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Barack Obama set to visit Israel in the spring

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama will make his first visit to Israel as president in the spring, a White House official said Tuesday. Jay Carney, the White House spokesman, told reporters about the trip in a media briefing.

Carney said Obama discussed the planned trip during a recent phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Obama also will meet with Palestinian leaders and visit Jordan, he said during the daily briefing with reporters.

Obama visited Israel as a candidate in 2008, but Republicans during the last election chided him for not visiting as president, noting that he had visited a number of Muslim nations.

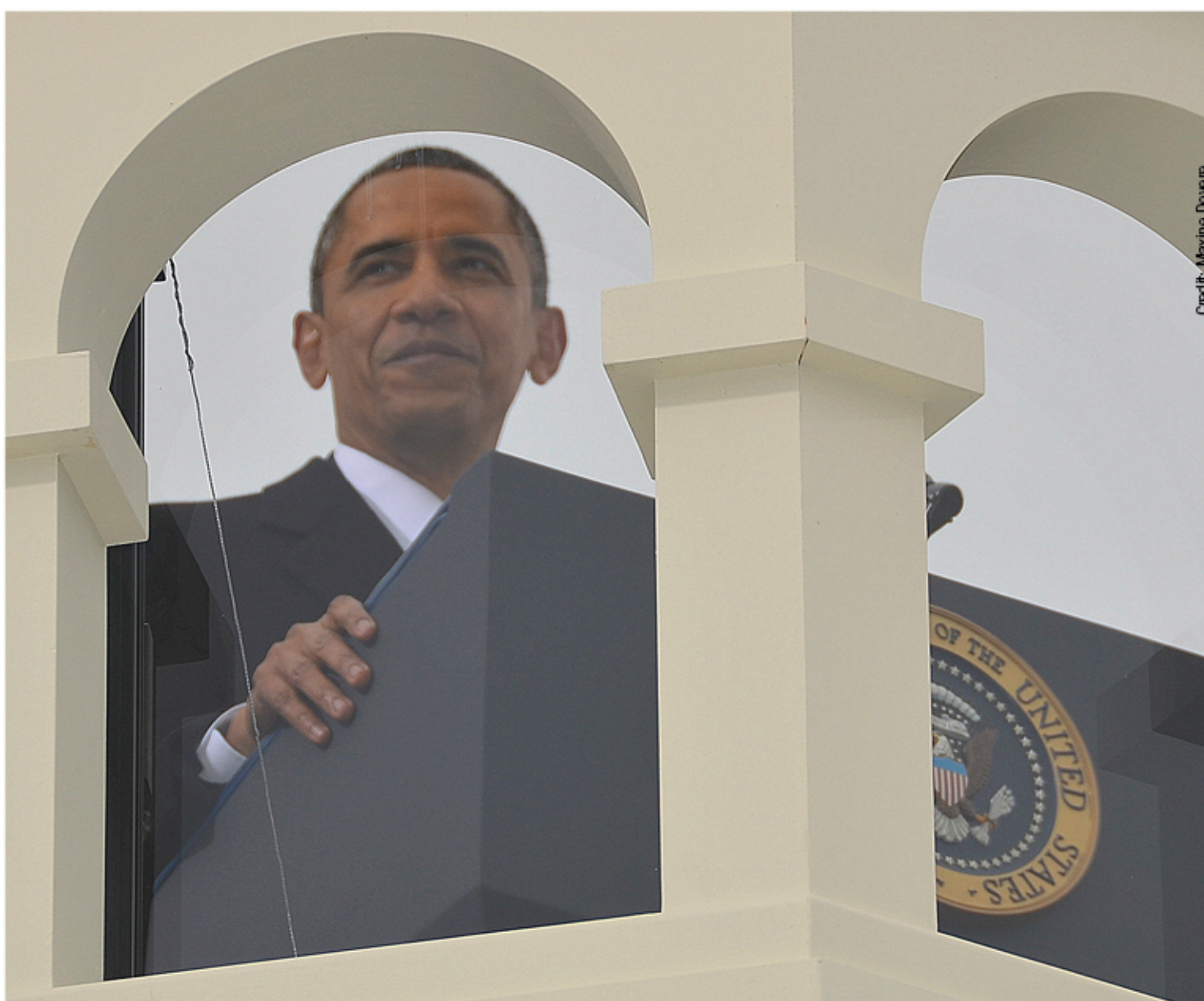
Obama's new secretary of state, John Kerry, plans to visit Israel in March.

Netanyahu suggested in September that spring would be his deadline to decide whether to strike Iran to keep it from obtaining a nuclear weapon. The Obama administration is leading Western efforts to bring Iran into negotiations to make its nuclear plans more transparent.

Iran denies planning a nuclear weapon, although Western intelligence agencies have accumulated much evidence that such a weapon is in the development stages.

Kerry said during his confirmation hearings that one of his priorities would be reviving moribund Palestinian-Israeli peace talks, and suggested that whatever Israeli government emerged after the January 22 elections, would be more amenable to such talks than its predecessor.

Netanyahu, who led the last government, is currently in talks to set up a new one, and has indicated he would prefer a centrist coalition likelier to engage in peace talks than his last government. (JTA)



Framed by the classic arches of the Capital balcony, President Barack Obama delivered his second inaugural address January 21, behind a glass security frame, in this file photo.

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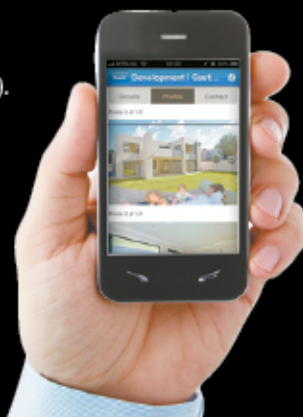
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KASHRUT ALERT

LAY’S SALT AND BLACK PEPPER CHIPS IS MILCHIK, NOT PAREV

The kashrut department of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues advises that Lay’s Salt and Black Pepper flavoured potato chips, has erroneously been marked as parev. This product is milchik. Simba has apologised for the error.

Wellingtons Sweet & Sour Sauce is no longer certified kosher. There is no Beth Din logo on the label.

As far as establishments are concerned, Jozi Blue in the Kingswood Centre in Glenhazel, is not Chalav Yisrael, but has some Chalav Yisrael items available on request.

Crepe & Latte in Melrose Arch is no longer serving Chalav Yisrael or Mehadrin products.

Is religion still relevant today?

Cyberspace, outer space, inner space. Genome maps, globalisation, going to Mars, Smart cards, smart bombs, cell phones. There’s no denying we live in a new age.

Science fiction has become scientific fact. The question is asked: In this new world order, with science and technology changing the way we live, is religion still relevant? Do we still need to subscribe to an ancient and seemingly long obsolete code of laws when we are so further advanced than our ancestors?

This question reminds me of little old Hymie Levy of London who somehow found himself attending a cocktail party in the company of aristocracy. Poor Hymie was completely out of place mingling with the lords and ladies of British royalty and high society.

One Duchess was so irritated by this ordinary Jew’s presence that she confronted him directly. Oozing sarcasm, in her finest elocution, she let on to Hymie: “Did you know that my family traces its lineage back to the very people who were personally present at the signing of the Magna Carta!”

Hymie Levy was unfazed. He gave a little shrug of his shoulders and whispered straight into the ear of Her Haughtiness: “Un Mein Zayde Moishe vos poisonally present by de giving of de Tzen Commendments!”

Have the Ten Commandments passed their sell-by date? Are faith and doubt, murder, adultery, thievery, lying and jealousy out of fashion? Notwithstanding all our marvellous medical and scientific developments, has human nature itself really changed? Are not the very same moral issues that faced our ancestors still challenging our own generation? Whether it’s an ox cart or a Mercedes, road rage or courteous coexistence is still a choice we must make.

Looking after aged parents is not a new problem. Whether it was Adam and Eve or Michael and Sheryl, the grass somehow always seems greener on the other side. For some inexplicable reason, the other guy’s wife, house, horse or Porsche still seem more attractive and desirable than our own.

The very same issues dealt with in the Bible - sibling rivalry, jealous



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partners, and even murder - are still the stuff of newspaper headlines today. So, what else is new? Yes, today we have astronauts and space stations, laser beams and laptops, but the basic issues and choices we face remain identical. Once upon a time the question was: Do I hit him with my club or slice him with my sword? Today the question is: Do I call up the nuclear submarines or send in the guided missiles?

Technology has developed in leaps and bounds. Fantasies of yesterday are reality today. Communication, automation and globalisation have altered our lives dramatically. But the core issues, the basic moral dilemmas have not changed.

We still struggle with knowing the difference between right and wrong, moral or immoral, ethical or sneaky and not even the most souped-up computer on earth is able to answer those questions.

Science and technology can do wonders for humankind. But they can also blow us all to kingdom come faster than Attila the Hun could have ever imagined. Science

and technology answer how and what. They do not address the question of why. Why are we here in the first place? Why should I be nice to my neighbour? Why should my life be nobler than my pet Doberman’s?

Science and technology have unravelled many mysteries that puzzled us for centuries. But they have not answered a single moral question. Only Torah addresses the moral minefield. And those issues are perhaps more pressing today than ever before in history.

Torah is truth and truth is eternal. Scenarios come and go. Life-styles change with the geography. The storylines are different but the gut level issues are all too familiar.

If we ever needed religion - or in our language, Torah - we need it equally today, maybe more so. This week’s parsha, Mishpatim, follows directly on last week’s Ten Commandments by fine-tuning Jewish legislation with the nitty-gritty details of our moral code. May we continue to find moral guidance and clarity in the eternal truths of our holy and eternal Torah. Amen.

Bulgaria implicates Hezbollah in terror attack on Israeli tourists

BURGAS - The Bulgarian government believes Hezbollah was behind the terror attack against an Israeli tour bus that killed five Israelis and one Bulgarian last summer in the seaside resort of Burgas on July 19.

At a news conference on Tuesday, Bulgarian Interior Minister Tsvetan Tsvetanov, said that investigators had found Canadian and Australian passports that belonged to two of the attackers.

Bulgarian investigators had “a well-founded assumption that they belonged to the military formation of Hezbollah”, Tsvetanov said of the terrorists, the New York Times reported.

“We have followed their entire activities in Australia and Canada, so we have information about financing and their membership in Hezbollah,” Tsvetanov added.

The evidence of Hezbollah’s involvement in a terror attack on European soil is likely to spur a strong debate in the European Union (EU) over whether or not to



Israeli ZAKA emergency rescue team carrying a body bag with one of the victims of the terrorist attack in Burgas, Bulgaria, on July 19, 2012.

label Hezbollah a terrorist organisation.

The US and Israel have been pressuring the EU to blacklist the terror group and go after its vast financial network in Europe. Germany and France, however, have been reluctant to take action over fears of becoming targets and losing leverage in Lebanon.

Commenting on the announcement, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked the

Bulgarian government for its thorough investigation and urged the EU to take action.

“We hope that the Europeans draw the necessary conclusions as to the true character of Hezbollah,” Netanyahu said.

White House counterterrorism adviser John Brennan, reiterated Netanyahu’s sentiment, saying the EU needed to take “proactive action” to uncover

and disrupt Hezbollah’s terrorist activities in Europe.

Prominent Jewish groups also spoke out on the issue.

“The EU now has the opportunity to show full support for Bulgaria, and, in doing so, to make clear that there is a high price to pay for murder,” said American Jewish Committee Executive Director David Harris in a media statement. (JNS.org)

World News in Brief

SENATORS SEEK TO HALT US ARMS SALES TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON - Two Republican US senators are aiming to stop America’s sale of weapons to Egypt.

Senators Rand Paul (Republican Kentucky) and James Inhofe (Republican Oklahoma) each introduced legislation prohibiting the sale of F-16 aircraft, tanks and other advanced weapons to Egypt, whose president, Mohamed Morsi, comes from the historically anti-Israel Muslim Brotherhood party.

“I think it is a blunder of the first proportion to send sophisticated weapons to a country that allowed a mob to attack our embassy and burn our flag.” Although Inhofe initially voted against Paul’s amendment on the grounds that it is too costly for the US defence budget to ban these sales completely, he then introduced his own bill to suspend sales until Egypt shows a commitment to a peaceful relationship with Israel, for securing US embassies and consulates, and for respecting minority parties, The Hill reported.

“For decades, the US has had a good relationship with Egypt, training their troops and working together to maintain peace and stability in the region... Under Muslim Brotherhood President Morsi, this relationship has come to a halt.

“We need to continue to support the Egyptian military, which Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood have currently distanced themselves from.(JNS.org)

KERRY TALKS TO NETANYAHU, MAHMOUD ABBAS

WASHINGTON - John Kerry, freshly installed as secretary of state, spoke with Palestinian and Israeli leaders.

Also over the weekend, two top State Department officials dealing with Iran’s alleged nuclear threat said they would be stopping in Israel during overseas visits and Israel’s military chief of staff, Lt Gen Benny Gantz, was visiting Washington.

State Department spokesman Victoria Nuland, spoke about Kerry’s conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

“The secretary underscored his personal commitment and that of President (Barack) Obama to support Israel’s security and to pursue a lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.”

Kerry, who plans to visit the region next month, also spoke to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

The State Department laid out the agenda for the two State Department officials - Rose Gottemoeller, the acting undersecretary for arms control, and Thomas Countryman, the assistant secretary for nonproliferation.

Countryman will “meet with Israeli counterparts to discuss nonproliferation and international security issues of mutual concern”, and Gottemoeller will “consult with senior civilian and military officials on pressing regional security issues and expanding our enduring strategic partnership” and deliver remarks at a conference on nuclear nonproliferation.

The Obama administration has indicated that it is seeking to engage with Iran in direct talks aimed at ending that country’s suspected nuclear weapons programme. Iran says its nuclear activity is strictly peaceful. (JTA)

Hundreds gather to advocate for Israel

STEVEN GRUZD
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FLEMINGER

Three major myths exist around the peace process with the Palestinians that need to be confronted by those advocating for the Jewish State: Israel is jeopardising Palestinian state-building; Israel is relentlessly constructing settlements; and Israel is opposed to reconciliation between Fatah and Hamas.

So said Amir Sagie (pictured), director of the Civil Society Affairs Department at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was the keynote speaker at the second annual Israel Advocacy Seminar arranged by the South African Zionist Federation (SAZF) at the Killarney Country Club last Sunday.

Sagie went on to dispel these myths, noting that the number of West Bank checkpoints has been drastically reduced, the West Bank has a growing economy and that Israel is in fact intimately involved in institution-building with the Palestinians.

He stated that in fact the footprint of settlements has not changed in the last four years. Relations between Fatah and Hamas remain hostile, with the looming possibility of a “three state solution” - in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank.

Sagie was addressing over 200 people representing more than 60 Jewish and Christian organisations. The seminar sought to explore practical and tangible ways to promote and defend the name and standing of Israel in South Africa.

Sagie’s department takes a



global view of the movement to induce boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) on Israel, and said that internationally the phenomenon remained

He said it was important for Israel and its supporters to “reclaim the narrative”, saying that we have “left the stage and allowed the Palestinians to tell the story”.

SAZF Chairman Avrom Krengel classified South Africa as “ground zero” in the attempt to smear Israel as an apartheid state. He said that every BDS victory in South Africa took on symbolic importance, when the very people who suffered under apartheid said that Israel was worse than apartheid South Africa.

“We just cannot let that occur,” he said, and urged that every means from taking to the streets to litigation to mobilising world Jewry and Christian allies would be utilised.

An audiovisual presentation highlighted the many pro-Israel activities undertaken by Christian groups in South Africa in 2012, including the Mandate Africa trip to Israel, the Bible House Project, a Night to Honour Israel (where



1 200 people participated) and the Africans for Israel march to the Department of Trade and Industry in June to protest the proposed re-labelling of West Bank goods.

In a lively panel discussion, Fairplay’s Alan Fischer stressed the importance of Jewish organisations working with pro-Israel Christian groups and the need to combine social justice activities and Israel advocacy in the townships. Segun Olanipekun outlined his plans to take over 400 Africans leaders to Israel in August this year.

Overall, the event emphasised the need for closer partnerships with Christian lovers of Israel, and for a proactive pro-Israel message to be heard loudly and clearly.

World News in Brief

FORMER IDF INTELLIGENCE HEAD: IRAN HAS ALL NECESSARY TOOLS TO PRODUCE BOMB

JERUSALEM - Iran could have its first atomic bomb within four to six months if the regime in Tehran took the decision to go ahead and make a bomb, former IDF Director of Military Intelligence Amos Yadlin said on Monday.

Speaking at a media conference at the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University, a national security think tank which he heads, Yadlin said that Israeli’s binary decision “whether to bomb or to live with an Iranian bomb” would come up at the end of summer this year.

“In the past few years Iran has completed all of the necessary stages it needs to break out to a nuclear

weapon,” Yadlin said, according to Israel Hayom.

“They have all the tools they need to produce a nuclear weapon once they decide to do so. The main reason they haven’t constructed a bomb yet is that their breakout period is still too long. They want to be able to break out within a shorter time frame.

“They don’t have sufficient numbers of the right centrifuges to break out sooner. The Iranians currently have over 10 000 centrifuges in two locations and it is quite possible they will make the decision to break out in 2013. This will necessitate an American and Israeli operation.” (JNS.org)

FATAH GLORIFIES FIRST FEMALE PALESTINIAN SUICIDE BOMBER

RAMALLAH - On the 11th anniversary of the day she killed two Israelis and injured hundreds of others in a Jerusalem terror attack, Fatah called Wafa Idris - who according to Fatah was the first female Palestinian suicide bomber - a “beautiful flower,” Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) reported.

Idris’s 2002 bombing “turned upside down Israeli security considerations that had focused on observing young Palestinian men only”, Fatah posted in its Facebook page on January 28.

“The hero whose name the Zionists will remember well and so will Palestinians; the hero who sacrificed herself and her body for Palestine and became a symbol of the struggle and of Palestinian loyalty through one of the most honourable Martyrdom-seeking operations,” Fatah’s description of Idris read. (JNS.org)

WARSAW JEWS WANT TO TRADE HISTORIC BUILDING FOR NEW OFFICES

WARSAW - The Jewish community of Warsaw is advancing plans to demolish one of its historic ghetto-era buildings in favour of new offices.

The White House on Twarda Street would be replaced with a 20-storey building where the community, which has tripled in size since the fall of communism, could accommodate more members during celebrations and on weekends, according to the Associated Press.

But the Association of Protectors of Warsaw’s Cultural Heritage has filed a petition to the Cultural Ministry asking that the building - one of the few that survived the German onslaught on the old Warsaw Ghetto - be declared a historical site. The ministry is expected to decide on the issue in the coming months.

“An opinion that I can’t agree with is that the building is more important than the future of the community,” Andrzej Zozula, vice president of the Jewish community, told AP.

Poland’s Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich reportedly is backing the plan to replace the building with a modern structure.

The white building reportedly is in a state of decay. Though it has a cellar that dates back more than two centuries, most of the building is about 130 years old and has undergone major transformations. (JTA)

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Ed Koch, pugnacious New Yorker and passionate Jew

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One of the proudest moments of Ed Koch's life came during a trip to Israel in 1990, in the midst of the first Palestinian intifada.

He had recently left City Hall after 12 years as mayor of New York City and was touring Jerusalem when a Palestinian threw a rock at his group, striking Koch in the head. The former mayor was bleeding a bit but wasn't really hurt, and he mopped up the wound with his handkerchief.

The incident would become one of Koch's favourite stories, the moment, he would say, when "I shed a little blood for the people of Israel".

It was reflective of the pugnacity of the man who served three terms as mayor of New York, spent nine years in Congress, earned two battle stars as an infantryman in Europe during the Second World War, wrote 17 books, and spent the last two decades of his life as a lawyer, talk show host, professor and even restaurant critic - working almost to his last day.

Koch, 88, died of congestive heart failure early last week Friday morning. His death came on the same day as "Koch", a documentary about his life,

opened in theatres nationwide.

Famous for greeting constituents with "How'm I doin?," the Jewish mayor presided over some of the city's most difficult years, from 1978 to 1989, and helped spur the recovery that would flourish under one of his successors, Rudy Giuliani.

Edward Irving Koch was born in the Bronx on December 12, 1924 to Jewish immigrants from Poland. The family moved to Newark, New Jersey, when Koch was nine, after his father's fur shop closed during the Depression, but returned to New York in 1941 when business picked up again.

After high school, Koch enrolled at City College and worked as a shoe salesman, but his studies were interrupted when he was drafted into the army in 1943.

He served in the infantry and after the war spent time in Bavaria helping to replace Nazis who occupied public posts with non-Nazis, according to The New York Times. He was discharged in 1946 and went to law school at New York University.

Koch got his start in politics as a Democratic district leader in Greenwich Village, then worked his way up to City Council, and in 1968 beat incumbent Whitney North Seymour Jr,



Ed Koch sitting in the office of his campaign manager, David Garth, September 1977.

a Republican, in a race for Congress.

Though he served for nine years in Washington, Koch remained a creature of New York, saying he got the "bends" whenever he stayed away from the city for too long, according to the Times.

In 1977, Koch ran for mayor, upsetting Abraham Beame, another Jewish mayor who oversaw a fiscal crisis that brought New York to the edge of bankruptcy. Upon taking office, Koch immediately set to cutting the municipal budget, trimming the city's workforce, reaching a settlement with unions and securing federal aid that had been denied to Beame. In his second term, he turned the \$400 million deficit he had inherited into a \$500 million surplus.

Koch became the target of black ire for closing a hospital in Harlem - a move he later conceded had been a mistake - and for saying that Jews would be "crazy" to vote for the Rev Jesse Jackson in the 1988 presidential primary, given Jackson's support for Palestinians and his 1984 reference to New York as "Hymietown".

After losing his bid for election to a fourth term in 1989 when David Dinkins bested him in the Democratic primary, Koch retired into a happy existence as a Jewish Yoda, blessing or cursing political figures as he saw fit. Almost as soon as Obama became president, however, Koch became one of his biggest Jewish detractors, lacerating the president with criticism for his perceived coolness to Israel.

Last year, Koch enthusiastically endorsed Obama in a long video released just before the election. Koch, who never married, held twin passions he guarded ferociously: the Jewish people and New York.

Koch's tombstone is engraved with his name, his years as mayor, the Shema prayer, and the final words of Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal reporter murdered in Pakistan on February 1, 2002, the same date Koch died: "My father is Jewish. My mother is Jewish. I am Jewish."

His chosen burial place is a non-denominational churchyard at the corner of 155th Street and Amsterdam - selected because he could not imagine spending eternity outside Manhattan. (JTA)

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BARAK ON REPORTED AIRSTRIKE ON SYRIA: ‘WHEN WE SAY SOMETHING WE MEAN IT’

JERUSALEM - Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak has indicated that Israel was behind last week’s reported Israel airstrike on Syria.

“I cannot add anything to what you have read in the papers about what happened in Syria several days ago,” Barak told a security conference in Munich on Sunday, Reuters reported. “But... when we say something we mean it. We say that we don’t think it should be allowable to bring advanced weapons systems into Lebanon,” he said.

Barak’s comments were the first by an Israeli official since the strike last week.

Meanwhile, in an interview on Israel’s Channel 2, Major General (res.) Amos Yadlin, the former Head of Military Intelligence, and Ronny Daniel, Channel 2’s military analyst, unofficially agreed with the details revealed by McClatchy News that confirmed Israeli involvement in the strike, Israel National News reported.

In a report published on January 31 by McClatchy News, Israeli officials said that Israeli aircraft had destroyed a Syrian military convoy which was carrying the advanced Russian-made SA-17 anti-aircraft missiles preparing to leave the Jamarya military base, which is located less than eight kilometres from the Lebanese border.

Furthermore, US officials said the strike hit both the research centre and the convoy of anti-aircraft missiles, the Associated Press reported.

Additionally, Time Magazine reported that Israel had received a “green light” from the US on the attack. In recent weeks, US and Israeli officials have expressed concern over Syria’s vast weapons arsenal falling into the wrong hands as the civil war drags on.

Meanwhile, Syrian state-run TV broadcasted footage of the damage at Jamarya, blaming Israel for the wreckage. Syrian officials, backed by Iranian support, have vowed revenge for the strike. (JNS.org)

ISRAEL: STUDY DISMISSING CLAIMS PA TEXTBOOKS TEACH HATE IS BIASED

JERUSALEM - A controversial study released on Monday conducted by Israeli, Palestinian and American researchers, dismissed well-documented claims that Palestinian textbooks teach hatred.

The study examined 74 Israeli and 94 Palestinian textbooks from grades 1 - 12 from Israeli state and ultra-Orthodox religious schools as well as schools run by the Palestinian Authority (PA).

The Israeli Ministry of Education dismissed the study’s findings as “biased, unprofessional and significantly lacking in objectivity” in a media statement. Meanwhile, PA Prime Minister Salam Fayyad welcomed the findings. (JNS.org)

PETITION AIMS TO HAVE FACEBOOK PULL ANTI-ISRAEL PAGE

LOS ANGELES - A Facebook petition to remove an anti-Israel page that uses an expletive in its name, has 75 000 likes, the removal campaign’s creator says.

Michael Mendelson of Miami told JTA by telephone that the removal petition against the “Fuck Israel” page has been on Facebook for less than a week; the number of likes is as of Monday. He said he started the counter campaign “with the help of various pro-Israel groups” in the Miami area.

Mendelson said he had been unable to reach Facebook managers, but estimated that his campaign would have to score 10 times as many “likes” as the other

side for Facebook to act on the removal petition.

Deborah Lauter, civil rights director for the Anti-Defamation League, urged people to complain to Facebook, not just about the “Fuck Israel” page itself, but also to flag and call Facebook’s attention to individual offensive comments and posts on the page.

The “Fuck Israel” page, which has 36 000 “likes” as of Monday, featured such sentiments as “G-d bless Adolf Hitler for what he did”, “Jews are children of apes and pigs... they are baby killers”, and “I hate Israel”, surmounted by a hand-draw flag with a Star of David. On the page, however,

Israel defenders outnumber the haters and mostly reply in kind.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper and senior researcher Rick Eaton of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, have been monitoring anti-Semitic and anti-Israel websites, as well as YouTube and Twitter postings, for years.

Eaton said there were at least two dozen such sites on Facebook alone, most of them started by Muslim groups, featuring logos such as “Free Gaza” in the colours of the Palestinian flag or an Israeli flag with a red circle and diagonal line superimposed on the Star of David.

Facebook was also a popular

site for hate tirades against Hindus, Mormons, Christians and Muslims, Cooper told JTA.

On the whole, Facebook had been responsive to requests for removal of obviously offensive material, according to Cooper, but in numerous instances such sites were reinstated if they cleaned up their act or reappeared under different names. (JTA)

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BDS must not be ignored

What should supporters of Israel do when the CEO of the SA Human Rights Commission stands up at an event organised with the BDS movement on International Holocaust Remembrance Day and says “The Holocaust Survivor has become the War Criminal” of today - meaning Israelis’ actions towards Palestinians. Or when the phrase “apartheid Israel” is touted so often in so many places that it has become almost an unquestioned “given” for many people?

Should one reach out and try to engage in “dialogue” with the people doing this? Or should they be declared “beyond the pale” and regarded as the enemy?

This was a question posed last Sunday at a seminar on Israel advocacy (see page 3) to Amir Sagie whose job it is to tackle BDS activities around the world for the Israeli government as director of civil society affairs at the Israeli foreign ministry.

There is no easy answer. One red line for Sagie is when a protester against Israel actually advocates a boycott. At that point he becomes not just someone concerned about the quality of Israeli society, but part of the opposition camp.

Despite the unpleasant, often vulgar noise made by BDS, internationally it still remains largely a marginal phenomenon.

Israel apartheid week, for example, is trumpeted loudly as a victory for the anti-Israel camp, but these events often consist of merely a few score of protesters who are forgotten soon afterwards. In fact, a large part of their media coverage comes from Israeli and Jewish media rather than the general press, which sees them as insignificant from a news point of view.

Ironically, their public profile is raised by the attention they get from the very people they are vilifying.

Given the robustness of Israel and the cultural and technological powerhouse it has become, do we have to worry about BDS? Sagie warns that there is no room for complacency: it is starting to spill over into the mainstream in some places, including South Africa.

BDS has become smart in its tactics, particularly by appropriating key concepts and labels to turn against Israel - such as the Holocaust and apartheid. And the mass SMSes, e-mails and other means it uses to trumpet its “successes” - including at the December ANC conference at Mangaung - proliferate in all directions, reaching both people with connections to Israel and others with no connection whatsoever, who without knowing it become negatively disposed towards the Jewish state.

A key objective Sagie identifies is to “reclaim the public narrative” about Israel. Supporters of Israel have been reduced to merely reacting to the negative story being told by its enemies. Most South Africans do not have the knowledge – or can’t be bothered – to evaluate it, therefore taking it at face value. Israel needs to proactively tell its story loud and clear.

On a broader note, despite the increasing anti-Israel atmosphere prevailing in this country, events of the past week were also a source of great satisfaction for many South African Jews when they watched the convening of the 19th Knesset in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Amid pomp and ceremony President Shimon Peres led the 120 MKs from different parties to the Knesset plenum for their first official session, including a record 48 new faces among them, and also a record number of women, 27. The events included the playing of a recording from David Ben-Gurion’s 1948 declaration of independence. Coalition talks are ongoing to form a government, which will likely take a few weeks.

Whatever one’s political stripe, it is a moving event. After their historical travails, the Jewish people now have their thriving state, parliament and democracy.

Who ever said it was simple being Jewish?

Bank of Israel Governor resigns: Looking back and ahead

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JERUSALEM

Bank of Israel Governor Stanley Fischer (pictured) shocked Israeli markets when he announced his resignation just one week after the country completed national elections.

Add Fischer’s vacated post to the list of major political, diplomatic and economic appointments that will be made in Israel in the coming weeks and months.

Fischer successfully steered Israel’s economy through global financial turmoil and is generally credited with avoiding many of the pitfalls that have plagued other Western economies, particularly in Europe and the United States.

“Stanley Fischer was one of the best governors the Bank of Israel has ever had,” Steven Plaut, professor of economics at Haifa University, told JNS.org. “The announcement of his resignation is both surprising and disappointing.”

Fischer said he was “leaving the central bank in good shape”.

“I will continue working until the end, and I have five more months,” Fischer said at a media conference announcing his sudden resignation. “Eight years is a long time. I intended to stay here eight years. I arranged with the prime minister that I would leave after the budget was submitted. I wrote a list of tasks, and I achieved most of them.

“Professionally, I achieved the things that I believed I could achieve, and personally, my family lives far away,” he added. “The next governor will be in a better position than I was when I arrived at the Bank of Israel.”

That is because of the caution Fischer exercised during his tenure, according to Plaut.

“Perhaps the best things that he did were the things he did not do,” the professor told JNS.org. “In the United States, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke essentially enabled President Barack Obama to spend trillions of dollars and push America’s debt to new limits.

Fischer, a former chief economist at the World Bank, utilised his professional standing as well as his expertise to help steward Israel’s growth as an emerging economic power, despite regional security challenges not faced by many other nations.

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His leadership amidst global economic uncertainty and regional turmoil, has earned him and Israel’s economy praise in the international marketplace.

In 2010, the Bank of Israel was ranked first among central banks for its efficient functioning and Fischer was selected as Euromoney Magazine’s Central Bank Governor of the Year. In 2011, the credit rating agency Standard & Poor’s raised Israel’s long-term foreign currency credit rating from A to A+.

“Fischer is an extremely smart guy that understands economics better than the politicians, and even better than most academics. Top economists are studying



Fischer’s textbook on macroeconomics,” Plaut pointed out.

Many are sorry to see him leave his post two years before fulfilling a second five-year term, but others have blamed Fischer for the tremendous rise in Israeli house prices that led to massive social protests in the summer of 2011. Since Fischer became governor, housing prices have risen 70 per cent, putting their cost out of the reach of many aspiring first-time homeowners.

Defenders of Fischer point to a lack of affordable building projects, which can only be solved by the government and not by the Bank of Israel.

“What the Bank of Israel can do is to deal with demand, but the government should deal with supply,” Fischer said at the media conference, “and that is the most important thing, because that is where it’s possible to have the greatest effect.”

Opponents of Benjamin Netanyahu have quickly jumped on Fischer’s announcement as a condemnation of the recently re-elected prime minister.

“Governor of the Bank of Israel Prof Stanley Fischer’s resignation is a major vote of no confidence in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a ringing slap in the face of his economic policy,” said Labour Party chairman, MK Shelly Yachimovich.

The Labour Party has repeatedly stated that it will not join in a coalition led by Netanyahu.

Yachimovich added that the resignation “sends a very worrying message to the Israeli people, because the governor is signalling that he is not prepared to be a partner to the economic chaos and po-

‘Fischer’s resignation is a major vote of no confidence in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a ringing slap in the face of his economic policy’

litical hell that will prevail in Israel after the new government is formed”.

“I don’t know that there is any evidence to support that, and I don’t think Shelly Yachimovich is correct,” Plaut told JNS.org. “We don’t know why he is leaving the post. The reasons may be purely personal.

“In the past, bank governors have resigned when Labour was in charge, and nobody saw it as a damning condemnation of the government’s policy,” Plaut said.

“If you want to look at this through the lens of conspiracies and paranoia, it is possible that there will be a great deal of inflationary pressure in the next few years,” he added. “And maybe he doesn’t want to be here when it hits. But, I personally don’t believe it.”

Plaut said a Fischer resignation before the elections could have affected the political process, so that it made more sense for the governor to wait until afterward.

“The real question is who is going to replace him,” Plaut said. “What is important is that whoever is the next governor should be someone who is similarly versed in macroeconomics and someone who is not going to be a political hack.

“We need a governor who will be able to stand up to the prime minister,” he said. (JNS.org)

Don’t make martyrs out of ‘ASHamed Jews’



BARBARIC YAWP
David Saks

Sometimes, I feel like I’m caught up in a stereotypical Second World War movie, cast as an embattled British Tommy awaiting the attacks of hordes of Japanese in a Burmese jungle.

In those movies, while the Brits assume their favourite role of depicting grim-faced, back-to-the-wall defiance against overwhelming odds, the Japs invariably engage in psychological warfare before attacking, sending sundry taunting messages over the airwaves or simply shouting them out: “Engleesh Johnny! No hidee-hidee Johnny - tonight you all die! No escapee - we solound you compretery...”

Actually, seeking to demoralise your enemies is a standard tactic in warfare. For my sins, I am required to monitor the triumphalist braggings of our local anti-Israel activists. From all their rhetoric, you would think that local Zionists are cowering in humiliated defeat as their carefully nurtured illusions about Israel and the Palestinians crumble around them and even their formerly deluded supporters are coming to turn away from them in disgust.

Israel itself is depicted as a rogue state at bay, a historical aberration now engaged in a futile struggle to prevent its inevitable demise.

Disenchanted Jewish anti-Zionists are an invaluable weapon in our enemies’ arsenal. In addition to providing an apparent alibi against charges of anti-Semitism, it is assumed that Jewish testimony against Israel has additional credibility since Jews are, as a matter of course, expected to take the side of the Jewish State and therefore those who do not, must have come to their conclusions despite wrestling against such ingrained loyalty.

Few pause to consider whether Jews, like any other group, might have within their ranks a fringe of neurotic malcontents who actually enjoy denigrating their Jewish heritage.

A closer examination of who our Jewish anti-Zionists are, frequently reveals them to be alienated, resentful and even unstable individuals, ones who combine a self-regarding desire for attention with sizable shoulder chips that they have no hesitation in working off at the expense of their community of origin.

Anti-Israel activists know very well how to court, flatter and groom these rather pathetic characters, playing on their vanity and fostering the illusion that their alienation from mainstream Jewry is due to their

elevated levels of moral sensitivity rather than to any deep-rooted identity problems.

In his novel, *The Finkler Question*, Howard Jacobson memorably coined the term “ASHamed Jews” for those who, as Jews, ostentatiously flaunt their moral outrage against Israel. In our local context, such dissidents have the added advantage of framing their activities in apartheid-era terms.

In their self-regarding presumptuousness, they truly seem to believe themselves to be the Beyers Naudes or Bram Fischers of South African Jewry, the principled minority who dare (to use that nauseatingly smug lefty phrase) to “speak truth to power”.

It is a delusion actively nurtured by a large segment of the South African media, which unquestioningly buys into the “Israel = Whites, Palestinians = Blacks” paradigm that anti-Israel activists have been pushing for decades.

Consequently, when the latest member of our local “ASHamed Jews” chapter emerged to lay bare her morally tortured soul, the title chosen by the *City Press* for her tell-all article was “My treacherous Jewish heart”. Quite obviously, this alluded to Rian Malan’s “My Traitor’s Heart”, in which a post-apartheid Afrikaner unburdened himself of the impure ideologies within which he had been nurtured.

What this all inevitably implies is that the rest of the Jewish community are morally blind verkrampptes (on the subject of perverse blindness, a favourite theme of mediaeval Christianity when depicting the Jews, remember the Zapiro cartoon showing a synagogue full of Jews covering their eyes while (Mr Justice) Richard Goldstone stands outside looking mournfully through the window and an as-yet uncorrupted barmitzvah boy looks yearningly towards him?).

Unfortunately, certain frustrated members of our community have of late been goaded into making various intemperate, even threatening statements about Jewish dissidents. Far from weakening their position, it has played precisely into their hands of their backers.

ASHamed Jews long to wear the martyr’s crown; when calls are made for the Jewish community to boycott them, it only enhances their bogus standing as Jews of conscience willing to suffer ostracism for their principled beliefs.

We are confronted on a daily basis with enemies who are as cunning as they are malicious.

They are assiduously pushing the “Good Jew-Bad Jew” dichotomy at every opportunity in the realm of public opinion, and the rest of us need to have the seichel to avoid falling into their trap.

World News in Brief

ADL LEADER URGES US TO DO MORE TO PROTECT MIDEAST CHRISTIANS

NEW YORK - Anti-Defamation League (ADL) National Director Abraham Foxman believes the US should do more to protect Middle Eastern Christians from Islamic fundamentalism.

“We have not paid enough attention to the discrimination, persecution of Christians in the Middle East, especially by Islamic fundamentalists,” Foxman said in an interview with Newsmax TV. “We’re watching a world where on Sunday they burn churches and on Friday they burn mosques. So there’s a lack of respect for religion.” His call echoed that of B’nai B’rith International, the world’s oldest Jewish service organisation, which has taken up the cause of ME Christians, teaming up with experts to promote knowledge about Christians being persecuted. The Jerusalem-based B’nai B’rith World Centre recently hosted Assyrian Christian Juliana Taimoorazy from the Iraqi Christian Relief Council and Egyptian Coptic Christian Author Raymond Ibrahim for discussion about persecution.

“This is an issue that’s a major human rights issue in the world, that it’s not getting the attention it deserves in the West,” said Alan Schneider of the B’nai B’rith World Centre, according to CBN News. (JNS.org)

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SAJR SHOULD STOP GIVING DENNIS DAVIS A PLATFORM

Mr Justice Dennis Davis should read and take note of the letter (SAJR February 1) from Joel Dotan who lives in Israel and has to suffer the opinions and advice from people like Davis and his ilk, with their delusional thinking vis-à-vis the Palestinians and Israel, all this while posing as a friend of Israel. Davis has proved himself to be one-sided and biased, Personally, I feel that the SAJR should stop providing a platform for Davis; if he has anything to say he can do so in the form of a letter to Jewish Report, the same as all of us.

Isaac Lew Johannesburg

JEWS NEED ALL THE LUCK

I read Dennis Davis’ article with interest; he has been rather kind to Netanyahu who has consistently applied his long-held ideology of “Greater Israel”. If to achieve this he needed to “accept” Oslo, he did so to get elected in 1996, then went on to undo it, and when Obama pressed too hard, he “changed policy” and agreed to a two-state solution. Whereas Olmert had extensive peace discussions with Abu Mazen, Netanyahu had no direct talks during his four-year term; he went on to achieve what he set out to do: a one state solution. As to what will happen now, who knows. There is not much pressure on Israel or Netanyahu to make any changes and I don’t know if Lapid will put the peace process at the top of his priorities. Wish all Jews luck, we’re surely going to need it!

Allen Minitzer, Israel

COME ON SAJR READERS, HEED BEYACHAD LIBRARY CALL!

On behalf of the Johannesburg Jewish Resource Centre, I would like to thank those of you who responded to last week’s article (on the dire straits the Beyachad Library finds itself in) and made a contribution. However, we are a long way from reaching our target. I would like to appeal to all readers who care about the preservation of Jewish heritage, and history to show your support financially and also by putting your feelings down in writing and submitting it to the Jewish Report. Does Johannesburg Jewry wish to be able to educate and pass on our rich legacy, to future generations? In knowledge and understanding there is strength. Make your voice heard.

Marcia Parness
Chairman, Johannesburg Jewish Resource Centre

GWYNNE SCHRIRE IS WRITER OF BOOK ‘SANTA’S STORY’

I read with interest Robyn Sassen’s article “‘Santa’s Story’- a huge, joyful generational celebration” about Aviva Pelham’s play on the life of her mother, Santa. The play is excellently produced with beautiful music and a heart-wrenching story and I recommend that people in Johannesburg view it. However, I would like to correct an error of fact in the article. The book “Santa’s Story” was not written by Santa’s granddaughter Gabriella, but by myself. I spent many hours interviewing Santa, recording her story and putting the disparate pieces together into a harmonious whole, as I have done in the many other memoirs I have been asked to write. At the time, Santa had wished to include sections which I did not think appropriate. I thus recommended that the family edit these passages, which they did. But there is a huge difference between cutting text and writing and structuring a book.

Gwynne Schrire
Claremont, Cape Town

WORLD JEWRY MUST UNITE AND GIVE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT ITS SUPPORT

It is a fallacy to think the results of the Israel election was a near tie between right and left. The second largest party - Yair Lapid’s Yesh Atid - is evenly divided between centre rightists and centre leftists, drawn together more by social matters than ideology. Moreover, if you subtract the fiercely non-patriotic Arab block (which never has been, and never will be, part of any Israeli government coalition), the more accurate split reveals that the right is still in control. Nevertheless, it will be in Israel’s interests if Yesh Atid featured in the next broad-based Likud coalition - taking into account the complex internal and external challenges facing the country. A nuclear Iran remains the country’s biggest threat. War (Israel has been involved in terrorist and formal wars since 1948) is never pleasant nor moral, especially when survival is at stake. It is no wonder many in the forefront, doing “the dirty work” of targeted assassinations, hunting terrorists, etc, eventually suffer from some form of “war fatigue”. Unfortunately, someone has to do it - ain braira (no choice) – whether the global community likes it or not. However, supervising the welfare and survival of the Jewish State rests on the shoulders of the new elected government, which will be privy to security matters and all socio-economic and political aspects. Israel has decided, so let Zionists of every description accept the outcome and give the incoming authorities enthusiastic support.

David Abel
National Vice Chairman
Likud South Africa

HERTZ PENTATEUCH STILL POPULAR ALL OVER UK CONGREGATIONS

As usual I found a column by David Saks decidedly informative and interesting. I also share the peculiar love of old Hebraica and therefore am very familiar with the Hertz Pentateuch he wrote about. David found it jarring to see the work of Christian expositors on the Bible placed alongside commentaries of Jewish sages. I found it particular disconcerting to discern quotations from the Scriptural commentary of the immense Torah luminary, Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, incongruously placed alongside quotations from the likes of Moses Mendelssohn, even if Hertz did note that he only accepted “the true” even from an “iconoclastic Bible scholar”. That being said, infrequently some of these scholars did have cogent comments; one on Exodus 10:5 by a scholar regarding the devastating nature of a locust swarm, does give one an added understanding of the severity of the plagues. Unfortunately, however, much of the other non-Jewish comment is based on conjecture and is rather shallow. Hertz’s own comments are quite inspiring and David’s reference to the “Bible Criticism” age explains Dr Hertz’s choice in including these unconventional expositors.

SAKS’ CRITICISM OF THE HERTZ CHUMAS IS FAR TOO HARSH

I have to disagree with David Saks’ column on the Hertz Chumash on a number of points. Firstly, how scarce are they? In the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation they comprise two thirds of the Chumashim available. I have found them in all the shuls I have ever visited, including in the United States. Secondly, what does one want from a commentary? A simple explanation? A Midrashic explanation? Or one that tries to put the Chumash into historical context, including the effect it has had in the world, first-hand reportage of experiences that in some small way paint a picture of the miracles in Tanach? A Chumash explaining how other religions distorted Tanach and their treatment of the Jews, and quotes from great and good people, which in his own day included General Jannie Smuts, Olive Schreiner and Winston Churchill? For my part, I’ve always been fascinated by the archeological evidence presented, even if it’s now out of date, and even though it is not necessary for a Jew’s faith. Saks says only a fraction of the

Another point worth bearing in mind is that Hertz’s commentary was designed for then highly anglicised Jews; the Chief Rabbi needed to convey the text in a way that would be appreciated by such congregants. Hertz had a long relationship with South African Jewry ever since he was appointed minister of the Witwatersrand Old Hebrew Congregation and he was influential in the foundation of both the Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation. Indeed, one must look at his Zionistic roots in Johannesburg to understand his long dispute over Zionism with the United Synagogue President Sir Waley Cohen. Bearing these connections in mind, it is no surprise to learn that the Hertz Pentateuch has been used in South African congregations for many years and remained the standard Chumash in King David Schools well into the 1980s. David describes the Pentateuch falling into disuse in some congregations of South Africa (I still find them in larger Johannesburg congregations), but in Great Britain the Hertz Pentateuch remains highly popular, with Artscroll Chumashim jostling for inclusion on the bookshelves of

the large synagogues of London and Manchester and synagogue wardens informing congregants of the Haftorah page number in the Hertz Chumash. On my visits to Jerusalem, I also note the preponderance of Hertz Chumashim at such large shuls as the Great Synagogue. The Chumash remains in print, with the translation of the American Jewish Version instead of the former “Revised Version” in the 40th impression available from Soncino Publishing in Brooklyn. David’s analysis of the text is accurate and I would recommend the viewing of the Hertz Authorised Daily Prayer Book for a more faithful portrayal of Rabbi Joseph Zvi Hertz, a man who stood for a proud Judaism. This version of the Singer’s Prayer Book shows the man in his true colours as he masterfully weaves together thoughts from the Talmud and Shulchan Aruch, alongside classical Mussarists, the Chofetz Chaim, Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav and his own moving observations, which leads to the worshipper coming to the realisation of the man’s profound awe of an A-mighty L-rd.

David Sher
London

interests - of what? Lucidity? This is a losing exercise. Apart from being banal in the extreme and wholly unfit a vehicle for the truths it must carry, this language is “transitory”, changing in every generation. Read a penny terrible of your grandfather’s day, and then your father’s, and then a Dan Brown... A literary mind could navigate it with skill, but not a working man with a working vocabulary. He could, however, probably follow the King James rather better than the slang his grandfather used to his chums at school, or his father to his buddies. Your plain translation might not last a generation. I doubt if Saks would suggest reading Shakespeare in a bland, modern translation. Most siddurim still use the archaic usages, as well, to install proper awe and awareness that one is not having a trite conversation with one’s neighbour, but praying to one’s G-d. In my opinion there is just as much reason to keep those usages in a Chumash translation.

Ruth and Mark Dreyer
Pretoria

JOSIF PARASON IS TRYING TO TRACE DESCENDANTS IN SA

Josif Parason from Vilnius in Lithuania, is looking for relatives or descendants of Rachel Ester Parason-Sheveliovich, born in Kaunas Lithuania in 1901 and Leizer Sheveliovich, born in Kelme Lithuani in 1911. Parason can be contacted et e-mail: jparasonis@hotmail.com

CAN SAJR READERS COME TO THOMAS’ ASSISTANCE?

Thomas of Kovno (Kaunus) (no surname given) aged 46, knows his paternal grandmother, maiden name Ethel Kreger/Kreeger had two or more brothers who emigrated to SA just before WWII. Thomas would like to make contact with any surviving relatives. E-mail Dr Mannie Sher at m.sher@tavinstitute.org

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Arts Briefs

WITS MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PROF COLIN RICHARDS

Respected artist and academic Professor Colin Richards, a lecturer in printmaking and art criticism in Wits University’s Fine Arts department for 25 years and arguably one of SA’s most prolifically published art theorists, who passed away suddenly at age 58 on December 26, will be celebrated in a memorial in the courtyard garden at Wits School of Arts, on February 8 at 15:00. Richards moved with his wife, artist Penny Siopis to Cape Town in 2009. Call Professor David Andrew for further information (011) 717-4636.

VAGINA MONOLOGUES BACK IN JOHANNESBURG

On February 14, in support of One Billion Rising, a global day of activism against sexual violence, Eve Ensler’s 15-year-old play, “The Vagina Monologues” performs at Wits Theatre, produced by Rosie Motene and Gina Shmukler. Performed all over the world by diverse casts, it is based on interviews Ensler conducted with women everywhere. Keeping with the tradition of the benefit performances, all proceeds go to People Opposing Women Abuse; it will be performed by Johannesburg’s highest profiled women from stage, radio and television, including Motshabi Tyelele, Fiona Ramsay, Lebo Mashile, Vanessa Cooke, Napo Masheane, Dawn Lindberg, and Leila Henriques. Call (011) 717-1376.



Talented theatre practitioner Gina Shmukler takes on The Vagina Monologues with activist Rosie Motene.

Sonnenberg’s legacy lives on

ROBYN SASSEN

It’s not every day one encounters a woman in an indomitable race against mortality to create a classical music festival in the middle of nowhere. Rona Sonnenberg, née Schnabel, (pictured) who died at age 70 on January 9, fulfilled her own expectations of herself with the Wakkerstroom Festival, which she created from the stuff of her own dreams.

Sonnenberg, born in Durban on May 16, 1942 danced for Johannesburg City Ballet before moving to back to Durban to dance for NAPAC Ballet. “She was a typical dancer,” recalls music entrepreneur Sara Gon, who met her in 2005 and collaborated with her in fundraising for the Johannesburg Philharmonic Orchestra. “She smoked instead of eating. She was dreadfully thin but tall; she must have been formidable in her youth.”

“It is like losing a member of my own family,” said Dawn Weller, commenting from Perth on the news of Sonnenberg’s passing. One of SA’s foremost ballerinas in her heyday, Weller explained that she and Sonnenberg had joined NAPAC when the performing arts councils were first formed in South Africa in 1964.

“Rona was a lot older than me - I was 16 at the time - she was a strong, persistent woman and she looked after me in that environment and taught me a lot about the profession. I will so miss her.”

“Rona was a concertgoer insistent on saving the JPO. When I met her, she already had the emphysema and cancer that killed her; she was connected to an oxygen tank all the time,”

remembered Gon. “She had the most eloquence, passion and pushiness I’ve ever come across. We argued often; she drove me crazy, but she was always worth arguing with.

“She didn’t sit on her laurels. What she gave from her sick bed was astonishing. Rona coerced Cyril Ramaphosa to be a patron of the JPO, shortly before she moved to Mpumalanga. Everyone had tried, but this frail white Jewish woman was the one who succeeded.”

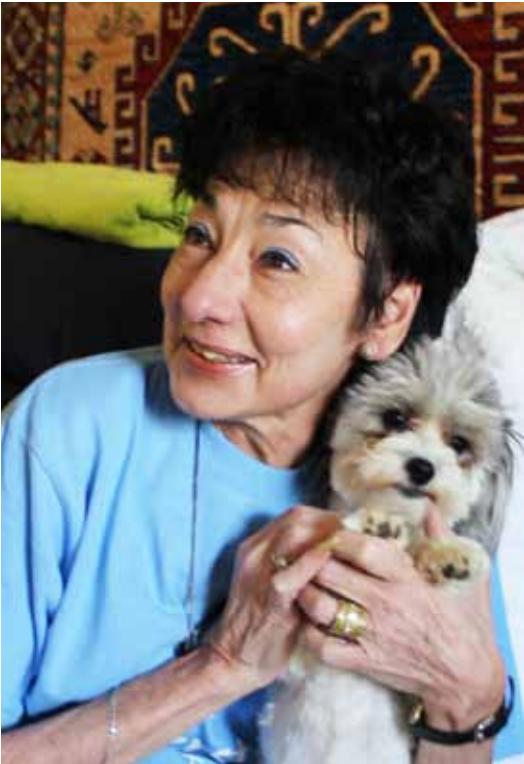
Rona and her architect husband, Gus, moved to Wakkerstroom, near Volksrust in Mpumalanga, famous for birding and teeming with amateur businesses, apartheid values and gulfs between English- and Afrikaans-speakers, in 2009, for its clear air.

“After we got to know the village, I realised there was no organised culture,” she told the SAJR last October. “I started a group called Treble Clef. We met each month to watch a DVD of an opera, ballet or musical.”

Within 18 months, her audience realised the need to be in the presence of live music. Wakkerstroom Festival’s seeds were sown.

“In 2010, I formed a board and registered a Section 21 company. I had no money, no pianos, nothing. Nearly every musician I invited accepted to play for free.”

The first festival in March 2011 was successful beyond expectations. Get-



ting support for the second festival last March was easier, she explained, always matter of fact about the seriousness of her health. “It became the tool to bring in revenue for a scholarship.”

Says Gon: “That scholarship was Rona’s crowning glory; it redressed Wakkerstroom prejudices. It drew all shades of performers. Her getting so many professionals to play for the debut festival for free attests to her doggedness; Rona worked genuinely to benefit musicians and therefore music in South Africa.”

Sonnenberg leaves her husband of 25 years, Gus, and has equipped Wakkerstroom resident Marynza de Bruyn to take the helm of the festival into the future.

Oh, what SA could do with Israel’s support for its arts!

ROBYN SASSEN

Theatre producer and owner, Daphne Kuhn (pictured) was invited by Tararam and the Israeli government to attend the annual International Exposure of Israeli Theatre in December. “It was a symphony of culture! The 17 plays

I saw in the four days I was there, all had full houses.”

Nearly 20 years running an independent theatre, having run the Old Mutual Theatre on the Square in Sandton for 17 years, which grew out of a smaller theatre in Rosebank, Kuhn is sharply aware of challenges the arts face.

“Ours is an industry full of wonderful, talented, passionate artists, but we lack support that countries like Israel get. No theatre in the world can run on ticket sales alone.

“The festival is well established; it focuses on dance, literary drama and music. It is a brilliant PR

concept for Israel - showing with cleverness and beauty what Israel can do. I was hosted at the Cinema Hotel, in Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv. It was nothing fancy but, oh, so lovely!

“Israel’s theatres are wonderful: there’s a mix of exquisite new establishments, black box theatres, and old ones, celebrated for their history, some dating back to before Israel’s birth.

“I saw two Shakespeare plays - The Merchant of Venice at Habima National Theatre, and Richard III, at the Cameri Theatre. The theatres are part of cultural hubs - Habima is near the home of the Israel Philharmonic and Cameri neighbours Tel Aviv’s Museum of Modern Art.

“The festival also boasts Russian, Yiddish and Arab-Israel material and experimental work. A lot of the contemporary material is generated in the Suzanne Dellal Centre for Dance and Theatre, in the very old Tel Aviv neighbourhood of Neve Tzedek, an arty, Parkhurst-type of a place.

“While some theatres are privately run, most enjoy government support. The arts are prioritised in the country’s growth and development. In the case of big theatres which have full government support, everything is state-of-the-art in equipment. There are

programmes in place to subsidise both the young and the old, in order to forge the artistic and social value of the theatre.

“Some of our stuff, written and produced locally is actually better than theirs. But with support of that calibre, it is easy to do anything.”

- The theatre’s line-up includes a revival of Sue Pam-Grant’s 1989 play “Curl up and Dye”; Friday lunch-hour concerts feature “Just So Stories” performed by Graham Hopkins and Tony Bentel on February 8, and musicians of the ilk of the Goldberg Quartet and Israeli pianist Jossi Reshef, in the next few weeks. See www.theatreonthesquare.co.za.

- Currently at Old Mutual Theatre on the Square is “Santa’s Story”, a one-woman musical in which Aviva Pelham celebrates her mother. Several organisations have bought tickets for fundraising, including the JWBS on February 12 (call Gloria (011) 485-5232), WIZO Tzabar on February 13 (call Graciela 082-925-0924), and the Multiple Sclerosis Society on February 14 (call Janet (011) 646-1652). The season ends on February 17.



The façade of Tel Aviv’s municipal theatre, the Cameri, established in 1944, which hosted productions of Shakespeare’s Richard III and Chekhov’s Requiem during December.



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A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

Anti-racialism ethos underpins our national culture



Above Board
Mary Kluk
National Chairman

One of our regular exercises at the start of each new year is to look back on the previous 12 months and conduct an audit of anti-Semitic incidents during that period. Have levels of anti-Jewish hostility, as measured by actual recorded cases of attacks against Jews, risen, dropped or remained more or less the same?

Has the nature of anti-Jewish behaviour changed, and how effectively is it being

addressed? These are the kind of questions that the Board needs to consider when carrying out its mandate to combat anti-Semitism and safeguard Jewish civil rights.

Part of our analysis naturally involves making comparisons with the situation in other Diaspora communities. Here, we have consist-

ently noted a very remarkable phenomenon, namely that levels of anti-Semitism in South Africa are strikingly lower than those experienced elsewhere.

In countries like Australia, Canada and the UK - all democratic, English-speaking societies which in addition maintain a generally cordial relationship with Israel - the number of anti-Semitic incidents recorded annually has over the past decade been anything from 10 to well over 20 times higher than in South Africa.

In addition, the gravity of some of those incidents, including assault and arson attacks against synagogues, contrasts markedly with the relatively innocuous instances of anti-Jewish behaviour in this country.

By way of illustration, in just the first six months of 2012, there were 21 cases of synagogues in the UK being damaged or desecrated; here, there was not even one such instance, and indeed one has to go back as far as 2006 to find the last occasion when a Jewish place of worship was targeted in this country.

How does one explain so extraordinarily a divergence between the South African situa-

tion and that of the wider Jewish world?

It seems to me to be incontestable that the fundamental reason lies in the robust ethos of anti-racialism that continues to underpin our national culture. From the top down, we see a zero-tolerance approach being taken towards racism and prejudice. The result is that even those who do harbour such sentiments are generally careful not to give them expression because they know that in all likelihood they will be called to account if they do.

It is this culture, backed up by its bedrock laws and infrastructure, which enables us to live a fully integrated, observant Jewish life to an extent that one seldom finds anywhere else.

As happens all too often, we have a tendency in this country to focus on the negative to the exclusion of the many good things that are just as much a part of the reality of South Africa today.

While there indeed are noisy, vociferous anti-Israel lobbies in this country, it should not detract from the facts on the ground which show how little existing anti-Jewish sentiment actually manifests in hostile acts against Jews, whether individually or collectively.

Moreover, when such acts do occur, the Board is consistently finding that we have at hand effective means of dealing with them. Of course, just because levels of anti-Semitism in South Africa are low, does not mean that we can afford to become complacent; on the contrary, we ourselves need to maintain a high level of vigilance and, wherever unacceptable cases of anti-Jewish prejudice arise, continue to take a zero-tolerance approach towards them.

The Board will always act on behalf of community members whom we deem to have been unfairly targeted for being Jewish. In return, we ask that the community itself assists by keeping us regularly informed whenever such instances arise. In this way, we can help to ensure that anti-Semitism, along with all forms of prejudice, continues to be no more than a marginal problem in our society.

- Listen to Steven Gruzd on Jewish Board Talk on 101.9 ChaiFM every Friday 12:00 - 13:00.

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Gadget war moving into the lounge



Installing the giant Sony 4K television, costing some R279 000 in South Africa.
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GOLDSTUCK ON GADGETS
Arthur Goldstuck

The war for domination of consumer electronics has shifted from the handheld portable gadget to a device firmly ensconced in the living room.

At last month's International Consumer Electronics Show (CES), the launch-pad for the industry that owns Las Vegas in January every year, smartphones took a backseat. One dazzling TV set after another was unveiled to oohs and aahs - and aarghs from those who had just bought the previous state-of-the-art version.

There was little to choose between the flagship screens of the world's TV giants, with the big three, Samsung, LG and Sony, all unveiling versions of the new Ultra High-definition (UHD) 4K standard

sets with double the resolution of high-definition TV.

Sony stole a march on its rivals, however, with the world's first 4K TV using OLED (Organic Light-Emitting Diode). Samsung, for its part, put out a 3D OLED TV.

While OLED is becoming common on cellphone screens, its high cost of materials and production had kept it from big screens. Now, it seems, the stakes are high enough for TV manufacturers to ignore the fact that the devices are priced out of reach of the market. The desperate shortage of tailor-made content is glossed over. In this battle, mindshare is as important to manufacturers as market share. Being first with any size, format or innovation, is a goal in its own right.

Why are bragging rights so important? The real issue with high-end TV is that the manufacturer only has one shot at winning over the consumer. Unlike smartphones, which are typically replaced every two years, the TV set has a lounge life of five to 10 years. Once the purchase has been

made, the losing brand may not have another chance to win over the customer for up to a decade.

With smartphones, they can recover from mistakes; they can survive having to play catch-up; and they can win back lost customers with the next roll of the dice.

When they lose a TV customer, on the other hand, there is rarely a second chance in the product future that is currently mapped out.

As a result, convincing customers to go with a specific brand is as important as giving them what they want from the device. Being positioned as a technology leader is a key part of that convincing.

Enter 4K. The first 4K sets unveiled a few months ago by Sony and LG - on the same day in South Africa - respectively cost R279 000 and R160 000. That meant a market of perhaps a few dozen customers. But anyone seeing either of the sets in action on shop floors would have been convinced that the manufacturer had entered the future of TV.

Despite the technology not yet being built into lower-end devices, the perception of technology leadership would still provide a halo effect over these sets.

For Sony, the stakes are high. Speaking to South African media at CES last month, Sony senior Vice President Masashi Tiger Imamura, acknowledged that the company was on a mission to turn around the loss-making TV business.

"The most important thing to us was to make a very attractive product for the market," he said of the 4K OLED set. However, it was also important to understand how the TV had evolved in the way it was used.

"TV used to be a very passive device. Now it has become both a passive and active device. TV is not a standalone product anymore."

Every one of the major manufacturers also unveiled more advanced versions of the content services on their Internet-connected TVs, with the Samsung and Panasonic screens at CES displaying remarkably similar interfaces for accessing web-based content. Increasingly in the future, we can expect to see TV makers attempt to differentiate their devices based on innovative content services.

Imamura does not believe, however, that competition for higher picture quality has ended, or that content is the only way to differentiate.

"I believe there is still a lot of room to improve picture quality with new technology like OLED. The issues are always around the customer getting real value, how much they will pay, and what kind of volume we can sell. It's a balance between demand and supply and technological advance."

As a result, he said, 4K represented both a risk and a challenge to Sony. The excitement it created at CES suggests that, from a marketing point of view, the risk has paid off.

- Arthur Goldstuck is founder of World Wide Worx and editor-in-chief of Gadget. Follow him on Twitter on @art2gee

TA girls pack for Purim fundraiser

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Torah Academy Girls' High School's annual fundraising mishloach manot pre-Purim project is underway, with gifts ranging from R25 to special branded luggage, filled with imported goodies for R1 000. Deliveries are free for the exclusive gifts, with nominal delivery charges for smaller presentations.

Pictured are grade nine learners Gali Shalpid; Sheina Kinn; Siddy Shaw; Talya Gien; Ashira Aronson and Shifra Henen, showing off some of the selection of gifts before embarking on their mammoth project of packaging.

- For more information visit the website www.purimgiftssa.com, e-mail sales@purimgiftssa.com or call the school at (011) 485-3871.



Young Nadav the pivot for aiding storm-ravaged Shingwedzi in Kruger

SHIRA DRUION

Nadav Ossendryver has become a buzzword in the world of nature conservation with his passionate love of African wildlife. The wildlife maven has transferred his great love of wildlife onto the web where it has now become more accessible to thousands of people worldwide, by his founding and developing the very popular website, Latestsightings.com. It reports live sightings from the Kruger National Park and in doing he has created a “community” of over 22 000 members.

This week, the 16-year-old grade 11 King David Linksfield learner, stood proudly alongside youth from Dainfern, Saheti, Crawford and King David Linksfield in his bold initiative to assist over 150 flood victims who had lost everything in the floods that recently destroyed the Shingwedzi camp in the northern part of the Kruger park.

“I think it’s safe to say that the Kruger and I go arm in arm. If it were not for the

Kruger and her magic, my website would not exist. So, when I got news of the flooding and the terrible devastation it had caused, I knew that something had to be done,” said Nadav.


The learners and their families who heeded the call for help, raised enough goods to ensure that 18 Land Rovers were bursting at the seams. The goods were then driven in convoy by members of the Land Rover Club, which consist of a group of honorary rangers who are associated with SA National Parks, often assisting with a diversity of endeavours to help conserve and preserve the Kruger and her beauty.

Louis Lemmer, public relations and marketing director of the honorary rangers club, congratulated the relief effort.

“It has been inspiring to witness the care that these young people have shown towards strangers, by taking the initiative to make a difference. I believe that this is one of the most important lessons that the South African culture has instilled its people.”



Members of the Land Rover Club, lift up Nadav Ossendryver, whose efforts saw 18 Land Rovers with goods, leave Johannesburg for storm-ravaged Shingwedzi in the Kruger Park.



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Today, Friday (February 8)

- UZLC hosts Steven Gruzdl, Senior Researcher at the SAJBD, who will talk on “Jubuntu: Jewish Contribu- tion to Education, Skills Develop- ment and Job Creation in South Africa”. Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 – 14:00. Contact: Gloria 072-127-9421 or (011) 485-4851.

Sunday (February 10)

- The Opening of the Isaac Ochberg Exhibition held in Brest, Belarus will be shown on Carte Blanche at 19:00 It is directed by Paula Slier, SA-born television journalist.
- Big Band Music Appreciation Soci- ety meets at St John’s College, Jef- frey Auditorium, Lower Houghton. Audio and video material, featuring the great bands of yesteryear. Time: 14:15. Information: Dave (011) 885- 3525 or Barney (011) 440-1996.
- Chevrah Kadisha Community Social Services welcomes single mothers to its monthly support group for a chat, a cup of tea, support, informa- tion and much needed time out. Resumes today. Entertainment provided for kids. Special guest is a handyman to empower members with DIY skills. Time: 10:00 - 11:30. Contact: Zoe (011) 532-9654.

- Aish Women present “A Journey to your Soul” with Rachel Factor, the creator of the musical hits JAP and Not Even Normal. An evening of dance and inspiration, featuring lo- cal SA dancers. Venue: Eden College School Auditorium, 48 - 62 Johan- nesburg Road, Lyndhurst. Times: 14:00 and 19:00. Tickets: Adults R150, students R100. For advanced bookings call office (011) 485-2985, or Shelley Willis, 079-989-3773, or Fruma Ziskin, 082-689-2961.

- Second Innings hosts geriatrician, Dr Stanley Lipschitz, who will speak on “Memory Loss and Memory Dis- orders”. Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Cost: R20 members, R40 non-members. Contact: Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718.

Monday (February 11)

- UJW hosts Jonathan Hurwitz, ballet historian and tour guide, who will talk on “The Future of Ballet in South Africa”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation:

R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Tuesday (February 12)

- WIZO Forum hosts “Fact or Fiction - From the Horse’s Mouth”. Post- election analysis. Venue: Beyachad. Time: 09:30. Cost: R40 (incl tea and refreshments). Contact: Sandy (011) 645-2515.

- North-Western Shuls programme for 2013 is launched today by Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein. Hugh Raichlin speaks on “Jews of Lithu- ania”. The participating shuls are Greenside, Emmarentia, Northcliff, Blairgowrie-Victory Park and Ox- ford. Venue: The Greenside. Time: 19:45 for 20:00. Tel: (011) 788-5036, e-mail: info@greensideshul.co.za

- JWBS is hosting Aviva Pelham’s “Santa’s Story” as a fundraiser, at the Sandton Theatre on the Square. Time: 20:15. Tickets: R180. Information: Gloria at gloria@jwbs. co.za, or tel (011) 485-5232, fax (011) 485-5232.

- UJW hosts Estelle Sher who will present the first of two sessions on “Debussy - His Life and Works”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Con- tact: (011) 648-1053.

- Second Innings hosts Ernie Saks who will speak on “The Anglo Boer War and the Seven VCs won at Co- lenso”. Venue: Our Parents Home, Orchards. Time: 14:00 for 14:30. Contact: Grecia Gabriel (011) 532- 9718.

Wednesday (February 13)

- UJW hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskal- son, former lecturer in English at Wits, who will deliver the first in a series of five lectures, “Miracles, Monsters, Musing on Life in Shake- speare’s “The Winter’s Tale”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

- WIZO Tzabar presents “Santa’s Story” with Aviva Pelham. Venue: Theatre on the Square, Sandton. Time: 20:15. Donation: R150 per ticket. Booking: Graciela 082-925- 0924 or e-mail at gskudi@gmail.com

- UJW CT’s adult education division hosts Daniel Silke, economist and motivational speaker, who will

talk on “Cruising Into the Future - Travels Around the World”. Venue: Stonehaven, 7 Albany Road, Sea Point. Enquiries: 083-439-8006.

Sunday (February 17)

- Second Innings hosts author David Fleminger, to speak on “Fair Game - The Hidden History of the Kruger National Park”. Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Contact: Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718.

Monday (February 18)

- UJW hosts Robin Binckes, histo- rian and tour guide, who will speak on “Contemporary History in South Africa”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Wednesday (February 20)

- Second Innings hosts a guided tour of Douglasdale Dairy. Time: 08:30. Bus leaves promptly from front of Golden Acres. Cost: R80 per person, including the bus, a guided tour of the dairy and farm, and tea. Contact Grecia Gabriel (011) 532-9718.

- UJW hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskal- son, former lecturer in English at Wits, in the second of five lectures, “Miracles, Monsters, Musing on Life in Shakespeare’s “The Win- ter’s Tale”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Monday (February 25)

- UJW hosts Richard Tait, a chemi- cal engineer and retired lecturer at Wits, who will present the first of two lectures on: “Can Renew- able Energy Reduce Rising Costs - Climate, Renewable energy and fossil fuels”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Wednesday (February 27)

- UJW hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskal- son, former lecturer in English at Wits, who will deliver the third in a series of five lectures, “Miracles, Monsters, Musing on Life in Shakespeare’s “The Winter’s Tale”. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R30. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

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Beitar Jerusalem soccer fans slammed, fined for racism

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Blatant racism by Beitar Jerusalem soccer fans against the club’s signing of two Muslim players, has seen an Israel Football Association disciplinary tribunal fine the club NIS 50 000 and order the eastern stand of Teddy Stadium closed for the team’s next five games.

When word was out that team owner Arkadi Gaydamak, a Russian-Israeli tycoon, planned to sign the two players from the Chechen Terek Gorzny team, fans hurled racist abuse during the team’s Premier League game last Friday against Bnei Yehuda at Teddy Stadium.

Three fans were arrested for chanting anti-Muslim slogans. A sign reading “Beitar will be pure forever” was unfurled during the game.

“As far as I’m concerned, there is no difference between a Jewish player and a Muslim player,” Gaydamak told Ynet in an interview.

At a training session last Friday, the two players from Chechnya, Gabriel Kadiev and Zaur Sadaev, were abused verbally and spat on by fans. The two had to leave the area surrounded by police and security guards. The next day, fans

chanted racist slogans against them at a Beitar match.

It is not the first time Beitar Jerusalem has been involved in a racial incident. Last March, hundreds of Beitar Jerusalem fans chanting anti-Arab slogans assaulted Arab workers at a Jerusalem mall following a game. Sixteen fans were arrested; six were banned from future games.

Despite all the pre-match tension, Tuesday night’s State Cup game between Beitar Jerusalem and Maccabi Umm al-Fahm passed with reasonable calm at Teddy Stadium. Eleven Beitar fans were detained and barred entry following scuffles outside the stadium before the game, and three visiting fans were arrested for flying the Palestinian flag during the match.

Beitar beat Umm al-Fahm, from the second-tier National League, 5-0. Police escorted the visiting players and fans through the capital to prevent further flare-ups. The game was relatively peaceful overall.

In an unprecedented move hours before Tuesday’s game, the Jerusalem Magistrate’s Court banned 50 Beitar Jerusalem fans attending the match against Umm al-Fahm. The court was complying



Photo courtesy AFP/Getty Images.

Fans of the Beitar Jerusalem soccer team hold up a banner in Hebrew which reads “Beitar Pure Forever”, during a match in Jerusalem against the north Israel team Maccabi Umm al-Fahm, on January 26, 2012.

with the club’s request to ban 50 fans known for racist incitement in the past.

However, despite the agreement reached the day before with Israel Football Association Chairman Avi Luzon, the club failed to ask the court to order that the game be played before empty stands in an attempt to prevent a repeat of last Saturday’s shocking display.

“The game made headlines thanks to the ugly phenomena we’ve seen recently,” Police Commissioner Yohanan Danino said before Tuesday’s game. “We must all condemn this phenomenon. I call on all fans to show restraint

and honour the state and the sport. Hundreds of police officers will be in attendance, and I hope they will have nothing to do. The Jewish nation is the last that should have to be explained why we should fight such an ugly phenomenon.”

Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein told Beitar Jerusalem on Tuesday that Israel intended to stamp out the racism and violence of the soccer team’s fans.

“The Israeli public should reject any manifestation of racism, and the [law] enforcement authorities are obligated to fearlessly eradicate any manifestation of this

kind that crosses the line into a criminal act,” Weinstein wrote to Beitar Chairman Itzik Kornfein. “I intend to ensure that the matter is dealt with the best way possible.”

The attorney general plans to stress the recommendations several months ago by a committee examining violence in sports. Those proposals have been submitted to Culture and Sports Minister Limor Livnat.

Weinstein said he would also consider having the law changed, including a provision that would give incentives to sports teams to work for tolerance.

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Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem, Israel:
www.jpost.com
“Blue-and-White takes on Turkey to open”
Israel’s Fed Cup team will face Turkey in its Europe/Africa Zone Group I opener in Eilat, a tie it can’t afford to lose if it has any intention of advancing from Pool C. Amos Mansdorf captains the side for the first time and hopes to get more out of Shahr Pe’er, ranked 91, and Julia Glushko (181) than his predecessor Lior Mor managed to.

The Jewish Chronicle, London, UK:
www.thejc.com
“Israel whitewashed by France”
Israel were on the receiving end of an embarrassing whitewash in their Davis Cup World Group match against France. Israel coach Eyal Ran said: “We did the best we could but it was never going to be enough. I’m proud that we are back in the World Group and now we must prepare for the relegation playoff.”

“Tamir Goodman earns spot on inaugural ‘Orthodox Jewish All Stars’ list”
The world’s first-ever Orthodox pro-basketball player Tamir Goodman has been included by Allison Josephs, the founder and director of Jew in the City, a website devoted to breaking down stereotypes associated with Orthodox men and women, in the site’s inaugural “Orthodox Jewish All Stars.”

The Canadian Jewish News, Toronto, Canada:
www.cjnews.com
“Observant women too lace ‘em up to learn hockey”
The women’s locker room at Baycrest Arena in Toronto is crowded with hockey bags and sticks. There’s a chatty excitement as 13 women gear up in full hockey attire and hang their sheitels on hooks. It’s the third season for this all-women’s group, a gathering of frum and non-frum women, who come together weekly to participate in a hockey skills class.

Jewish News, Sydney, Australia:
www.jewishnews.net.au
“Firsts keep finals hopes alive”
Maccabi Ajax First XI kept its slim finals hopes alive with a stirring four-wicket win over flag favourites Melbourne Cobras at the weekend. The Firsts piled on the pressure against the Cobras – who slumped to second on the ladder following the loss – and executed perfectly on the field, resulting in a string of early wickets that got the side off to a flyer.

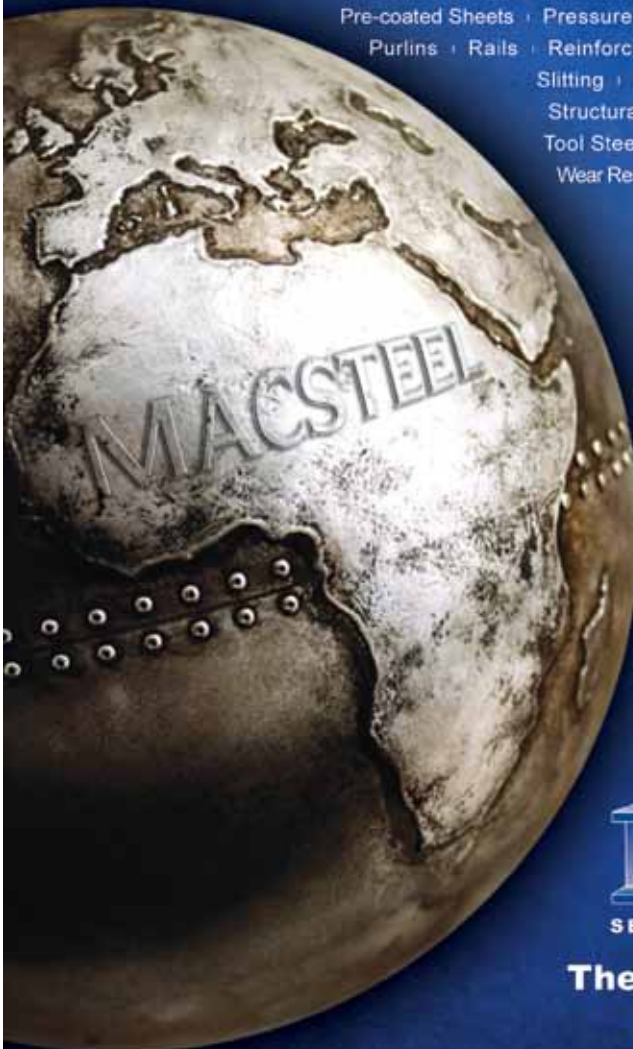
The Jewish Telegraph, Manchester, UK:
www.jewishtelegraph.com
“Celtic star pops in for morning prayers”
Lubavitch Scotland was on the ball this week. Celtic’s Israeli footballer Rami Gershon, 24 popped in to Glasgow’s Shul in the Park for morning prayers following an invitation from Rabbi Mendel Jacobs. The defender, on-loan at Celtic until the end of the season said: “I am very close to my religion. I do as much as I can.”


The Algemeiner, Brooklyn, US:
www.algemeiner.com
“Rising Jewish brawler Cletus Seldin wins latest match in three rounds”
Cletus Seldin, the Long Island boxer known as the “Hebrew Hammer,” won his latest fight in three rounds last week against the formerly undefeated Luis Rodriguez. The win takes his record to a perfect 10-0-0 with a stunning 7 knockouts, a statistic that is practically unheard of in modern era Jewish boxing.

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