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Photographs that change the world



Last week, Jonathan Klein, CEO and founder of Getty Images, and former Davidian who matriculated in 1977, spoke to a capacity audience at King David Linksfield, about photographs that changed the world. Klein, who currently lives in New York, founded Getty Images in 1995 in partnership with Mark Getty. Today it yields some \$2,8 billion annually, and employs over 140 000 photographers on a freelance basis internationally. It was the first company in the world to licence images on-line. He spoke of how photography has been democratised by camera phones, low-priced digital cameras and social media. “Images do not change the world. People do. Since the advent of photography, images have moved people to take action to change the world. The intimacy of a single photograph can resonate across the world. Across generations. Across cultural barriers. This school is where it all started,” he added, referring to King David. “It was here that values of philanthropy and competitiveness were instilled in me.” (PHOTOGRAPH BY ILAN OSSENDRYVER)

Jewish community proposes changes to Info Bill in Parly

SAJBD's submission on the Protection of State Information Bill presented by Steven Gruz, in which the Board makes a case for a “public interest defence”, cited several judgments from the European Court of Human Rights supporting a public interest defence. It urged for such a defence to be included in the SA legislation.

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Yom HaShoah: April 19

The memory of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who would have celebrated his centenary this year, will permeate Yom Hashoah events around the country.



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SAKS: Looking at the Jewish contribution before 1994

With the advent of democracy in SA in 1994, it is good to have introspection into the contribution made by Jewish “capitalists” like Sol Kerzner and Jewish “far-left ideologues”, like Michael Harmel.



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Johnny Clegg, SA's only 'Jewish Zulu', releases a new CD, 'Human'

There will be no Jewish Report next week.



Due to Yomtov on the last two days of Pesach and public holidays during the week, there will be no issue next week. Our next issue will appear on April 20.

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Pesach - Candle-lighting

- 18:31 Johannesburg
- 19:06 Cape Town
- 18:17 Durban
- 18:37 Bloemfontein
- 18:38 Port Elizabeth
- 18:29 East London

April 8/ 16 Nissan
2nd Day Pesach - Yomtov ends

- 18:30 Johannesburg
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- 18:16 Durban
- 18:36 Bloemfontein
- 18:36 Port Elizabeth
- 18:28 East London

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- 18:08 Cape Town
- 17:22 Durban
- 17:42 Bloemfontein
- 17:40 Port Elizabeth
- 17:32 East London

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7th Day Pesach - Candle-lighting

- 17:36 Johannesburg
- 18:07 Cape Town
- 17:21 Durban
- 17:41 Bloemfontein
- 17:39 Port Elizabeth
- 17:30 East London

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Yomtov ends

- 18:24 Johannesburg
- 18:58 Cape Town
- 18:10 Durban
- 18:29 Bloemfontein
- 18:29 Port Elizabeth
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Pesach - the festival of education

In the Torah this festival is called Chag HaMatzot; the Sages refer to it as Chag HaPesach. However, by virtue of its makeup, it deserves another name: Chag HaChinuch, a festival which promotes Jewish education.

The Peel Commission of 1936 was a British Royal Commission of Inquiry set out to propose changes to the British Mandate for Palestine. One of the people interviewed was David Ben-Gurion.

Ben-Gurion turned to the British members of the commission and asked if the average British child knew about the founders of their nation. He asked the Americans how many children in the US could relay the momentous voyage more than 300 years ago of the Mayflower that landed at Plymouth Rock. Who was their leader? How many people? What day was it? What did they eat?

He concluded that any Jewish child can tell you 3 300 years ago the Jewish people were led out of Egypt to Israel by Moshe their leader, and there were over 600 000 males over the age of 20. It was a Thursday morning and they ate matzah.

Ben-Gurion ended his presentation by emphasising this unique quality of the Jewish



Pesach Dvar Torah
Dvar Torah from Rabbi Danny Sackstein Sunny Road Shul

nation and that we need to come home!

Pesach instils in our children this awareness of our beginnings as a people. When we know where we come from, we have clarity and perspective of our purpose and function as a people. The seder should instil in our children this essential knowledge in a warm, loving way.

Furthermore, if we pay attention to particular words of the Haggadah, we see a deep educational blueprint of how to guide our children.

The Haggadah says: “For the sake of this - we can only conduct the seder if matzah and maror are placed in front of you.”

This requirement conveys that to fulfil the purpose of saying the Haggadah and instructing our children successfully, they must see the matzah and maror “in front of you” - their

Rabbi Goldstein, Yaakov Shwekey team up in video

A collaboration between Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein and Jewish singer Yaakov Shwekey has taken the Jewish world by storm. The project, a first of its kind, is testimony to the miraculous existence of the Jewish people.

In the parlance of the modern world, the video is available on YouTube and the Chief Rabbi’s website, and is an example of how digital platforms can convey eternal truths with compelling emotion.

Set against the backdrop of Shwekey’s moving version of the famous song from the Haggadah, “Vehi Sheamda”, Rabbi Goldstein recounts the tale of Jewish eternity, a journey from the exodus from Egypt to nuclear Iran.

He implores us to respond accordingly and to fulfil our role in the divine destiny. “Judaism is not just about detached intellectualism and the video... creates a culmination of inspiration, music and strong visual imagery to evoke an emotional and spiritual response.”

It’s directed and edited by Wayne Kopping. He says “the video really puts Rabbi Goldstein out there, allowing him the platform to say the things that need to be said, to as many people



as possible.”

The video can be found on <http://www.chief Rabbi.co.za/vehisheamda/> and on YouTube: ‘Vehi Sheamda’ - Chief Rabbi’s Pesach Message featuring Yaakov Shwekey. - SHIRA DRUION

Kashrut Alert

PRODUCTS WHICH ARE KOSHER FOR PESACH

Cape Aqua Mineral Water - strawberry, lemon/lime - is kosher for Pesach when bearing a Passover sticker, according to an announcement by the kashrut department of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues.

All Cerebos Salt with an expiry date from November 29, 2014 till March 15, 2015, is kosher for Pesach, even without the Passover sticker.

Frozen Tenderchick chickens with the expiry date April 11, 2012, are kosher for Pesach, even without any Pesach label/sticker.

The following baby cereals and formulae are free of any chametz but do contain Kitniyot.

The following rules apply:

1. They may be used for babies for Pesach. (See the Pesach Guide, page 20) for details regarding the use of bottles and teats.
2. All bottles, teats and other utensils used in making

the formulae, must be kept separate and washed separately (such as in the bathroom).

A series of Aspen Pharmaceuticals Infacare baby products carry a milchic, parev or Mahedrin hechsher. All baby formulae and cereals are kosher certified only if produced in South Africa. For more details, visit the kashrut department’s website.

The same applies to the following Nestle products: Nestum Maize Cereal, Nestum Rice Cereal and all Nan formulae, except for Nan HA (not kosher).

Lancewood White Cheese is kosher for Pesach and Chalav Yisrael ONLY when bearing the Passover sticker.

Pick n Pay tuna with the Beth Din logo is kosher for Pesach and Bishul Yisrael, even without the words “Kosher for Passover” and “Bishul Yisrael” on the label.

All products produced and packaged for Pesach were produced under constant supervision and all ingredients were declared beforehand and checked by a qualified

food technologist as well as by a qualified rabbi, the kashrut department advises.

Some products certified for Pesach exhibit the normal all-year round label which may list Chametz of Kitniyot as an ingredient. Since the cost of reprinting labels is exorbitant and the kashrut department wants to keep costs to the minimum to benefit the final consumer, the department does not insist on reprinting labels specifically for Pesach.

• The UOS offices will be closed on Friday April 6, as it is a public holiday. Please send your Mechirat Chametz form to our office before 16:00 on Thursday April 5. If this is not possible, there will be support staff at our offices until 09:00 Friday April 6 (which is the time of the sale of the chametz).

Mechirat Chametz forms can be downloaded from the UOS website or sell your chametz online from: <http://www.uos.co.za/kashrut/pesachSaleChametz.asp>.

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Wallenberg's memory will permeate Yom Hashoah events

DAVID SAKS

No-one can say for sure how many Jewish lives were saved through the efforts of the legendary Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg. What is certain, though, is that without him, the great majority of the estimated 100 000 Jews whom he protected while serving as Sweden's special envoy in Budapest, Hungary, during the Second World War, would have perished at the hands of the Nazis.

One of those whom Wallenberg protected was the young John Dobai. Together with his family, he was issued with a protective passport and provided with a safe house designated as Swedish territory to live in. After the war, the family immigrated to the UK.

Dobai will be the keynote speaker at this year's Yom Hashoah ceremonies in Durban and Johannesburg.



John Dobai.



Raoul Wallenberg.

In this, the centenary year of Wallenberg's birth, Dobai will relate his experiences as a Hungarian Jew living under the shadow of the Nazi occupation, and how he was ultimately saved from the fate suffered by millions of his Jewish brethren by a man whose bravery and compassion have since inspired the world.

Yom Hashoah this year will be observed in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and East London on April 19, the date of the

Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

The Durban ceremony will take place on the preceding Wednesday while those in Pretoria and Bloemfontein will be held on the following Sunday. Keynote speakers at the other venues are Marlene Silbert, founding education director of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre (Cape Town), Anthony Court, chief researcher, Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Unisa (Port Elizabeth) and Rabbi Gidon Fox of the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation (Pretoria).

Prior to speaking at Yom Hashoah, Dobai will speak to the Cape Town Jewish community at a function co-hosted by the Cape Town Holocaust Centre and the SAJBD Cape Council (April 17, 20:00, 88 Hatfield Ave, Gardens).

His illustrated lecture is entitled: "Saved by Wallenberg: The Childhood Memories of John Dobai". For more information, e-mail admin@holocaust.org.za or call (021) 462-5553.

• For more information on this year's Yom Hashoah ceremonies, visit www.jewsa.co.za or contact Jenni Fearnley on (011) 645-2521/23 (Johannesburg), Gwynne Robins on (021) 464-6700 (Cape Town), Roseanne Rosen on (031) 335-4452 (Durban), Leah Chabas on 083-496-0684 (Bloemfontein), Myron Robinson on 073-355-4068/043-705-5040, Diane Wolfson on (012) 346-8712 (Pretoria) and Michael Simmons on 082-752-1289 (PE).

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Jewish community proposes changes to Info Bill in Parliament

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STEVEN GRUZD

On March 29, the SA Jewish Board of Deputies (SAJBD) was one of 18 institutions selected (out of some 300 who made written submissions) to present at public hearings of Parliament's upper house, the National Council of Provinces, on the controversial Protection of State Information Bill (POSIB).

Recognising the need for the South African Jewish community to speak out on this issue of national importance, the SAJBD sought legal opinion, and responded to the call for public comment.

The POSIB seeks to update archaic legislation from 1982 and better regulate the classification, protection and dissemination of state information, but its critics charge that it will undermine the constitutional rights of journalists, whistleblowers and the public to access information.

Amidst the solid wood panelling and green leather seats of the Old Assembly Chamber, the Board joined the chorus of voices calling for this proposed law to be substantially revised in the interests of preserving South African democracy.

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The submission (see <http://www.jewish-sa.co.za/pg/132>) emphasised how this Bill has seized the attention of the Jewish community, who, as committed citizens, are concerned about its implications for democracy in South Africa. It stressed strong support for freedom of expression, the importance of a free press and the need for strong regulatory rules and institutions.

The submission noted that several issues raised in the SAJBD's previous submission to the National Assembly in July 2011, had been addressed in the current Bill, including considerable narrowing of its scope and the criteria for classification, the inclusion of a review panel, and some protection for whistleblowers. Nevertheless, the Bill still risks being struck down by the Constitutional Court.

Four main arguments were advanced. First, it called for the removal of the minimum sentences, which were excessive and out of step with modern jurisprudence. One MP asked why this was the only submission to make this recommendation. The response was that each case should be judged entirely on its merits and sentencing should be left to the courts' discretion.

Second, security offences are traditional-



ly connected to an intention to subvert the state, including action taken with reckless disregard for consequences, and the submission recommended the removal of negligence as sufficient form of mens rea (“a guilty mind”).

Third, the submission asserted that the criteria in the Bill remained constitutionally “overbroad”, and cited many Constitutional Court judgments where legislation that was not clear, accessible, understandable or generally applicable, had been struck down.

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It called for further tightening of the definition of “national security”, to prevent the classification of information under the guise of national interest. The presentation noted that “if legal criteria are bad in law, they cannot be cured or made Constitutional by either creating an offence (eg Clause 47 on intentionally classifying information illegally), or the possibility of whistleblowing, or permission by the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute”, as the current Bill tries to do.

Finally, it discussed the inclusion of a “public interest defence”. It noted that other inherent defences should be considered, including if information is classified for ulterior purposes or fraudulently. One would always need to prove the value of publication to be of substantially greater importance than the national security which could be compromised.

The submission cited several important judgments from the well-respected European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) that support a public interest defence, as well as the need to protect national security against genuine threats. It urged for a public interest defence to be included, noting that it is a limited defence, comparable to “necessity” in criminal law (where no rational alternative existed).

MPs posed some tough questions and engaged vigorously. Committee Chairman Raseriti Tau, warmly thanked the Board for its active and pragmatic participation in this vital national conversation. As the NCOP's recommendations are awaited eagerly, the South African Jewish community can be proud of its efforts to temper this legislation. To paraphrase Moses' pre-Pesach plea to Pharaoh: “Let our people know!”

Steven Gruzd, senior researcher and diplomatic liaison at the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, presented the Board's submission to the NCOP.

News in brief

NY POLICE BEEFING UP SECURITY AHEAD OF PASSOVER

NEW YORK - The New York Police Department is increasing its security at synagogues and Jewish sites for Passover.

The NYPD said it was taking precautionary measures beginning this week in the wake of last month's attack on a religious school in France, which left three children and a rabbi dead, The Associated Press reported.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly reportedly told the city's Jewish leaders that they would be “adding foot posts, visits by officers to synagogues, outreach

by community affairs officers and a heightened presence of anti-crime”.

Kelly also said there would be heightened security and the deployment of heavily armed roving counter-terrorism units.

The NYPD said the extra measures were not due to specific threats or connected to this week's investigation of an online mock movie poster warning that al-Qaida would return to New York City, which has the largest Jewish population outside of Israel. (JTA)

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“WELFARE MINISTRY, NGOs CLASH OVER PASSOVER AID”

The topic of aid for needy families on Passover has become a touchy one, with the Welfare Ministry and food charities trading accusations.

Jewish Times Asia, Hong Kong:
www.jewishtimesasia.org

“ISRAEL’S EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES HELPS FLOOD VICTIMS”

The recent Typhoon Sendong that affected the provinces of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan in southern Philippines, caused serious disruption and loss of life to many Filipino people.

Jewish Telegraph, Manchester:
www.jewishtelegraph.com

“MP RECEIVES DEATH THREAT AFTER STANDING UP FOR ISRAEL”

Conservative MP for Henley, London, John Howell says he fears for his life after receiving death threats for defending Israel in an exchange with a constituent.

World Jewish Daily, international:
www.worldjewishdaily.com

“FORMER WHITE HOUSE REPORTER AWARDED FOR BEING FRIEND TO PALESTINIANS”

Lebanese-American reporter Helen Thomas, who covered the White House for 50 years before being forced to resign over anti-Semitic comments, was honoured by the Palestinian Authority on Sunday.

The Australian Jewish News, Sydney, Australia:

www.jewishnews.net.au

“LESSONS IN RESPECT”

Moriah College is working with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies to bring its year 7 students together with pupils from a Western Suburbs-based Christian school.

Baltimore Jewish Times, Baltimore, Maryland, USA:

www.jewishtimes.com

“WASHINGTON JEWISH WEEK BUYS JEWISH TIMES PARENT COMPANY”

Owners of the Washington Jewish Week purchased Alter Communications, Inc, owners of the Baltimore Jewish Times and other publications, at a bankruptcy court-sanctioned sale this week.

The Jewish Week, New York:

www.thejewishweek.com

“QUIT FACEBOOK, BROOKLYN YESHIVA GIRLS ORDERED”

Beis Rivkah High School, a Jewish girls' school associated with Chabad in Brooklyn, has ordered its 11th-graders to close their Facebook accounts and pay a \$100 fine or be expelled.

News in brief

OBAMA CITES LUBAVITCHER REBBE IN PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama underlined the accomplishments of the late Lubavitcher rebbe in his proclamation of Education and Sharing Day.

In Tuesday's proclamation, Obama highlighted the teachings of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson and said that Schneerson embodied a “humanitarian spirit”.

“As a tireless advocate for youth around the world, he inspired millions to lift the cause of education, to practise kindness and generosity, and to aspire toward their highest ideals,” Obama said in the proclamation.

“His enduring legacy lives on in those he touched, and today, we resolve to carry forward his dedication to service and scholarship.”

In addition, Obama reiterated the importance of pursuing knowledge and cultivating character that has enriched American progress.

“In a global economy where more than half of new jobs will demand higher education or advanced training, we must do everything we can to equip our children with the tools for success,” the president said.

“Our nation's prosperity grows with theirs, and by ensuring every child has access to a world-class education, we reach for a brighter future for all Americans.” (JTA)



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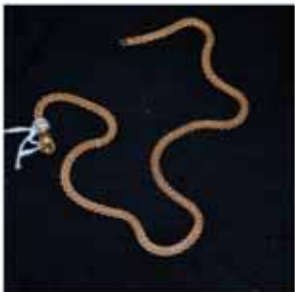
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Jewish Report Editorial

Pesach already

It is hard to believe we are already in April - almost a quarter of the way through the year. Pesach is here, beginning today - Friday - and as we celebrate with family and friends along with Jews everywhere, we continue looking with concern at a world rife with tension and conflict.

Here at home, in our strong, coherent community, Pesach is observed to a remarkably large extent. A survey of attitudes and practices done by the Kaplan Centre in 2006, showed that 95 per cent of SA Jewry attends a Pesach seder, and 90 per cent fast on Yom Kippur. This in a community in which 66 per cent defined themselves as “traditional” in their religious observance and 14 per cent as “strictly Orthodox”.

Progressive Judaism registered seven per cent, while “just Jewish” and “non-practising” registered eight per cent and four per cent respectively.

Pesach, aside from being a time of reflection and introspection, is also for family and communal togetherness. Relatives who don’t see each other throughout the year, gather together for their seders.

But, sadly, this is also a period when the pain of lonely people is felt more acutely than at other times - such as the many people among South African Jewry whose close family have emigrated to faraway places.

With our high Jewish emigration rate over decades - along with many other South Africans who have left the country - a number of such people will be going through Pesach without their children, grandchildren and other relatives. Some live in homes for the elderly, others live alone.

For their children to travel from Sydney, New York, London, Tel Aviv and the other places South African Jews have gone to, is often prohibitively expensive.

To its credit, this community organises communal and similar seders which people who don’t have family can attend.

The Jewish Report wishes its readers a Pesach Kasher v’Sameach.

First seder for the Falash Mura

Among the many themes in the Pesach tradition is the ingathering of Jewish exiles to Israel. A moving event a week ago at the Jewish Agency Absorption Centre in Mevaseret Zion reflected this. Some 60 Ethiopian olim - Falash Mura - who recently arrived in Israel, came for a “mock seder” to learn about Pesach’s religious and cultural traditions. The “festival of freedom” has particular resonance for them. Later, they will celebrate their first-ever real seder in Israel.

They have been learning from the Haggadah with an Amharic translation. Many attended the mock seder dressed in white, the traditional Ethiopian attire for festive occasions.

A guest at the seder was Natan Sharansky, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He described how he had made a seder while imprisoned in Siberia by the Communist regime, using water instead of wine and bread instead of matzah, and reciting as much of the Haggadah as he could from memory.

The Falash Mura - Ethiopian Jews whose ancestors were forcibly converted to Christianity more than a century ago - were officially recognised as part of the Jewish people in 2002 by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar and granted the right to make aliyah, although they are required to undergo formal conversion to Judaism upon arrival. Some 6 000 Falash Mura have received formal approval to immigrate, approximately half having already arrived. Many have waited for years in the northern Ethiopian town of Gondar in very poor conditions.

In every generation we are commanded to tell the story of Passover as if we ourselves were slaves in Egypt. We are part of the story, aiming to be a free people in our land. For the Falash Mura, the story has a very personal flavour as they participate in their first real Pesach seder in Israel.

Looking at Jewish contribution in the build-up to a new SA

With the advent of democracy in SA in 1994, it is good to have introspection into the contribution made by Jewish “capitalists” like Sol Kerzner and Jewish “far-left ideologues”, like Michael Harmel. In the end it is people like Kerzner who made a real difference to the lives of the long-suffering proletariat, and in the areas that really count - jobs, income, opportunity, infrastructure. For the thwarted dreamers of the hard left, it must have been a very bitter pill to swallow.

In the course of conducting research for what became researching Jewish Memories of Mandela, a book brought out by the SAJBD and Umoja Foundation last year, I made the vicarious acquaintance of what was probably the complete spectrum of South African Jews, from very religious to ultra-secular, from far left Communists to National Party supporters and the usual range of professions - doctors, dentists, accountants, lawyers (lots of those), university academics, journalists, politicians and businessman, among others.

All of those featuring in the book had had some kind of connection with Nelson Mandela over the decades. With the glaring exception of the luckless Percy Yutar, the famously overzealous state prosecutor in the Rivonia Trial, practically all emerged with enhanced reputations because of that connection. That, at least, was the message the book conveyed. Others, particularly those with more pronounced liberal-left leanings, have nevertheless raised a metaphorical eyebrow over certain of the individuals concerned being allowed to share in the Mandela lustre.

The latter include certain leading businessmen, whose Mandela connections date at best to the mid-1980s and more commonly to the post-1990 era, following Mandela’s release. Their involvement primarily involved coming up with large sums of money at Mandela’s “request” (no threats or blackmail were involved, but refusal was pretty much never an option) so as to finance a range of upliftment projects in impoverished black areas.

Sometimes, the involvement of Jewish businessmen in the Mandela saga had a political slant, however. That was certainly true in the case of Sol Kerzner. When Mandela first met with him, it was not to get him to sign a large cheque but to assist him in getting Lucas Mangope, president of the nominally independent homeland of Bophutatswana, to co-operate in the process of reincorporating his “country” into South Africa proper.

Dismantling all of the homelands established under the apartheid system was a non-negotiable part of the ANC’s post-apartheid vision. One of the more difficult homelands to deal with was Bophutatswana, because it had been relatively more of a success than the other bantustans and Mangope himself believed he could make a go of it.

One of the reasons why the homelands experiment was somewhat less disastrous in Bophutatswana’s case, ironically, was due to Kerzner’s very involvement. It was there that he established his now legendary Sun City hotel empire, taking advantage of the fact that being officially independent of South Africa, the normal restrictions on gambling and other designated vices did not apply.

At his first meeting with Mandela, Kerzner did not skirt the issue, asking him what he had first thought when learning about the Sun City project. According to him, Mandela replied that he had felt a sense of relief that through it, thousands of jobs would be created that in turn would make life a little easier once it came to dealing with the post-apartheid



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economic legacy.

Kerzner duly did what he could to influence Mangope to accept that change was coming and that there would be no place for independent homelands in the new South Africa.

When the book came out, resentment was expressed in some quarters over the fact that Jewish businessmen, who had prospered under apartheid and even in some cases co-operated with the system, were now being allowed to share in the credit for South Africa’s transformation.

In thinking this over, I mulled over the stark contrast between how Jews like Kerzner had experienced apartheid with how it had been experienced by Jewish activists within the ANC-led liberation movements.

The majority of the latter were committed Communists, lived lives of near penury and frequently endured State-sponsored persecution, including bannings and imprisonment.

One such activist was Michael Harmel. He was one of the leading intellectual lights of the underground SA Communist Party, and probably its foremost theorist.

Receiving only the barest remuneration for his efforts, he devoted his life to studying and writing on Communist political theory, preparing the ideological groundwork for the workers’ utopia he and fellow Party members sincerely believed was destined to replace the apartheid regime.

In Harmel’s dedication, self-sacrifice and abiding faith, there was something akin to the impoverished East European Talmudic scholar of der alte heim. Dying in the mid-1970s, he did not live to see the demise of apartheid, but at least was spared witnessing the wholesale collapse of the international Communist system to which he had devoted his life.

The cruel reality is that for all the heroism and self-sacrifice of its adherents, Communism proved in the main to be a gigantic exercise in futility. Little was destined to become of all the solemn party conferences, intensive (and often acrimonious) debates, policy papers, earnest speeches and everything else associated with the movement in South Africa.

Instead, when Mandela was released, it was to the hated capitalists that he went to provide the wherewithal for building a new society. Maybe Mandela was merely being diplomatic when he answered Kerzner’s question, but that did not mean that what he said was untrue.

In the end it is people like Sol Kerzner who succeeded in making a real difference to the lives of the long-suffering proletariat, and in the areas that really count - jobs, income, opportunity, infrastructure. For the thwarted dreamers of the hard left, it must have been a very bitter pill to swallow.

Letters

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‘Global marchers’ and ‘flotilla sailors’ have failed

To the “global marchers” and “flotilla sailors”: You have failed at yet another attempt to demonise, delegitimise Israel and your ongoing efforts to bring about the annihilation of Israel and genocide of its people, have failed.

True, you have caused a rush of adrenaline for some (mostly yours!) but lost yet another battle. Trust me, it is only a matter of time before you lose the war.

Here is a suggestion for you: How about investing your efforts, time and resources into building up people’s lives rather than trying to destroy a country.

Gary Selikow, Johannesburg

Chevrah ad: Matzah reference as ‘cardboard’ inappropriate

I refer to the Chevrah advertisement, “This Pesach you might see a lot of Jews eating cardboard...” in the Jewish Report of March 30.

While one can empathise with the underlying message of the advertisement and at the same time applaud the Chev for the truly wonderful work it does throughout our community, I have to take issue with the headline.

The reference to “eating cardboard” is not quite in keeping with the essence of what eating matzah over the Pesach period represents. This somewhat derogatory reference to “cardboard” has been around for many years, linked with the often heard remark: “Pesach wouldn’t be so bad if I didn’t have to eat that cardboard stuff.”

Matzah is what Pesach is all about. Some like it, some don’t. But eating it for eight days in order to remind us of what hardships our ancestors endured thousands of years ago, is a small price to pay.

By all means let’s have creativity in advertising, but when I first read the ad I have to be honest, I cringed. Can you imagine a non-Jew reading the ad? It would come across as a bit of a mockery of our festival.

Those at the Chev who okayed the headline certainly didn’t apply their minds when they needed to.

Rod Waner, Johannesburg

‘One on One’ makes it a special day for handicapped

I refer to an article in the Jewish Report of March 9 and am delighted to note that learners are gearing up to interact with and assist those with special needs. Kol Ha’kavod to you all.

As convener of the magical and special day, called “One to One”, in Cape Town for the past 31 years, for those with an intellectual disability, I am extending an invitation to the group to come and attend “One on One” and to experience what it is to link up with the people and to enjoy a fun fair replete with games stalls and live entertainment.

One of the vital elements in the success of the day, is the pairing of the handicapped with a volunteer “friend” for the day, to share the excitement and care for the guest. More than 3 000 handicapped are so feted in a day like no other.

No other communal initiative involving organisations, schools, student and social groups from across the city takes place with the handicapped as the singular focus. The uniting of people, each with their own agenda, under the banner of providing for those who cannot provide for themselves, is magical in itself.

The event this year takes place on August 19 at the Good Hope Centre in Cape Town and we would be delighted to share our experience and expertise with the Friendship Circle, who in turn would be able to sample some very magic of sincere commitment to the less fortunate.

I am contactable on my cell, 082-928-3190, or e-mail: albertg.glass@gmail.com

Good luck in your endeavours.

Albert Glass, Cape Town



Going, going... On Auction

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Why's, how's and when's of auctioneering

A few questions:

Why would one take an immovable property to auction? How would one take it to auction? Where would the auction be held? What happens at an auction?

Contemplate the following scenarios:

A man dies at age 85 bequeathing that all of his properties be sold and the proceeds paid to his heirs.

A middle-aged couple in debt are not able to meet their monthly repayments on their home. The bank forecloses on the properties. The couple have the High Court enter judgment against them for payment of the arrear instalments and for an order that the property be sold to realise the outstanding amounts.

A property company is served with an application for its liquidation by the municipality, to whom it is indebted, for hundreds of thousands of rands, in respect of outstanding rates and taxes and consumption charges.

In all of these cases, the properties can be sold by way of auction.

The "why question": For instance, either the executor of a deceased estate, the liquidator of the company, or the bank's attorneys who foreclosed, would need to sell the properties as soon as possible.

The party charged to sell, being the executor, liquidator or attorney, could try to sell the properties via private treaty, meaning by procuring purchasers and entering into a private sale with the purchasers to sell the properties. Such party may, however, normally not be located in close proximity to the properties concerned, may not be familiar with property prices in such area, may not have relevant contacts and resources to procure purchasers and may not wish to become engaged in the "ups and downs" of attempting to sell the properties.

These properties can quite simply be sold by way of an auction which would normally take place in proximity to where the properties are situated.

The "how and where question". In certain circumstances, especially where an auction takes place following upon a court order, the sheriff of the

Court would normally auction the properties concerned. Where the properties are being sold as part of a deceased estate or where a liquidator is charged with selling the properties, a private auctioneering company would normally be approached to auction the properties.

The auctioneering company would usually advertise the properties through several means and an auction would then be held either on site at the properties or at the auctioneer's premises. The auctioneer who sells the property must be a registered estate agent and possess a valid Fidelity Fund Certificate.

Purchasers should inspect the properties before the auction. Many auctioneers hold inspection days.

When buying properties via an auction, one cannot buy subject to conditions such as that the purchaser would be able to obtain a mortgage bond (like you normally could when buying a property on the open market). In addition, a deposit of normally between 10 to 15 per cent, needs to be paid after the bid is accepted.

Nowadays the deposit is normally required to be effected via EFT.

Before bidding, a purchaser should ensure, that if a bond is required, he qualifies for the amount of the required bond.

Potential bidders will register and receive a bidder's number prior to the auction. If a purchaser's bid succeeds, the "conditions of sale" are presented to him for signature and the deposit paid.

There is no specific Act that

deals with auctions. The Consumer Protection Act allocates a specific section to auctions. The section specifically provides that the sale of an auction is complete when the auctioneer announces its completion by the "fall of the hammer". Until that announcement, any offer may be retracted.

The Act further provides that the Minister of Trade and Industry may prescribe requirements to be complied with by auctioneers in respect of the conduct of an auction.

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History buffs, artefact aficionados and discerning collectors now have an online facility dedicated to the promotion and preservation of South Africa's heritage. A news site, Heritage Watch, is to be launched on Freedom Day.



Consolidated Auction Group, is the asset services and sales company behind the initiative.

"We couldn't pick a more auspicious day to launch this exciting venture," said Chico da Silva, Consolidated's CEO.

"To date this has been our most exciting corporate social investment project. Launching its online component emphasises our dedication to making it as inclusive as possible - a news site to celebrate and watch over the heritage of all South Africans."

According to Da Silva, the idea for the site was born out of research Consolidated conducted on behalf of a leading current affairs programme.

"We were asked to help with creating awareness around artefacts needed for a special Heritage Day broadcast. The response was overwhelming. Apart from obvious relics such as rifles and rusted bayonets from the Great South African War (Anglo-Boer War) we also attracted people with unusual stories behind even more unusual items."

Da Silva recalls that an item of particular interest was a Dutch family Bible showed to a panel of historians and artefact experts.

"It contained letters from a concentration camp and its heartfelt message evoked a lot of empathy and emotion, particularly from its owner, a Scotsman with a very

broad accent. We found it very touching that someone like him could endear himself to the suffering a Boer woman experienced more than a century ago. It showed how the stories behind artefacts could unify us."

Interestingly the Scot picked up the Bible for a paltry R50 at a flea market in Irene a few years ago. He only discovered the letters in the back of the Bible when he got home.

The panel pointed out that the letters made an invaluable contribution to the Bible's value estimated to be around R3 000.

In another instance a woman presented a bounded bundle of papers from the Mafeking Mail. In the decaying quality of the paper

you can see how the town's printing works were affected by the Boer siege at the beginning of the war.

Reports in the papers itself recount vividly what it was like living in Mafeking at the time.

Experts estimated that the bundle could sell for as much as £5 000 in the UK, substantially more than the R5 000 its owner thought it to be worth.

"It's these kind of stories that are of particular interest," remarks Da Silva, "items that infuse our understanding of history with a sense of pathos and tenderness for the trials and tribulations of our ancestors."

Because artefact awareness is a central component of the project,

the site - www.heritagewatch.co.za - has a click-through function called "What's it Worth".

"Here we endeavour to give collectors and owners the best market-related value for their prized possessions."

Da Silva added that a prominent war museum has already indicated that it will endorse Heritage Watch.

"We're passionate about our past," stresses Da Silva, "and we're looking forward to having the support of people who share this passion."

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Members of the organisation vary from large corporates to smaller businesses. No matter the size of the company, by becoming a member of SAIA, auctioneering houses display their commitment to offering a professional service to both sellers and buyers.

SAIA members are compelled to meet legal requirements by belonging to the Estate Agency Affairs Board if they sell property. They also contribute towards a Fidelity Fund that offers financial protection for the public who are involved in selling or buying movable goods at auction.

“Good fences good neighbours make” is a well-known saying. The “good fences” don’t mean you distrust your neighbour; it simply means that “good-neighbourliness” is structured and all ambiguity removed. It entails “dos” and “don’ts”.

SAIA has an all-encompassing Code of Conduct which spells out in detail what is expected from its members – and obviously, what’s not. To agree to the terms and to adhere to its rules, lend credence to its membership. It is a document protecting both auction house and clients and again shows how important it is to deal with a body willing to put its professional reputation on the line.

Looking at the Code of Conduct, it is imperative that anyone attending an auction or entrusting an item to be sold, deal with an accredited auctioneer who is a member of the Institute and adheres to its Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct kicks off by stating: “A member may be held responsible for a breach of, or failure to, comply with this code...”

It adds: “A member may not, under the guise or through the medium of a partnership, company, close corporation or any other entity, do anything or allow anything to be done which he or she would not be permitted to do as an individual in terms of this Code of Conduct.”

A key word is “integrity”. “Every member is obliged to conduct his or her affairs in the auctioneering profession with integrity.” It says: “All members are obliged to practise in a manner which is fair, honest and free of conflicts of interest, prejudice and bias.”

Because money is at stake, the Code says: “A member entrusted with monies belonging to others (by example sellers or liquidators) in the course of his or her professional work should keep such monies separate from personal or firm money; use such monies

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“Every member is required to have a detailed knowledge of and to abide by any legislation, statutory enactments, regulations and any other binding sources of authority...”

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The Code stresses that “it is the duty of every member of the Institute to the best of his knowledge and belief and with the exercise of reasonable care and without negligence, to protect users against: fraud; misrepresentations; unethical practices in connection with the sale, disposal or liquidation of any movable or immovable property”.

On commissions to be paid, it says: “A member shall at all times ensure that the seller is informed of the rate of the seller’s commission, the buyer’s commission and all other expenses to be levied in respect of the auction.”

The Code stresses: “Every member has a general duty... to protect the public’s interest, in terms of this duty.”

The Code comes out explicitly against misrepresentation in advertising – the bane of many an auction-attendee. It stresses that no member of the Institute shall “wilfully or negligently mislead or misrepresent in regard to any matter pertaining to property to be sold at an auction in respect of which he has a mandate to sell such property; use any harmful or misleading marketing technique or method to influence any user to confer upon him a mandate to conduct an auction in respect of that user’s movable or immovable property.”

Members of the Institute are also obliged to take “all reasonable and necessary steps” to prevent the manipulation of an auction, inter alia by bidders who are “planted” with a view to manipulating the price of a particular item obtained at an auction and in circumstances where the “planted” bidder is not a genuine prospective purchaser.

“Similarly, members are obliged to take all reasonable and necessary steps to prevent what is known as ‘ghost bidding’, that is, accepting a bid from a purchaser who is not physically present at the auction.

“Members are obliged to ensure that they do not collude with buyers in any manner whatsoever and, if a member is aware of any collusion between any buyers, the member is obliged to inform the seller of that knowledge.”

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PETER FELDMAN

They will be different, he says, because he will be featuring songs from his new album, “Human”, and there will be new choreography and musical arrangements.

In an interview the celebrated artist explained how he has managed to sustain the passion and creativity.

“I am a communicator,” he says, “and in every show I enjoy sharing new information and ideas with my audience.

“The world is changing as is South Africa, and many of the songs I wrote in previous years still have much to offer in the climate of transformation and change.

“There is also something special when songs one has written many years ago are being appreciated by new generations of young South Africans. That alone is enough to inspire performance.”

Talking about “Human”, Clegg says the album was recorded in Brussels and produced by a good friend and inspirational musician, Nicols Fizman.

“It is a live band playing all the new songs and is very organic. The songs range widely across much musical territory including Rai music, afro-Cuban, gypsy, Celtic, Zulu, Bhaca, rock and folk music.”

Feldman on Film

Curtis LaForche (Michael Shannon) confronts the tornado, with his deaf six-year-old daughter, Hannah (Tova Stewart). (PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY WWW.EATSLEEPLIVE-FILM.COM)

VIEWERS ARE IMMERSSED IN THE NIGHTMARE ANXIETIES

Take Shelter is a depressingly creepy film. Writer-director Jeff Nichols immerses viewers in the nightmare anxieties of its lead character, Curtis LaForche (a brilliant Michael Shannon), who has frighteningly real dreams about climate change.

Driven by fear, he builds an underground shelter for his wife, Samantha (Jessica Chastain), and daughter, Hannah, a six-year-old deaf girl.

Take Shelter is a strikingly original concept whose haunting theme is given a terrifying new twist, with the mood of creeping dread pervad-

ing every frame and gesture. Nichols brings this scenario home with enormous power, eliciting heartfelt performances from his small cast. The only disappointment is in the ending.

AMERICAN PIE REUNION AN UNEXPECTED FUN RUN

American Pie was a cult teen sex comedy that got it right. A decade later the same group of actors, but with a new director and script writer, have assembled in East Great Falls, Michigan in an effort to get it right again.

American Pie Reunion is the high school reunion to end all reunions and it’s an unexpected fun run. It’s crude as anything, but echoes the same bold sentiments that set the benchmark in 1999 with director Chris Weitz at the helm.

Hayden Schlossberg directs a cast that features Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan, Seann William Scott, Chris Klein and Eugene Levy.


THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL WONDERFULLY ENTERTAINING

An elite group of British stars, which includes Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and Tom Wilkinson, have been assembled for John Madden’s enchanting production, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Ol Parker’s script, adapted from Deborah Moggach’s novel, is superbly written, with a number of small, but intriguing sub-plots that keep one perpetually engaged – even with its odd contrivance.


It’s a good-natured comedy about British retirees who decide to “outsource” their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Enticed by advertisements for the newly restored Marigold Hotel and bolstered with visions of a life of leisure, they arrive in Jaipur to find the palace a shell of its former self.

The film looks at how the various individuals, all saddled with their own problems, are forced to come to grips with their new environment. Wonderfully entertaining!





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Yeshiva College grade Rs have a fun seder

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The grade Rs at Yeshiva College enjoyed an exciting morning preparing for their Pesach seder. We sold and burnt our chametz and then the children had a special seder with their guests, Inky and Inket. A great deal was learnt and so much fun was had all.

Pictured are Aaron Zulberg with Inky; Adir Sasto; Adam Isaacson; and Liron Nathan with Inket.

KDL tots get creative for Pesach



TA holds its 20th Pesach wine sale

OWN CORRESPONDENT PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

This year saw the celebration of Torah Academy's 20th annual Pesach fundraising wine sale held at KasherWorld in Glenhazel, as a service to the community.

The wines were available at reduced prices and the fundraiser also aimed to enable one-stop Pesach shopping at the same venue.

Pictured are Bernice



Steiner, of Torah Academy and Pam Yachad, deputy principal of TA Primary School.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY MELANIE DICK

The children at King David Linksfield grade R, got creative and made stunning Pesach seder plates using polystyrene trays. They placed pictures into cookie cups to

represent each item that one uses for the seder. Wishing everyone in our community a Chag Pesach Sameach.

Pictured are: Back: Tanna Lyons; Zachary Behr; Gabriella Landau; and Kirsten Aron. Front: Ethan Ferreira; Jasmine Berman; and Jamie Class.



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A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

The SAJBD and the Protection of State Information Bill

Last week, public hearings into the Protection of State Information Bill (POSIB) took place under the auspices of the National Council of Provinces in Parliament. The SAJBD was one of only 18 organisations from 300 that were selected to make an oral submission, in addition to the written submission already made. Steven Gruz, the Board’s Diplomatic and Media Liaison, made the submission on our behalf.

We have been involved in civil society’s input into the POSIB since July 2011, when we joined with various other organisations in making a submission on it to Parliament.

Some may ask why the SAJBD has involved itself in a matter that is not of specific concern to the Jewish community, but is rather of broader national import.

The answer to that is that while the Board’s primary focus is indeed on matters of specifically Jewish concern, such as combating anti-Semitism, we do also act as the community’s representative voice on broader issues of principle when the situation calls for it.

Our decision to make input into the POSIB is based on our commitment to leading the Jewish community in helping safeguard democracy in South Africa, which would include the right to be kept reasonably informed about what the government of the day is doing.

Steve has headed up the POSIB initiative on behalf of the Board from the outset, inter alia representing us on the Right to Know Campaign (R2K) and making a submission on our behalf to the Press Freedom Commission public hearings.

His presentation in Parliament, made with much erudition and aplomb, combined with



Above Board
Mary Kluk
National Chairman

humility and sensitivity, was extremely well received. He really did us proud on the occasion, in which he shared a platform with such prestigious organisations and personalities as Advocate George Bizos, the Helen Suzman Foundation and Cosatu.

I warmly commend him for this, as I do Advocate Kobus van Rooyen, whom we engaged to prepare the submission.

The approach of the Board in this matter has been to express our strong support for the principle of freedom of expression while also noting

the necessary limits of such freedom. Freedom, in other words, is a basic human right, but it is something that needs to be exercised responsibly.

This lesson was impressed upon us at the very dawn of our history as a nation, a time we are gearing up to celebrate as I write. Pesach marked our physical liberation, our emergence from bondage to sovereign nationhood.

It was followed shortly afterwards by Shavuot, our acceptance of the Torah as the eternal “Constitution” of the Jewish nation. From here we learn that achieving freedom is only a necessary first step towards establishing a just, compassionate, orderly and responsible society whose citizens have both rights and responsibilities and in which every individual has a constructive part to play.

In closing, I wish the entire Jewish community a Chag Pesach Kasher v’Samayach. May this, the quintessential celebration of Jewish freedom, inspire us both as proud, committed Jews caring for one another and as responsible South African citizens dedicated to doing whatever we can to upholding the values of our democratic society.

Listen to Jewish Board Talk every Tuesday evening on 101.9 Chai FM with Steven Gruz from 20:00 – 21:00.

This week, Steve chats about Iran to Mike Whine, Government and International Affairs Director of the Community Security Trust in the UK, and to Marlene Bethlehem about Jewish communal leadership, past and present. Also streaming on www.chaifm.com.

A column of the Chevrah Kadisha

Feeling the crunch

We really are feeling the crunch and this time it’s not just about the matzah.

In the current global financial climate, the Chev is facing tremendous challenges such as:

- inflationary increases in basic costs - food, electricity, health-care and transportation.
- greater demand on our welfare services.
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You are our partners and the work we do is carried out for, and on behalf of, our community. In a partnership, each has different responsibilities that contribute to the success of the whole.

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As many of you know, the Chev runs on an annual budget of close to R200 million. More than two thirds of that figure is provided by donations from generous donors both locally and internationally. And that’s the way it must continue to be if we hope to confine our

“crunch” to matzah!

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World news in brief

ETHIOPIAN ÉMIGRÉS HOLD MODEL SEDERS

JERUSALEM - Ethiopian immigrants to Israel held model seders in absorption centres throughout the country in preparation for their first Passover in Israel.

Ethiopian immigrants in the absorption centre in the Jerusalem suburb of Mevaseret Zion held a model seder on Monday attended by Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews; Natan Sharansky, chairman of The Jewish Agency for Israel; Col Zion Shankur, the highest-ranking Ethiopian in the Israel Defence Forces; Ambassador Belaynesh Zevadiah, Israel's first Ethiopia-born ambassador; and prominent Ethiopian-Israeli singer-songwriter Maski Shabiro.

Sharansky recalled making a seder while imprisoned in Siberia, using water instead of wine and bread instead of matzah, and reciting as much of the Haggadah as he could from memory. After his release and own immigration

to Israel, he flew to Ethiopia to escort a group of Jews there on their own flight to Israel.

Many of the olim attended the model seder dressed entirely in white, the traditional Ethiopian attire for festive occasions. After briefly experiencing the highlights of a seder, the participants started dancing a traditional Ethiopian dance.

They have been studying Passover at the absorption centre in recent weeks, learning from the Haggadah along with an Amharic translation.

"In Ethiopia, they ate matzah all year round," said Yehudah Sharf, director of Aliyah and Absorption for The Jewish Agency. "Here it is only on Passover that they eat the 'lachma anya' - bread of the poor - because they have so many more opportunities.

"For them, now, eating matzah truly makes it a night to ask 'what is different tonight from all other nights'." (JTA)

Community Briefs

JOIN A LONG SEDER TABLE IN DOWNTOWN JOHANNESBURG

The Maboneng Precinct and the LoveJoziBlog is hosting what they are calling a seder, a grand meal, focused on freedom, served at a long table in the street, for the broader South African community on April 7, in 286 Fox Street, downtown Johannesburg.

At R350 a head for adults, and R150 per head for children, offering a vegan option at R250 a head and including the traditional four glasses of Passover wine, the project is linked with the 12 Decades Hotel in the vicinity; the organisers invite guests to stay over at the hotel. E-mail eaty-ourheartout@lovejozi.co.za or call (010) 007-0102.

ORT SA WOVES THE NEXT GENERATION OF ORT SUPPORTERS

Recently, ORT SA hosted an event mooted "Next Generation". It's the brainchild of National Executive Committee members Ricci Lyons and Dorianne Levitt. They aim to bring in a new generation of ORT supporters. "We want to get young people as excited as we are about the important work ORT has done in the Jewish and broader community for the past 76 years," says Ricci. "We have projects in over 50 disadvantaged schools. Our motto, 'Educating for Life', is the organisation's bedrock. There are so many people who need our help." - MARCELLE RAVID

POIGNANT AND INSPIRING LOOK INSIDE ISRAELI SOCIETY

On Thursday, April 26, The SA Zionist Federation hosts "Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference", a film deemed by Natan Sharansky as a "poignant and inspiring look inside Israeli society".

It is hosted by former Harvard lecturer Dr Tal Ben-Sharar and examines the core strengths of Israeli society that have made it possible to turn a desert with few natural resources into a flourishing, productive environment.

The screening, at 17:30 in NuMetro, Hyde Park will feature an address by award-winning documentary filmmaker Wayne Kopping. R50 per ticket, includes refreshments. Call Miriam for bookings, (011) 645-2531.

JHGC HOSTS FUNDRAISER WITH ITALIAN FLAVOUR

Last week, attorney Maurizio Mariano, Adv Laurance Hodes and the Johannesburg Italian Ladies Society hosted an event in Parktown to raise funds for the Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, for which a R25 million centre in Forest Town is underway.

The audience enjoyed a lecture by Hugh Raichlin on the Jews of Italy and songs in Hebrew and Italian by Raichlin and Cantor Ezra Sher.

Dorothy Adjoa Amuah, Nelson Mandela's granddaughter, presented photographs and a letter endorsing the centre from Mandela to JHGC's director, Tali Nates and vice-chairman Gerald Leissner.

• For more information call (011) 640-3100 or info@jhbholocaust.co.za. - JANINE COHEN

GREEN AWARD FOR JNF-WALTER SISULU ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

The Jewish National Fund-Walter Sisulu Environmental Centre received the second Pace award at the annual Climate Change Leadership Awards held on Thursday March 29, in Sandton.

This is the second award in two years for the Centre, following its success in the Mail & Guardian "Greening the Future" function held recently.

The latest function, hosted by Food and Trees for Africa, highlights individuals and organisations doing exceptional work in the fight against climate change.

The JNF-Walter Sisulu Environmental Centre in the township of

Mamelodi near Pretoria, provides curriculum linked environmental education to 10 000 learners in 186 schools throughout the greater Tshwane region.

The centre which deals with waste, water, biodiversity, permaculture and energy, showcases renewable technologies from South Africa and Israel. It also runs a number of other programmes, including an environmental quiz, a pensioners' garden and a community nursery that provides trees for the Greening Mamelodi project.

The prize money from the award will be used for the further development of an environmental curriculum.

KDH Victory Park players off to top rugby festivals

JACK MILNER

Four rugby players from King David High School Victory Park, have been selected to represent the Gauteng Lions squad at three important schools rugby festivals around Johannesburg.

Tyron Sussman, Adam Dison and Bradley Suttner were picked to play at either the St John's or King Edward School festivals, while Jake Glass will be involved in the under-16 festival at Linden Hoërskool.

In addition, Tevia Sapire has been selected to represent South African in the national under-17 table tennis team and will shortly be jetting off to Algeria to participate in an All-African table tennis competition.

Sussman, who had already been a member of the Blue Bulls rugby set-up last year, Dison and Suttner, were among a group of players from schools not participating in the two fes-

tivals, who were invited to the trials at Rand Athletic Stadium.

They were then cut down to a group of 50 for a second round of trials before the last six were eliminated, which gave them the opportunity to create two teams, one for each festival. The idea was to create two balanced sides, one for each festival.

"I was just hoping to make the reserves," said Dison. "To make the team as starting centre was a huge surprise."

Suttner, who plays in the open side flank position, said he never really thought too much about it until he was invited back for the second round of trials. "Once we were down to the final 50 I realised this was now getting serious."

Dison and Suttner will be off to play at St John's, while Sussman, who plays eighthman, will be in action at the Kes Festival.

Glass and his under-16 squad will be given the opportunity to play against a Craven Week



King David Victory Park director of sport, Darren Jordaan, with the four players selected to play in the Gauteng Lions teams at various rugby festivals, Jake Glass; Tyron Sussman; Adam Dison; and Bradley Suttner. (PHOTOGRAPH: YAEL GORDON)

team and a successful performance could lead to a shot at either Craven Week, Academy Week or Grant Khomo Week.

Table tennis ace Tevia Sapire, admits that he does not know what to expect in Algeria. "I think we have a strong team but it's going to be tough. I think the team from Egypt might be our main opposition."

Sapire could be in more cordial company next year as he is hoping to go off to the

Maccabi Games in Israel, where he could play as a senior.

Darren Jordaan, director of sport at Victory Park, was beaming with pride at the success of the five youngsters. "As far as the rugby players are concerned, I do not think that any player from this school has ever represented a Lions team. In the case of Tevia, it is always fantastic when a player from the school is selected to represent South Africa."

Maccabi soccer trials coming up

National trials for the Men's Open (u-35), Masters (35+) and Grand Masters (45+) will take place on Friday April 27 and Sunday April 29 at 09:00 at Balfour Alexandra Football Club. From these trials a training squad will be selected.

The squad will participate in regular training sessions and training camps, which will include players from all provinces. A final squad will be selected in November, which will start a more rigid training routine,

including fitness and conditioning coach trainings, dietician assessments, pilates and boxing classes, alongside the tactical trainings and regular friendly matches.

If you wish to be included in the trials, send your details to football@maccabi.co.za, or contact Ryan on 083-703-4463 for more information.

Interested players can also register on the Maccabi website www.maccabi.co.za to be included in regular updates.

Maccabi cricket aims for further success

Since the introduction of cricket at the Maccabi Games in 1973, South Africa has featured prominently by winning six gold medals, one silver and two bronze medals in nine Senior Maccabiah cricket tournaments.

The trials, on Sunday April 22 at 08:30, will serve as the national trials for players throughout the country.

After the impressive Maccabi Gauteng Junior (under-18) cricket trials recently,

which attracted a record 48 triallists from 11 schools, it is anticipated that a large number of quality players will compete for a place in the senior cricket squad.

Those interested should pre-register by e-mailing an abridged CV of their cricket achievements to Matt Rosen: mat-trosen20@hotmail.com, Myron Michel: myka@mweb.co.za or Wayne Myers at wmy-ers@telkomsa.net (Cape Town). The cost per player is R100, payable at the trials.

What's On

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

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• *Second Innings Men's Group* hosts Arlene Bernstein, former director of LifeLine, on "Stress in Older Persons". Time: 14:00 for 14:30. Venue: Our Parents Home. Contact: Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718. Cost: R20 members, R40 non-members.

Sunday (April 15)

• *Second Innings* hosts Steuart Pennington, author and owner of the company "SAGoodNews" on "South Africa - the Good News". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres, Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Contact Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718. Cost: R20 members, R40 non-members.

Tuesday (April 17)

• *The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School* presents a two-year academic course teaching Jewish education to adults. The first year course starts today and will run every Tuesday evening from 19:15 to 21:30. Registration now open. Venue: Beyachad. For more details contact Ariella Milner, (011) 882-4051 or 082-804-6113. E-mail: milnerariella@gmail.com or website www.fmams.org.il

• *RCHCC* presents a double bill, a documentary, "From The Ashes a New Beginning", an SABC 2 "Issues of Faith" programme, followed by acclaimed author Hazel Frankel talking about her recently launched novel, "Illuminating Love". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R70 (incl refreshments).Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, e-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za or renes@greatpark.co.za.

Wednesday (April 18)

• *RCHCC*, to mark the centenary of Raoul Wallenberg's birth, is showing a feature film, "Good Evening, Mr Wallenberg". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation of R60 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-

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Thursday (April 19)

• *UJW* hosts a Histradrut Ivrit meeting at 1 Oak Street Houghton. Guest speaker to be announced. Time: 10:30 for 11:00. Contact (011) 648-1053, fax 086 273-3044.

• *SAJBD* hosts the Yom Hashoah commemoration, "Remembering the Six Million", at 12:30 at West Park Cemetery. Keynote speaker: John Dobai, Holocaust survivor, saved by legendary Swedish diplomat, Raoul Wallenberg. Information: Jenni (011) 645-2521/3.

Friday (April 20)

• *Chevrah Kadisha Social Services* is facilitating a support group for women who are or have been in abusive relationships. It starts today. The group will be facilitated by a social worker and offers a safe and confidential space where women can become empowered with information and support. For bookings or more information, call Jacqui: (011) 532-9732.

Sunday (April 22)

• *RCHCC* hosts "Holocaust: A Musical Memorial Film From Auschwitz". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R60 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-808-8/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, or you can e-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za or renes@greatpark.co.za

• *Northcliff Shul* is hosting internationally known security and counter-terrorism expert Marc Kahlberg on "Israel, Iran and the Media" Time: 19:00. For more information and to book, contact Sharon (011) 678-3015.

Tuesday (April 24)

• *Embassy of Israel* and *SAZF* ceremony for Yom Hazikaron. Time: 18:30. Venue: Yeshiva College Campus.



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