The Israeli elections are slated for the second week of March and, as with most Middle East politics, they are pretty complicated. This week’s issue provides a primer and includes several local intriguing stories as well. Please read, enjoy and share!

LOCAL

A City Honor Reversal?

A Philadelphia City Councilwoman is looking to retract an honor she gave a Palestinian official after learning the woman has compared Israel to the Nazis and condoned terrorism.

ISRAEL

An Israeli Election Primer

The upcoming elections are confusing in that the party that gets the most votes won’t necessarily lead the government. Candidates from several parties recently broke down their standpoints for an English-speaking audience, oh, and there was a food fight too. Plus read profiles of some of the high-profile candidates, Tzipi Livni, Michael Oren and an Arab Muslim woman running on the right. And what exactly is V15 doing to try to unseat Benjamin Netanyahu?
Local Rabbi Invokes Appearance at National Prayer Breakfast

Rabbi Gregory S. Marx of Congregation Beth Or in Maple Glen was the only Jewish clergy to give an invocation at Congress' annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

MITZVAH HEROES

All of Life's a Mitzvah Circle

A Lower Gwynedd teen rounds out her life by helping with the Mitzvah Circle in Lansdale.

LOCAL

Israeli Artist Sheds Light on Democracy, Freedom

A Tel Avivan artist's exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History utilizes light effects and words spoken George Washington to express the fragility of democracy and freedom.

LOCAL

Philly Local in Israel Receives 'Welcome to Palestine' Text From T-Mobile

Ami Dolev was "shocked" to receive a "Welcome to Palestine" text from a T-Mobile international roaming partner upon his arrival in Israel.

OPINION

For Jews in Crisis, We Are There

Times are tough for Jews in France and Ukraine, but the Jewish communities in Philadelphia and around the world continue to rally in support of our extended nation, writes a local communal leader.
PHILACATESSEN

Updating an Ancient Jewish Take on Meatloaf

With a nod to Jewish-Italian and Jewish-Spanish influences on meatloaf, blogger Keri White offers her recipe for this quintessential comfort meal.

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