

Maccabi SA team to Berlin flies the flag high



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Maccabi South Africa’s inaugural involvement in the European Maccabi Games in Berlin from 27 July to 5 August, was a resounding success. The South African delegation of 37, comprising three futsal* teams and two swimmers, won eight medals overall. South Africa did exceptionally well, bagging five golds and a silver in swimming and two bronze medals in futsal. Pictured are Gadi Cohen and Cliff Yuter, open futsal players, proudly displaying the South African flag at the opening ceremony. It was most symbolic that the venue for the Games was the site that Hitler’s Nazi regime built for the 1936 Olympic Games. Maccabi SA Chairman Cliff Garrun won gold in three swimming events: masters 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle and his daughter Kim, two gold medals (open 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle) and a silver in 100m freestyle. Maccabi SA first sent a futsal team to the 2011 Pan American Games in Sao Paulo and then the 2013 Games. The Maccabi SA futsal programme has since flourished under the leadership of Ronen Cohen. See pages 8 and 12.

**Futsal is a fast-paced, small-sided football game played across the world.*

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Iran debate devolves with charges of ‘dual loyalty’

The dredging up of the dual loyalty charge – that US lawmakers who reject the Iran nuclear agreement and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which is lobbying against it, are more closely aligned with Israel than the US, illustrates how tense the debate has become.

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Shachrit in the Glenhazel Shul with Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren (centre) with Dave Slasky, Rabbi Avraham Tanzer and Solly Sacks.

DAVID SAKS

Finding a minyan in the Greater Glenhazel area is a straightforward business nowadays. There are at least 15 shuls and shtieblach in the area providing daily services, and several more hosting at least a Shabbat-Yomtov minyan.

Still among the largest and most active of these communities is the Great-Granddaddy of them all, the Yeshiva College Hebrew Congregation. That name is actually quite recent. For most of its 50 year-plus history, the kehilla has been known officially as the Glenhazel Area Hebrew Congregation. It continues to be commonly referred to simply as the Glenhazel Shul.

The change of name is nevertheless justified. From the very beginning, there has been a symbiotic relationship between shul and school, which not only share the same campus but, remarkably, have been headed for over half a century by the same person, Rabbi Avraham Tanzer.

Yeshiva College preceded the shul, having relocated there in January 1961 after operating for its first three years in the

communal hall of the Berea Hebrew Congregation. Two years later Rabbi and Marcia Tanzer, both still in their twenties, arrived from the United States. Rabbi Tanzer took over as dean of the school, and within a year was appointed rosh Yeshiva following the death of Rabbi Michael Kossowsky.

It was through Rabbi Kossowsky that, when plans for the school were being drawn up, provision was also made for a shul to be built, both for the residents of the Yeshiva and for those who would eventually live in the vicinity. This was long before most members of the congregation had moved into the Glenhazel area.

Shortly after the Tanzers’ arrival in early 1963, it was decided to have a Yomtov minyan on the school premises for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Some 25 couples and several more individuals took part in the inaugural services, which were held, as they would be for the next three years, in the Yeshiva College dining room (today the school library).

The kehilla grew rapidly, attracting increasing numbers

of young families. Just as the congregation’s membership increased through association with the school, so did it in turn help to increase the school’s numbers. In 1963, Yeshiva College was no more than a small boys’ high school, but by the end of the decade, it included a primary,

nursery and separate girls’ school as well.

The Yeshiva College Hebrew Congregation is today just one of a number of permanent minyanim operating on the YC campus. The latter include the Mizrahi congregation, in its own synagogue built alongside the main building, Shabbat youth services and daily services run by Bnei Akiva and by Rabbi Dov Tanzer.

The membership of the main shul comprises some 300 families. Through long-standing member Lionel Stein, it puts out a hefty 50-page weekly newsletter comprising, in addition to congregational news, Divrei Torah and items of interest from the global Jewish press. Among its 500-plus subscribers are many non-congregants.

The shul now has an assistant rabbi, Rabbi Alon Friedman. However, Rabbi Tanzer continues to head up the congregation more than 50 years after that first Rosh Hashanah prayer gathering, which makes him, by some distance, the country’s longest serving Jewish spiritual leader.

World News in Brief

S&P affirms Israel’s A+ credit rating

JERUSALEM - The international financial services and credit ratings agency, Standard & Poor’s, last Friday affirmed Israel’s international credit rating as positive, giving it an A+ score. The agency’s economic forecast for the Jewish state defined the country’s economy as “stable” and projected it would grow by three per cent between 2015 and 2018. But the Israeli economy was not without its challenges, S&P said, naming a high debt ceiling as well as geopolitical factors and regional threats that might destabilise the Middle East, deter foreign investors, and curb growth potential.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said: “Reaffirming Israel’s credit rating reflects the global community’s faith in Israel’s responsible and balanced fiscal policies over the years.” (JNS.org)

Shabbat Times

Parshat Re’eh

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Parsha

Jewish teaching: The doctrine of free choice

Our weekly Torah portion is “Re’eh” - “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse. The blessing: If ye shall hearken unto the commandments of the L-rd your G-d, which I command you this day - and the curse: If ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of the L-rd your G-d, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.” (Deuteronomy, 11:26- 28)

The 19th century Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, emphasises the word “behold”, saying: “This is not a teaching that must be taken because of the belief in someone’s special competence. This - his appeal to you - is based on what he had seen himself...you have come to the clear conclusion that G-d handed you your future in your hands - and thereafter that it turned into a blessing or a curse - by the teachings transmitted to you through Moses.”

Jewish teachings are the doctrine of free choice, and the responsibility for the consequences of those life choice(s). Life can be a blessing or a curse, but this can only be determined by a human being.

In chapter 12 verse 8, there is a won-



Parshat Re’eh

Rabbi Julia Margolis
Bet David, Morningside

derful phrase: “Ye shall not do after all that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.” The real question is then: What is this free will granted to each of us?

It would be remiss not to observe here that our practical choice(s) in terms of our action(s) and our behaviour in everyday life, are due to just such a “rudimentary” understanding.

As an example: We allow ourselves to raise our voices in conversation, hurt and humiliate people around us, ignore the feelings of another close to us, and further to be absolutely confident in our right (of) “freedom” to do so.

We need to realise that the freedom that was given to us, not only has boundaries and very definite responsibilities, but has repercussions attached directly to it: For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Our right (of) “free will” needs to be balanced in many cases with the right

of another human being; our confidence coexists with confidence of those who are close to us. Indeed G-d has given us the freedom and wisdom to understand this!

We also hear so often the two points of view: On the one hand “free will” and on the other, to use a common phrase, that which is “basheret”.

These are often spoken about as if things can only be ordered by the Creator with one or the other being in place – either, or?

But what if both these points of view could coexist, so to speak, in the sense that when we (as human beings) observe something, we do so from a relative point of view and (based on this view) we have the free will to make our choice?

While from an absolute point of view, perhaps things as the mind of G-d sees them, He sees the globe right around the outside, and right through the inside (simultaneously from all points) as it were, then such potential outcomes are simply known as “basheret” to the infinite observer - both relative (free will) and absolute (basheret) can then as such coexist. Think about it...

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Community Voices

Achiever nominees talk about meaning of being Jewish

The excitement is mounting for the Jewish Report’s Absa Jewish Achiever Awards to be held at Vodaworld on Sunday evening, August 23. We asked some of the nominees how they felt about being nominated and what being Jewish meant to them.



Daphne Kuhn, of Auto and General Theatre on the Square, says it has always been her passion to uplift, enrich and educate the community by creating a venue and to provide work opportunities and present works that open up people’s minds, through the beautiful medium of theatre and music.

“Simultaneously I have tried to create a balance with a traditional Jewish home and values for my family and now grandchildren. I strive to be a ‘mensch’ by perpetuating the ethics of our forefathers at home and in my entrepreneurial theatre business.”

“The theatre is my temple for which I have sacrificed but I am proud to say that Jewishness is part of my identity and the examples that I set for young and old alike.”



Allan Hirsch, CEO of Hirsch’s Homestore, is delighted at the nomination and “very excited about everything.

“It is a sense of awareness of the hardship others went through, a sense of pride of what others have achieved.

“The reality is that no matter the hardship you face, or who you are, you can step up and achieve. Jews have a proud tradition and I am honoured to follow in the footsteps of many great leaders,” Hirsch said.



Reeva Forman, who has been nominated in the Europcar Woman in Leadership award category, holds several high-profile positions within the Jewish community.

“To be Jewish means to me, as a South African citizen and Zionist, to be proud of our heritage of values, ethics and tradition - a heritage of triumphs and tragedies - all bringing an understanding for the purpose of reaching out to the ‘other’ no matter the colour, creed or ethnicity - to help alleviate suffering - to be a ‘light unto the nations’.

Being Jewish also meant to experience the great joy of being with one’s own people, close family and friends - “your ‘eigene’, who are all part of this great tradition”.

Ronen Aires, CEO of Student Village - a youth marketing agency - said he had mixed feelings when hearing of his nomination. “On the one



Niki Breger, co-owner of Nicci Boutiques, says she is “very flattered and truly humbled” to be nominated.

Breger, an observant Jewess, who keeps kosher and is shomeret Shabbat and shomeret mitzvot, describes herself as “very proud to be Jewish.

“I don’t compromise on my religion or participate in any business on Shabbat or festivals.”

Breger, who is married with three children, feels that her beliefs have helped her in her success, even while operating in a non-Jewish world. “I am blessed,” she says.



hand, I was happy to receive validation by the Jewish community, while, on the other, I felt somewhat embarrassed.”

Aires feels being Jewish means having responsibilities

“to be active in Jewish organisations which focus on uplifting the lives of Jews in the community as well as working through Jewish organisations that are trying to make South Africa better in the broader community.

“We are actively helping companies and also assist thousands of university students to find jobs.” This is in addition to working with Jewish organisations and upcoming entrepreneurs.

Raz takes over SAZF baton

South Africa’s pro-Israel community is exuberant at the news of the appointment of Nicci Raz as the new national director of the SA Zionist Federation. The move, however, understandably poses some trepidation as incumbent Isla Feldman’s 35-year-long reign draws to an end.

Raz is ideally suited to fill the massive shoes of her predecessor and her history of success in serving SA Jewry and Zionism will stand her in good stead. Raz, who takes up her new position in October, has a good understanding of working within the community, says Fed Chairman Ben Swartz, with her having spent many years contributing to the successes of ORT JET.

Raz was elected as a vice-chairman of the Fed at their elective conference earlier this year. “The leadership of the Zionist Federation is losing our warrior and champion in Isla,” says Swartz, and the Fed spent an extended period to recruit the ideal replacement.

Thirty-five-year-old Nicci (Nicola) is married to David and is the mother of three daughters, Edden, Noa and Ora who attend Raz’s alma mater, Yeshiva College, where she matriculated in 1998.

Raz obtained a B Com (law and economics), but for most of her working career has been in marketing, sales and project management. Last year, she completed a social entrepreneurship programme at



Gibbs where she up-skilled in management, operations, human resources and finance.

“I feel extremely privileged and humbled to have been chosen for this important community role,” says Raz. “This position comes with a lot of responsibility and I hope to lead the SAZF with as much passion and commitment as Isla has done for so many years.”

“Nicci brings to the community the experience and traits that are ideally suited to the large task at hand,” says Swartz. As Raz will take up her position on October 1, it allows for a few months of hand-over as Feldman will officially step down at the end of December.

Feldman has wanted to retire for some time.

Feldman believes Raz “has what it takes. Nicci is going to make a difference. We are living in a different world today, a world of social media, a world that requires younger and fresher skills. And she is a very clever young lady.”

Swartz told Jewish Report: “I am sure the whole community joins me in wishing Nicci all the best in her new position as we commit to supporting her and being part of taking the SAZF with its roles and responsibilities to a whole new level.”

On Feldman, Swartz says that she has “commanded the respect of the South African Jewish community for the last 35 years and her positive effect has been felt by each one of us”.

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"I'm sure we'll see new deals being signed between foreign companies and companies from the Omer Industrial Park and from the Advanced Technologies Park in Beersheva," says Nir, of the planned course that will straddle both high-tech parks. - Israel21c

BRANDEIS STUDY FINDS ANTI-SEMITISM HIGH ON CANADIAN CAMPUSES

BOSTON - There are particularly high levels of hostility toward Jews or Israel on Canadian campuses, according to a new study about anti-Semitism at North American universities.

The Brandeis University report, which was released last week, was based on an online survey of more than 3 000 North American university students who had applied for, but not yet taken, a free, 10-day Birthright Israel trip.

One-third said they had been verbally harassed over the past year because they were Jewish, while almost three-quarters reported having been exposed to anti-Semitic statements, including the claim that Jews have too much power and that Israelis behave "like Nazis" toward Palestinians.

A quarter of respondents said they had "been blamed during the past year for the actions of Israel because they were Jewish". - Canadian Jewish News

LGBT ADVOCACY GROUP ELECTED TO MELBOURNE JEWISH BODY

MELBOURNE - Keshet has become the first affiliate of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) to specifically advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

The organisation was unanimously voted in by the affiliates in attendance at JCCV's plenum on Monday night.

It comes 16 years after Aleph Melbourne, a social and support group for the LGBT community, failed in its bid to join the JCCV after several Orthodox synagogues threatened to quit the communal roof body.

"This is a great feeling and, most importantly, we have now started a dialogue with the community which allows us to reach out to more members," Jonathan Barnett, head of Keshet Australia, said.

"The excitement for me is that people want to be involved, they want to be supportive and, after almost five years of trying, the doors are finally open so that we can help people." - Australian Jewish News

SABBATH STRIKE AT BEN GURION AIRPORT

BEN-GURION AIRPORT - The Ben-Gurion Airport Employee Union announced last week Thursday that it would be striking from the beginning of the Sabbath on Friday evening to the end of the Sabbath on Saturday evening in protest of the Airports Authority's refusal to directly employ workers in place of hiring them on a contract basis. Contract workers receive fewer benefits than directly employed workers.

The union decided to take organisational steps after negotiations to limit hiring of contract workers reached a dead end.

Union chairman Pinchas Edan said that "it cannot be that everyone is talking about getting rid of the phenomenon of contract workers and in the Airports Authority they are expanding the use of this exploitative practice". - Israel 21c

Hatches and matches the Jewish way



SUZANNE BELLING

The words of the song in Fiddler on the Roof, "Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match" may refer to a different time and place but the shadchan or shadchanit (matchmaker) still exists in abundance albeit with a different methodology. Today there are Jewish websites and online dating services where prospective brides and grooms can "catch their own catch".

One young Jewish woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, feels the problems with South African-based sites are that the community is too small, there is not much awareness of the sites or apps and many of the responders are from overseas.

"I personally found Jewish guys are on both mixed and Jewish sites - so they are chatting to a Jewish girl saying they want to get married, but on the side they are with non-Jewish girls.

"I went out on many a date from these sites: yid.com, jswipe, Jcrush and others and the guys were just okay."

Rael - who dates online - says it can be a good place to meet people, but he has not found anything more than a friendship - which did last for six years.

"The problems I encountered were that pictures were not updated and profiles were incomplete."

One man, who wouldn't give his name, met his wife on yid.com. "After a six-week whirlwind romance, we were engaged and married six months later. We now have two daughters."

And, although many successful marriages have been translated from cyber into reality, those using online dating to meet people, should be wary of scams.

Shereen says she often goes on Jewish and non-Jewish sites, with the objective of meeting other Jews. "I have met quite a few guys who have turned into great friendships, with one or two relationships on the way." But she also had one very negative experience.

"I met a 'Jew' on a non-Jewish site and chatted for a month, while he was in the US on business. He then wanted me to collect a box that he was sending via courier for me to keep for him while he was away.

"Turns out that when the courier company wanted me to pay for 'extra weight' and I confronted him about it, he got ugly and then I realised our whole 'relationship/friendship' was a scam and he was just trying to get money out of me."

Conversely, Casey Shevel is a flesh-and-blood shadchanit of the old school. She is stopped in shopping malls and in the streets, and told: "You are going to heaven", because one widely-held belief is if one sends three couples under the chuppah, one is assured of a place in Olam Haba. Casey, an events co-ordinator by profession, runs singles evenings at her home every six weeks. She calls her efforts "Shmingles".

"I am passionate about this. I thank G-d - it is a novel way of bringing people together. I have three age groups and sometimes run campaigns on Facebook for over 50s, for whom I arrange cheese and wine evenings.

"I have arranged 11 weddings in three years, even met my own husband Eyal through a shidduch and have three wonderful, wild boys."

Rebbetzen Chaya Masinter was an accomplished shadchanit until her home - and her files - were burnt in a fire eight years ago. She now does her work on an ad hoc basis, but has chalked up several successful marriages of leading members of the Jewish community, including within her own family.

"Sandra" terms herself an "unofficial" matchmaker. "When I meet single people - widows, widowers and divorcees - I take down their telephone numbers and try to have them over on a Friday night."

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Prof Adam Habib’s two hats



TAKING ISSUE

Geoff Sifrin

When Wits Vice-Chancellor Adam Habib spoke at Limmud two weeks ago, he made it clear from the beginning that he would be frank, and frank he was, as he addressed the packed auditorium in which most people were avid supporters of Israel. Personally, said Habib, he was a severe critic of Israel and did not accept it as a “Jewish” state. “I do not believe, in a cosmopolitan world, in a state project that is ethnically or religiously defined. That means I am just as critical of Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iran.

“In a world where challenges are becoming transnational, we are going to have to learn to operate across religious, cultural, and national boundaries. A brotherhood and sisterhood of humanity is essential. Ethnic, religious and linguistic states are dangerous and an anachronism.”

Habib also criticises Israel because he believes “it has used overwhelming force... and there have been huge civilian casualties. But I am just as critical of Hamas, Syria and Iran, both on the state project that they have, but also the way they deploy their militaries.”

Habib made it clear that he wears two hats, however. And in his official capacity at Wits, he was determined that the campus will remain an open space for debate - which includes ensuring that both pro-Israel and anti-Israel views can be freely expressed.

“I will participate in that debate. But I will guarantee that my own strong viewpoints will not dominate and prevent other people from being heard. Wits has a multiplicity and plurality of views and a strong tradition of robust, open debate. I want to keep that open, because it is through this that we can craft a new human consciousness.”

Habib then pointed to an issue which has become highly relevant to supporters of Israel in recent weeks: It is all very well denouncing the people who unfairly criticise Israel for being anti-Semites, racists, etc. But first, he said, we need to denounce the racists within our own community.

His talk took place after a terrible week in Israel, in which alleged Jewish religious extremists murdered a Palestinian baby by throwing a Molotov cocktail into his family’s house - and in a period when cries of “Kill the Arabs” are becoming more frequently heard among Jewish ultra-nationalists in the settler movement and elsewhere.

Have South African Jews been sufficiently outspoken in condemning racism within the local Jewish community, and among Jews in Israel?

“I find it offensive,” said Habib, “that we are always prepared to call out the racists among the other, but never in our own midst. I mean this about all communities in South Africa, not just the Jewish community. Unless we have the courage to call out the racists within our own communities as much as we call out the racists in other communities, we are never going to get far.

“You would not believe how many times I have had people say to me that they are committed to free speech on the Wits campus, but not for ‘those guys’, because their views are ‘offensive’.

“People have said, ‘Mcebo Dlamini [the former SRC president who posted ‘I love Hitler’ on his Facebook page] is a bloody racist, but all blacks are like that’. I have also criticised BDS for not calling out the racists in their own midst. Until you do that, your claim to have a ‘human rights’ agenda sounds hollow. It is amazing, our propensity not to internalise and self-reflect.”

After his talk, Habib took a question from

the audience from Michael Freeman, Israeli’s deputy ambassador, on whether he believes Israel has the right to exist as a Jewish state.

Habib answered by confirming what he had started with: “Do I accept the right of Israel to exist? Yes. But it should be a democratic, multi-cultural state. The same should apply to all the states in the Mideast. I don’t believe in Islamic states or Jewish states. My model is actually the United States, or the South African constitution. That does not mean that I think Israel should be destroyed - it will have to evolve into a cosmopolitan state.

“Our future as humanity is dependent on us beginning to transcend national boundaries. We must unite across those communities. I, as a practising Muslim, have far more in common with progressive Jews and Christians than with conservative or reactionary Muslims.”

Habib touches on a very sensitive issue. The truth is that Israelis and Jews themselves have not clearly defined what it means for Israel to be a “Jewish state”. Is it just a state with a majority of Jews?

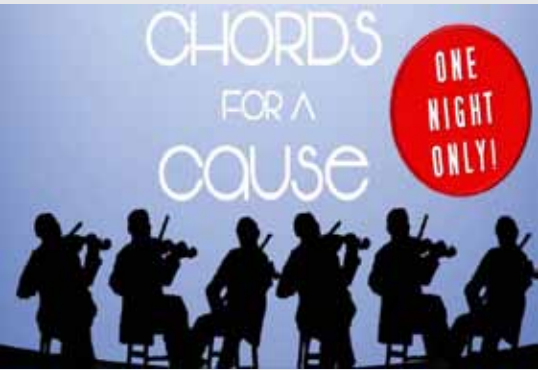
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Divorce and the co-parenting conundrum

An Orthodox British woman residing in Vienna, Austria, lost custody of her two young sons in 2013 with a total of a mere six visits allowed a month and a requirement to pay maintenance. This has come to the attention of international Jewish media recently for the extent of its cruelty.

Beth Alexander, a university lecturer whose former husband, Dr Michael Schlesinger, had her declared mentally unfit to care for the boys, says they are now being cared for by two au pairs.

The British Orthodox community has tried to come to her aid and have written to the Viennese Jewish community, criticising them for not protecting this vulnerable mother who claims that her husband and the Austrian Orthodox community made baseless claims about her mental state because she wanted to get divorced in a religious community that is critical of such choices.

The reasons for divorce are usually unpleasant and once a couple has split, there are again a multitude of reasons for further conflict and tension - such as the case of this couple in Austria - where the children are likely to be the ones who will suffer most.

Our very own South African Jewish community has been witness to some hideous divorces and I am sure that some of our more high profile cases would rank up there with the best stories from Beverly Hills.

The South African Justice Department's 2012-13 annual report showed that the divorce rate had rocketed by 28 per cent from 39 573 to 50 517 cases but the stats still do not tell us what percentage of marriages end in divorce here.

Causes of further acrimony between divorced couples - particularly when there are children - are numerous, say psychologists. Perhaps one of them finds a new partner and the other person is not yet settled and happy in their life.

The dissatisfied partner may be resentful and then makes it difficult for the other (happier former spouse) by using the children as pawns. Or the financial arrangements don't feel equitable. This may lead to lengthy, expensive and animosity-fuelled legal proceedings and again the children may be drawn into the conflict.

Yet even when the relationship between the former spouses is good - if there are children involved - for the rest of time one is sharing and negotiating terms for one's most valuable assets with a person one has decided to no longer be married to and whose life, potential future partner and priorities are no longer in line with one's own. It is - even in the best of cases - one of the toughest situations to deal with.

Parenting arrangements vary - but can be anything that is deemed by the parents, a mediator or in acrimonious cases - by the court, in the child's best interests.

Jonathan Clements, author and scriptwriter, and a divorced father, wrote in the Wall Street Journal a few years ago that one should think of one's relationship with the former spouse as a business relationship. "Forget the bad blood. Ignore stuff that isn't your business. Instead, focus on the task at hand, which is raising the children."

Yet this can be so difficult because there are times when overwhelming anger or frustration prevails, which is now not moderated by the conventions of marriage with its spirit of compromise. Former spouses may differ on childrearing strategies or dislike the new partner and often if the children spend more time with the "ex", the other parent may experience a deep sense of loss. Also, dealing with the issues that crop up through the lives of one's children - discipline problems, disappointing school reports, teenage angst - requires a lot of co-operation and restraint.

If parents are not amicable, resolving these already tricky issues can be almost impossible and much more stressful for the children. The negative effects on children when parents are at war - even when married and especially when divorced - are well researched. Children can become anxious, guilty, distracted, and be made to feel like double agents in a spy thriller.

Yes, getting divorced with children and successfully navigating all the obstacles requires soul searching and trying to put one's selfish interests aside. If both parties can focus on being the best co-parents possible, they will at least know that they have managed to traverse the treacherous territory of close co-operation with a person they consciously chose to disengage from.

And while they could not provide their children with the original happily married unit, they are both offering their precious progeny a fine example of compromise, empathy and maturity.

– Vanessa Valkin, Editor

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Senator Charles Schumer, Democrat New York, is opposed to the Iran deal.



President Barack Obama at a meeting he convened with Jewish leaders at the White House to "sell" the deal.

Iran debate devolves with charges of 'dual loyalty' and 'dog whistles'

RON KAMPEAS
WASHINGTON

The dredging up of the dual loyalty charge - that lawmakers who reject the Iran nuclear agreement and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which is lobbying against it, are more closely aligned with Israel than the United States - illustrates just how tense the debate over the deal has become.

The charge came to the fore after Senator Charles Schumer, Democrat New York, the highest-ranking Jewish Democrat in the Senate, announced last week that he was opposing the deal reached on July 14 between Iran and six world powers.

A weekly cartoon on Daily Kos, a liberal website, depicted Schumer as a woodchuck, and in the course of a TV interview, the flag in the woodchuck's office changes from American to Israeli and the moderator, a basset hound, calls Schumer a traitor. The cartoonist, Eric Lewis, has had drawings published in the New Yorker.

The cartoon has drawn outraged responses. "There is room for a legitimate debate on the Iran deal, however charges" of disloyalty "against Senator Schumer — and any other members who articulate on fact-based but alternative views — are beyond inappropriate," Jonathan Greenblatt, the new national director of the Anti-Defamation League, told the Times of Israel.

With most Republicans against the deal, Democrats have become the battleground - and Schumer has been under especially intense scrutiny. Congress has until late September to decide whether to reject the agreement.

The Democratic caucus generally defers to those within the party with the biggest stake in an issue, and traditionally has looked to its Jewish caucus, some 27 members, for leadership on Israel-related issues.

Six have declared against the deal and 10 have declared for it. But Schumer's coming out in opposition was seen as a watershed because he is line to succeed Senator Harry Reid, Democrat Nevada, the party's leader in the Senate who is retiring next year.

MoveOn, the liberal activist group, immediately launched a drive to defund Schumer, headlining one e-mail to supporters, "Unbelievable. Schumer. War".

In an interview, Ilya Sheyman, MoveOn's executive director, repudiated anti-Semitism in the debate, but said likening Schumer to those who want war was justified. Sheyman, who is Jewish, said Schumer's Jewishness was not a factor in the MoveOn campaign.

AIPAC's president, Robert Cohen, on Monday in an e-mail to supporters pushed back against what he said were

the Obama administration's misrepresentations of his pro-Israel lobbying group's policy.

The differences arose last week in an exchange between Lee Rosenberg, an Obama backer and a past AIPAC president, and Obama at a meeting the president convened with Jewish leaders at the White House.

At the meeting, attendees said, Obama noted TV ads paid for by an affiliate of AIPAC, Citizens for a Nuclear-Free Iran, and appeared to conflate them with other ads that liken Obama to Neville Chamberlain, the British prime minister widely seen as having appeased Hitler.

The CNFI ad addresses the substance of the deal and "does not single out the president in any way", Cohen said in the e-mail.

Online, some Obama critics lost no time in drawing a line between the Daily Kos cartoon and Obama's rhetoric defending the deal.

"The president's dog whistles are heard by the president's dogs," David Frum, a former speechwriter for President George W Bush and now a senior editor at The Atlantic, tweeted.

A number of conservative commentators had already said that Obama was insinuating anti-Semitic tropes about dual loyalty in addresses he has delivered defending the deal.

Elliott Abrams, a deputy national security adviser under Bush who is now a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, writing in the conservative Weekly Standard, quoted Obama from the speech: "Does anyone really doubt that the same voices now raised against this deal will be demanding that whoever is president bomb those nuclear facilities?" Obama asked.

"Who are these people who will be 'demanding' war?" Abrams wrote, and then said Obama was referring to AIPAC "and Jewish members of Congress like Chuck Schumer and Eliot Engel and Ted Deutch."

Obama in his speech at American University did say that "many of the same people who argued for the war in Iraq were now making the case against the Iran nuclear deal." Yet he also explicitly distinguished opponents whose scepticism for the deal stems from support for Israel from Republican partisans, whom he accused of beating the drums for war, and he expressed sympathy for the pro-Israel outlook.

"I do think it is important to acknowledge another more understandable motivation behind the opposition to this deal, or at least scepticism to this deal," he said, "and that is a sincere affinity for our friend and ally Israel. An affinity that, as someone who has been a stalwart friend to Israel throughout my career, I deeply share." (JTA)

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A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

Durban Jewry’s AGM - Taddy Blecher’s inspirational message

Last Thursday evening, at the Durban Jewish Centre, the Council for KwaZulu-Natal Jewry held its 84th AGM. As always, it was a pleasure for me to be with my own community and be given an overview of all the amazing work that the Board is doing.

Re-elected for a second term were Ronnie Herr, president; Jeremy Droyman and Alana Baranov (1st and 2nd vice president) and Gary Baranov (honorary treasurer). I congratulate them, and the entire committee, on a very successful term of office and wish them all further success in the year to come.

We were privileged to have as keynote speaker Dr Taddy Blecher, whose topic was “How one Jewish boy is helping change SA for good”. His message was that every one of us is capable of contributing to their society and should strive to do so.

Taddy himself is well known for the outstanding work he does in the field of education for those from underprivileged backgrounds. This culminated in his co-founding the Community and Individual Development City Campus, an accredited university offering degrees in Bachelor of Business Administration.

In devoting himself in this way to the upliftment through education, Taddy had a wonderful role-model in his father Dr John Blecher, a gynaecologist who in addition to putting dozens of members of his own family through university, devoted two days of each working week to treating inmates (including political prisoners) in the women’s jail.

As he spoke about this remarkable individual, it struck me once again how many unsung heroes and heroines we have in our community, people who without ever seeking any kudos for themselves and



Above Board
Mary Kluk
National Chairman

regardless of race or creed, selflessly devoted themselves to helping the needy and vulnerable in their society.

Just as Taddy Blecher was inspired to accomplish what he has by the example set by his father, so can we likewise be inspired by the plethora of projects and good works carried out by members of our community and look for ways in which we ourselves can become more involved.

Two days prior to the CKNJ AGM, I was in Cape Town to participate in a media workshop for Board members and communal leaders. The panel included academics and media professionals, who provided interesting insights on how the media works and on how the Board

can better communicate what it is doing to its own constituency and to the wider society.

Congratulations to the Cape Council for organising this stimulating and thought-provoking event.

Exam alert

At this time of the year, university students are starting to gear up for their year-end exams. The Board has already been alerted to several cases of clashes with Yomtov and is working to resolve them.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all students to carefully check their exam timetables and report any clashes to our National office as timeously as possible (sajbd@sajbd.org).

The Board will assist in every way that it can in dealing with such problems, but it cannot do so effectively if they are brought to our attention only at the last minute.

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A column of the Chevrah Kadisha

Perspectives from the Cape

I’ve just returned from a few days in the scenic city of Cape Town where I met a number of remarkable people and achieved some important objectives. What a beautiful city - even when it’s cold and raining.

My primary reason for going was to attend a summit I was invited to by a foundation which has been a long-standing Chev benefactor.

The summit was fully sponsored and intended to bring together a diverse group of NPOs (most of them not Jewish) to share ideas, information and inspiration. About 30 organisations were represented, all of whom are recipients of funding. In keeping with the foundation’s mandate, dozens of operational improvements have been made to our facilities over the years which have provided immediate benefit.

Delegates were invited to share information about themselves and while every occasion provides opportunities for some learning, this time I learned a great deal. As each beneficiary spoke, it was hugely encouraging to hear of the wonderful work being done throughout the country and to find out that there are 135 000 non-profits across SA.

Speakers reported on the operational and funding challenges they face,



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Michael Sieff
Group CEO

which are pretty much universal but nevertheless unique in the South African context.

I talked about the specific environment of the Chev and described our many triumphs and what keeps me up at night.

The summit provided a positive and inspiring setting for educating about trends, networking and collaboration. As always, perseverance is a life lesson that generally pays off.

While in Cape Town I paid a visit to another particularly generous Chev donor to express our gratitude in person. His hospitality was as encouraging as his ongoing charity and humility.

Finally, I called upon Jewish Care Cape, an organisation which, together with a number of others, is tasked with providing care similar to that offered by the Chev, but naturally on a smaller scale. I will be maintaining contact with them - sharing models, experiences and learning from setbacks.

My sincere thanks, on behalf of the Chev, to all those who received and welcomed me so warmly. They say travel broadens the mind. It was my experience in this past week that you don’t have to travel far to achieve that.

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Community Column

A column of WIZO South Africa

Women for women – the heart of WIZO

I came to the WIZO shelter afraid for my life. But now, I feel like I was born anew. WIZO protected me and my daughters and I left stronger than ever.” (Ranit – Tel Aviv)

WIZO is proactive in reducing domestic violence via a wide range of help and therapies for women and children subjected to violence. Our battered women’s shelters, run in protected and secluded environments, give women a clean break from violence and a fresh start at a better life.

Programmes are run for single mothers, battered women and girls at risk in difficult situations. These programmes empower them to lead independent and stable lives.

Ranit, from a wealthy suburb of Tel Aviv, never thought she would find herself in a battered women’s shelter. As her home life deteriorated rapidly, it became clear that her life was in danger.

In one swift movement, she and her daughters were clandestinely taken to a shelter for battered women and their children. Here, she began to rebuild. WIZO counsellors and staff helped her and her daughters to feel safe and secure, while Ranit prepared for an independent and self-sufficient life, free from violence.

Domestic violence is a phenomenon that occurs in about 200 000 families in Israel, and is witnessed by some 600 000 children across the broad spectrum of Israeli society.

Since the first Knesset, WIZO has had a representative on various government committees and continues to play a significant



role in discussions, initiatives and legislation which impact women’s status and rights to this day.

Since her traumatic experience, Ranit has written a book on domestic violence and shelters to help other families and children to understand and deal with the issue. She and her children are safe and violence free thanks to WIZO.

August being a month of focus on Women, WIZO South Africa are proud to announce that they will be hosting Dr Einat Wilf, renowned public speaker, advocate for Israel and Women’s Rights.

In her latest op-ed in the Jerusalem Post, Einat describes the many parallels between “feminism”

and “Zionism” - both words have become “stained” in the 21st century. Since their inception, both have faced a purposeful and continuous effort to deprive them of their ideological force.

For decades, Zionism has been subject to the relentless attack of the “placard strategy” - the mechanism by which Zionism is equated in placards, UN resolutions and media utterances with a litany of the world’s most negative words, from racism to genocide.

Feminism has been painted as an affront to womanhood, an ideology of hatred toward men, and as the main barrier to a nice woman finding a man. The outcome has been to deprive both revolutions of vital support. (<http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Feminism-and-Zionism-411026>).

Dr Einat Wilf will be visiting South Africa as the guest of WIZO South Africa in November in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

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IRAN: HEED THE NORTH KOREAN NUCLEAR ANALOGY

Mr Justice Dennis Davis [in his qualified approval of the Iran nuclear deal in the Jewish Report] needs a reminder that an American president thought he could make the same deal with North Korea and of course the North Koreans agreed to all the demands only because it allowed them breathing space to build their nuclear arsenal.

Maurice Levin
Port Elizabeth

KAYLI VEE: RIGHT PERSON, WRONG PHOTOGRAPH

An incorrect photograph was printed as that of Kayli Vee Levitan in Ant Katz's story "Four young Jews chosen among SA's finest" in last week's Jewish Report. The correct photograph of Kayli Vee has since been printed on our website. www.sajr.co.za.

Jewish Report apologises to Kayli Vee for the error.

JEWISH LEADERS AND MEDIA HAVE DUTY TO PROMOTE ALIYAH

The editorial in last week's issue of Jewish Report was very praiseworthy of the Jewish community in South Africa and in my opinion very deservedly so. Many consider the opinions of our only Jewish newspaper to be highly influential in shaping the future of our young generation in this country.

The editor's analysis presents a very optimistic future for this community and points out the incredible contributions Jewish citizens have made in all fields of life. Indeed, the editorial does provide encouragement for young people to continue to thrive and prosper, and to get stronger.

I feel, however, that as "leaders", the media play an important role in leadership; the editor has omitted to inform the community of one important fact: The Jews in the Diaspora are living in (voluntary) exile.

It might be true that we are thriving and prospering in this country as individuals, but as time moves on, the more "prosperous" we become, the more Jewish nationhood is shattered.

For nearly 2 000 years our ancestors prayed and dreamed of returning to Zion. Then when the State of Israel was re-established and we finally had the chance to return to our land, something went horribly wrong: Jewish communities, including ours, turned their backs on the opportunity. Instead of wanting to escape the exile, they choose

to stay.
Space prevents me from citing the long list of drawbacks of living in exile. It is true that for many "mature" Jewish people who are long settled in their ways, the challenge of aliyah is not possible. But any Jewish organisation or institution or federation, especially Torah leaders who do not exhort our youth to leave the Galut and build his or her future in Eretz Yisrael, betrays their duty as a Jewish leader.

By all means our current Jewish community leaders are to be praised for their sterling efforts in keeping the Jewish structures alive. At the same time they should know that the whole goal of the exile is to prepare the Jews for the prayed for return to Zion. This is the goal of our Torah and our prophets.

The Diaspora/exile isn't meant to last forever. The curse isn't meant to be extended and embraced. We are meant to come home.

The Jewish Report with its large influence on our youth, should be part of our leadership to not only praise this wonderful Jewish community, but also to inform it of its true goal. The rabbis are not doing it. The editor, can.

Choni Davidowitz
Golden Acres, Johannesburg

'ZEALOTS' PROSELYTISE ALSO NON-JEWS AT NORWOOD HYPER

I shop at Norwood Mall. Recently I was informed by a non-Jewish man (and not an anti-Semite) that he has been having to contend with being followed, harassed and exhorted to wear tefillin by misguided zealots.

He is not liking the aggressive, heavy-handed proselytising he's experiencing. As far as I am aware, there is little history of evangelism in Jewish literature.

Religion, culture or ritual should not be foisted on another. This unnecessary zealotry is creating disharmony and ill-will in those who normally are quite accepting of other traditions.

We are a people who should be spreading light, an atmosphere of caring and a display of exemplary behaviour.

To those responsible for such pursuits: Kindly refrain and desist from unbecoming acts which only serve to alienate and antagonise.

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JERUSALEM - Iran may be sanitising the Parchin nuclear facility, which is purportedly used to enrich uranium for military purposes, following the recently reached nuclear deal. “Satellite imagery picked up by US government assets in mid- and late July showed that Iran had moved bulldozers and other heavy machinery to the Parchin site and that the US intelligence community concluded with high confidence that the Iranian government was working to clean up the site ahead of planned inspections by the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency),” Bloomberg View reported, citing US intelligence sources. Institute for Science and International Security President David Albright examined a satellite image of Parchin and reported seeing two new large vehicles as well as ongoing alterations. (JNS.org)

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SA earns eight medals at historical Berlin Games

JACK MILNER

The South African Maccabi team brought home eight medals from the European Maccabi Games (EMG) in Berlin, but more than the sporting success, the delegation had been a part of something quite unique.

“The opening ceremony in particular was very symbolic,” said Maccabi SA Chairman Cliff Garrun.

“The German president was at the event and in a way it felt that a threshold had been crossed - that this was the emancipation of the German Jewish community.

“You had a sense that the way they carried themselves, they were proud to be German for the first time. But, obviously it is a personal

thing and also a generational thing.”

For Garrun, the highlight of the opening ceremony, held in the stadium built by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympic Games, was the singing of Hatikvah.

“That was a great moment. To hear Hatikvah sung in full voice in that stadium was remarkable.” The SA delegation of 37 comprised three futsal teams and two swimmers and they came away with five gold medals, one silver and two bronze.

The Maccabi SA futsal programme has since flourished under the leadership of co-ordinator Ronen Cohen, who is also a successful Maccabian.

The EMG was a steep learning curve for the junior (under-16) futsal team who took part in

their first major event against experienced contenders Great Britain, Spain and Turkey. They narrowly lost out on qualifying for the semis in a tough 6 - 5 battle against Spain.

“On the day some of their games could have gone either way, but they never gave up and left everything they had to give on the court,” said Cohen.

The Open and Masters teams both won their group rounds with full points, the first Maccabi SA teams in either football or futsal to achieve this. The open category was the most highly contested event with 16 teams taking part. After a decisive 5 - 0 victory against Finland in the quarterfinals, they lost to the very experienced British team 4 - 0 in the semis.

The bronze medal match against Israel was unfortunately cancelled as the Israeli team was forced to withdraw due to injuries. As a result the SA team was awarded the medal.

The Masters team lost their first game of the tournament 4 - 2 to Turkey in the semi-finals. They went on to capture the bronze medal, beating Denmark for a second time, 3 - 1.

Garrun won gold in three swimming events: Masters 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle while



Aron Freeman (left) and Ronen Cohen show off their masters futsal Bronze medals won at the European Maccabi Games in Berlin.

his daughter, Kim, won two golds (open 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle) and a silver in the 100m freestyle. Speaking after the tournament, Cohen said: “After such dominant group rounds, both the open and masters teams were admittedly crushed to lose the decisive games. But we gave our absolute best against very experienced teams.

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What's On	
Today, Friday (August 14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UJWC Adult Education Division hosts Nadav Ossendryver, founder of the website "Latest Sightings at the Kruger", on "Enhancing Nature Through Technology" (slide presentation). Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R35. Contact: UJW Office (011) 648-1053.
Sunday (August 16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RCHCC is screening the academy award-nominated documentary "Exit Through the Gift Shop", a Banksy film. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, a/h (011) 728-8378 or e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@telkomsa.net or www.greatpark.co.za• Second Innings hosts Tony Bentel on "A surprise Morning of Music with Tony". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Cost: R20 members, R30 visitors (incl tea and light refreshments). Information: (011) 532-9701.
Monday (August 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chev Social Services /CAJE's "Enrich Your Life" series presents a special one night only exclusive "Enrich Your Life Evening" with Hedy Schleifer on "The Miracle Of Connection". Venue: Sydenham Shul Hall. Time: 19:45. Cost: R40 (light refreshments served). Bookings: Sharon (011) 532-9616/sharonp@jhbchev.co.za• RCHCC is screening the award-winning documentary "Homage to Chagall" - The Colours of Love. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 14:00. Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, a/h (011) 728-8378 or e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@telkomsa.net or www.greatpark.co.za
Tuesday, (August 18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cape Town Holocaust Centre hosts a film screening: "Political, Polish Jew: The Story of Pinchas Gutter". Pinchas and Dorothy Gutter will be guests at the screening. Venue: 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens. Time: 18:00. Information: (021) 462-5553 or www.holocaust.org.za www.facebook.com/CTHCpage• WIZO Forum and Rebecca Sieff Awards have as its topic "Be the Heroine of Your Life," exploring "Heroines of the Bible", Rebbetzen Candy Lipschitz; "The Holocaust", Tali Nates; and "Today", Julienne Sackstein. Venue: Beyachad. Time: 09:30. Cost: R40 (incl tea). Contact: Nadine (011) 645-2515 / wizojhb@beyachad.co.za
Wednesday (August 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• King David Primary School, Victory Park hosts an exhibition and sale of contemporary South African art. Exhibition closes on August 21. It includes works by artists like William Kentridge, Robert Hodgins, Willem Boshoff, Norman Catherine, etc. Curated by Kim Lieberman, Lesley Cohen and Kevin Handelsman. Doors open at 18:00. Opening address by Linda Givon: 19:00. Admission free.• UJW Adult Education Division hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskalson, former lecturer in the dept of English at Wits, on "The Prodigal Summer" - a
Thursday (August 20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JWBS' 122nd AGM takes place at the Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 09:30 for 10:00. Information: (011) 485-5232.• JWBS hosts Ian Fuhr from Sorbet for a discussion. Venue: Franjelica's. Time: 15:30 for 15:45. Cost: R100 pp (incl refreshments and a goodie bag). Contact: (011) 485-5232.• UJW hosts a ladies' fun-filled breakfast at the Sandton Shul Hall. Time: 09:15. Nik Rabinowitz will be entertaining the guests, and Glen Biederman-Pam, a nominee for the 2015 Savanna Award for the best Newcomer Comedian, will also perform. Enquiries and bookings: Barbara (011) 645-2591 or Lynne on 083-378-1114.
Friday (August 21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WIZO Etgar / Michelle Brivik Sloat host their annual Golf Day at Killarney Country Club. Beneficiary: Projects in Israel in the name of Michelle Brivik Sloat. Welcome coffee and snack, halfway house light lunch and finger supper. Cost per four ball: R3 200 (R800 per person). Wonderful prizes to be won! Contact: Zee Bergman 083-377-5644 or Anat Shevel 083-601-0174.• Second Innings undertakes a "Guided Tour of the Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve". Time: Bus departs at 09:00 from the parking below Golden Acres. Cost: R220 (includes the bus, the entrance fee to the reserve and the guided tour. The entrance and guided tour are at the pensioner price and we have to be in our own bus to travel. Enquiries: (011) 532-9701.

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