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## Are Margate/Ventnor Now Year-Round Towns?

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

AFTER ITS 2019 OPENING, the Water Dog Smoke House became a popular spot in Margate/Ventnor, with summer lines out the door and outdoor tables full.

Now, though, it's September down the shore, so the lines aren't as long, and the tables aren't as full.

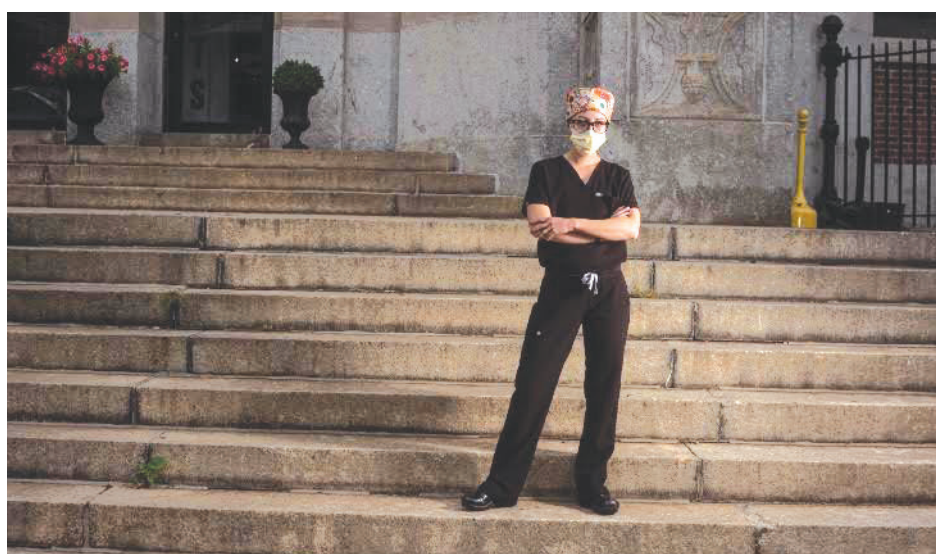
At the same time, according to Water Dog manager Alysa Sandler, there are still lines and outdoor diners.

By most Septembers at this Jewish capital of the Jersey shore, after Labor Day Weekend ends the summer rush, "it gets very quiet," several rabbis and business owners said. But this September is at least a little different, Sandler said.

Even beyond the Water Dog, there are still people walking the sidewalks and frequenting businesses; and there are still some cars lining the neighborhoods.

Sandler attributes this year's extended season to warm and sunny September weekends.

"It's not as crazy as the summer," Sandler said. "But it's still really busy for



▲ Natanya Gornstein-Talotti has seen double the students from Penn Alexander School come into her nurse's office this year compared to last year.  
Photo by Kyle Cassidy

## Jewish School Nurses Struggle As COVID Persists

SASHA ROGELBERG | JE STAFF

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, Natanya Gornstein-Talotti, the school nurse at Penn Alexander School in West Philadelphia, would see 20 students in her office per day at most. Now, she typically treats twice that number.

The only medical professional in the building, Gornstein-Talotti is tasked

with testing students with an array of symptoms for COVID, in addition to handling the ordinary scrapes, bonks and bruises kids experience.

But with the fear of COVID still very much on people's minds, teachers are much more sensitive to students' ailments, even those once deemed unremarkable.

"Now it's one sniffle, and they're in my office," Gornstein-Talotti said.



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Food columnist Keri White needed a side dish to accompany grilled koftas, so she managed to repurpose some leftover basmati into a spiced rice salad. Part of the beauty of the recipe is that it can be altered to accommodate what spices and vegetables you have on hand — or those that you simply prefer. Visit the Jewish Exponent online to read Philacatessen and get the recipe. And check Philacatessen regularly for content not normally found in the printed edition, such as other recipes, restaurant reviews and food news from around the Delaware Valley. [jewishexponent.com/2021/09/27/spiced-rice-salad/](http://jewishexponent.com/2021/09/27/spiced-rice-salad/)

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## Rights progress with Soviets seen as unlikely

By MARK JOFFE  
Staff Writer

Expressing doubt about the chances in the near future of reaching a major accord with the Soviet Union on human rights issues, a senior State Department official this week urged Jewish groups to continue to campaign actively on behalf of Soviet Jews.

"It's important to take it to the streets, to demonstrate, sign petitions, let them know," James M. Montgomery said in an interview here.

Montgomery, who is acting assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, was in Philadelphia for a City Hall ceremony on behalf of Ukrainian political prisoners. He also met with students at Bodine High School for International Affairs.

In an interview, Montgomery stressed the importance of the work done by private organizations to publicize the plight of refugees — Soviet Jews denied permission to emigrate — and prisoners of conscience, jailed for teaching Hebrew and other Jewish cultural activities.

One such group, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, last week issued a year-end report describing 1986 as "a year of dramatic,

but largely disappointing developments" in the area of human rights, in general, and Jewish emigration, in particular.

The report, released Jan. 8 at a news conference in Washington, assails Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new policy of *glasnost* or openness as merely a tactical shift, more cosmetic than real, and decries the new Soviet "humanitarian campaign" as "hollow."

Titled "The Illusion of *Glasnost*: A Survey on the Status of Soviet Jewry in 1986," the report notes that nearly half of the current Jewish prisoners of conscience were sentenced to prison or labor camps since Gorbachev came to power.

It also cites the tightening of the vise on religious observances, including raids on private homes at Purim and warnings that prominent teachers of Jewish culture and religious should cease their activities.

According to the report, 914 Jews were allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union in 1986, a 20 percent drop from the already low 1985 figure of 1,140. It estimates that nearly 380,000 Soviet Jews have begun the process of applying to emigrate, and that more than 11,000 have been refused permission.

The report criticizes the Soviet government's new restrictive emigration regulations,



JAMES M. MONTGOMERY  
... urged continued activism

as a liberalization of policy, as in reality "condemning hundreds of thousands of Jews from ever applying for, much less receiving, permission to emigrate."

Montgomery, whose office will issue its own annual human rights report on Feb. 15, also expressed concern about the new emigra-

tion procedure, saying, "I don't think the new law is particularly encouraging."

He said the continuing decline in Jewish emigration is proof that the Soviets are "going to continue to ignore their Helsinki obligations." He was referring to the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, which, among other things, calls on nations to allow their citizens to emigrate freely.

Montgomery noted that the United States has raised these violations at the Helsinki follow-up conference currently under way in Vienna. And he pledged that the Reagan administration would continue to point out Soviet human rights violations at future international forums.

But the State Department official seemed doubtful that the United States would embark on a major diplomatic initiative with the Soviet government in the remaining two years of the Reagan administration.

"There is no reason to rule it out. I don't think the present turmoil over Iran is going to necessarily stand in the way," he said. "But the question is what the Kremlin is ready to do."

Asked what incentives the Soviet government had to allow more Soviet Jews to

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# Jewish Federation Honors Three Young Leaders

LOCAL

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THEY SAY MILLENNIALS don't have their lives together, but these three young Jews are exceptions to that stereotype.

Matt Shipon, 32, Jan Kushner, 36, and Tamar Silberberg Shiffman, 39, are the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's young leadership award winners for 2021. They will be recognized at the Jewish Federation's board of trustees meeting on Sept. 30.

All three area residents are successful young professionals who have taken the very adult step of doing charitable work in their community. For their efforts, Shipon, Kushner and Silberberg Shiffman were identified as potential leaders of the future.

Shipon won the Jack



▲ Matt Shipon  
Courtesy of Matt Shipon

Goldenberg Young Leadership Award, Kushner the Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Young Leadership Award and Silberberg Shiffman the Mrs. Blanche Wolfe Kohn Young Leadership Award.

The three young Jews talked about how they grew into leaders.

**Matt Shipon**

Shipon, a real estate developer, got involved with the



▲ Jan Kushner  
Photo by Mindy Kushner

Jewish Federation at age 24.

After focusing more on Greek life than Hillel at Penn State University, Shipon graduated and went to Israel via Birthright.

The trip was the first time since summer camp as a kid that Shipon was surrounded by Jews. He also said he was inspired after meeting with Israeli soldiers.

"I felt like I lost that connection when I went to college,"



▲ Tamar Silberberg Shiffman  
Courtesy of Shani Albo Photography

Shipon added. "I felt a need to reconnect."

Shipon came home and started volunteering with the Jewish Federation.

For a couple of years, he helped run the leadership development program, a several-month class that taught students "everything about the [Jewish] Federation," including how to raise money and how to

allocate it, according to Shipon.

After that, Shipon joined NextGen, the branch of the Jewish Federation for Jews in their 20s and 30s. As chair, he helped build an at-large board that created 40 new leadership positions.

Essentially, Shipon was creating space for his leadership students to become actual leaders.

"It's going to be our generation that needs to make changes for the future," Shipon said.

According to the 32-year-old, though, millennial Jews aren't yet falling into the typical synagogue models. So, he thinks that the Jewish Federation needs to lean into nontraditional methods.

"Our generation is interested in volunteering. Our generation

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# Former JCC President Shirley Conston Dies at 94

OBITUARY

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**SHIRLEY CONSTON'S** father, Alex Stanton, cared deeply about helping the Jewish community.

Before the United States entered World War II, the Philadelphia businessman traveled to Washington, D.C., with a prominent rabbi to try to convince President Franklin D. Roosevelt to fight the Nazis. He also served as general chairman of the Allied Jewish Appeal, the "overseas complement" to Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, according to the Jewish Federation's website.

Young Shirley watched her father and absorbed the lesson.

As an adult, Conston served as president of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia from 1980 to 1984. In the 1970s, she chaired the host

community activities for the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly, the Federation of Jewish Agencies' annual banquet and the 30th anniversary of the state of Israel festivities in Philadelphia, among other efforts.

So when she died on Sept. 19 at 94, Conston left behind a similar legacy as her father.

"She felt it was extremely important to strengthen Jewish bonds," said her son, Stuart Conston.

The Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood was one of the JCCs that Conston led as president. On Sept. 23, the Kaiserman board of directors honored her with a resolution.

"Countless individuals, families and community members have benefited from the institution she helped shape and build," read part of

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▲ Shirley Conston Courtesy of the Conston family

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### NEWSBRIEFS

#### 'My Unorthodox Life' Renewed by Netflix

NETFLIX ANNOUNCED Sept. 20 that it is bringing back "My Unorthodox Life," the reality series about a formerly Orthodox fashion mogul and her family, JTA reported.

Neither an approximate release date nor details about season two were mentioned.

The series follows the family of Julia Haart, who left the Monsey, New York, Orthodox community she grew up in and became CEO of the Elite World Group fashion model agency. The show focuses on her and her four children adapting their varying levels of Jewish practice to secular New York City society.

The show received criticism for its portrayal of Orthodox communities as harshly restrictive, resulting in a wide array of debates in different Jewish communities.

#### Ukraine Passes Law Banning Antisemitism

Ukraine's parliament passed a law that says "antisemitism and its manifestations are banned" in the country, JTA reported.

The law passed on Sept. 22 with 283 lawmakers out of 450 in support. It also makes antisemitic sentiment illegal, which is unusual, as most countries with laws against antisemitism criminalize expressions of antisemitic hatred but not the condition of harboring it.

The Law on Prevention and Counteraction to Anti-Semitism in Ukraine defines antisemitism as "a certain perception of Jews, expressed as hatred of Jews." Examples include Holocaust denial and "calling for, concealing or justifying the killing or harm of persons of Jewish origin."

The law doesn't mention anti-Israel rhetoric, nor does it address a growing phenomenon in Ukraine of glorifying Nazi collaborators as national heroes.

Punishments for violating the law weren't specified.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who is Jewish, needs to sign the law for it to become effective.

#### Poway Shooter Pleads Guilty to 113 Charges

John Earnest, who opened fire on a synagogue in Poway, California in 2019, killing one and injuring three, pleaded guilty to a 113-count federal hate crime indictment, JTA reported.

The plea comes with a recommended sentence of life in prison plus 30 years. He faced a maximum sentence of the death penalty.

On April 27, 2019, the final day of Passover, Earnest, a white supremacist, walked into the Chabad synagogue in Poway near San Diego and began shooting at worshippers. The attack occurred exactly six months after the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh, which killed 11 Jews.

Earnest killed one woman, Lori Gilbert Kaye, and injured three others, including Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein and a child.

#### Torah Scroll Stolen by Nazis Returns to Service in Prague

A Torah scroll that the Nazis stole in Prague returned to use there on Simchat Torah, JTA reported.

Memorial Scrolls Trust, a London-based nonprofit that preserves Torah scrolls and other scripture, transferred the scroll to Ec Chaim, a Progressive Jewish congregation in the Czech capital, ahead of the Sept. 27 holiday.

The Nazis seized the scroll, which dates to 1890, in 1942. They had it shipped to the Central Jewish Museum — an institution that they planned to use to showcase liturgical objects stolen from Jewish communities. That museum is now the Jewish Museum of Prague and is owned by the local Jewish community. •

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



## ISRAEL BRIEFS

### All of the Palestinians Who Escaped from Israeli Prison Are Recaptured

ISRAEL CAPTURED THE final two Palestinian prisoners who escaped from a maximum-security Gilboa facility two weeks earlier, JTA reported.

Israeli police and army troops surrounded a building in the West Bank city of Jenin on Sept 18, and the prisoners surrendered.

They were Iham Kamamji, 35, who was convicted in the 2006 murder of Eliyahu Asheri, an Israeli 18-year-old, and Monadal Infiat, 26, who was convicted of belonging to the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization.

Israeli police captured the other four in northern Israel the week after their escape.

The other captured prisoners are: Zakaria Zubeidi, 45, a Fatah operative arrested in 2019 for shooting at Israelis in the West Bank; Yakub Kadari, 49, who was convicted of planning several attacks on Israelis; Mahmoud Aradeh, 46, and Mohammed Aradeh, 39, who have been in jail since 1996 and 2002, respectively.

### Troubled El Al Plans to Sell Planes, Layoff 1,500

Financially struggling El Al Israel Airlines will deal with its pandemic-caused problems by selling

16 planes and laying off 1,500 employees, Globes reported.

El Al had 45 planes and wants to shrink its fleet to 29. It will focus more on its North American markets and halt some flights between Israel and Europe.

The airline also intends to lay off 1,500 employees. It now has 4,000 employees, including 1,400 on unpaid leave. Over the past year, El Al previously laid off 2,000 workers.

Globes reported that El Air rejected a Ministry of Finance offer of a \$50 million balloon loan, instead seeking \$100 million in damages “caused to El Al due to decisions by the state, as was done for other industries in the economy,” CEO Avigal Soreq wrote.

### Vaccine Opposition Leader Dies of COVID

Israeli Hai Shaulian, a prominent activist against coronavirus vaccines, died on Sept. 20 at Wolfson Medical Center in Holon from the coronavirus, The Jerusalem Post reported.

Shaulian uploaded a video to social media when he was hospitalized, alleging that he was poisoned.

“The Jerusalem police tried to poison me. I have never felt this way in my life. All week I struggled as if nothing had happened, but today I could no longer breathe ... If something happens to me — know that

it’s an assassination attempt.”

### Israel Defense Forces Officer to be Reprimanded for Injuring Activists

An Israel Defense Forces officer faces reprimand after he was filmed injuring and teargassing left-wing activists in the West Bank — including video that showed him kneeling on an activist’s neck, JTA reported.

The activists were bringing water to a Palestinian community in the South Hebron Hills, a contested area in the southern West Bank.

The officer, whose identity is not known, was seen in one scene pushing an activist off a road and down to the ground.

The IDF called the activists’ conduct a “violent demonstration,” saying the protesters were blocking the road to a nearby Israeli settlement. But in a statement the next day, the IDF said the officer “erred and did not act in a way the situation demanded or that met the norms of the IDF.” •

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### Shirley M. Conston,

past president of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, celebrate and honor the memory of Shirley's leadership, generosity, and vision. Walking into the Kaiserman JCC over the past years, countless individuals, families, and community members have benefited from the institution she and her husband Charles (of blessed memory) helped so fundamentally and literally shape and build. The embodiment of Jewish vision, and our value of L'dor V'dor, while we mourn with her family, including her children Elisabeth, Cynthia, Stuart, and their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we more so memorialize her tremendous impact and passion. May her memory be for a blessing.



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# Impossible Pork Won't Be Certified as Kosher

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**IMPOSSIBLE FOODS**, the plant-based meat company, is releasing a long-awaited new product — but unlike the wildly popular Impossible Burger, it won't be certified kosher.

The largest and most influential certifier of kosher products in the world has declined to endorse Impossible Pork, even though nothing about its ingredients or preparation conflicts with Jewish dietary laws.

"The Impossible Pork, we didn't give an 'OU' to it, not because it wasn't kosher per se," said Rabbi Menachem Genack, the CEO of the Orthodox Union's kosher division. "It may indeed be completely in terms of its ingredients: If it's completely plant-derived, it's kosher. Just in terms of sensitivities to the consumer ... it didn't get it."

For Jews who keep kosher, the Impossible Burger has allowed some food experiences that would otherwise be off-limits because of the prohibition in dietary law on mixing milk and meat. For the last five years, Jews and kosher restaurants have been able to serve up cheese-topped chili, greasy cheeseburgers, and that quintessential American diner pairing: a hamburger with a milkshake.

"The Impossible Burger itself is a huge, huge success and people really, really like it," Genack said. "It's a really excellent, excellent product in every respect."

With the new product, Impossible Foods wanted to give that same experience to Jews and Muslims who do not eat pork, along with others who are seeking to avoid animal products or reduce

their environmental impact.

But Genack said he and others at the OU recalled what happened when they once certified "bacon" that wasn't made of pig.

"We still get deluged with calls from consumers who either don't get it or they're uncomfortable with it," he said.

The OU certifies other products that might seem to conflict with Jewish dietary law, explaining on its website that "a fish sauce may display a picture of a non-kosher fish, the OU may appear on artificial crab or pork, or there may be a recipe for a non-kosher food item on the label." It even certifies other products that aim to replicate the pork experience, such as Trader Joe's "spicy porkless plant-based snack rinds."

But ultimately agency officials decided that a product called "pork" just wouldn't fly, Genack said.

"We, of course, discussed it with the company and they understood," he said.

For Impossible Foods, the word "pork" is here to stay.

"While Impossible Pork was originally designed for Halal and Kosher certification, we aren't moving forward with those certifications as we wish to continue to use the term 'Pork' in our product name," an Impossible Foods spokesperson told JTA in an email.

The decision means Impossible Pork won't be on the menu at kosher restaurants, which must use only kosher-certified products in order to retain their own kosher certification. That includes kosher and/or vegan Asian restaurants with mainstay dishes that would typically include pork, such as



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the dumplings and dim sum that marked Impossible Pork's first outings this week in New York and Hong Kong.

It also means that Jews who seek to follow traditional dietary rules will have to make their own freighted decisions about Impossible Pork — including whether to follow the OU's ruling.

"I don't think the OU labeling on it has a huge impact

on me," said Rabbi Justin Held, the director of Jewish education at Herzl Camp and the University of Minnesota Hillel, who described himself as a "huge Impossible fan."

But he said he was concerned about *marit ayin*, or appearance to the eye, a concept in Jewish law that prohibits actions which appear to violate Jewish law, even if they technically do not. •

## Honors

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wants to know where dollars are going," he said. "Maybe it's getting people involved through volunteering and keeping them informed."

### Jan Kushner

Kushner, a CPA, spent the early years of her career working in consulting and traveling.

But in 2017, she left consulting and got a job as head of tax for a not-for-profit organization. She also took a trip to Israel through the Jewish Federations of North America.

Afterward, Kushner wanted to get more involved where she lived. National Jewish Federation leaders told the Lawrenceville, New Jersey, resident to join the local branch, and she did.

Kushner joined Partnership Together, the Jewish Federation group that provides support to the Netivot region in Israel. As an accountant, she felt she could add to a process designed to create economic opportunities.

Later, the CPA also became part of the Jewish Federation's finance committee, which provides financial oversight of the organization's activities.

Last year during COVID, she helped the JFNA assist rabbis, Hebrew school principals and other Jewish organization leaders in applying for federal government loans through the Paycheck Protection Program.

"Wherever my talents could best be used," Kushner said.

Moving forward, Kushner will try to use her talents to galvanize other young Jews.

"What do they need from the [Jewish] Federation? What do they need from their synagogues?" she said. "Those are the questions that should be asked."

### Tamar Silberberg Shiffman

Between 2016-18, Silberberg Shiffman had her last of four children and started a new insurance company, Concierge Insurance Solutions.

The Wynnewood resident had dug deep roots in her community, and now she wanted to contribute to it, too. So, she got more involved with the Jewish Federation.

Silberberg described herself as "a passive supporter" of the Jewish Federation before; but around 2018, she became active in leadership roles. In 2021, she is on the Jewish Federation's young leadership cabinet and executive team. She is also serving as its engagement chair.

"The [Jewish] Federation is a staple within the Jewish community," Silberberg Shiffman said.

It's also important to preserve that staple through a difficult time, she said.

With the recent rise in antisemitism, Silberberg Shiffman believes that young Jews need to maintain a strong community with significant financial backing. She views the Jewish Federation as essential to that effort. •

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Gornstein-Talotti is tired; she comes in early every day and hasn't eaten lunch since the school year began four weeks ago.

She isn't the only school nurse experiencing burnout.

In a Sept. 21 survey by the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers — the union of which Philadelphia public school nurses are a part — many nurses mentioned the amount of stress they experienced and the need for additional help and resources in schools.

Michele Perloff, the school nurse at Albert M. Greenfield Elementary School, believes that some just don't understand what goes into the job.

"This is not just giving out boo-boo Band-Aids and ice," she said.

For some Jewish school nurses, their Jewish values keep them coming back.

"Repairing the world, giving help anywhere that it's needed, loving your neighbor as yourself," said Jessica Rose, the nurse at Kohelet Yeshiva in Merion Station.

But the commitment isn't always easy.

Perloff just returned to

Greenfield after being hospitalized with a kidney infection. Though no longer sick, she cut her medical leave short because the school of 680 students was short-staffed on medical professionals.

"I probably came back a little too soon, but I need to be here," Perloff said.

Like Gornstein-Talotti, Perloff has skipped lunch to treat the kids coming into her office.

The school district now mandates testing for asymptomatic children, per the recommendations of school nurses. But nurses say they don't have the time to process all of the paperwork that comes with documenting testing data and consent forms, in addition to paperwork for non-COVID ailments.

When a student bumps their head on the playground and comes into the nurse's office, for example, the nurse must conduct a concussive head check, complete documentation and call the child's caregiver.

In addition to updating testing documents for hundreds of students, a single nurse is responsible for contract tracing at their respective schools, despite the school district telling

them in August that it would not be their responsibility.

"Here we are four weeks later, and we're doing all the contact tracing," Perloff said.

Perloff has help from two Jefferson and Drexel University nursing students twice a week but still feels overwhelmed.

Risa Babitt, a nurse at Stephen Decatur Elementary School, also is expecting student help in the coming weeks. She is working 30 extra hours per week to conduct contact tracing.

Perloff and Babitt are not alone.

According to the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, 52.6% of schools have contact tracing completed by school nurses, 30.9% completed by nurses and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and 6.2% of schools have contact tracing done solely by the PDPH. According to Perloff, there are 17 schools in the district without school nurses; seven nurses are on medical leave. The school nurse-to-student ratio stands at 1:1,500.

Even in private schools, there's a nurse shortage, Rose said. When Rose worked at a public school, a school nurse there would visit a private school a couple of days a week to conduct checkups on students who needed one.

"Private school kids also need attention and help and care, more than just a day or two here and there," Rose said.

Though understaffed, these nurses still feel as though they are the lucky ones; they have school administration that supports them; their schools enforce mask-wearing and social distancing when necessary.

Lack of support for nurses has come from elsewhere, they said.

The school district changes COVID guidelines frequently. There's already been more than one COVID testing protocol change this year and, by the time nurses adjust to the new



▲ Jessica Rose is the school nurse at Kohelet Yeshiva in Merion Station. Courtesy of Jessica Rose

guidelines, they change again.

Gornstein-Talotti said this makes communicating with parents difficult. If a student is sent home with COVID-like symptoms or has to be isolated after testing positive, parents can get confused by out-of-date information on the school district's website that conflicts with a school nurse's instructions for the child.

"When we don't know what we're doing, or [parents] hear something else from someone else's parents, it makes us look bad," Gornstein-Talotti said.

Within the school, teachers want nurses to be more assertive in testing students and sending them home. For Babitt, it's just not possible because of a lack of time and resources.

"We're being seen as the bad guys in the building," she said.

However, the greatest frustration for the nurses is the lack of support from the school district, where they are seen as second fiddle to teachers, though both groups are members of the teacher's union.

Because they are part of the union, school nurses are required to have a license. According to Perloff,

most school nurses have backgrounds that required additional medical certifications, as the school district wants "very highly qualified, educated, experienced people."

Yet school nurses cannot attain National Board Certification with as much ease as teachers, Gornstein-Talotti said. Therefore, they are not eligible to receive the additional compensation teachers can receive when they pursue additional certifications.

The pay disparity between teachers and school nurses can reach up to \$15,000, Gornstein-Talotti said.

"We're doing two full-time jobs as one person, not being compensated," Babitt said.

Even with a love for the job, sticking with being a school nurse is something Babitt is finding hard to do. As she nears retirement age, she's considering expediting when she says farewell to being a school medical professional.

"I was thinking of going out a year from this coming January," Babitt said. "But now I'm thinking sooner." •

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## Margate

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the offseason.”

Ventnor City Police Chief Douglas Biagi confirmed Sandler’s perception. Biagi said that, looking out his office door on Atlantic Avenue, he could see cars in driveways that were normally empty by now.

Last year, after COVID broke out, Biagi said, summer residents escaped Philadelphia, Cherry Hill and other densely populated areas by decamping to shore houses. Almost overnight, a summer community of second homeowners became a community.

And throughout 2020, workplaces and schools stayed virtual, allowing families to stay down the shore. In a normal year, Ventnor’s population plummets from 30,000 in the summer to 10,000 in the fall, Biagi estimated.



▲ The Downbeach Deli in Margate on a Wednesday at 5 p.m.  
Photo by Jessica Della Fave

bakeries and other businesses still open, all the way down the Ventnor/Margate strip.

“Pre-COVID, after Labor Day, you’d look down Ventnor or Atlantic Avenue, after 7 when everybody leaves, and you wouldn’t see a car from Ventnor to Margate to AC,”

Margate, the island’s grocery store, believes that business this month is comparable to September 2019, the last pre-COVID fall. Seiden lives in Margate, too, and he isn’t seeing too many cars on the street this month.

The owner guessed that



▲ From left: Downbeach Deli owner Buddy Della Fave and assistant manager Liam Plante  
Photo by Jessica Della Fave

Subs, a popular island lunch spot.

Wainwright did acknowledge “a little bit of an influx” of new year-round residents. But overall, at least for now, the annual rhythms are likely to remain the same.

“The whole area down here

needs the summer people. They need what they bring to the economy,” Wainwright said. “You just wish you had more of that longer in the year, instead of just three months.” ●

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DOUGLAS BIAGI

But last year, it only dropped to about 15-20,000 by the colder months, he said. Businesses stayed open to support and take advantage of the change.

“We’ve kind of reinvented ourselves,” Biagi said. “We’re not just a summer place.”

Biagi was referring to 2020. But he still kind of feels that way in 2021. It’s just not quite as many people.

The nice weather has brought families back down during weekends. And the remote work transformation has allowed older couples and couples without kids to just stay.

In addition to seeing more cars, Biagi sees restaurants, dog groomers, bagel shops, gyms,

Biagi said.

So, is the shoobie dead? Is the typical Margate/Ventnor summer resident a year-round community member now? Not exactly.

Several business owners said their September pace, like in most years, has already slowed.

Buddy Della Fave, the owner of the Downbeach Deli and Restaurant in Margate, said he had 40 employees over the summer. Now he has 15.

He also said that, in August, his phone rang every five minutes for orders. Now, it may go a half-hour without ringing.

“It goes from 100 miles per hour to 10,” Della Fave added.

Howard Seiden, the owner of Casel’s Marketplace in

last fall, when “everybody was down here,” was a one-off.

But he’s fine with that, as he’s owned Casel’s since 1982, and understands how to operate on a summer-heavy business model. It may be unconventional, but it works, he said.

“There’s no such thing as a shoobie,” he said. “I don’t like that term.”

Everyone is welcome in Margate/Ventnor, for however long they wish to stay. But by October, like in pre-COVID years, the summer residents will probably be gone again.

Society is reopening. Kids are going into school and playing sports again, and their parents are following them around, explained Tim Wainwright, owner of Dino’s

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# Why Should Jews Be Concerned About Hyphens?



BY KENNETH L. MARCUS

**DEBORAH LIPSTADT**, recently named by President Joe Biden as the U.S. Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, won't just combat anti-Semitism but may well eliminate it.

And that would be a mistake.

To be clear, the Emory University historian is a fierce opponent of Jew-hatred and Holocaust denial, having vanquished the Holocaust denier David Irving in a British court, among other triumphs over bigotry.

But over the past few years, Lipstadt has led a campaign to eliminate the hyphen in the word "anti-Semitism," preferring "antisemitism."

Why do hyphens matter? Lipstadt argues that "anti-Semitism" is misleading because it denotes hatred of Semites, not Jews. She notes that the German historian who coined the term "anti-Semitism" was a far-right polemicist who sought to blame Jews for the "Semitic"

characteristics that allegedly incited anti-Jewish bigotry.

She joins several authorities who have eliminated the hyphen in response to those who, either for political reasons or in error, misuse the term to minimize its anti-Jewish character. [The Associated Press and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency are among the news organizations that have recently agreed to the change.]

The issue generates surprising controversy. In Palgrave's new collection of essays, "Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism," some authors eschew the hyphen, arguing that it lends credence to offensive arguments about Jews' racial otherness. Others, however, prefer the hyphen either because of common usage or to emphasize that the term originates in a tradition that viewed Jews and Arabs as sharing a common "Oriental" heritage. This caused the editors to throw up their hands in frustration. Unable to choose, they permit both spellings, skittering back and forth in a way they acknowledge may be "disconcerting."

Lipstadt is right that "anti-Semitism" has misleadingly conflated Jews and "Semites" since it was first coined in the 19th century. But she is wrong to think eliminating the hyphen will solve anything.

In German, "Antisemitismus" has been hyphen-less for over a century. This has not averted the confusion that worries Lipstadt.

Nor did it eliminate Jew-hatred in that country.

The problem lies not in the hyphen but in the term itself, which was invented by Jew-haters who thought its pseudo-scientific sound would give social acceptability to their prejudice. Scholars and linguists, however, have yet to devise a suitable alternative. "Jew-hatred," "anti-Judaism" and "Judaophobia" have their partisans, but each term has problems. Until a better term arrives, we are stuck with anti-Semitism. Hyphen removal is no panacea.

The dilemma worsens when the hyphen is removed from "anti-Semitism" but not its handmaiden, "anti-Zionism." Much commentary surrounds the contested relationship between these concepts.

Some say that anti-Semitism refers to discrimination against "Jews as Jews," while anti-Zionism means opposition to Zionists as Zionists. They are wrong about both. Anti-Semitism opposes Jews based on false stereotypes and gross fantasies. It hates Jews not as Jews, but as monsters whose villainy is concocted by the haters. In the same way, anti-Zionism hates Zionists not as Zionists, but as figments of the haters' imaginations.

Zionism can be many things: a political ideology, the yearning of a people for return to a land, the Diaspora's support for Israel's

security. But it never means the murderous, world-dominating conspiracy that its opponents fantasize about. The hyphen in "anti-Zionists" wrongly suggests that such people oppose what Zionism really is, as opposed to what they imagine it to be.

Historian James Loeffler argues that anti-Zionism, as a concept and a construct, deserves the same historical analysis as anti-Semitism. Anti-Zionism, as opposition to Jewish national aspirations, arises from many strands within the Jewish and Arab worlds. As a distinct ideology, however, antizionism (the spelling is mine) was forged in Soviet propaganda, in the context of the Cold War and the rise of post-colonialism, as a reaction to Israel's orientation toward the United States and the West. This ideology of hate fuses age-old anti-Semitic stereotypes, European conspiracy theories, left-wing anti-nationalism and post-Cold War geopolitics.

This new ideology, which has gained considerable steam since the Second Intifada and the United Nations' 2001 Durban anti-racism conference, should not be conflated with the political movements — including the opposition to Zionism that arose among Jews themselves — that preceded it. If ever there is a place to remove the hyphen, it is here: Antizionism today is no mere opposition to Zionism. It reflects instead an independent form of hate with its own

history and logic.

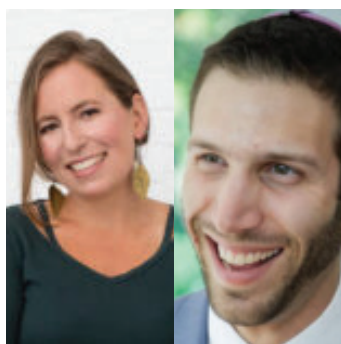
At the Louis D. Brandeis Center, we frequently defend Jewish students and professors who are stigmatized, excluded or attacked for their sympathies toward the State of Israel. If their antagonists were merely critics of Zionism as a political movement, then this might be a mere political dispute, albeit one conducted with unusually nasty tactics.

In fact, students are targeted because Zionism is an overt element of their identity as Jews. This Zionophobia, as some prefer to call it, can only be understood on its own terms as a distinctive form of prejudice. This notion is lost when anti-Zionism is hyphenated but antisemitism is not. Thus between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, there should be two hyphens or none.

Most commentators have praised Lipstadt's nomination, given her international reputation. A few critics oppose based on her perceived partisanship. As a former Republican appointee, I am willing to go out on a limb: Confirm Lipstadt, but let her fight anti-Semitism. If she wants to go hyphenless, she must fight antizionism, too. ●

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# Shmita a Model for Tackling Climate Change and Inequality



BY SEN. MEGHAN KALLMAN AND  
RABBI LEX ROFEBERG

**WE ARE IN** an era of multiple interlocking crises. From record-breaking heat waves to wildfires to water shortages, from rising authoritarianism to a pandemic rampaging across the world, it is clear that, to survive, human beings will

need to make urgent, major changes to how we live.

Bold policy proposals already exist to address these problems, both nationally and in different states. Additionally, we — one of us a politician, the other a rabbi, and both progressives — want to suggest another possibility, gleaned from Jewish tradition:

the ancient idea of shmita, the sabbatical year, which can guide our work in this urgent moment when everything we do matters.

Both of us are millennials, and therefore have come of age under the worst inequality since the Gilded Age — exacerbated and symbolized by a student and health care debt

crisis. The disastrous effects of climate crisis, extinctions, displacement and environmental degradation are threatening to turn life into a nightmare for most on the planet. These problems can be traced to a global obsession with unending growth.

Our only chance to avoid that is to drastically re-envision



our society and its priorities.

Both of us are also, in particular, Jewish millennials. We have, in different ways and at different points in our lives, felt called to participate in Jewish communities of learning, prayer and communal gathering. Despite our involvement in those spaces however, neither one of us learned of shmita's existence until adulthood. It is time for our Jewish spaces, around the world, to reprioritize this sacred ritual, and apply its wisdom in concrete ways to our own times.

The word "shmita" is observed every seven years. The shmita year began several days ago, on Rosh Hashanah. "Sabbatical" tends to refer to respite from work, typically in a university context. But the shmita year is slightly different. It is a collective sabbatical, a radical recalibration of society as a whole, in order to align it with principles of justice and equity for human beings and for the lands we inhabit. Shmita offers a framework for how we might enshrine seemingly individual choices as social values.

The shmita year has two major components. The first is that it serves as a rest for land: Just as humans get to observe a sabbath once every seven days, the land that we inhabit gets a sabbath, too. In biblical times, it meant that the land should lay fallow for a year, and the gleanings left for the needy and even animals. Through shmita, our relationship to land can shift from one of control and domination to one of appreciation and interdependence. Clearly, such lessons are applicable to this moment as well.

Shmita's other major component is that debts are forgiven. This is done to address financial inequities that grow over time, and to enable everyone

to have the opportunity to thrive. Debt forgiveness every seven years disrupts wealth-hoarding and provides relief to those struggling to meet their basic needs. Shmita approaches justice expansively.

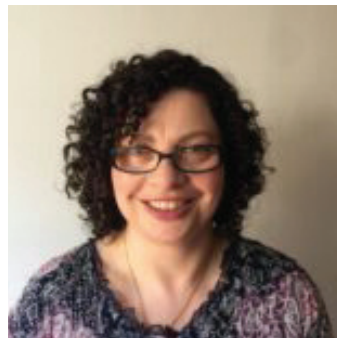
These ideas can be, and should be, used in practice — not just in our ancient texts, and not just aspirationally. For instance: we could forgive debts and change the systems that cause such terrible indebtedness. Two-thirds of contemporary U.S. bankruptcies are over medical issues and medical debt; we must make health care free and universal to solve this problem over the long term. Collectively, U.S. college students owe nearly \$1.6 trillion in student loan debt; President Biden could and should forgive up to \$50,000 per borrower in federal student debt through executive action. Over the medium term, we must make public colleges and universities free, to avoid recreating the same problem — something that our home state of Rhode Island is already on its way to doing. This year, its General Assembly permanently enacted RI Promise, the free tuition program at the Community College of Rhode Island.

The idea of shmita can also guide us in acting to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. Shmita proposes that for a year, humans must avoid treating land simply as a means to our ends; we must not think in terms of limitless expansion, but rather in terms of sustainability and rest. Leaving the land fallow rejects the notion that our planet — and its resources — exist only to serve us.

Our state's Act on Climate bill sets legally binding targets for emissions reductions; now

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## Like America, Genesis Has Two Distinct Stories of Creation



BY RABBI RUTH ABUSCH-MAGDER

**EVERYONE HAS** at least a few creation stories: how they were born, how they came to the career they chose, how they met their loved one.

This week Jews around the world will return to our creation story, the one found in the first chapters of the Torah that are read on Simchat Torah (beginning Tuesday evening, Sept. 28) and again on the following Shabbat (Oct. 2). Each time we engage with these stories we uncover more of the mystery and discover a bit more of the truth. The story of Bereshit — Genesis — reminds us that reexamining beginnings can help us find a deeper understanding of why and how we have arrived at this moment, and how we can use these insights to continue to uncover and understand other creation stories in our lives.

This year, with America's creation story the subject of fierce ideological debate, I am thinking about what we can learn from Bereshit about American history.

The story of creation as presented in the Torah is really two versions of the story. The first story is found at the end of the first chapter of the book of Genesis. In this version, God creates a being in the divine image, both male and female. This being or beings (it is a bit unclear) share the same place in the broader hierarchy

ruling over all the other living creatures. Male and female are equal, they have distinct names and personas. Neither one precedes the other. While this sets up a binary gender dynamic that creates its own problems, it also embeds male/female equality into the foundation of our culture and story. From this moment forward, binary equality is part of Jewish life and tradition.

The second story of creation comes in the second chapter of the book of Genesis. In this version, God first creates a singular, male being. God brings all sorts of creatures into the world to be company for the man, but none of the animals truly completes him. God decides it is not good for the man to be alone. While the man sleeps, God removes a rib from Adam's side and from this manly rib fashions a woman. She is derived from him and there to complement and complete him. Man is first, woman is secondary. From here on, men are at the center of Jewish life and tradition and women play a supporting, secondary role.

Scholars have tried to reconcile these two versions of the Jewish creation myth; it is not easily done. The contradictions reverberate throughout Jewish life: There are many ways in which man and woman are equal to each other within Jewish life, and there are many ways in which they are not. While it would be easier to have a singular narrative to either celebrate or revile, we are forced to live with the

contradictions.

From the start, our tradition has encouraged us to embrace complexity. We understand that complexity can coexist with wholeness.

The contemporary fight over American history — as embodied by the "1619 Project" that seeks to anchor the country's creation story in the year the first enslaved people were brought from Africa to North America, and efforts by conservatives to ensure it is not taught in schools — is a fight over complexity. And the lessons we learn from the biblical telling of creation enable us to better navigate our national creation story.

The United States was founded on a platform of freedom and equality for all. Our brave colonial forefathers broke with the British monarchy and its hierarchical structures and governance. The Constitution enshrines freedoms for all. Many have died fighting for this vision of society. Laws and policies have been shaped to bolster this ideal. With the Constitution as our guide, we have sought this equality in our schools, our elections and our social interactions.

This is the founding narrative that makes Americans proud of their country. For too long, it was the only narrative taught in our schools. It is easy to celebrate this version. It is a promise that draws immigrants to our shores, believing that they too can be part of this dream. It is hopeful.

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## Fall Fashion Goes Green, Ditches Loungewear

### FASHION

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**JEWISH FASHION** experts in Philadelphia are tired of their COVID loungewear.

“I just feel like my days of leggings and tunics need to be behind me,” said Tina Dixon Spence, founder and CEO of children’s boutique clothing brand Buddha Babe.

As designers look to depart from sweatpants and hoodies, the second autumn of pandemic times is still on people’s minds, along with global climate change and the desire to make the fashion industry more sustainable in the future.

Still, the seriousness of current events shouldn’t put a damper on looking good.

Dixon Spence loves autumn,

as it gives her the opportunity to layer clothing pieces.

“I love the idea of wearing a short-sleeve romper, but with a pair of tights under it, or throwing over a denim jacket,” she said.

As the weather cools, she hopes to see more chunky knitwear, prioritizing comfort for the toddlers she’s dressing, while still giving them something presentable to wear outside the home.

Though Dixon Spence designs clothing for children, her pieces bear a striking resemblance to what’s in style for adults.

At Rittenhouse boutique Sophy Curson, co-owner David Schwartz is noticing similar trends for a more-mature audience.

“This fall, I’ve been selling



▲ The Philadelphia Circular Design Competition gave area designers the opportunity to create upcycled garments.

Photo by Rachel Mednick

jeans, and I’m not usually a jeans store,” Schwartz said. “It’s sort of a way to get back to wearing proper clothes versus

elastic waist joggers.”

Jacob Hurwitz, co-founder of the menswear brand American Trench, is leaning into what he

calls “refined casual,” producing an influx of knitwear. Hurwitz believes that the classic look has been refreshed this year with

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▲ American Trench is embracing “refined casual” looks for those who are going out more but still want to remain comfortable. Courtesy of American Trench



▲ Tina Dixon Spence believes that autumn is an ideal time for layering clothing. Courtesy of Buddha Babe

the introduction of mismatched patterns and interesting textures on sweaters.

Once an “old-man look,” the sweater vest is making a comeback appearance at American Trench.

“The ‘90s are having a nostalgia moment,” Hurwitz said.

Perhaps it’s Hurwitz’s way of harkening back to the good ol’ days, but wider-leg trousers and even cargo pants are making their return in the name of comfort, but certainly not to the JNCO jean-level of years past, fear not.

Hurwitz has noticed an uptick in the number of suits he’s selling, hinting at the return of wedding celebrations.

Henry A. Davidsen, Master Tailors & Image Consultants, has certainly felt the demand for suits increasing, having already made 40 suits this year, said Brian Lipstein, the company’s president and CEO. Lipstein has wedding fittings booked as far in advance as February 2022.

The increased demand, however, has put an unexpected strain on the business, as COVID continues to put strains on the supply chain of fabric. Lipstein said there’s a labor shortage of tailors not interested in

returning to work if unemployment benefits pay more than a position in the clothing industry.

That is a national issue, according to Rachel Mednick, circularity/sustainability committee head at the Philadelphia Fashion & Garment Industry Task Force and an adjunct professor and fashion educator at Drexel University.

“COVID has exposed the disaster which is our current fashion system,” Mednick said. “And people have really become aware of the supply chain, and that your clothing doesn’t just come from a store, but it starts several miles away, with several people involved.”

That increased awareness, along with the global climate crisis, gives designers the opportunity to become creative with upcycling clothing, turning fabric from old garments into new ones.

At the first annual Philadelphia Circular Design Competition organized by Mednick, designers created an upcycled puffer jacket and patchwork jacket with recycled materials.

Schwartz has seen similar garments growing in popularity at his store, including a

patchwork jacket made with upcycled scarves.

In addition to being more environmentally-friendly, they are a one-of-a-kind garment, making them even more appealing to consumers.

“It creates a little bit of excitement because you can’t come back and say, ‘I want to order that in a year,’” Schwartz said.

Also thinking about sustainability, Dixon Spence has focused on designing and creating clothes meant to last that can be passed down after a toddler has outgrown them, another fashion philosophy Mednick believes designers can adopt to become more sustainable.

Consumers can do their part, too, Mednick said.

By only buying what we really need and finding brands that pay workers living wages and use natural materials instead of synthetic ones, the buyer can make a difference in making the fashion industry greener, she said.

“If we want to live on a planet still, we need to do things differently,” Mednick said. “It really comes down to protecting our human race and our earth.” ●

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## Area Designers Explain Why Home Is Now Where Major Changes Are Occurring

### HOME

JARRAD SAFFREN | JE STAFF

**HOMES HAVE TAKEN** on new meaning during the COVID era: They are no longer just places to come home and rest at day's end and for raising families.

As more people work from home at least some of the time, homes have become multi-functional, according to local interior designers.

This does not mean that the predicted home office boom has come to fruition, exactly.

Some clients do want home offices or to update their existing home office spaces. But more often, the multifunctional house is one in which

people can use different spaces for a variety of purposes, according to Michelle Erdosi, the owner of Aeternum Design Studio in Philadelphia.

A breakfast nook can be for drinking coffee or working from your laptop. A big bedroom can be for sleeping or taking a Zoom meeting. A home office can be a place to add a lounge chair or a sofa for nap or relaxation time.

But at the core of all these upgrades is remote work, Erdosi said.

"How can we utilize every space in the house to support work?" she said, referring to the question many clients are asking her.

This reconception of the home started in March 2020.



▲ Amy Cuker, of Down 2 Earth Interior Design, said this dining room could also function as a home work space. Photo by Rebecca McAlpin



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## THE LOOK

Almost overnight, white-collar companies transitioned to virtual spaces and recognized that they could work.

While offices are not obsolete, the transition continues. More and more interior design clients are working from home, according to Erdosi.

Business is so good right now that Amy Cuker, the owner of Down 2 Earth Interior Design in Elkins Park, eliminated her waitlist. She didn't want to make people wait for over a month.

Cuker now tries to finish her jobs, clear space on her schedule and start on the next client right away. If a homeowner calls during a busy stretch, she tells her to call back in a month or two.

"We only take jobs when

we're ready," Cuker said. "That way we're limber."

According to the Down 2 Earth owner, her busy schedule is not just the result of more remote work. During the pandemic, with so much of society closed or partially closed, people just started spending more time at home.

When homeowners spent the majority of their weekdays and much of their social schedules outside the home, they didn't look too closely at the infrastructure. Now, though, with people home more often, they are actually looking at their houses and seeing potential upgrades.

If a cabinet has wear and tear, and a homeowner sees it, she can't unsee it, Cuker said.

"And once you have that, it stays on your checklist,"

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## Home

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she said.

If the home has become more of a multifunctional space, then the checklist becomes more of a blueprint.

It keeps growing and growing, which is partly why Cuker keeps her schedule on a short timeline. By the time she gets to a job, it has grown into a project. And since she wants to please her client, she embraces and completes said project.

Ideally, when it's over, the client doesn't just have a robust, multifunctional space: The family has a full-scale reflection of its desires.

In her own house, Cuker installed two gas insert fireplaces, one in the living room and one in the sunroom. Compared to a wood fireplace, the gas version doesn't need logs or produce a smell.

Erdosi has a client who leads meditation classes, so she designed his living room to allow him to push his furniture to the edges.

"They have a heightened interest in having a space that's uniquely theirs," Erdosi said

of her customers. "We have to play psychologist a little bit as a designer."

Erdosi also said she could

see this theme continuing. Working not just remotely, but 100% remotely, is now "very common across industries," she added.

Cuker thinks this trend may deepen over time.

"What's going to happen with technology? Virtual reality?" she asked.

At the same time, Cuker believes the interior design market may have reached a peak.

Restaurants, bars and event spaces are back open. Travel is, too. So, clients won't have quite as much time or money to put into their houses moving forward.

"When the world really opens up, people may put their emphasis back on travel and less on their home base," she said. ●



▲ Michelle Erdosi of Aeternum Design Studio completed this Fishtown living room project. Courtesy of QA Interiors

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# Holding on to Summer Supper

## FOOD

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AS SOMEONE WHO loves summer, I hang onto it for as long as I can. In our area, the warm weather lasts pretty far into September and October so, food-wise, that means a lot of grilling, keeping it light and using local, seasonal ingredients as much as possible.

This menu showcases precisely that.

The fish I used here is mahi-mahi, but any grill-friendly fish (salmon, halibut, grouper, snapper, etc.) would work just fine. The eggplant is a tad more involved, but since the marinade becomes a spectacular sauce when reduced, it does double duty.

We served this with a simple green salad strewn with some late-summer tomatoes and cucumbers and a few ears of grilled corn on the cob doused in salt, pepper, oil and cayenne.

For dessert? We opted for lime-spritzed watermelon slices, but vanilla ice cream with sliced fresh peaches or a blueberry tart would certainly end this meal nicely and would evoke the season.

See what I mean about holding onto summer?

**SPICE-COATED MAHI-MAHI**

Serves 4

I used a jarred Tunisian coriander spice blend that I bought from a local vendor at a farmers market, but any spice blend that you like

works here — Lowry's, Jane's Crazy Mixed-up Salt, Old Bay, Shichimi Togarashi, Chinese five-spice, curry powder, za'atar, etc. Just be sure to check the salt content — the blend I used did not contain salt, so I added it, but that is often not the case.

- 4 mahi-mahi fillets
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons your favorite spice blend
- Salt to taste, if needed

In a shallow dish or pie plate that holds all the fillets in a single layer, mix the lemon juice and olive oil. Sprinkle both sides of the fillets generously with the spice blend and salt, if using; they should be well coated.

On a hot grill, cook the fillets for about 3 minutes per side until done; do not overcook it or the fish will dry out. This guideline is based on ½- to ¾-inch-thick fillets and should be adjusted up or down per the thickness. Remove the fish from the grill, and serve immediately.

**MISO-GLAZED GRILLED EGGPLANT**

Serves 4

I adore eggplant — every single type. For this dish, I chose a variety from the farmers market, and one was better than the next. The leftovers were great the next day!



▲ Miso-glazed grilled eggplant

Photo by Keri White

- 2 pounds eggplant
- Kosher salt for draining

**Marinade**

- 2 tablespoons white miso
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- ½ cup water (or more if needed to coat all eggplant slices)

Slice the eggplant, skin on, into ¼-inch slices. Place the slices in a colander, and salt them well. Leave the colander in the sink, and allow the

Rinse the eggplant, pat it dry and place it in a large zip-seal bag with the marinade. Shake it around to ensure that all slices are coated. Allow it to marinate at room temperature for about an hour. Reserve the marinade when you grill the eggplant.

Heat a grill to medium-hot, and cook the eggplant slices, about 4-5 minutes per side — you may wish to move them to an area with less intense heat in the latter portion of cooking to avoid charring or if additional cooking is needed, but a little char adds flavor and texture.

Remove the eggplant from the grill when done and place it in a shallow dish or a platter with a rim to capture the sauce.

Make the sauce: To reduce the marinade, heat it in a saucepan over medium-high heat and allow it to boil uncovered for about 6 minutes. It should be reduced by at least two-thirds and should be thickened to the texture of a sauce or gravy.

Pour this over the plated eggplant, garnish it with cilantro or parsley, if desired, and serve. •



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# Hadassah Event to Preview Musical ‘Bordello’

## THEATER

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**PLAYWRIGHT AND** lyricist Barbara Bellman was translating poetry for her master’s degree in fine arts at American University when she stumbled across the story of Raquel Liberman, a 20th-century Polish Jewish immigrant who fled to Argentina to start a new life for her family and turned to prostitution after her husband’s death.

Bellman, a Philadelphia native, was translating the works of Ukrainian screenwriter César Tiempo, who published a handful of poems under a persona of a young woman who was a victim of human trafficking by the Zwi Migdal, a Polish white-slavery network.

By writing the poems, Tiempo wanted, in part, to expose the Zwi Migdal and to share the stories of the exploited women, Liberman included. Liberman went on to testify against the network in court and is partially responsible for the group dismantling.

Bellman was fascinated with her story. Similarly to Tiempo, she wanted to tell the story of the endurance of a Jewish woman who, against all odds, triumphed over her oppressors.

“It’s not so much that I found it, but it found me, and it hasn’t let go,” Bellman said.

Bellman’s upcoming musical “Bordello” is inspired by Liberman’s story, and the



▲ Emiliano Messiez is “Bordello”’s composer and arranger.  
Courtesy of Sharla Feldscher

Doña Grazia Hadassah chapter will preview it on Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Union League of Philadelphia.

The Hadassah fundraising event will feature six musicians, six singers and 10 songs from the musical, performed in front of a 300-person audience.

“This musical is such a powerful story that the hundreds of people that are going to be at the Union League, hopefully, will walk away not only entertained but proud of the history of the Jewish community,” said Elaine Grobman, a Doña Grazia Hadassah member and event co-organizer.

The “Bordello” preview event is not only an opportunity to raise funds for the Hadassah chapter but to recruit and invite new members.

“We’re also celebrating the fact that we are in-person once again,” said Bonnie Freundlich, the chapter’s founding president, who co-organized the event with Grobman and former chapter

president Lisa Eizen.

“Bordello” has been a decade in the making, conceived in 2011 as Bellman’s master’s thesis project.

Alongside Argentine composer and arranger Emiliano Messiez, Bellman composed “Bordello” with its Argentinian setting in mind, combining tango choreography and music with the Ashkenazi klezmer roots of Liberman and her family, likewise blending Messiez’s knowledge of Latin American music with her own musical theater background.

“It has been a dream collaboration,” Bellman said. “It was meant to be.”

After earning her MFA in creative writing and completing the New York University graduate musical theatre writing program, Bellman traveled to Buenos Aires, where “Bordello” takes place, hiring a journalist to accompany her to Argentina’s national archives to learn more about Liberman and a



▲ From left: Elaine Grobman, Bonnie Freundlich and Barbara Bellman  
Photo by Dan Johnson

translator to help read through the documents she found there. She also met with Tiempo’s son, who wrote Tiempo’s biography.

“Bordello” is not yet complete, though it is fully written and composed. After the Hadassah event, Bellman and Messiez will continue to workshop the musical, conducting table reads and tryouts before doing a first-class production of the show in London before its U.S. debut.

Bellman and Messiez — with the support of producer David Treatment — hope to one day develop the show for Broadway.

In the meantime, Bellman is happy to share “Bordello” with the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community, saying that the musical tackles a timely topic of human trafficking that is still ongoing. She hopes people will walk away with a deeper understanding of the difficult choices women have to make when placed in difficult circumstances.

Freundlich agrees and believes that sharing the story of Liberman with a larger audience is consistent with Hadassah’s tradition of embracing “brave Jewish women who stick their

heads above the fray and try to make a difference.”

Grobman, who has known Bellman for more than 12 years, believes that it’s the perfect time to share Bellman’s musical and the story of Liberman with the Hadassah community, rekindling connections after more than 18 months apart.

“The message is: We will survive, whether it’s a pandemic, whether it’s persecution,” Grobman said. “We are strong; we are Jews; we are women, and we continue to make a difference.”

In addition to performances from “Bordello,” the event includes brunch and opportunities to participate in an auction.

Tickets are \$100 for nonmembers and \$85 for members and are available at [bit.ly/3iUqcM6](https://bit.ly/3iUqcM6). The Union League requires all staff and attendees to be vaccinated. Guests are required to show proof of vaccination upon entry. ●

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# Adam Sandler Film Piques Area Interest

## FILM

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ADAM SANDLER'S 2019 film with the Safdie Brothers "Uncut Gems" featured a Passover scene with antics that made even the most secular of Jews cringe. But forever loyal to the artist behind "The Chanukah Song," area Jews have their interests piqued about a new Sandler film, especially one filmed in the City of Brotherly Love.

Sandler was spotted in Center City Philadelphia, South Philadelphia and Jenkintown the week of Sept. 20 shooting "Hustle," the first major motion picture filmed in the city since the pandemic began.

Though filming for the Netflix-backed movie began in October 2020, Sandler returned to Philadelphia in late August and has since frequented Handel's Ice Cream in Berwyn, Dan Dan Wayne, Ray's Happy Birthday Bar and Pat's King of Steaks in South Philadelphia, among others.

Sandler also bought two guitars from DiPinto Guitars designed by owner Christ DiPinto who delivered the instruments to Sandler (and Sandler's dog Bagel) earlier this month.

"Honestly I didn't even realize how famous Adam Sandler was ... until I posted a picture [on Instagram], and it just went insanely crazy," DiPinto said.

Sandler bought a DiPinto guitar for a recording session last time he was in Philadelphia in October 2020.

"He's super nice, super cool and a great guitarist, too," DiPinto said.

Anthony Capozzoli, son of Ray's Happy Birthday Bar owner Lou Capozzoli, rubbed shoulders with Sandler as an extra in two of the film's scenes, one of which was shot in the South Philadelphia bar.

Capozzoli plays a bartender at Ray's in the scene, which was transformed into a 76ers bar,



▲ Adam Sandler has bought three DiPinto guitars from the local business since 'Hustle' began filming in the city in October 2020.

Courtesy of DiPinto Guitars

complete with everyone on set donning jerseys. In the film, a Sixers game will be played on the bar's television screens, which, during filming, were fully green.

To film the scene, Capozzoli

woke up at 5 a.m., arrived on set at 8:30 a.m. and waited until 4:30 a.m. the next day to film his scene.

When 2 a.m. rolled around, some of the well-known cast members started a dance

party. Sandler joined in and welcomed in the extras as well.

"We were all around this rich crowd of people having a great time, and he was a part of it," Capozzoli said. "He was mixed in with all the extras, just having a great time."

While on set, Sandler and the film crew treated the extras with the same respect as the big-time actors, Capozzoli said.

In another scene, shot at a playground in Manor College in Jenkintown, Capozzoli was a camp counselor watching a group of young campers observing a basketball scrimmage. The one scene took four days to shoot.

In between takes, Capozzoli said Sandler would talk to the kids, keeping energy levels high during the long days.

"He would come over to make small talk," Capozzoli said. "He said, 'Hey guys, I'm a basketball fan as well. I love your Sixers, but I'm more of a Knicks fan.'"

Other area businesses were happy to welcome Sandler.

In order to accommodate Sandler's pork-free diet,

Dan Dan Wayne owners Cat and Kevin Huang designed a chicken-filled soup dumpling — dubbed Sandler's wonton — and added it to the menu after his visit on Aug. 30.

"Hustle" stars Sandler as Stanley Beren, a past-prime basketball scout who discovers Spanish talent Bo Cruz outside of Madrid and hopes to mold him into a basketball superstar. Queen Latifah and Robert Duvall will star alongside Sandler. Several players from the Sixers are expected to make cameos.

Though no one can guarantee Sandler's new film will have the same Jewish overtones as "Uncut Gems," with Jewish filmmaker Jeremiah Zagar, director of the 2018 film "We the Animals" and son of Philadelphia Magic Garden artist Isaiah Zager, at the helm of "Hustle," Jews can still have hope for some good Jewish representation.

With the film shooting in Center City shortly after the High Holidays, maybe we can bet on a Sukkot scene. ●

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# Theology, Science and the Rabbinic Genesis

BY RABBI SHAI CHERRY

## Parshat Bereshit

**MORE THAN 20** years ago, I wrote my doctoral dissertation on Jewish responses to Darwinism. What I discovered is how little Judaism needed to adjust to accommodate biological evolution.

Given the blatant contradictions between Genesis and evolution, that's fascinating. The later innovations by our rabbis, for reasons of theology, not science, created such compatibility.

Let's begin with divine providence — the claim that God controls all events.

Pirkei Avot asks the question, "Who is mighty?" Their answer is "the one who controls his impulses." Since God is almighty, God exercises maximal restraint. The Talmud makes this argument in the context of the destruction of the Temple and the Babylonian exile (Yoma 69b). God "allows" power politics to unfold

without divine intervention.

By the Middle Ages, what earlier rabbis had seen as the virtue of divine self-restraint was understood by both philosophers and mystics as a necessary byproduct of creation.

In the refrain of Genesis, God reviews each day's products and pronounces them *ki tov*. The 17th-century commentator Shlomo Ephraim of Lunschitz (*Kli Yakar*) translates *ki tov* as "potentially good." "Had human beings not been created, all previous creation would have been in vain." There was no guarantee we humans would be created — Stephen Jay Gould called this *radical contingency*.

The Talmud's story about a mistaken invitation to a banquet that resulted in the Temple's destruction pointedly omits any mention of God. The consequences of innocently confusing Kamtza and Bar Kamtza were catastrophic. The rabbis, too, acknowledged how easily history might have turned out differently.

Another aspect of Darwinism is that creation is ongoing. Genesis, however, says that on the seventh day God ceased from all work of creation (Genesis 2:2). Nevertheless, our prayer book, which is as close to Jewish theological doctrine as we get, has God renewing creation daily.

The commitment to continuous creation is the rabbinic counterpart to continuous revelation through Torah study. God operates in earth's history parallel to how God operates in Jewish history.

Evolution is called the transmutation of species. Genesis, however, could not be more explicit that each species was created "according to its kind." Rather than accept the plain sense of the text, the rabbis imagine that each day's creation is like the ripening fruit of a seed planted "in the beginning."

In other words, for the rabbis, creation was instantaneous — just like the giving of both the written Torah and the oral Torah at Mount Sinai

that subsequently unfurled throughout Jewish history. For the rabbis, instantaneous revelation at Sinai justified their distinctive interpretations of the written Torah through the oral Torah which they exclusively possessed.

One of the oddities of Genesis is that the sun does not break through until day four — calling into question how long those non-solar days were! On the sixth day, for the first time, God partners up. "Let *us* make ..."

Although the early rabbis offered several interpretations for the plural, by the Middle Ages it was largely accepted that God spoke to what had already been created. Thus, as early as the Midrash of Genesis Rabbah (fifth century), rabbis understood that we humans were a coproduction of the animal kingdom and God.

Genesis did not scoop Darwin. Genesis is not interested in what we call science. Nevertheless, the theologies that emerged after the

destruction of the Temple to address our suffering despite our conviction of God's ongoing concern are compatible with God's presence in evolutionary history. That's not how Young Earth Creationists read Genesis, but it is more honest and more inspiring. •

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## Conston

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the resolution. It later referred to her as, "The embodiment of Jewish vision, and our value of *L'dor V'dor*."

Conston was born Shirley Stanton on Oct. 9, 1926 and graduated from the Friends Select School in 1944. She married Charles Conston in 1947 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania two years later.

At both Friends Select and Penn, she was class president.

"She was very active," said Conston's daughter, Elisabeth Conston.

So after graduating from college, she took maybe the most active job there is: raising kids. While her husband built

the family business, 15 Plus and the Charles Shops, a chain of women's apparel stores, she ran the household.

The couple had three children: Stuart, Elisabeth and their middle sister Cynthia.

Elisabeth Conston remembers her mother as a Girl Scout leader and as the taxi service for their friend groups.

But as her children grew older, Shirley Conston no longer wanted to just stay home.

When Stuart Conston neared high school, she started working in a mental health facility for women and girls who had suffered from domestic abuse. By the time her son got to college, Shirley Conston began undertaking advertising and public relations

for the family business.

But no cause galvanized her like *l'dor v'dor*, or helping and preserving the Jewish community from generation to generation.

Charles Conston, like his father-in-law, served as general chairman of the Allied Jewish Appeal. And together, the Constons went on a mission to Israel through the Jewish Federation.

In 1971, though, Shirley Conston took her activism a step further when she was elected to the board of Jewish Ys and community centers. It was the beginning of more than two decades of charitable contributions to the local Jewish community.

Conston grew up in a wealthy family, then helped build one of her own. Since

she always had money, she felt a responsibility to give back, according to her children.

"She had a lot of privileges and resources," Elisabeth Conston said. "She learned you need to take care of people who don't."

For Conston, the concept of *l'dor v'dor* didn't merely apply to the wider community.

The matriarch lived long enough to witness the births of seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Through her grandchildren, she had the opportunity to see games, concerts and graduations, among countless other events.

And she attended them all. "She adored them," Stuart Conston said.

Shirley and Charles

Conston took their grandchildren on some of their many foreign journeys. But more than any other place, the Constons repeatedly brought their grandchildren to Israel.

After Charles Conston died in 2005, Shirley Conston mourned, then "reinvented herself," her daughter said.

In 2008, she moved to Florida and started going out with friends more. Then, for the past decade, she built a relationship with companion Arthur Glick, although they never married.

"But she wanted to have a life," Elisabeth Conston said. "She just never gave up." •

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BIRTH

► BRETT COREY BERLAND

Elise and Gary Kaplan of Plymouth Meeting, and Ruth and Larry Berland of Woodbury, New York, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Brett Corey Berland, to Melissa Kaplan and Michael Berland.

Brett was born in August 2021 and named in loving memory of maternal great-grandfather Bill Hochfeld and paternal great-grandfather Charles Barnett. In addition, his Hebrew name Avraham Reuven is in honor of maternal great-grandfather Abe Kaplan and paternal great-grandfather Raymond Berland.

Sharing in the joy are aunts Andrea Kaplan and Alyssa Berland; great-grandmothers Joyce Hochfeld, Audrey Barnett and Anne Geller; and numerous great-aunts/uncles, cousins and friends.

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PPRA to Induct Cari Feiler Bender into its Hall of Fame

**RELIEF COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDER** and President Cari Feiler Bender will be inducted into the Philadelphia Public Relations Association Hall of Fame on Oct. 12.

She will be “recognized for her passion-driven communications strategies that have brought national acclaim to organizations making a difference throughout Philadelphia, including AIDS Fund, Fairmount Park Conservancy, Historic Philadelphia, Mural Arts Philadelphia, Prevention Point Philadelphia, Rebuilding Together Philadelphia, and more.”

Bender has 25 years of experience working with nonprofit clients.

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Bender serves on the advisory board for The Wardrobe and has previously served on the Boards of InterAct Theatre Co., Philadelphia Cultural Fund, Young Women’s Initiative Advisory Committee for WOMEN’S WAY, Philadelphia Theatre Co. and the Women’s Theatre Festival. She served on the PPRA Board of Governors for two years.



▲ Cari Feiler Bender  
Courtesy of Cari Feiler Bender

Likely Return to Jewish Community Services Building Pushed Back

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia President and CEO Michael Balaban said on Sept. 24 that the return of workers to the flood-damaged Jewish Community Services Building will be pushed back two weeks to Oct. 18.

Earlier, Jewish Federation officials said the building likely would reopen on Oct. 4.

Schuylkill River flooding caused on Sept. 2 by the remnants of Hurricane Ida, pushed more than seven feet of water into the basement of the building at 2100 Arch St., damaging the structure’s internal systems and knocking out the power.

Balaban said the building’s electricity is working, as is the air conditioning, but the elevators aren’t operational; a critical repair part hasn’t arrived yet.

On the lower level, demolition is complete and cleanup was nearing completion as of Sept. 24. Areas that require walls for security and safety purposes will then be repaired and replaced.

After the elevators are working, the building’s cleaning team will begin a top-to-bottom cleaning. ●

— Compiled by Andy Gotlieb



▲ Sept. 2 flooding on 21st Street next to the Jewish Community Services Building  
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#### AUSLANDER

Barbara Auslander (nee Zibelman), on September 21, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Auslander. Devoted mother of Rick Auslander (Beverly), Lisa Diefenderfer (Craig), and the late Norman Auslander and the late Ronald Auslander. Dear sister of Susan Winocur (Victor), Steven Zibelman (Sharon), Alan Zibelman (Debra), Ellen Weisberg (Max), Gordon Zibelman (the late Maureen). Loving grandmother of Nolan Lee Singer, Mason Alec Singer, Eric Auslander (Katie) and the late Matthew and Alex Auslander. Survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

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#### AZEFF

Gertrude R. Azeff (nee Feinstein) on September 17, 2021. Beloved wife of Joel. Also survived by loving children and adoring grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Or Ami, 708 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444.

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#### BLUESTEIN

Stanley Herbert Bluestein, September 18, 2021 of Trevose, PA; loving father of Ellen (Arnie) Glassman and Michael (Ellen) Bluestein; devoted grandfather of Paige Glassman, Jenna (Bryan) Glassman-Johnston, Max Bluestein, Kyle Glassman and Molly Bluestein. Contributions in Stanley's memory may be made to Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid's Mitzvah Fund in Broomall, PA or Jewish Children and Family Services (JFCS) in Bala Cynwyd, (family asks that donations be specifically earmarked for food delivery program).

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#### KAMEN

Joseph A. Kamen on September 21, 2021, husband of Elinor (nee Weinberger), father of Dr. Bruce (Randi) Kamen, Craig (Claudia) Kamen and the late Dr. Jonathan Kamen; brother of Betty Zubatch and Philip Kamen; grandfather of Amanda (Billy) Swisher, Ariel, Ross, Abby and Brett Kamen. Contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or Beth Shalom Cong., 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027 or the American Heart Association.

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#### COHEN

Hedy G. Cohen (nee. Goffman), age 74, on September 19, 2021. Adoring wife of Michael R. Cohen; loving mother of Rachel (Neil Brown) Cohen and Jennifer (Mitchell) Gold, grandmother of Brett, Sydney, Ethan and Alec. Sister of David (Eileen) Goffman. She spent more than 18 years in nursing, including in critical care and nursing management, pursued doctoral work in health policy, served as an adjunct assistant professor at Temple University School of Pharmacy, taught at Jefferson College of Pharmacy, and was a Faculty Fellow for the executive patient safety fellowship offered by the Virginia Commonwealth University. Throughout her career, Hedy was passionate about the need to train and mentor the next generation of medication safety leaders. During her tenure at ISMP, Hedy was a frequent speaker on current issues in medication safety, authored numerous articles on improving the medication use process, co-authored a handbook on high-alert drugs, and helped edit ISMP's monthly Nurse Advise-ERR newsletter. She also served on national advisory boards for Nursing Advance and Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses. Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, <https://www.ismp.org/support/donate> or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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## Kallman

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we must act urgently to meet them. Measures like mandating net-zero emissions in energy generation, a critical move that passed only the Senate this session, are crucial first steps. We need to rebuild our food systems and expand public transit and clean energy production. Neighborhoods are building community gardens while offering training for formerly incarcerated people, rethinking financial systems and experimenting with basic income. Communities and legislatures are mobilizing around these issues, but we need more action, faster, and at every level.

The choices we make now

will determine the survival of millions within the next few decades. We must seek out every strategy available to us as we take on the challenges that threaten the inhabitants of our country, other countries and our planet. That includes strategies anchored in ancient wisdom, like the shmita year. We need to act collectively, for everyone's health. Because a society that takes care of itself and its most vulnerable is one that is, quite simply, the only moral option. •

Sen. Meghan Kallman represents District 15 in the Rhode Island State Senate. Rabbi Lex Rofeberg is the senior Jewish educator for Judaism Unbound.

## Abusch

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It is inclusive. And in many ways it is real.

We must also hold that this vision was intentionally created with limits. The founders enshrined this vision of equality within a system that sustained white supremacy over people cast as non-white. Unlike the Constitution, this principle was not originally written on paper but enacted by white people on the bodies of generations of enslaved Africans, displaced and murdered indigenous peoples and their descendants. Many people have suffered and died because of this system of white supremacy. Beginning before the nation's founding

and continuing to this day, countless laws and policies perpetuated this vision of domination and inequality. We see the impact in our schools, our prisons, our elections and our social interactions.

That both these foundational narratives could and do exist side by side is hard to reconcile, both in theory and in practice. The contradictions in these narratives haunt us daily in the United States. The fundamental mismatch between them is a source of ongoing friction. There are those who would like to ignore the discomfort of the narrative of oppression, or focus solely on the ravages of our original sin.

But that is not the Jewish way. As Jews, we know how to hold on to these types of complexity. We need to advocate for teaching both American stories in our schools. We will not be able to find our way forward as Americans until we recognize the tensions and imbalances that emerge from these two very different creation stories. Fortunately for us — and for America — the Torah cycle and the school year offer an annual opportunity to inhabit the complexity that results. •

Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Magder is director of education and rabbi-in-residence of Be'chol Lashon.

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KOGAN

Jack Kogan, September 18, 2021, of Voorhees, NJ. Husband of the late Beverly Kogan. Father of Nomi (Jack) Forman, Debbie Grossman, Philip (Nancy) Kogan and Mitchell (Eileen) Kogan. Brother of Selma Stern and the late Mae Stern. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Contributions may be made to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, [www.samaritannj.org](http://www.samaritannj.org) or Lions Gate, [www.lionsgateccrc.org](http://www.lionsgateccrc.org) PLATT MEMORIAL CHAPELS, INC. [www.plattmemorialchapel.com](http://www.plattmemorialchapel.com)

NATHANSON

Annette Nathanson (nee Weinerman), on September 23, 2021. She had a full and wonderful life with her beloved Charles. She loved and was very proud of her family, her children: Randy Brandt (Michele), Lance Brandt (Elyse Stolinsky), and the late Jeffery Brandt (Dyan), and her loving grandchildren Jacob Brandt, Scott Stolinsky, and Michael Stolinsky. Annette and Charles traveled the world together. She loved to read and always carried a book. Contributions in her memory may be made to Children's Hospital CHOP Foundation or the Alzheimer's Association. GOLDSTEINS' ROSENBERG'S RAPHAEL-SACKS [www.goldsteinsfuneral.com](http://www.goldsteinsfuneral.com)



ROSENTHAL

Florence "Butzie" Rosenthal (nee Resnick), Sept. 19, 2021. She was born during the depression to Russian immigrants Abraham and Esther. She lost both of her parents by the time she was an adolescent and started work at a very young age and didn't stop until she was 86. During her 20's she worked for 20th Century Fox Films where she loved to tell stories about the movie stars she would meet who came to Philadelphia to promote their movies. Later in life she worked for Albert Einstein Medical Center where she worked for over 30 years. She started out as a part-time secretary in the hospital library, and eventually would work her way to Assistant Medical Librarian. She was one of the first people to learn how to do medical searches for doctors using computer technology and would eventually be credited with setting up a computer lab enabling medical staff to do their own research. The hospital awarded her with the esteemed Maimonides Award, which recognized her contributions over the years. There is also a plaque in the library recognizing her dedication and loyalty to the hospital. She was a loving wife to her now deceased husband Jack J. Rosenthal. Her legacy will continue through her beloved children Eileen Anita (the late Jaime Mijlin), and Robert Mitchell (Debra). She is also survived by three beloved grandchildren Alexa, Mara and Reiss. She was predeceased by her brother Morris and sister Frances. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1818 Market St., Suite 2820, Phila., PA 19103, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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ROTH

Melvin Roth, age 94, died September 13, 2021. Mel was born in Atlantic City, then lived in Pennsauken. He spent the last six years living in Port Angeles, WA. Mel was a former winner of the prestigious Avoda Award. He was a banker at Continental bank. Mel is survived by his niece, Shelley (John) Dorfman-Schostak of Port Angeles, WA. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Mary Roth, sister Tillie Roth Dorfman and nephew Jeffrey Dorfman. Contributions in his memory may be made to Avoda, P.O. Box 3120, Margate, NJ 08402. Mel is on the road with the convertible top down!! ROTH GOLDSTEINS' MEMORIAL CHAPEL [www.rothgoldsteins.com](http://www.rothgoldsteins.com)



SCHWARTZ

Adeline Schwartz Jasper, 97, of Jamesville, NY passed peacefully September 20, 2021 at The Nottingham. Adeline or Addie as she was known, was born in the Olney section of Philadelphia, PA and was married to Martin N. Jasper for 52 years until his death in 1977. Adeline grew up and raised her family in Philadelphia and Bucks County, PA. Adeline kept the family involved in Jewish life and ceremony and was an active member of Temple Beth Or and Shir Ami in Philadelphia, and later, Temple Concord in Syracuse, spending time working at the Temple Concord Food Pantry as her health allowed. She worked most of her life in clerical and purchasing positions, until retirement as a Contract Negotiator, Civil Servant for the US Navy. Adeline will always be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and the example she set for them through her strong work ethic and genuine concern for making sure the family was always close and together. In addition to her husband, Adeline was predeceased by her daughter Sandra Lee Jasper Weissman, and 3 sisters: Mildred, Beatrice and Florence. She is survived by her son Neil (Charlotte) Jasper, 6 grandchildren: Adam (Kelly) Weissman, Zeth Weissman, David Jasper, Steven Jasper, Benjamin (Theresa) Ireland, and Braydon (Jacklyn) Ireland; and 5 great granddaughters: Sophia Adele Weissman, Maeve Olivia Ireland, Molly Marie Ireland, Sephina Jasper, and Carlin Rae Ireland. Contributions may be made in Adeline's memory to the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.

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WOLFE

Jack Wolfe, August 21, 2021 of Havertown, PA. Beloved husband of Frances (nee Sockel); loving father of Lisa (Rand) Michell and Dr. Susan (Steve) Shulman; adoring grandfather of Rachel (Abe), Lauren (Robbie), Jayde, and Josh; treasured great-grandfather of Spencer and Oliver. Jack was a WW II Veteran, a graduate of Penn State and made his living as a Hearing Aid Specialist. Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 25. Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)).

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SITKOFF

Dr. Malcolm Sitkoff, aged 90, passed away on September 18, 2021, at his home in Warrington, PA, surrounded by his family. He was the beloved husband of Claire (nee Oninberg) Sitkoff, and is survived by his children, Sheryl (Philip) Marx, Doree (Greg Kidorf) Sitkoff, and Nathan (Bridget) Sitkoff. His cherished daughter Lilly (Jay) Dubin passed away in 2000 after a battle with cancer. He was grandfather to Melissa Marx, Deborah (Derek) Namerow, Danny Marx, Joshua Dubin, Andrew Dubin, Aaron Dubin, Sarah (Sam) Kelly, Aimee Dubin, Eliana Kidorf, Joshua Kidorf, Noah Sitkoff, Jeremiah Sitkoff, and Leona Sitkoff; and great-grandfather to Ethan Dubin. Malcolm was born on April 9th, 1931, to Nathan and Lillian (nee Ansill) Sitkoff. His mother died when he was three. He had a twin brother Jerome (Ruth) Sitkoff (deceased), and elder sister Elaine (Joseph) Meyerson (deceased). Malcom grew up in West Oak Lane, Philadelphia, near his many aunts, uncles, and cousins, whom he loved. He spent summers in Atlantic City with his family and friends, with whom he had many adventures, including meeting his wife on the Boardwalk when they were both teenagers. After graduating from Central High School, Malcolm attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he played for the lightweight football team, and went on to graduate from Jefferson Medical College. He was chief resident at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and then served as an Army Captain at Fort Carson, CO, where he cared for the children of servicemen on the base. Following completion of his military service, he returned to Northeast Philadelphia, where he lived and practiced medicine (pediatrics) from his home, and was on staff at Holy Redeemer and Nazareth Hospitals. Later in his career, Malcolm also worked for the city of Philadelphia, caring for children at the city clinic at Cottman and Bustleton Avenues. He loved cars, driving, and collecting antique clocks. He was generous to a fault with his family, friends, and patients (and sometimes strangers). Malcolm loved telling stories about his life, especially stories of his childhood antics. He liked to tease and was not above playing the occasional practical joke. Malcolm made connections with people easily, and was remembered by everyone he ever met. He was an outstanding doctor, as well as an extraordinary husband, father, grandfather, relative and friend who will be missed dearly by all those whose lives he touched. Donations in his memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia, the Boys and Girls Club of Philadelphia, the American Heart Association, or Autism Speaks. JOSEPH LEVINE and SONS [www.levinefuneral.com](http://www.levinefuneral.com)

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**Don Waldman, z'l**

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

Don joined the board of trustees in 1987 and has been a steadfast supporter of Abramson Senior Care's mission of providing high-quality care to seniors throughout the Philadelphia region. He tirelessly gave of his time and expertise, serving on the Development and Building for Life Committees. As Trustee, Don's leadership helped lay the foundation to grow our endowment to meet the needs of our most vulnerable seniors. His vast knowledge and commitment to our organization were limitless and we are deeply appreciative for his many contributions to help make Abramson Senior Care a first-class provider of healthcare for seniors.

Don and Ros have always been treasured members of the Abramson Senior Care community. Through their abiding altruism as Heritage Society members, and their generous support of our Annual Fund, Rainbow Ball, COVID Crisis Fund and multiple Capital Campaigns, they have helped ensure that Abramson Senior Care will be able to provide vital care for seniors for generations to come.

Abramson Senior Care and our entire Jewish community were truly grateful to have been the beneficiary of Don's time, leadership, and enduring tzedakah. Don's philanthropy throughout the Jewish community has made the world a better place for all of us.

To Don's beloved wife, Ros, his children: Jody (Peter), Vicki (Kevin), Howard (Lisa) and Gary (Sloane), his sister Ruth Waldman Schultz and brother Gene (Etta) and many loving grandchildren and great grandchildren; and all who mourn his passing, the Board of Trustees of Abramson Senior Care offer this expression of profound sympathy. May they find solace in the knowledge that Don's dedication, benevolence, and good works will serve as an enduring tribute to him and will benefit future generations.

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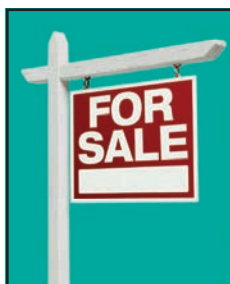
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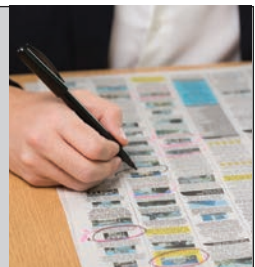
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PETITION NAME CHANGE

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE  
Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, August Term, 2021 No. 1700. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the petition of Gary Dennis Young was filed, praying for a decree to change his name to Ajamu Imhotep Ba Ka Ptah. The Court has fixed October 22nd, 2021 at 10:00am in Room 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

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Beth Sholom Preservation Foundation, the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Fallingwater are hosting “Sacred Spaces: Frank Lloyd Wright x Andrew Pielage,” at Beth Sholom Synagogue in Elkins Park through Jan. 17. The show features images of Wright-designed buildings, including Beth Sholom.



▲ From left: curator Sam Lubell, photographer Andrew Pielage, Beth Sholom Preservation Foundation President David Bromlee and Beth Sholom Congregation President Herb Sachs  
Photo by Elliot Miller

Residents at Ann’s Choice in Warminster prepared for Sukkot with various events.



▲ Ann’s Choice residents gather in the sukkah.  
Courtesy of Bernie Roseman

Members of Beth El Synagogue, Congregation Beth Israel, Shirat Hayam and Temple Beth Shalom along the Jersey shore, as well as community individuals, hosted a High Holiday collection to support Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties. The agency received more than 100 bags of food to help stock the pantry’s shelves.

► Kyle Lee of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties  
Courtesy of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic & Cape May Counties



State Sens. Christine Tartaglione and Art Haywood presented MossRehab on Sept. 23 with a \$1 million redevelopment grant to support the expansion of its Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center. The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program will be used to increase robotics and technology rehabilitation spaces at MossRehab and renovate the on-site pharmacy.

► From left: Ken Levitan, president and CEO, Einstein Healthcare Network; MossRehab Chief Medical Officer Dr. Alberto Esquenazi, State Se. Art Haywood; Thomas Smith, chief operating officer, Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park and MossRehab; and State Sen. Christine Tartaglione  
Courtesy of Einstein Healthcare Network



## COMMUNITYCALENDAR

### ▼ FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

#### Parsha for Life

Join Rabbi Alexander Coleman, Jewish educator and psychotherapist at the **Institute for Jewish Ethics**, at 9 a.m. for a weekly journey through the Torah portion of the week with eternal lessons on personal growth and spirituality. Go to [ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html](http://ijethics.org/weekly-torah-portion.html) to receive the Zoom link and password.

#### Film Screening

**The Gershman Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival** kicks off the Jewish New Year at the Gratz College Mandell Education Campus with “Portrayal”, a documentary about a 20-something Russian-American who travels to Europe to confront the artist who stole his family’s artistic legacy. 7 p.m. Film will stream for seven days following at [pjff.org/event/portrayal/](http://pjff.org/event/portrayal/). Cost is \$12.

#### 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, Elkins Park, or follow the exhibition on the Temple Judea Museum Facebook page and on YouTube.

### ▼ SUNDAY, OCT. 3

#### Writing Course

**Briya Project** will host a weekly course of eight two-hour class sessions from 6-8 p.m. until Oct. 31. We will gather on Zoom for moments of ritual and writing, to harness our creative spirits, seek our artistic voices and let them speak out. Register at [tickettailor.com/events/briyaproject/564066/](http://tickettailor.com/events/briyaproject/564066/).

#### Apple Picking

Come to the **Northeast Kehillah Jewish Life** table in the Styer Orchard picnic grove from 1:30-3:30 p.m. to check in and pick up a 2021 High Holiday bag. Event is free, except the apples you pick yourself. For information and questions, email [northeast@kehillah.jewishphilly.org](mailto:northeast@kehillah.jewishphilly.org). 97 Styers Lane, Langhorne.

### ▼ MONDAY, OCT. 4

#### Mahjong Game

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

### ▼ WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

#### LGBTQ Support Group

Join **Jewish Family & Children’s Service** at 6:30 p.m. for anyone who is a relative of an LGBTQ individual and is looking for a space to process. This group is a safe place to ask questions, express emotions and learn from other folks in similar places. For more information, contact Galia Godel at [ggodel@jfcspshilly.org](mailto:ggodel@jfcspshilly.org) or call 267-273-6006. RSVP at [jfcspshilly.org/supportgroups](http://jfcspshilly.org/supportgroups). Zoom link provided upon registration.

#### Sisterhood Meeting

**Sisterhood of Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Synagogue** will hold our annual opening meeting on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Our

program is guest speaker Louis Schmidt, author of “The Untold Story of How The Stories Were Told.” Cost is \$18. Contact 215-677-1600 for further details. 9768 Verree Road.

#### Parenting Workshop

Learn practical and effective methods to address this past year’s challenges on young kids. Join **Jewish Family and Children’s Service** and parenting consultant Julie King from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for this four-part program for parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 7. Additional workshop sessions on Oct. 13, 20 and 27. \$209 for an individual, \$309 for a couple. Contact Sharon Schwartz at [sschwartz@jfcspshilly.org](mailto:sschwartz@jfcspshilly.org) or 267-256-2112.

### ▼ THURSDAY, OCT. 7

#### Speed Dating

Join **Be Single No More** for a night of speed dating and great conversations with Jewish singles in their 20s and 30s at the Infusion Lounge. Check-in is at 6:45 p.m. Within 24 hours, we’ll email you your matches. Email at [besinglenomore@gmail.com](mailto:besinglenomore@gmail.com) or message us at [facebook.com/besinglenomore](https://www.facebook.com/besinglenomore) for more information. 16 S. Second St. ●

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