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The Theodor Herzl butterflies are flying off to Houston

Hundreds of butterflies decorated by Theodor Herzl pupils in Port Elizabeth, will soon flit their way to Houston in the US, part of a poignant commemorative exhibition, the Butterfly Project. The kaleidoscope of more than 1,5 million hand-crafted butterflies will be a breath-taking tribute to the same number of children who died in the Holocaust. Children of mixed denominations worldwide will contribute their two-dimensional creations to the Butterfly Project, which has been organised by the Holocaust Museum in Houston. Pictured with colourful butterflies, are (behind) Isabella Costa Gamaleri; Ethan Kilbansky; Lathitha Mhlaba; and Teagan Hamer. Front: Theodor Herzl art teacher Heather Rijs; Sameera Scharneck; and Hebrew teacher Sheila Liss.

SABC removes anti-Semitic image from its website

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GOLDSTUCK: AR.Drone: the next big toy?

Ultimately, we're probably not going to get away with claiming it is more than just a toy. But it is. It is the toy that has given other toys a new lease on life. Wi-Fi-controlled devices are popping out of the woodwork everywhere.

Baritone Colin **Schachat** back in SA for Spring Opera Gala on September

SAKS: 'Conscience-stricken Jews' guilty of more than narcissistic grandstanding

The confident assumption history will repeat itself is over-optimistic, not only because the apartheid analogy is baseless, but the international climate has moved on from the post-colonial environment that fostered so strong a reaction to anti-black racism.

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DIY destiny

Do Jews believe in destiny? And if so, where does that leave me and all my plans?

This week in Deuteronomy 22.8 we read: Ki tivne bayit chadash... when you build a new house, you must place a guardrail around your roof so that you will not bring blood upon your house should any man fall from the unenclosed roof.'

In the olden days, most roofs were flat and people would use them as entertain-

The Hebrew wording is Ki yipol hanofel. Now, literally, hanofel means, "the one who falls" which the commentators say implies that this individual was actually destined to fall off a roof and lose his life.

So the question is: If that person was, in fact, pre-ordained to fall, why is it my fault just because it happened in my house? Why am I responsible for him acting out his destiny?

Jewish philosophers would answer this question by saying that although we do definitely believe in destiny and that whatever happens is part of the Almighty's vast eternal plan; nonetheless, every individual has an obligation to do his best to prevent tragedy. We must take precautions. Although we believe in miracles we are not permitted to rely upon them.

There is a Yiddish proverb that "the man destined to drown will drown even in a glass of water". But that doesn't mean that you have to be the one to put his head



PARSHAT KI SEITZEI Rabbi Yossi Goldman Sydenham Highlands North Shul

In short, we believe in the concept of bashert but we mustn't live by it. Otherwise, why go to work? We say in the Bentsching (grace after meals) that G-d is the feeder and provider for all. So if G-d will support me why must I shlep off to work?

Clearly, this is not the Jewish attitude. That's why it is a commandment of the Torah to safeguard our health. Likewise, we are not to live dangerously by leaving roofs unenclosed or swimming pools unfenced or our doors unlocked.

One may ask: Is it not an expression of faith to leave it all to G-d? To put our trust implicitly in Him that He will provide? That He will protect and guard us from ac-

The answer is an emphatic NO. "G-d helps those who help themselves." Far from being an irreligious statement, this is quite consistent with Jewish belief.

Elsewhere, the Torah states that "Hashem, your G-d, shall bless you in all that you do." Meaning that to succeed in any endeavour, we need G-d's blessing, but He blesses us in all that we do. So, in order to merit His blessing, we must first lay the ground work and create the opportunity for Hashem's blessings to work.

It's like the farmer who knows that the success of his crop depends on G-d granting rain, but the blessing of rain will only help after the farmer has tilled, ploughed and planted.

Remember the story of the shlemiel who kept praying to G-d three times daily that He help him win the lottery and solve all his financial problems. Day after day he implored the Almighty to grant him his personal salvation via the lottery.

When the lottery was drawn, unfortunately our shlemiel was not the winner. So he went back to Shul the next day and cried out to G-d bitterly, "Hashem you let me down, I prayed so hard. Why didn't I win the lottery?"

And a deep, booming voice rang out from the Heavens saying: "Because you never bought a ticket, dummy!"

This concept applies to everything in life. As Gary Player said: "The more I practise, the luckier I get."

If you want to be mazel'dig, don't depend on mazel alone. If you want to have nachas from your children, don't rely on the luck of the draw that they will marry the right person. Parents have to plough and plant (and pray very hard) for nachas to happen.

In the words of the Psalmist which we say in Shir Ha'maalot (Psalm 126): "He who sows with tears, will reap in joy."

Uthando Centre brings hope to inner city kids

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY **SUZANNE BELLING**

Change came from people who were "incredibly irritated" with this country's status quo, Afrika Tikkun CEO Marc Lubner told a capacity audience at the opening of the Afrika Tikkun Uthando Centre by Gauteng MEC for Infrastructure Development, Qedani Mahlangu on Constitutional Hill, Braamfontein, last

healthcare.

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Dubbed "A Heart for Children", the Uthando Centre is yet another feather in the cap of upliftment for Afrika Tikkun, this time providing inhabitants of Johannesburg's decaying inner city with basic needs, including childcare, nutrition and Located in a section of the old



Marc Lubner, CEO of Afrika Tikkun; Gauteng MEC for Infrastructure Development Qedani Mahlangu; and founder and executive chairman of Afrika Tikkun Bertie Lubner, at the Uthando Centre launch.

Transvaal Memorial Children's Hospital and owned by the Department of Health, it was identified by Afrika Tikkun in early 2010. The organisation began fundraising in earnest in order to develop what it terms a "centre of excellence" - this from a building that had been unoccupied for years and had to undergo total renovation, including removing the deadly blue asbestos present in the

Uthando means "love", which is what the founders of Afrika Tikkun - the late Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris and Chairman Bertie Lubner - envisaged, according to Marc Lubner.

"When they started this organisation, they hoped to provide a place where less privileged children would have the same amenities as their own. Our slogan is: 'We have a Heart for Children'; with the opening of this centre, our heart got bigger."

Uthando will enable Afrika Tikkun to increase the number of children in its early childhood development extend the number of benefi-



Miss SA Teen 2011, Celeste Khumalo, "ambassador" for Afrika Tikkun, and Manny Mhlanga, general manager of the Uthando Centre, with children from the centre who provided entertainment at the opening.

ciaries assisted by the centre to 18 000.

"We are now able to offer the same holistic programme as at our other centres and implement our 'cradle to career' interventions, bringing hope to Hillbrow and its surrounds," said Marc Lubner. He added that apartheid had robbed the community of leadership and that the centre was faced with the gramme from 188 to 250 and difficult task of reversing the situ- of your centres are going to take

MEC Mahlangu termed the centre an "important milestone in SA history". Many children in this country did not have access to tools for development.

"The development of a young person is not an event, it's a process. We have to be patient, (but) with the work being done in the centre, you are building a new South Africa... Children coming out South Africa to the next level."

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'Religion – a powerful force for the good in the country'



Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein with Imam Rashid Omar, chairman, Western Cape Religious Leaders' Forum (WCRLF) and Maulana Appleby, assistant secretary-general of the Muslim Judicial Council, at the launch last Wednesday in Khayelitsha, of Call to End Corruption, a campaign being championed by the WCRLF.

MOIRA SCHNEIDER CAPE TOWN

At the launch in Cape Town last week Wednesday of the Call to Corruption campaign, championed by the Western Cape Religious Leaders' Forum (WCRLF), Chief Rabbi Warren said the involvement of religious leaders in the initiative, would strike a chord with the people and the government.

He told Jewish Report: "The vast majority of South Africans are members of organised religions, so when you have religious leaders coming to the fore, that's got to have a powerful impact. I believe that religion is potentially a very powerful force for the good in this country and has, as such, been under-utilised.

"The other major importance of the interfaith movement is that it promotes peace, tolerance and good relationships between South Africans, saying that we should never allow our religious differences to separate us and cause friction," he added.

"This is a very important message of peace and tolerance which is part of the South African dream of unity in diversity that needs to go out there."

As "practical tools" in the fight against corruption, Rabbi Goldstein said that religious congregations via their places of worship and their schools, needed to promote the Bill of Responsibilities that he was involved in drafting on behalf of the interfaith movement, with the government, and is now part of the curriculum.

"It can change the whole culture of this country in 10 short years," he stated.

In addition, religious leaders should encourage their followers to use Corruption Watch, which was established early this year for whistle-blowers to report corruption and to be supported. The CEO of the organisation is David Lewis, and he is Jewish. SMS 45142; e-mail: info@corruptionwatch.org.za



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SABC removes anti-Semitic image

DAVID SAKS

In response to complaints from the SAJBD and members of the public, the SABC has removed an offensive image that had accompanied a report on African migrants in Israel. The report and image was posted on the SABC website on August 24. The image was of an ape depicted as an Orthodox religious Jew and invoked the notorious anti-Semitic canard in Islamic tradition that Jews are "descendants of pigs and monkeys". It was originally displayed at an anti-Israel rally in Malaysia in 2010.

In its letter of complaint, the SAJBD pointed out that the image was "a harrowing example of how Jews as a people and Judaism as a religion, are being demonised and (in this particular case, literally) dehumanised".

It was "highly regrettable" that in posting it on its website, the SABC had contradicted its own stated mission of working for the "restoration of human dignity and building a common future". In its response to the SAJBD, the SABC said the report along with its accompanying image, had been sourced from a "respected news agency", and been published by many media outlets.



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CAP trains domestic workers

During August, CAP hosted free proactive safety training for the Glenhazel Jewish community's domestic workers, which were well attended. Domestic training is an important part of CAP's approach to crime prevention; every attendee received a lanyard and pamphlet with safety tips translated into Zulu, Sotho and English. The training was facilitated by the CAP marketing team, offering practical skills domestic staff can implement in the workplace and their personal lives; it also explained how the CAP model works and the tactical units that are part of the system, with their role to protect the community against criminals.

Why Israel is so successful, despite its small size

Last week, WIZO Forum hosted a morning at Beyachad featuring a screening of the film "Israel Inside", produced by Wayne Kopping, which showcases the factors contributing to Israel's uniqueness. After the film, Victor Gordon, from the SA Media Team, discussed why Israel is so disproportionately successful in relation to her size. She has among the highest number of start-up companies worldwide and more companies listed on the Nasdaq Exchange than any European nation. The military influence plays an important role in encouraging innovation and problem-solving at all levels. This is seen in creative business solutions in the economy. TALI FRANKEL

The JWBS, at the very ripe age of 119, is still vibrant and strong

The Jewish Women's Benevolent Fund held its 119th AGM last Thursday, marking a year ending in February as one of lower capital and reserves, in line with welfare organisations the world over.

ALISON GOLDBERG

The JWBS saw Marlene Bethlehem elected as president, in the wake of the death of Vera Davimes; and the re-election of Maureen Disler as chairman.

A change in its constitution was also heralded. Presidents will only be able to serve three years, to allow more of its leaders to come to the fore.

Trying to put a finger on what characterises JWBS volunteers and motivates them to serve for as long as 40 to 50 years or more, in their self-effacing manner, was best assisted by Chevrah Group Rabbi Jonathan Fox. What makes a person dignified? He, or in this case, she, who bestows dignity on others.

Disler compared volunteers' efforts to Olympic athletes crossing the hurdles and aiming for gold. For them gold is the reward in knowing that they have made a difference in the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.

The JWBS contributes to the Combined Jewish Care and Jewish Students Education Funds; both administered by the Chevrah Kadisha. Chev CEO Michael Sieff, described that fundraising efforts in these tough times, required tougher approaches.

The JWBS's 55 Club provides a three-course meal twice weekly to members. The organisation has renamed its famous delicious wine, available on supermarket shelves, L'Chaim. A Befrienders Group brings a ray of sunshine through home visits into the lives of the house-bound or lonely.

Among its fundraisers is its clothing depot, to which the public donates not only good quality clothing and household goods, but enables it to as-

sist in the provision of school uniforms to its sponsored learners.

The library at Sandringham Gardens, as well as the tape library, are run under its auspices. And then there are the JWBS's famous book sales at shopping centres and the gifts it sells for the High Holidays.

Guest speaker Claudia Davimes paid tribute to her late mother-in-law, Vera. Davimes chose the subject of relationships between mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law, drawing on her own positive experiences, to affirm that such relationships can enhance one's life. Her comment that men and women choose in their spouses the qualities of their parents and that this allows for empathy, were most insightful.

It is a mistake to try and substitute the role of one's own mother in one's mother-in-law by referring to her as "mom". Where problems exist, these can often be the result of unfinished business between son and mother, relegated to the daughter-in-law.

Often a wife's own mother can cause trouble in the relationship, reluctant to share her daughter's affections. The father-in-law, seemingly passive, can also have a lot to say.

Alternatively, a son could phone his mother every morning, causing resentment and competition. As a therapist, Davimes advised the mother to have these conversations instead with her husband. This is a case of substituting for a lack of communication in another relationship.

Her own father once stated that his relationship with his mother came first. Davimes warned him he was wrong.





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Rabbi Ovadia Yosef asks Jews to pray for Iran's destruction

JERUSALEM - The spiritual leader of the Sephardi Orthodox Shas party, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, has called on Jews to pray on Rosh Hashanah for the destruction of Iran and Hezbollah.

The call last Saturday night, came more than a week after Yosef was briefed on the threat from Iran by the head of Israel's National Security

Tzohar launches campaign to reform **Chief Rabbinate**

JERUSALEM - The Tzohar rabbinical organisation, has launched a public information campaign that encourages reforms in the Israeli Chief Rabbinate.

The campaign, launched last week Friday, includes newspaper and bus advertisements, as well as a mission statement outlining the organisation's vision for a revised Chief Rabbinate. The statement was distributed to over 200 000 people.

Tzohar is calling for the election of new rabbinical court judges who would be more open to the needs of the general public, not just the religiously observant sectors, and new guidelines for managing the marriage, divorce and conversion processes in Israel - three areas that have been particularly notorious in alienating the secular community.

"The Israeli public demands a rabbinate that responds to the needs of all Israelis and not just those of specific segments within society." Tzohar President Rabbi David Stav said in a statement.

"We need to wake up and say that now is the time to make substantial changes in the structure and mandate of the rabbinate so that it becomes an Council, Maj-Gen Yaakov Amidror.

The meeting reportedly was part of efforts by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to obtain reportedly said. "May the L-rd, blessed be He, support from government ministers for an Israeli strike on Iran's nuclear facilities. Shas Chairman Eli Yishai, who is a member of the nine-minister security Cabinet, opposes such a strike.

In Yosef's weekly Saturday night sermon, he reportedly said: "When we say the blessing over the dates at our Rosh Hashanah meal, and we

agency that is relevant for each and every Jew who calls Israel home.

"As a result of the policies of the Chief Rabbinate. restaurants across the country are foregoing kosher supervision, obstacles are being placed in front of people interested in halachic conversions, and more and more Israelis are opting for a non-Jewish marriage ceremony abroad," he added. "With this growing wave of assimilation and abandonment of Jewish tradition, the result will be a de facto detachment between the State of Israel and its Jewish identity."

The campaign was launched on the yartzheit of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, the historic founder of the Chief Rabbinate and widely regarded as the founding father of Modern Orthodoxy.

Tzohar, which helps to involve non-religious couples and their families in religious wedding ceremonies - marrying about 3 000 couples a year free of charge - had been embroiled in a fight with the Chief Rabbinate over the service.

Earlier this summer, the Chief Rabbinate agreed to lift restrictions on rabbis from Tzohar from conducting weddings. In return, Tzohar pledged to withdraw a lawsuit against the rabbinate and trying to stop legislation over who conducts marriages. (JTA)

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

"Protests against Migron eviction: Bibi is weak and unreliable"

Hundreds of activists gathered earlier this week across Israel to protest demolition in the Migron community. The protests, organised by the Komemiyut movement and Shomron and Binyamin residents' councils, are presenting PM Benjamin Netanyahu, as responsible for the eviction.

The Australian Jewish News, Sydney, Australia:

www.jewishnews.net.au

"Feldman tax case adjourned again"

The Supreme Court has given Sydney Yeshiva Centre's Rabbi Pinchus Feldman and Rebbetzen Pnina Feldman three weeks to organise the payment of a half-a-million dollar tax bill. Last year, they were ordered by the court to pay this tax liability incurred in 2003.

Baltimore Jewish Times, Maryland, USA:

www.iewishtimes.com

"Block picked to head TIP"

Josh Block (39), a communications, foreign policy and political strategist who has been involved in national politics and policy for nearly 20 years and was spokesman and director for AIPAC, is the next CEO and president of the nonpartisan The Israel Project.

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"Call for protest to defend the practice of circumcision in Germany"

The Conference of European Rabbis has called on the German government to accelerate the implementation of a law protecting ritual circumcision, after a complaint from a doctor accusing a rabbi of physical abuse of a child.

ask to 'bring an end to our enemies', we should be thinking about Iranian rulers, those evil ones who threaten Israel. May the L-rd destroy and kill

"We have Hezbollah and we have Iran," Yosef

eliminate them from the face of the earth." During the Rosh Hashanah meal, some Jews

have a tradition at the new year of reciting special blessings over foods with double meanings. The blessing on the date, or tamar, calls on G-d to finish off our enemies. (JTA)



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"Angela Merkel backs circumcision right after German ruling"

The German government says Jewish and Muslim communities should be able to continue the practice of circumcision, after a regional court ruled it amounted to bodily harm. Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert said it was a case of protecting religious freedom.

The Jewish Daily Forward, New York, US: http://forward.com

"Michigan Jewish student's mouth stapled shut"

Zach Tennen (19), a Jewish student at Michigan State University was beaten and had his mouth stapled shut by attackers, reportedly associated with the KKK, spewing anti-Semitic hate. Detroit resident Tennen said his attackers asked him if he was Jewish, before they attacked him.

The Canadian Jewish News, Toronto, Canada: www.cjriews.com

"Goldbloom to receive papal knighthood"

Two Quebec pioneers of interfaith dialogue, Victor Goldbloom and Father Irénée Beaubien, will receive awards conferred by Pope Benedict XVI in a Montreal ceremony on October 4. This is the first time a Catholic and a Jew will receive papal medals together, in Vatican history.

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jewish report Thinking big

The death this week of Neil Armstrong - the first man to walk on the moon - reminds us of a moment in human history on July 20, 1969, when mankind was able to rise above its squabbles and wars, and think big. Beyond ourselves.

It is estimated that some 600 million people - which at that time was 20 per cent of the world's population - watched awe-struck as the commander of Apollo 11 stepped onto the lunar surface in his white spacesuit. He left footprints in the moondust which will last for thousands of years, and uttered those immortal words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

The greatness of the accomplishment of NASA and Armstrong's words, are a metaphor for the possibility that the human race has the capacity to achieve again something with such a potent sense of wonderment, and transcend its mundane conflicts.

Nowadays, we have the Curiosity rover trundling around the surface of Mars, sending back crystal-clear photographs and doing scientific tests. How long will it take before another Armstrong steps off a space module onto the Martian surface?

The world was by no means a perfect place in Armstrong's time. There was the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, brutal dictatorships everywhere and, in South Africa, the apartheid regime entrenching its control over the country.

The Sharpeville massacre was still a clear memory in people's minds, the Rivonia trials had sent Nelson Mandela and others to jail for life, and it was not at all clear how South Africa would ever avoid a racial bloodbath and become a "normal" country.

Yet, when Armstrong stepped off his space-craft for his lunar stroll, watched by his crew, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, South Africans, along with hundreds of millions of others, were transfixed. Incredible!

The moonwalk took place in the '60s - that romanticised period when student movements worldwide dominated the headlines, and produced numerous visionaries, such as John Lennon, whose song "Imagine" posited the idea that human beings can, if they set their minds to it, build a society free of hate. And Martin Luther King, whose well-known words, "I have a dream", set the goal of a non-racial society. And prophetic troubadour Bob Dylan, who sang: "The times they are a-changing". Protest songs like "We Shall Overcome" proliferated around different societies.

Today, we tend to think of the 1960s generation as naive idealists - hippies with long hair and sandals, high on LSD, with stars in their eyes - who thought they were changing the world into a more enlightened place with their free love, drugs and encounter groups.

They did not achieve a peaceful planet. But one precious thing they had was a sincere belief that they could do so. Their sense of their own power was overstated, but they had a vision. We lack this today.

The world is, in a host of ways, not a pretty place in our time. Hatred and cynicism seem to be the order of the day in many places. And the Internet, while bringing many good things, has made the spreading of these demons easy and efficient, regardless of geography, creed, colour, religion, lifestyle, etc.

We could do with some inspired, big thinking again to show us what human beings are capable of. Perhaps another John F Kennedy who promised his nation - and the world in 1961 - that America would put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. "Impossible!" it seemed.

The Curiosity rover on Mars is an amazing feat of technology. Yet it doesn't match the first moon landing in its effect on mankind - the unbelievable notion Armstrong represented that we may not be forever bound to planet Earth, that the universe is waiting out there for us to walk in and that, as poet Robert Browning declared, "a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?".

'Conscience-stricken Jews' are guilty of more than narcissistic grandstanding

DAVID SAKS

What are the reasons for the deterioration in the South Africa-Israel relationship in the course of this year? Certainly, the (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) BDS activists have significantly upped the ante in their campaigning for a boycott of anything Israeli, whether economic, diplomatic, academic, cultural or other.

I can't recall when last there were so many staged "conferences", overseas speakers, exhibitions and general anti-Israel activity, suggesting that the lobby has been pulling out all the stops.

South Africa is regarded as one of the keys to creating a hoped for ripple effect around the world. If this country can be coaxed into endorsing the "Israel as Apartheid State" canard, then it would be a major boost to the credibility of the global campaign as a whole.

Typical of single-issue fanatics, the BDS activists are convinced of the truth of their cause, hence their conviction that just as apartheid South Africa was hounded out of existence by international isolation, such will inevitably be the fate of apartheid Israel once a similar boycott campaign gains momentum.

My view is that the confident assumption that history will repeat itself, is over-optimistic, not only because when it comes down to it, the apartheid analogy can be shown to be essentially baseless, but because the international climate has moved on from the angry, post-colonial environment that fostered so strong a reaction to anti-black racism.

That is probably why anti-Israel boycotts have gained so little traction in democratic countries, while in the all-important economic field, Israel's ties with formerly hostile superpowers like China and India are only increasing, dramatically so.

Even if South Africa were to adopt the BDS platform in its entirety, I doubt whether the anticipated domino effect will set in; whatever special moral status this country might have had in the immediate post-liberation period has long-since dissipated, with our penchant for consistently supporting some of the world's most egregious human rights violators in our foreign policy having hardly gone unnoticed.

Moreover, there are no Mandela-like figures on the Palestinian side that any true libertarian can identify with and no Palestinian equivalents of the Freedom Charter either. Why, at the end of the day, would any genuine lover of freedom and democracy want to opt for fascistic Arab nationalism or frankly Nazi-like Islamist extremism over a Jewish democracy, flawed though it might be?

For all that, it is undeniable that the ferociously focused propaganda campaign against Israel and anyone who is perceived to be supporting it, is fostering an increasingly uncomfortable environment for Jews.

It is naïve to believe that the careful distinction still made by the other side between Jews and Zionists is not steadily blurring, nor that boycotts of Israelis will not in time extend to



BARBARIC YAWP David Saks

boycotts of Jews in general.

On local university campuses, there have been cases of Jewish organisations being excluded from public platforms on issues wholly unrelated to the Middle East, because they are pro-Zionist. In time, not only Jewish organisations, but even individuals will start to be sidelined, unless they first denounce the Zionist heresy.

All this is part and parcel of the "New Anti-Semitism", the admittedly not terribly imaginative name by which the currently dominant form of anti-Jewish prejudice is known. This takes the form of depicting the world's sole Jewish State as being beyond the pale of decency, as a racist and even Nazi state, guilty of every manner of war crime, human rights violations, breaches of international law, colonialism and threats to international peace.

No other nation has been subjected to so sustained and irrational a campaign of vilification, with the additional grotesque irony that those at the forefront of it are among the most rights-delinquent countries on the planet.

The "New Anti-Semitism" is more typical of other forms of anti-Jewish hatred over the centuries in that, unlike the Nazi variety, it does not regard every single Jew as being intrinsically wicked. Its proponents, in fact, defend themselves against the charge by pointing to those Jews who share their views on "Israeli injustice", and who "bravely" break ranks with their benighted brethren by publicly denouncing it.

This is how Cosatu spokesman Bongani Masuku, defended himself when he wrote: "I am aware that so many Jews are on the side of justice and only those Jews are people I hold in high esteem, but not those who silently support massacres, but expect us to regard them as human beings."

In his excellent long paper, "Anti-Zionism and Ant-Semitism: Cosmopolitan Reflections", UK academic David Hirsh writes: "Most forms of anti-Semitism in history have allowed for 'exceptional' Jews. It is not a necessary attribute of anti-Semitism that it must target every Jew and so there could exist an anti-Semitism which exempts those Jews who do not identify as 'Zionist' from hostility."

This is why in the end what those supposedly consciencestricken Jews who, as Jews, sign anti-Israel petitions and campaign alongside BDS activists, are guilty of more than just narcissistic grandstanding.

Ultimately, they are providing an alibi behind which the anti-Semite-as-anti-Zionist can justify their hatred for all other Jews who refuse to fall into line. I wonder how many of them realise that, and how much those that do even care.

News in Brief

Israeli Yonathan Pollak urges boycott of his country

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Yonathan Pollak an Israeli anti-government activist and founder of "Anarchists Against the Wall", who supports the boycott of Israel, urged students at Wits University on Wednesday, to "stand up against the Israeli occupation of Palestine", like students in the Arab Spring did to effect change in their countries. The theme of his talk was "Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel and the role of the Student Movement"

He called on the South African government, business and individuals to implement a strong boycott on Israel, like the world did against South Africa to bring down apartheid.

He also had a go at Cape company, Cape Gate, for selling to Israel (material for the construction of the security fence), saying Cape Gate supported "Apartheid Israel".

He said the movement to boycott Israel was "a difficult one" because of the power of the Israeli exports to countries worldwide.

Pollak, who spoke both at Wits and the University of Johannesburg, had as "event hosts" BDS; SA Artists Against Apartheid; Open Shuhada Street; Wits Students Representative Council; and Wits Palestine Solidarity Committee.

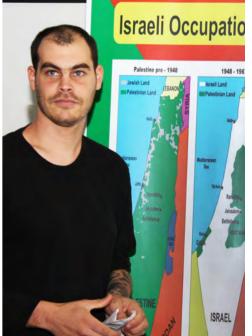


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TELFED HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE ON **RELABELLING AND EBRAHIM ISSUE**

Telfed - the South African Zionist Federation (Israel) was recently accused of remaining silent on International Relations and Co-operation Deputy Minister Ebrahim Ebrahim's statements (appealing to people not to visit Israel) and I am writing to correct that impres-

While Telfed's main activities involve absorption and support for southern Africans who make aliyah and is essentially an apolitical organisation, it does consistently confront issues and makes its voice heard on matters concerning relations between Israel and South Africa (both positive and negative).

On the outrageous statements made by the deputy minister - a letter was sent to the South African Ambassador to Israel, Ismail Coovadia ing what the attitude of extremely wealthy and a copy was published on our website www. telfed.org.il and Facebook page www.facebook. com/telfed. At the writing of this letter no response has been received from the ambassa-

Here is the link to the letter sent to the ambassador (posted August 20), currently on the Telfed website home page: http://www.telfed. org.il/content/open-letter-he-sa-ambassadorisrael-mr-ismail-coovadia and here is the statement about the labelling issue (posted May 20): http://www.telfed.org.il/content/telfedstatement-safrican-government-proposal-regarding-labeling-west-bank-goods.

In addition, these statements were posted on our Facebook page which has thousands of readers: www.facebook.com/telfed

Dave Bloom, Chairman, Telfed, Israel

WELL-NIGH IMPOSSIBLE FOR SENIORS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT

With reference to the article by Dr Ivor Blumenthal in the Jewish Report of August 17, I am in full agreement with what was stated by him.

I am a 61-year-old Jewish male with 25 years' experience in the wholesale food distribution industry. Unfortunately my company closed their doors on April 30, this year and I was retrenched. I have been trying for almost four months now to obtain a similar position, and am finding it impossible to obtain employ-

It would be greatly advantageous if our Jewish-owned businesses would employ their own.

Cecil Resnick, Sydenham

ON DEPUTY MINISTER EBRAHIM, THE **GOVERNMENT AND ANTI-SEMITISM**

Deputy Minister of International Relations and Co-operation Ebrahim Ebrahim's remarks discouraging people from visiting Israel officially, which has not been gainsaid by either the government or the ANC, confirms my view that this government as well as the ANC, are totally anti-Zionistic and in terms of the Ottawa Protocol their attitude smacks of blatant and naked anti-Semitism.

No sooner were Ebrahim's words cold that we should boycott Israel on human rights grounds. when South Africa displayed its contribution to human rights by slaughtering 35 protesting miners at Lonmin in Rustenburg.

A minister of the South African government should be appointed to advance the interests of the Republic and the people of South Africa in an impartial and rational manner and not abuse his office to promote his own personal agenda. That neither the government. nor the ANC has brought him to task, indicates that they support his views. While Israel is chastised, the human rights abuses in China, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, etc, are condoned by his and the ANC government's silence.

Although it is a difficult decision, it is about time that the leaders of the Jewish community take issue with both the ANC and the government on a more forceful basis. In the time of apartheid, our official leadership had a policy of appeasement towards the Nationalist government and now has a policy of appeasement towards the ANC. A similar situation happened in Nazi Germany and we all know the terrible repercussion s that became the Holocaust.

It is now time for the Jewish leadership to be counted.

Myron Robinson, East London

BEFORE THE HOLOCAUST, SA EXTENDED A WARM WELCOME TO FLEEING JEWS IN SA SHOULD REALISE THAT

I have read the two latest letters in the SA Jewish Report, on prejudice against Poland. I must add, that I was saddened to read Don Krausz's letter in the August 17 edition, in this regard.

It is, indeed, difficult to answer properly to his accusations, without fully understanding the situation he experienced. However, I feel there has to be an answer to that. So, let me remind people that, whatever their experience during the Holocaust, the fact still remains that during several generations and even several centuries, Jews were welcome in Poland,

Some of those Jews were very wealthy and some even had Polish non-Jewish servants. So, it is impossible to state that everything was "bad" there.

And in this regard, without really know-

Jews towards poor non-Jews was, I would like to comment on what I am familiar with: It is a fact that, during the last 18 years (in SA), many Boer/Afrikaner people have lost their money and live in squatter camps.

It is also a known fact that many Boer/Afrikaner farmers have been brutally murdered during the last 18 years or so. I would really be proud as a Jew, had it been more common in the Jewish community before and during the World Cup, to help them, rather than buy expensive WC tickets. After all, many Jews found refuge in South Africa before the Holo-

Not every country was keen on accepting so many Jewish immigrants. So, let us remember that and be grateful.

Avner Eliyahu Romm, Cape Town

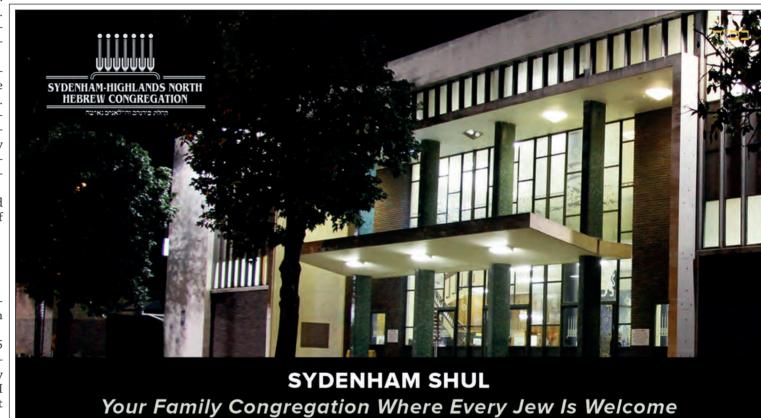
IT'S TIME TO GO HOME TO ISRAEL

The recent actions of (Trade and Industry Minister) Rob Davies ("settlement goods") and Ebrahim Ebrahim (don't visit Israel) are clear signs that South Africa is following the route of Hugo Chavez and his cronies in Venezuela - virulently anti Israel and anti-Semitic.

Is it not time for Jewish leaders in South Africa to tell the Jewish people of South Africa that it's time to go home to Israel. Despite its challenging and often difficult issues, Israel is the ONLY country in the world which welcomes Jews and protects Jews, both in Israel and the Diaspora.

Many years ago a non Jewish friend of mine remarked to me: "In pre-war Germany only the pessimistic Jews fled from Germany."

Brian Levenstein, Israel



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Schachat back in SA for Spring Opera Gala

Renowned baritone, Colin Schachat (pictured) is celebrated the world over. Educated in law at Wits University, he emerged professionally as a singer at the age of 12, in 1984 when he was invited to participate in the World Chassidic Song Festival, in Israel. Chazan at the Linksfield Shul for six years before making aliyah in 1992, Schachat returns briefly to perform next week in a Spring Opera Gala, staged by the Stonehage Charitable Trust for the benefit of the Chevrah Kadisha. PAUL BOEKKOOI interviewed him shortly before he arrived in SA.

PB: It is clear your career has expanded widely over the past decade and a half. In which repertoire are you specialising?

Colin Schachat: I specialise in opera as well as certain types of Jewish music. I still enjoy musicals, and have been asked to tour with a show of my musicals repertoire, in 2013.

PB: You are a baritone. What, for you, are the special attractions of this range?

CS: Always having been a baritone is one

reasons traditional Cantorial repertoire is difficult for me. I enjoy the baritone operatic material as it is written for my vocal range. Nothing ever has to be transposed. Most of the cantorial repertoire is originally written for high tenors with agile coloraturas.

PB: I believe Stonehage, of which you were a member of the board of directors for 10 years, is an international organisation with idealistic ambitions to change perceptions in society. Tell me a bit more about its aims.

CS: Stonehage is a financial services company. Ten years ago, we established a charitable trust with the aim of making meaningful contributions to the communities where we operate. In each jurisdiction we contribute clearly to the wider society and also engender a culture of social responsibility amongst our partners and employees.

PB: Do you do a lot of fundraising projects? What are the specific needs we in SA perhaps do not know about which can be fulfilled through them?

CS: I do try, to the extent time allows, to be involved in fundraising. I am also a firm believer that business and the arts should work together. They have a lot of value to add to their respective endeavours. It seems that SA certainly has much interaction between the private sector and the arts, this should always be nurtured further.

PB: How widely have you travelled; which places and venues were special to you?

CS: I have performed widely internationally including such cities as London, Toronto, Riga, Vilnius, Tel Aviv, San Diego, Zürich and, of course, Jerusalem... Highlights include performing at Buckingham Palace with the Royal Philharmonic; performing with José Carreras; performing in Jerusalem for Tony Blair, Henry Kissinger and Shimon Peres at the Presidents Conference.

 Stonehage's Spring Opera Gala is at the Linder Auditorium, Parktown, September 9, at 15:30.
 Tickets are available through Computicket.



Art and science: excellent bedfellows

Louis Yudelman's photograph of a boater near the holy place of Varanasi, near the crematoria on the Ganges River in India.

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Jocularly calling himself a chip off the young block, retired dentist Louis Yudelman is the father of award winning photographer, Dale. He's also one of the exhibitors in an art show by medical practitioners.

An annual event for 37 years, the Adcock Ingram exhibition attests to art and science being excellent bedfellows.

"I started photography 72 years ago," says Yudelman. "The magic of the dark-room smote me."

Nearly 60 years after that, the magic of digital photography smote him again. He opens a door into a fully equipped darkroom; further down the passage, he indicates a bright corner where his computer is. "My new darkroom. I started using a computer at age 70. I love it completely!"

For 57 years, he practised dentistry, in Johannesburg. He taught periodontology and implantology at Pretoria University, rising to become president in the professional societies of both these specialisations, unique for a so-called "GP dentist".

- The Adcock Ingram Health Professionals Art Exhibition is at the Adler Museum of Medicine in Parktown until September 13. Call Cheryl-Anne: (011) 717-2067.
- Louis' son, Dale, has won the inaugural Ernest Cole Photographic Award. In an exhibition, in the Wits Art Museum, Braamfontein, September 5 - 25, Dale shows work shot on his cellphone. Call (011) 717-1365.

A work that makes you feel that all's well in the world

ROBYN SASSEN

You might never want to see contemporary dance again, if you see Théâtre Tallipot's !Aïa, from Cave to Sky, directed by Philippe Pelen Baldini. Sublime in its sense of physical authenticity as it is, it is irrevocably intertwined in narratives central to who we are, in Africa, but more than that, the performance acumen of Thierry Moucazambo, accompanied by two local young dancers, Kenny Rakotsoane from Sibikwa and Themba Mbuli from Moving into Dance Mophatong, will make your proverbial cup runneth over.

The work is flawless without being predictable, disturbing without being manic; it will leave you with a sense that all is well in the world, even when the gods rise to surprising heights.

Says Sylvia Glasser, founder and artistic director of Moving into Dance: "Themba is intelligent and focused. His first formal training was with MIDM in 2007.

"In 2008 he went to study further and perform with Moeketsi Koena (an MIDM graduate). The year after, he returned to MIDM as an aspirant. He created Dark

City that year, demonstrating considerable choreographic talent.

"It's hard for MIDM to see dancers leave us to work in other companies; we spend many years training and mentoring them; we can't compete financially or with the opportunities choreographers or companies offer abroad; so we lose our 'investment' just when they are at their peak," she adds.

Phyllis Klotz, artistic director and founder of Sibikwa doesn't agree: "We are always glad for anyone to be able to leave Sibikwa and move to another company. In the arts one cannot remain static.

"Kenny did a Sibikwa learnership in 2009 and he has what it takes. Théâtre Tallipot hosted an audition for this work, and Kenny was an obvious choice."

!Aïa developed from a residency at the Nirox Foundation, near the Cradle of Humankind, that Theatre Tallipot made use of.

- •!Aïa headlines this year's Jomba Festival of contemporary dance in Durban, until September 9. Call (031) 260-2506.
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Brides and their big day...

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Jewish weddings are always filled with a host of colourful ceremonies

A Jewish wedding is filled with meaningful rituals and traditions and is renowned for being one of the most colourful ceremonies in the world.

Before the ceremony:

A wedding is one of the cornerstones of the Jewish lifecycle, and almost as soon as a couple is engaged, these rituals begin with a ceremony known as tenaim, which involves breaking a plate to symbolise the destruction of temples in Jerusalem, and the signing of a contract that outlines the obligations of each side regarding the wedding, during a small reception known as *vort*.

It's worth mentioning that while arranged marriages were common in the past, it is only some ultra-Orthodox communities that continue this practice today. One week before the wedding, bride and groom traditionally stop seeing one another.

It is during this week, leading up to the wedding, that various celebrations take place: the groom attends a ceremony called an *ufruf*, which involves his going to the synagogue where he takes an active part in the service and the wedding is announced to the congregation; the bride attends a ritual

bath, or *mikveh*, where she cleanses herself spiritually, removing everything, including jewellery and nail polish, before reciting a special prayer.

There is no specific traditional dress for a Jewish wedding, although brides tend to wear white, and for the more Orthodox weddings, the groom arrives wearing a white robe known as a *kittel*, to symbolise the clean white slate of their marriage.

The ceremony:

The wedding ceremony itself is presided over by a rabbi and takes place under a chuppah - a symbol of the home that the couple will share. The ceremony normally takes place in a synagogue, but as long as the chuppah is present and the marriage takes place under a rabbi's supervision, it can be held anywhere.

It is also traditional for the bride and groom to fast on the day of the wedding. Even before the ceremony takes place, the

ketuvah, or marriage contract, is signed in the presence of four witnesses and the officiator of the service. It outlines the legal terms of the marriage. Shortly after the ketuvah the groom performs the bedekin or veiling of the bride - a symbol of the groom's intent to clothe and protect his wife.

Traditionally, the bride's father escorts her to the chuppah, where she is the last person to arrive and traditionally circles the groom seven times, a symbol of the woman as the protective, surrounding light of the household.

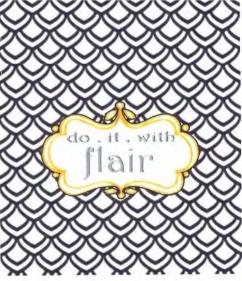
Less Orthodox brides circle as little as once around the groom, where-after the rabbi blesses the wine and the bride and groom drink the first of seven cups of wine they will drink together during the ceremony and reception.

The giving of the ring, or kiddushin, that follows, is an important part of the ceremony. The ring, usually plain and gold,

is placed on the bride's finger as the groom recites a verse. The rabbi then recites the seven blessings, or *sheva brachos*, although sometimes these are given to various people the families wish to honour.

The ceremony ends with the breaking of a glass by the groom - one of the more recognisable Jewish traditions. The bride and groom are now married, and are accompanied by dancing guests to the cheder yichud, or a private room - traditionally an intimacy reserved only for a married couple.

The reception follows a pattern similar to those in other religions, such as the making of speeches, but one other religious ritual that will occur, is the blessing of the challah bread, and Jewish dancing to traditional songs is a big part of the reception.



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Wedding checklist - it's a definite must!

After the initial ecstasy of announcing the engagement, the bride-to-be soon realises that an actual wedding now needs to be planned. More often than not, with working moms and busy friends, the organising of the wedding falls to the bride.

As daunting as this sounds it is actually a wonderful exercise in independence - and a crash course in event management - which can open up a whole new career path should you find the experience pleasant. The following checklist is intended as a guide only and it would be wise to remember that each item entails an

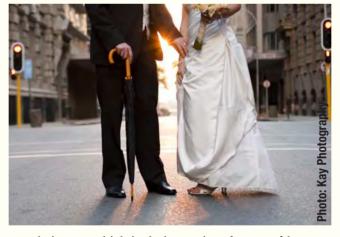
it would be wise to remember that each item entails an entire checklist of its own. Try to delegate as much as you can to responsible friends and family.

As soon as possible:

- 1. Choose a date this might depend on when overseas friends and family are able to get tickets. It also depends on the availability of your wedding venue of choice.
- 2. Book the hall and secure booking shortly afterwards by paying the deposit.
- 3. Choose the rabbi (and shul) where you would like to have the chuppah.
- 4. Select someone who will do the invitations. These must ideally go out about six weeks in advance. You will also need to get quotes on thank you cards, table cards, and table lists. Your registry, if you want one, needs to be mentioned in the invitation, which will entail selecting the store(s) and choosing a gift selection.
- 5. Book a photographer.
- 6. Book someone to take a video.
- 7. Choose a florist. You will need flowers for the reception, the chuppah, the bridal bouquet, bridesmaids and possibly the male retinue.
- 8. Book the band, both for the chuppah (although many shuls have their own choir) and the reception.
- 9. Choose your retinue, eg maid of honour, best man, MC, drivers, pole-holders, and let them know if they are to make speeches.

2 ~ 3 months before

10. Get UOS authorisation. They have a checklist of



their own which includes copies of parents' ketubahs and unabridged birth certificates of bride and groom, which may take several weeks to get from Home Affairs. Contact the Beth Din on tel: (010) 214-2600

- 11. Arrange Kallah classes (Jewish marriage education).
- 12. Arrange marriage prepare sessions.
- 13. Find a dress or a dressmaker. Get material for bridesmaids' dresses, find ties and kippot for the pole-holders. Later you should buy small gifts for the retinue. You'll need to look for comfortable shoes for the wedding and jewellery for the day.
- 14. Meet the caterer (many halls are contracted to a specific caterer). Choose the menu and pay the Beth Din fee.
- 15. Order or buy wedding band(s). Many brides buy their groom a tallis, and depending on his custom he will need to get a kittel (white garment worn on wedding day and Yom Kippur).
- 16. Choose your make-up and hair artists and book beauty treatments and trial dates.
- 17. Choose a sheitel, buy hats and scarves etc.
- 18. Order your ketubah.
- 19. The ANC Contact an attorney to draw up your ante-nuptial contract.
- 20. Order benching cards. Also consider having beautiful tefillat haderech cards on the table purchased from the Kallah Fund. The money helps brides less fortunate.

One month before

- 21. Meet with your rabbi to go over the ceremony at the chuppah.
- 22. Allocate who will recite the sheva brachot at the chuppah. This is regarded as an honour.
- 23. Start taking vitamins to ward of colds and flu.
- 24. Arrange seating plans with the caterer (how many guests per table) and with the person doing your table cards and table lists.
- 25. Contact friends (who have already offered) who will host sheva brachot. Give them the details of the guests they must invite.
- 26. Delegate someone to get food for the Yichud room. It is customary to fast on the day of the wedding, so its best to have a light snack before post-chuppah photos commence and don't take too long with those.
- 27. If you are going on honeymoon make necessary arrangements.
- 28. Delegate your retinue to organise the bachelor party, kitchen tea or pamper party etc.

The week before

- 29. Assuming you've found somewhere to live, move in essential furniture (eg beds) and essential appliances (eg fridge, stove). Toivel items you will be using immediately.
- 30. Plan Of Ruf lunch this is the Shabbos before the wedding when the groom is called to the Torah.
- 31. Plan Shabbos Kallah. This is a women-only get-together on the Shabbos before the wedding and helps to bring joy to the bride.
- 32. Arrange bride's table usually where the bride gets dressed and has photos.
- 33. Delegate friends to buy Shtick fun gimmicky toys to add excitement to the wedding eg bubbles, sparklers etc.
- 34. Ask someone to make you a Bircat kallah a prayer sheet that you say shortly before the chuppah with the names of people who need your blessings. Confi rm that there will be a bedekin chair at the chuppah to receive guests etc.
- 35. Make arrangements to go to the mikvah.

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Pak Persian Carpet Gallery, a well-established name in Persian carpets, has moved from The Village Walk to 209 Jan Smuts Avenue, Parktown North.

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This 19-year-old business is headed by the very knowledgeable Khurshid Dar, who grew up in the midst of this ancient and precious craft. His father and grandfather before him were in the Persian carpet business and this third generation son was trained in the craft from early childhood. As Dar says, his playground was the piles of wonderful handmade carpets, all of which he could identify by his early

In honour of its move to Parktown North, the gallery has imported three containers full of the finest quality Per-

sian and Oriental carpets. These are now available for the "Grand Opening Sale" at the spacious and glamorous new showroom, at the lowest prices.

You can't miss it, travelling north, just after Tyrwhitt Avenue at the intersection of Jellicoe Avenue, a white converted house on the left side of the road, with a large window, pictures of Persian carpets, exquisite handmade Pakistani filigreed wood carving around the entrance to the showroom and huge signs outside.

On entry you will be assisted by knowledgeable staff who will help you select just the right carpet or wall hanging to enhance the beauty of your home. Any

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MARLENE BILEWITZ

Lynne Backos, CEO of The Travel Company, a born romantic who has seen and done it all, will organise a holiday of a lifetime for you. She has selected 10 unique and unusual destinations which she believes to be perfect. But, she says that if there isn't anything that the client fancies from this bundle, "I will find something more suitable and tapered to suit their needs, either local or international".

From the windswept beaches of a carfree island in the Baltic, to tasting wine rarely sipped outside Argentina, these hideaways rarely appear on the usual post-wedding itinerary:

- 1. Enjoy a private beach on remote Pamalican Island, Philippines. At 5,5 km long, roughly 500 metres at its widest and only one five-star resort on the island, you're guaranteed seclusion. Oh, and dive in to see vibrant colours Pamalican is set smack in the centre of a 7 sq km coral reef.
- 2. Unwind on a gorilla safari in Bwindi Forest National Park, Uganda. On guided walks to observe these gentle giants, you'll encounter jagged valleys, dramatic mountain scen-

ery and monkeys. In the evenings, stargaze around campfires and retire in tents built into the jungle canopy while peering into the mist-shrouded rainforest from bed.

- 3. Smooching in Bettmeralp, Switzerland. It starts with a cable-car ride, launching you into a car-free Alpine village. We're not sure what we love more: views of the Aletsch glacier and mountains (including the Matterhorn), strolling between chalets or indulging in fondue. Oh, and Swiss tradition says if you lose your bread in the cheese, you must kiss your dining neighbour so let that bread disappear!
- 4. Embark on a sunset ride in Khan Khentii, Mongolia. Peppered with rolling hills of birch forests and grasslands threaded with rivers, Khan Khentii is a protected wilderness area three times the size of Yellowstone National Park. Go horseback-riding at sunset across the steppe, and try yak cart rafting together, before disappearing into plush yurt lodgings.
- 5. Cruise Alaska's coast on an intimate small ship. Only small vessels can drop anchor at the quiet fjords, tranquil bays and inlets



along Alaska's inside passage. From your cabin, peer at bobbing icebergs, imposing glaciers and misty veils of clouds suspended above snow-capped mountain peaks. Or venture out for a walk on a remote beach or float away in a two-person kayak to enchanting coves and glimpse wildlife like otters and seals.

6. Take a vintage train journey in Namibia. From the all-aboard whistle to the smart retro furnishings on the 1950s-esque Desert Express, this train feels like you've stepped on a classic film set. Recline in antique leather armchairs and clink glasses in the Spitzkoppe lounge to the sultry sway of the coach. Later, dine in the Welwitschia restaurant car below sandblasted glass

panels featuring local animal footprints while rambling past gold-red dunes and African wildlife.

7. Enjoy the simple pleasures on Ambergris Caye, Belize. Surrounded by tropical beaches and covered with verdant mangrove swamps in the centre, this island is home to the world's second-largest barrier reef after Australia's. Snorkelling, diving and sunset cruises on catamarans are

the norm here, but we're drawn to the balmy nights in basic thatched roof beach huts and napping in two-person hammocks.

These are just a few of the wonderful places that Lynne has tucked away in her magic box for you.

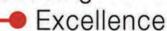
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News in Briefs

Tasmanian state body recommends banning nonreligious circumcision

HOBART - An advisory governmental institution in an Australian state is recommending that it ban nonmedical circumcision on boys "except for religious reasons".

The Tasmania Law Reform Institute, which is tasked with modernising state laws, recommended "the enactment of a new and separate offence generally prohibiting the circumcision of incapable minors in Tasmania." The state has "unclear" legislation on circumcision, the 101-page report says.

However, the report, which was released earlier this month, states the new legislation ought to create an exception for "some well-established religious or ethnicity motivated circumcision."

More than half a million people live in Tasmania, according to a 2011 government census. About 150 Jews were living in the Australian state as of 2003, according to The New York Jewish Week.

Tasmania, one of six Australian states, founded the institute in 2001 along with the University of Tasmania and the Law Society of Tasmania.

Circumcision should not be performed on minors in any case without signed permission from both parents, according to the report.

The institute also wants to clarify what happens if parents disagree on whether a circumcision should be done and it says that a circumciser who fails to meet a certain standard of care should be criminally liable. (JTA)

Egged reportedly to forego human images on Jerusalem bus ads

JERUSALEM - The Egged bus company will not use images of either men or women in advertisements on its Jerusalem buses. The decision comes after controversy over featuring women in ads, Haaretz reported on Monday.

The Canaan Media advertising company had appeared to drop plans to place advertisements for the Yerushalmim movement on Egged buses in Jerusalem featuring photos of women and the slogans "Jerusalem women, pleased to meet you" and "Because Jerusalem belongs to all of us".

Israel's Supreme Court had ordered the bus and advertising companies to go ahead with the ad campaign, despite fears that the buses would be vandalised in haredi Orthodox neighbourhoods.

Egged reportedly decided not to feature any people in ads so as not to be accused of excluding women. Haaretz reported that in a late July letter to Canaan Media's CEO, Egged marketing manager Eval Yehiel wrote: "Jerusalem-area advertising will be only on the rear of buses; there will be no advertising on

Estonian gas company apologises for using Auschwitz in ad

TALLINN - An Estonian gas company has apologised for using a photograph of Auschwitz in its advertising. The website of GasTerm Eesti, on August 23 published a photograph of the front gate of the Nazi death camp with the famous inscription "Arbeit macht frei", or "work makes you free". The caption read: "Gas heating - flexible, convenient, and effective".

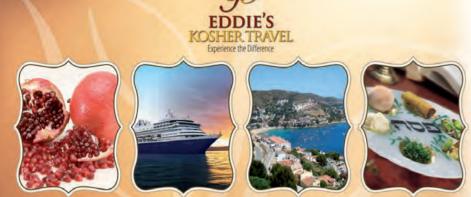
The next day the photo was removed from the site and an apology was posted.

Company director Sven Linros said, according to DzD. ee portal: "Hitler killed himself because he got a gas bill... a lot of people laugh at this, but I do not. I visited Auschwitz with dread. I feel sorry for the victims and their families.

"The picture was intended for a narrow group of people. We wanted to clarify that the CH4 gas is not toxic and can be used to heat buildings even those with such a sad history."

Auschwitz photos have been used before in ads. In January, a gym in Dubai used an image from the camp with the tag line "Kiss your calories goodbye"





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AR.Drone: the next big toy

The AR.Drone 2.0 is more than just a toy - it is the toy that is changing all other toys. And it has deeper implications, writes ARTHUR GOLDSTUCK.



GOLDSTUCK ON GADGETS Arthur Goldstuck

A seismic shift occurred in the world of gadgets just over two years ago. No, it wasn't the release of the first iPad. It was something far more important. In January 2010, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the world was introduced to the Parrot AR.Drone, a radio controlled "quadrotor" helicopter.

It sounds like a silly toy, but it captivated the geeks at CES for two reasons: It was designed to be controlled from an iPhone, using Wi-Fi, and it included two cameras that could be viewed through the controlling device.

Aside from that, the device is enormously compelling for its lightweight materials it is constructed from carbon-fibre tubes, plastic and polystyrene, allowing its small rotors to lift it as high as the Wi-Fi link will extend. It also looks like something from science fiction,

Two years on, and the AR.Drone 2.0 has been brought to South Africa by SMAC to take the experience to a new level. Launched at CES in January this year, its main technical innovation is a pressure sensor that functions like an altimeter. For the geeks, though, the camera upgrade to high-definition was the call to action. And that call was: "Upgrade!"

Aside from being compatible with all iOS devices – iPhone, iPad and iPods that are Wi-Fi enabled - it also works with Android devices. In this country, most (but not all) iOS and Android phones are owned by the well-off who can afford them. But then, at R3 500, the AR. Drone is no laggard in the wallet either.

For those owning a Nokia smartphone, unofficial apps also exist to control it using the Symbian operating system.

The significance of the device goes beyond the astonishing sight of what looks like a military spying device hovering overhead.

While it has potential to be used for invasions of privacy, the protesters in the Occupy Wall Street movement last year showed it can also be used to turn the tables of such invasions. When police evicted protestors from Zuccotti Park in Manhattan, journalists were prevented from entering the area and recording the events. One protester changed an AR.Drone into an "occucopter" to stream live video to the Internet, enabling the media and the public alike to watch the action unfold.

Its educational potential is also huge. Because the drone has an open API – an Application Programming Interface - applications can be built to draw on sensory data and images collected by the device for tracking, mapping and monitoring of anything from traffic to animal behaviour. And, of course, human behaviour.

At the Czech Technical University in Prague, it's used for robotics research in the Department of Cybernetics. Not only did the researchers "demonstrate the drone ability to act as an external navigation system for a formation of mobile robots", but also developed a software package for conducting and adapting such experiments and made it freely available to anyone who wants to use it.

Ultimately, of course, we're probably not going to get away with claiming it is more than just a toy. But it is. It is the toy that has given other toys a new lease on life. Wi-Fi-controlled devices are popping out of the woodwork everywhere. Soon, the cheap radio-controlled helicopters that have flooded toyshops will give way to iPhone- and Android-controlled helicopters of every shape and size.

Variations on the quadrotor were the first out of the starting blocks. At this year's CES, Interactive Toys took some attention away from Parrot with their range of "Wi-Spi" helicopters and cars that include night-vision cameras and can record video, photos and sound.

All-terrain robots (ATRs), which look like miniature versions of the Mars exploration vehicle Curiosity, were next. The SuperDroids 4WD Wi-Fi controlled ATR includes a 360 degree pan-and-tilt camera, and can be controlled from a PC.

And then you will find any number of Wi-Fi-controlled tanks, ranging from classic shapes to futuristic fighting weapons. Aside from being the 21st century rich kid's alternative to guns and military toys, this is clearly part of the future of war and crimefighting.

But it is also part of the future of legal precedents, as the fight for privacy takes to

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Community Briefs

Apfel's book is launched in Johannesburg

Last week, Steve Apfel, writer of "Hadrian's Echo", signed books at the launch of his book, under the auspices of the Johannesburg Jewish Resource Centre.

Apfel addressed a large audience, giving insights into and the reasons for current anti-Israel and anti-Semitism in the media; from leadership, opinion-makers, politicians and academics.

It was an eye-opener when he elaborated on how this has grown into a multi-billion dollar enterprise, from which Israel bashers are able to gain world credibility and recognition, at the same time turning the Steve Apfel, writer of "Hadrian's Echo" victim into the oppressor, while earning a great deal of signs a copy of his book for Margot money doing so. MARCIA PARNESS



Segal, at the book launch.



Stephen Finn with his wife Louis and mother-in-law Miri Marcus at the launch of his new book.

Stephen Finn writes a most entertaining animal rights story

Last weekend Pretoria saw the launch of an entertaining animal rights book, The Story of Humphrey the Hereford, aimed at children and adults alike, by Prof Stephen Marcus Finn.

The story was born when Finn, as a six-year-old, rode his bicycle to the Potchefstroom Agricultural Fair and saw a man pulling "the most beautiful calf"; he has loved Herefords ever since. The book is endorsed by Beauty Without Cruelty. Copies can be obtained from the author at finnfam@mweb.co.za, or Beauty Without Cruelty: DIANE WOLFSON



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Journeying back in time to their roots



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Over the past three weeks a grade 4 class of Yeshiva College learners, embarked on a journey back in time, to discover their roots.

Each child was given the task of researching their family tree, where their relatives came from and all the events that occurred during those times. We have no future if we forget our past.

The eyes of these children have been opened to a world they never knew before. A big "well done" to grade 4L and their teacher, Sean Korb.

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

Getting into hot water

Hot water has been in short supply this winter at the Sandringham Gardens campus and I've been thrown in at the deep end, having to learn about the complexities of boiler maintenance, a very specialised, technical field more suited to the skills of an

Frustration levels ran high those of the residents as well as my own - as we struggled with not being able to apply a quickfix or emergency solution.

We can all relate to maintenance problems in our homes. Sometimes a geyser or pipe bursts or the power grid goes down. We grit our teeth and endure the hours, or days, of distress until the problem is

resolved. But when all the boilers malfunction at the same time on a campus the size of Sandringham Gardens, it's not days we're talking about. Repairs can take weeks or even months to complete.

It was an awful experience for our residents who were deprived, intermittently, of hot water and central heating. We were distraught about their discomfort - thank G-d warmer weather is now on its way.





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To explain, the three boilers that service the massive property all the way from Sandringham Square on Long Avenue to Golden Acres on George are:

- 5 ton coal boiler heat and hot
- 3 ton coal boiler hot water
- 5 ton gas boiler heat and hot

The 5 ton coal boiler is used throughout the winter and the 3 ton, during the summer months. Our winter back-up is the 5 ton gas boiler but, as luck would have it, that one broke down shortly before the 5 ton coal boiler did. And then even the 3 ton sporadically malfunctioned!

It has been challenging. The

infrastructure is old and repairs are costly but, thank G-d, we are back on track and have taken steps to ensure we never have to go through this again.

So, for now, I'm out of hot water and thankfully our residents have theirs!

May our partnership continue to

· Please feel free to communicate with me on feedback@thechev.org.za

Jewish Report Lifetime Achiever Alec Wapnick, passes on

The winner of the Lifetime Achiever Award at the Jewish Achievers function in July, property developer and philanthropist Alec Wapnick, passed away on Wednesday, after many years of frail health. A full obituary celebrating his life, will be run in next week's issue of the SA Jewish Report.

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Approaching court for relief, a final resort

Last Thursday evening, the Board partnered with the Mizrachi Shul in holding a memorial service for victims of the Marikana shooting tragedy, and for all victims of violence in South Africa. This was in response to President Jacob Zuma's designating that day as being the one where the country's faith communities would hold such services.

In the midst of the week of mourning, we learned that Cabinet had seen fit to approve the Minister of Trade and Industry's notice requiring that goods emanating from what it refers to as "Israeli occupied territories" be relabelled.

We were outraged by what we saw as a cavalier attempt by government to bypass the consultation process set in motion by the notice, as well as by its dismissive attitude towards our concerns. In our press statement, to which the SA Zionist Federation and Chief Rabbi were joint signatories, we deplored the manner in which South African Jewry's representatives had been denied any meaningful opportunity of explaining their position and airing the concerns they feel, despite having consistently demonstrated a willingness to engage with government on the issue.

With regard to the proposed relabelling measures themselves, these were "discriminatory, divisive, inconsistent with South African trade policy and seriously flawed from both an administrative and procedural point of view". At bottom, they were motivated "not by technical trade concerns, but by political bias against the State of Israel".

Notwithstanding the Cabinet's decision, the proposed meas-

ures regarding how products from Jewish enclaves in the West Bank will be identified, are far from being ratified as official policy.

Much of the work of the Board, SAZF and other interested organisations, has focused on legal avenues through which our concerns can be addressed, and to that end the SAZF has launched a comprehensive legal challenge against the proposed relabelling policy, currently underway in the courts. From the outset, we have viewed the process adopted by the Minister as being fatally flawed from both a procedural and administrative point of view, and the entire exercise as being politically motivated.

Approaching the courts for relief was adopted only after repeated attempts to address our concerns through engagement with government had been stymied. We certainly would prefer, as a community, not to be embarking on what is likely to be a protracted court battle, but having done so we are committed to seeing it through.

The voice of our Jewish community, no less than that of any other constituency in our country, deserves to be heard and not treated with disdain. Regarding the

actual issue over which the court is being approached, we are hopeful that whatever policy is ultimately adopted, it will come about through a proper process of consultation, with all duly constituted procedures being correctly followed.

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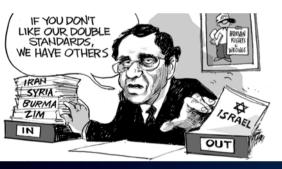
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ELTON BONDI Founder and current CEO of Cyest Corporation, a leading enterprise software development firm. Previously was strategy consultant with The Monitor Company, where he ioined Monitor's investment banking practice. While at The Monitor, he led a number of accounts in the resources, petrochemicals, construction and financial services industries. Elton holds a BA (law) from Wits, PDM from Wits Business School (Dean's List) and MA from Wits Business School. Elton has been actively involved in the SAJBD since 2007.

Sociology and English majors. Worked in the labour relations field for several years. Thereafter held various volunteer positions on PTA's at King David Victory Park Schools. Joined the Union of Jewish Women and was elected Sandton Branch Chairman 2006-2007 and Co-Chair 2007-2009. Currently on the UJW NEC, MANCOM (holding the PR Portfolio) and their Executive Committee. Holds Antisemitism and Racism Portfolio on behalf of the UJW for the International Council of Jewish Women, Sits on the Johannesburg AIDS Council on behalf of the SAJBD

ESTELLE CLINE holds a BA (Wits) with Industrial

ROBBIE FIHRER attended King David High School. He studied a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Wits and also attending Wits' Business School. Robbie founded Capricorn Capital Partners with 2 other partners in 2003. Robbie is responsible for sourcing and evaluates transactions, performing due diligence investigations and managing portfolio investments. He is one of the founding members of CAP.

REEVA FORMAN is the Managing Director of Reeva Forman (Pty) Ltd. Long-serving member SAJBD, Gauteng Council and National Executive Committee. Vice-chair SAZF. SAZF Founder and Chairperson of the 'Israel Now Tour' since 2002. Chair of SAZF Media Committee /special projects. Chairperson Temple Israel, Hillbrow. Recipricant of the Abe Abrahamson Volunteer Award SAZF 2006. Special Award from the World Zionist Organisation in 2008. Speaks on Israel, as well as management, marketing & empowerment Holds a BA Honours (Psychology) from Wits.

RAYMOND GOSS Matriculated from Herzlia High School in 1988 as Head Boy. Actively involved in Jewish youth movements. Attended ten machanot and held a number of leadership positions within Habonim. Holds an IMM diploma and a BComm Degree and a Member of the JSE. Joined the Investec Group in 1999 and is currently the head of Investec South Africa's wealth management offering and is a member of the Investec Wealth & Investment executive for the past decade. Has sat on a number of domestic and offshore investment committees and is a member elected trustee of the Investec Provident Fund.

articles on the topic

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STEVE LURIE Current National Chairman of the SA Union for Progressive Judaism a post he has held since 2004. He sits on the Executive Board of the World Union for Progressive Judaism with its headquarters in Jerusalem. Currently serves on the Gauteng board and the NEC of the SAJBD, as well as sitting on the MANCOM of the SAZF. Steve was a past vice-chairman and long-serving management board member of Beit Emanuel. He holds Diploma of Agriculture and is a retired

KAREN MILNER Educated at King David Linksfield and Wits University (BA Honours, MA, PhD). Academic at Wits University since 1993. Currently holds position of Associate Professor of Psychology and Deputy Head of the School of Human and Community Development at Wits (the School comprises the departments of Psychology, Social Work and Speech Pathology and Audiology). Registered with the Health Professions Council of $\label{eq:mark_notelovitz} \textbf{MARK NOTELOVITZ} \ \textbf{After serving in the SA}$ Special Forces, also known as the Recces, Mark left SA in the early 1980s to join the Israeli Defense Force. Mark gained much experience overseas, including working with the US State Department, the Mexican Government, and various other high-level security and counterterrorism projects internationally. After returning to SA in 1994, Mark spent much time at the helm of the CSO. Mark is the founder and CEO of Core Tactical, a specialised security service provider, which implements demanding security solutions in the residential, commercial and mining sectors.

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FLAN SAWITZKY SAJBD Gauteng Council and NEC member 2004-2012. Served five years on the National Executive Committee, SAUJS, Tour coordinator SA Grade 11 Israel Encounter 2002. Delegate United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development, 2002. Head of Security SA Delegation, Maccabiah Games, 2009. Currently working at Westland North as Business Development Manager

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SHAUN ZAGNOEV Matriculated from Yeshiva College in 1984. Spent 1985 in Israel in Yeshivat Har Etzion, Completed a Masters in Electrical Engineering in 1991 followed by an MBA from Wits Business School in 1993. Worked as a management consultant for 3 years at Gemini Consulting. Thereafter joined Ethos, the largest private equity firm in SA, at which he is a partner. Communal involvement includes: numerous leadership positions in Bnei Akiva, approximately ten vears involvement with the SAJBD at the Gauteng and National levels and leading Shabbat services in different communities

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Today, Friday (August 31)

· UZLC hosts Lionel Slier who will speak on "South African Crime Stories". Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 - 14:00. Contact: Gloria, (011) 485-4851 or 072-127-9421.

Saturday evening (Sept 1)

· Northcliff Shul gala dinner: "Spring in Northcliff". Time 20:00. Dress formal. R350 per person (table of 10 R3 000 per table). Music by Mikolot. catered by Shelley Geffen. Contact Sharon 011 678-3015 or 0723458219.

Sunday (September 2)

Second Innings hosts Tali Nates, director of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre, on "Building a Holocaust Centre in

Johannesburg - Highlights and Challenges". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Information: Grecia (011) 532-9718.

- · Hospice Flea Boot Market at the Checkers Car Park on Barry Hertzog Avenue, Emmarentia. Every first, and last, Sunday from 08:00 until 13:00. Information: Madeline (011) 794-5464 or Amanda at Hospice (011) 728-1052.
- · WIZO's Bnoth Zion Association holds its Yomtov Market at Sea Point High School, Main Road, Sea Point. Exciting gifts, children's entertainment, delicious goodies and more. More information: Tel (021) 464-6729.

Monday (September 3)

· UJW hosts political commentator and research officer of the Helen Suzman Foundation, Aubrey Matshiqi, who will talk on "What is Good/Bad for the ANC is Good/ Bad for the Country". Venue: 1 Oak Street Houghton. Time: 09:30. Contact: (011) 648-1053, fax 086 273-3044.

Tuesday (September 4)

- WIZO hosts its annual "Mystery Bus Tour". Bus leaves Beyachad at 09:00 sharp on a full day trip. Bring own lunch. Cost: R180. Booking essential. Contact: Sandy (011) 645-
- UJW hosts Arlene Bernstein, former head of

LifeLine, who will head a group discussion. Join in and share issues. Venue: 1 Oak Street Houghton. Time: 09:30. Contact: (011) 648-1053, fax 086 273-3044.

Wednesday (September 5)

- RCHCC hosts "30 Years After Claude Lanzmann's Shoah - New Developments in Holocaust History", a discussion with Holocaust scholars and historians Ronnie Mink and Tali Nates, followed by a Q & A. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R70 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@telkomsa.net, or visit www.great-
- The Chevrah Kadisha is hosting Shani Krebs on "My Journey From a Prison Cell to Rehabilitation"- a true story of addiction, meaning and hope. Venue: Golden Acres Card Room. Time: 19:30 - 21:00. Refreshments served. Donations appreciated. Information: Lara: (011) 532-9793/Tania: (011) 532-9719.
- UJW CT adult education division hosts Pearl Firer who will give a cooking demonstration, "Springtime in the Kitchen". Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Entrance: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).
- · UJW hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskalson, former lecturer in the department of English at Wits, who will present a series of five lectures on "English Metaphysical Poetry", starting today. She will discuss the poetry of two 17th century poets, John Donne and George Herbert. Venue: 1 Oak Street Houghton. Time: 09:30. Contact: (011) 648-1053, fax 086 273-3044.

Friday (September 7)

· UZLC hosts Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, the country communities rabbi, who will talk on his book, "The Travelling Rabbi - My African Tribe". Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 - 14:00. Contact: Gloria at 072-127-9421 or (011) 485-4851.

Sunday (September 9)

- · Second Innings hosts Rebbetzen Adele Kazilsky on "The Modern Family - Are We Surviving?" Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Information: Grecia (011) 532-9718.
- · Jacana Media is hosting the launch of Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft's book, "My African Tribe", as told to Suzanne Belling, with author and journalist Gus Silber, as guest speaker. Venue: Beyachad. Time: 10:30. RSVP: rsvp@jacana.co.za or tel: (011) 628-3200.

Monday (September 10)

· UJW hosts Prof Adam Habib of UJ, talking on "Between the Right to Protect and National Sovereignty: The Case of Libya and Syria". Venue: 1 Oak Street Houghton. Time: 09:30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

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Modern Orthodoxy and Religious Zionism

SUNRISE OF SUNSET?

Join us on Sunday evening, 2nd of September, for an evening of thought, discussion and evaluation with some of the leading minds of the Modern-Orthodox and Religious- Zionist worlds.

7:00pm: Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat: Women in Communal Leadersh have we done enough or too much?

8:00pm: Rabbi Prof. Daniel Herschkowitz, Minister of Science and Technology of the State of Israel: From Auschwitz to the Technion to the Pulpit to the Knesset - can we really

combine the worlds?

9:00pm: Panel Discussion with the guest speakers, Rabbi Laurence Perez and

Rebbetzin Candy Lipschitz: Sunrise or Sunset?

Venue: Mizrachi Shul, Long Avenue, Glenhazel.

R25 entrance



Jewish vision created the Paralympics

JACK MILNER

As each Olympic Games comes to an end, the country prepares for the Paralympics, which celebrates the achievements of sportspeople with various disabilities.

Ironically, three South Africans have been cited as raising the profile of the Paralympics - Natalie du Toit, Oscar Pistorius and Terence Parkin. All three were prepared to look beyond their respective disabilities and take on able-bodied athletes.

I remember getting a call from the Chinese News Agency after (the hearing-impaired) Parkin won a silver medal for the 200m breaststroke at the 2000 Olympic in Sydney. At the time I was working for the SA Press Association (Sapa). "Why is Parkin swimming here when he would win gold in the Paralympics?" I was asked.

"Because he's good enough to win a silver medal in the able-bodied Olympics," was my reply.

In Beijing, South Africans were delighted when Shireen Sapiro came away with a gold medal. Shireen is back in London this year and whatever the outcome of her races, she is sure to do herself proud.

However, what few people may know is that the only reason the Paralympics takes place is thanks to a Jewish neurosurgeon by the name of Sir Ludwig Guttmann, who fled Nazi Germany.

Guttmann pioneered athletic competition as therapy for patients with spinal injuries and organised an archery competition for 16 patients at Britain's Stoke Mandeville Hospital in 1948. From this humble start have evolved the Paralympic Games, which this week will bring together more than 4 000 athletes from around the world, to London.

"The Guttmann story is massive," Olympic historian Martin Polley told Associated Press. "He was the one who linked rehab to competitive sport."

This month has been Guttmann's moment, what with a BBC film about his life, "The Best of Men", an exhibition at the Jewish Museum in London and his daughter, Eve Loeffler, being named mayor of the athletes' village - a sort of ambassador-in-chief, who welcomes the participants for the Games that started on Wednesday and ends on September 9.

It follows a resurgence of interest in Guttmann, who escaped Nazi Germany in the late 1930s and settled in Britain, where his research on treating spinal patients drew the attention of the government.

Guttmann began working with injured soldiers at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, north of London, during the Second World War - a time when suffering a spinal injury was considered a death sentence. Patients were discouraged from moving, leading to secondary infections from bed sores or from pneumonia.

Known for an authoritarian streak and his stubborn insistence on changing the status quo, Guttmann swept into the hospital and took patients off sedation, which had been administered to make them comfortable. Guttmann was having none of that! No one was going to be comfortable.

"One patient told me: `I'm waiting for G-d Almighty to take me up'," the Times of London reported Guttmann as saying at a conference in 1962. "I told him: `While you are waiting, you can do some work'."

He made the patients sit up and work muscles. Seeking to keep them motivated, he hit upon competition as a way to make them work harder. He tried wheelchair field hockey, but when that became too violent, he got the patients involved in wheelchair basketball.

It was tough and demanding, but grateful patients nicknamed him "Poppa". They were still paralysed. But many lived - and carried out Guttmann's wish that they become taxpayers.

Loeffler said her father was marked by his past. Many of his relatives perished in Auschwitz. He was driven, intent to give back to the country that had given his family refuge.

"I think that's another thing that made him work so hard," she said. "He was Hitler's gift to this country in a way, and he was determined to be a good British citizen."

On the same day that London opened its 1948 Olympics, Guttmann organised a competition for wheelchair athletes, which he called the Stoke Mandeville Games. They involved 16 patients taking part in archery. From those humble origins, the Paralympics grew into a festival of sports involving 4 200 athletes from 166 teams.





Queen Elizabeth with Ludwig Guttmann in the 1960s.

Community Briefs

THE NEW PLAYGROUND

A fortnight ago, a new children's playground was launched in the James and Ethel Gray Park. An initiative of residents of Melrose and Birdhaven, spearheaded by community mums, Shelley Kesler and Anli Sudwarts, it provides a convenient, safe and fun area for kids. It offers imported equipment, a kiddies' bike track and is fenced in. Says MB CAP: "The playground is near the parking area, making it easier for our Tactical Units to patrol." Kesler added: "I am very excited to see this vision become a reality and am grateful to the sponsors and team that made it happen."



Anli Sudwarts (left) and Shelley Kesler in the new kiddies' playground.

MORIAH IN AUSTRALIA BRINGS JOY TO FIVE PORT ELIZABETH SCHOOLS

The Union of Jewish Women in PE was recently the recipient of 220kg of school uniforms received from Moriah School in Sydney, Australia. Moriah School had decided to change their uniform and as they say "one person's trash is someone's else's treasure", although this was far from so-called trash! Blazers, trousers, skirts, jerseys, shirts, track suits and back packs were among the items received. The UJW PE was able to distribute these uniforms to five needy schools in the area and the recipients were overjoyed. BERYL MEYER



to distribute these uniforms to five needy **Pictured is a small group of happy children at Kleinskool** schools in the area and the recipients **Primary in PE, in their new uniforms, with Elaine Racussen** were overjoyed. BERYL MEYER **(back left) and Beryl Meyer (back right), both from the UJW.**

