The Human Relations Award "is for a person who's near and dear to AJC, like a family member," Bronstein said. "That really does mean Joe, to a T."

"I am honored, very much honored," Zuritsky said. "It's part of supporting an organization that I hold in high value."

Zuritsky, a patron of many local, national and Israeli organizations, said he is flattered he was selected for the award, though he admits that, having been honored in a similar fashion so many times over the years, he looks forward to when he won't impose on friends for their support.

"Hopefully, this is the last honor I'll get," he laughed.

Per the AJC, Zuritsky "has been a stalwart member of AJC's Board and Executive Committee for many years. He is a passionate advocate for AJC's mission of protecting Jewish lives and communities, ensuring a safe and secure Israel, and advocating for democratic values and human rights for all. Joe has long been a supporter of interfaith and intergroup dialogue, and a lifelong learner."

The 2021 annual meeting, AJC's 77th, will feature a keynote address from Drexel University President John



A. Fry in the virtual ceremony where Zuritsky will receive his award.

Bronstein was not yet AJC's regional director when she met Zuritsky for the first time. Working in development and engagement, her first contact with Zuritsky was on a cold call; she "wanted to tell him a little bit about who we are and what we do, because he didn't know." Zuritsky agreed to a meeting, and it was a fruitful one.

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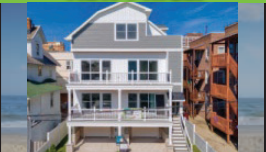
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