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Likud, Kadima coalition takes Israel by surprise

In a surprise move, Likud and Kadima agreed to form Israel's broadest government coalition government ever. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, left, and Kadima Party Chairman Shaul Mofaz, are pictured at a joint news conference in the Knesset on Tuesday morning, announcing that Kadima had joined the coalition government. Hammering out the deal took until 02:00 Israeli time on Tuesday. (PHOTOGRAPH: MIRIAM ALSTER/FLASH90/JTA)

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Portly SA lady makes aliyah

The first of two young female Southern White rhinos, to bolster Ramat Gan's breeding programme, part of a quid pro quo with Pretoria Zoo, has arrived in Israel, courtesy El Al."

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BUILDING SA: SA's HIV/Aids poster boy, Bryan Schimmel



"In 1997, I made a mistake. In healing, I was compelled to reach back into myself and give back to society in ways I couldn't have imagined. Part of how I deal with my virus is remembering HIV is a condition, not a sentence."

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SAKS: Just tip me off when the yentas start their yodelling

The greatest threat facing the Orthodox community is complacency. If we are not growing, we are declining, and regaining that original momentum once it has been lost is formidably hard. There is more "to the whole rumpus" as to whether women should be allowed to sing at communal events.

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Lithuania: A past not forgotten

Steve Felder bucks the trend to visit modern-day Lithuania, with surprisingly good connections with the local Lithuanian Jewish community.



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Looking at Lag B’Omer’s origins

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Lag B’Omer is a minor holiday falling between Pesach and Shavuot. This year, it fell on Thursday, May 10 and was celebrated with due aplomb and bonfires, all over the world.

Its significance is not, however clear-cut: while some sources say its purpose is murky, others cite the Talmud speaking of a plague that killed 24 000 of Rabbi Akiva’s students; on the 33rd day of the plague there was respite.

Yet others cite Bar Kokhba’s revolt again Roman rule - a rebellion which ultimately failed, but which enjoyed success on this day.

On the other hand, Kabbalists are of the belief that this day commemorates the death of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar. And the bonfires in this case are reflective of the light of the Torah.

The word “lag” is numerological: it is a combination of two Hebrew letters, lamed and gimmel. The lamed stands for 30 and the gimmel, for 3; the day in question falls on the 33rd day of the Omer, the period of seven weeks between Pesach and Shavuot, traditionally observed as one of semi-mourning,

Lag B’Omer contradicts all the mourning practices; on this day, one can marry, one can have a haircut, wear newly-bought clothes and enjoy all manner of otherwise taboo celebration.

The supreme challenge

The cycle of the calendar converges with the portion of this week in the chapter discussing G-d’s instruction to us to count the Omer. The period known as Sefirat Ha’omer marks the 49-day sequence from the exodus until Shavuot, when we celebrate the receiving of the law and testament at Sinai.

The word “Omer” means “barley” and is called such because it is the barley offering in the Temple on the first day of Pesach that signalled the commencement of the counting. The culmination offering brought on Shavuot, is of “wheat”.

We will soon see that the journey of this cycle of time is the process of transitioning from barley to wheat on a far more cosmic level than just the sacrificial offering.

But first a cryptic phrase in our portion: G-d tells us to start counting “on the morrow after the Shabbat”. This is ambiguous because it does not tell us which “Shabbat” it is talking about. In fact, our oral tradition explains that this reference is speaking about the day following the first day of Pesach (Pesach here being called “the Shabbat”).

Why is this expression being used to convey the counting process from the barley offering to the wheat offering?

To appreciate the depth behind this, we must explore the vital subject of: What is the defining challenge of life?

Of all the plentiful suggestions, the one



Parshat Emor
Reverend Ilan Herrmann
The Lions Doornfontein Shul

that resonates more than any other, is the challenge we face with ourselves.

As human beings, our make-up ranges in potential from characteristics resembling the lower kingdom of the beasts, to those of the celestial angels. We are capable of being selfish, self-centred and ego-driven, to traits of the other extreme: altruism and selflessness.

And it’s not just behavioural. The challenge of life lies in harnessing the many powerful energies and potent forces within our complex inner and outer world and to proceed to refine, meliorate and raise them up.

This means our emotional and intellectual make-up. Our drive to will and pleasure and the instincts, impulses and responses that we evince, the capacity for thought, speech and action and the manner in which we engage the world, the realm of the conscious and the layered strata that lies beneath. All are a part of the mix and the sometimes muddle and all need to be addressed.

Portly SA lady makes aliyah

In 2010 the National Zoological Gardens in Pretoria (NZG), received a pair of Western Lowland gorillas from the Zoological Centre, Tel Aviv-Ramat Gan.

DIANE WOLFSON
PRETORIA
PHOTOGRAPH: EL AL CARGO

AS A QUID pro quo, a rather portly lady has “winged” her way to Israel on aliyah, with a second one to follow shortly.

The two young “ladies”, would fly “first class” compliments El Al, said Evelyn Zadikov of the airline’s Cargo Division.

The ladies in question are two Southern White Rhinos to bolster Ramat Gan’s breeding programme. The deal was that the NZG would send two female rhinos, both roughly a year old, to Israel, according to Craig Allenby, Manager: Commercial Services and Business Development at the NZG.

The first rhino was sent last week Thursday and the second will follow shortly.

The curator for the Southern White Rhino at the NZG, Phuti Maffodi, as well as Ramat Gan’s chief veterinarian Dr Igal Horowitz, accompanied the first rhino to Ramat Gan to ensure the safe transit of

the precious cargo. Maffodi will be spending two weeks at the rhino’s new home to help settle the new girl in.

Allenby said that the exchange of animals between zoos was a vital function of a modern zoo. International co-operative breeding programmes were a sure way of ensuring the survival of a species for future generations.

The moving of animals between zoos not only ensured that breeding programmes had sufficient genetic diversity, but also ensured that sufficient backup populations were maintained in the event of an environmental catastrophe.

The gorillas supplied to the NZG, came from Israel as a result of a recommendation made by the European Endangered Species Programme (EEP) advisory group for gorillas.

The pair of male, Western Lowland gorillas, Louie and Asali, have settled in well at the NZG and have been totally integrated with a pair of gorillas the NZG had received from the Zurich Zoo in Switzerland.



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Likud, Kadima form broad government coalition

Israelis went to sleep on Monday night expecting early elections in September for the 19th Knesset. They woke up to the news that elections would take place as planned in October 2013.

**MATI WAGNER
JERUSALEM**

A behind-the-scenes deal clinched overnight between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and opposition leader Shaul Mofaz, created Israel's broadest coalition government ever.

According to the surprise agreement finalised in the early hours of Tuesday morning, right before a plenum vote to disperse the Knesset ahead of early elections, Mofaz's Kadima Party will join Netanyahu's government coalition, boosting its numbers from 66 of the 120 Knesset members to an unprecedented 94.

Mofaz agreed not to attempt to topple the government until the official end of its term. In exchange he will be appointed vice premier. Mofaz also will participate in the meetings of the select ministerial security Cabinet.

The Kadima chief, who had vowed on his Facebook page – just a day before the coalition was announced – that he would never join Netanyahu's "bad" government and publicly called Netanyahu a "liar", may have had a change of heart in part after seeing polls that predicted his party was headed for a major crash in early elections.

Kadima, which managed to garner a plurality of votes in the last elections with 28 Knesset seats, had fallen to fewer than half that number, according to recent polls.

Netanyahu, who in recent months has said repeatedly in public statements that he preferred not to initiate early elections, may have been tempted by the chance to bring back former Likud politicians such as Ronnie Bar-On, Tzahi Hanegbi and Meir Sheetrit, who defected with Ariel Sharon in 2005 to form Kadima.

The formation of a national unity government may also have positive diplomatic ramifications with regard to Iran's nuclear programme.

"A stable government strengthens Israel's deterrence capabilities vis-à-vis Iran and improves its ability to put pressure on the UN Security Council and on Germany not to compromise too much with Tehran," wrote Ron Ben Yishai, Ynet's military affairs commentator.

"The deal also improves the government's ability to carry out surprise moves, which also strengthens deterrence."

Netanyahu and Mofaz said during a news conference on Tuesday, before the signing of the coalition agreement, that there were four central issues that would be advanced by the national unity government: legislation that will obligate haredi Orthodox yeshiva students to perform military or national service; amend-

ments to the electoral process; passage of a two-year fiscal budget; and advancing "responsible" peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Kadima's Knesset members will lead a committee tasked with drafting legislation aimed at replacing the Tal Law, which permits haredi yeshiva students to defer military service indefinitely in order to pursue religious studies unhindered.

The Supreme Court ruled in February that the Tal Law contradicted the principle of equality by giving the haredim preferential treatment and therefore was illegal.

Netanyahu noted during the news conference that disputes among key members of his coalition – the haredi Shas and United Torah Judaism parties and the stridently secular Yisrael Beiteinu – were a main factor in his original decision to call early elections.

But with Kadima as a coalition partner, Shas and United Torah Judaism will be unable to topple the government over the Tal Law.

Incorporating Kadima also will enable the government to enact electoral system reform aimed at fostering political stability. Attempts to pass such reforms have failed due to the fervent opposition of smaller parties that represent specific population groups such as the religious and haredim. These parties stand to lose from measures such as raising the election threshold from the present level of two per cent or instituting regional elections for some of the Knesset seats.

Governments comprising many diverse factions often are plagued with chronic divisions and instability. In many cases, a single party can threaten to bring down a narrow coalition government, giving it inordinate leveraging power.

Settlement policy might be another point of disagreement between Kadima and Likud. Israel's Supreme Court ruled on Monday that the government had to go ahead with the demolition of 30 homes that were built on Palestinian-owned land in the Beit El settlement's Ulpana neighbourhood.

Although Netanyahu has been noncommittal, right-wing politicians in his coalition, including several Likud MKs, want to legalise retroactively, neighbourhoods and outposts like Ulpana. Netanyahu could be torn between his obligation to Kadima MKs who oppose such legislative initiatives and his more right-wing coalition partners.

The peace process may lead to some points of contention, but opponents have refrained from placing the blame on Netanyahu's government for the lack of progress in negotiations. (JTA)

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Israeli Embassy celebrates State’s birthday in style

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**DIANE WOLFSON
PRETORIA
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Segev-Steinberg spoke of this past year’s immense changes in the ME, which have had an enormous impact, not only on the region, but the entire world. Although Israel was not directly involved in this

Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director General for Asia and the Middle East at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria, makes a lechaim to Israel with Israeli Ambassador Dov-Segev Steinberg.



chain reaction, the effect on the country had been unprecedented, placing an added strain on Israel’s security and strategic planning. “However, it is Israel’s wish to achieve accommodation with whichever political powers emerge in all her neighbouring states. In pursuing this goal, Israel forever holds out its hand in peace and co-operation in the hope that this

‘Arab Spring’ will herald a summer of democracy in the entire region.”

He said Israel would never give up on the desire to find a way to meaningful dialogue, provided this was based on an atmosphere of peace and co-operation.

He referred to the humanitarian role Israel continues to play, such as recent aid to Japan and Brazzaville Congo, as well as opening her borders to terror-stricken refugees fleeing Sudan via Sinai.

Praising Israel’s successes in the fields of technology, medicine and science, the ambassador voiced the hope to share these achievements with the South African partners and said the Embassy was looking forward to more opportunities for co-operation, which would bring Israel and South Africa closer to each other.

A message on behalf of the Government of South Africa was



Dov-Segev Steinberg talks to with Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

brought by Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director General for Asia and The Middle East. Sooklal referred to the beginning of diplomatic ties between the two countries in 1949, as well as ongoing trade and tourism. He told of the invitation he had received seven years ago by (then) Ambassador Tova Herzl, to a similar function.

Sooklal referred to the integral part played by the SA Jewish com-

muni y, which had enriched South Africa and played an important part in the history and struggle of this country.

He expressed the hope that through the strong ties and relationships, these be built upon, that the SA Government supported a two-state solution and wished to see Israel and Palestine both secure and thriving, living in peace with themselves and their neighbours.

Yom Ha’atzmaut - spirit of Israel in Durban

**ALANA BARANOV
PHOTOGRAPHS SUPPLIED**

A little bit of Israel on the east coast of Africa. This year’s Yom Ha’atzmaut celebrations in Durban, held at Eden College on Wednesday night April 26, brought the community out in force to celebrate Israeli Independence and the Durban Jewish community’s connection to the Jewish State.

A lively, fun and relaxed atmosphere provided the perfect backdrop to stalls brimming with delicious Israeli delicacies, assembled beneath impressive blue and white festive décor.

On a raised stage in front of the market-style seating, a live band entertained the crowd with the melodies of everyone’s favourite

Israeli tunes, as an outstanding audiovisual presentation of historic images of the State of Israel, was projected on a screen throughout the evening.

As if the food, music and drink were not enough, the children were treated to a night of games and competitions, with the Yom Ha’atzmaut drawing competition being widely supported and boasting exciting prizes such as iPads and iPods.

Grant Maserow, director of the KwaZulu-Natal Zionist Council, said of the night: “It was a successful, enjoyable function. I have received great, positive feedback from everyone that I have spoken to.”

Other communal leaders shared similar sentiments about the cele-

brations. “Yom Ha’atzmaut is a very special day on the Jewish calendar, so it is no wonder that the annual KNZC function is so well supported.

“All Jews in the Diaspora should be mindful of and appreciate the important role that the State of Israel plays in their Jewish lives,” said David Simpson, president of the Council of KwaZulu-Natal Jewry

For Durban shaliach, Maayan Oz, the day brought mixed emotions. “Yom Ha’atzmaut is the hardest time for a shlichah, to be away (from Israel) on this day is very weird and you keep feel like something is missing.

“But the love and support I saw on the night, taught me that physical distance does not reflect how



Gil Dogan; Shannon Krausey; and Netanya Dogan.

close you are to Israel, and I felt almost like home thanks to the Durban community.”

Greg Bass, chairman of the KwaZulu-Natal Zionist Council, summed up the evening best. “Once more the Durban community turned out in numbers to identify with Israel on her Independence Day. At this time we are one with

Israel, our homeland. “Israel remains the centre of Jewish existence. We reflect on her significant past, bask in the glory of her achievements and look forward to a better future, one filled with peace that will enhance the centrality of Israel as our spiritual homeland in a vibrant Middle East.”

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Arutz Sheva, Beit El, West Bank, Israel:
www.israelnationalnews.com

“KADIMA GETS 16 MONTHS POLITICAL LIFE SUPPORT; BIBI A PUZZLE”

A funny thing happened on the way to September 4 Knesset elections. Instead of elections, Israel got a “Unity” government made up of the Likud and Kadima.

World Jewish Daily, international:
www.worldjewishdaily.com

“MUSLIM SCHOOL IN CANADA UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ANTI-SEMITIC TEXTBOOK”

The Hate Crimes Unit of the Canadian Police is looking into allegations that a Muslim school is promoting anti-Semitism and violence to their young learners. The textbook, discovered online, calls Jews “crafty” and “treacherous” and refers to “Jewish plots and treacheries”.

The Jewish Week, New York:
www.thejewishweek.com

“ENDING SUSPENSION, TIGERS’ DELMON YOUNG SAYS ‘I’M NOT ANTI-SEMITIC”

Delmon Young, the Detroit Tigers outfielder arrested in New York for allegedly attacking a group of men and making anti-Semitic remarks, apologised for his actions after a week-long suspension was lifted.

The Australian Jewish News, Sydney:
www.jewishnews.net.au

“OUTRAGE OVER JEWISH SLUR ON SYDNEY RADIO”

Sydney radio station Mix 106.5 has acknowledged that a statement made by a caller last week equating being cheap with being Jewish, was offensive, but has stopped short of releasing a formal apology or statement.

Jewish Times Asia, Hong Kong:
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Baltimore Jewish Times, Maryland:
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Plans in motion for Mauritius Jewish museum

A threefold visit to Mauritius recently by African Jewish Congress spiritual leader, Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, incorporated bringing matzah and wine for Pesach to the Jewish community of the island. There are about 50 affiliated Jews living on the island.

**STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS
BY SUZANNE BELLING**

Rabbi Silberhaft also conducted a Friday night service and there was a communal dinner at the Sugar Beach Resort.

He also inspected the site for a proposed Jewish museum with Linda Bester, of Villiersdorp, who helped set up the Holocaust Centres in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban.

Rabbi Silberhaft, with Andrew Slome, a former Capetonian and general manager of the resort for many years - he was awarded an OBE from Queen Elizabeth for his contribution to tourism on Mauritius - has established a kosher kitchen at Sugar Beach from where the Friday night meal was served to some 20 islanders and visitors.

The kosher kitchen, established initially for beach weddings which Rabbi Silberhaft performs regularly, is under the strict aegis of the rabbi, who acts as mashgiach and is the sole holder of the key.

The Friday night service took place in the conference centre, as the shul is situated in the Amicale Maurice Israel Centre on the other side of the island and is too great a distance to walk.

The centre was recently renamed the Soopaya “Baby” Curpen Centre after Amicale’s founder and presi-



Outside the Soopaya “Baby” Curpen Centre of the Amicale Maurice Israel on Mauritius: Linda Bester, who is designing a commemorative and Jewish museum; AJC spiritual leader, Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft; Linda Dughetti; and Owen Griffiths, president of the Island Hebrew Congregation.

dent, following the death of this great supporter of Israel and Jewry, who had been honorary consul for Israel.

The adjacent shul extension was opened last year by Mervyn Smith, president of the AJC, and Owen Griffiths, president of the officially named Island Hebrew Congregation.

The synagogue inherited the Aron Kodesh from the old Emmarentia Shul and the bimah from the defunct Grahamstown Hebrew Congregation.

During Rabbi Silberhaft’s visit to the shul and centre, he unveiled a plaque in memory of Jonathan Sharon, in the presence of his widow Linda Dughetti, one of the congre-

gants.

Linda Bester, who combines her qualifications in graphic design and an honours degree in history, to create exhibits for museums, accompanied Rabbi Silberhaft to the site - a small building at St Martin’s Cemetery - which will house the records and visual history of some 1 670 Jewish detainees in Beau Bassin prison in Mauritius.

After an arduous escape journey from Nazi-occupied Europe during the Second World War, they were expelled from Palestine and sent by the British to Mauritius.

Some 126 Jews died during their imprisonment and were buried in St Martin’s Jewish Cemetery, which is



Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, ACJ spiritual leader, and Owen Griffiths, president of the Island Hebrew Congregation, outside the 180-year-old volcanic rock building, the site for the planned historical Jewish museum. The museum is to be a tribute to Jews incarcerated by the British in the nearby Beau Bassin prison during the Second World War.

looked after by the African Jewish Congress and the SA Jewish Board of Deputies.

“We are at the first stage,” Bester told Jewish Report. “The next step will be to have the plans passed by the Mauritian authorities, followed by seeking potential donors - corporates and individuals - both locally and abroad. I am excited and honoured to be involved in this project.”

Rabbi Silberhaft said he had “my

eye on that building” ever since he first saw the 180-year structure of volcanic stone.

“I cannot think of a better way to honour the memories of the Jewish prisoners at Beau Bassin, the survivors, who eventually made it to Israel, and their families, who gathered in Mauritius for a reunion in 1999.”

The museum will include a general Jewish section.

Lithuania - a past not forgotten

STEVE FELDER

Given the Lithuanian heritage of the overwhelming majority of South African Jews, it is somewhat surprising that seemingly few have visited modern-day Lithuania. Bucking the trend, I visited during March with a small yet prominent delegation of Jewish business executives, on a “mission” arranged by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the largest Jewish humanitarian and welfare organisation in the world.

The mission included Latvia,

but owing to prior business commitments, I was only able to attend the Lithuanian component of the mission. The objectives of the mission included connecting with the local Lithuanian Jewish community and the Lithuanian government, exploring business opportunities, and viewing firsthand the work that the JDC is conducting to assist the Jewish community.

Our intense 48-hour agenda comprised a range of diverse activities, including a visit to the Jewish kindergarten and Jewish Community Centre, a tour of the Ponar

Forest (where 100 000 perished during the Nazi occupation) led by an inspiring 91-year-old Jewish partisan, and constructive meetings with Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius, and Invest Lithuania - a government agency focusing on attracting foreign investment to Lithuania.

Among my myriad experiences during the mission, a few insights stand out:

Lithuania has made substantial steps to acknowledge its wartime past and the role of Lithuanian collaborators in the decima-

tion of 96 per cent of the country’s erstwhile Jewish community.

Such steps include the recent approval of a property restitution fund exceeding \$50m over the next 10 years and earmarked funding for restoration of the Jewish quarter. There remain some unresolved issues, however the trend appears to be moving in the right direction.

The modern-day Jewish community in Lithuania is thriving, with Jews “coming out of the woodwork” on an ongoing basis. Although small in numbers (estimated around 4 000), the community boasts a multi-level community centre in Vilnius which is the de facto hub of community life, a number of functioning synagogues and a strong and highly respected leadership team.

The community, like many round the world, however, has a number of challenges - many families require financial assistance and assimilation is high. In response, JDC has been working with the local Jewish community since the early 1990s to provide welfare for the needy - both elderly and young - and to implement a range of Jewish renewal initiatives, designed to strengthen the communities’ Jewish identity and young leadership, and ensure its continuity.

A strong relationship exists between the current Lithuanian government and the local Jewish community, which includes regular and consistent dialogue on a range of issues. As an example, our delegation was hosted by the local Jewish



Old and new Vilnius. (PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY WWW.WORLDDALLEDETAILS.COM)

community at a dinner which was attended by no less than four Lithuanian officials, including the vice-minister of foreign affairs (herself a former ambassador to Israel).

Diplomatic relations between Lithuania and Israel are at a record high, which manifests itself in a number of ways, including diplomatic support in various forums and booming trade and tourism.

Post-Soviet Lithuania, with a highly educated population and stable fiscal policy, represents a growth economy (5,8 per cent GDP increase in 2011, following a 15 per cent decline in 2009 during the global financial crisis), and forms an important bridge between (among others) Russia and the West, with abundant investment opportunities in a variety of industries.

Lithuania is a beautiful country, with a lot to offer in terms of greenery, beaches and historical sites, many of which I would like to explore in future trips. The cost of accommodation, transport etc, is far lower than much of Western Europe.

A visit to Lithuania, whether of a tourist, “roots” or “mission” nature (like ours), is something I would recommend every South African Litvak should undertake. It is a vital opportunity to reconnect with the past, present and future.

Steve Felder is a dual South African/Lithuanian citizen, and is currently on international assignment with his company, Maersk Line, as MD responsible for Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Building South Africa

Schimmel: Community’s HIV/Aids poster boy

Someone who operates with more than his heart on his sleeve, orchestrator, arranger, supervisor of, “everything musical”, Bryan Schimmel (pictured) has the bio-hazard radioactive emblem tattooed on his left shoulder. It’s surrounded by the legend “no day but today”, from the musical “Rent”, which he directed in 2007. In the 1960s, this symbol reflected anti-Vietnam ethos. Today, it’s about HIV status.



ROBYN SASSEN
PHOTOGRAPH: GARTH COLLINS

You may think of Bryan Schimmel and think of him in a top-hat and tails in “A Handful of Keys”. Or in Dreamgirls or any of the stage musicals he’s made fly locally. But Schimmel has a deeper role in society. HIV+ for 15 years, he is our society’s HIV/Aids poster boy, a role he embraces with as much passion as any onstage.

“I get distress calls from people whose lives are touched by this virus. When somebody contacts me, clearly in crisis and in need, I can’t say, ‘I’m busy, call me next month’. They need me now.”

“Im Ain Ani Li Mi Li?...” (If I am not for myself, who is for me?), the words attributed to 11th century scholar Hillel, are inked in Schimmel’s right forearm.

His left arm bears the date of his mother’s yahrtzeit: June 5, 2009.

“I am fuelled by everything around me,” says Schimmel, shortly after auditions for a sizzling Broadway show which will hit local stages in 2013. His ebullience was not always the case. “In 1997 I made a mistake. In healing, I was compelled to reach back into myself and give back to society in ways I couldn’t have imagined.

“Part of how I deal with my virus is I am not fearless when it comes to confrontation. Another part is remembering HIV is a condition, not a sentence. I am constantly driven to do so in defiance of the virus and all it means.

“People offend out of ignorance. All the time I am asked: ‘Do you know who gave it to you?’ It doesn’t matter. For this to be a starting point is continuing to be the victim.

“Or: ‘But you don’t look sick!’ There are ARVs for this. And lifestyle choice. My training and eating right plans are about not ‘looking sick’, and that attitude is critical.

“I was in New York when I was diagnosed. Support groups helped me. There were few in South Africa at the time. They are still not out there. HIV is still stigmatised. I know how important it is to feel there are people who understand and have experienced (it).

“I believe Orthodoxy buries its head about homosexuality.”

Schimmel has been a regular in the Zionist-Fed-organised Yom Ha’atzmaut show; he also performed in Sydenham Shul’s Shwekey concert. “They are faced with somebody gay, with HIV. They don’t ostracise me. They welcome me; my identity is never discussed, though.

“I am not alone: there are more HIV+ and/or gay people in this community than it will acknowledge.”

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SA Jews are not an island

Kevin Bloom’s article in the Mail & Guardian last Friday paints the mainstream SA Jewish community in a harsh light.

He says, in a nutshell, that this community was essentially “silent” about injustices during apartheid - or at least failed to openly condemn the racist system; and that it is now being “silent” about perceived injustices Israel is inflicting on Palestinians – an “Israel right or wrong” attitude.

He uses as background the ripples American journalist Peter Beinart is causing in US Jewish circles with his book, “The Crisis of Zionism”. Beinart’s statements are causing some young US Jews to “reject the philosophy, espoused by their parents, that Israel should be supported ‘right or wrong’”, and to accept that “the occupation of the territories is the cause of Israel’s security problems, not the result of them”.

Bloom questions the mantle of “victimhood” many Jews still carry because of the oppression the Jewish people were subjected to over centuries in places all over the world; among SA Jewry, he says, there are not enough voices explaining that “when Israeli fighter jets fly over Auschwitz on Holocaust Memorial Day... what’s being celebrated is in fact the opposite of victimhood - that we are no longer persecuted, that we can no longer look for justification of Israel’s actions to a devastating, pre-1945 past”.

Bloom’s piece will evoke different Jewish reactions. The combination of the M&G’s status and a Jewish writer slamming the SA Jewish community and Israel is a potent one. A question Jews may ask with justification is why would a newspaper such as M&G, which is no friend of Israel, out of the blue feature a scathing article such as Bloom’s? Given M&G’s reputation, it can be safely assumed the paper doesn’t have a large Jewish readership – and Bloom’s article is mainly of interest to a Jewish audience.

What effect is Bloom’s article likely to have? In this sensitive and volatile political context, particularly given the strong anti-Israel camp actively pursuing their agenda here, will it affect SA Jewry negatively? Or will it be forgotten in a week or two, or dismissed on a “take it from whence it comes” basis? Indeed, will Beinart himself - currently the flavour of the month in some circles - be forgotten soon? Probably, most SA Jews who read Bloom’s piece or hear about it will either get momentarily irritated, or shrug it off as yet another unwarranted attack on Jews - even though the writer is Jewish.

Whatever one thinks of Bloom’s article, however, and the forum in which it appeared, it is worth SA Jews at least thinking about the issues he raises. They are multi-faceted and complex, but it would not be prudent to dismiss them out of hand just because they appeared in the M&G, with which many SA Jews are uncomfortable. It goes without saying that every Jewish community member is entitled to reject Bloom’s views, but it would be a pity to do so without looking at them, even if only to strengthen one’s own standpoint.

The SA Jewish community does not live on an island, particularly in this interconnected digital age, and should be interested in the debates going on in it, particularly those concerning Israel and Jewish attitudes towards it. The ripples Beinart is causing in communities elsewhere might dissipate and be forgotten quickly (particularly by Israelis living in the harsh reality of the Middle East - as opposed to an American Jew writing from the safety of that country), or they might evoke something more substantial. Whatever the case, it would be wrong for Jews here to simply close ranks in a knee-jerk fashion and dismiss the whole thing as if it has nothing to do with us.

Just tip me off when the yentas start their yodelling...

The greatest threat facing the Orthodox community is complacency, proffers DAVID SAKS. There is no remaining on a comfortable plateau; if we are not growing, we are declining, and regaining that original momentum once it has been lost is formidably hard. He believes there is more “to the whole rumpus” as to whether women should be allowed to sing at communal events.

Currently making waves in the overseas Jewish press, is a DVD protesting against what is claimed to be a systematic sidelining of South African Jewish women by Orthodox extremists.

By now, via YouTube, a substantial proportion of SAJR readers will have seen this presentation, which was put together by a recently formed group called SACRED (South African Centre for Religious Equality and Diversity) primarily to protest against women not being allowed to sing in public at the Johannesburg Yom Ha’atzmaut celebrations.

It features a series of grim-faced local women saying why they are mad as hell and are not going to be taking it anymore. For those who have not seen it yet, it can be found at myshtetl.com (and don’t miss Darren Sevitz’ unabashed riposte from the other side, which really seems to have got under the skin of the Haaretz journalist reporting on it).

Humourless, self-importance of the speakers.

There will have been a range of reactions to the DVD. Mine was largely one of amusement, since for all the tight-lipped earnestness on display (or, indeed, because of it) the overall effect is unintentionally comic.

The humourless self-importance of the speakers combined with how obviously overblown is the actual issue over what they are complaining, has a distinctly deflating effect. We are not, after all, talking here about imminent genital mutilation or honour killings. From the portentous tone of the presenters, one would think that at the very least the black hatters are bent on trussing up every female they can find in burkhas and niqabs and administering public floggings whenever a shapely ankle is exposed.

So far as Yom Ha’atzmaut goes, I do not see this as being the irresolvable impasse over which the South African



BARBARIC YAWP
David Saks

Jewish Kulturkampf must be fought. The Yidden in this country continue to be laid-back and accepting, even within the more Haredi-oriented shuls.

So far as Yom Ha’atzmaut goes, I am happy for my own part simply to be tipped off in advance, so that when the yentas do start their yodelling, I am well positioned to make for the nearest exit, hands clamped piously over my flappers.

Is there more to the whole rumpus than whether or not women should be allowed to sing at communal events? I suspect so, frankly. Certainly the indignation over this specific issue is genuine, but coming through as well is a great deal of general resentment against the strictly Orthodox on the part of secular or liberal-religious community members.

In the broader sense, therefore, the singing controversy has become a conduit through which such hitherto dammed-up feelings can be expressed.

Having such issues around which to occasionally rally and make a noise, is essential, moreover, since the galling truth of the matter is that seriously Orthodox Jews really couldn’t care what theories of Judaism are doing the rounds in liberal, secular, feminist or cultural Jewish circles.

There is nothing the latter would relish more than having the frummes wade in against what they have to say, even (or, in view of the well-known penchant of leftists to cast themselves in a martyr’s role, perhaps especially) when this becomes overtly abusive. What is really hard to stomach, however, is being simply ignored.

All that being said, at the end of the day the ladies of SACRED, in contrast to the many Jewish community members who cannot be bothered to get off their

apathetic backsides, have shown themselves to care enough about their Jewishness to stand up and make a noise for what they believe in.

For that reason, I genuinely feel a certain respect for them and, within certain broad parameters, even a measure of kinship. (What they think about me is no doubt another matter, with this particular column, assuming any of them read it, being unlikely to improve things).

Not controversy draining life out of Diaspora communities, but numbing indifference.

It is not controversy that is draining the life out of Diaspora communities the world over, but simple, numbing indifference.

As a Jewish communal professional, I am often called upon to be a spokesman for our community. On those occasions, I enjoy emphasising the high levels of Jewish involvement, the strength and vibrancy of our communal institutions and the extraordinary religious revival in my own city that saw the late Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris *ztl* refer only half-jokingly to Johannesburg, Ir HaKodesh.

Certainly, in comparison with other Diaspora communities, we are standing tall, but far from that being something to celebrate, it is really a tragedy. If levels of Jewish involvement here are high, that is only relative to the precipitously declining state of Jewish identity elsewhere.

If apathy and indifference is keeping a large, perhaps even a majority, away from any meaningful Jewish involvement, the greatest threat facing the Orthodox community is complacency. There is no remaining on a comfortable plateau; if we are not growing, we are declining, and regaining that original momentum once it has been lost is formidably hard.

Letters

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ISRAELI UNITY GOVERNMENT IS GOOD NEWS

Against the background of so many current existential threats and challenges, the nation of Israel, Jewry and Christian Zionist supporters worldwide, on Tuesday received the best news in years with the formation of a National Unity Government in the Jewish homeland. By joining the centre right Likud Coalition Government, Kadimah as the country’s largest political party, has greatly enhanced Israel’s capacity to face her enemies as a unified force.

This politically unifying trend is also becoming more and more evident among Israel’s supporters in the Diaspora, as major influential organisations such as United Israel, AIPAC, Stand With Us, Christians United for Israel, Friends of Israel Initiative, International Israel Allies, Knesset Christian Caucus, and the establishment of the Israel Diaspora Coalition (among so many others), come increasingly to the fore on the world stage.

Interestingly, this phenomenon is making a dramatic appearance also on the local South African front with the formation of FairplaySA, SAIPAC, SAZ, BFP, ICEJ, CFI, EF, Hebrew People and Companions of Israel.

*The local Zionist political party, LikudSA, in fact, has gone one logical step further - recognising Christian Zionists as Israel’s best friends in the world. This week, the national chairman of LikudSA, Leon Reich, welcomed into the party’s ranks Dr Richard Faul as chairman of LikudSA Southern Cape, and Leon and Christiana van Zyl as members of the party’s national executive committee.

David Abel, National Vice Chairman LikudSA

WHEN SIZE DEFINITELY COUNTS - OR IS SUPPOSED TO

Michael Freund in his column writes about the size of a country being critical to its defence (SAJR, May 4, “Yamit, the original sin of expulsion”).

Based on my reading of the Second World War, there is a critical size (such as Russia in 1941) below which size is not relevant (such as Poland, France in 1940).

If one uses the Second World War as a reference, Israel needs to be, say 100 times its present size, for size to make a difference to its security.

During the Second World War Poland was about six times as big as present Israel (including Judea and Samaria), France was about 10 times as big, but both were overrun in a few weeks. Only Russia, with the populated western areas of Russia, approximately, 15 times larger than Poland, together with its harsh climate (severe winters) offered a barrier to invading forces.

Britain was not invaded due to the sea barrier and a superior air-force aided by its radar system; radar was not available to the Luftwaffe.

Unless Israel can increase its size by about 100-fold, it must rely on its air superiority and missile defences to repel an invader. For both these it needs the co-operation of America for the supply of the most technologically advanced aircraft and anti-missile missiles. But co-operation is a two-way street and America would like to see an independent Judea and Samaria (West Bank).

In the right environment, countries as small as Monaco (190 hectares) Lichtenstein and Luxembourg, can survive and thrive.

John Brenner, Johannesburg

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ‘CUSTOMS’ AND ‘LAWS’

I often jest that “touch wood I am not superstitious”! Green was strictly forbidden by my mother as being “unlucky”, along with walking under ladders, breaking mirrors, shoes on tables, spilling salt, white flowers etc, etc - all the old superstitions/“customs” that spelled impending disaster in “the olden days”!

The first dress I bought on my own was green, and I have surrounded myself with that beautiful colour of nature ever since. Happily I have experienced no unfortunate results from dispensing with all the rest of the practices that we were advised to adhere to, from that time on.

I found “customs of pregnancy” disturbing - especially as they are explained as being “customs” (everyone’s?) and not “laws”.

It goes without saying that pregnant women should indeed be “surrounded by a positive and calm atmosphere” - hence the obvious practicality of avoiding the possible traumatic experience of visiting the cemetery.

I find many of the other suggestions would actually be very worrisome and “negative” were I in those circumstances. While it is one’s personal choice to observe them if so desired, I find many to be mediaeval and superstitious and wonder why they should be perpetuated by portraying them in this way.

Customs are very subjective. On the one hand, shouting “Hooray” at a celebration is customary by many, including very observant Jews, and Leo Rosten’s book is in fact named “Hooray for Yiddish”.

Yet I have also been at parties when a “hooray” has stopped everyone in their tracks. There is a hushed silence and everyone glares at the “perpetrator” in horror!

Same goes for the common practice of clinking glasses at a Le’chaim - I was recently told that it should be strictly avoided, as the sound reminds one of “Kristallnacht”... who knew?

Sonja Bulkin, Highlands North, Johannesburg

FREUND’S COLUMN GETS THUMBS UP

I was pleasantly surprised to read the column by Michael Freund in the Jewish Report of May 4, “Yamit: The original sin of expulsion” from Michael Freund. This article would probably not have been published a year or two ago.

I left Israel after 13 years living there, because I couldn’t accept the terms of the peace agreement with Egypt.

Menachem Begin in my opinion was a clown, no match for Anwar Sadat, a very clever statesman who successfully defended the interests of Egypt.

After so many wars that Egypt imposed (its will) on Israel, they should have paid a price, even only 10 per cent of Sinai. The position of prime minister was too big for the “proud, religious Jew”. Since then I don’t trust any religious person (Jewish or other) for anything important, even to lead the local Jewish community or institutions.

Yossi Bogacz, Highlands North, Johannesburg

TWO SISTERS MEET THROUGH PAGES OF JEWISH REPORT

I want to thank the Jewish Report very much for printing my two requests for information on the (long lost) relatives in the Jewish community. (Richards in last week’s Jewish Report asked for information on the Loteryman and Lakier families).

My friend, Ann Nissan, who was given up for adoption at birth and who has been searching for her biological family ever since I have known her - 2003 - has through the request in Jewish Report, successfully located a biological sister in Johannesburg.

Thank you so much for the service that you provide and the “closure” this will give my friend, but, more importantly the gift of a “sister” and nephews with it.

Tanya Richards, Milnerton

THANK YOU, TORAH ACADEMY

To the pupils, parents and staff of Torah Academy High School, I’d like to thank you for the compassion, kindness and love showed to me during the illness and after the death of my father.

Torah Academy’s ethos is one of chesed and loving-kindness. I had not been exposed to all the facets of the school until my father became a resident of Our Parents Home. The girls’ mitvzoim group visited him weekly. He developed a wonderful rapport with him. Their visits were the highlight of his week and left him uplifted and inspired. The warmth of Torah Academy left an indelible mark on him.

When my father was hospitalised, the school davened for him and I was constantly asked about his progress. The girls undertook to divide the Tehillim book up in the merit of his recovery over Shabbos, of which I was grateful.

Morah Rebecca and members of staff attended the funeral. I was overwhelmed by the support extended to me by the Torah Academy community during shiva. Parents, pupils, teachers, rabbis, rebbetzins, my principals, Morah Rebecca, Rabbi Motti Hadar and Rabbi Dovid Hazdan, dean of the school, were there to offer their condolences. Pupils who did not visit send moving SMSes. The girls have dedicated their learning of the weekly parsha to the aliyah of my father’s soul. What a beautiful commitment!

When asked, why I am still at Torah Academy after 17 years of service, the answer is not for the income I earn, but that one is enveloped and made to feel part of a loving family. Lofty Torah principles are put into practice in a meaningful way.

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Michelle Schay, Johannesburg

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JAMES WEBB TO RECORD ‘PRAYER’ IN JOHANNESBURG

Contemporary local artist James Webb is in Johannesburg during May to record “Prayer,” an artwork comprising audio recordings of vocal worship from all the different religions in the city of Johannesburg. The project, which has been presented to great acclaim overseas, is seeking people willing to be recorded praying, chanting or reading sacred texts that represent their particular religious convictions. All faiths welcome. More information can be found at: <http://the-prayer-project.tumblr.com>

“Prayer” will be presented at the Johannesburg Art Gallery July 15 - October 14. If you are interested in participating, or can assist in contacting prospective participants, contact Pauline: 076-909-6231 or soundofprayer2012@gmail.com

STUDENTS’ WAITING FOR GODOT REPLACES TANGO SHOW

The hotly anticipated Argentinean Tango show, “From South to South” directed by Tango expert Ariel Roldan, scheduled to open for a limited season at Old Mutual Theatre on the Square next week, has, due to unforeseen circumstances, been cancelled. In its place, the student production of Samuel Beckett’s groundbreaking absurdist work which is also a high school setwork this year, Waiting for Godot, will enjoy a longer season, which includes next Wednesday night’s performance. Please contact the theatre directly if you currently have Tango tickets booked. (011) 883-8606.

WORKS OF FOUR ARTISTS SHOWCASED AT BEYACHAD EXHIBITION

Renowned Israeli-born artist Na’ama Nothman presents a one-day-only exhibition on May 31, at Beyachad, organised by Robbie Cohen, the Johannesburg Hagshama co-ordinator for the Jewish Agency. It showcases the work of four artists: Baruch Nachshon, a Haifa-born painter who deals with folkloric traditions of Israel in bold colour; Elie Levy who is considered a contemporary surrealist with muted palette and Chagall-esque compositions; Rinat Goldstuck who, like Nothmann works extensively with collage; and Nothmann herself. The evening will culminate in an auction, part of the proceeds of which will go to the Chevrah Kadisha. Call (011) 645-2561 for further information.

A CONCERT SPECIALLY PLANNED FOR MOTHER’S DAY

This Sunday’s Johannesburg Musical Society concert was especially planned for Mother’s Day – an easy listening, soft jazz experience entitled “The Gershwin Songbook”. It is presented by one of our greatest young piano talents, Charl du Plessis, and his trio: Werner Spies (double bass) and Hugo Radyn (drums). Vocal contrubutions are by Zimbabwean-born Musa Sakupwanya, who is also a minister in the spiritual sense. Apart from the composer’s Preludes for solo piano and his evergreen “Rhapsody in Blue”, you’ll also hear a selection from his most enduring songs. Venue: Linder auditorium, Parktown, Johannesburg. Time: 17:00. Booking: Computicket or box office. – PAUL BOEKKOOI

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PAUL BOEKKOOI

Now, at last, we have her voice on ‘cello in a recording with pianist Tertia Visser-Downie, “Music we love to play”. It might be classified as easy listening, but it takes a lifetime to make the music sound that easy... which, actually, it never is.

Although they should perhaps have employed a more thorough

music producer, the results here are above all often spontaneous and off-the-cuff. At first glance one might think one has heard all the repertoire before; there are several lesser known gems, including “The Old Storyteller” by the SA-born composer, Alan Solomon, Carl Davis’ “Elegy” and Allan Stephenson’s cleverly written “Scherzo”.

Romanticism is Lewin’s forte,

but the subtlety she brings to “Song of the Birds” by Pablo Casals on the hidden track is awesome, while Bruch’s “Kol Nidrei” and Bloch’s “Prayers” communicate straight from the soul. Visser-Downie is a fine partner, but could be a bit more assertive in places.

• “Music we love to play” is available from Marian 082-458-4597 or Tertia 082-681-4888.

Listen for the whiff of a Cape Town spiel

Cape Town-based ensemble Playing With Fire Klezmer Band under clarinetist Matthew Reid, features instrumentation by renowned local jazz musicians, Hilton Schilder (piano) and Kevin Gibson (drums).

JOHN EDWARDS

Their presence and the clarinet’s prominence, indicates the ensemble exemplifies Klezmer Revival, a jazz variant by American Jews of Eastern European origin. Sleeve notes and title hint tantalisingly that this album could pioneer a uniquely SA klezmer.

Besides the fact that the music is performed and recorded in Cape Town by SA musi-

cians, there isn’t much of a South African influence, though track one, African Freylechs, integrates phrases from township tunes and closes with a line from the national anthem.

The remaining 14 pieces include traditional Jewish tunes, and original pieces by Reid in a Klezmer Revival style. Reid is also credited with the arrangements which are distinctive and pleasingly uncluttered.

There is much to delight;

highlights include Ivor Joffe (vocals) and Reid’s Benny Goodman-inspired clarinet playing. Take careful note when Schilder subversively insinuates his distinctive Cape-jazz pianistic style. It is in these perhaps too rare instances, that one gets a scent of, if not SA klezmer, then certainly Cape Town spiel.

• Playing with Fire is obtainable through the Cape Jewish Seniors Association: (021) 434-9691 or admin@cjsa.org.za, for R120.

Theatre Reviews in Brief

CARPENTER AND ASHKENAZI DO JUSTICE TO BERLIOZ

Berlioz: Harold in Italy; Ouverture:Béatrice et Bénédict. Paganini: Sonata per la Gran Viola e Orchestra. David Aaron Carpenter, viola / Helsinki Philharmonic / Vladimir Ashkenazy. Ondine ODE 1188-2.

Paganini and the viola is the theme. Berlioz’s “Harold in Italy” was commissioned by Paganini. It meant to be a concertante work, but it became a symphony with viola obligato. Paganini was enraged. Carpenter and Ashkenazy include the more demanding solos in the opening movement. In their hands Berlioz sounds characteristic and exciting. Paganini’s “Sonata”, with its three trapeze-like variations, represents virtuosity at its best. Carpenter’s resonant, subtle playing recalls the most inspired viola legends of the past. – PAUL BOEKKOOI

JPO’S 2ND SEASON HOLDS GREAT PROMISE

The Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra’s Second Season for 2012 opened on Wednesday, but the attractions for the remaining five concerts are vast. Highlights are the three conductors, in chronological order: Gueller, Korsten and, especially, Thomas Sanderling - his presence is an honour for the orchestra. This German conductor is the real thing, with stature and integrity. He’ll conduct Bruckner, Brahms and Mozart. Great soloists of our time feature as well: Spencer Myer and Gunilla Süssmann (piano), Alexander Ramm (‘cello) and Philippe Graffin (violin). The 20th century is represented by Coleridge-Taylor, Khachaturian, Prokofiev and Stravinsky. For full details visit www.jpo.co.za – PAUL BOEKKOOI

Community Briefs

ORT SA SHOWS OFF ITS ALEXANDRA PROJECTS

Recently, ORT SA hosted a tour of all of its projects in Alexandra township north of Johannesburg. ORT SA was recently appointed by the Gauteng Department of Education to roll out the Gauteng Primary Language and Mathematics strategy at schools across Gauteng. Involved in maths, science and technology training in Alexandra, Ivory Park, Inner City and Soweto for 18 years, ORT SA is now supplying training of trainers, teachers and district officials in 120 more Gauteng schools. Ariellah Rosenberg, head of ORT SA's Educator Empowerment Department says: "We're hoping to see improvements in the annual assessment results and in attitudes to maths." MARCELLE RAVID.

CONCERN AT EXCLUSION OF WOMEN SINGING

THE SA Centre for Religious Equality and Diversity (SACRED), was formed last September, modelled on Washington's Religious Action Centre and Jerusalem's Israel Religious Action Centre. In a media statement, SACRED explains how it has seen "moves to restrict women's equality in the Jewish world", referring to the case brought to the Supreme Court against women segregated to the back of buses. "In SA, women's voices have been slowly removed from singing at secular communal events." SACRED launches a video with Cape Town and Johannesburg women explaining their opposition to the exclusion of women singing at secular events: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAJ3E-CKfq4> Visit www.sacred.org.za.

SHANI KREBS HOME AFTER 18 YEARS IN JAIL

Last week, Shani Krebs (52), from Johannesburg, accused and arrested in 1994 of being a drug mule who was incarcerated in a Thai jail for 18 years, returned home, to be reunited with his mother, Kathy Krebs and sister Joan Krebs Sacks. Krebs was caught with 1,2kg of heroin at Bangkok Airport. According to him, a man he had recently met gave him a bag to take to South Africa, saying it contained foreign currency. Krebs was sentenced to life in jail, which was later commuted to 40 years and then to 18 years: he was pardoned on December 5, last year. ANNE BREST

BUILDING SA CHRISTIAN TIES WITH ISRAEL

In March, a successful Christian pilgrimage to Israel, including some 300 Christians under the leadership of Lindie Gouws, founder of Mandate Africa and My World Multi-Media Ministries, took place. The programme was also attended by SAZF Vice-Chairman Ben Swartz and the SAZF Cape Council's Daniel Levitt, who aimed to introduce influential Christian leadership from SA's Christian community to Israel; and to align it with Jewish leadership in SA and Israel.

It was a great success. Jewish leaders from SA who assisted in planning the tour included Israeli Ambassador Dov Segev-Steinberg and his deputy, Ya'akov Finkelstein and Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein. BEV GOLDMAN

APPEAL TO HELP UGANDA'S ABAYUDAYA


Recipient of London's Norwood Helping Hands Award in 2010, for his project for Kippot for Hope, in Uganda's Abayudaya Jewish community, Adam Williams appeals to world Jewry to assist this community of underprivileged Jews, many of whom exist without electricity. "Since we started," he said on his website, "we have sold over 1 800 crocheted kippot, which benefits not only the crocheters, but also the broader community. It is a hand-up rather than a hand-out project, with effective sustainability projects in place, including a solar programme, a health clinic and a Jewish primary school." Visit www.kippotforhope.org for more details.

JWBS IN JOHANNESBURG COMMEMORATES HOLOCAUST

Last week, the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society hosted an evening at Investec in Johannesburg, commemorating the Holocaust. "Through the Generations" was introduced by Rotary International celebrated businessman Mervyn Serebro. Speakers included Tali Nates, director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre; and Holocaust survivor Irene Klass. Nates explained how each year it gets harder for her to do the March of the Living as she finds it more and more difficult to accept and understand the Holocaust. Klass was born in Lodz, Poland. "My childhood ended when I was eight," she reminded us that in 10 years' time, there would be no survivors. GLYNNE WOLMAN



JWBS function organisers, Adrienne Gobetz; Tracy Trapido; Glynne Wolman; Brenda Mulerov; Judy Wainer; Doreen Zurel; and Hayley Kilov. (PHOTOGRAPH BY LINDA SHNAIR)



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Jewish Travel

Visiting places of Jewish interest

Picturesque Switzerland is Jew-friendly – at last!

You might think Switzerland and picture yourself chocolate-box pretty landscapes evocative of Johanna Spyri’s “Heidi”. You might think chocolate and cuckoo clocks, cow-bells and yodelling; you wouldn’t be wrong. The landscape’s beauty is almost oppressive, it is so perfect; in the cities of Basel and Berne, even beggars are absent.

ROBYN SASSEN

Switzerland is heir to a culture which promoted off-shore banking and world war neutrality, but dark secrets bubble beneath the veneer of wholesomeness.

In a trip focused on Berne, my host pointed out a suburban area embraced by the meandering Berne River. “This was the Jewish district. It’s now Berne’s trendiest spot.”

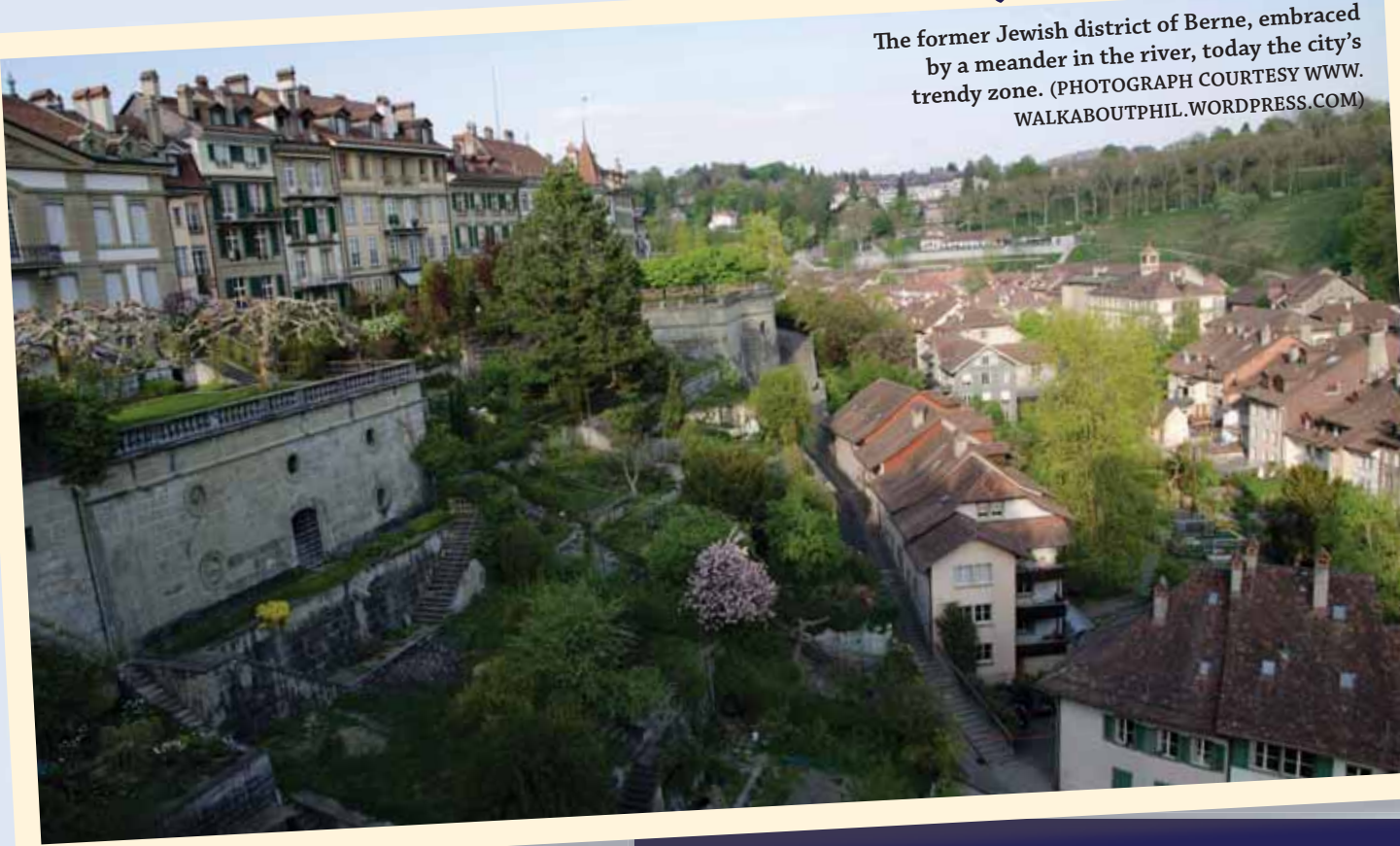
“But where are the Jews?”

“They were killed,” she answered, glibly. Jews settled in Berne and Basel from the 1200s. Basel was considered Europe’s largest Jewish community. They flourished until the time of the Black Death, which spawned accusations of poisoning wells. The death of a Christian boy named Rudolf, was also pinned on Jews; blood libel accusations were rife at the time. As a result, Jews were destroyed: with 600 burnt at the stake; the community was dissolved.

Swiss Jews in the Middle Ages were only allowed to be usurers, which was otherwise prohibited in society. But it was a necessary service, rendering the Jews indispensable. So the Jews could be persecuted and evicted, and blamed for the ills of society, but they could not be gone for long or the Swiss economy would collapse: a Catch-22.

It is ironic that, following the ratification of religious equality for all, in the Swiss constitution of 1874, the First Zionist Congress was held in Basel, 1897. At this congress, Theodor Herzl effectively established the idea of a Jewish state.

Prior to and during the Second World War, Switzerland gave refuge to 23 000 Jews. Soon thereafter, Swiss



The former Jewish district of Berne, embraced by a meander in the river, today the city’s trendy zone. (PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY WWW.WALKABOUTPHIL.WORDPRESS.COM)

borders were effectively shut; and the Swiss government persuaded Germany to stamp “J” on Jews’ passports, making it easier for them to refuse them entry.

In 1996, Swiss President Kaspar Villiger formally apologised to world Jewry for the country’s 1938 accord with the Nazis. At the same time, he downplayed economic co-operation between the Swiss and the Nazis.

It transpired that documents relating to Jewish property in Swiss banks disappeared during the 1940s and 1950s; this was followed by pressure in the 1990s and 2000s to compensate Holocaust victims and their heirs.

Relatively stable, contemporary Swiss Jewry numbers some 17 000. It is strong in its institutional values, but declining size-wise for the usual reasons: emigration, an ageing community, intermarriage. Berne Jewry remains small. Its cemetery comprises 2 000 graves, and dates back to 1753; it was last used in 1871. Most Swiss Jews have gravitated towards Zurich, Basel and Geneva.

Having said all of this, contemporary Switzerland is aggressively marketed as a viable holiday destination for Jews, boasting arguably the world’s most respected kashrut hechsher for milk products, five kosher hotels, 12 mikvaot and 38 synagogues. Chabad has a strong presence in all of the country’s major cities.

TIPS FOR WHEN YOU VISIT SWITZERLAND

- If you visit Switzerland, and hold an SA passport, you need a Schengen visa.
- You needn’t have any inoculations before visiting Switzerland.
- Unless skiing is part of your agenda when visiting Switzerland, the most popular time of year to visit is during May, when the weather is moderate. I visited during August and the weather was still moderate and beautiful.
- Every one of land-locked Switzerland’s neighbours exerts a linguistic force on the country; you will notice that German, French and Italian are spoken in different regions. The language specific to the Swiss is, however, Romanish. English is taught in high schools nationally and generally the community is polite and receptive toward English-speaking tourists.
- The euro (€) is the unit of money in Switzerland. At the time of going to press, 1 euro will cost you R10,34.
- There is currently a threat of terrorism in some areas of Switzerland.
- Traffic in Switzerland is on the left hand side.
- Electricity in Switzerland is at 230 volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. Standard plugs in Switzerland are round and two-pronged or hexagonal and three-pronged. The former is compatible with sockets for the latter.
- It’s safe to drink tap water in Switzerland.
- There is no time difference between South Africa and Switzerland.

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CHIVAS
LIVE WITH CHIVALRY

A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

SA community a proud member of the global village

That South African Jewry operates in a global village is now so obviously a truism as to hardly been worth mentioning. Even so, we do need to remind ourselves from time to time that in addition to dealing with our own parochial concerns, we also function as an active, involved component of the world Jewish community.



Above Board
Mary Kluk
National Chairman

Today, the SAJBD maintains close working relationships with our counterparts abroad, particularly in the US, Canada, the UK and Australia, and of late in South America and the EU countries as well.

In addition to continually consulting with one another, we collaborate in important projects in the areas of combating anti-Semitism, Holocaust restitution and commemoration, Israel advocacy and the promotion of Jewish history and culture in general.

Last week, our president, Zev Krengel, National Vice-Chairman Li Boiskin and Cape Executive Director David Jacobson, attended the American Jewish Committee (AJC) conference in Washington DC. They

also attended a function with SA Ambassador to the US, Ebrahim Rasool, with whom the Cape Board in particular has had a long association.

Zev was also one of the speakers at the US launch of our book Jewish Memories of Mandela. This was hosted by South African Stanley Bergman, a leading member of the AJC with whom the SAJBD interacts with on a constant basis.

A few years ago, Stanley took the lead in the establishment within the AJC of an Africa Institute, the purpose of which includes educating American Jews about the continent's challenges and opportunities, facilitating technical co-operation between Israel and Africa and involving itself in human rights lob-

bying, particular regarding Sudan.

As a result, there have been a number of reciprocal visits, the last being the AJC Africa Institute's attendance of the SAJBD national congress and African Jewish Congress meeting in Johannesburg last year.

This week, our national director, Wendy Kahn, travels to London, where she will be meeting with a number of organisations regarding projects in which the Board is collaborating. She will also be attending the UK launch of our Mandela book, which is likewise taking place under the auspices of a prominent South African business and communal leader now living abroad, Mick Davis. I hope to report back more fully on these visits at a future date.

Listen to "Jewish Board Talk" every Tuesday evening on 101.9 Chai FM with Steven Gruzd from 20:00 – 21:00, repeated Sundays 11:00 – 12:00.



On Tuesday May 15, Steve chats to Wendy Kahn about the London launch of "Jewish Memories of Mandela". Marilyn Bassin will tell us about the work she does to help handicapped, abused, maimed, disabled, and raped squatter camp children, through her organisation Boikanyo. The musical director of the Yom Yerushalayim show, Bryan Schimmel, tells us what to expect. Finally, Mickey Glass will tell us about his work with interfaith relations in Cape Town. Also streaming on www.chaifm.com



Grade 8 Yeshiva College learners on a YID Shabbaton.

SA Jewish educators 'are keeping up with the times'

SHIRA DRUION

Education and the Jewish people have always shared a symbiotic relationship. The Torah holds the role of the Jewish educator in the highest regard, as official torch bearers, lighting the lamps from one generation to the next.

Informal Jewish education in the 21st century plays a unique and necessary role, helping to bring Judaism to life by creating opportunities for educators to lead by example.

Rabbi David Shaw has been involved with Jewish education since 1984. He says "Jewish education is always more effective when the role models exemplify the lessons they are trying to impart. I always say: "Well done is always better than well said." Informal programming allows learners the chance to experience Judaism in a setting that creates the space for organic interaction between learners and madrichim who practise what they preach.

"Professor Bernard Reisman, one of the founding fathers of informal education, explained it when he stated that successful informal education is when 'the' facts become 'their' facts."

The challenges of the modern-day learner are manifold and today's educators are faced with having to compete with technology and the turbo pace of the technogeneration. Gilad Friedman, director of Informal Education at Yeshiva College's YID programme, says: "We are living in the 'Google generation' and today, one is able to access answers with a simple click of a button.

"Educators are less depended on bottom-line answers, because most learners

own smart phones and for better or for worse, this free and unlimited access to information has changed the entire education process.

"This has also often deprived learners of the desire to want to explore questions with more complexity. Therefore, now more than ever, we have a real obligation to educate and to guide our learners by offering them inspirational and relevant content that provokes them to challenge the status quo in their day-to-day lives."

Educators today face a challenging scenario on a number of levels and it is incumbent upon educators to tackle issues with more innovation and pizzazz, thereby motivating learners to endeavour to find out more about their faith and heritage.

Saul Adler, director of informal education for King David Schools, says Judaism is not a subject and as such cannot be learned exclusively in the formal setting of a classroom. He therefore emphasises the necessity for Jewish educators to take Jewish education into the realm of the spiritual and emotional, to create a holistic experience for learners.

The Division of Informal Jewish Education aims to facilitate a process whereby every learner is afforded the opportunity to learn about Judaism, thereby creating personal experiences for them and enabling them to develop their own connection to their faith. This organic process allows it to become part of their identity and essentially part of the fabric of their personal make-up.

SA Jewish educators are keeping up with the times by ensuring that Judaism is palpably fresh and filled with all the exhilaration that it should be about.

What's On

NOTE: Deadline for all entries is 12:00 on the Friday prior to publication.

Today, Friday (May 11)

- **UZLC** hosts Shirley Zar, who will speak on "Tikkun Olam - Changing People's Lives" in the squatter camps of Alexandra, Diepsloot and Orange Farm. Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 - 14:00. Contact: Gloria (011) 485-4851 or 072-127-9421.

Sunday (May 13)

- **RCHCC** is hosting Roger Cohen, columnist for The New York Times and International Herald Tribune, talking on "Israel after the Arab Spring: New Threats or New Opportunities?" Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R70 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, after hours: (011) 728-8378. E-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za or renes@greatpark.co.za

- **Big Band Music Appreciation society** has a selection of audio and video material lined up, featuring the Big Bands and soloists of yesteryear. It will also be showing the movie, "Robin and the 7 Hoods". Venue: St Johns College, Jeffrey Auditorium. Time: 14:15. Information: Dave (011) 885-3525 or Barney on (011) 440-1996.

- **WoW** announces that educationist Gavin Keller will be back to do an in-depth workshop geared specifically to principals and teachers on "Applying Neuroscience in the Classroom - Teaching with the Brain in Mind". Time: 14:30 - 17:30. Venue: Sydenham Shul Community Centre. Cost: R200 per person. Booking essential. Information: Mandy 083-380-5268.

- **Second Innings** hosts Hila Stern, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, on "Israel Today". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres, Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Contact: Grecia (011) 532-9718. Cost: R20 members, R40 non-members.

Monday (May 14)

- **WoW** is hosting educationist Gavin Keller who will give a talk for parents, principals and teachers on "ADD/ADHD and Emotional Problems - Teaching Superman to Fly". Venue: Sydenham Shul Community Centre. Time: 19:30. Cost R100. Booking not necessary. Information: Mandy 083-380-5268. Whichever ladies attend this talk will be entitled to a R100 discount off a ticket to the WoW Brunch on August 5.

- **UJW** hosts Tom Wheeler, research assistant of SA Institute of International Affairs, on "Experiences in the Mediterranean: Crete, Rhodes and Turkey".

Venue: I Oak Street, Houghton. Time 09:30. Tel: (011) 648-1053. Donation: R25.

Tuesday (May 15)

- **UJW AGM.** Guest speaker: Johan Redelinghuys, international leadership consultant on "An Afrikaner Looks at His Jewish Roots". Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Information: (011) 648-1053. We apologise for having the AGM in last week's paper as being on Monday, May 14.

- **WIZO Women Inspired** hosts a talk by clinical psychologist Serenne Kaplan on "Mothers-In-Law, Daughters-In-Law - A Match Made In Heaven Or Hell". Time: 09:30 for 10:00. Cost R80. Contact: Jocelyn 082-441-4375 or Lorraine 083-268-8016.

Wednesday (May 16)

- **UJW adult education division** hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskalson, former lecturer Dept English Wits, on "Poetry's Pleasures". Venue: 1 Oak Street Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R25. Information: Tel: (011) 648-1053.

- **UJW CT adult education division** hosts Mickey Glass who will talk on "Interfaith". Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Entrance: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).

- **RCHCC** hosts David Shapiro, deputy chairman of Sasfin Securities, who will talk on Warren Buffett and report back on The Berkshire Hathaway AGM in Omaha, the "Woodstock of Capitalism". Time: 19:30. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Donation R70 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, or e-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za renes@greatpark.co.za

- **JWBS 40th annual Golf Day** takes place at the Killarney Country Club. Tee off time is at 12 with a shotgun start. Entrance: R800 per golfer; R3 200 per fourball. Sponsorships welcome. For various options contact the JWBS. Call (011) 485-5232 office hours or e-mail benevolent@iafrica.com

- **Second Innings** hosts Professors Bruce Rubidge and Terence McCarthy of Wits on "Trends in Evolution and Their Bearing on the Future of Humankind". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Contact: Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718. Cost: R20 members, R40 non-members.

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‘Solar system may have evolved faster than we think’

JERUSALEM - Our solar system is four and a half billion years old, but its formation may have occurred over a shorter period of time than we previously thought, says an international team of researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and universities and laboratories in the US and Japan.

Establishing chronologies of past events or determining ages of objects, require having clocks that tick at different paces, according to how far back one looks. Nuclear clocks, used for dating, are based on the rate of decay of an atomic nucleus expressed by a half-life, the time it takes for half of a number of nuclei to decay, a property of each nuclear species.

Radiocarbon dating for example, invented in Chicago in the late 1940s and refined ever since, can date artefacts back to prehistoric times because the half-life of radiocarbon (carbon-14) is a few thousand years. The evaluation of ages of the history of Earth or of the solar system, requires extremely “slow-paced” chronometers consisting of nuclear clocks with much longer half-lives.

The activity of one of these clocks, known as nucleus samarium-146 (146Sm), was examined by Michael Paul, the Kalman and Malke Cooper Professor of Nuclear Physics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, as well as researchers from the University of Notre Dame and the Argonne National Laboratory in the US and from two Japanese universities.

146Sm belongs to a family of nuclear species which were “live” in our sun and its solar system when they were born. Events thereafter, and within a few hundred million years, are dated by the amount of 146Sm



Prof Michael Paul of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

that was left in various mineral archives until its eventual “extinction”.

146Sm has become the main tool for establishing the time evolution of the solar system over its first few hundred million years. This by itself owes to a delicate geochemical property of the element samarium, a rare element in nature. It is a sensitive probe for the separation, or differentiation, of the silicate portion of Earth and of other planetary bodies.

The main result of the work of the international scientists, detailed in a recent article in the journal Science, is a new determination of the half-life of 146Sm, previously adopted as 103 million years, to a much shorter value of 68 million years.

The shorter half-life value, like a clock ticking faster, has the effect of shrinking the assessed chronology of events in the early solar system and in planetary differentiation into a shorter time span.

The new time scale, interestingly, is now consistent with a recent and precise dating made on a lunar rock and is in better agreement with the dating obtained with other chronometers.

The measurement of the half-life of 146Sm, performed over several years by the collaborators, involved the use of the ATLAS particle accelerator at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois.

Hitler admirer Goodson quits as SARB director

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Stephen Goodson, the director of the SA Reserve Bank who caused a furore by denying the Holocaust and professing his admiration for Hitler, has resigned as a director, two months before his term would come to an end in July.

“Mr Stephen Goodson, a shareholder elected non-executive director of the SA Reserve Bank, has resigned as board member with effect from May 3, 2012,” the SARB said in a statement last Thursday.

Last month, the Mail & Guardian reported on Goodson’s “contentious views”, which included admiring the economic policies of Hitler in Nazi Germany and saying he believed that international bankers financed and manipulated the war against Hitler because they saw his model of state capitalism as a threat, and that the Holocaust was a fiction invented to extract vast amounts of compensation from the defeated Germans.

Goodson allegedly wrote various articles

that appeared on right-wing websites.

Legislation was passed in 2010 that would ensure activist shareholders of the SARB would no longer be able to elect directors to its board. Goodson was the last of these directors, and was elected a non-executive director in 2003.

However, there were calls to fire him before then, given his controversial views. David Hersch of The South Africa Israel Public Affairs Committee, based in Cape Town. claimed some credit for the resignation He maintained that Goodson had been forced to resign by the SARB.

He said Goodson’s resignation had been “the moral pressure and media exposure that this issue got worldwide and how it sallied the South African Reserve Bank and South African Government’s image and as a result, while refusing to make any public statements, the Reserve Bank and the Government decided to call in Goodson and apply moral suasion, telling him his position was untenable and forcing him to resign...”

News in brief

APPEAL DENIED FOR CHALLENGE OF AUSTRALIA’S RACIAL VILIFICATION LAW

SYDNEY - An Australian man sentenced to three years in prison for posting an anti-Semitic video on YouTube, has been denied in his appeal to have his conviction overturned.

A three-judge panel of the Western Australia Supreme Court of Appeal, said last Friday that the sentence given to Brendan Lee O’Connell, 41, of Perth, was high but warranted. The jailing was the first under Western Australia’s racial vilification laws.

O’Connell was found guilty in 2009 of six offences for posting a video calling a Jewish man a "racist, homicidal maniac". He also said Judaism was a “religion of racism, hate, homicide and ethnic cleansing”.

O’Connell appealed his conviction, saying he had been convicted for thought crimes. He went on a 29-day hunger strike, took four days off, and then resumed not eating in an attempt to have the court hear his appeal.

In his opinion on the prison term, Justice Robert Mazza wrote: "I do not think it was so high as to be unjust or unreasonable." (JTA)

Jewish triathletes prove they have iron in their veins

Triathlon is about finding a balance and breaking down mental and physical barriers. Determination, will and unwavering faith, assists one to prove that one can achieve what is at first looks to be impossible.

JACK MILNER

It is a journey that takes so many things into account and for some, it mirrors life itself.

The South African Ironman Triathlon was held for the eighth time last weekend at the beautiful Nelson Mandela Bay, but this time all the participants were fiercely tested by the extremely harsh conditions. Blistering wind and intermittent rain led to cold, choppy waters off Hobie Beach during the 3,8km swim, where a number of athletes were forced to abandon the event due to hypothermia - where the body temperature drops to a dangerously low level - and huge waves creating a washing machine effect as the water was being churned up by the gale-force winds. Conditions were so bad that the swim leg was nearly cancelled.

Then on to the cycle leg: 180km (three laps of 60km each) made all the more tricky and dangerous by the conditions of the day, driving rain and strong headwinds that reduced their speed and difficult crosswinds that blew the competitors all over the road, some even being blown right off their bikes.

It was impossible to get any momentum going. Similarly, on the 42,2km marathon run, the wind, cold and rain continued to test the mental toughness of the athletes. The best way to deal with the conditions is to accept them and to try not to be adversely affected by something that is beyond your control.

It is important to stay in the moment and not lose your focus. During the run, triathletes were encouraged and cheered on by the crowds who lined the streets of Port Elizabeth.

Although over 1 800 triathletes entered the event, eventually only 1 553 took on the

challenge, with 1 376 successfully completing it within the 17 hour cut-off time.

There was - again - a decent Jewish presence at the competition in which Mark Sack (40) once again produced a very special performance and by doing so, earned a hard-to-come-by slot at the Ironman World Championships to be held on the island of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, in October. He finished fourth in the 40 to 44 age group, and 38th overall, in a time of 10 hours, 17 minutes and 34 seconds. He was also the first South African home in his age group.

Others who completed the extremely challenging journey included Michael Selikson (45 to 49) in a time of 12:26:57. A maxillofacial surgeon by profession, he started the race with a stress fracture of his left foot. Jodi Zulberg (40 to 44), who will be representing South Africa at the World Long Distance Championships at Victoria, Spain, in July, completed the event in 12:47:17.

Louis Goldberg (age group 30 to 34) paced himself carefully and came home in a time of 12:33:24. It was the first time he was competing in an Ironman event.

Others to complete the event, included Jedd Myers (12:53:58 in age group 30 to 34), Shaun Matisonn (13:27:12 age group 40 to 44) and David Feigin (15:26:33 - age group 30 to 34). Like Myers, Matisonn and Feigin, property personality Herschel Jawitz competed in his first Ironman triathlon and completed the distance in a time of 14:18:48 (age group 45 to 49).

Our winning 1995 World Rugby Cup final drop-kick hero, 44-year-old Joel Stransky (age group 45 to 49) also competed in his first

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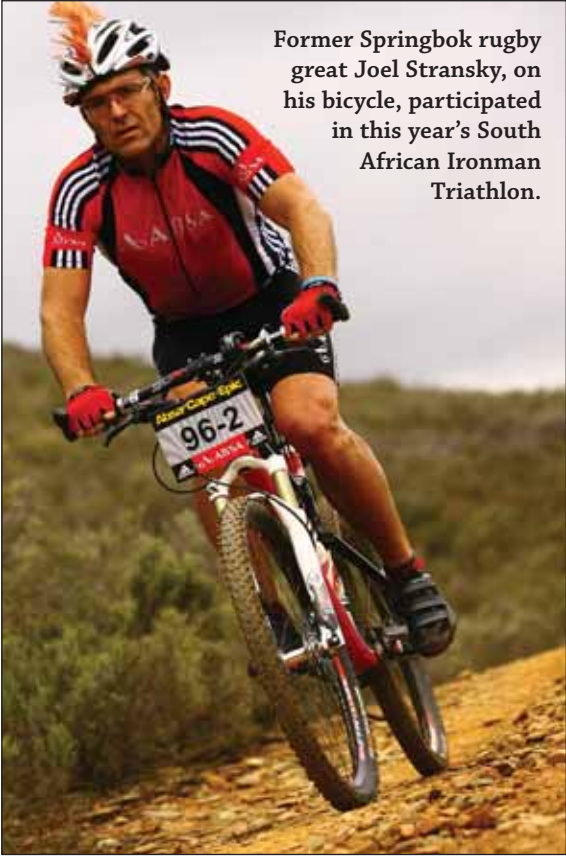
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Ironman and successfully completed the distance in a time of 13:04:20, running his first-ever marathon in the process - a remarkable achievement considering he had only three weeks previously completed his third Cape Epic, an eight-day off-road mountain bike event rated the most difficult challenge for bikers. To have recovered from that event in time for Ironman, was an amazing feat in itself.

All wonderful performances on a day when it was difficult to monitor liquid and nutritional levels, so as to keep their energy levels high for the closing kilometres of the challenging run, which ended on a red carpet leading to the finish line.

A number of international athletes also participated, with Spain's Clement Alonso-Mckernon winning the men's event from Cyril Viennott of France second and Swiss Mike Aigroz, third.

The women's winner was six-time world Ironman champion Natasha Badmann from Switzerland, who won this event for the fourth time, followed by another Swiss - Simone Braendle - and Germany's Dianne Riesler.



Former Springbok rugby great Joel Stransky, on his bicycle, participated in this year's South African Ironman Triathlon.

News in brief

ACTRESS MILA KUNIS OPENS UP ABOUT JEWISH HISTORY

JERUSALEM - Actress Mila Kunis said she had to hide her Jewishness as a youngster in the Ukraine and was miserable during her early years in the United States.

In an interview published in Britain's The Sun on Saturday, Kunis said that most of her family was killed in the Holocaust and that she had to hide that she was Jewish in the Ukraine out of fear of persecution.

"My parents raised me to know I was Jewish. You know who you are inside," said Kunis, who starred in the film "Black Swan" and the TV sitcom "That '70s Show".

Kunis, 28, said she saw anti-Semitic graffiti in her school in Chernivtsi, a city in southwest Ukraine. Arriving in the United States at age seven, she said she was miserable in part because she did not know English.

FRENCH PRESIDENCY: HOLLANDE BEATS SARKOZY

PARIS - Francois Hollande became the first Socialist president of France in nearly two decades, defeating incumbent Nicolas Sarkozy in a close contest of 51,9 per cent for Hollande as against 48,1 per cent for Sarkozy.

Sarkozy, the centre-left candidate, was the favoured candidate among French Jews. Sarkozy, who led the Union for a Popular Movement party, conceded shortly after the polls closed. He wished his successor luck

ISRAELI OFFICER REASSIGNED AFTER STRIKING ACTIVIST

JERUSALEM - An Israeli army officer filmed striking a protester, will remain in the military for now.

Chief of Staff Lt Gen Benny Gantz, decided this week that he would not end the career of Lt Col Shalom Eisner just yet after Eisner was suspended for striking a Danish International Solidarity Movement activist in the face with his rifle during an April 14 confrontation.

The Israeli daily Maariv reported that Eisner would retain his rank and be appointed as deputy commander of the Tactical Training Centre in Tze'elim, in the

"I cried every day. I didn't understand the culture. I didn't understand the people," Kunis said.

She began acting classes at age nine and two years later had a role on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives". She won the role on "That '70s Show" at the age of 14, though applicants were told they had to be 18. She also has appeared in the movies "Friends With Benefits", "Date Night" and "The Book of Eli", among others.

Kunis told the Sun that she was happier in the US, where she was free to express herself.

"I'm pretty Jewish, I've got to say. I go 'Oy' and people are like, 'Oh, you're very Jewish,' the actress said.

"When I'm in New York, I become super-Jew. When I'm in LA I'm like a California surfer girl." (JTA)

in handling difficult times in France and in Europe.

"Francois Hollande is the president of the republic; he must be respected," Sarkozy said. He is the first French president to lose re-election in 30 years.

Hollande is France's first Socialist president since Francois Mitterrand, who served from 1981 to 1995.

Sarkozy is the ninth European leader to be ousted since the start of the continent's debt crisis, Bloomberg reported. (JTA)

Negev Desert.

According to Arutz Sheva, Gantz said he was "not ready to decide" Eisner's fate after public outrage erupted against Eisner's suspension as Jordan Valley Brigade deputy commander.

Gantz said "the IDF is a large military force and there are many events in many places and people can make mistakes".

"We work hard at it, but this incident is not representative of the IDF or of Lt Col Eisner," Gantz said. (JTA)

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