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## For the Classic Dresser

### BOYDS

This local Philadelphia department store has the feel of a large chain like Macy's or Nordstrom, with high-end clothing and tailors on hand to perfect any garment you may find while shopping. Go here for men's formalwear, women's contemporary clothes and their big & tall section on the fourth floor. 1818 Chestnut St., 215.564.9000; boydsphila.com

### TUXE BODYWEAR

The ultimate spot for professional bodysuits that tuck perfectly into pencil skirts for a great—and comfortable—workday outfit. Plus, a variety of colors and styles keep shoppers coming back for all their weekday needs. 1424 Walnut St., 215.545.4763, tuxebodywear.com

## For the Vintage Seeker

### STARS & STRIPES, LTD.

The clothing here may not scream vintage—you will find more preppy items like shift dresses and collared shirts—but

any lover of all things old-fashioned will appreciate the 1881 Gothic Revival church the shop resides in, plus the furniture and décor (all vintage!) are for sale. 2129 Chestnut St., 215.587.2129, starsandstripesltd.com

### VAGABOND

Most people come here for the large selection of lesser-known (yet awesome) designers and wide assortment of jewelry and accessories you won't find anywhere else. But what many may not realize is the shop also has a great collection of vintage clothing—don't miss it. 37 N. Third St., 267.671.0737, vagabondboutique.com

## For the Well-Tailored

### COMMONWEALTH PROPER

Nothing screams "put together" quite like a made-to-measure suit. This appointment-only shop is a local favorite and one visitors often plan ahead for. But for those who fail to make an appointment, you're in luck: a ready to wear store is coming soon. 1839 Chestnut St., 267.319.1741, commonwealthproper.com

### TOBOX

Everything you need to make that tailored suit look even more special. Find belts, pocket squares and shoes in addition to luggage and bags that will make you look like the most fashionable person in the airport (and beyond). Plus, they just moved to a bigger shop in Center City. 1822 Chestnut St., 215.644.9435, toboxshoes.com

## For the Trendsetter

### KNIT WIT

Find a mix of European and American designers in this shop, owned by Philly icon Ann Gitter. Her well-curated collections offer shoppers a chance to hone in on their personal styles and with three locations in the area, all visitors—from shore-goers to city dwellers—can check it out. Multiple locations., 215.564.4760, knitwitonline.com

### SHOPS AT LIBERTY PLACE

A mini-mall smack dab in the center of the city is a great place to escape the outdoors and scope out the latest fashion trends. Find mainstays like Loft, Express, Nine

West, Aldo and J.Crew, plus a full food court (with great, non-food-court-like options like sushi burritos) for that much needed post-shopping fuel. 1625 Chestnut St., 215.851.9055, shopsatliberty.com

### MARYANNE S. RITTER JEWELERS

All fashionable people have one thing in common: they know how to accessorize. At Maryanne S. Ritter, they are known for not only creating one-of-a-kind, custom pieces but also for refurbishing old jewelry into new and unique pieces you'll want to show off for years to come. 704 Sansom St., 215.701.6255; maryannesritterjewelers.com

### JOAN SHEPP

Quite possibly one of the trendiest stores in Center City, Joan Shepp is a must-shop for every fashion lover. Step into the gorgeous Chestnut Street storefront, boasting three levels that carry everything from Elizabeth & James dresses to Marni shoes and Balenciaga bags. 1811 Chestnut St., 215.735.2666; joanshepp.com

## Q&A: DAVID SCHWARTZ

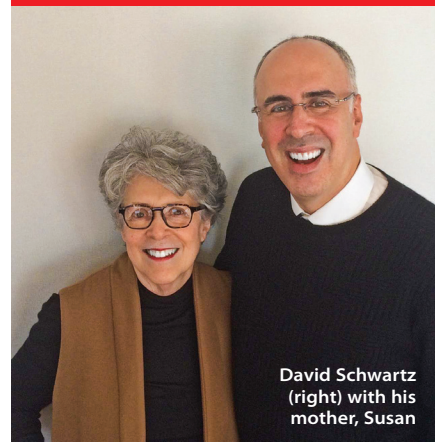
Along with his mother Susan, David Schwartz runs the day-to-day at **Sophy Curson**, a shop originally opened by his great aunt Sophy that has been a Philadelphia staple since 1929. We chat with David to find out how they do it—and how they've done it for so long. BY JESSICA GREEN

**Sophy Curson has been a fashion staple for decades. How have you seen the retail scene in Philly change in recent years?** The resurgence of people moving back to the city has brought so many new faces to the neighborhood. We find that in order to stand out you have to offer something different from the norm; people want to find clothes they haven't seen elsewhere.

**What is your favorite part about running the day-to-day at Sophy Curson?** Interaction with the clients. It is always so much fun to see the expression on a clients face when they try something out of their comfort zone and they realize "oh yes, I can wear this and I always thought I couldn't."

**Why do you think Sophy Curson has found such long-term success in Philly?** We love clothes and I think it shows. When we are at fashion shows, [I get things] for the shop even if I don't have a specific client in mind. I think if I love it, I will find a woman that will love it as well. It's that excitement about fashion that has kept us going for 87 years. 19th & Sansom streets, 215.567.4662, www.sophycurson.com

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David Schwartz  
(right) with his  
mother, Susan