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Fast of Tisha B'Av on July 9

Last Tuesday was Shiva Asar b'Tammuz, the 12-hour fast that begins the three weeks of communal mourning leading to the major fast of Tisha B'Av which falls this year on July 9. The mourning is for the destruction of both the First and Second Temples in 586 BCE and 70 CE respectively, and the resultant exile into which the Jews were cast.

In this period, many calamities befell the Jewish people throughout the generations. Traditionally, during this period, Orthodox Jews do not have haircuts or shave, marry, listen to music, wear new clothing or eat new seasonal fruit - the shehecheyanu blessing is not recited.

The power through prayer

You know, my friends, if you are in the market to buy a second hand Torah and you want to know if the Torah you are buying is kosher and that every letter is complete, then check out the latter part of this week's Parsha portion, Pinchas.

The reason for this is that there is no other sidra read as often as Pinchas. In fact, every time we take out a second Torah to read a maftir, we turn to this week's sidrah. It contains the daily, the Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh, as well as every festival's unique offerings and sacrifices.

If you calculate how many times we read from Parshat Pinchas, including every day of Rosh Chodesh and Yomtov, it comes out to just under 40 times a year!

So, if the Torah you are looking at was actually read from on a regular basis Pinchas would be worn out first. Thus, if you want to buy a second-hand Torah, look at the quality of the letters in Pinchas.

A refrain often heard, is why does the timeless Torah spends so much time on the sacrifices, especially as it is not something we bring today.



Parshat Pimchas Rabbi Alex Carlebach Chabad of Lyndhurst

One reason is the that the Hebrew word for sacrifices, "korban" which comes from the word "karov", teaches us that it is through the korbanot – sacrifices - that we become closer to G-d A-mighty.

Today it is our tefillot – prayers - that takes the place of karbonot; the Torah here is teaching us both to ensure we pray every day, as well as how to pray. This is especially relevant as the Jews are about to enter Israel and live a "natural" life rather than the miraculous one they led in the desert.

Torah here describes sacrifices as "karbani lachmi"- my offering my food" - a metaphor that suggests that the sacrifices actually "sustain" the A-mighty so to speak.

The Alter Rebbe teaches that every one of our daily prayers is of tremendous significance to G-d to the extent that He describes them as His very "sustenance".

Furthermore, they are described as "zeh ha-eesheh - this is the fire-offering" - that you should offer every day.

Says Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk, this "fire-offering" represents the fiery enthusiasm we should have while praying to G-d. It is this passion and intensity that enables our prayers to draw down abundant blessings from on High.

This parsha then, is teaching us the power we have through prayer. When we ensure that our prayers are offered with the appropriate passion and fervour, we can achieve a similar effect to the karbanot - sacrifices - in the Holy Temple.

Let us pray that we be privileged to do so and may each one have their prayers answered in every aspect they need, be it good health, Yiddishe nachas, and sustenance.

May Hashem answer Klal Yisroel's passionate prayers by bringing our Righteous Redeemer Moshiach and allow us once again to bring the actual sacrifices as described in our sidrah Pinchas that we read this Shabbat.

Cleese at fawlt with tasteless Holocaust joke

OWN CORRESPONDENT

John Cleese landed himself in some choppy waters after he told a Holocaust joke at his Johannesburg Sunday night performance at the Teatro theatre at Montecasino in Joburg. The one-liner so incensed the large Jewish contingent in the audience that many complained to the SA Jewish Board of Deputies on Monday.

"The SAJBD has contacted Mr Cleese's publicist to share the hurt that this remark has caused to members of the community and have explained why this was so offensive," said the Board's National Director Wendy Kahn on Monday.

"We have asked that this quip be excluded from future shows," said Kahn. It has subsequently been reported by a member of the community that "contact was made with John Cleese, that he apologised and meant no harm, and (he) committed not to use the crack again."

Cleese is famous for his roles in the Monty Python and Fawlty Towers TV series' on BBC and, more recently, as the schoolmaster in the South African hit movie Spud – which he recently completed the local filming of the sequel.

Cleese's joke was along the lines of: A tour group were going to Dachau and when they got to the place, they were late and were denied entry. Whereupon, someone in the tour group said: "Tell them we are Jewish."

A senior Jewish theatre figure, who asked not to be named for professional reasons, said that she doubted that Cleese's joke indicated that he was anti-Semitic. "He runs down everyone, his humour is dark," said the theatrical doyenne.

Three community members originally complained on Sunday night and made numerous statements on the record, which motivated the investigation into this story. Just prior to going to print they have asked for their names to be withdrawn.

"I was traumatised! It is simply unacceptable," said (Source #1) on Sunday night. He said there was "a large Jewish audience, many of them observant as

well." He felt compelled to take the matter up with the SAJBD.

(Source #2) was also at the performance: "It was totally unacceptable," he said afterwards. "The Board should take it up with his management, culminating in an undertaking to remove such harmful parts from all future presentations and a formal apology," (he) said.

"It is truly offensive and (Cleese) should know how we feel," said (Source #3), who was at the performance. "I am not alone in this," he said, explaining that many Jewish patrons shared their feelings after the show.

The theatre doyenne accused Cleese of being "insensitive" to the extent that she and her husband had attended his show last year and were so incensed at his unnecessarily "hateful and hurtful" humour that they had decided not to see him again.

The Holocaust, she said, should be a topic that should be off limits to comedy. "I've done a lot of Holocaust plays - and in some there are light moments," she explained, "but is not it is not a comedic topic."

Jewish community prays for Mandela



The SA Jewish Board of Deputies, on behalf of the Jewish community of South Africa, extended its prayers to former President Neslson Mandela, who is gravely ill in hospital. In a media release the Board says: "Nelson Mandela is more than a political leader: For the South African people, he is a wise, caring father, a kind and loyal friend and an enduring symbol of national unity and reconciliation.

"His very presence among us all has been a source of strength and hope. For the world at large, he remains a source of continual inspiration.

"The Jewish community of South Africa joins its fellow South Africans in praying for our beloved former President Nelson Mandela and in extending its good wishes to the Mandela family and the Presidency during this difficult and uncertain time."

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Coovadia obviously didn't see the wood for the trees

STAFF REPORTER

Israel's ministry of foreign affairs (MFA) has hit back at former South African Ambassador to Israel Ismail Coovadia, calling him "uncouth" and saying that the South African Embassy in Israel "had been deeply embarrassed" by the former ambassador's public refusal to have trees planted in his honour in Israel.

The local Judeo/Christian Zionist group "South Africans Friends of Israel" - a network of interfaith Zionists with over 60 000 followers - came forward last Friday and offered to replace and replant "Coovadia's trees" in another forest in Israel.

Yigal Palmor, spokesman for the MFA, dismissed Coovadia's assertions in a statement to The Telegraph in the UK last week. Palmor said Coovadia was "uncouth" and claimed that his current views were "diametrically

opposed" to those he expressed during his recently-completed three year stint in Israel.

This was in response to the publication of a letter last week in which Coovadia rejected and returned a gift certificate presented to him by the MFA indicating that 18 trees would be planted in honour and in the name of the South African Ambassador by the Jewish National Fund (JNF).

In a hard-hitting letter, Coovadia explained the reasoning for his actions as follows: "I have supported the struggle against apartheid South Africa and now I cannot be a proponent of what I have witnessed in Israel, and that is, a replication of apartheid!"

Palmor dismissed Coovadia's statements in The Telegraph. "This was nothing but a particularly disharmonious blow of the vuvuzela. And if someone blows that horn very hard, what can you do but turn your head away and feel embarrassed for that person."

The Department of International Relations and Co-operation (Dirco) spokesman, Clayson Monyela, told the Jewish Report on Wednesday that Coovadia no longer worked for Dirco. While his retirement means that Coovadia no longer speaks on behalf of Dirco, it also means that they now have no control over what he says. In either event he is no longer a South African diplomat.

The move by Coovadia has added to the already tense relations between Pretoria and Jerusalem. Palmor said that "the South African embassy in Tel Aviv had been deeply embarrassed by the incident".

Monyela told Jewish Report that Dirco had "no knowledge" of the South African Embassy having expressed their embarrassment - and he said it found it highly unlikely that a South African embassy would make such a statement

"South Africans Friends of Israel" - which came forward to replace and replant "Coovadia's trees" in another forest in Israel - rejected Coovadia's statements. The organisation, which represents South Africans of all persuasions who seek peace and understanding in the Middle East, said they were replanting the trees "in the name of, and as a symbol of, friendship between South Africa and Israel".

Karabus suing Emirates Airline and hospital group



STAFF REPORTER

Retired paediatric oncologist Prof Cyril Karabus (pictured), is to sue Emirates Airlines and the Cleveland Clinic hospital group that employed him in the United Arab Emirates 10 years ago. Karabus (78) was arrested and held for nine months on what turned out to be spurious charges of manslaughter and fraud dating back to 2002, that he hadn't even been aware of.

He was eventually cleared of all charges and allowed to return home

Karabus' lawyer Michael Bagraim, told Jewish Report Wednesday that no funds previously donated to Karabus would be used for the litigation and that it was, in fact, hoped that if the suits were successful all of the donors would be refunded.

Barry Hilton the MC at Jewish Achievers banquet

OWN CORRESPONDENT

It has been confirmed: self-named International Man of Mirth stand-up comic Barry Hilton, will be master of ceremonies at this year's Jewish Achiever Awards banquet on August 15.

With five comedy DVDs to his name, Hilton's googly eyes and rubber face have become household identifiers of funny over the last three decades. At the age of 26, Hilton decided to become a fulltime comedian and was advised by UK comic, Johnny Noble, to "keep it clean and you'll always remain on the scene". He's had no regrets.

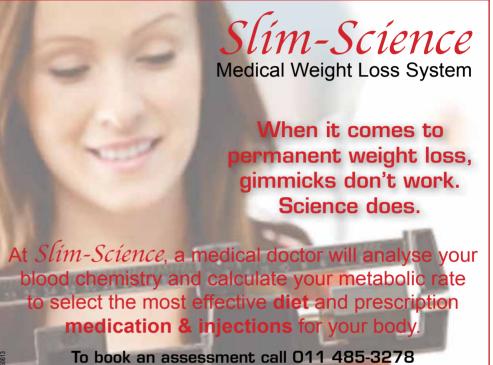
Recent South African Music Award finalists, the guitar duo, Leon and Corneille, also known as CH2, who have been collaborating since 2007, will provide the evening's



Funnyman Barry Hilton is sure to be a hit at the Achiever Awards function, where he will be MC.

entertainment. They play flamenco and jazz and a mix of several other styles and will be gigging for the Achievers event directly after a European Tour which they embark on through July.

The Jewish Report Jewish Achievers Award event is at the magnificent Maroela Room, Sandton Sun, and by all accounts, promises to again be the social event of the year on the Jewish calendar. Tables can accommodate a maximum of 12 people; seating is available at R2 500. E-mail RSVP@sajewishreport.co.za or fax 086-224-4340 for table bookings.





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Israeli circumcision device may save thousands of South African lives and also money

STAFF REPORTER

A new Israeli adult male circumcision device is being rolled out in South Africa and local authorities believe it will save thousands of lives lost annually as a result of HIV/Aids and botched traditional circumcisions.

Known as the PrePex, the device has been piloted with huge success in several other African countries and is the only such device approved by the World Health Organisation

In 2007, WHO and UNAIDS proved that circumcised men reduce their risk of HIV infection by some 60 per cent in high risk areas such as sub-Saharan Africa.

Two weeks ago, Parliament held a snap debate on the death of 35 traditional initiates in one month due to botched circumcisions. Then-ANC Chief Whip Mathole Motshekga told the National Assembly that the deaths were a "painful wake-up call for us to embark on... transformation of initiation schools (as they) cannot be allowed to become slaughter

Motshekga said 145 boys died between 2009 and 2010 because of complications related to their circumcisions and 1 200 were hospitalised. This, he said, required "stringent health interventions".

Tzameret Fuerst, president of Israeli company Circ MedTech which manufactures Pre-Pex, said: "Now is the time to find a safe and simple solution for nonmedical practitioners to perform circumcisions. Traditional circumcisers can be trained quickly on how to use PrePex and conduct the procedure safely in an unsterile environment as part of their wider traditional practices around the rite of passage into manhood."

The device uses an elastic band that compresses the foreskin against a rigid plastic ring that is placed on the inside of the penis' foreskin. The elastic band cuts off the blood supply to the foreskin, which dries out over a week, similar to the process of removing the umbilical cord of a newborn.

Says Fuerst: "It's a bloodless procedure that does not require the use of injected anaesthetics or the cutting of live tissue and can be performed by health workers with a lower skill set than those required for surgical procedures."

The fitting and removal can be performed by a nurse or trained traditional circumciser and takes just three minutes to place and remove and these procedures do not require a sterile environment.

"Anyone who passes a three-day PrePex training programme can be a PrePex operator," Fuerst said.

Speaking about the device at a major Aids conference in Durban last week, Dr Ntlotleng Mabena of the Centre for HIV and Prevention Studies, said they had conducted pilot projects on the PrePex and were im-



cumcise at least 4,3 million men by 2016.

"We cannot afford new infections. We spend R11 billion every year to treat people."

Mbengashe had a spat with Cosatu spokesman, Patrick Craven last week after Craven was quoted in Business Day saying: "The point is not whether this device (PrePex) is the best or not... should be a wholesale boycott of all products from Israel, including this one. We cannot have exceptions."

"We must leave out politics because what is important right now is saving people's lives. We cannot say we cannot use a product from a certain country, even if it is going to help us, simply because we don't like that country," Mbengashe said.

The PrePex pilot is being rolled out at seven pilot sites in three Provinces.



they heal quickly, as opposed to surgical circumcision." The PrePex device costs about R200 and was intended for men aged 18 and Mabena said a previous study on male cir-

"Men also take less time off work because

cumcision in Orange Farm showed that HIV incidence decreased by 76 per cent.

The chief director for HIV, Aids and Sexually Transmitted infections in the Department of Health, Dr Thobile Mbengashe, said they would watch the PrePex pilot programme with interest.

"We have managed to have one million males circumcised, but we still have a lot to do," he said.

With the aid of PrePex they hoped to cir-

Anti-Semitic rants leave middle-aged

A middle-aged white male responsible for numerous acts of anti-Semitic verbal abuse and threats, has been arrested and is currently in custody, according to Wendy Kahn, National Director of the SAJBD and Geoff Schapiro, deputy chairman of the CSO, in a media release.

male in custody

"The man, who goes under the names of Jacques von Moldendorff and Jacob Hercules von Moldendorff, was arrested after charges were laid by the SAJBD and CSO."

Statements on behalf of the Jewish community were made at Norwood Police Station by Kahn and Schapiro.

"In terms of information gathered by the CSO, the suspect has over an extended period posted offensive and threatening messages about Jews, including against specific Jewish leaders in the community, on Facebook," the media release states.

"Over the past week, he has aggressively confronted community members outside several Jewish installations in Johannesburg, including the HOD and Sydenham and Waverley Shuls, and made numerous threatening and anti-Semitic comments.

"Through the CSO's investigation, all the relevant details were provided to the police to enable them to make an arrest."





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Payco 'spokesman' spews **Jew hatred on Radio 702**

DAVID SAKS

An alleged representative of the Pan-African Youth Congress (Payco) elicited widespread outrage last week for his comment, made in the course of a radio interview, that Hitler had done a lasting service to the German people by getting rid of the Jews.

In an interview on Radio 702 conducted last week Tuesday by talk show host Redi Tlhabi, Payco spokesman Sello Tladi said: "Even General Adolf Hitler was much better than Nelson Mandela. He did something for the German side, purging the Jews."

Further on, he said: "It is because of this Nelson Mandela that in South Africa the Jews and the white settlers don't even respect our human rights, they exploit our wealth and exploit our labour in this coun-

On Youth Day, Tladi had provoked the

ire of his own party when he told hundreds of its supporters that Mandela was a sell-out and calling on him to die. The PAC slammed the "reckless statement", which it claimed had been "issued by some cranks parading themselves as youth leaders of the PAC".

Payco is the old Azanian National Youth Unity organisation, which was established in 1981 to revive the PAC (which was banned in April 1960).

Clearly appalled by Tladi's comments, Tlhabi remarked that if these were the kinds of viewpoints held by the party he represented, it was little wonder that it was so unsuccessful in attracting votes.

She said that all decent people would see his comments as hate speech, and that it was disturbing that people like him were able to make statements that reflected badly on himself and his organisation.





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Heritage Tour brings Joburg 'Struggle Jews' to life



Johannesburg Heritage Foundation's Brett McDougall and Merle Barsel-Ruff (centre) outside former home of Ray and Michael Harmel, 47 High Street, Oaklands. This house was part of "Red Square", an intersection known for its communist residents, and for police harassment during apartheid.

ROBYN SASSEN

"It is about the geography of history," said Brett McDougall, of the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation, last Sunday. He spoke to a capacity audience in a doubledecker bus on "Memory Against Forgetting", a moving tribute to Jewish struggle activists.

Plotting history in tandem with demography, the bus was ably navigated by Foundation stalwart Flo Bird, to Doornfontein, Yeoville, Bellevue, Observatory, Norwood and Oaklands.

Researcher Merle Barsel-Ruff, daughter of Esther and Hymie Barsel, the tour's second voice, lent fascinating dialogue and priceless anecdotes to an understanding of how those Jews, having recently arrived from Europe, steered social protest in the country.

In Doornfontein, Johannesburg's first "posh suburb", known as "the shtetl in the veld", the bus paused at a veld in Beit Street. "This was the Jewish Workers' Club," said McDougall. "It was also known as the Yiddisher Arbeter Klub, a place of political awareness; one where the Internationale was sung in Yiddish."

The tour passed cottages near Ellis Park, where immigrants would have lived. Yeoville's nature as sanctuary to immigrants came though loud and clear in a clogged, buzzy Raleigh Street, as the bus eased its way through the suburb.

"In these flats," said Barsel-Ruff, as the bus stopped, delighting children in Isipingo Street, Bellevue, "Nelson Mandela hid with as 'David Motsamadi', Mandela opened the curtains to exercise



Harold Wolpe



Arthur Goldreich



Hilda Bernstein



Wolfie Kodesh



Rusty Bernstein

early each morning; Wolfie feared this would attract attention, so he took to exercising with Mandela daily, with the curtains closed.

"Mandela used to make amasi - sour milk - by leaving a saucer of milk on the windowsill to sour over time. This is a known Xhosa custom; when Wolfie discovered this, he feared Mandela would be sniffed out by the police.

"This is Esther and Hymie Barsel's house," Barsel-Ruff glanced at her childhood home, in Regent Street. "Fittingly, the main bedroom is now a spaza shop."

Through anecdotes of Barsel-Ruff and McDougall, we saw a young Hilda Bernstein running through the garden behind 154 Regent Street, to safety from the police. There, at Westminster Mansions, on the glorious cusp of Yeoville, we could hear the panic when Arthur Goldreich and Harold Wolpe, having escaped maximum security, sought refuge in the flat of theatre doyen Barney Simon.

At "Red Square" in High Street, Orchards, where known communists Eli and Violet Weinberg and Ray and Michael Harmel lived, Eric Itzkin, deputy director of Immovable Heritage in the City of Johannesburg, unveiled a blue plaque, explaining the property's history.

Passing former homes of Nelson Mandela, Selma and Jules Browde, Helen Suzman and Sydney Kentridge in Houghton, the afternoon-long tour concluded.

Said Barsel-Ruff. "Many lived to see their dream for a democratic South Africa come true. At Mandela's 1994 inauguration, many considered themselves the luckiest

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reporter Wolfie Kodesh. Operating to be alive."

BDS joins hysterical chorus against Obama's SA visit BDS South Africa has joined Cosatu and its affiliates, as well as the SA Communist Party, the South African Student Congress, the Muslim Lawyers Association among others, in protesting US President Barack Obama's visit to South Africa. Naming a host of objections to the visit, a media release - in the name of Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions - also mentions "the criminal Israeli occupation of Palestine and Israel's apartheid policies". The BDS maintains that "progressive forces in South Africa have consistently been raising these issues and many others regarding the role of the USA in the global community. We categorically make it known, that the visit of the USA President to South Africa is an unwelcomed visit that will be protested, picketed and resisted by all justice and peace-loving peoples of this country."



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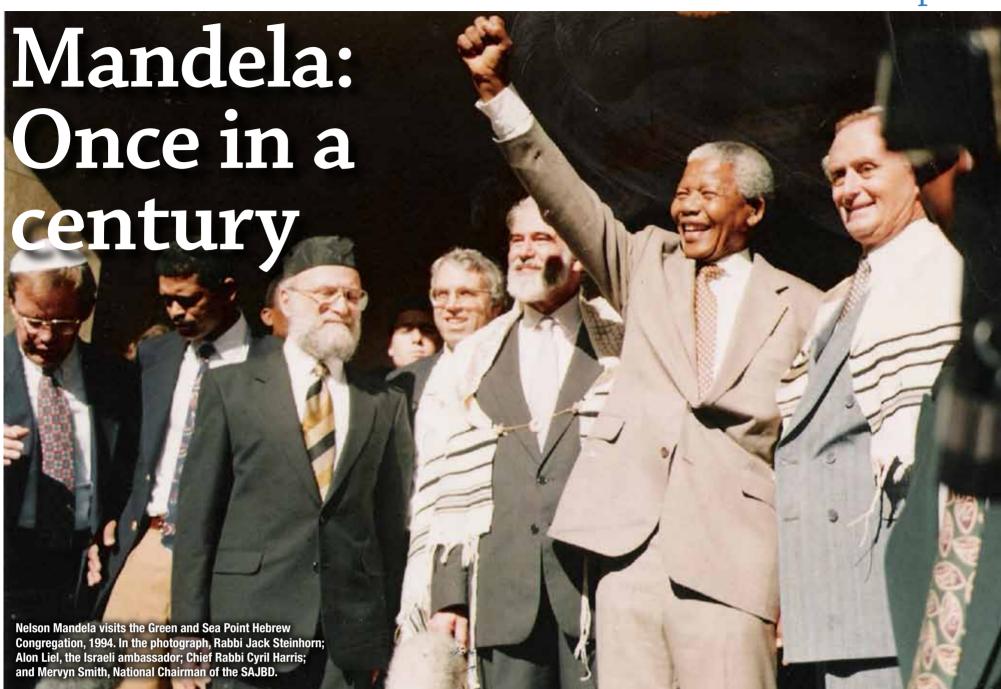
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Jewish Report



GEOFF SIFRIN

The most cherished photographs many people possess, displayed on mantlepieces or in special albums with family and friends, are those showing them next to Nelson Mandela, shaking his hand or receiving that broad smile of his. You find them hanging on the boardroom walls of giant corporations and in classrooms of township schools where he came to speak to children. What a joy to be able to point to a picture and say: "That's me with Madiba!" – brushing shoulders with greatness.

Even this newspaper can claim a connection: the first edition, published on May 15, 1998, carried a message from (then) President Mandela: "Whenever and wherever freedom of expression is upheld, the advent of a newspaper adds to the desirable diversity of voices and enriches the market of ideas.

"I welcome the addition of the South African Jewish Report to the beautiful tapestry of the South African media... in playing a critical role in shaping a new South African policy and culture. I wish your publication success and rapid growth."

What is this magic that made almost all individuals and groups with whom he came into contact feel special? It is hard to define, but it was there in bucketfuls.

Among the many minority groups he got to know well were South African Jews. One of his earliest encounters was in 1941 when, as a young man, he came to Johannesburg from the Eastern Cape seeking work, and was given his first job by Jewish attorney Lazar Sidelsky in his law firm. This act – both unusual and brave – made a lasting impression on Mandela. Later, many white comrades with whom he formed close bonds in the Struggle were leftist Jews. Of the 156 accused in the Treason Trial of 1956, 23

were whites – more than half of them Jews. The 17 activists arrested at Liliesleaf, Rivonia in July 1963, included five whites – all of whom were Jews.

In the 1956 Treason Trial,
Jewish advocate Sydney
Kentridge dealt with Mandela
and said later: "I could
somehow tell from the many
talks I had with him that this
man was a leader – of course
I couldn't have guessed he
would become the leader he,
in fact, became."

Then at Wits University where he studied law, student friends were Jewish. Some of them later defended him in the high-profile trials mentioned above. The defence team in the Treason Trial was headed by advocate Isie Maisels, a respected member of the Johannesburg Bar. Another Jewish advocate, Sydney Kentridge, dealt particularly with Mandela as his counsel.

Kentridge said years later: "I could somehow tell from the many talks I had with him that this man was a leader – of course I couldn't have guessed he would become the leader he, in fact, became."

By the trial's end in 1961, all the defendants had been acquitted. Later, at the 1964 Rivonia Trial, he received a life sentence.

But those early impressions were not consistent. His Jewish connections then were primarily with individuals – as friends, activists, lawyers and newspapermen. With the Jewish majority, he had little contact. Similar to other white groups, only a small

percentage of SA Jews fought apartheid; Jewish radicals were on the margins of the community and often regarded with mistrust and hostility by it. The resentment this caused among Jewish activists still resonates in the community today.

But although most Jews went along with apartheid and benefited from it, they felt an awkward tension with it. They didn't actively support it, voted consistently for liberal opposition parties in elections, and repeatedly backed Parliamentarians like Helen Suzman, who argued against its laws. Jewish women's groups and others worked to alleviate the effects of apartheid on blacks. But still today Jews are ill at ease with the topic.

The Struggle posed moral questions without simple answers: what was Judaism's duty to the oppressed who lived around and among them? What had Jews learnt from their own history of persecution? And did they have the courage to stand up against apartheid when, in this virtual police state, it might damage their community by inviting retribution from the Afrikaans nationalist regime, which was in any case not well disposed towards them and had anti-Semitic tendencies?

After President FW de Klerk announced on February 2, 1990 that the ban on the ANC was being lifted and Mandela would be released after 27 years in prison, a new period began in which he engaged vigorously with mainstream Jewish organisations, philanthropists and businessmen.

Key among them was the SA Jewish Board of Deputies, at whose National Conference in 1993 he was the keynote speaker. Of course, hanging in the background like a dark shadow was the uncomfortable recollection that during apartheid, the SAJBD had adhered to a formal "non-political" policy, saying its mandate was primarily to look after Jewish interests. In the brutal

racial system, this had weighty moral connotations.

Today, the mainstream takes pride in the Jewish activists who fought with Mandela, many of whom were banned, jailed or forced into exile, provoking a retort that it is unfairly claiming the activists' reflected glory.

Mandela's broader contacts with the Jewish community included community upliftment organisation MaAfrika Tikkun, of which he became patron-in-chief. It was – and remains - a proud example of the Jewish community's work among the underprivileged.

Greatness often attracts greatness, and Mandela found a skilled and enthusiastic supporter in Glasgow-born Chief Rabbi, Cyril Harris. He chided and charmed SA Jewry through the complicated process and helped allay their anxieties about what was to come. He arrived in the country in 1988 from London when apartheid's grip was already loosening.

His friendship with Mandela threw into relief the question: why had so few rabbis – the purported conveyors of Jewish values – been active in resisting apartheid? That matter, too, does not have a simple answer and bothers SA Jews until today.

On sighting Harris during his trip to Israel with Jewish leaders, Mandela affectionately proclaimed: "My rabbi has come!" The visit was a major step politically and few aside from Mandela possessed the gravitas to undertake such a thing; hostility to Israel in many political quarters was intense.

Harris was equally warm to Mandela, declaring - when he was being treated by a Jewish doctor for eye problems derived from working in lime quarries of Robben Island during his imprisonment: "We're sorry you are having trouble with your eyes, but we want you to know that there is nothing wrong with your vision."

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Ironically Harris, who had not lived in South Africa during apartheid, testified on behalf of SA Jewry at the Faith Communities Hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1997 about its role. Several white religious leaders apologised for their communities' acquiescence during apartheid. Harris, too, expressed regret for the Jewish community. Other white groups had done no better, but his words caused some Jewish soul-searching.

In 1985 a movement called Jews for Social Justice was started for social action against apartheid, supported by Rabbis Norman Bernhard and Ady Assabi. Again, as the essential reconciler, Mandela attended shortly after his release from prison a Shabbat service at Temple Shalom in Johannesburg, at Assabi's invitation. It provoked some enraged members of Assabi's congregation to protest the invitation, since just prior to it Mandela had appeared on television warmly embracing PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat at Namibia's Independence Day celebrations. But Mandela's magic quickly overcame any opposition amongst SA Jews; they fell in love with him, as all South Africans did.

Mandela possessed profound loyalty to friends and comrades, such as with feisty Helen Suzman. When she was the sole member of the Progressive Party in Parliament, she was the first Parliamentarian to visit the prisoner Mandela on Robben Island and look into the plight of political convicts.

After apartheid he remained close to her, even after she was thoroughly marginalised by the country's new political climate. Suzman commented: "I have been airbrushed out of history by the new regime - but my friend Mandela still comes to see me."

With South African Jews so passionately Zionist, the Israeli-Palestinian question inevitably came up with Mandela. Instinctively, he was more sympathetic to Palestinians than Israelis, given the close links during apartheid between the ANC and the PLO. However, he again showed his magnanimity by attending a ceremony at Oxford Synagogue in Johannesburg in 1995 to honour assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

His trip to Israel in October 1999 with Jewish community leaders was a bold step politically, aimed at repairing political damage caused by Israeli links with apartheid South Africa. Israel had co-operated in military matters with the government, leaving a bitter taste in the ANC and other black movements.

Mandela proposed a plan for Mideast peace, calling on the Arabs to recognise Israel within the 1967 borders, and Israel to give up territory for peace. His proposals were regarded by Israelis and Palestinians as naive. In Gaza, he met with Arafat and, while in Israel, he visited Rabin's grave and Yad Vashem.

His reconciling ethos stands as a stark contrast to what is happening today, where government officials and diplomats behave like loose cannons, making anti-Israel statements, while the leadership says nothing.

A South Africa without Mandela will rightfully pose the question: What is his legacy for the country and world? Certainly in South Africa there is no-one in the current leadership even remotely approaching his visionary stature. And in the Middle East? If only a Mandela could emerge from the Israeli or Palestinian side to do there what Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela did for South Africa.

His lack of bitterness after his release

from imprisonment reassured very nervous whites, Jews among them, that after living with "packed suitcases under the bed" during apartheid, they had a future here after all. Most people always knew, even if they tried to deny it, that apartheid couldn't last forever, no matter how brutal the regime and pervasive the security police in every corner of the society. It seemed likely it would end in a racial bloodbath.

> Under Mandela, there would be no bloodbath. He encouraged all South Africans to join in building a "rainbow nation".

Under Mandela, there would be no bloodbath. He created an atmosphere where minorities felt safe. He encouraged all South Africans to join in building a "rainbow nation". He even invited one of his warders from Robben Island to his presidential inauguration and had lunch with Percy Yutar, a state prosecutor in the Rivonia Trial. He lived the Constitution: "South Africa belongs to all who live in it."

Worldwide he is revered; even the United Nations proclaimed July 18 - his birthday - a special day in his name. His decision to retire after one term as president set an example in a world where in many countries this is unthinkable - witness events in Syria and our neighbour, Zimbabwe, where leaders ruthlessly cling to power, turning their armies against their own people.

Many politicians and groups will try to appropriate him for their own agendas. Even when he was desperately ill, this was cynically done, as with the ANC's embarrassing display of an obviously ailing Mandela for the TV cameras a few months ago.

The void will only be truly felt after he is no longer with us; as a wise writer once observed: "Nobody is more intensely present than the moment of their departure." Even in retirement, away from the public eye, he was still there as a guardian for everything we strive for in this country.

It is gratifying that he received his accolades while still alive and saw his dream of a democratic South Africa come true. Sadly, the standard of our politics has deteriorated since his departure from public life. The ANC has declined so much that even Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has declared that he will not be voting for it in the 2014 elections.

It is unfair to deify Mandela; he was flesh and blood like the rest of us, capable of suffering and erring. Imagine the loneliness and fear he must have endured for so long even while continuing to hold fast to his political principles.

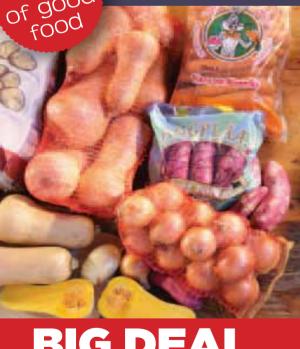
But the phrase "Cometh the hour, cometh the man" could not have been truer than in South Africa. In a world filled with hatred and cynicism, we desperately need again the dignity and integrity of a Mandela, a man who lived in full his own ideal: "In a situation where resentment, anger and revenge would be expected of you, do the surprising thing: forgive, go beyond yourself and find a better option."

We will sorely miss his magic when he's gone. Regretfully, a man like that comes along once in a century.





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On hatred and forgiveness



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In Nineteen Eighty-Four, his unrelentingly bleak vision of humankind in thrall to a merciless totalitarianism, George Orwell relates how his mythical State of Oceania compels all its citizens to observe a daily "Two Minutes Hate" ritual.

All citizens are required to watch a film denouncing the designated enemies of the all-powerful Party and work themselves up into a frenzy of hatred against them.

The real intention of the ritual, naturally, is essentially to sublimate the people's feelings of anger against those who control them towards external, and probably non-existent, enemies. It was and continues to be a standard control mechanism in authoritarian societies.

Dictatorial Arab regimes have routinely used Israel and the Palestinian question, and increasingly rabid conspiracy theories against Jews generally, as a means of diverting people's anger elsewhere.

Closer to home, Mugabe has long been able to deflect internal opposition to his misrule by invoking the legacy of colonialism and the bogey of Western machinations and exploitation.

In my understanding, though, Orwell was

suggesting something even beyond all this. I think he recognised that at some primitive level, the drive to hate is something imbedded in the human psyche.

By tapping into it, his all-powerful, all-knowing controllers systematically work the populace into a condition of berserk, brutish fury, a near-bestial state in which such higher human virtues of rational thought, tolerance, altruism and compassion are obliterated. In this way, the people themselves are brutalised, and as such are easier to control.

Has this profoundly dark aspect of the human personality been made any worse by modern electronic communication? One could argue, not necessarily.

Looking back in history, one finds everywhere the same festering fears, prejudices and paranoia over imaginary forces of evil, with this all too often provoking hideous atrocities. Nor have such atrocities always come about through the perpetrators having been worked up into a state of irrational rage.

What is truly horrifying is how often they have been carried out with calm, coldblooded deliberation.

All that is needed is for the victims to have been demonised and dehumanised beforehand, so that even torturing them to death evokes no pity.

For certain rogue individuals, merely believing themselves in the truth of racist or anti-Semitic ideologies is not enough; in addition, they seek to propagate their views to others, and in this regard the Internet, Facebook, Twitter and other vehicles that have revolutionised contemporary mass communication have undoubtedly facilitated their ability to do so.

No longer are the assorted racists, religious bigots or conspiracy theorists of the world forced to circulate their ideologies through peddling grubby underground pamphlets. Now, they can jostle for space online with the most respected intellectual publications.

Last year, the Mail & Guardian recently exposed the pro-Nazi, anti-Jewish conspiracy theorist views of Reserve Bank-elected director Stephen Goodson. One of the far-right websites with which he was associated was Incogman.net, whose home page advises: "All you nation-wrecking Khazar Jews and Israel-Firster HasbaRATs, braindead White Multicults and Marxists, sicko Sodomites and Lezbos, perverted Pedophile Molesters, freaky Gender-benders, greasy Illegal Mestizos, cocaine-crazed and criminal Negroes - or whatever bizarre combination of the above - all of you scumbags had better beware that commenting here risks incarceration in my SPAMblinka concentration camp!"

Along with the constant stream of cyber hate, old fashioned handwritten hate mail, invariably anonymous, continues to be received. Revolting as the sentiments expressed are, one feels after a while a twinge of sympathy for the sad, grubby minds that produce them.

I personally have received at least 20 from one particular offender, whose most recent love letter included a compilation of all the Jewish death notices in The Star during 2012 that he/she had carefully cut out and was now gloating over as evidence of the Divine punishment.

This particular individual is probably mentally ill; the same cannot be said for writers of other hate mail that I've seen, whose calculated, deliberate intent to wound is evidence of rational, if poisoned minds.

Amidst all this hopeless contemplation of the sheer evil of which the human heart is capable, one thinks of the words of a great man, now on the brink of leaving this world, who by his example taught us otherwise:

"People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

"Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me and keep me going.

"Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished."

When dwelling on the legacy left by the author of Long Walk to Freedom in the days and years to come, this is the aspect of what he had to teach that one hopes will be continually emphasised.



Horwitz's arguments lack historical context

MAURICE OSTROFF JERUSALEM

Kudos to the SA Jewish Report for giving Allan Horwitz the right of reply to Victor Gordon's letter of June 7. But right of reply shouldn't be abused by using the last word in a discussion to mislead with blatant misinformation.

I therefore ask for the right to correct misleading aspects of Horwitz's article "JNF role in forced removals under the loupe". For those unfamiliar with the word, a loupe is the small magnifying glass used by watchmakers.

And with great respect I suggest that by focusing on the minutiae with a magnifying glass, Horwitz deprives his readers of the broader context that is absolutely essential to understanding any subject.

Horwitz egregiously withholds from his readers the fact that the basis of his attack on the JNF, namely restriction on JNF land transfers, was abandoned as long ago as 2004.

The High Court then ruled that the state cannot discriminate between Arabs and Jews in land allocation. Furthermore, it ruled that the couple involved in this case could pay the price prevailing in 1995 when they first sought to buy in the village of Katzir.

Rather than interpret the JNF intention in 1901 to buy land for a people who then had no land of their own as a form of affirmative action equivalent to actions adopted in the US and South Africa to compensate underprivileged people, Horwitz regards the JNF's intention as sinister.

Yet he is apparently unmoved by the PA law under which Palestinians who sell land to Jews are subject to the death penalty and the fact that several Palestinians have in fact been summarily executed.

Horwitz's magnifying glass is so intensely focused on exaggerating every Israeli wart, that he appears unconcerned about the extant total prohibition on alienating any Waqf property in Israel and the Islamic world or Article Eleven of the Hamas charter which declares that "the land of Palestine is an Islamic Waqf consecrated for future Muslim generations until Judgement Day... any part of it should not be given up..."

Similarly his reference to relocating Bedouin villages lacks context. Yes, the Prawer plan is contentious and many Israelis including the writer oppose it in its present form.

But it is not a JNF matter and it is disingenuous to use it in an attack on the JNF. It was approved by government in September 2011 and has since undergone several amendments.

Characteristically Horwitz omitted mentioning that it provided that the villagers be relocated to new cities with proper sanitation and facilities and offered between \$1,7 and \$2,4 billion compensation.

It is irresponsible to simplistically condemn efforts to improve the complex lot of nomadic tribes whose land rights were not recognised by Ottoman nor British law, nor presently by most surrounding Arab states.

Yet in Israel the need to improve their lot is widely recognised as expressed in the report on the Prawer plan by former Cabinet Minister Benny Begin in January 2013.

"The Bedouins in the Negev, today numbering approximately 200 000 persons, are citizens with equal rights in the State of Israel and as such are entitled to an economic/social framework that will enable them to realise the opportunities for growth that are available to citizens of Israel".

Relocating residents of slums to better housing is common in many countries including South Africa and it is not uncommon for intended beneficiaries to refuse to be moved to better housing.

A 2005 study by the Centre on Hous-



ing Rights
and Evictions,
reported that in
Imbali outside
Pietermaritzburg, more than
100 houses had
been vacant
since completion because the
intended beneficiaries refused to

take occupation claiming the houses were far from Pietermaritzburg.

On Horwitz's home ground there is much that deserves his attention and competent pen.

In October 2008 the Mail and Guardian published an article headlined "New land Act like apartheid", reporting that land ownership rights of about half of South Africa's population hinges on a court action by handing control of their communally owned land to traditional leaders for administration.

Both new South Africa and Israel must cater for different ethnic communities with distinct cultural and religious backgrounds. While polygamy is unlawful for the general population, tribal law permits President Jacob Zuma to have several wives.

Hopefully Horwitz will admit there is something laudable in the JNF's achieve-

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ments recorded in his article:

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SAD DAY THAT THE BEYACHAD LIBRARY IS NOW A REFERENCE LIBRARY ONLY

For many years I have enjoyed borrowing books from the Beyachad Library and reading them at my leisure. I recently visited the library in order to borrow two books of importance to me and was horrified to learn that the library is no longer a lending library and has been declared a reference library only.

It is self-evident that powers that be have resolved to in effect close the library to members of our community, thereby depriving them of their right to enjoy the wealth of information contained in the thousands of books relating to everything Jewish.

It would be appreciated if the unfortunate people charged with running the library would enlighten me as to what their objective is

in depriving me of the pleasure I would have derived by reading two books of some 350 pages, each relating to the wars of Israel, over a period of three weeks. It saddens me that the books in question will never again be read by members of our community.

The mind boggles at the sheer stupidity of those charged with arriving at the decision to in effect close the library. It is self-evident that those faceless people, whoever they may be, have no idea what purpose a library serves. I can only conclude that they are simple ignorant folk who do not themselves read books and wish to impose on others their limited standards.

Martin Frack Houghton, Johannesburg I must object to Shira Druion's contention that all that is left of the Wolmarans Street Shul in Johannesburg's inner city, is "sweet memories". What is left is an en-

JEWISH COMMUNITY MUST BUY BACK WOLMARANS STREET SHUL BUILDING

We can no longer sweep what has developed into a desecration of our oldest Jewish site (in Johannesburg) under the rug. The time has come for the community to unite and establish a fund for the buying back of the synagogue, under the aegis of the SAJBD or the Great Park Shul or even a drive by the SA

tire synagogue, intact apart from the men's seating.

Jewish Report.

If German Lutherans can keep their Hillbrow site, what an embarrassment it is that we Jews appear not to care about our shul. A high profile Chillul Hashem in our "mikdash me'at", can yet be halted.

I urge the many who feel the same way to act and individuals with influence, to take the initiative.

Anthony Levin Glenhazel, Johannesburg

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Beth Sarafraz and Rivka Berger Brooklyn, New York

WILL TUTU NOW ALSO WANT TO ACT AGAINST BARBRA STREISAND?

Barbra Streisand attended the 90th birthday party for President Shimon Peres last week, where she sang two songs for him and the huge audience present.

Among the audience was the Chief of the Israeli Defence Forces. At the end of the proceedings the audience stood to attention with the singing of Hatikvah. Barbra Streisand sang along with gusto.

She also received an honorary doctor of philosophy degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and she will give two concerts in Israel before returning to America.

Considering these facts, I wonder if Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and his cohorts will now campaign not to have Streisand movies shown in South Africa, or to ban her records from being played on radio here?

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DON'T LET THE PAST REMAIN A BURDEN TO US

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The once all powerful church no longer demonises the Jews and we are free to openly practise our religion in almost every country. It is now difficult to imagine a priest or the Czar getting up and inciting a pogrom as they used to do. In fact, some of the churches have begun to favour Israel.

Jews are no longer confined to ghettos or shtetls and are allowed to study in universities and practise any profession and to prosper, as well as to own land.

With the exception of isolated attacks and the rightwing fringe, most of the anti-Semitism has shifted to the Islamic world and centres on the existence of Israel.

Largely as a result of our difficult past, we usually assume that any criticism of Israel can only be motivated by anti-Semitism. Yet, following the Six Day War when Israel was still considered to be the underdog, many of these leftwing activists enthusiastically supported the Hebrew State.

However, the sentiment has since changed. These activists often don't realise that the Israeli government feels compelled to adopt tough, unpopular security measures to ensure her survival in an extremely tough neighbourhood, where the Jews are vastly outnumbered by hostile Islamic militants who wish to

destroy them.

It is not useful or healthy to focus only on the worst of the past, nor should we exaggerate these horrors and highlight only those who persecuted us. Some might argue that this is vital to ensure our survival, but I believe that this will drain and weaken us. We will not forget the past, but let it not remain as a burden.

For example, responding to my letter in the SAJR, Don Krausz agreed that the German death camps (where most of the "Final Solution" was conducted), were run in secret by the fanatical SS.

However, he argued that the murder of one and a half million Jews by the Einzatzgruppen (German killing battalions) had been widely known to the East Europeans.

Indeed, a reading of this history reveals some knowledge and even participation by a number of them.

But it also reveals righteous gentiles who risked their lives to save our people. (Remember that the SS killed anyone attempting to help Jews). As an example, the Russians opened their frontier to Jews escaping from the Nazis, enabling many to survive.

So, let us remember the past, but not only focus on the worst of it, for that will make us bitter or depressed, robbed of joy and goodwill towards others.

It is time to enjoy this enlightened age!

Martin Zagnoev Johannesburg



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The stories digress poetically into almost choreographed nuance

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REVIEWED BY ROBYN SASSEN

There is a passage in Alban Berg's opera Wozzeck (1925) that skitters between horror and whimsy. A murder happens. But the murderer is under the pall of a kind of a dream. He's possessed by the world's pressures, abuse from his employers, deception from his lover; he's the pivot in a rotten environment that we watch crumble.

Similarly, Sack's Exquisite Corpse, a film with input by Gwydion Beynon and music by Carlo Mombelli, embraces otherworldly violence. It's beautiful, often erotic and uplifting and yet, breathe in breathe out a bit and think about what you have seen and it remains relentlessly violent.

Like some of the work in Conrad Botes' and Anton Kannemeyer's Bittercomix, this ambiguous violence is the touchstone of Philosopher Kings, an extraordinarily thoughtful exhibition which meshes with Sack's memories of growing up in a mining town, replete as it is with

the horror of corruption, but the beauty of love.

The exhibition has several components, all of which demand attention: You cannot breeze through this show emotionally unscathed. The 12 wall-mounted works in brush or pen and ink, are true to an approach established by Sack some years ago; each is a series, exploring the work as a story, comprising cleanly bracketed-off images, part of a whole.

In one, the flurry of lovemaking renders both participants abstract bits of flame, in another, the blurred complexity of mob violence is bounced off the faces of individuals.

There's distinct oriental simplicity and flavour in the mark-making and compositional decisions taken. The stories digress poetically into almost choreographed nuances, but embrace critical reflection about the 1922 mine strikes under Jan Smuts' government, and the 2012 ones, under Cyril Ramaphosa, at Marikana.

There's a resonance of murkiness between the facts and resolutions of both. Different, but similar.

Alongside visual essays about love, loss, train windows and telephone calls, there're others engaging with Highveld storms and the itchy ochre landscape of this place

































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Philosopher Kings: Smuts Decides, by Jonah Sack. Brush and ink on paper.

we call Johannesburg.

Devoid of ochre, devoid of context, the cleanly described images evoke pen and wash works by Adolph Jentsch from the mid-20th century in Namibia, easily one of South Africa's most neglected but most skilled watercolourists.

There's also an installation invoking power play between the absent artist and the present gallery visitor. You breathe a whiff of Kentridge in slide projectors in which you get to riffle through details of the works at your own pace and look each protagonist in the eye. As powerful as this gesture is, so are screens for these projections, scaffoldings in dowel sticks, evocative. They're ephemeral monuments,

making you think not only of headgear on Johannesburg's face, but of drive-in screens, also a diminishing bit of nostalgia.

Without being derivative and demonstrating Sack's ability to dialogue with other artists conceptually, Philosopher Kings takes him to new critical levels of fresh, brave integrity.

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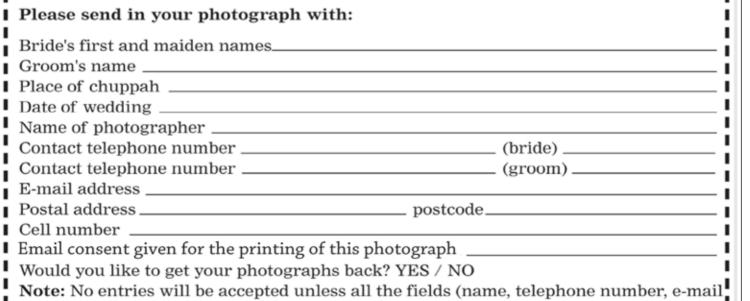


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Groom's name: Garth Musikanth **Place of chuppah**: Lourensford Wine

Estate, Somerset West

Date of wedding: February 28, 2013 Photographer: DNA Photographers



PERRY KIM HOTZ

Groom's name: Larry Geffen
Place of chuppah: Sandton Shul
Date of wedding: March 17, 2013
Photographer: Andywayne Photography

ERRY KIM HUIZ





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

Presidential Conference manifestation of Jewish pride

Israel's Presidential Conference, a gathering of world leaders, celebrities and leading thinkers hosted by Israeli President Shimon Peres, took place in Jerusalem last week. There was a strong South African presence at the event, including members of the SAJBD from Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban and representatives of Habonim Dror and the SA Union of Jewish Students.

During her visit, our National Director Wendy Kahn, also participated in a full-day meeting and dinner as part of the Global Coalition for Israel, hosted by the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora Jewry.

There were between four and five thousand delegates in attendance, half of whom were from outside Israel. The event itself was enormously inspiring, not just in the way it showcased the extraordinary achievements of the Jewish State, but in the wonderful spirit of pride, enthusiasm, unity and continual desire to learn from and share with one another that was so manifest throughout.

For me, it reinforced who we are and why we do what we do as Jewish communal leaders. It further demonstrated, in a most uplifting and joyous way, why we so treasure our Jewish heritage and feel so strong a commitment to being a part of it.

All those in attendance were energised by the positivity of the occasion. We saw fascinating presentations on what Israel is achieving in the fields of science and technology, heard the uplifting messages of support from such world statesmen as Tony Blair and Bill Clinton and learned more about what the Jewish world as a whole is

accomplishing for Israel.

The sheer diversity of the gathering, collectively presenting a vibrant mosaic of Jewish peoplehood today, was also very striking.

A special focus of the conference was to pay tribute to Shimon Peres on his 90th birthday and to his lifetime of distinguished achievement as a statesman who is today esteemed throughout the world. Regardless of their particular political beliefs and affiliations, all were proud to acknowledge the life and career of this distinguished Jewish leader.

Shortly after the conference, the SAJBD's Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft participated in the official opening of the new shul in Telmond, a relatively young Israeli community. The shul incorporates the interior furnishing of the former Pietersburg Hebrew Congregation, which donated them, along with a Sefer Torah, to the Telmond community.

It represents just one more way in which South African Jewry has made itself a part of the story of the reborn Jewish national homeland and its continued growth and development.

Following our return, we have been informed of several disturbing incidents of anti-Semitic harassment and intimidation. In this case, thanks mainly to the CSO and with the Board's involvement, one of the main perpetrators of these acts has now been arrested and will shortly face charges.

It was a reminder that no matter where they are, Jews need always to be vigilant regarding possible threats of this nature. That being acknowledged, we must never allow those who wish us harm to restrict our capacity to cherish and celebrate the Jewish heritage and express our pride in who we are.

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----- A column of ORT South Africa -----



ORT SA really makes a difference



Yehuda Kay ORT CEO

Seventy-six-year-old ORT SA has a strong affiliation to World ORT. In South Africa, ORT SA's three departments affect some 24 000 people on a daily

The Educator Empowerment Division runs projects for teachers in 250 primary schools in disadvantaged areas in Gauteng and the Western Cape (through ORT SA Cape's Robotics and Enrichment programmes) reaching 22 000 children and empowering 558 teachers with classroom-based support and IT tools, in keeping with world trends in digital education.

The Skills Development Division is graduating 250 high school pupils with diverse diplomas and work-readiness programmes to arm them with more than just their mat-

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As an accredited Microsoft training institution, the ORT SA IT Academy has already trained over 200 people in basic computer skills at reduced rates.

The fundraising arm runs the ORT SA Golf Classic, now in its 40th year and the famous, younger ORT SA generation runs marathons and climbs mountains to generate income.

Under the present National Executive Committee with Brian Joffe as president, ORT SA continues to be a leader among educational NGOs in South Africa for the benefit of all.

"What better way to fulfil 'tikkun olam' than to help so many people have a fighting chance in today's difficult world?" says Kay.

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TA pupils bring succour to those in line at Orchards Clinic



SUZANNE BELLING

In sub-zero temperatures they stand from as early as 5 o'clock in the morning to secure their place in the queue outside the Orchards Clinic adjacent to Torah Academy.

Witnessing mothers, babies and older children shivering in the cold, prompted Torah Academy staff members Bee Steiner and Chani Zwick to spur the Primary School pupils on to perform mitzvoth.

But what originally began last year as 67 minutes for Mandela Day, has been ongoing for over a year with children from grades 4 to 6 handing out hot chocolate and sandwiches to those standing in line awaiting their turn to receive medical attention.

Wednesdays were allocated to Torah Academy by the head nurse at the clinic, with other volunteers given different days to ease the plight of those standing in line.

One of the patients, Annah Dikgale, said she

welcomed the arrival of the TA learners - and the hot drinks and food.

"It really helps a lot of people, especially now in the cold weather," she said.

"The children are encouraged to make the sandwiches at home and bring them along, while we prepare the pot of hot chocolate," Steiner said. "This year we again decided not to wait until Mandela's birthday - the assistance is needed throughout the winter months."

She pointed out that inspirational cards prepared by the school were given to patients. These outline the seven Noahide laws. According to Judaism, any non-Jew who adheres to these laws is regarded as a righteous gentile, and is assured of a place in the world to come.

Grade 6 girls handing out the sandwiches and drinks are Danit Krawitz; Dinky Zwick; Hindy Feinblum; and Shevi Sarchi. Recipients pictured are Rita Monga and Bonny Thezue, with Peter Monga and Anita Thezue sitting on the wall.



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KDL puts focus on the everdiminishing rhino population



EDEN PLEIN

As part of Generation Earth's second term initiatives, "The Diminishing Rhino" was put up on the wall outside the Beit Midrash of King David High School Linksfield.

This life-size mural of a rhino, made up of over 200 pieces of black paper, serves to represent the few rhinos left in the world and to reminds everyone that they must do all they can to save the rhinos so that future generations will still be able to see them.

The project's aim was to physically demonstrate how every time 10 rhinos were poached, a piece of

paper would be taken down, representing how the number of rhinos drastically decreased every day.

The idea was that over time, as the mural became emptier and emptier, more and more awareness would be raised and this would influence King Davidians to take an even firmer stand against rhino poaching.

Including a Shabbat collection, a large portion of the money raised by Generation Earth 2013, has gone to a foundation that uses the money to inject a special dye into the rhinos' horns, making them absolutely useless to poachers. Hopefully through this project, we will see the rhino population increasing.

CT's Herzlia Schools join prestigious 'Ruderman family'

SHIRA DRUION

Organisations in the United States, South Africa, Israel and Argentina, were on Monday awarded with the Ruderman Prize in Disability for the contribution they have made to assist an inclusive spectrum of learners

The annual prize, by the Ruderman Family Foundation, recognises organisations operating innovative programmes and services dedicated to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in their local Jewish community.

The winners who were chosen from an exclusive group of 244 applicants, were: B'nai Amoona Synagogue (St Louis, Missouri), AMIT (Israel), Fundación Judaica (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and Sunflower Bakery (Gaithersburg, Maryland). They each received \$50 000 to continue their work. Herzlia Schools in Cape Town have also been recognised by the Ruderman Family Foundation.



The mission of the Ruderman Family Foundation is to promote innovation that fosters inclusion of people with disabilities in the Jewish community and Israel, and to strengthen relationships between Israel and the US Jewish community.

"All of this year's winners are organisations which are not solely focused on the issue of disability, but who have developed innovative programmes to include people with disabilities in the overall mission of their organisation," says Jay Ruderman, president of the Ruderman Family Foundation.

"We hope that they serve as shining examples to the rest of the Jewish world of how people with disabilities can be included in all aspects of life."

Herzlia Schools adopted an inclusion philosophy in 1997. "Today all our 10 campuses can proudly boast that we are inclusive schools that cater for all the children of the Cape Town Jewish community, no matter what their academic, physical or financial situation may be," said Geoff Cohen, Herzlia's director of education (pictured).

The "Herzlia Inclusion Programme" has evolved into a sophisticated, fully fledged programme with 50 staff where support is offered at each stage of the child's academic journey, according to Cohen.

They currently employ 21 fulltime learning support teachers, five part-time, six fulltime facilitators, plus seven remedial staff. This excludes another 20 teachers and staff who are paid directly by parents. The number of pupils requiring extensive learning support has grown from five in 1997 to 80 this year.

"The transformation of Herzlia into a school that offers a fully-fledged inclusion programme has been the most important, rewarding aspect of my 33 years in education, "says Cohen. "It is so gratifying to know that our work in the area of inclusive education has been recognised and we are humbled and honoured to be a recipient of this most prestigious prize."

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The chairman of the SA Jewish Report, Howard Feldman is "having a bit of a 'germ phobia'. I am

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Shaking a hand not so cool

on a one-man mission to eliminate handshaking at shuls in the winter months," he said. "No one is taking me seriously but I am convinced that if we were to do this, we would eliminate many winter ailments, increase productivity/ mood and have less 'sick days'.

"I approached Prof Barry Schoub, who heads up at the Institute of Virology about this; he explained the concept of the 'coughing index' to me, where they gauge illness levels by the amount of people coughing in an environment.

"Apparently shuls are a hot-bed. Prof Schoub didn't support my campaign but he didn't laugh at me either, which I took as a positive sign."

There's actually a website to support this perspective. Called www.stophandshaking.com, it is endorsed by the Mayo Clinic. It explains that the fashion of the handshake has been around since the 2nd Century BCE and that it served as a means of indicating that one is not concealing

According to the Centre for Disease Control, 80 per cent of all infections are transmitted by hands. Flu and cold germs typically spread from person to person through coughing or sneezing.

Today Friday (June 28)

 UZLC hosts Jewish Report arts editor Robyn Sassen on "From Where I Sit: What Being an Arts Editor for a Community Newspaper is Like". Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 - 14:00. Contact: Gloria, 072-127-9421 or (011) 485-4851.

Sunday (June 30)

- · RCHCC screens "Man on Ground" by Nigerian-born SA director Akin Omotoso. He will be present for a Q & A after the screening. The film looks at the xenophobic violence in South Africa. It has been selected for several international film festivals, including the Toronto, Berlin and African International Film Festivals. 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 or e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@ telkomsa.net or www.greatpark.co.za
- Northfield Shul hosts Hugh Raichlin who will give an audiovisual presentation on the shtetlach of Lithuania, also including photographs he took. Time: 19:30. Cost: R70 (incl tea and refreshments). Bookings: E-mail $rozannesack@gmail.com\ or\ SMS\ Rozanne\ on$ 082-469-6610.
- · Hospice Flea Boot Market held at the Checkers car park on Barry Hertzog Ave in Em-

However, if you've touched something with germs on it, then touch your nose or mouth, you may also become infected. Indeed, scientists estimate that people who do not wash their hands sufficiently or sufficiently thoroughly, are spreading germs.

"Germs live everywhere," they say. "You can find germs on just about every surface - including your own body. Most germs won't harm you. Your immune system protects you against a multitude of infectious agents. However, some germs are formidable adversaries because they're constantly mutating to breach your immune system's defences."

The Bradley Corporation in Wisconsin recently established in a research that only 54 per cent of men actually wash their hands after using public toilets. Research in this field has been viral since the outbreak of the H1N1 flu scares in 2005, and they concluded "hand-washing may be your single most important act to help stop the spread of infection and stay healthy."

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Wednesday (July 3)

- Chabad House's Jewish Learning, presents the second lecture in a virtual tour of ancient Jerusalem, "Heaven on Earth", a three-week interactive course that recreates the ancient Temples from the ground up. Venue: Chabad's Goodness & Kindness Centre. Time: 19:00 - 20:30. Contact: Rabbi Ari Kievman 079-434-1293 or e-mail jli@chabad.org.za
- UJW CT adult education programme hosts Pamela Shippel who will talk on "The Joys and Oys of the Restaurant Business". Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Entrance: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).

Thursday (July 4)

• JHGC in partnership with Ditsong National Museum of Military History - Rwanda Genocide Commemoration, screens the documentary "Keepers of Memory" at Military Museum, 22 Erlswold Way, Saxonwold. Time: 18:30 for 19:00. Booking essential. Call (011) 640-3100 or thuli@jhbholocaust.co.za

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SA Maccabi team benefit from generous community



ROCKING THE BOAT Jack Milner

Raising money to get a team to the Maccabiah, gets tougher each time. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, the price goes up significantly every four years and secondly, there is less free money floating around.

On the first issue, if my memory serves me correct, in 2005 the cost to go to the Maccabiah was around R25 000. Eight years later it has doubled. At this rate it will cost around R100 000 by the time we get to 2021.

I don't know what will happen if it gets so badly out of hand, but I do believe one has to commend the generosity of the Jewish community who, despite having to be cajoled, or wined and dined, have the heart to give generously when the chips are down.

Over the past few weeks I have attended two functions that have been used to raise funds for a team that will be flying out just a few weeks from now.

The first was the Maccabi Sportsmen's Banquet. It was held at the Sandton Shul Hall and almost all the guests were Jewish. On Monday night Maccabi Soccer, along with Rodney Berman and his company Golden Gloves, staged a box-and-dine tournament to raise funds for the Maccabi SA soccer teams, who I understand will comprise approximately one third of the local delegation.

While there were a number of Jewish people at the dinner, the majority were not. However, the event was also used to raise money for young, struggling boxers.

At both events sports memorabilia and a few other items such as holidays or watches, were auctioned off. The disparity between the money raised at the two events was staggering. Around eight items were auctioned off at the boxing event and they raised around R56 000. It was not a bad contribution by any means, but it paled into insignificance when compared to the banquet.

One just needs to look at a single item - a photograph collage of former Springbok scrumhalf, Joost van der Westhuizen. Joost, who was at the Maccabi banquet, is suffering from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, a form of motor neuron disease, and his prognosis is not good.

He played in 89 Test matches for the Boks and as a result only 89 of these collages were crafted and they are all signed by Joost. It sold for R7 000 at the box-and-dine function but at the banquet it went for a remarkable R100 000.

As the person who bought it commented: "It's only money.". It was more about the contribution than about the memento itself.

The box-and-dine function was staged at Emperors Palace and those who attended were able to watch some of the country's top younger boxers in action. The main supporting bout, also over 10 rounds, was between Ashley Dlamini and Koos Sibiya for the Gauteng Junior Lightweight title. Dlamini

is trained by Colin Nathan who operates out of his gym in Glenhazel and he was on hand to see his fighter in action.

Dlamini started off well but was unable to put away his challenger. However, when the final bell enough. In one of those strange quirks of

boxing, one judge scored the fight for Sibiya, the other for Dlamini and the third saw it as a draw. As a result the fight was declared a draw and no winner was declared.

It made me think back to a former boxing judge who once told me that unless someone



sounded it did appear Boxing trainer Colin Nathan and his charge, Ashley Dlamini, were as if Dlamini had done in action at Monday night's box-and-dine at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg, in order to raise money for the SA Maccabi soccer teams.

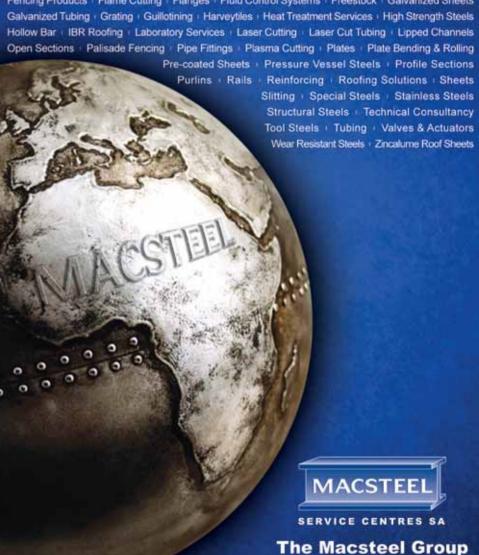
actually takes charge of the fight, this is the fairest result. In other words, someone needs to do enough to win the fight, otherwise the status quo should remain.

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SAZF and Maccabi SA wish SA athletes well

Last Sunday evening, the SAZF, together with Maccabi SA, hosted a cocktail party in honour of the South African team participating in the forthcoming Maccabi Games in Israel. The event was well attended by all the participating athletes and the excitement was evident as they all wait in anticipation.

The SAZF says in a media release this is the largest contingent that South Africa has ever sent to the Maccabiah and is also the largest team per capita based on the size of various Diaspora communities.



The youngest and oldest participants for this year's Maccabiah: gymnast Tannah Levick (8) and Isaac Joffe (88) - tennis.



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