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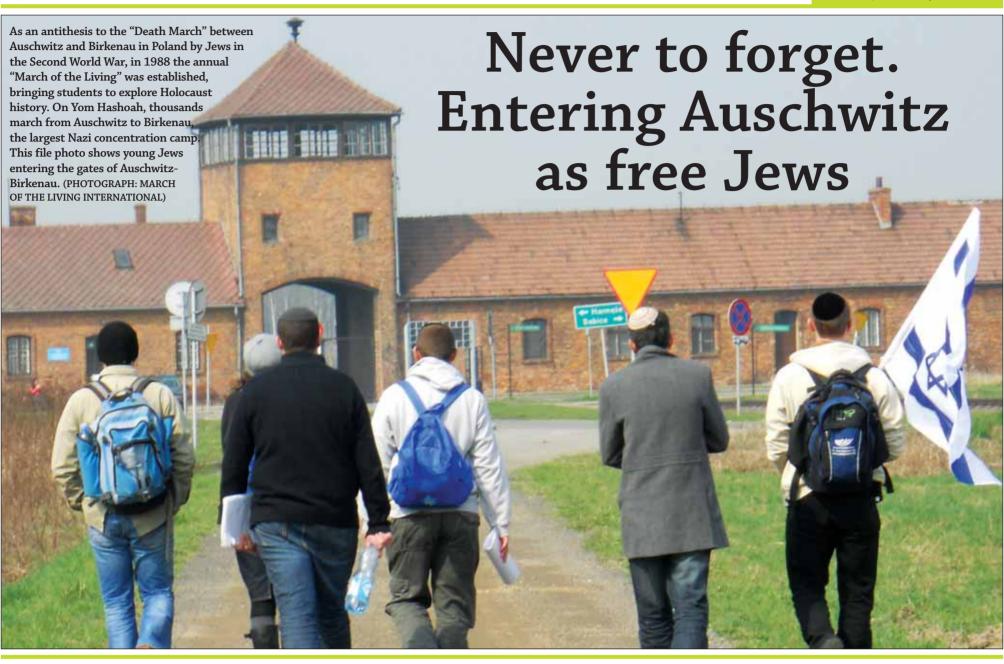
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The kashrut department of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues announces that Woolworths DIY Jelly has erroneously been marked as kosher. This product is NOT kosher.

News in brief

US AUTHOR EGGERS WILL NOT ACCEPT GUNTER GRASS PRIZE IN PERSON

NEW YORK - American author Dave Eggers has said he will not travel to Germany to accept a literary prize from the Gunter Grass Foundation.

Eggers said in a statement that the organisers should have postponed the award ceremony following the controversy over Grass' recently published poem claiming that Israel is endangering world peace by threatening Iran.

"I felt it best if I did not attend in person," Eggers said in a statement issued by his German publisher. "The issues raised in Grass's recent poem are not issues I am prepared to speak about, I would have been expected to comment on them repeatedly."

Eggers was awarded the Albatross Prize, which includes a cash award of about \$56 000, for his 2009 novel "Zeitoun", about a Syrian-American man's experiences after Hurricane Katrina.

Eggers wants the prize money to be given to German organisations that work on interfaith dia-

Grass, a Nobel Prize-winning poet and writer, was declared persona non grata and banned from ever entering Israel following the publication of his poem earlier this month. (JTA)

JERUSALEM SOCCER FANS CHANT RACIST SLOGANS, ASSAULT WOMAN

JERUSALEM - Fans of the Beitar Jerusalem soccer team last Sunday marched through Jerusalem chanting racist slogans, a month after attacking Arab workers at a shopping mall.

The fans marched from Sacher Park to Teddy Stadium for a game against the Hapoel Acre team. Fans reportedly beat an Israeli woman, aged 50, for objecting to the crowd's anti-Arab chants, including "Death to the Arabs", Haaretz reported

Police reportedly have opened an investigation into the assault, which included knocking the woman on the head with a pole from a team flag and spitting at her. (JTA)

Holy cow!

Mmm, food. What would any Jewish event be without it? This week's Torah portion is filled with foody bits about what you can and can't eat. Out go the pigs, dassies and badgers and in come the... well, the split-hoofed ruminants, to be exact.

Now, see, that's the problem with the book of Leviticus. It just doesn't make for inspiring bedside reading. Who wants to sit up late at night reading about whether your next meal chewed its cud?

Unless we realise that in that ruling, in one sweep, the Torah eliminated all the land animals of the world for eating, save three cattle, sheep and goats. This has two profound implications. One is that we are not meant to go out and eat animals willy-nilly.

The environmental repercussions are obvious. No rhino burgers, leopard steaks or warthog pie. A few less endangered animals and perhaps a greater sense of moderation. There are loads of vegetables that make the green list of edible stuff in Parshat Shemini. Let them show up on our plate!

The second implication hits you when you realise that our same book of Leviticus allows for only three kinds of



Parshat SheminiRabbi Greg Alexander
Development Rabbi, Cape Town
Progressive Jewish Congregation

animals that can be korbanot, sacrifices - cows, sheep and goats. The animals that were deemed fit to hit our plates were the same ones that were fit for the altar in the Sanctuary.

The connection surely raises the act of eating an animal from mundane to holy. Were we to consider, as the rabbis wanted us to, our homes as mini-Sanctuaries and our tables as altars, would we plunge into our steak with the same nonchalance? Surely we would ensure the act of eating become a sacred one.

You see, Leviticus requires nothing

less of us. "You shall be holy because I, G-d, am Holy."

Given the world that we live in today, can we afford to be casual about our food? Not in a spiritual sense, nor a practical one. With the fragile state of water and food security, can we afford to not rethink our diet? Our levels of meat consumption, of waste, of excess?

Did the animal that I just ate live a life due to all animals, or was it penned up, force-fed on hormones and trucked to the slaughterhouse so that I could have shwarma? Who is driving the ecokashrut agenda in South Africa? Who is demanding that our shochetim slaughter organic, happy chickens, cows and sheep? If you are going to eat animals, you are part of the problem - be part of the solution.

That is what the Torah wants - us to be holy. Nothing less.

Hungarian ambassador hosts Holocaust survivor

DIANE WOLFSON PRETORIA

Hungarian Ambassador Béla László, hosted Holocaust survivor, John Dobai at his residence this past week on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, whose brave actions saved the lives of thousands of mainly Hungarian Jews in the latter stages of the Shoah. Wallenberg is honoured as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" at Yad Vashem.

Guests included various diplomats, such as those from Sweden and Israel and representa-

tives of various Jewish organisations, including Wendy Kahn, Advocate Lawrence Nowosenetz and Steven Gruzd of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies, as well as Holocaust survivors Vera Philips and Irene Klass.

In his introduction the Hungarian Ambassador explained that 2012 marked 100 years since the birth of Wallenberg. Wallenberg's task was to assist and save Hungarian Jews. He led one of the most extensive and successful rescue efforts during the Holocaust, preventing the deportation of tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews to the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp.



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Authorised by the Swedish government, Wallenberg distributed Swedish protection certificates to Jews in Budapest, shortly after his arrival, using funds to establish hospitals, nurseries, and a soup kitchen. He designated more than 30 "safe houses" that formed the core of the "international ghetto" in Budapest. This was reserved for Jews and their families, holding protection certificates from a neutral country.

When Soviet forces liberated Budapest in February 1945, more than 100 000 Jews remained, mostly due to the efforts of Wallenberg and his colleagues. Wallenberg was last seen arrested by Soviet officials in January 1945.

Dobai told his detailed personal story. Born in 1934 in Budapest, he grew up not knowing he was Jewish, as many Jews were not practising due to pressure to fit into Hungarian society.

As a result of Wallenberg's efforts, Dobai and his family were kept in a safe house and rescued in 1945. His family then emigrated to England. Since 1994 he has been invited to speak to schools and universities and has made it his mission to tell young people that discrimination, persecution and anti-Semitism is not over. He stressed that it is our duty to fight these acts where people are persecuted and discriminated not for who they are, but for what they are.

The Ambassador said plans were underway for various events to honour Wallenberg around the world - also in South Africa - together with the Israeli and Swedish Embassies, particularly in Cape Town where Wallenberg was once stationed.

Community Briefs

KITTY GOLDSTEIN HITS THE GOLDEN 100

Regal, mobile and with a sharp mind, Kitty Goldstone has turned 100. Mother of Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, she was born on March 29, 1912, in Benoni. Not only the same age as the ANC, she has also lived through both world wars and recalls the birth of the State of Israel.

Always a stalwart fundraiser for the community and Israel, she formerly chaired Johannesburg's Women's ORT. For many years, she was also involved in the leadership of the Jewish Women's Benevolent Society. She attributes her longevity to positive thinking, her wonderful family and friends who surround her with love. — DIANE WOLFSON

CAN'T KEEP AN ACTIVE MONA BERMAN DOWN

A couple of years ago, former Johannesburg resident yiddishist and prominent gallerist and art collector Mona Berman made aliyah in her late 70s. She has not been idle in her new life in Israel; a fortnight ago, she launched a new anthology: "Serendipity in my Seventies", under the Katamon imprint, a nifty book which engages with her aliyah, with her characteristic humour and poignancy, reminiscent of her 2001-published novel "Email from a Jewish grandmother" (David Philip).

Berman is selling the publication internationally through Katamon Books in Jerusalem, at 58 shekels plus shipping costs. Call 077-506-1311 or e-mail Rachel Linden: katamonbooks@gmail.com

PRESENT-DAY LESSON FROM RWANDAN MASSACRE

April 7 marked the start of 100 days of commemoration of the genocide in Rwanda. The Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre in a media statement points out that it is 18 years since the Tutsi community was collectively targeted for murder.

It adds that the theme for the commemoration of this genocide for 2012 is "Let's learn from our history to shape a brighter future". An event was hosted at The Sanctuary, Freedom Park, Pretoria, last Wednesday, in co-operation with the High Commission of Rwanda, Freedom Park and the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre. For further information visit www.holocaust.org.za

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

The implosion of Auction Alliance, the golden multi-million rand property auction company and its "fall guy" CEO and founder, Rael Levitt (pictured), has all the morbid fascination of a TV soapie. Levitt's bête noir and protagonist in this case is the feisty billionaire Wendy Appelbaum, daughter of the iconic founder of the Liberty Group, Sir Donny Gordon.

It all started innocently enough, when Auction Alliance was appointed to sell disgraced businessman, David King's Quoin Rock Winery and Manor Estate in Stellenbosch. The 194 ha property was attached by the SA Revenue Services. Appelbaum's bid of R55 million was the highest.

But then she smelt a rat when she discovered she had been the only "genuine" bidder and that the "common practice" of using "ghost bidders" to push up bids - and in the end the commission of the auction house - had been used. An incensed Appelbaum took the case to the National Consumer Commission (NCC) in terms of the Consumer Protection Act and it opened a cat's nest of improprieties such as "ghost bidding", kickbacks paid to banks and other institutions and fraudulent actions in general.

Levitt tried in vain to stop the Sunday Times from publishing a damning report on his company.

Levitt - and his company - was found guilty by the Commission and fined R1 million, the maximum administrative fine of 10 per cent on turnover of Auction Alliance, or 12 months in jail. Levitt could also be fined R1 million in his personal capacity. Consumer Commissioner Mamodupi Mohlala said Levitt had "willfully and knowingly lied". Auction Alliance recorded a turnover of R300 million last year, based on asset sales of R6 billion.

When the Sunday Times broke the story in February, Auction Alliance desperately - but in vain - tried to stop the paper from publishing some damning, well-documented, evidence of collusion and fraud. Apparently the practices Auction Alliance had been found guilty of - documented in a paper trail stretching over 13 years - are common in the auction industry all over the world, but correctly, two wrongs don't make a right and the once mighty auction house, with its credibility in tatters, started to crumble. Levitt's resignation as CEO couldn't stop the rot and the company is winding down its operations, with hundreds of employees looking for other jobs.

Deafening silence by Auction Alliance's peers, have met the sad unfolding of this saga. It is like the proverbial brother in jail: everybody knows of him, but nobody would talk about him.

An incensed Consumer Commissioner Mamodupi Mohlala wanted Rael Levitt arrested.

Levitt was summoned to appear before the NCC, to answer questions about bidding irregularities, but has ignored quite a number of dates to appear. At the time of our reporting Levitt was still overseas, ostensibly "travelling in the US", after he had left for Israel. But it seemed that it isn't merely a case of Levitt "dodging" the NCC, but on instruction of his attorneys who dispute the NCC's findings and have applied to take it under review. They also dispute whether the NCC has the powers to instruct a jail term. They also argue that, as the NCC has already found Levitt guilty, there is no point in him appearing before the Commission.

An incensed Consumer Commissioner Mamodupi Mohlala tried to secure a warrant of arrest against Levitt for ignoring instructions to appear before the NCC, but had to "temporarily" withdraw the application on "technical grounds". Levitt's attorneys said they would strongly oppose the issuing of a warrant of arrest. Lawyer Dale Smiedt said it was "inappropriate and unfair" to subject Levitt to a hearing on matters on which the Commission had already acted. Levitt now had been given until May 3 to appear before the NCC.

On the verdict against Levitt and his company, Appelbaum said at the time: "This is much bigger than me. I dealt with three months of aggravation. It is important that justice be done in this country..." She accused Levitt of trying to bully her.

The irony is that property analysts believe the R55 million for Quoin Rock is "a very good price", but Appelbaum fought the case "on principle". She maintained her initial bid of R35 million had been the only genuine bid.

In an e-mail interview last Sunday with the Sunday Times, Levitt, who did not divulge whether he was still in the US, admitted that he had made some mistakes at the Quoin Rock auction. Levitt said: "My downfall as South Africa's leading auctioneer started with the Quoin Rock auction... that went pear shaped. I made some mistakes at that auction and I am sincerely sorry about them."

Trying to justify his actions he said:

"Ghost' or 'vendor' bidding happens every day, in every way in every action across the globe, from venerable art auctions in London, to real estate auctions in Sydney and cattle auctions in Texas."

• The SA Institute of Auctioneers last week revealed that Auction Alliance has had its association revoked, after failing to renew its membership.







Israel's 'apartheid' label doesn't wash with Mazibuko

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY MOIRA SCHNEIDER CAPE TOWN

The DA was closer to the ANC regarding its policy towards Israel than on other issues, parliamentary leader of the DA, Lindiwe Mazibuko, told a "Drink 'n Think" gathering of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies' Cape committee.

"We recognise that both sides have got grievances," she said, mentioning "Palestinian disadvantage" vis-à-vis Israel, as well as "Palestinian responsibility" in terms of violence. Each party was entitled to a place of its own, while recognising the right of the other side.

"I can't say our policy is a radical departure from (that of) the ANC. We recognise a two-state solution with a single capital that's shared, in the form of Jerusalem."

The feisty Mazibuko, who attended a Jewish primary school under apartheid, commented on the "unfairness" of the Israel-apartheid analogy, in that it posits that Israel is the perpetrator, not the victim

"A couple of atrocities have been committed - many more on the Palestinian side - but wrongs have been done. (But) I don't think it's a fair analogy to make," she said.

"Israel needs to be held accountable for excessively violent and military responses,

likewise the Palestinians terrorising Israelis," she said, speaking of a "much more equal distribution of suffering" than under apartheid.

She pointed out that in South Africa, there had been "far more atrocities" committed on the part of the government in an attempt to "stay dominant".

Mazibuko, a graduate of UCT, said the institution's currently much-debated admissions policy "offends me deeply. There is an insinuation that I'm slightly less intelligent than my white colleagues," she explained.

UCT principal Dr Max Price was trying to be well-meaning, but the policy created "a victim mentality in the minds of young whites and young blacks. Affirmative action does have its place... but diversity and merit are not mutually exclusive," she said.

On the issue of corruption, Mazibuko noted that the Business Ethics Act had been passed in the DA-led Western Cape a year ago, preventing those in government from doing business with their own government. "The ANC refuses to adopt it," she added.

"As we grow, it (corruption) becomes a threat to us," she conceded, referring to the DA, "but the lucky thing for us is that we can learn from the ANC's mistakes. (So far), we have dodged large-scale corruption."



Parliamentary leader of the DA, Lindiwe Mazibuko, with Cape Board Chairman Li Boiskin.

Lashing trade union federation Cosatu on its opposition to the proposed youth wage subsidy, she said Cosatu feared that young people would be a threat to its own members.

"Cosatu cares more for people who have jobs than for those who don't," she declared, expressing her desire to "expose Cosatu for what it is".

Mazibuko pledged "to restore Parliament to the centre of politics and policy-making in this country", stating that it had been "steadily sidelined as an agent of

change since President (Nelson) Mandela left politics".

She also promised to ensure that the DA made a bold impact at question time and said that the parliamentary oversight authority had become more transparent and accountable.

The DA hoped to garner 30 per cent of the national vote in 2014 and to add two more provinces - Gauteng and the Northern Cape - to its tally. "I believe the tide of public opinion is turning towards us victory by victory," she said.



Welfare of the aged was more than a job to Solange

Well-known physiotherapist and geriatric needs activist, Solange Czerniewicz (pictured), passed away on March 4 after a long battle with cancer.

HILARY FEINBERG

Having distinguished and in many ways reinvented herself to engage specifically and directly with easing the lives of the elderly, she was a witty, wise and dynamic teacher, who generously showed the elderly how to deal with the biology of ageing.

Born in France in 1949 to parents who had survived the Holocaust in hiding and with the help of false papers, Solange arrived in Cape Town in 1951 with her sister, Sylvia and her parents Helene and Max, to start a new life.

Both her parents had lost many of their families to the Holocaust. They eventually fled Europe via Belgium to France.

A leather handbag manufacturer by trade, Max was offered a job in Cape Town. He died in 1958 from tuberculosis and the two girls spent time in the Oranjezicht Jewish Orphanage.

After attending the Good Hope School in Cape Town, Solange went on to the University of Cape Town where she studied physiotherapy. After qualifying, she spent several years in Holland, where her sister Sylvia lives.

She then moved to Johannesburg where she worked as a physiotherapist at the then Johannesburg General Hospital under Muriel Goodman, who became professor of physiotherapy at Wits University.

Goodman recognised in Solange the potential to work with ageing people because of her understanding and empathy. Solange completed several geriatric courses in Malta, a country particularly sophisticated in this specialisation.

She started aerobics classes for the elderly more than 15 years ago. Soon she was facilitating more than 10 classes a week, all over Johannesburg and she became something of a brand in her own right.

Her association with the elderly suited her dynamic yet caring personality eminently. She led her classes supported by music, from pop to Elvis Presley, classical music and also indigenous South African tunes.

Her classes were often punctuated with humorous explanations of the benefits of an exercise. Solange was also a motivational speaker on the empowerment of the elderly. She was a darling of the media, appearing often on air.

Over 14 years ago she was diagnosed with cancer. She nevertheless continued her classes through the chemotherapy. It was during a particularly difficult chemotherapy session that Jerry Williams came into her life. His caring, attentive attitude helped in her recovery.

They were married in December 2005. Solange kept close to her extended family in France; her cousin Dominique spent time at her bedside in her last two weeks.

Compelled to leave her job at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital because of the threat it represented to her immune system, she continued her classes and private patients, almost till the end of her life.

Rabbi Norman Bernard, a former patient, conducted her funeral. Solange leaves her husband Jerry, and sisters Sylvia and Laura.



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"TWADDLE" WE DO WHAT WE WANT'

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'BARAK: ISRAEL MADE NO PROMISES NOT TO ATTACK IRAN'

Defence minister says he doesn't believe nuclear talks with Iran will bear fruit, but will be happy to learn if he's mistaken; calls IDF officer Eisner's action of slamming M16 into activist's face "unacceptable".

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'FRANCE AND ITS JEWS: THE STORY OF A "DIVORCE" ANNOUNCED'

Difficult to discuss how Jews perceive their future in France, without addressing the issue of security.

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'GOVERNOR BRIEFS JEWISH LEADERS ON ISRAEL VISIT'

Briefing Jewish leaders on his trip to Israel and Jordan, Gov Chris Christie said the visit gave him greater awareness of the region as it created more economic potential for New Jersey.

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CHAI FM'S HELEN DESBOIS WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Helen Desbois, 101.9fm Chai FM Breakfast Show presenter on the 06:00-09:00 weekday slot, has won the third MTN Radio Awards Best Daytime Presenter on a Community Station.

Explaining that this morning slot is male-dominated, Desbois, who is also acknowledged as a stage performer, is delighted. In a media statement, she said her favourite interview was with comedian Pieter-Dirk Uys. She has been on air for two and a half years. Coming from East Rand Radio, she joined 101.9 Chai FM in March this year. You can hear her on the 101.9fm Chai FM Breakfast Show, 06:00 -09:00 weekdays, or on audio streaming: www.chaifm.com. - RONEL ZEFF

COMRADES RUNNERS USE MALKA ELLA AS FUNDRAISER

The Comrades Marathon, run this year on June 3, between Pietermaritzburg and Durban, each year brings together athletes from all over the globe to conquer the 90-odd kilometres. The Malka Ella Fertility Fund, under the auspices of Chabad, compares the running of this marathon to the challenge infertile couples face.

The comparison is reinforced on another level: a group of dedicated Comrades runners have identified the Malka Ella Fertility Fund as a Comrades and fundraising project, which will also focus on the building of a mikvah at Chabad House in Umhlanga. More information can be found on www.malkaella.co.za or www.chabadnc.com

CAPOEIRA GETS A FOOTHOLD IN SA

Last month, the SA Capoeira Foundation hosted lawyer Joao Mulatinho, a prominent member of Recife Jewry and representative of Brazil's martial art. A mix of dance, fight and game, Capoeira developed in Brazil in the 1500s.

The SA Capoeira Foundation, affiliat-

Capoeira is increasingly used to aid social projects internationally. Grunberg adds: "Capoeira is a fantastic way of being able to contribute to society as a whole." Visit www.capoeira.co.za for fur-

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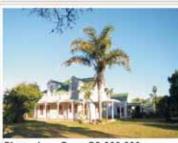
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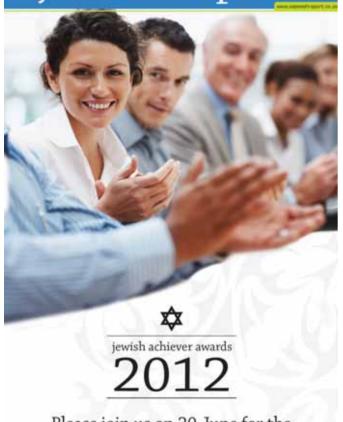


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After everything, how can Israel be so happy?

The two-week period we are currently in contains three secular commemorations, following the religious holiday of Pesach just ended: Yom Hashoah memorialises six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust; Yom Hazikaron pays respect to fallen Israeli servicemen and women; and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrates the State of Israel's establishment in 1948.

In Israel, Yom Hazikaron opens with a countrywide one-minute siren the preceding evening, when Israelis stop everything and stand in silence. The sight of people standing on highways next to their stationary vehicles and elsewhere, is profoundly moving.

Given the struggle and suffering in Jewish history and the mortal threats to Israel, one would think its population would be marked by emotional and psychological distress. But in fact, it ranks among the happiest of the world's nations.

The first World Happiness Report of the United Nations, conducted recently, examined 156 countries to "review the state of happiness in the world today and show how the new science of happiness explains personal and national variations in happiness".

Surprise! Israel stands high on the list at number 14, above most European countries who went through the aftermath of the Second World War at the time of Israel's birth – a mystery flying in the face of what we normally regard as contributors to well-being.

The happiest countries are Denmark, Finland, Norway and the Netherlands - also the most "peaceful" places, according to the Global Peace Index. They have welfare systems, "liberal" political policies and an anti-war and anti-nationalistic ethos. The United States ranked 11th and the UK 18th.

Here in South Africa, we come out around the middle: not abundantly happy, but not overly miserable. We rank 90th. The unhappiest places are the sub-Saharan African countries of Benin, Central African Republic, Togo and Sierra Leone.

The report states that the wealthiest nations are happiest, but money does not automatically buy happiness. Political freedom, low corruption, social networks, stable families and friendships, mental and physical health and

job security, also contribute. The world is a "little happier" than it was 30 years ago due to rising living standards.

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Israel lives under huge stress due to hostility and threats from its neighbours and other Muslim countries, including Iran believed to be on the verge of going "nuclear". Israel lacks recognised borders and has never known true peace. Its traumatic legacy from Diaspora Jewish history includes the Holocaust, pogroms and discrimination. Indeed, Jews as an ethnic group are not perceived as particularly happy: it is not for nothing that the Woody Allen neurotic character is regarded as representative.

So what makes Israelis happy? Meaning and purpose in life? Building a great new country, despite virulent hatred from neighbours? Religion?

Some studies say two-thirds of Israelis believe in G-d. Long life expectancy? Israel has one of the world's highest. Culture - the myriad museums, literature, theatre, etc? Economic success? Israel has the highest number of startup companies listed on Nasdaq outside the US, yet, ironically, an increasing number of citizens are poor and live below the breadline. Scientific advancement? The past few years saw five Israeli Nobel Prize-winners.

What makes many South African Jews, for example, continue going on aliyah – leaving comfortable, familiar lives here for the challenge of building a new life in the often harsh Israeli society?

The cost of living and taxation are high. Deep tensions exist between ultra-Orthodox Jews and profoundly secular Israelis, between right-wing nationalists and ultra-leftists, various cultural and racial groups, Jewish and Arab Israelis, and so on. And Israelis have to spend years in the combat-ready army, unlike citizens of most other countries.

Despite the extra personal hardships – a new language, making friends, finding work and a place to live, getting medical care, finding schools for one's children, and so on – olim generally say aliyah is worthwhile, that they are "happy".

Many people seek a "simple", "stress-free" life as their ideal. Complicated, multifaceted Israel shows that there are other ways to achieve happiness.

Letters

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It is possible to be brave, intelligent and highly educated — and be profoundly wrong. That is true for Rabbi Michael Lerner in his article in the Jewish Report of March 23, "World through Auschwitz lens amounts to Jewish and Israeli PTSD".

Jews don't suffer from PTSD - it's called rationality

He establishes his Zionist credentials early on and it would be churlish to challenge his account. But he goes on to make two key statements which are breathtaking in their naiveté and irresponsibility.

The first is that while he rejects the indiscriminate application of the BDS campaign, he would support it vis-à-vis the West Bank settlers. Perhaps in the academic Jewish mind, tuned to fine ethical and moral distinctions, such a statement makes sense, but in the hurly-burly of the real political world it's hogwash.

As pointed out by another rabbi, also an opponent of the "settlements" but rather more in tune with human realities, such remarks "feeds anti-Israel sentiment and is fodder for anti-Semitic voices around the world".

But it doesn't take a rabbi to draw such obvious conclusions. A semi-literate tribesman would readily comprehend what seems to escape the erudite Rabbi Lerner: that statements which place the onus of peace entirely on the shoulders of Israel, provides the Palestinians and every extremist group in the Middle East and elsewhere, with a free pass to continue with their exterminist fantasies.

Lerner encourages the Palestinians to have their cake and eat it. They can continue as the world's most unlikely victims, recipients of vast amounts of Western aid and innumerable delegations of good-will and support, while persisting with their historical dejudaicisation of Jerusalem and Israel in general, with anti-Semitic and denialist propaganda, with glorification of "martyrs" responsible for the indiscriminate killing of Israelis, with their refusal to make the important gesture of recognising Israel as a Jewish state and with maximalist

demands that no Israeli government could possibly accede to.

The Palestinians know precisely what it would take for a legitimately distrustful Israeli electorate to enter into serious negotiations. But what possible incentive could they have for doing so when they need only wait for the Rabbi Lerners of the Jewish community to assist them in their dream of reclaiming all of Israel?

And then there's the PTSD hypothesis. Lerner lays his kindly rabbinical/psychotherapeutic hand on the agitated brow of the Israeli electorate and murmurs: "You poor dears".

"Auschwitz etc. was a terrible shock and now you see spooks and ghosts where there are only poor Arabs and Muslims seeking their human rights. And with your powerful army you can easily handle the occasional rogue group deranged by suffering and humiliation."

Please Rabbi Lerner, if it comes to labelling, what about the Stockholm Syndrome or just plain denialism on your part?

Forget about the Holocaust. Does anyone seriously believe that Israel with seven million Jewish citizens and three existential wars and thousands of rockets and terror bombings fresh in their memories, beset by outright or latent enemies who have made their hostility quite plain, is comparable to the immense US with its two oceans, enormous land barriers and economic power? It's not PTSD; it is called rationality.

The shallow and offensive analysis by Rabbi Lerner, does not contribute to a serious discussion of genuine options and potential opportunities in an enormously complex, unpredictable and volatile region. That such simplistic moralising receives respectful public exposure, only encourages the real enemies of Israel to believe that time is on their side.

It is the duty of the rest of us to assure them it is not. Only then will genuine negotiations and lasting solutions be possible.

Mike Berger, Cape Town

Information on David Musnitsky sought

Helene Muss Harpman writes that her father, David Musnitsky, was born, she believes, in Cape Town on May 7 1903 to Annie and Isaac Musnitsky (or possibly Mosnitsky).

Isaac, or possibly Joseph Isaac, had arrived from Russia with friends from Yanova and they were in the building business. "I also have heard that some of my grandmother's ancestors, the Weners, were faculty member at Cape Town

University."

Harpman wonders whether anyone would have more information on her forebears.

She will be in Cape Town on May 5, "but my tour starts on the evening of the 7th and after that I may not have too much free time".

She may be contacted at hmharpman@aol.com

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To get things done, just do it!

ELISHEVA SACKS GRADE 12 HERZLIA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD STUDENT

When the newly-elected Student Representative Council met for its leadership seminar, each member had high hopes and big dreams for the year. Among other things, we learned that the sky actually is the limit, when you are given only one year to try to make a difference in the school. We promptly set some realistic goals for our upcoming term and got started.

The 10 member SRC, consisting of Head Student Elisheva Sacks, Deputy Head Students Joshua Buchalter, Eshed Cohen and Benji Lewis and Councillors Kim Jones, Robert Katz, Stuart Norrie, Vaughn Saben, Jaime Uranovsky and Jessie Zinn, have various broad goals.

This year, we aim to increase our connection with other schools through different initiatives (popping the "bubble" that Herzlian learners find themselves in), to broaden the interfaith programme that the previous SRC set up, get more involved in the Jewish and wider community and to improve the general school life of pupils.

We completed our first major initiative in term 3 of the school year: Students for Jewish Care (SJC). We were approached by Jewish Care Cape to represent each of the seven organisations under their umbrella at their AGM.

The project, headed up by Robert Katz and Jessie Zinn, involved learners from grades 10 and 11 visiting these organisations and interviewing the directors and any other relevant people. Then the learners were required to compile a report and present it at the AGM, transforming the evening into something other than sleep-inducing.

We do not want this project to stop after the AGM and so we are in touch with

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various organisations to do some volunteer work when required, and are working on establishing an SJC committee, which would be dedicated to Jewish outreach, which is something very important in our community.

Another project which the previous SRC, under Head Student Dalit Anstey established, was the Interfaith Evening, which saw pupils from different schools, backgrounds and religions, coming together to discuss their beliefs.

The event was very successful and we plan to organise the second annual evening in April next year. We would like to expand the project and build on this great initiative so that we can increase interfaith dialogue.

We believe that interacting and understanding people with other beliefs is vital to the growth of each and every one of us. This initiative will increase our connection with other schools, but we would also like to increase the connection in other ways.

We have already made contact with over 50 schools all over Cape Town in order to create a long lasting relationship with these schools. The SRC, along with the Judaica Committee would like to invite



The Student Representative Council for 2011/2012. Back: Robert Katz; Kim Jones; Jessie Zinn; Benji Lewis (Deputy Head Student). Front: Joshua Buchalter (Deputy Head Student); Jaime Uranovsky; Elisheva Sacks (Head Student); Vaughn Saben; Stuart Norrie; Eshed Cohen (Deputy Head Student).

various schools to attend our Pesach seders next year, increasing their awareness and understanding of our religion.

The SRC is just one opportunity to be involved in the High School. Herzlia encourages all pupils to be creative and to express themselves. There is a committee for everyone, from the United Africa Society to AMP, the music society. You can also join the Debating Society, the Zionism Committee or

the Commerce Committee. These committees were started by the learners and are run by them for other learners.

We find ourselves in a very privileged environment, where we are exposed to these amazing opportunities to fill leadership roles and serve on committees that really appeal to us. I hope that the coming year is filled with success for all learners in all their ventures in Herzlia High School.

Herzlia High School

Message from the principal of Herzlia High School

MARIANNE MARKS
PRINCIPAL, HERZLIA HIGH SCHOOL

Herzlia High School, one of the ten United Herzlia Schools, was founded over 70 years ago for the children of the Cape Town Jewish community.

Over the years, the percentage of the community's children attending Herzlia has grown and grown until today, when over 85 per cent of Jewish children in Cape Town attend the school.

Throughout these years, Herzlia has maintained an "open" admissions policy, welcoming pupils from all racial, religious and ethnic groups in Cape Town, as long as they accept the requirements for all pupils to study Hebrew and Jewish studies, celebrate chaggim, commemorate the Yoms, accept the school's Zionist ideology and attend prayers regularly.

Until about 15 years ago, there were still some pupils in our community who were not catered for at Herzlia: pupils with barriers to learning and special educational needs. Then, thanks to the relentless lobbying of a group of parents who were determined that their children would have the Jewish day school experience, and the vision of Director of Edu-

cation Geoff Cohen, Herzlia adopted a policy of inclusion so that all the Jewish children in Cape Town could enjoy the sense of belonging to the Herzlia family.

Today, Herzlia is an inclusion trail blazer, leading the way for independent and public schools alike. (See the article on our

Vocational Programme, on page 8, to appreciate how far Herzlia has travelled on this journey.)

We are intensely proud that we cater for all our pupils, right across the academic spectrum, managing to be all things to all pupils, from the highest academic achievers to those who struggle aca-

At the High School, we have maintained a 100 per cent matric pass rate by offering all pupils a comprehensive academic support programme and an extensive tutorial system; and we have maintained our position in the top five schools in the Western Cape year after year because our teachers are subject specialists with a passion for their subjects and for excellence.

However, there is much more to our school than academics, important as they are. It is a "finishing school" where young people have the opportunity and the space to prepare themselves for the world beyond school; to learn from



their mistakes and to learn self-reliance, self-discipline and resilience; to venture into the diversity of South African culture through outreach programmes, interfaith programmes and partnerships with impoverished pupils and their communities, all with the safety net of the school firmly in place.

Herzlia pupils go on to distinguish themselves in a myriad ways, through involvement in amazingly ambitious projects, in the widest variety of careers, all over the world. No wonder they are an inspiration!

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Student Representative Council

Working together for a better future



Eshed Cohen (a deputy head student); teacher Suzanne Ackerman-Berman; and Elisheva Sacks (head student).

ELISHEVA SACKS; ESHED COHEN; BENJI LEWIS; JOSHUA **BUCHALTER: SRC EXECUTIVE, GRADE 12**

A Student Representative Council Forum was held at Herzlia High School, and was attended by over 90 pupils from schools all over Cape Town.

The purpose of the forum was for different SRCs to share, discuss and communicate many of the challenges that schools and our peers face today. While one school may face a serious issue, another may be able to provide a solution or insight into the matter.

It was also an opportunity for young leaders of our country to get together and discuss how they see our country moving forward and how we, the learners, can contribute towards a better South Africa.

Suzanne Ackerman-Berman, addressed the learners on how we, the youth, can make a difference in South Africa. She emphasised the importance of leadership and how one needs a solid foundation and grounding when taking on responsibilities and challenges.

Shikaya, a non-profit civil society organisation, recognises the crucial role that teachers can play in deepening and strengthening South Africa's democracy. In their address they explained that Shikaya supported the personal and professional development of teachers to create a South Africa in which young people in schools were inspired and supported to become responsible citizens and to ensure the future in our democracy, valuing diversity, human rights and peace.

They presented part of their Up2Us Xperience, a programme focused on inspiring the youth and getting them to think about the many problems that youth in South Africa face.

The discussion forum programme followed, run by the Herzlia Student Council. The learners formed groups and were given questions for discussion. Each group was given a certain amount of time to discuss the questions and come up with answers. After the questions, an open discussion took place and groups shared their answers with the group as a whole.

Some of the questions that were posed were:

- How do your school's leadership roles work? Do you have prefects, councillors, etc? And what are your duties and roles? Discuss these roles within your group.
- What do you think are some of the biggest problems that South African learners face within the school environment. Are some of these problems present at your school? What is the biggest challenge that your SRC faces?
- How can you use your roles to tackle, address and/or solve these problems within your school or even community? In fact, can you use your role at all, or would you require a different sort of role? Moreover, by hearing the roles and problems of other schools, can you suggest ways in which they can utilise their roles to combat these issues?
- How can we, as different SRCs, work together to beat the issues at hand? In order to answer this question, we ask for you, as a group, to choose a single issue which you wish to focus on and then brainstorm ideas on how to tackle it.

The forum concluded with the signing of a Social Responsibility Contract, with the learners declaring their commitment to using their roles and responsibilities to address problems faced in their schools and communities. A Facebook group was also created so that all the councillors that were present can continue the discussion and also collectively plan future events and meetings.

Programmes

Vocational programmes offer alternative education options

NICHOLAS STEVENS GRADE 12

This is my fifth year in the Herzlia system. The Vocational Programme is for learners who do not want to do the National Senior Certificate Exams, but rather where you choose two elective mainstream subjects.

I do Afrikaans and Computer Applications Technology. You also do Jewish studies, Guidance and Life Orientation with your registration class. We do ABET (Adult Basic Education and Training) numeracy and literacy courses and we all study a vocational course through INTEC or College SA, with the help of our facilitators.

I have already completed one course in computers (ICDL) and am currently studying another course in business administration. We also job shadow a few days during test or exam time, when we work at a place of our chosen career fields.

The Vocational Programme benefits me as I am visually impaired.

In addition to my studies, I have recently - in the past six months - taken up cycling.

I unfortunately had a bit of a struggle finding a permanent cycling partner but I now cycle with a very nice, cheerful partner.



Pictured after completing the Argus Cycle Tour with his medal, Nicholas Stevens (second left), with his tandem partner Daniel Becker and his seconders Travis Steadman and Sebastian Davies.

Just after we met each other, we decided to enter the Pick n pay Argus Cycle Tour. We started cycling as often as our schedule allowed us to, and completed 110 km in four days, and to date we have cycled the entire route in 4 hours seven minutes, but we just stopped when we felt like it. We completed the race in a time of 5 hours and nine minutes.

Being a member of the Vocational Programme and having the educational opportunities it affords me, is like participating in the Argus: as in life, it has not always been an easy ride, but worth every peddle!

Opinion

Israel needs judges, not advocates

ESHED COHEN GRADE 12

On September 22 last year, Herzlia launched its Israel advocacy book, "Israel 101: A primer for understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict". The purpose of

this book was clearly outlined at the launch event: Michael Bagraim, who spoke there, said: "Currently, governments are attacking Israel, and this book will empower students with the tools to defend Israel from existential attack."

He then went on to say that the "majority of learners need to be warriors" who "defend" Israel. The book was also said to be an "objective and great reference point".

I am not "anti-Israel" or "anti-Zionist". I believe that the State of Israel should exist as a Israeli conflict. And because of

the Middle East, I oppose the book.

I strongly stand against this type of Israel advocacy. Let's explore the term "advocacy". Oxford defines "to advocate" as: Plead for, defend, recommend publicly. In courts of justice, an advocate is someone who speaks or pleads on behalf of an-

An advocate receives a case and then defends the case, regardless of who he's defending and his client's actions. An advocate is not someone objective who looks to explore all sides of the story before coming to a fair conclusion. An advocate is someone who is given the responsibility of making someone's actions seem right, no matter how wrong those actions may be.

An advocate is not impartial, nor is he out to seek the truth; he is out to prove that he is right. So I ask the question: is this what Israel needs? Is this what the conflict needs? More people who think they're right, who don't budge and are not open to

hear both sides of the story?

I'm not passing judgement on Israel or on its neighbours; I don't claim to know who is right. But I do know we all want a solution.

Why will advocacy never achieve this? Because we are giving the learners the idea that Israel is right, without exposing them to all parts of the story. The book claims to give all the necessary information for understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict, yet it provides a rather partial outlook on the conflict.

For example, it says: "The Palestinians claim that both refugees and all their descendants have a Jewish state and I am strongly The cover of the Advocacy right to return to the homes and vilfor a peaceful and mutually **Book that Herzlia created for** lages they left in (the) 1948 war... beneficial solution to the Arab-**their advocacy programme**However, in international law there is no basis for such a claim and the

this, because I wish to see a solution come about in rights of refugees are not inherited by future gen-

Yet Karma Nabulsi (lecturer in international relations, Oxford University) says: "The right of return is a universal right that is binding under international law, enjoyed by every people regardless of where they come from... One of the core rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the right of return.

"Surely Palestinian refugees are entitled to this binding universal right, in the same way that all other refugees are, whether they come from Bosnia, Rwanda, SA or anywhere else?"

I stress the point that we are not being shown the full picture. This results in people being misinformed about the conflict.



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Science

SA, Herzlia at international science fair



Saul Bloch, selected to attend a science competition in the US in July.

SAUL BLOCH, GRADE 11

All grade 10 learners at Herzlia High School, who have selected physical sciences and/or life sciences, are required to complete a project. These projects entail much thought, conception, research, testing and detailed write-ups, as well as the production of a display board, and are marked by the Herzlia Science Department.

Some projects are selected for display at the annual Regional Eskom Expo for Young Scientists, where hundreds of high school learners from all around Cape Town display their projects, complete interviews with external judges and have the wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with other likeminded pupils.

An impressive award ceremony follows a busy two days during which gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to worthy projects. A few successful projects are then chosen for display at the National

Young Scientists Expo.

Selected learners then get the incredible opportunity to compete on a national level for medals, prizes and the prospect of displaying their projects at an international science fair.

Last year, nine Herzlia pupils were selected to attend the National Expo competition. We spent a busy and stimulating three days in Johannesburg, displaying projects, completing intensive interviews, and meeting learners from around South Africa.

Herzlia was awarded four gold medals, three silver medals and two bronzes and also received numerous special prizes.

I was one of two privileged Herzlia learners to be invited to attend an international nomination interview. Having completed another gruelling interview and displaying his project, I was selected to attend the Intel ISEF 2012 Science and Technology Competition in Pennsylvania, US in July.

Outreach



Shannon Pincus and Zena Kruss van der Heever seen drumming with Nosipho Qongo and Babalwa Mene.

LEAP, Herzlia partnership a very exciting venture

SHANNON PINCUS GRADE 10

The partnership between Herzlia and LEAP is not one of community service but one of community. While we learn about the lives of others and they in turn learn about ours, we all learn about community, how to bridge gaps between people and the world around us so, as a new generation, we can leap from height to height - if you will it.

The LEAP Science and Maths Schools provide free education to children from underprivileged areas who show potential in science and mathematics.

There are schools all over South Africa which run from 08:15 to 17:15 as well as on Saturdays. The school teaches not only secular subjects but also cultural subjects as well as social responsibility and

encourages learners to take their knowledge back into their communities.

On our first outing to LEAP, we spent the first hour sitting together while learning the art of African drumming. With the rhythm of the music resonating through us, a bond began to form among

We were then treated to a guided tour of the school facilities and while doing this, we were lucky enough to view some of the other pupils taking part in their cultural activities such as the choir, gumboot dancing and debating.

This partnership is an exciting venture that will build bridges and bonds between our two schools, and enable us to participate in cross-cultural events and reciprocal learning.

Sport

Wide variety of sports at Herzlia to choose from

EMMA STRUMPMAN Grade 12

One of the four pillars on which our school stands, together with education, Judaism and culture, is that of sport. So, it goes without saying that sport is an integral part of daily life for a Herzlian, be it taking part in the various sports on offer as an extramural activity, or just throwing around a rugby ball among friends during breaks.

Sport at Herzlia is unique as the school offers the more traditional sporting extramural activities such as water polo, soccer, netball and tennis, to name a few, as well as the more unusual sports such as cycling, surfing and Pilates.



Herzlia First Cricket Team in action.

It is regulation that every Herzlian pupil up to grade 11 be involved in one extramural activity or club and if learners wish to do sport, there is a wide variety of sports to choose from.

Learners are involved in various sporting teams, but many may choose to attend practices for pure enjoyment. It is also wonderful that girls are encouraged to get involved in sports previously seen as more boy-orientated, such as soccer and water polo.

Herzlians can often be seen after school hours kicking around a soccer ball in their team jerseys at Van Riebeeck field, or enjoying the surf on Cape Town's beaches.

The school is also committed to keeping sporting life at Herzlia interesting and fun. Annual sports days are held at the various schools and Highlands grade 6 pupils also host an annual Purim carnival-themed sports day for the grade 1 pupils, one of the highlights of every grade 1's year.

Another highlight of the sporting year is that of the old boys and girls fixtures, where present and former learners are pitted against each other.

These events are usually well supported by members of the community at large. Sport at Herzlia is used as a tool to unite its pupils, old and new and those in different grades.

The school's sports teams are all involved in the various sporting leagues in the Peninsula, with many of the teams working their ways to the top of the respective leagues. Learners also take part in various inter-school tournaments such as inter-school galas and water polo tournaments.

One of the most exciting opportunities for Herzlian learners to expand their horizons, is that of the various sporting tours. Last year, a large group of soccer girls and boys, as well as some keen cricketers, travelled to Johannesburg.

Here, they participated in fixtures against many different schools in the city and were able to meet and integrate with other learners with similar sporting interests that they would otherwise not have met.

This tour was so successful that another tennis tour to Johannesburg has recently taken place and plans are being made for future international tours.

It is clear that sport is an important part of life at Herzlia and it is hoped that sport in the school will continue to grow and flourish so that, in the future it might even be seen as being on par with academics.

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Sacks retiring – and British Jews mixed on relevancy of chief rabbi

The post of Chief Rabbinate was created in Victorian times, to provide "a single address" to the Jewish community. Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of the Orthodox United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, is retiring. Amidst a lot of praise for Rabbi Sacks, the debate is open over the relevance of the Office of Chief Rabbi. Has the institution become bigger than the position it represents? Has it reached its sell-by date?

DIANNA CAHN LONDON

The search to replace Britain's powerful longtime chief rabbi has gone international, but some are questioning whether

the position is still relevant and what it means today for the Anglo Jewish community.

As chief rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sacks (pictured) brought international attention to the post as an eloquent writer and speaker on modern Jewish and social issues, gaining recognition as an ambassador for the whole of the Jewish community. Sacks' writings on strengthening education, creating social mechanisms to counter crime and violence, and instilling moral values in society, are often taken into the public policy sphere for discussion.

"With Jonathan Sacks you have somebody who has the gravitas and respect of the wider population of this country as a leading spiritual figure," said Alexander Goldberg, a Jewish chaplain and interfaith expert.

But Sacks' tenure as head of the centrist Orthodox United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, coincided with an era of sweeping decline in Jewish affiliation, particularly among the mainstream Orthodox he leads. In the 21 years since he became chief rabbi, Modern Orthodox Jewry dropped from two-thirds of Britain's affiliated Jews to just over half.

In a time of deepening polarisation among the Jewish denominations, Sacks has been criticised for alienating Progressive and secular Jews, particularly over Jewish status issues such as conversion and marriage. He is seen as leaning right, toward the haredi Orthodox community, while the Reform, Liberal and Masorti (Conservative) movements don't recognise his authority and each has its own senior rabbi.

With the fragmentation of Britain's Jews, there is debate over what the office of chief rabbi means today: who should it represent, what should its focus be.

"I argue that the chief rabbinate has all but passed its sell-by date," said Meir Persoff, the longtime former Judaism editor at the London-based Jewish Chronicle and author of "Another Way, Another Time.

"For the sake of peace, the non-Orthodox movements have let him have his say as spokesman for Anglo Jewry. But they argue with him over conversion, marriage and divorce to such an extent that the chief rabbinate is bound to create more problems than drawing the community together."

Modelled after the Archbishop of Canterbury, the chief rabbinate was created in Victorian times to give the monarchy a single address for British Jewry. He is selected by the United Synagogue, the governing body of the Orthodox Synagogues, which decides on the method and chooses the committee that will make the appointment.

At the time the post was created, 85 per cent

of British Jews were Orthodox. But modern-day Judaism, much like the Anglican Church, is losing ground as a uniform community.

Jewish synagogue membership dropped from 99,763 in 1990 to 82,963 by 2010, according to the Board of Deputies of British Jews

Centrist, or Modern, Orthodoxy lost 20,000 of its 66,000 members, countered by a

doubling of the haredi community and sharp growth in the tiny Conservative community, which went from 1 226 members to 2 269 in the same period.

Geoffrey Alderman, a Jewish Chronicle commentator, said "There is no such thing as Anglo Jewry... There are Anglo Jewries, with an 's.' The Anglican Jewish community has polarised and pluralised." (JTA)





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REVIEW: ROBYN SASSEN

For 30 years, Pieter-Dirk Uys has been making us laugh at what terrifies us. He assumed his jesteral role during the thick of apartheid. In the wake of his 'Adapt or Dye' (1981), comes its inversion, 'Adapt or Fly', which still draws its script verbatim from presidential mouths. This time round, alternative to change is, however, flight. And it hits pretty close to the bone. As much about politics as

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about Uys himself, the work begins with uncharacteristic bluntness, in a parody of Hitler. The analogy is as subtle as a sledge hammer.

The gesture is in line with laughing at baddies, but with this, (shortly after opening night) predominantly white middle aged audience, it feels specious in its trivialisation of the Holocaust.

Moving on, the repartee becomes rich with innuendo and viciously hilarious in the trotting out of the trajectory of the men who ruled this country, with fists, pointed fingers and religious legalism.

From DF Malan, all the way to FW de Klerk, the banter is ferocious. Interval is brought on by a

parody of former Foreign Minister Pik Botha "the orange on my car aerial," in Uys' words, in quivering authenticity.

The black statesmen get their place after interval, in mockery stakes no less acute, but a little forced. The one statesman who Uys has been particularly outspoken about, Thabo Mbeki, is dealt with, with such disdain, there isn't even the emotional energy for him to be funnily parodied.

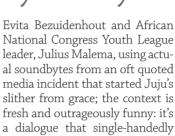
After interval, enter Nowell Fine, Uys' politically conscious kugel, a member of the Black Sash in her radical university days, she's aged; poignantly, she's now a granny with her children and grandchildren in Toronto, lives alone in Sea Point and has become pathetic in her abandonment. We get insight into her former glory, but the jokes hang haggard and predictable.

The pinnacle of delight in this show is a conversation between

makes Adapt or Fly a show you will simply adore.

As a whole, however, the work is more whimsical than anything from Uys. Don't get me wrong: his political challenges are as sharp and deliciously cruel as ever, but the interjection of autobiographic anecdotes reveals Uys himself, without flinching.

He's paid his dues to entertainment and politics; he's physically vulnerable in a way you've never before been allowed to notice. It makes you catch your breath: you're left dizzy, not from too much laughter but from immense fondness for the man behind this menagerie of parody.



between May 6 and July 6, showcasing contemporary and historical work produced by the studio, which has been the touchstone of printmaking in Gauteng since its inception. Artist William Kentridge delivers a talk on May 6 at 14:00; mezzo-soprano Sibongile Khumalo hosts the opening reception from 15:30. Visit www.artistproofstudio.co.za or e-mail Tiny: tinym@joburg.org.za or Noli: admin@artistproofstudio.co.za.

WALD MAQUETTE TO BE INSTALLED **AT WITS**

Arts Briefs

'BEREISHET' PROM-ISES SUBTLE ENGAGEMENT

Last August, Wits Fine Art graduate Dina Wolovitz (28) wowed gallery visitors in her debut exhibition of 30 provocative drawings and paintings. This weekend, she

opens a new show entitled "Bereishet", which promises a similarly subtle and sophisticated engage-

ment with visual and conceptual influences, according to the high standard she has already established

for herself. The exhibition will be hosted at the Beyachad Centre in Elray Street, Raedene and runs for a week from April 22. A taste of the work reveals an energetic engagement with mystical landscapes

in a palette restrained to deep cyans, whites and

The Artist Proof Studio in Newtown, founded by artists

Kim Berman and the late Nhlanhla Xaba in 1991,

comes of age this year. An exhibition celebrating its

21 years, entitled "Coming of Age", will flow through

18 curated spaces in the Johannesburg Art Gallery,

blacks. Visit www.dinawolovitz.co.za.

ARTIST PROOF STUDIO TURNS 21

Arguably SA Jewry's bestloved sculptor, Herman Wald (1906-1970), is being celebrated in a retrospective curated by his son, Louis, at Cape Town's SA Jewish Museum, until July 15. In 2010 while preparing this show, Louis met Natalie Knight, curator of art at Wits University and donated any two of his father's work to the university. Prof Beatrys Lacquet, dean of engineering

The maquette of Herman Wald's "Man and His Soul", which will be recast and launched at Wits University during June. (Photograph courtesy www.hermanwaldexhi-

bition.com)

accepted The Unknown Miner, which launched at the Chamber of Mines building in March. Prof Katherine Munro, dean of commerce, law and management accepted Man and his Soul, which launches in June, during Wits' 90th celebrations. Visit www.herman-



Artist Neil le Roux's body of drawings called "Self-Organised Systems", on show at Art on Paper Gallery in Milpark, until May 12, manifest a similar intensity to those of Richard Penn, exhibited in this gallery a few months ago. Intensive in their use of detail and unspeakable in their sense of crispness, the works are mesmerisingly detailed. Commenting on how his works "grow" from within, Le Roux says: "I have to take into account that our world... is infinitely complex. My aim is to conceptualise simple rule-based behaviours that, when acted out and maintained, produce behaviour not always predictable." (011) 726-2234.

MINNETTE VÁRI'S 'REVENANT' OPENS IN CAPE TOWN

An exhibition by contemporary multi-media artist Minnette Vári, entitled "Revenant", opens at Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, on April 21. According to a media statement, it features a bold departure from the artist's previous methodologies, engaging in the idea of "the uncanny return": repressed sexualities and identities; returns to Earth from forays beyond it, and returns to life from death itself. Vári examines the concept of the pre-pagan deity Baubo, which dates from the 5th century BCE, a godly character that has informed many of the personalities of cult worship in subsequent centuries. The exhibition closes on June 19, (021) 462-7573.



Tickets from R50 - R320. Discounts for pensioners, schools, FUNDED BY block bookings and SABT Friends and City of Johannesburg staff.







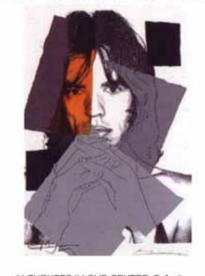
Nowell Fine, Uys' quintessential kugel, as she is, now, as an abandoned Capetonian granny, and as she was then, in her prime. (PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY BUZ PUBLICITY)

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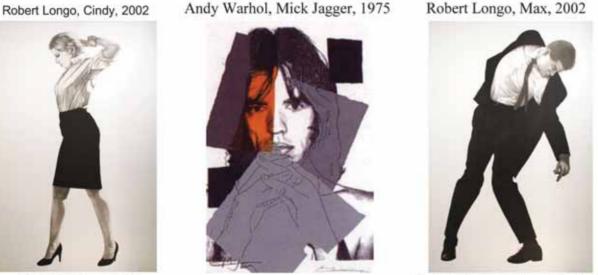
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----- A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies ------

Time mustn't be allowed to dim memories

Above Board

Mary Kluk

National Chairman

At the time of writing, our regional branches in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein and East London, are preparing to hold the annual Yom Hashoah commemorative ceremonies for their respective communities.

For the Durban and Johannesburg ceremonies, we are privileged to have as the keynote speaker John Dobai, whose life was saved through the heroic efforts of the legendary Raoul Wallenberg. This year marks the centenary of the birth of this remarkable human being who, as Swedish envoy to Budapest, rescued over 100 000 Hungarian Jews from deportation and almost certain death at the hands of

In line with Jewish and humanitarian organisations globally, the Board has already held a number of commemorative events to mark this anniversary.

Our duty to remember the harrowing events of the Holocaust is not lessened by the passage of time, and indeed the contrary is true. With the Second World War generation passing into history, it becomes incumbent on the present and future generations to take responsibility for ensuring that those events are not forgotten. For humanity as a whole and for the Jewish people in particular, the lessons of the catastrophe that befell European Jewry are of continual relevance.

It is not just a case of focusing on the "what" and the "how" of the Nazi genocide but perhaps even more importantly on the "why".

The Holocaust was not something that just hap-

pened. Rather, its origins go back to a sustained, state-sponsored campaign firstly of racial demonisation, thereafter of legal discrimination and finally of organised violence. Long before the killings started, the ideological groundwork for mass murder had

It was laid, moreover, not in an intellectually, culturally backward society where demented theories of intrinsic Jewish evil were more likely to take root, but in one of the world's besteducated, most scientifically advanced and sophisticated countries. One of the Holocaust's most chilling lessons is that even well-educated people are capable of accepting, and propagating, irrational and hate-filled ideologies.

In recent years, the focus of the Yom Hashoah ceremonies hosted by the SAJBD has included a strong emphasis on the youth since it is only through the next generation's taking up of the torch of remembrance that the continuity of Holocaust commemoration will be assured. It has been deeply heartening to witness the commitment shown by our youth in accepting this challenge, and we hope it will continue. Through this, we can convey to the generation of the Holocaust - not just those who experienced it at first hand but also those who lived through those times – the solemn assurance that the victims of Nazi barbarity will never be forgotten and that those who are following in their footsteps are committed to striving for a world where such horrendous events will never again be allowed to occur.

Listen to Jewish Board Talk every Tuesday evening on 101.9 Chai FM with Steven Gruzd from 20:00-21:00. On Tuesday April 24, Steve chats to SAZF Director Isla Feldman about Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Sharit Krengel about her film on SA Jews who fought in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948 (the Machalniks). Ben Swartz from the SAZF on his recent trip to Israel with Christian Zionists, and Marlene Silbert about the interfaith-intercultural exchange and twinning programme she runs in Cape Town. Also streaming on www.chaifm.com.

----- A column of the Chevrah Kadisha -----

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In our communications we often talk about the unique qualities of the Johannesburg Chevrah Kadisha as compared with others throughout the world - not only for the services it provides, but also for the way in which it provides them.

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Over the years we have received lots of correspondence praising our burial services. A recent letter from

a community member stands out. Sadly, he buried two elderly family members within two months - one in South Africa and the other, overseas.

"The contrast between our easy experience in Johannesburg, compared with the challenging one overseas, was indeed an opportunity to appreciate the wonderful work the Chev does here.

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"When we arrived at West Park the next morning, the funeral was efficiently arranged. At no point was there mention of money. A few weeks later, I received a letter of condolence with an account for the cost of the funeral.

'By contrast, the Chevrah Kadisha overseas refused to collect the body from the hospital until the family had visited their offices, selected a coffin from a catalogue, completed all the paperwork and paid the account." And the unhappy surprises kept

He believes his experience reflects what hap-

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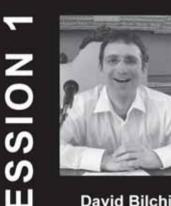
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Community Briefs

CHABAD SENIOR PROGRAMME HOSTS PESACH SHEINI

Traditionally, Pesach Sheini allowed Jews another opportunity to fulfil the mitzvah of the paschal lamb offering that is usually brought on Pesach. The second Passover was another opportunity to offer the sacrifice and this essentially inspires the theme of "the second chance", and that it is never too late to connect to your heritage.

To commemorate Pesach Sheini this year, the Chai Seniors programme will host a "Never Too Late" seminar on Monday, April 30 at 09:30 at Chabad House, Savoy, with entertainment by comedian Cyril Green.

• RSVP: Call Chabad House (011)-440-6600 or rak@chabad.org.za

News in brief

OBAMA RESPONDS TO NETANYAHU'S IRAN 'FREEBIE' COMMENT

CARTAGENA - President Barack Obama has responded to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's claim that world powers gave Iran a "freebie" by agreeing to hold more talks. "We're going to keep on seeing if we make progress. Now, the clock is ticking and I've been very clear to Iran and to our negotiating partners that we're not going to have these talks just drag out in a stalling process. But so far at least we haven't given away anything," Obama said late last Sunday during a news conference in Cartagena, Colombia.

"The notion that somehow we've given something away or a 'freebie' would indicate Iran has got something. In fact, they've got some of the toughest sanctions that they're going to be facing coming up in just a few months if they don't take advantage of these talks," Obama added.

Talks between Iran and the six world powers - the US, Britain, France, China, Russia, and Germany - on Iran's nuclear programme, resumed on April 14 after more than a year's hiatus. The sides agreed to meet again on May 23 in Baghdad.

"My initial impression is that Iran has been given a freebie. It's got five weeks to continue enrichment without any limitation, any inhibition," Netanyahu said last Sunday in Israel. Iran says its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes; the Western world fears that Iran may be enriching uranium in order to produce a nuclear bomb. Netanyahu has called on the international community to halt Iran's nuclear production by force if necessary, and has warned that the window in which to prevent Iran's production of a nuclear bomb is rapidly closing. (JTA)



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Today, Friday (April 20)

- Chevrah Kadisha Social Services is facilitating a support group for women who are or have been in abusive relationships. It starts today. The group will be facilitated by a social worker and offers a safe and confidential space where women can become empowered with information and support. For bookings or more information, call Jacqui: (011) 532-9732.
- *UZLC* hosts Hedy Davis who will speak on "Memories of Muizenberg". Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12: 45 to 14:00. Information: Gloria, (011) 485-4851 or 072-127-9421.

Sunday (April 22)

- Israel Centre together with IDC is hosting an "International Humanitarian Law Debate" with international speakers. Time: 19:00. Venue: Beyachad. To book your seat contact Debbie on (011) 645-2560.
- RCHCC hosts "Holocaust: A Musical Memorial Film From Auschwitz". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R60 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-808-8/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, e-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za or renes@greatpark.co.za
- Northcliff Shul is hosting internationally known security and counter-terrorism expert Marc Kahlberg on "Israel, Iran and the Media" Time: 19:00. For more information and to book, contact Sharon (011) 678-3015.

Tuesday (April 24)

- RCHCC presents the film "The Wooden Gun", by Ilan Mothenson. It is suitable for children. Time: 19:30. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Donation: R60 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378), after hours (011) 728-8378). E-mail us at hazelc@greatpark.co.za or renes@greatpark.co.za
- Embassy of Israel and SAZF ceremony for Yom Hazikaron. Time: 18:30. Venue: Yeshiva College Campus.

Wednesday (April 25)

- Balfour Park Parkinson's Disease Support Group will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 in the Boardroom of Randjes Estate, Randjeslaagte Road, Highlands North. There will be no speaker, but a display of members' hobbies and interests. Members are asked to bring with them something which they have written or made, or grown in their gardens. People with Parkinson's Disease, their families, friends and caregivers are welcome. Information: Rosemary Burke, (011) 640-3919.
- UJW CT adult education division hosts Justice Jeanette Traverso who will talk on "The Judiciary and the Legal Profession: Quo Vadis". Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Cost: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).
- The Greenside theatre is staging today, tomorrow (April 26) and Sunday, April 29, (matinee), "The Boys from the Ashes", which has already been staged in Cape Town at the SA Holocaust Foundation, at Wits, and The Great Park Synagogue. Together with that, Talia Goldsmith, will be exhibiting her "Holocaust sculptures" in the foyer on those evenings and afternoon. Tickets: R120 (incl. tea, coffee and cake). Block bookings to be discussed. Tel: Dorann (011) 880-5720.
- SAZF presents "Fusion Festival", its Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. Venue: Balfour Park Rooftop. Entrance: R30. Win two tickets to Israel. Opening ceremony at 18:30. Contact (011) 645-2510 or (011) 645-2512.
- Chevrah Kadisha is offering a support group for family members/significant others of people with mental illness, starting today. Contact Darrin on (011) 532-9733 for more information.
- Chevrah Kadisha Community Services is offering a life skills group for teens, "Teens 1010". It kicks off today. Come learn about building self esteem, managing friendships and other relationships, how to deal with conflict and much more. Contact Gabriella, (011) 532-9616 for more information.

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A Night At The Theatre created magic all over

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A Night At The Theatre, staged by King David High School Victory Park, recently, has been a memorable experience for everyone - from the audience right through to the cast and directors.

The musical began with a song about wanting to make magic on the stage - and the entire cast did just that. The whole experience was absolutely magical.

This year was the first time that I, along with many of the other boys in the cast, had been involved in a production and I can truly say that it has been one of, if not the best experience I have had during my high school

In this very short time, everyone in the cast, whether in grade 8 or in grade 12, developed a warm and embracing relationship that in the end led to a family-like bond.

It's hard to believe that after

so much fun in such a short time, we produced a fantastic show. In the beginning it was difficult to see how everything would come together - and then suddenly, at the last minute, all the equipment and props arrived.

I will never forget our first rehearsal with lighting, mics, costumes and make-up: hairs started to tingle on the back of my neck. We did not realise what a fantastic show we had in our

From learning how to lift girls, to firing guns on stage, to hiding our choking from the excessive smoke, to being blinded by the lights, we learnt to cope as if we were on Broadway!

The enthusiastic audiences night after night, gave us the impetus that we needed to make every show a memorable one. But like all shows, the performance eventually must come to an end and although it is sad to have let it go so quickly, one thing is for sure: the experience and the bonds we have formed will be with us forever.

Popular Yesh Camp-Hatzolah course to be repeated

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YESH CAMP SA launched with great success last December. As a result Yesh has decided to follow up with a leadership development programme through which training and skills development are offered to potential madrichim, Yesh Camp SA says in a media release.

Together with Hatzolah, a CPR AED course was run with 12 people attending. Due to the high demand for this very informative course, Yesh Camp SA and Hatzolah will be running the course again soon. If you want to take part contact Velvy: yeshcampsa@gmail.com

Yesh Camp SA is an informal educational organisation that targets boys ages 12 and up, aiming to provide a constructive Torah environment in which its candidates will have the opportunity to learn and develop social and environmental responsibility, leadership development, communication and teambuilding skills and most important as the name "Yesh" implies in its translation into English: 'There Is".

The idea behind the name Yesh is that through ones efforts, "THERE IS" an outcome worth talking about.

When kids are taught to take responsibility and to make an effort, they will learn that they can make a difference, that they can make a real contribution.



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Graeme **Pollock** bats down memory lane

'Through the door there came familiar laughter, I saw your face and heard you call my name. Ah, my friend we're older but no wiser, for in our hearts the dreams are still the same.'



Sport

JACK MILNER

Those lines from the Mary Hopkins song of the 1960s - Those Were The Days - best describe the theme of the evening as legendary former Springbok batsman Graeme Pollock rolled back the years at the last Maccabi Stag meeting held before

It was a night where some Grey College alumni got together, as Ivan Zartz introduced Pollock and Joe Pamensky later thanked him for the talk.

Ivan had attended Grey High School in Port Elizabeth at the time that Graeme was reigning supreme on the school's cricket field, and reflected not only on their school days, but on the subsequent feats of Graeme all around the cricketing

Still regarded by many in the know as the best left-handed batsman to grace the game, he played only 23 Tests, but finished with 2 256 runs and an average bordering on 61, which is one of the best for any batsman.

At the talk Pollock focused mainly on events on the cricket field and congratulated the present Protea team for a job well done in winning the recent New Zealand series. Touring New Zealand at this time is not easy and he recollected how, when he toured New Zealand in the early sixties playing in Wellington and Dunedin - the then Springboks had to wear three

In his opinion the current Protea squad was "excellent" and as it was now entirely selected on merit, there was a new spirit in the team.

The appointments of Gary Kirsten and Allan Donald have been integral to this

ing decision favouring the original call, ought to be revisited by the ICC, according

Pamensky, in thanking Pollock for his put, congratulated him for being voted South Africa's Cricketer of the Millennium and for having the Grey High School cricket oval being named after him.

· I would like to thank my former economics lecturer, Harry Zarenda, for his input regarding this article.

NOMINATION CURTAIN CALL Its time to celebrate excellence at the Jewish Achiever Awards Send your nominations for the categories of Absa Business Achiever (Listed) Award, Absa Business Achiever (Unlisted) Award, Entrepreneur Award, Lifetime Achiever Award, Arts, Science, Sports & Culture Awards, Community Service Award and Cricket legend Graeme Pollock in action in his heyday. Chivas Humanitarian Awards. success, he believes, as both coaches TO NOMINATE: E-mail nominations@SAJewishReport.co.za understand the personalities of their playor visit www.SAJewishReport.co.za ers. Pollock seems confident this team, with a fast bowling attack that is as good e∳ ABSA as, if not better, than any he has seen since readmission, could have the beating of LIVE WITH CHIVALRY England later in the year. He further intimated that the proliferation of tournaments, (in particular the Twenty20 game and the IPL) has adversely Africa's leading steel supplier affected batting techniques in the longer version of the game, inducing a gung-ho "instinctiveness" in shot selection, rather than playing bowling on merit. Offering you the most comprehensive range of No doubt the inability of sides to bat steel products and value added services. for more than a couple of sessions in more recent Tests, is evidence of this concern. Aluminium + Blanking + Bright Bar + Castellated Beams + Cellular Beams + Cold Form Sections Question time provided interesting dis-Cold Saw Cutting : Control Systems : Conveyance Pipe : Corrugated Roofing : Drilling Expanded Metal cussion on a range of issues. He named Fencing Products | Flame Cutting | Flanged Freestock | Galvanized Sheets | Galvanized Tubing Dennis Lilley and Richard Hadlee as the Grating | Guillotining | Heat Treatment Services | High Strength Steels Hollow Bar | IBR Roofing best bowlers he had faced, but surprised Laboratory Services + Laser Cutting + Laser Cut Tubing Lipped Channels + Open Sections many by his choice of Alan Knott as the Palisade Fencing | Pipe Fittings | Plasma Cutting Plates | Plate Bending & Rolling best wicketkeeper he had played against. Pre-coated Sheets | Pressure Vessel Steels | Profile Sections This raised an interesting discussion regarding the role of a specialist wicket-Purlins Rails Reinforcing Roofing Solutions keeper as opposed to a batsman who can Sheets Slitting | Special Steels | Stainless Steels Structural Steels | Technical Consultancy keep wicket. There also was considerable discussion Tool Steels | Tubing | Valve & Actuators regarding the problems with the present Wear Resistant Steels | Zincalume Roof Sheets decision review system. The playback for an uncalled "no ball" and the third umpir-

Maccabi trials for junior golfers

JACK MILNER

Junior golfers will be able to take their first step towards next year's Maccabiah with the staging of the Maccabi Golf Gauteng Junior Trials at the end of the month. It is a tournament for all juniors aged 18 and younger.

The tournament will be played at Houghton Golf Club in Johannesburg on the afternoons of Monday April 30 and

Tuesday May 1, which is a public holiday.

The format is 36 holes to be played over the two days. It will comprise both an A and B Division. A Division is for 12 handicaps and better, B Division for 13 to 24 handi-

To obtain an entry form, go to www.maccabigolf.co.za and look under "tournament". For any further information contact info@maccabigolf.co.za.