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Stars of David

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In the afterglow of the July 4 fireworks are some shooting "Stars" with their own rockets red glare. Lighting up the sky at ceremonies down the shore were sports icons saluted at the Atlantic City Multi-Cultural Heritage Festival Awards dinner at Resorts International, where thinking outside the box led event planners to thinking about those inside the boxing ring as their honorees. Among the sport's stars answering the bell who no one could lay a glove on: Philly's Mike "Jewish Bomber" Rossman and promoter J Russell Peltz. ...

And speaking of sports legends -- Michael Barkann (well, the guy's not a legend but he is already a member of the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and served as emcee of this year's induction ceremonies) will serve as captain of the Champions team, managed by Larry Bowa and featuring players from the Phils championship teams of 1980 and 2008, against the Ron Jaworski-managed Legends, in the July 11 game coming to Camden's Campbell Field prior to the Atlantic League All-Star Game. The pitch? It's all a benefit for the Jaws Youth Playbook and Kisses for Kyle Foundation. ...



Dr. Robert A. Levine

A bite of history -- that's what prominent implant surgeon and periodontist Dr. Robert A. Levine offered his audience, addressing the topic of "American Jewry and the Civil War" in Sandy Springs, Ga. The good doc -- also a clinical prof at Temple's dentistry school -- doesn't pay lip service to the topic; he's been a Civil War re-enactor for close to 20 years and has played guitar for the 69th Pennsylvania Irish Volunteers Civil War Band (funny, he doesn't look leprecaunish). ...

Bread is his bread and butter, but that doesn't mean Joel-Pierre Perez would open a branch of Art of Bread, Georges Perrier's ooo-la-la Narberth French bake shop/cafe he serves as partner and general manager, around the High Holidays. The Tunisian Jewish restaurateur is delaying the branch opening set for the Sands in Bethlehem until October so as not to conflict with the holidays. ...

Never sorry? No wonder! Alison Klayman, Akiba Hebrew Academy, Class of 2002, helps class up the list of Artinfo's "30 Influential People in the Art World Under 30," thanks to her award-winning Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry, which just took top honors for storytelling docu at the 2012 Nantucket Film Festival and danced off with a Sundance Jury Prize earlier this year. ...

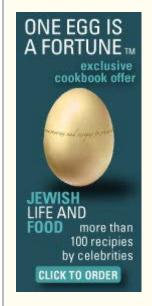


Alison Klayman

Stars" sees the handwriting on the wall -- make that a mural: **Jane Golden**, the brush of brilliance behind the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, has been named winner of the Edna S. Tuttleman Award, to be handed out by Jewish Family and Children's Service on July 10 at its fourth Edna S. Tuttleman Symposium, this year dealing with "Women and Resiliency: Finding Strength, Creating Change, an Evening of Reflection." ...

Even as he gets a nice shout-out in Jimmie Walker's just-out autobiog *Dyn-O-Mite!*, **David Brenner** will be within shouting distance of his *Jane Golden* hometown Philly: The comedian performs at Atlantic City's Atlantic Club next month. Maybe he'll amble over to KYW (CBS3), now celebrating its 80th anniversary, and help them blow out the candles. After all, it's where he was working as an acclaimed docu maker when he decided to launch his career as a comedian.

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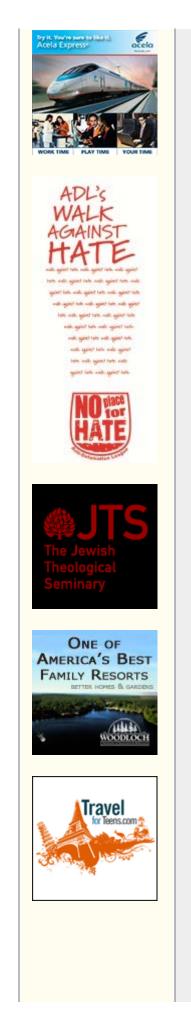














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