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## High Holiday Sermons to Focus on Community

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**RABBIS SAY THAT** High Holiday sermons are about enlightening and motivating individual souls for the year ahead, the goal being to help people understand how to live as productive members of their communities.

But what is a community now that COVID has shown us that we can be together without being in the same room? And how can we, as individuals, focus on our communities when the larger world has so many problems? Area rabbis will open 5782 by using their sermons to try and answer these fundamental and profound questions.

Rosh Hashanah starts on Sept. 6 at sundown and Yom Kippur ends on Sept. 16.

Rabbi Moshe Brennan leads the Chabad of Penn Wynne, and his High Holiday sermons will reach hundreds of congregants. And his message is clear.

"We need to change the conversation," he said. "Instead of trying to solve the world's problems, we should try to make a

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▲ State Correctional Institution-Phoenix is home to a dozen incarcerated Jews who, prior to the pandemic, gathered to observe the holidays. Courtesy of Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

## Teshuvah on the Inside: High Holidays Limited for the Incarcerated

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**THOUGH STATE CORRECTIONAL** Institution-Phoenix in Montgomery County has no synagogue, a small, resolute group of Jewish men in the prison

still gather and pray.

In past years, before the pandemic, the men incarcerated across the prison's east and west sides gathered weekly in the smallest of the prison's multipurpose faith rooms for Shabbat services and an oneg

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WATERMELON FOR ROSH HASHANAH!

Given how early the High Holidays occur this year, food columnist Keri White is all for making use of classic summer foods that are still in peak season for holiday meals. In this case, she's talking about watermelon, which she mixes with lime juice, salt and cayenne pepper to make a salad that combines four main taste profiles. Read her online blog, Philacatessen, for details. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. [jewishexponent.com/2021/08/30/watermelon-for-rosh-hashanah/](https://jewishexponent.com/2021/08/30/watermelon-for-rosh-hashanah/)

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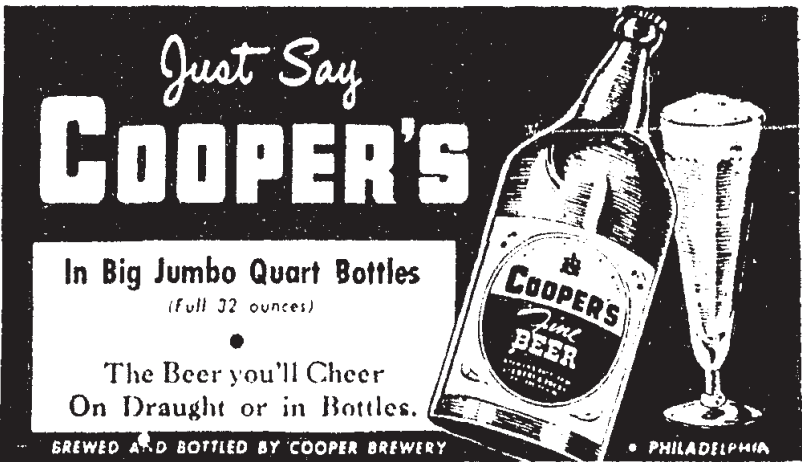
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### American Jewish Committee Seeks Peace Terms for Jews in All Lands

Following a precedent established after the last war, the American Jewish Committee will seek to secure in the peace terms "re-affirmation of the fundamental principle that Jewish citizens of every land, fulfilling their obligation of complete loyalty to their respective countries, shall be guaranteed the correlative right of complete equality," former New York Supreme Court

of Jews and the restoration of their civic and economic rights. In his letter to Mr. Hull, Judge Proskauer pointed out that after the last war the committee devoted its efforts to secure in the peace terms provisions to prevent the infraction of the rights of Jews in any part of the world, to give assistance and to take remedial action in the event of threatened or actual restriction



# Synagogues Go Extra Mile to Grow Membership

## LOCAL

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

**RABBI ERIC YANOFF** has been busy making calls to every congregant at Temple Adath Israel on the Main Line these past few weeks. He's asking about their High Holidays and membership renewal plans.

Around this time of year, when some Jews make their annual two-time synagogue appearances for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, synagogues are trying their best to keep — and grow — membership numbers. COVID-19 has complicated the process.

Adath Israel is fortunate: Its membership numbers remained steady during the pandemic, largely because of continued — masked and distanced — in-person programming.

An outdoor Purim program brought in more than 275 people, and the shul held a Simchat Torah program and an end-of-Yom Kippur Havdalah outside last year, as well.

"We may not be able to do it exactly the way it was, but we want to bring people together; we want to make people feel a part of a community," Yanoff said. "We really haven't stopped doing that at all."

Still, Yanoff is making the effort to connect with congregants who may not have had the same opportunities to attend in-person services and celebrations.

In addition to hosting a High Holiday packets pick-up, Adath Israel is delivering packets to its senior members.

Congregation Keshet Israel in Society Hill is making calls — house and phone — too. It



▲ Sam Resnick's in-person bar mitzvah on Aug. 21 at Congregation Keshet Israel  
Courtesy of Norman Millan

is delivering prayer books as a way to reach out to members.

The efforts appear to be paying off. Last year, initially only 64% of congregants from two years ago renewed their membership, which increased to 82% after the High Holiday season. This year, Keshet Israel is beginning at more than 70% membership retention. Like Yanoff, Keshet Israel's Executive Director Norman Millan is trying to instill a sense of ownership in the synagogue to push for membership numbers to increase.

"We really need your membership, and you're part of our family," Millan said.

Though the return of in-person services sweetened the pot for members' return to the synagogue, Millan said that due to financial reasons, Keshet Israel's Sisterhood was dismantled. A women's study group was established in its place.

Like so many other groups, the study group that once met in person is now online and looks to remain that way, as it's challenging to gather in-person for smaller, intimate group discussions.

According to one study group member, Beth-Ellen Kroope, the group has been helpful for those who may not attend Shabbat services.

"Sometimes, other people have gotten involved that weren't involved before," she said.

Congregation Leyv Ha-Ir in Center City is keeping its

remote programming for similar issues.

Leyv Ha-Ir's congregation doesn't have a building but rents a space at Rittenhouse Square. In-person services weren't in the picture this year, but that wasn't a problem.

"We just felt our members have been so good about being engaged on Zoom," Leyv Ha-Ir President Bobbi Cohen said. "We literally don't have one person who was unable to get on."

During the pandemic year, Leyv Ha-Ir's membership actually increased. People from all over the country who had heard of the shul or its rabbis started attending programs over Zoom.

Mishkan Shalom also saw membership grow due to online programming attended by those outside of Philadelphia.

As a result, they'll keep much of their programming online indefinitely.

"During the week, we have at least one, and up to four, offerings every day that emerged during COVID, and almost all of them are staying online," Mishkan Shalom Rabbi Shawn Zevit said.

Zevit, along with these other synagogues, have been flexible with membership dues, especially sensitive to those who have been financially impacted by the pandemic.

Mishkan Shalom has ticketless High Holiday services and self-assessed dues, which have been in place for nine



▲ Congregation Adath Israel on the Main Line's outdoors and masked Purim in the Parking Lot, or Mask-Car-Aid, event  
Photo by Lauren Marks-Cabanas

years. Leyv Ha-Ir has sliding membership dues ranging from \$600-\$1,000 for individuals and \$900-\$1,500 for families.

For Leyv Ha-Ir, which has seen donations slightly decrease even as membership has grown, the financial debate of being a member of a synagogue is apparent.

Regardless of the dues system, synagogues don't want to turn anyone down. For Adath Israel and Keshet Israel members who can't afford to pay full price, the synagogues will find accommodations. And many times, members who can afford to donate a little extra will do so.

Though synagogues are working hard to retain congregants and consistent funding, Zevit hopes to think of synagogue engagement differently. He said that though some members only come for High Holiday services or for certain programming, the connection is still there.

"We often play the numbers game: how many households, how many people at 'x' programs," Zevit said. "But what if we thought about how many people's lives have changed by virtue of being part of our community?" •

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# Seeking High Holiday Services? Here Are Some Options

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**THE TORAH TELLS US** to welcome the stranger.

So, this year on the High Holidays, like in other years, local synagogues are opening their doors to non-members.

If you're looking for a service, the list below can help. It's not comprehensive, but it does offer several in-person and virtual options. Due to the delta variant, several shuls have both.

Rosh Hashanah begins Sept. 6 at sundown.

### IN-PERSON

#### Congregation Ohev Shalom (Conservative)

2 Chester Road

Wallingford

Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 6 (6:30 p.m. for two hours), 7 (9 a.m. for four hours) and 8 (9 a.m. for four hours)

Yom Kippur: Sept. 15 (6:30 p.m. for two hours) and 16 (9 a.m. for four hours and 3:30 p.m. for three hours)

Masks and registrations required. Donations encouraged.

Contact: 610-874-1465, holidays@ohev.net

#### Temple Adath Israel of the Main Line (Conservative)

250 N. Highland Ave.

Merion Station

Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 6 (6 p.m. for one hour), 7 (10:45 a.m. for two hours) and 8 (10:45 a.m. for two hours)

Yom Kippur: Sept. 15 (5:45 p.m. for three hours) and 16 (10:45 a.m. for three hours and 5:30 p.m. for two hours)

Donations requested.

Contact: 610-934-1903

#### Beth Chaim Reform Congregation

389 Conestoga Road

Malvern

Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 6 (7:30 p.m. for one hour) and 7 (10 a.m. for one hour)

Yom Kippur: Sept. 15 (8 p.m. for one hour) and 16 (10 a.m. for one hour)

Donations appreciated.

Contact: 610-640-2147, administrator@bethchaim.net

#### Bensalem Jewish Outreach Center (Orthodox)

2446 Bristol Road

Bensalem

Rosh Hashanah: Sept. 7 (8 a.m. for over four hours and 2 p.m. for one hour) and 8 (8 a.m. for more than four hours)

Yom Kippur: Sept. 15 (6:50 p.m. for two hours) and 16 (8 a.m. for more than four hours and 6 p.m. for two hours)

Free.

Contact: 215-752-5032

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**“To save one life is to save  
the world entire.”  
— The Talmud**



This High Holiday season, as we seek spiritual and physical renewal for ourselves and our loved ones, let us also remember those in Israel who nurture and renew life every day. Whether it's treating civilians wounded in terror and rocket attacks or vaccinating them against Covid-19, no organization in Israel saves more lives than Magen David Adom.

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### **NJ Condo Settles With Residents Who Sued About Shabbat Elevator Discontinuation**

**ELEVATORS AT THE COLONY** condominiums in Fort Lee, New Jersey once again will stop on every floor on Shabbat as part of a settlement with Orthodox Jewish residents who sued over the service being canceled, JTA reported.

Residents filed suit in June alleging that the condo discriminated against them by turning off the Shabbat setting in the elevators and preventing staff from pushing the elevator buttons. They contended that they were thus trapped in their apartments during Shabbat.

In a letter to condo shareholders, it was announced that the elevators will stop on every floor for 9½ hours each Saturday and on major Jewish holidays. The lawsuit sought damages, but no payments are required per the settlement.

### **First Bar Mitzvah Celebrated in Bahrain in 16 Years**

Bahrain's Jewish community recently celebrated its first bar mitzvah since 2005, JTA reported.

The Association of Gulf Jewish Communities said the ceremony took place in Bahrain's only operational synagogue, the House of Ten Commandments in Manama.

The unnamed bar mitzvah boy read from a Torah scroll donated by Jared Kushner, the son-in-law and senior adviser to former President Donald Trump.

There are about 50 Jews living in Bahrain, which signed a normalization accord with Israel in 2020 that Kushner helped to broker.

"It is a very exciting time for Jewish life in the [Gulf Cooperation Council] as more families celebrate Jewish milestones more publicly," AGJC Rabbi Elie Abadie said. "This is an affirmation of the continued growth of Jewish life in the region."

### **Spanish University Cancels Seminar Comparing Holocaust, Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

A Spanish university canceled a course titled "Auschwitz/Gaza: A Testing Ground for Comparative Literature" after being criticized by several Holocaust scholars and Jewish organizations, JTA reported.

Jewish groups contended that the University of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia trivialized the Holocaust by comparing it to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"This very title and expected content is not an issue of 'freedom of expression,' but a banalization of the Holocaust, which can incite to hatred and violence against Jews of today," wrote Shimon Samuels, the Simon Wiesenthal Center's director for international relations, in a letter sent to Spain's minister of universities, Manuel Castells Oliván.

### **Ukrainian Café Says SS Logo a 'Font Gone Wrong'**

Owners of a Ukrainian cafe housed in a former synagogue said a logo featuring two lightning bolts that resembled the Nazi SS insignia "is a case of a font gone wrong," JTA reported.

The owners of Café Escobar in Chernivtsi said on Facebook that they worked two lightning bolts into the logo to advertise their coffee's reenergizing qualities. They apologized and said they will drop the logo.

"We didn't make any Nazi references, we assure you! And sorry if this caused negative emotions," they wrote. "We apologize to anyone whose feelings may have been hurt."

The cafe has kept some of the Hebrew text on the walls from when the building was the Great Synagogue of Chernivtsi. The building dates from 1853 and combines baroque and classicist elements. •

— *Compiled by Andy Gotlieb*



# Federation Housing Helps Survivor Move to Canada

LOCAL

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**PAUL GIDALY IS 96** and a Holocaust survivor.

And he only wants one thing in his remaining years: to live in Canada near his daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

On Aug. 26, Federation Housing, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit, made Gidaly's wish its command.

The organization orchestrated the survivor's move to Calgary, near Canada's west coast. The next day, Michele Naftulin, the property manager with Federation Housing, called Canyon Meadows, Gidaly's new apartment complex.

"They said he's already whizzing around on a scooter," she said.

Gidaly is happy to be there, but it's not exactly heaven — he is still estranged from his daughter. And while his hope is to reconcile, there's no guarantee that will happen.

But trying is better than staying in his lonely, isolated situation in Philadelphia.

When the pandemic hit, Gidaly was living alone in a Federation Housing-managed apartment building, Center Park III, on Red Lion Road. He had lived there since 2005, and, in recent years, many of his original friends either died or moved out.

Gidaly told Naftulin he had a hole in his heart. He also told Federation Housing about his Calgary wish.

The widower knew about Canyon Meadows from a trip to Canada two years ago. After Canada lifted its COVID travel restrictions in July, Federation Housing worked with Gidaly to buy a plane ticket, sign a lease and ship 18 UPS boxes containing all his possessions. Gidaly, who was already vaccinated, was able to travel after



▲ Paul Gidaly, sitting, waits at Philadelphia International Airport on Aug. 26 before his flight to Canada. He is surrounded by Jewish Federation employees who helped make his trip happen.

Photo by Alyssa Moss

taking a COVID test.

Even though Federation Housing will no longer watch over Gidaly in Canada, he will receive \$500 a month toward rent from the Franklin B. Haaz Holocaust Rental Assistance Program.

"I look forward to being near family. I am excited to make new friendships," Gidaly said. "The pandemic made me feel so isolated."

He hopes the move is the end of a long journey.

Gidaly was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1925. After losing his father in the Holocaust, Gidaly immigrated to Canada with his mother and sister.

He married during his initial stay there, and the couple had a daughter. Later they divorced, and Gidaly met his second wife, Eva, in Israel.

Eventually, they relocated to Philadelphia, where they lived out the rest of their years together. After Eva died, Gidaly moved into Center Park III, an affordable housing community for seniors.

Federation Housing, which

is subsidized by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, manages 1,500 residents across 11 properties, according to Alyssa Moss, the Federation Housing social services manager.

"We like to listen to residents and respond to their needs," Moss said.

With Gidaly, organization employees didn't just listen. They went above and beyond.

"I am extremely grateful for Federation's assistance

throughout the entire process," Gidaly said. "Including planning, organizing and financing my final wish."

The survivor has lived in six countries: Hungary, Canada, Israel, the U.S., Austria and England. He is also an active traveler who knows six languages: German, English, Hebrew, French, Italian and Latin.

But he wanted to settle down in Calgary as early as the spring of 2020. Gidaly even

tried to get a flight out, but then COVID hit.

And once he was finally able to book a flight, the accountant by trade was organized and ready; his passport and identification cards were all current.

"He was on the ball," Naftulin said. "I admired his determination to get out there, and he made it." •

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# Jewish Groups Rally for Haitian Communities

## LOCAL

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WHEN A 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti's southern peninsula on Aug. 14, leveling buildings, reducing some areas to rubble and killing hundreds, Jewish organizations local and abroad responded with helping hands to Haitian communities.

The Merow Family Mitzvah Food Pantry at Beth Shalom Congregation in Elkins Park serves around 165 Haitian families in the area monthly through weekly food distributions, according to Brian Gralnick, director of social responsibility at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. The Jewish Federation provides much of the pantry's logistical and financial support and staffing.

When last month's earthquake, as well as previous earthquakes, hit Haiti, MFP didn't see an influx in households, but rather an increase in those who want to stay and chat about their families back home for a while.

"We're a friendly face that they see on an every-week basis," pantry co-manager

Stuart Warsetsky said.

As of 2016, there are about 8,800 first-generation Haitian immigrants in Philadelphia, according to Pew Charitable Trusts, and Haitian households make up the majority of the 280 households the MFP serves every month. As a result, MFP prioritizes cultural competency in its service.

Sarrah Cesar, one of MFP's volunteers, is Haitian and speaks Haitian Creole. She began working at the pantry for a class she was taking at Temple University this spring but continued volunteering over the summer. In addition to serving as a translator for the Haitian clients and MFP volunteers, Cesar would ask the Haitian people questions about themselves and their families, building deeper connections.

"Even though they were getting help [with food], it was a way to talk to them more, to see what else they needed help with," Cesar said.

After the earthquake, some clients were asking for extra food to send along with clothes and toiletries to relatives impacted by the disaster, or who might just need a little help, Cesar said. Cesar's family

sends those care packages to her family in Haiti twice a year.

Since beginning to volunteer at MFP four months ago, Cesar has encountered familiar faces — people she's befriended who come into the pantry often.

"People that we know would come all the time; they would just say hi and talk, ask how we were. Then they were on their way, and it was just a fun thing to be able to have that," Cesar said.

Alongside MFP, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Pennsylvania has helped to assist the population.

Though HIAS Pennsylvania helps MFP by providing additional translators, it is MFP that provides groceries to many of its Haitian clients who are eligible and waiting for immigration benefits, such as asylum or temporary protective status, but cannot access public benefits in the meantime.

"The Mitzvah Food Pantry always provides what they provide with compassion and understanding," said Carolyn Miller-Wilson, executive director of HIAS Pennsylvania.

And in Haiti, Jewish



▲ JDC partnered with the Afya Foundation to pack and deliver medical supplies to a hospital in Aquin, Haiti. Courtesy of Michael Geller

organizations are assisting locals.

The Joint Distribution Committee partnered with the local Haitian organization Afya Foundation to distribute 2,500 pounds of medical supplies, such as IV starters,

sutures, gloves, masks, face shields and clean linens, to hospitals in Aquin the day after the earthquake.

JDC also partnered with Heart to Heart International to deploy a medical team in the area, which treated more than 500 patients. Even after the immediate impact of the earthquake dissipates, JDC will continue to partner with Prodev Haiti, which provides housing and ongoing medical care.

JDC is guided by the Jewish principles of *arevut*, or mutual responsibility, and *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, but aims to take these ideas a step further.

"Repairing the world is not about a Band-Aid," JDC Director of Media Relations Michael Geller said. "Repairing the world is about mending and making stronger. And that's really what we focus on." •

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#### U.S. Military Tests Iron Dome

UNITED STATES TROOPS tested the Israeli-made Iron Dome missile defense system over the summer in New Mexico, The Times of Israel reported.

Israel sold two of the batteries to the U.S. under a 2019 agreement, with one delivered in late 2020 and the other in January. The Army then began integrating the system into its air defenses.

In the first live-fire trial in June, soldiers shot down targets, including drones, at the White Sands test range. Aside from intercepting rockets, Iron Dome was upgraded to shoot down cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles and mortar shells.

Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd. of Haifa announced last year that it would partner with defense contractor Raytheon to open a domestic Iron Dome production line.

#### Israeli-Arab Wins Gold in Paralympics

On the first day of the Paralympic Games in Tokyo, swimmer Iyad Shalabi made history, becoming the first Israeli-Arab athlete to win a medal in either the Olympics or Paralympics, JTA reported.

Shalabi, 34, won gold on Aug. 24 in the 100-meter backstroke in the S1 division. Paralympic sports have a wide range of classifications; S1 denotes severe activity limitations.

"My heart was pounding," Shalabi's father, Yusuf Shalabi, said. "When he overtook his competitor, I cried. He was constantly training. Six years every day he trains. It's like a dream."

Shalabi was born deaf to a Muslim family in Shfar'am, in northern Israel. He was paralyzed in an accident, falling from a rooftop at the age of 12, and lost the full use of his lower limbs.

#### IDF to Vacate Three Bases by Year's End

The Israel Defense Forces will vacate bases in Sirkin (near Petah Tikva), Tzrifin (Rishon Lezion) and al-Tira (Haifa) by the end of 2021, Globes reported.

The Ministry of Defense will hand over the bases to the Israel Land Authority, which will destroy buildings there then rehabilitate the land through Environmental Services Co., Ltd., which is government-owned.

The Sirkin base is slated to hold 2,700 housing units, along with 100,000-square-meters of commercial and office space and public lands and parks on 325 acres.

At the Tzifirn base, 75 acres will be used for 3,400 housing units and 100,000-square-meters of commercial and office space.

And 62.5 acres at al-Tira will feature 2,400 housing units, 100,000 square meters of commercial and office space, and 200,000 square meters of public space and parks.

#### Israel Ends Restrictions on Gay Men Donating Blood

Israel ended restrictions on blood donations that effectively prevented gay men from donating blood, JTA reported.

Israel previously prohibited any man who had same-sex relations over the past 12 months from donating. The question's wording will be changed to asking whether prospective donors have had "high-risk sexual relations with a new partner or partners" during the past three months.

The change was spearheaded by Israeli Health Minister Nitzan Horowitz, who is the first gay man in the position.

The change is similar to those made in the United States last year and in the United Kingdom earlier this year. •

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## Sermons

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difference where we can.”

According to Brennan, this means looking inward. It also means looking around in your physical space.

“Focus on people,” he said.

Once you do that, you will realize that your sphere of influence is bigger than you thought, he said. You can impact family members, friends, even acquaintances.

“If everybody does that, the amount of positivity is immeasurable,” Brennan said.

Rabbi Eric Yanoff leads Adath Israel, a Conservative congregation on the Main Line. This year, when he speaks to members, Yanoff is going to explain the theory of Stanford University sociologist Mark Granovetter, whose work examines the layers of relationships that form our communities.



▲ Rabbi Eric Yanoff of Adath Israel in Merion Station  
Photo by Michelle Camperson Photography

Our strongest connections are with family members, friends and co-workers, according to the professor. Our intermediate relationships are with those we serve, those who serve us and our wider social network in general; that can be our barbers, baristas and fellow synagogue congregants, among others.

And our weakest connections are the random interactions beyond the intermediate layer, like when we yell at people in traffic.

During COVID, with all of its social restrictions, the weakest layer faded, Yanoff said. But so did the intermediate layer, and that’s a problem we now need to correct.

Yanoff said those middle connections make up the fabric of society. Without them, we tend to huddle with our own people and become clannish.

“We’ve lost something,” Yanoff said. “The ties that connect us to a larger society.”

Rabbi Nathan Weiner leads Congregation Beth Tikvah, a Conservative synagogue in Marlton, New Jersey. Weiner agrees with both Brennan and Yanoff: We should start with our closest relationships and build out to those vital intermediate ties.

In his Rosh Hashanah sermon, Weiner will emphasize how the pandemic, even as it kept us apart, taught us how to come together again.

Beth Tikvah members went grocery shopping for each other. They picked up prescriptions for each other. They used technology to maintain and deepen their community.

In addition to virtual services, Weiner runs a weekly study group on Zoom with 20 people. One member takes another to the doctor. A different participant was



▲ Rabbi Nathan Weiner of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Marlton, New Jersey  
Photo by Sharon Savitz

a shut-in before the group started.

“They have come to love one another,” he said. “The connections are real.”

The rabbi’s speech will remind congregants that the digital space can deepen community. But it also will remind them that technology can’t replace community.

Joy, warmth and meaning come from real connections with people around you. As the rabbi put it, real joy does not emerge from a Facebook like. It comes from your neighbor helping you up after you’ve fallen.

“People have rediscovered that,” he said. “It’s almost like we’ve hit the reset button.”

The pandemic, though, is not yet over, and it continues to lay bare the American conflict between individual liberty and communal good. And, too often, according to Weiner, individual liberty is winning.

That’s why Weiner will use his Yom Kippur sermon to remind congregants to prioritize the communal good.

Individual freedom is

essential for achieving that good, according to the rabbi. But with freedom comes a social obligation to live the mitzvot, to do justice, love in kindness and walk humbly with God.

“If we don’t have a common sense of obligation to one another, the system falls apart,” Weiner said. “Society crumbles.”

Reconstructionist Rabbi Alanna Sklover of Or Hadash in Fort Washington is planning to delve into 5782 being a Shmita, or sabbatical, year. That’s when Jews are supposed to let the land lay fallow to prepare it for future harvests.

The Shmita year is about stepping back and reflecting on lessons, according to the rabbi. Then, we apply those lessons in year one of the new agricultural cycle.

So it’s a Shmita year in a communal sense, too, Sklover said.

“We get this opportunity to start with a fresh field,” she said. ●

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afterward.

There are now 12 Jewish men incarcerated in SCI-Phoenix. Though the exact number of incarcerated Jews there has fluctuated over the years, it has usually been around the size of a minyan.

According to Frank Jordan, who is incarcerated at SCI-Phoenix, serving a life sentence on homicide charges, many of these men have been friends for decades after spending so many years on the inside together. One inmate has been incarcerated since 1963.

They are joined by a dozen or so others: men interested in Judaism who want to learn more. Though he believes most have pure intentions, Jordan claims that — much like on the outside — some just come to services for the food that follows.

For Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the men would unstack chairs and drag them into a circle, where a volunteer chaplain would lead them in prayer and discussion. They would roll their mobile Torah ark out of the closet and closer to the circle, where it would become the service's focal point.

Afterward, the havurah would share a meal together, one of two festive meals the prison provides. Though the prison would distribute the meals, a couple of men from the prison's east side volunteered to cook some Ashkenazi favorites: roasted chicken, potato kugel, (an albeit watery) matzah ball soup. If they were fortunate, the food would come from the outside; the taste of a brisket from several years back still lingers in Jordan's memory.

Last year, however, the meal, the services and the spiritual impact of the holiday were different. And it will be different this year, too.

Instead of gathering in the makeshift chapel, the Jewish men stayed in their cells, watching services from Central



▲ Two men reading Torah at the synagogue at SCI-Graterford, the state prison replaced by SCI-Phoenix in 2018. Jewish Exponent archives



▲ Rabbi David Bauer is the part-time chaplain at SCI-Phoenix. Photo by M. Sumner



▲ Rabbi Elyse Wechterman is a volunteer chaplain at SCI-Phoenix. Courtesy of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association

Synagogue in New York broadcast on closed-circuit televisions. They received a dressed-down festive meal, complete with eight ounces of a "calcium fluoride beverage," which doesn't hold a (Shabbat) candle to beloved Kedem grape juice.

Because the social component of the holidays is so important to the inmates, the isolation of last year's tamped-down holiday observations was devastating.

"It's heart-wrenching that we can't at least gather with our crew," Jordan said. "For them to not allow us to come together once a week or for our High Holidays is ridiculous."

According to Jordan, the general population of SCI-Phoenix is mostly

vaccinated. Still, at this point, Rabbi David Bauer, the part-time prison chaplain at SCI-Phoenix, said that due to concerns over the delta variant, the east and west sides of the prison won't come together for services this year. Just as last year, the men will likely observe the holidays from their cells.

"The level of fear around any multiple-person event turning into a superspreader event just completely put the kibosh on any of our more ambitious plans of gathering people together," Bauer said.

Beyond the disappointment of another year of separation from friends (in addition to family members on the outside), the loss of Jewish

community over the High Holidays is counter to what these holidays require from Jews who observe.

For those on the outside, the process of *teshuvah*, or repentance and transformation, takes place in community with others. In addition to being able to apologize to those one has hurt, an individual also needs encouragement to work up the courage to confront someone, write a letter to someone they've hurt and provide emotional support, Bauer said. On the inside, that process can't happen.

"Many of the essential components that make the traditional Jewish process of *teshuvah* successful are not available to people who are incarcerated this year," Bauer said.

In the Jewish tradition, having the opportunity to apologize to whom you've hurt is a large part of *teshuvah*.

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Editorial

# Rosh Hashanah 5782

**5781 WAS CHALLENGING.** But we got through it. In the process, we learned how to celebrate Shabbat and Jewish holidays remotely or in compliant outdoor venues; figured out how to work remotely and still do our jobs; attended meetings, communal events and celebrations on Zoom or in carefully restricted settings; and watched our children struggle to learn remotely or attend class under difficult COVID-driven rules. Throughout it all, we yearned for a return to “normal.”

Around Rosh Hashanah of last year, as the COVID-19 infection and death rates soared yet again, there was uncertainty about our nation’s ability to react quickly and

comprehensively enough to overcome the virus. A few months later, as a national vaccination program rolled out, infections and COVID-related deaths began to decline. Over time, as the number of vaccinations increased — and with it more promising virus-defying numbers — plans were formulated to remove masks, eliminate social distancing requirements and even allow indoor gatherings. And we envisioned a triumphant return to our synagogues and workplaces by Rosh Hashanah.

But it was not to be. The stubborn refusal of millions of Americans to vaccinate — and the emergence of the highly infectious delta variant that took advantage of that

reluctance — shattered our optimism and forced us to change our plans. So once again, as Rosh Hashanah 5782 approaches, we are challenged. The feeling of déjà vu — complete with all of the uncertainties of a raging pandemic that we cannot fully control — is frightening.

We worry about the impact of new restrictions on our children. Notwithstanding the remarkable efforts of our schools, last year’s education programs were not optimal. And we are concerned about the long-term impact of further reduced education opportunities.

On the economic front, we have seen two conflicting trends: The stock market is booming, as consumer

spending is hot and business investment is growing. At the same time, economic inequality is getting worse, as the wealth gap continues to increase, with little hope or meaningful opportunity for the neediest among us.

Locally, we take pride that our synagogues and communal institutions have continued to work so hard to build a vibrant Jewish community, and have been remarkably attentive and creative in doing so. They have been nimble in adjusting to new rules and realities, even as they prepare for the holidays and the coming new year.

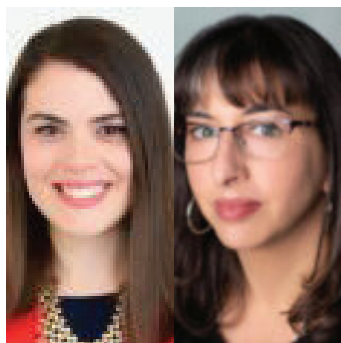
As we think about the past year, there are two other achievements we celebrate. First, we applaud the

extraordinary generosity of our communities in raising charitable dollars to support food, shelter and healthcare needs caused by the pandemic, while at the same time continuing to support ongoing Jewish life. The results are impressive.

Second, we marvel at the remarkably rapid development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. We have never seen anything like it in our lifetimes. That singular accomplishment is emblematic of what can be accomplished when people work together. Let’s keep that in mind as we prepare to face new challenges in the coming year.

We wish all of our readers a healthy, happy and sweet new year. •

## In Our Season of Reckoning, What to Remember When Abuse Stories Break in Jewish Communities



BY SHEILA KATZ AND RABBI DANYA RUTTENBERG

**WE ARE, ONCE AGAIN,** in a season of reckoning with sexual abuse in the Jewish community and in the country.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned after a state attorney general investigation found that he sexually harassed at least 11 women, aided by networks of complicity.

In the Jewish community, the Reform movement, which

represents the largest and most diverse Jewish movement in North America, has initiated three separate investigations — one each for its rabbinical seminary, rabbinical association and synagogue network — to look at both allegations of abuse and possible points of failure in its policies and systems.

The Conservative movement has announced new accountability and reporting policies for its youth group program and investigation into allegations regarding past sexual abuse by one of its former staff.

And just this week, a survivor anonymously shared a painful story about their treatment after being raped at Yeshiva University.

As all this unfolds, there likely will be many revelations about individuals who committed abuse, people in

power who may have dismissed complaints and perhaps much more. This is likely to be a painful, difficult time for many. But it also has the potential to be a critical opportunity on the road to healing, to repair, to make things different for next time.

In the Jewish world, we are in the weeks leading up to our High Holy Days, the season of *cheshebon nefesh* and *teshuvah*; of accounting of the soul and repentance, of acknowledging what has gone wrong and trying to do the work of making it right. Every season is the season to do the work of addressing sexual abuse and misconduct correctly, with integrity and care, but it is especially resonant in this season.

We both have been involved in this work from a myriad of perspectives. We have worked in

assault prevention and trauma counseling. As advocates, we have helped advise multimillion-dollar projects aimed at transforming the Jewish community and helped denominations address systemic change. One of us is writing a book on institutional repentance. One of us came forward publicly naming a major philanthropist as an abuser.

We have seen what can happen from many sides, and we are all too familiar with the common mistakes that are made, time and again, whenever sexual assault or harassment are in the news.

As such, here are some basic principles we recommend following, whether as an affected member of the community or a curious outsider watching from afar.

Listen and feel. First and foremost, whether you are

speaking to or about survivors, do not assume you know what they should think, feel or do — and yes, believe them.

There is no one right way to respond to victimization, either in action or in feeling. And there are myriad places that a person might be in their potentially lifelong process of healing and recovery — including anger, hurt and disinterest, or unwillingness to talk about their or others’ experiences of sexual abuse. Certainly all survivors have their own journey in making sense of their experiences, and it is wrong to push them to forgive or reconcile with those who have hurt them in any way. Unless you are asked explicitly for advice about a specific situation, don’t give advice to survivors about how to think or feel or make sense of their own experiences.



Let people define who they are for themselves, including how they want to be identified, if at all. Some people prefer the term “survivor” over “victim,” whether they are currently in the unwelcome situation or not. It should be up to the person impacted to define their own relationship to the abuse they experienced.

If a trusted member of the clergy or another key figure in your community is named as a sexual abuser, or if an institution that you trusted has been complicit in great harm, it is absolutely natural to feel a sense of betrayal, anger, confusion, hurt or a range of other emotions. Feel them. Make space for them.

Keep your eye on what happens next. The true test of an institution that participates in harm is whether and how well it takes responsibility. If you’re a stakeholder, can you be part of the project of holding your synagogue, camp or other organization to accountability by making sure that it follows best practices? Some

support for the perpetrator.

As we learn and process, we must hold institutions accountable and keep the accountability bar high. This is how we put the value of “believing survivors” into action and make it possible for them to turn, or return, to their community for solace and support.

Some claim that holding those who cause harm accountable is tantamount to exiling them forever, without any chance of returning to connection or community. On the contrary, there is a path back, but for the sake of those harmed — and to prevent future harm — we must make sure that we are rigorous in pursuing accountability. The work of repentance in the Jewish tradition includes steps of public ownership of harm, beginning to do the work — deep work, hard work — to change, make amends, apologize and, ultimately, to make different choices moving forward. In this formulation, only those harmed can make decisions about forgiveness.

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of these may include, but are not limited to, conducting a thorough and impartial investigation; allowing survivors access to the investigation report; making funding for victims’ therapy or other mental health needs available; and making a statement that you believe the survivor, are grateful for them coming forward and will be following up on their claim. Push your organization toward tangible actions and concrete measures of accountability. Remember that others are watching and if the institution remains silent, even if there is a legal situation, that silence is easily taken as

Think about what and how you share. Journalists have an essential role to play in sharing these necessary stories exposing abuse, and they are increasingly learning how to do so without retraumatizing survivors. Still, as individuals and communities learn to better respond to abuse, remember that many media outlets are catching up on best practices on reporting about sexual abuse. The onus is on all of us to be thoughtful about how we take in or share the news.

Look at the language used in news stories you are considering amplifying. The choice to say that someone is an

“alleged” abuser sows seeds of suspicion in the person who came forward; stating that a report of misconduct or abuse was made is similarly factual from the perspective of journalistic accounts, but the reader perceives it as less questionable. Where have the journalists focused their spotlight — do they invest their energies on humanizing perpetrators or on centering the stories and experiences of victims and survivors? Too often, we see so many through headlines and photo choices, through anecdotes and story hooks.

Similarly, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual assault are not the same things and should not be used interchangeably. The correct term should always be used — but often it is not. Sexual misconduct is a broad catchall term for unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature that is committed without consent or by force, intimidation, coercion or manipulation — it may be illegal, it may not be. Sexual assault involves sexually touching another person without consent, or the use of coercion or force, and sexual harassment includes a range of actions from verbal transgressions to physical advances and is illegal in most contexts.

As you engage in the conversation, you might feel compelled to share articles on social media. Many of these articles will include images of the perpetrator, which can be triggering for the victims. Consider sharing the article, but not the picture — it’s possible to click away the photo before posting. Select a picture that says “Believe survivors” or something of the sort to go with your post. This can be a way to show your support, center victims and help reduce trauma for those most affected.

Consider the survivors and victims whose stories aren’t yet known. Although anyone can be a victim, regardless of

gender, sexual abuse disproportionately impacts women, LGBTQ folks, people with disabilities and people from low-income backgrounds. We must acknowledge that this is not random. Perpetrators tend to prey on people who are less likely to be believed. Black women report experiencing workplace sexual harassment at three times the rate of white women. Moreover, half of all Black transgender women are survivors of sexual violence and two-thirds of Black transgender people said they would be uncomfortable asking the police for help.

As we prepare for other potential revelations of abuse within the Jewish community and in other spaces, we must continue to focus on the

needs of survivors and victims, whether they choose to come forward publicly or not. Each of us must take action — from our unique vantages, roles, positions and experiences — to insist on accountability, to work for systemic change toward equity, transparency, safety and justice, and to ensure a future without harassment, assault or abuse.

Repair is possible, but it must be survivor-centric at every turn. •

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## KVETCH ‘N’ KVELL

### Why, Thank You

**SHALOM. I HAVE READ** some issues of your newspaper which came to me via a neighbor with a daughter in Philadelphia. I found several articles, particularly on Israel, informative and interesting. The Torah portions are always relevant and on target. Thank you for such good journalism at this time. It is appreciated.

*Shana Tova Umetuka* to you and your readers. Be safe.

Livia Shagam, Monroe Township, New Jersey

### True Philadelphia Treasure

You recently wrote an article (“Doctor Takes on Vital Role During COVID Crisis,” Aug. 12) about the outstanding job Dr. Steven Sivak and Einstein Hospital on North Broad Street have done dispensing the COVID-19 vaccines.

The article stressed his age at 68 years. His 68 is the new 38. My family and I are blessed to be Sivak’s patients, as were my late parents — he has treated four generations of us. Not only is he a one-in-a-million doctor and human being, he is humble and treats everyone with respect — answering emails and texts at all hours. Moreover, Einstein is filled with great doctors. A true Philadelphia treasure. •

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# Resting in Dignity: Friends of Jewish Cemeteries Begin Work to Restore At-Risk Cemeteries

The Philadelphia area has numerous historic Jewish cemeteries, but this beautiful testament to Judaism's deep local roots is often met with poor conditions: broken or fallen stones, uneven and unsafe ground, illegible inscriptions, and other damage.

How to viably restore and protect these sacred places into the future is a challenge debated by communities of all faiths, all over the country. A group of local Jewish volunteers decided to join forces and find an answer. Earlier this year, they created the Friends of Jewish Cemeteries (FJC), a special initiative of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, to explore realistic strategies for improving poor conditions at mature properties, particularly in the oldest sections. While community clean-ups are invaluable, professional skills and equipment are necessary for extensively damaged areas.



Friends of Jewish Cemeteries' first effort to preserve at-risk local cemeteries is now underway and offering opportunities for genealogy hobbyists and everyone.  
*Courtesy: Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia*

experienced genealogy hobbyists to help find their descendants. Walter Spector, a volunteer genealogist, is supporting the effort and hopes members of the community with research experience will join him in the work. There are also a variety of other on-site and in-home volunteer opportunities, such as assistance with fundraising, securing landscaping and stone repair supplies, publicity, and production of the guide.

"The popularity of genealogy research has brought newfound attention to historic and mature cemeteries as well as the escalating problems in many of them," said Rich Blumberg, leader of FJC. "When you talk with others who share these concerns about sustaining our legacy, the task often seems beyond our reach. The goal of FJC and its pilot project is to challenge that notion."

Those interested in learning more about genealogy research, saving historic cemeteries and honoring those at rest will have an opportunity to help clean up Har Nebo during a service day, sponsored by the Jewish Federation, on Sunday, October 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will rake leaves, clip vines, pick up debris and participate in a memorial service for those interred at the historic site.

FJC's pilot project goals include raising ongoing funds for further work at other area cemeteries, but Blumberg hopes that its success will extend far beyond that: "We want to raise awareness of the conservation needs of these special places, offer a pragmatic path to success and inspire others to join us."

**For more information about FJC and involvement opportunities, visit [jewishphilly.org/cemetery](http://jewishphilly.org/cemetery) or contact Addie Klein, [aklein@jewishphilly.org](mailto:aklein@jewishphilly.org). To register for the cleanup day at Har Nebo on October 17<sup>th</sup>, visit [jewishphilly.org/cemeterycleanup](http://jewishphilly.org/cemeterycleanup).**

"When neighbors and friends reached out because of the poor conditions at Har Nebo Cemetery in Oxford Circle, we knew we had to do better," said State Rep. Jared G. Solomon, 202nd district of Philadelphia County, and a FJC advocate. "With the Jewish Federation and Friends of Jewish Cemeteries leading the charge, we as a community hope to chart a new course for how communities can repair, rebuild, and reimagine Jewish cemeteries throughout our region."

In tackling this grand-scale restoration problem, FJC decided to focus first on Har Nebo, Philadelphia's oldest privately-owned Jewish cemetery and one of the city's largest. Through this pilot project, FJC will fund, secure and oversee expert-level rehabilitation of a section of graves representing the most common problems found in cemeteries in disrepair. At its conclusion, the group will produce a multimedia how-to guide, documenting its lessons learned that could serve as a model for other groups.

Work is set to begin in the fall of 2021 and will include lifting and repairing headstones, clearing undergrowth and reinforcing the surrounding ground.

A specific section of the cemetery has been selected for restoration, and now FJC needs

## Help FJC find a descendant of these people – or is that you?

The following graves are in the section of Har Nebo that will be professionally restored. FJC wants to find relatives and make them aware of this special project. Direct descendants can also choose not to have a headstone reset.

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Mollie Bennett; D.O.D. Nov. 11, 1918  
Anna Berman (1861-1931)  
Nathan Berman (1854-1913)  
Harry Chertok; D.O.D. May 23, 1924  
Abraham Ginsburg; D.O.D. June 27, 1920  
Jacob Krantz; D.O.D. August 19, 1920  
Chaya Sara Patelson; D.O.D. March 3, 1936  
Ya'akov Patelson; D.O.D. February 11, 1931  
Yechezkel Spritzler; D.O.D. December 2, 1924  
Morris Yuter; D.O.D. July 24, 1924

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Louis Fisher; D.O.D. April 8, 1926  
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Avraham Ginsberg; D.O.D. June 28, 1920  
Pepy Gluck; D.O.D. October 30, 1990  
Baby Kemp; D.O.D. June 4, 1897  
Bella Kornig; D.O.D. August 23, 1898  
Rose Krantz; D.O.D. February 9, 1933  
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Hessie Lehrfeldt; D.O.D. June 16, 1897  
Rosa Lehrfeldt; D.O.D. June 9, 1897  
Annie Mirkin; D.O.D. November 1, 1920  
Jennie Polienich; D.O.D. January 17, 1922  
Jacob Rosenberg; D.O.D. February 28, 1936  
Dora Rubin; D.O.D. April 25, 1923  
Samuel Rubin; D.O.D. March 16, 1975  
Aaron Sattin; D.O.D. October 23, 1924  
Sarah Seltzer; D.O.D. October 11, 1918  
Rosena Spritzler; D.O.D. January 28, 1914  
Abraham Weiner; D.O.D. December 6, 1923  
Frieda Weisen; D.O.D. July 7, 1896  
Harry Wiener; D.O.D. November 4, 1908

If you have experience doing genealogy research and can help or if you are a possible descendant, please contact Rich Blumberg, [rich.blumberg@comcast.net](mailto:rich.blumberg@comcast.net)

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# Break-Fast Dishes: Light, Simple, Tasty

## FOOD

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**ONE OF THE CHALLENGES** of the break-fast meal for the cook is the prep. The ideal menu is one that can be done ahead of time and pulled out when the sun sets, not one that requires the cook to spend hours in the kitchen in the run-up to serving.

Many families gravitate toward a traditional bagel spread — lox, whitefish salad, cream cheese, etc. This is certainly delicious and, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. But for those looking for a lighter repast, or one that reflects the season which, in this case, is still summer, I offer some alternative fare.

These dishes can all be done ahead and served chilled or at room temperature. I

also factored in the growing number of people who are vegan, celiac (or avoid gluten for other reasons) or just plain picky. These dishes all meet the first two requirements — I can't help with pickiness!

Given the current state of the world, large, indoor gatherings are not recommended. But the fact that the High Holidays are early this year encourages outdoor festivities, so this menu is casual and summery and well-suited to a backyard gathering.

### QUINOA SALAD

Serves 6

This is the most basic version of this grain salad — feel free to jazz it up with chopped bell peppers, cucumbers, cherry

tomatoes, fresh mint, etc.

- 1 cup quinoa
- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas or your favorite bean (navy, cannellini, etc.), drained
- 1 bunch parsley, chopped
- 3 scallions, white and green parts, chopped
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook the quinoa according to package directions; cool it thoroughly. (You don't want it mixing with the fresh parsley when it is still warm or it will "cook" the herbs.) In a large bowl, mix all the ingredients except the beans and quinoa to make a dressing. Add the



▲ Quinoa salad

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beans and quinoa, toss and refrigerate overnight until ready to serve.

### CLASSIC 24-HOUR SALAD

Serves 10

This is an oldie but a goodie! The classic version contains bacon, but this is easily avoided in one of two ways: Use a veggie/kosher bacon bits product such as "Soy Boy," or use smoked cheese to infuse the salad with the flavor without breaking any rules. This dish has a dramatic presentation, so serve it in a tall, glass bowl and toss it at the table.

- 1 head iceberg lettuce, rinsed and torn into bite-sized pieces
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
- 2 cups cooked, cooled peas
- 1 cup kosher/veggie bacon bits
- 2 cups smoked cheese (such as cheddar, Swiss, Gouda, etc.)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sliced scallions, white and green parts
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Generous sprinkling of pepper

Place half of the lettuce in

the bottom of a large, deep bowl. Sprinkle it with the sugar, salt and pepper.

Layer the eggs over the lettuce, placing some on their sides facing out to add to the visual appeal. Add peas, kosher bacon bits (if using), cheese and the remaining lettuce. Spread the mayonnaise over the top of the salad, sprinkle with a bit more grated cheese and top it with the scallions.

Cover the salad tightly with plastic wrap, and refrigerate it overnight. Toss before serving.

### ISRAELI ROASTED EGGPLANT SALAD

Serves 8

Sumac is a reddish-colored spice commonly used in Middle Eastern cooking. It has a fresh, citrusy flavor, so if you can't source it, use a teaspoon of grated lemon zest in its place.

- 2 large eggplants, peeled and cubed
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon paprika

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1½ teaspoon sumac  
1 scant handful fresh  
parsley, chopped, for  
topping

Place the eggplant cubes in a colander, and sprinkle them with salt. Allow them to sit for about 30 minutes; the eggplant will “sweat,” and this removes some of the bitterness.

Heat your oven to 400 degrees F.

Rinse the eggplant, dry it with paper towels and place it on a parchment-lined, rimmed cookie sheet. Add the onions and tomatoes to the eggplant.

In a measuring cup, mix the olive oil with all the remaining ingredients except for the parsley, and mix well with a fork. Drizzle this mixture over the vegetables and toss well to coat.

Bake for 30 minutes until the eggplant is soft; stir it occasionally in the oven to ensure even cooking. When done, place the eggplant mixture in a bowl, cover and place it in the fridge.

Before serving, sprinkle the salad with parsley and toss. This can be enjoyed warm, chilled or at room temperature. ●


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# ‘Misha’ a Tale of a Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing

## FILM

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“**MISHA: A MÉMOIRE** of the Holocaust Years” was supposed to be Misha Defonseca’s magnum opus.

The memoir, published in 1997, recounts Defonseca’s supposed escape from Nazi clutches as a child after her parents’ deportation to Germany. After leaving her foster home, Defonseca wanders through the Belgian woods, eventually befriending and living amongst a pack of wolves.

The book was translated into 18 languages, optioned for a Disney film and landed a spot on Oprah Winfrey’s bookshelf as part of Oprah’s Book Club, though book sales in the United States were disappointingly low, making it a fresh story for today’s American audience.

Soon after the memoir’s modest international success, it — along with Defonseca — fell from grace. (Spoiler alert!) Defonseca’s publisher, Jane Daniel, found inconsistencies in Defonseca’s story, leading Daniel to enlist a team consisting of a genealogist, wolf-sanctuary founder and journalist, among others, to uncover the real story of Defonseca.

The fallout of Defonseca’s exposure as a fraud is unraveled in “Misha and the Wolves,” a true-crime documentary by Sam Hobkinson now streaming on Netflix.

The documentary introduces the story’s players, as a series of characters — each with a connection to Defonseca — relay their part of the narrative. Defonseca, a stoic older woman with pulled-back gray hair and outdated makeup, shares her thoughts, too.

Hobkinson spends the first third of the film building suspense, stitching together interviews and b-roll to leave the audience incredulous of



▲ The “real” Misha Defonseca is still alive and is an animal lover.

Defonseca’s story, with Daniel giving the bulk of the detailing.

After Daniel reveals Misha’s story as fraudulent, Hobkinson tries to shock the audience: He shoots a scene of the woman in the first half of the film who spoke as Defonseca sitting in a makeup chair, removing a wig and revealing herself to be nothing more than an actor.

Hobkinson’s clever narrative tool falls short, however, due to one-dimensional acting from “Defonseca,” a character known to others as eccentric and warm. Her lines feel scripted and unoriginal, and her perspective does not feel special enough to warrant her presence in the documentary.

Moreover, to pull off this stunt the documentary holds off on revealing the “real” Defonseca’s face, hiding photographs and video footage from the audience.

For a film that sets out to correct an untruth, the lack of footage of Defonseca during the first half of the film is confusing and is representative of Hobkinson’s reliance on telling his story through interviews, as opposed to compelling footage.

The documentary is packed with B-roll footage of a fictionalized Defonseca hiking through the woods as a young girl or of the film crew dismantling the set of the fake Defonseca’s actor’s home.

These shots were a missed opportunity to not only show old footage, but to give the audience an inside look at the process of uncovering a true mystery.

In fact, “Misha and the Wolves” shines brightest when it walks the audience through uncovering the truth.

Much of Defonseca’s story is debunked by Evelyne Haendel, an actual Belgian Holocaust survivor. Haendel, a genealogist, dives into archives and finds the truth about Defonseca. When she speaks to the camera, Haendel feels honest, vulnerable. The shots of her traveling around Belgium, pouring over old records, being surprised with what she finds, transforms “Misha and the Wolves” into more than just an entertaining documentary, but a real mystery that needs dissecting.

Haendel’s astonishment at the lengths Defonseca went to spin her story is what makes the film all the more engaging. In addition to making sense of why Defonseca chose to falsify her story, Haendel had to make sense of why someone would choose to pretend to be a Holocaust survivor, of all people.

To see the distress Defonseca’s falsehood caused for a Shoah survivor further antagonizes Defonseca and is a profound reminder to the audience that the Holocaust



▲ “Misha and the Wolves” is a true-crime documentary now streaming on Netflix. Courtesy of MetFilm Sales

remains off-limits for appropriation.

The end of the film takes yet another turn, as it makes a half-hearted attempt to redeem Defonseca, who is still alive, and, evidently, truly an animal lover. A shaky attempt to add nuance to the story, Defonseca’s redemption detracted from the harm she caused to those who read and were affected by her book. It was an out-of-place addition to the film that had potential, but was not executed with enough intention and felt like an afterthought.

The story of Defonseca is an eerie one. It warrants a conversation about the

validity of memory and the complex morality of those who have lied or made other bad choices because of their own past strife. Though Defonseca’s story is worth knowing, perhaps Hobkinson wasn’t the best choice to tell it.


Unlike Defonseca, who uses grandeur and charisma to convince her audience of lies, “Misha and the Wolves” does nearly the opposite: It tries to set the story straight, but lacks the imagination to truly sell its viewers. ●

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# Philly Faces: Daniel Israel

## PHILLY FACES

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IN 2015, DANIEL Israel was working odd jobs and looking for a direction. He knew just one thing for certain: He wanted to marry his girlfriend, Amanda Ross.

But to get Ross' father's approval, Israel needed to find a path. And, one day, Israel's girlfriend asked him what he wanted to do.

"Cook," he said.

Six years later, Israel, now 32, is the owner of Deluxe Catering, a kosher catering company in Philadelphia. And Amanda Ross is now Amanda Israel.

Going into another Rosh Hashanah, Israel is booked solid with orders, and recently, several people in a local Facebook group recommended him to someone looking for a High Holiday caterer.

### How big are the High Holidays for you at this point?

Secondary. I do it for the community. Our business is targeted toward weddings, galas and fundraisers.

But we do small events, too. We do every size event. Anything from one person to 10,000 people.

### Which types of food does your business specialize in?

I have a wide array of food I make. Different ethnicities. Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Italian, Thai. I'm just starting to get into Ethiopian food. I love learning new dishes.

Sometimes, people will see something they like on Pinterest or go to an event where they had something yummy, and that's something they really want to have at their event. It's important to be flexible.

I just did a wedding last Sunday, and they wanted an Indian station. We haven't done that for three years. But when somebody has a certain taste, we pull it from our repertoire.

### What made you want to become a chef?

My father (Naftali Israel). He was a chef in his younger years. Then he got into contracting. But he has friends who are chefs in the city.

I learned at an upscale French



▲ Daniel Israel

Michelle Camperson Photography

restaurant, Deux Cheminees. My father connected me to his friend, Chef Fritz Blank.

I worked for him from age 15 to 18. He taught me 90% of what I know.

### How did your cooking career go from there?

My father got me into it, but was trying to get me out of it. He said it's not good pay. It's hard on your feet, knees and back. It's impossible to have a family life.

I listened to him and kept going to school.

I went to Temple (University) and studied kinesiology. I didn't know what I wanted to do. I got more curious about my roots, took a trip to Israel and thought maybe I should stay.

I came back home and my mom connected me to her friend who sold life insurance. I worked at New York Life and sold insurance for 5-6 years.

Then I met my wife.

### Once you decided to follow your passion, how did you build yourself up?

I had to start from scratch. I

hadn't been in the industry in seven years.

I wanted to be a kosher supervisor. Someone who supervises shipments of food to the kitchen.

Ofelia (Cohen) with A La Karte Catering (in Bala Cynwyd) pointed me in the direction of a rabbi who could certify me. I started working with her and Six Points Kosher Catering (in King of Prussia).

From there I got a job at Temple as head chef and supervisor at Hillel. I was running the only kosher deli in Philadelphia. It's called Cafe 613 now.

During the winter break, I wanted to earn extra money. So I worked at this sushi place, Sushi Talk.

When I came back on summer break, things were slowing down. I made a deal with the owner.

I said, "You don't have to pay me. I know you're hurting. In exchange, if somebody needs me to do a catering job, I have permission to do it out of your kitchen." He loved it.

In the first month, I made

over \$15,000. He had four years left of his lease. I bailed him out and have been there ever since: 7588 Haverford Ave.

I did everything myself the first two years. Cooking, cleaning, menu planning, sales. I woke up at 6 (a.m.) and got home at 11 (p.m.).

But when you do one event, everybody at that event tastes your food, and it changes everything.

### Where is the business going now?

On Sunday, I did a wedding in Barnesville. I never knew that place existed before. I'm getting jobs in Scranton and the Poconos. It's really grown.

Now, my main focus is scaling the business without reducing the quality of the food.

I'll have to train other people. I have a rule with my chefs: When they make something on their own, they have to make it twice perfectly before they can cook it without me taste-testing it. •

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# How Do You Stand Before God?

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BY RABBI SIGAL BRIER

## Parshat Nitzavim

IN BOTH THIS week's Torah portion, Nitzavim, and the High Holidays, we stand before God. In both, all the people are to stand, not just their representatives or leaders. No one is exempt from the duty, and no one is deprived of the birthright of having a personal relationship with the mystery, the spiritual realm, God.

How do you stand before God? How does it feel to stand before God? What is the dominant feeling? Do you stand trembling, waiting to be judged? Do you stand humbly, to admit your wrongs and ask to be forgiven? Do you bow your head with gratefulness? Or do you stand confidently, basking in God's love? Or maybe you are too tired and dejected to stand.

We are nearing the end of 5781 and another reading cycle of the Torah. In a few days, 5782 will begin. Nitzavim, which means "all of you are standing," is a short portion

near the end of Deuteronomy, the fifth and last book in the Torah. All the people are called to stand and listen to a summary of the long Torah journey, and to hear about the promises of the past and the covenant that will continue.

How do you stand before God? The prevalent view is that we stand before God to be judged, especially during the High Holy Days. It's common to tremble and fear God's judgment during the Days of Awe. We feel small and separated from God, a power greater than us. The image of a God who sits on the throne of judgment is conjured up in our imagination as we read the liturgy. That God is threatening and fierce.

Even though there are other elements and aspects to God, the emphasis on judgment is exaggerated in our minds. Understandably so, because we have a negativity bias in the brain. This bias helps us focus on what is wrong and we survive by scanning the world for danger and threats.

But our tendencies to

emphasize judgment and be afraid obscure other important aspects of life, and of God. During the Days of Awe, the important aspects of *rahamim* (mercy) and *ahavah* (love) are sometimes hidden or forgotten.

During the Days of Awe and throughout the year we stand before God not just to listen and be judged, but to also ask for help. We ask for mercy, compassion and kindness because we know we are loved. The high drama of the holidays may distract us and scare us, but let's read the verses of Nitzavim to remind us of God's love and strengthen our connection to a God who loves and helps us through it all. We will see that at the center of our relationship with God is and always will be love and mercy.

In Deuteronomy 30:4, it says: "Even if your outcasts are at the end of the world, from there God will gather you, from there God will fetch you." God's love is unconditional, and God's role is to help and support us when we are lost. The mystery, the nurturing merciful power we cannot

comprehend, comes to meet us when we are lost. We stand in awe and amazement, and feel relieved when we are gathered and guided back to life.

And internally, within our hearts, we learn that God seeks to help us as well. In Deuteronomy 30:6 it says: "God will open up your heart and the hearts of your offspring to love God with all of your being, that you may live well."

God intimately dwells within us. The relationship we have with God is intimate and personal. It's not beyond reach, not in the heavens, neither is it beyond the sea. In Deuteronomy 30:13-14 it says: "Neither beyond the sea that you should say 'who among us can cross to the other side of the sea and get it for us and tell it to us, so we can engage with it?' No, the thing is very close to you, in your mouth and in your heart, to live it."

I am reminded of the popular song "Lean on Me," in which the late singer-songwriter Bill Withers wrote, "Lean on me when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend,

I'll help you carry on." I hope you hear this line as a reminder to lean a little more.

In this new Jewish year, may we stand together and lean into the mystery; may we lean on God, lean on spiritual practice, lean on tradition, lean on each other and lean into community. May we strengthen our relationship with the mystery and each other.

*L'shanah Tova.* I wish you a good new year with abundant health and joy. •

Rabbi Sigal Brier is the rabbi at Temple Judea of Bucks County in Doylestown and the creator of Mendful – Live Connected, which mends the world with conversation, meditation, mendful zones and art. 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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that's far away from the community in which the event happens ... you are completely cut off from the world in which that crime was allowed to be committed," said Rabbi Elyse Wechterman, a volunteer chaplain at SCI-Phoenix and the executive director of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association.

Though *teshuvah* is inherently a communal activity, the process of repentance is individualized.

"It's a very personal process for everybody that would be made easier if we were meeting regularly in community," Bauer said.

Others may support an individual who is repenting, yet everyone is on their own path. Wechterman believes this is the same for everyone, incarcerated or not.

According to Matt Engler, who was in prison for 21 years

"Quit torturing yourself," Engler said. "You have to find a way to forgive yourself."

Engler was put off by a lot of conversations around repentance. He dislikes the connotation the word has around redemption.

"It didn't serve me," Engler

classes at The Twisted Monkey in Rockledge.

Meditating helped Engler see his life more clearly and move forward. In prison he meditated for at least an hour and a half every day. He said he wouldn't be the person he is now had he not

"redemption" to his story, he said he's different after his time on the inside, and often has moments when he looks at his life now and is at peace.

"I have these moments all the time when I'm like, 'I did it,'" Engler said. And he said he's still moving forward and a better man than he was before.

"We can never undo the past; the past is the past," Wechterman said. "What we have to do is integrate it and live with it and grow beyond it. And I do believe that growing beyond it is redemption."

*This is part one of a two-part article.* •

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RABBI ELYSE WECHTERMAN

on home invasion charges, men on the inside talked about repentance all the time, though it wasn't an exclusively Jewish topic of conversation. Oftentimes, it didn't feel productive.

said. "It's just kind of dwelling 'what was'."

While in prison, Engler began meditating and started a yoga practice; on the outside, he teaches yoga and meditation

picked up the practice.

"That steadiness gives you this foundational rock," Engler said.

Though he doesn't assign the words of "repentance" and

## BIRTH

**▼ CHANA MANIES**

Leslie and Murray Rifkin announce the birth of great-granddaughter Chana Manies on Feb. 28.

The parents are Sara and Yechiel Zev Manies. The grandparents are Denise and Zalman Weinreb (née Rifkin) and Rivky and Shia Manies, all of Lakewood, New Jersey.

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Manies family



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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Gratz Names Human Rights Official a Distinguished Visiting Professor

**IRWIN COTLER**, the international chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, was named the first Isaacman Distinguished Visiting Professor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Gratz College.

Cotler is an emeritus professor of law at McGill University, a former minister of justice and attorney general of Canada, and a longtime member of Canada's Parliament. His post will span the 2021-2022 academic year.

As a human rights attorney, Cotler served as counsel to prisoners of conscience, including Nelson Mandela, Andrei Sakharov and Natan Sharansky.

"I know of no more important academic discipline than Holocaust and genocide studies in this moment in time," Cotler said. "We need to ensure that 'never again' is not just a slogan, but a reality that underpins our international human rights work."

During his professorship, Cotler will deliver two public lectures about genocide, the Holocaust and mass atrocity. He also will participate in Zoom meetings with doctoral students in the Holocaust and Genocide Studies program.

The professorship is named after Daniel Isaacman, who served as Gratz's president from 1973 until his death in 1982.



▲ Irwin Cotler

Courtesy of Gratz College

## Einstein Debuts Portable Kosher Food Carts

A new service offering portable kosher food carts for patients debuted Sept. 1 at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia, Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park and Einstein Medical Center Montgomery.

The carts, which were bought via grants from Einstein's Compassionate Care Fund, include a microwave and refrigerator and have room for nonperishable food. They will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, upon request.

Community volunteers from Bikkur Cholim partnered with Einstein to accommodate the dietary needs for patients who keep kosher by stocking the cart and, upon request, providing hot meals for patients. Patients can request the cart from nurses on their unit, reach out directly to Bikkur Cholim or ask staff to reach out on their behalf.

Hospital staffers are encouraged to ask patients how they practice and what type of assistance they need when they arrive on the unit to help them navigate their needs in accordance with their faith. •



## DEATH NOTICES

### BERLIN

Jeffrey B. Berlin PhD, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, June 24, 2021 surrounded by his family. He will always be known as a beloved husband, father, and Opa, as well as an internationally-acclaimed scholar and educator, whose courage and persistence in the face of an ongoing debilitating disease made him an inspiration to all who knew him. The writer and editor of hundreds of journal articles and 10 scholarly books translated into multiple languages, Dr. Berlin was a sought-after authority on Exile literature whose access and insight into the correspondence of German-Jewish authors of the time portrayed, among other important themes, the struggles and determination of those living under, escaping from, and daring to speak out against the Nazi regime. His piercing intellectual curiosity, combined with a delightful, if somewhat off-beat sense of humor, made him engaging company to family, friends, and colleagues from many nations. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed by Anne, his wife of 48 years, his children Sam (Tara) Berlin and Rachel (Michael) Moir, grandchildren Fiona and Reilly Berlin, brother Michael, granddog Luna, and a host of loving family members and friends around the world. Contributions in his memory can be made to the ADL at [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)

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### BIRGER-BRAY

Hadar Birger-Bray (nee Birger) on August 26, 2021. Beloved wife of Melanie (nee Bray); Loving mother of Emma and Jason; Devoted daughter of Ronit and David Birger; Dear sister of Alon (Ayelet Shaked) Birger, Yael (Rainer Krause) Birger and Gal (Noy) Birger. Contributions in her memory may be made to Oley Foundation, [www.oley.org](http://www.oley.org) or to Darchei Noam, [www.darcheipa.org](http://www.darcheipa.org)

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### FORMAN

Ruth Forman (Lovenstein) age 79 of Clermont, FL on August 23, 2021. Beloved wife of Jay Forman. Devoted mother of Wendy (Larry) Iocco of Oviedo, FL and Michael (Rona) Forman of York Springs, PA. Loving grandmother of Ryan (Melissa), Robert (Dayna), Rebecca, Brianna, and Charlotte. Great grandmother to Jacob. Survived by James (Shelly) Lovenstein, Bonnie and Carl Freedman. Memorial service at Chelton Hills Cemetery for immediate family.

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### GLAUSER

On August 30, 2020, the world lost a one-of-a-kind man, Joel Louis Glauser. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and accountant. However, his greatest success was how he loved his family. There is not a day that goes by that Joel is not missed. People like to say that Joel was "larger than life" and had a "heart of gold". He was a successful businessman and problem-solver. He treated all of his clients and friends as if they were his extended family. Joel is survived by his wife of 40 years, Marcy Glauser; his children, Jerry, Michael, Brian (Audra), and Jennifer; his grandchildren, Levi and Noah; his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Shari Glauser; and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Hope and David Schaefer.

### HOFFMAN

Benjamin Hoffman, on August 25, 2021. Beloved husband of Betty (nee Cheslow). Devoted father of Neil Hoffman (Hedy), Sherry Schwartz (Glenn), and Elyse Kenny (Michael). Loving grandfather of Melissa Korenstein, Joshua Hoffman (Nicole), Jamie Anderson (Art), Jordan Auerbach, Randy Kenny (Gabby), Ashley Kenny (Juxhin), and Noah Kenny. Loving great grandfather of Allison, Rebecca, Ella, Hailey, Nathan, Madelyn, Vivienne, and Blake. Contributions in his memory may be made to American Tinnitus Association [www.ata.org](http://www.ata.org) or Susan G Komen for the Cure [www.komenphiladelphia.org](http://www.komenphiladelphia.org)

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### KNOLL

Michele Shoshannah Knoll (nee Burd) Our sweet, kind and beautiful daughter sadly passed away from aggressive forms of Cervical-Uterine Cancer on 7/8/2020. She was only 35 years old. Michele is predeceased by her maternal grandmother, Helen J. Miller and her paternal grandfather, Clarence M. Burd. Michele is survived by her parents, Randi M and William C. Burd, maternal grandfather Stephen A. Miller and paternal grandmother Wilma E. Burd, brother Jonathan Burd, husband Edward Knoll III, 4 children, Cody, Tyler, Haley and Micah. Also, many aunts, uncles, cousins and dear, dear friends. She is sorely missed. Michele went to college for elementary education due to her love for children and teaching. She then decided to stay home and raise her 4 beautiful children herself. We were so very proud of everything about her. Kindness to all, even when undeserved. A sweet nature which made her loved by everyone she touched. She was an animal activist and went on to adopt many cats who she treated as her own babies. She wanted dogs one day when she had a bigger place. A top floor condominium was rough to raise children and attend to a dog at the same time. She and I, her Mother, were best friends. We had fun together. From watching movies, talking about anything and everything, to lunches out together. Thanksgivings was always the best holiday for us. We'd cook, laugh, enjoy our precious time together, and then feed the family. She had a soft place in her heart for her Daddy, Bill. From the moment she was born she was Daddy's little girl. His perfect princess. They never missed a father-daughter dance, hugs, laughter. She shared the same sense of humor as her father. He penned the term PLPP for our Michele. ( pretty little pink princess ) We never, ever left each other without saying I love you and a huge hug. Michele was loved and now she is loved and missed. My husband and I will never get over losing our daughter. Cries daily are normal for us. Thinking of her favorite things, smiling at her video's and pictures. She was truly a terrific mother who did everything for her children. They miss her every day and it's easy to see. RIP Angel.....until we meet again. 5/2/1985-7/8/2020

### LEIBOWITZ

Marilyn Leibowitz (nee Linsky) Aug. 19, 2021. She was the wife of the late Edmund J. Leibowitz, CPA, the mother of Dr. Beth Leibowitz (Dr. Nathan Goldin), and Dr. Keith (Kathleen) Leibowitz, sister of Harvey Linsky and grandmother of Michael, Andrea, Seth, Robert and Elizabeth. She is also survived by her 10 great grandchildren. Marilyn was a retired medical technician at Abington Memorial Hospital. Condolences and Contributions at [BerschlerAndShenberg.com](https://BerschlerAndShenberg.com)

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### MAITIN

Dr. David L. Maitin (1930-2021) was born and raised in Philadelphia, the youngest of 3 sons born to Ruth and Isaac Maitin. He was the dearly loved husband of Norma Segal (Felder) and the late Ann Maitin (Cooperman). Dave was a superior academic student who graduated from Simon Gratz High School, first in his class and valedictorian. He earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and a degree in education from Temple University. He practiced dual careers for 26 years as the Science Department Chairman at Beck Junior High in Cherry Hill until 1986, after which time he focused on his optometric practice. Dave met Norma at a bereavement group, the surprising fact that Norma's late husband had the identical two careers and attended the same two colleges. It brought them together in a relationship that lasted for 25 years. Dave and Norma had a beautiful marriage. They travelled extensively in Europe and Israel and wintered in Florida for many years. Each meal that Norma prepared received his compliments and he was the official kitchen patrol in cleaning up. He was a partner in choosing all the furniture in the two homes which they maintained. Luckily their taste was compatible. His 3 children and 7 grandsons were his ultimate joy. They were close to each other and to him from childhood until his passing. Their accomplishments gave him great pride. Lori Raichilson (Steven), Ryan (Natalie), Scott (Jacklyn), Adam (Alex), Dr. Ian Maitin (Pamela), Maxwell, Asher, Brenda (Dr. Scott) Cohen, Joshua & Avery. The arrival of 2 great-grandchildren was the supreme gift (Joanna & Isaac). Dave also acquired Norma's family members whom he loved. The Dodies and Tabakin families and Helene Felder. Funeral Services were held at Platt Memorial Chapel, Cherry Hill, NJ. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Parkinson's Foundation or Voorhees Animal Association.

## DEATH NOTICES

### MATZ

Constance Matz (Connie), of Audubon, PA, formerly of Gulph Mills, Age 86, died peacefully on August 22, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband, Merton (Bud) Matz and her daughter, Lisa. She was an exceptionally devoted wife and mother. Connie was born in Philadelphia to parents, Sarah (nee Rudolph) and Joseph Miller. She grew up in Roanoke Virginia and moved back to Philadelphia in her twenties to live and work as a paralegal in a law firm where she met her husband. Connie is survived by a brother in North Carolina, her devoted cousins and many good friends who adored her. She will always be remembered for her cuteness, kindness, style, and great sense of humor. She brought much joy to everyone who knew her. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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### SHACHTER WEISS

Dr. Jaqueline Shachter Weiss (nee Nelson), age 95, passed away August 19, 2021. Beloved wife of Dr. George H. Weiss; loving mother of Sherry Shachter, Ross Shachter, Scott Shachter (Lisa), and Steve Weiss (Julie); adoring grandmother of Sophie, Arianna, Naomi, Simon, and Julian; and dear sister of Philip Nelson and the late Jewell Ray. For decades, Jackie Weiss was an acclaimed professor of Early Elementary Education at Temple University: teaching people how to become teachers, with a focus on reading. She also specialized in teaching college students who would be facing bi-lingual Spanish/English classrooms. She is also the author of several renowned books on the subject of teaching children's literature. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

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### WEINRACH

Melvin J Weinrach passed Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 94. He is survived by his son Jeff, his sister Charlotte, his grandchildren Sara and Carrie, and 5 great-grandchildren. He's predeceased by his wife, Libby (married more than 70 years) and his daughter Rhona.

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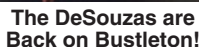


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PRESUMED DECEDENT: ANN MCCANTS, Presumed Decedent, last known address of 1422 S. 21st St., Phila., PA 19146. To her heirs, and all persons interested in her estate or having any knowledge of her whereabouts: Notice is hereby given that Patricia McCants a/k/a Patricia McCants Riddick has petitioned the Orphans' Court Div. of the Court of Common Pleas of Phila. County, PA to enter a Decree (i) finding that Ann McCants died on/about 8/10/1996; and (ii) authorizing the Register of Wills of Phila. County to issue Letters of Admin. with respect to the Estate of Ann McCants. A hearing will be held on 9/28/21 at 3:00 pm, via Zoom using the following info: <https://zoom.us/j/95985617253?pwd=dTdaOzUxNDh0MTI0aDk5MDUwZmFuZGZlZ090TEd1> Meeting ID: 959 8561 7253 / Passcode: 4335755479. All persons who have any knowledge of Ann McCants are asked to attend the virtual Court hearing or to contact the undersigned: Patricia Riddick, c/o Richard L. Vanderslice, Atty. for Petitioner, 1445 Snyder Ave., Phila., PA 19145, 215.667.8070

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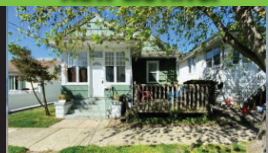
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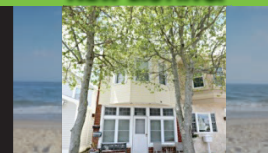
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ESTATE OF DOLORES ROZANSKI, DECEASED.  
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JAMES M. ORMAN  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

ESTATE OF HOWARD J. EDWARDS, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

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2 University Plaza, Ste. 101  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

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Attorney:  
Steven R. Sosnov  
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ESTATE OF LOUIS E. DELLA PIA, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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THOMPSON & DONATI LAW  
25 W. Third St.  
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ESTATE OF LYNN ELIZABETH CALHOUN, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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THE LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. KLENK & ASSOCIATES  
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ESTATE OF MARIS L. BREDT-SCHWARTZ, DECEASED.  
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ESTATE OF MARVIN A. STRAUSSER, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ASTOR WEISS KAPLAN & MANDEL, LLP  
The Bellevue  
200 S. Broad St., Ste. 600  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

ESTATE OF NANCY DENA WASSER a/k/a NANCY D. WASSER, NANCY WASSER, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION-CTA on the above Estate have been granted to the undersigned, who request all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to BENJAMIN L. JERNER, ADMINISTRATOR-CTA, 5401 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144, Or to his Attorney:  
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ESTATE OF NELLIE P. INGRAM ALSTON, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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ESTATE OF NORMA H. SHAW a/k/a NORMA SHAW, DECEASED.  
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14 S. Orange St.  
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ESTATE OF PAUL M. GALARZA, DECEASED.  
Late of Philadelphia  
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Late of Philadelphia, PA.  
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Langhorne, PA 19047

ESTATE OF RUTH YORKER, DECEASED.  
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**Miscellaneous:**  
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Geography of Summer

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

▼ MONDAY, SEPT. 6

Mahjong Game

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▼ WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

LGBTQ Support Group

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▼ THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

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NEWSMAKERS

Leaders of the 2021 tribute brunch came together in person to kick off the campaign for the annual community event of the Philadelphia and Delaware chapters of Americans for Ben-Gurion University. The organization was formerly known as American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.



▲ Drs. Carolyn Glazer Hockstein and Neil Hockstein  
Courtesy of Americans for Ben-Gurion University



▲ From left: Dr. Marcia Halpern, Jay Leistner, Sherrie Savett and Mid-Atlantic chairs Connie and Sam Katz.

On his 13th birthday, Flynn Goldstein was surprised by a gift donated to Magen David Adom by his grandparents, Harvey and Phyllis Gitlin, in honor of his bar mitzvah. The Life Support ambulance, made in the United States, was dedicated at Flynn’s home on June 22. The ceremony featured prayers for the ambulance and the people of Israel.



▲ From left: Harvey Gitlin, Flynn Goldstein and Phyllis Gitlin

Courtesy of Magen David Adom

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