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RABBI DR SAMUEL LEBENS

Rabbi Dr Samuel Lebens is a senior research fellow in the Philosophy Department at the University of Haifa. Born in England, Rabbi Lebens holds a PhD in metaphysics and logic from the University of London. While studying, he was heavily involved in student politics and a prominent defender of Zionism on British campuses. Rabbi Lebens holds rabbinic ordination from Rabbi Zalman Nechemia Goldberg and chairs the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism. If he had enough spare time, he'd like to be a playwright.

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US investor, strategic advisor and professor turned motivational speaker, Charlie Harary's optimism and passion will invigorate his audience on the path to success. Son of an immigrant father and grandson of Holocaust survivors, Harary was born knowing what it means to survive. But learning how to thrive has become his life's mission. Harary graduated from Columbia Law, and after making his mark as the first VP and legal counsel at RXR Realty New York, he moved on to co-found H3 & Company, a multimillion-dollar VC and advisory firm.

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Sharansky jumps through hoops for tikkun olam

Natan Sharansky is an international Jewish human rights icon and the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He was in South Africa last week for the launch of Project TEN in Durban. "I was surprised at the warmth and chemistry between the 10 to 12 year old Zulu children and the Israeli volunteers," he said. "The two groups working together is the true source of our tikkun olam work. This is our revenge against our enemies – they try and disconnect our Jewish youth with their slander and we try and connect local kids with Israel." See pages 5 and 8.

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SA-born Joel Pollak touted as next US ambassador to SA

ROBYN SASSEN

The office of the American ambassador to South Africa has been unoccupied since December 16 2016, when former US ambassador Patrick Gaspard vacated it under the Obama administration. Speculation is rife as to who may fill this position.

South African-born, Harvard educated lawyer Joel Pollak is touted as forerunner for the job, as is social media personality, Mike Cernovich.

Pollak, senior editor-at-large for alt-right-wing news website Breitbart, has extensive political and personal links to this community. He read for a masters degree in Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town during the 2000s, when he

was also chief speechwriter for former Democratic Alliance leader Tony Leon. He returned to the United States where he ran, unsuccessfully, for Congress as a Republican for the conservative Tea Party.

Born in 1977, Pollak immigrated to the US with his family as a young child and became an American citizen 10 years later. When he came back to South Africa, he rose to the awareness of SA Jewry with his ardent public criticism of Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu for the latter's negative comments about Israel and Palestine in 2002, in a visit that was extensively covered internationally.

Pollak has written widely on politics and community. In 2009, he published two books relating to the South African Jewish community and political issues in SA and the US: *The Kasrils Affair: Jews and Minority Politics in Post-Apartheid South Africa* and *Don't Tell Me Words Don't Matter: How Rhetoric Won the 2008 Presidential Election*.

The former examines the political mindset of contemporary SA Jewry, in response to public statements about Israel and other matters from the then minister of water affairs and forestry, Ronnie Kasrils, using this as a prism to reflect on the politics of minority communities in post-apartheid South Africa. The latter is a self-published analysis of the role of speeches in former US President Barack Obama's election victory in 2008.

In 2014, he e-published *Wacko Birds: The Fall (and Rise) of the Tea Party*, which conservative commentator Stanley Kurtz praised for its balanced analysis.

Last year, another book by Pollak, *See No Evil: 19 Hard Truths the Left Can't Handle* was released in the throes of the American election, before Trump emerged as winner. And earlier this month, he wrote *How*

Trump Won: The Inside Story of a Revolution in collaboration with Ohio-based historian Larry Schweikart.

Also born in 1977, Cernovich is an Illinois-trained lawyer who was admitted to the California Bar in 2009. He is vocally pro-Trump and has lucratively published several guides on how to be successful.

The owner of a website called *Danger & Play*, he punts himself as a misogynist and has been referred to as a right-wing troll with a massive Twitter following, by publications such as *The Observer*, the *New Yorker* and *Media Matters*. Notoriously, he recently tweeted: "White genocide in South Africa is real... if nominated for ambassadorship, I'll say it to Congress."

Those closest to Pollak in South Africa have chosen not to talk to the media until a decision has been made over the ambassadorship.

"Leave him alone," said Pollak's mother-in-law Rhoda Kadalie, who is also a respected anti-apartheid activist, in response to the Jewish Report's requests for Pollak's contact details. She referred to "fake news" that the media has been circulating, but also to the fact that no one is able to confirm either way if Pollak is being considered for the position, or whether this is hearsay. "The media has written about Joel but no one has interviewed him. Just shocking how everyone recycles their own rumours," she added.

Wits University finance lecturer Michael



Joel Pollak.

Kransdorff, a long-time friend of Pollak who studied with him at Harvard, says he is a man of high calibre with a sophisticated sense of justice and would make a "great ambassador" as he has a "fantastic understanding of South African politics".

Speaking of Pollak's personal popularity - which contradicts remarks in recently published articles condemning him - Kransdorff is critical of the media's coverage of

Pollak and his political leanings: "Joel has been smeared by association. No attempt was made to understand [him] directly."

The Jewish Report made several attempts to reach Pollak directly for more than a week, but at the time of going to press, he had not yet responded.

Spokesperson for the US embassy, Cynthia Harvey says deliberations regarding the ambassadorship could still take months. Jessye Lapenn is Chargé d'Affaires at Pretoria's US Embassy until a new ambassador is chosen.

Shabbat Times

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Parsha

Do Jews believe in reincarnation?



Parshat Mishpatim
Rabbi Alex Carlebach
Chabad of Lyndhurst

A question rabbis often hear is: Do Jews believe in reincarnation? Is it the same as our belief in resurrection?

The Holy Zohar on our parsha, Mishpatim, begins with the words of Rabbi Shimon saying: "Eilin siddurin digalgulo - These words contain the secret of reincarnation."

There are three different types of mitzvot: chukim - statutes, those commandments like kosher shaatnez. These are laws between man and G-d, which have no rational reasons.

The second is eidut - testimonials - mitzvot like Shabbat, Yomtov,

tefillin and tzitzis. Though they are also between us and G-d, they remind us of important historic events. Once commanded, we can understand them

The third of the mitzvot is mishpatim - the ethical laws. They focus on relationships

between humans and humans. These commandments given to us by Hashem, is the core of our weekly parsha.

We know that every action we do, has consequences. A mitzvah carries positive reactions, whereas when someone commits an aveirah or transgression, they "stain" their soul and need to go through a "cleansing", usually in the afterlife.

The Zohar teaches us that the "cleansing of the soul", which is done in the spiritual realm, can only apply to mitzvot between man and G-d.

However, if one wrongs another person, then even G-d, so to say, cannot cleanse our souls from those stains. The ideal way is to "fix" them while we are still alive, by gaining the other's forgiveness, or returning what we have wrongfully gained from another.

If for some reason a soul passes away without correcting the wrong they did to another, it cannot be corrected in the afterlife. A soul is then forced to go through reincarnation; that soul is born again into a new person.

Divine Providence will then arrange for those souls to meet up again in the physical realm and be given the opportunity to rectify any past faults.

An additional explanation of reincarnation is taught by the Alter Rebbe in his famous work *Tanya*, quoting the Ari Zal, that every soul has to leave the spiritual realm and come down into the physical realm in order to fulfil all 613

commandments.

If one passes away and leaves the physical world before one has fulfilled them all, the soul will then be reincarnated and will be born again, put into the time, place, family, conditions needed to fulfil those mitzvot he or she has not yet fulfilled.

In reincarnation our soul is enclothed in a new and different body than was the case in their previous lifetime. It can take place every time a person is born; we may be reincarnations of different neshamot - souls. This is happening right now and continuously

However, resurrection which is the 13th Principle of Faith as outlined by Maimonides, is very different. This comes after the 12th Principle, the coming of Moshiach.

Torah teaches us that after Moshiach comes, in Olam Haba - the World to Come in the physical world. All the souls who have fulfilled mitzvot, will be resurrected. They will come back to physical life when their same body and soul come back to life together.

At that time Hashem will not only reward our souls, but also our bodies, for the many sacrifices our bodies made to fulfil our Creator's will.

Techiat hameisim - resurrection, will only take place after Moshiach comes. May it be soon. may it be today.

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Gorvy statue thieves likely never knew what they stole

ANT KATZ

When thieves stole one part of a unique three-piece statue from Johannesburg's Zoo Lake in the early hours of February 7, they probably had no idea that the unique piece, by South African Jewish artist Rhona Gorvy (who passed away last year) was worth a small fortune. They also probably didn't care that stealing one part of it had rendered the remaining ones virtually worthless.

If police suspicions are correct, neither did the buyer who would have smelted it down for scrap metal.

The statue belongs to the Moyo Zoo Lake restaurant. While police are investigating the theft, they have suggested to the restaurant's operating partner Brian Bridle that the "child" piece from the statue entitled "The Family", was stolen for the metal and was likely already sold for scrap and had been through a smelter.

The original owner of the Moyo brand, Jason Lurie, commissioned the statue almost a decade ago and placed it outside of the art-filled restaurant's security-fenced perimeter, between the restaurant and the boathouse - so that it could be enjoyed by all - and not only his customers.



Photo: Brian Bridle

The two remaining sculptures at Moyo Zoo Lake in Parkview after the smallest one, which stood 1,5 metres tall, was stolen

time". She was horrified that the owners "of a piece like this could have left it so unsecured - had it been cemented in properly, it could not have been stolen," she said.

Moyo's Brian Bridle is also hopping mad and said that the criminals deserve to be jailed or fined heavily for their actions.

"These are irreplaceable pieces of art. Every single one of these is irreplaceable," he said. Bridle said two copper water features had also been stolen from outside the restaurant's fenced perimeter. In commissioning the work, Jason Lurie had also insisted that the huge version of "The Family" be the only large version to be made by the artist, thus adding to its yet-to-be-determined value. Ashley Heron, who had originally done the interior decorating for Lurie, recalls going with him to commission the piece - but cannot recall what he had originally paid for it.

Everything Rhona Gorvy created was about her life and love of family, says daughter Hilary. That's why "The Family" epitomised Gorvy's works, she says. "We were exceedingly close," Hilary says, "I was with my mom every day of her life. My husband Jacob, and children Lara, Daniel and Adam were too."

Says Bridle: "The family made a plaque last year in honour of her," and mounted it onto the smaller statue - the one that was stolen."

The Zoo Lake Users Committee were also most perturbed to learn of the theft. "It is most concerning that this type of criminal activity is taking place at Zoo Lake. The Committee is in consultation with the City with regard to an increase of security at Zoo Lake," said Fran Haslam, chairman of Zoo Lake Users Committee.

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Rhona Gorvy was always a picture of elegance - as was her home.

It certainly did just that, as Johannesburg Parks' estimates suggest it would have been seen millions of times since its installation.

The statue's insurers have hired experts in a bid to establish a monetary value of "The Family" and are offering a substantial reward - a percentage of the value of the three-piece statue - for the return of the stolen "child".

There are numerous difficulties in placing a monetary value on the piece. The sculpture is unique and was the last large statue that Gorvy produced in over 70 years as an artist. She continued to make art well into her nineties. Her prolific oeuvre of sketches, prints, paintings, sculptures and poetry, seldom comes up for sale. There is a small etching of hers on offer on the OLX website for R18 000.

Jewish art writer Robyn Sassen, told Jewish Report that Gorvy's work is "of value because she was an important South African artist", underrated but important. "She was also tremendously prolific," says Sassen, and she suggests that Gorvy's etchings fetched the highest prices.

The three works at the Moyo restaurant had been mounted on a cement base, Gorvy's eldest daughter, Hilary Hirschmann, told Jewish Report this week. She had accompanied her mother to the commissioning of the piece and to the foundry for the casting.

The smallest of the three pieces - the one stolen - stood 1,5m tall and it would take two or three people to carry. The two larger ones, says Hirschmann, had to be lifted into place with a crane and she doubts they could be uprooted and carried off.

"I didn't know anything about it (the theft) until a friend of my daughter, Lara, read it in a newspaper." Hilary said when she found out, she "felt a sense of horror and anger at the same



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Views on the Trump-Netanyahu meeting

The jury is out on whether the recent discussions between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and American President Donald Trump was positive or not for Israel. Here are some of the comments from media around the world this week.

American commentator Prof Alan Dershowitz, in the Jerusalem Post:

The time has come for the US to tell the Palestinians that they must negotiate with Israel if they want a Palestinian state, and must agree to end the conflict.

President Donald Trump raised eyebrows when he mentioned the possibility of a one-state solution. The context was ambiguous and no one can know for sure what message he was intending to convey. One possibility is that he was telling the Palestinian leadership that if they want a two-state solution, they have to do something. They have to come to the negotiating table with the Israelis and make the kinds of painful sacrifices that will be required from both sides for a peaceful resolution to be achieved. Put most directly, the Palestinians must earn the right to a state. They are not simply entitled to statehood.

Dov Waxman, professor of Political Science, International Affairs and Israel Studies, Northeastern University, in The Conversation:

President Trump asked Netanyahu to "hold back on settlements for a little bit".

Driven by a powerful combination of religious nationalism, economic incentives and security concerns, the continued expansion of Israeli settlements is one of the main reasons so many seasoned observers of the conflict, myself included, are increasingly pessimistic about the prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

Israel's settlement building has long been an irritant in US-Israeli relations. Successive US administrations have opposed it, viewing it as a provocation to Palestinians and an obstacle to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Obama administration was particularly vocal and unyielding in its opposition to settlement construction. It insisted that all Israeli settlement building had to stop. The Trump administration, by contrast, looks likely to adopt a more permissive attitude toward Israeli settlements. To be sure, it will not be as tolerant as those on the Israeli right and some on the American right initially hoped it would be.

Michael Laitman commented in Haaretz:

Directly after the meeting, Trump said he didn't mind which solution was reached, as long as it was agreed upon by both sides. A little while later he added: "As with any successful negotiation, both sides will have to make compromises," [turning to Netanyahu], "You know that, right?" Netanyahu replied: "Both sides!"

Later Netanyahu mentioned that he would like to switch from "labels to substance", meaning to talk about the actual implementation of peace rather than sticking to slogans such as a "two-state solution".

But how can you talk about peace with a partner who does not want to reconcile with you?

In truth, the only peace that the Palestinians want is the peace of mind of having driven the Jews out of Israel and into the Mediterranean, or to another country, or to another world.

The Times of Israel:

Netanyahu hailed the success of his talks with President Trump, as the start of "a new day" in Israel's relations with the US.

"The alliance between Israel and the US has always been steadfast but, I told them there and also here in Jerusalem: This alliance has become even stronger."

On this one, maybe Trump is not so far off the mark

PAULA SLIER

Let's assume for a moment that US President Donald Trump knew exactly what he was talking about when he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office last week.

I acknowledge it's quite an assumption to make if one reads all the hoo-ha in the Israeli and Arab media over his comments. His exact words were: "I'm looking at two-state and at one-state and I like the one that both parties like." Only snag is that the parties don't agree on what they like - and haven't for years.

But was Trump really so off the mark with his comments? For the past 15 years US policy has been to promote a two-state solution - a Jewish democratic Israel living peacefully alongside a viable successful Palestine.

The feasibility of this as a solution, however, was already being questioned nearly four years ago by then US Secretary of State John Kerry, who said at the time he believed there was only one-and-a-half to two years left to implement it. That deadline has long since passed - and Trump's comments might just be the next logical step.

For the past decade I have been interviewing Israelis and Palestinians, often about their views on what a sustainable peace would involve. Israelis tell me the two-state failed because the previous American administration tried to pressure Israel to agree to a settlement outside of its interests; that the Palestinian leadership is unwilling to recognise Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state and that young Palestinians are brought up to hate Israelis.

Palestinians tell me Washington is a dishonest and flawed broker. They argue that continuous settlement construction has made a Swiss cheese out of Palestinian territory; that the parameters of a future Palestine which Israel insists on defining, are not sustainable given that Israel controls around half of the water aquifers and most fertile land.

Of course there's the issue of east Jerusalem which Israel refuses to give up and which the Palestinians insist must be part of a future Palestinian state.

And then there's the question of how you ensure Israeli security. Palestinians worry that a "demilitarised" future Palestine would leave their country defenceless. The most telling comment came from a young

Citing his connection with Trump as well as "the common view about the dangers and opportunities in the Middle East," Netanyahu said that during his "historic visit", he and the president saw "eye to eye" on a range of issues facing the region, specifically noting the threat posed by Iranian aggression.

Roger Cohen in the New York Times:

There was plenty not to like in Trump's joint appearance Netanyahu. But before I get to that, let's entertain the notion that there was some merit in Trump's agnostic punt on whether a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians should involve one state or two.

Arab university student who told me: "Israel has in reality already created the one-state solution."

The idea of one-state is not something new. The Israeli far-right has long advocated for it - a vision where both populations are conferred equal rights as citizens of a Greater Israel.

Among those who'd benefit the most are the nearly half a million settlers living in the West Bank and they are more than happy to talk to me about their plans.

The most striking thing about driving into Efrat is how peaceful - and quiet - the streets are. Considered the capital of the Gush Etzion bloc, like all Israeli settlements, Efrat is considered illegal under international law.

Israel of course disputes this. The mayor, Oded Ravivi, an attorney and member of the Likud Central Committee, is the first to admit that Jews might lose their majority in a state where Arabs have equal rights.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is all smiles after his meeting with President Donald Trump last week Wednesday.

The Arab birthrate is noticeably higher and absorbing two million Palestinians won't be easy.

"We are trying to come up with different alternatives that won't create a status where people don't have equal rights, but on the other hand preserving the majority of the Jewish people within the Jewish state," he explains.

Another proponent of the one-state proposal is Israeli-Arab Bassem Eid. An analyst for Israeli TV and radio and former Palestinian human rights activist, Bassem's career initially focused on human rights violations committed by Israeli armed forces, but he's since broadened his research to include human rights violations

Nikki Haley, the American ambassador to the UN, said: "The United States does not currently recognise a Palestinian state or support the signal this appointment would send." What signal, pray? Trump should lift the American objection to (former Palestinian Authority Prime Minister) Salam Fayyad right now if he's serious about a deal.

This is prejudice as policy, the worst of Trump (with his grotesque deflection of a question about anti-Semitism into a celebration of his victory not far behind). It suggests his interesting one-state two-state provocation will lead nowhere.

Peter Beaumont in The Guardian:

Standing alongside the Israeli prime minister...

committed by the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian armed forces on their own people.

"I must thank Mr Trump for saying it so clearly. Because there are no politicians today around the world who are speaking straight to the point," he tells me.

"But you have two different kinds of Palestinians. You have the Palestinian people and the Palestinian Authority and I think the majority of Palestinians believe that the only thing which might put an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a one-state solution."

It might at first seem strange that Israeli settlers and Palestinians are on the same page. Settlers who see one state as the fulfilment of their dream to settle the biblical Land of Israel and Palestinians who would prefer all the land belonged to them.

But both have woken up to a reality: the status quo is unsustainable. Many Palestinians are fed up with the occupation

and would like the benefits of living under Israeli rule - good education, opportunities, jobs. Israeli settlers will never get international legitimacy for their enterprise - not that they're necessarily seeking it - but a one-state option would mean they can settle and build wherever they want to.

But equality for all in such a new state will no doubt prove difficult to implement. It's not clear how a Jewish democracy would function and many Palestinians would need to give up their dream of a largely homogeneous state for themselves.

No doubt, the road ahead is rocky, but perhaps one thing the sides can agree on - maybe Trump knew exactly what he was talking about.

The US president declared himself unconcerned whether negotiations should be aimed at the two-state solution, which has long been guaranteed by Washington. Instead, Trump indicated that it would be left to Israelis and Palestinians to sort out the "ultimate deal" he had once promised he would make.

Said Trump: "I'm looking at two-state and one-state and I like the one that both parties like. I'm very happy with the one that both parties like."

"I can live with either one. I thought for a while it looked like the two-state might be the easier of the two - but honestly if Bibi, if Israel and the Palestinians are happy, I'm happy with the one they like the best."

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Q & A



Sharansky tackling the tough questions

Natan Sharansky born Anatoly Sharansky in Donetsk in (then) Soviet Union, was a human rights activist, mathematician and Russian Refusenik - jailed by the Russian authorities as "a prisoner of Zion" - before he was expelled and made aliyah. In Israel, he rose in politics, serving in a number of ministerial positions before eventually becoming chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Professor Antony Arkin asked the questions.

What is your focus at the Jewish Agency for Israel today?

As we connect Israel to the Jewish world, historically we focus on aliyah. The numbers of olim are high and are growing. Currently the big operations are in Russia, Ukraine, France and Brazil.

People's reasons differ. In Ukraine there is a war and the collapse in large areas of government infrastructure. In Russia there is increasing concern at the authoritarianism of the government and the concern that the Jewish community is being isolated.

In France, the rising anti-Semitism is putting increased pressure on a well-established community. In Brazil the economy seems very close to a meltdown.

While we take no credit for these push factors, it is hard work that has ensured Israel is the first choice for those leaving. Ongoing programmes, such as birthright, have played important roles in strengthening Jewish identity.

We also focus on bringing Israel to the Jewish world. New types of shlichim with new programmes have been introduced. We are now placing shlichim on university campuses.

Activism on campuses are the driving force for the delegitimisation of Israel. The students need all the support they deserve. The first shaliach for SAUJS is being put in place. Worldwide there are more than 80 shlichim.

Is the concept of Israel as beacon for the Jewish world still valid?

Historically (Theodor) Herzl's vision was that World Jewry would move voluntarily to Israel or would assimilate into their host nations. The Diaspora was seen, then, as a passing phase.

This is not happening. Millions of Jews continue to live abroad in vibrant, thriving democratic communities. However, there is enormous assimilation in these societies. The only effective bulwarks are Zionism and a strong religious identity. Without these countervailing forces, the existing communities' grandchildren will not live as Jews.

Israel then is essential for Jewish continuity. Much of our work is to strengthen these links with World Jewry. So, while Israeli society is not monolithic and highly opinionated on many issues, including Jewish identity, it plays the central, pivotal role in the life of the Jewish people everywhere.

Knesset members across the political spectrum were terribly disappointed by the lack of support from American Jewry for Israel's position on the Iran nuclear deal. How serious is this divide?

American Jews voted overwhelmingly for President (Barack) Obama. While I do not agree with every aspect of his administration's policy towards Israel, it was considered a pivotal issue and Obama genuinely thought he was working in Israel's best interest.

The Iran nuclear deal was very polarising for American

Jewry, especially as all major political parties in Israel thought it was fraught with danger.

Personally, unlike the fight for the freeing of Russian Jews from the Soviet Union, where strong linkages were made with the regime's behaviour, Obama made no such linkages with Iran.

He should have built far greater safeguards into the process to counter Iranian threats to destroy Israel and to arm Hezbollah, Hamas and other terrorist groups.

So it is a great disappointment that the Iranian nuclear deal was not linked to Iran's destructive actions against Israel. It is hoped that President (Donald) Trump will emphasise far more these linkages going forward.

Having played the lead role in trying to finalise the Kotel prayer plaza and freedom of religion for all streams of Judaism, Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu has balked at implementing this despite Cabinet's approval. How will this impact on Diaspora-Israel relations?

Netanyahu has been most supportive during the three-year negotiations. He brought me in to lead the discussions, but faced criticism. His new government coalition relies on the ultra-Orthodox and charedi parties, who blackmailed him by threatening to bring down the government if the Kotel deal is implemented.

The prime minister is asking for more time to find a solution that can be achieved without the collapse of the government.

The Supreme Court is likely to be a determining factor and should help to achieve a realistic solution.

Having been one of the most celebrated Jewish Russian human rights activists, what are your thoughts about Russian-Israeli relations today?

There is very little anti-Semitism from the Russian government and the administration has a positive attitude to the Jewish community. There are increasing links to Israel and lot of serious dialogue is taking place.

But there are real concerns. The Jewish community was alarmed at the recent expulsion of the senior Chabad rabbi and the increased authoritarianism of Russian society.

Russia's increasing support for the Assad regime in Syria and close ties with Iran, which is trying to build a Shi'ite hegemony on Israel's northern borders, is a matter of deep concern.

There is also a significant leakage of Russian technology and weapons to Hezbollah. Fortunately there is a close dialogue between the Russian and Israeli leadership.

Will US President Donald Trump be good for Israel?

There are good intentions on both sides. However, the Trump administration is not yet fully in place, so there is very little experience and policy developed. Statements that he sees Israel as a main ally are very positive. There are many friendly voices in the administration, but time will tell.

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South African Jewish Report

What is news?

In an era when there is so much fake news around causing confusion, which has led to people calling real news, fake and fake news, real, I have been contemplating the term “news” and what it means.

For me, this had brought about some navel gazing that has more to do with having taken on this position as editor of your newspaper, as well as a few senior members of the community questioning a story we ran. They felt it wasn't news.

I take everything readers and the community say with the seriousness it deserves because I believe I am doing this job for you. I am here to ensure that you have the best possible news and views about and concerning the community. It is my role to ensure that anything of relevance to the community is at your fingertips.

Having decades of experience in journalism, I believe I understand what news is. News is quite simply information about recent events or happenings. It is the stuff that people are interested in or would be interested in if they knew about it. It is truthful information that gets people thinking and talking.

Sometimes people do things that - for whatever reason - puts them in a bad light and word gets out and it becomes news. Today, it doesn't take much for that to become news long before it hits the traditional media - into which the SA Jewish Report fits - when the Twitterati get hold of it. In that case, things can get totally out of hand and very nasty very fast.

A traditional medium, like this newspaper, must tackle stories that may or may not sit comfortably with everyone and, by giving all sides to a story, may not make everyone looking fabulous in the story. This is a reality. That doesn't take away the fact that it is still news.

Remember when former Eskom boss Brian Molefe made excuses about being near the Gupta's home in Saxonwold in Johannesburg 19 times and he claimed he regularly frequented a nearby shebeen... should the media have ignored that? They did the opposite; they made a proverbial meal out of it.

Perhaps they went too far... Maybe, but we wouldn't do that. There are many scoundrels and bad news stories this newspaper has covered that have also been in the mainstream media. We would tackle any story with dignity, ensuring the people concerned are given the right to reply - without any ridicule.

When a newspaper starts self-censoring and cutting stories because someone doesn't approve of it, that newspaper is in trouble.

My question to you is: Should we as a newspaper be turning our backs on news stories because someone did something that hurt and upset people, but which wouldn't show them in a good light? If we do, at what point do we stop turning our back on people who do the wrong thing?

At what point do we stop telling the truth, and only tell the stories where everyone looks good? I understand this is a community newspaper, but how many of you would look forward to reading this newspaper if it always gave you rose-tinted “news” that made everyone look good?

When dealing with news, I always ask the following questions: Is this of interest to the community? Is the knowledge of this going to have any impact on them? What is the benefit of putting this out to the community? Will this inform, educate or entertain you?

My commitment to you is that I will always do my best to ensure the news we give you is fairly reported and give the relevant people a chance to comment or give their side of the story.

Peta Krost Maunder
Editor



Rabbis could fall foul of hate speech bill

PROFESSOR VICTORIA BRONSTEIN

Rabbis - who are generally the most compassionate and cautious people - could land up breaking the law according to the Prevention and Combating of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill.

In fact, this Bill's new hate speech provisions have created concern about the future of freedom of expression in South Africa.

There is broad consensus that hate speech that incites violence has no place in a democratic society. The problem with the proposed Hate Speech Bill is that it goes much further than prohibiting hate speech. It attempts to regulate a broad variety of offensive speech.

South African religious leaders will be vulnerable to prosecution if the Bill is passed in its current form, including rabbis.

Although most rabbis are both compassionate and cautious about their public statements, many standard pronouncements by mainstream Orthodox rabbis would violate the proposed Bill.

As recently as November 2015, Jerusalem Sephardic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar called homosexuality an “abomination”. He was quoted as saying: “I call on them, in warm and friendly language, to leave their bad path. The Torah has forbidden it [homosexuality] and calls it an abomination... It is a cult of abomination. It is clear that it is abomination. The Torah punishes it with death... There is no such thing as having understanding or tolerance for

this.”

Any speaker who expresses similar sentiments in South Africa, will be at risk of facing a three-year prison sentence should this Bill be passed. The Bill visits criminal consequences on any “intentional communication... which is insulting to any person or group” and “demonstrates a clear intention” to bring that group “into contempt or ridicule” on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Bill also covers speech based on belief. Rabbi Amar was also reported to have said that Reform Jews are “evildoers”. That would be a second offence under the proposed legislation and would justify an even longer prison term.

Much gender-based speech falls foul of the current draft Bill. Rabbi Eyal Karim who was eventually sworn in as the Israel Defence Forces' chief rabbi, is alleged to have remarked that “women cannot testify in court because their ‘sentimental’ nature does not allow it”. That statement could also be prohibited in terms of this Bill.

Some Jewish South Africans will view the Bill as a welcome innovation to protect the vulnerable. Others will be concerned about its chilling effect and its role in preventing honest debate.

South Africa already has broadly framed laws which aim to prevent people from making offensive statements. Our Equality Act brings hurtful speech under its ambit.

Although the provisions in the Equality Act are arguably much too wide, the remedies in the Act aim to effect reconciliation. Parties who violate the Equality Act might

be required to apologise, pay damages or to take steps to stop the discrimination.

The Economic Freedom Fighters' Julius Malema violated the Equality Act when he responded to allegations of rape against Jacob Zuma by saying: “When a woman didn't enjoy it, she leaves early in the morning. Those who had a nice time will wait until the sun comes out, requests breakfast and taxi money.

“In the morning that lady requested breakfast and taxi money. You don't ask for taxi money from somebody who raped you.”

He was required to apologise and pay an amount of R50 000 to People Opposing Women Abuse (Powa). The new Hate Speech Bill would be much more far-reaching as it aims to visit offensive speech with criminal consequences.

Israeli gay rights activists responded to Rabbi Amar's statements by draping a gay pride flag outside his office.

Ordinary women question and resist prejudicial statements by rabbis every day. Orthodox practice is constantly changing in response to multiple challenges.

In the South African context these rabbinical statements wouldn't create a risk of physical violence. Criminal law has almost no prospect of shifting the attitudes of religious leaders and it seems counterproductive to silence their voices.

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Mini Davos delves deep Starbucks legend Howard Behar shares life lessons



More than 300 people braved rainy weather to listen to a high-power talk on the country's political and economic situation at Sydenham Shul.

STEVEN GRUZD

"It's the end of the world as we know it," sang REM in 1987. This theme infused four insightful presentations at Monday night's Sydenham Shul's Learning Launch 2017. Entitled "Mini Davos: South Africa and the New World Order - President Trump, Brexit, the Global Economy and SA's Changing Political Landscape", and moderated by Rabbi Yossy Goldman, the event drew over 300 people, despite wet weather.

Dr Azar Jammine, director and chief economist of Econometrix, expounded on the obscene, ever-widening gap between rich and poor - the world's eight wealthiest people earn the same as the bottom 3,6 billion.

Free trade has not spread rewards equitably, creating the angry backlash of the Brexit vote in Britain and in the US, Donald Trump's election on the platform of "protectionism, immigration control, anti-globalisation, tax cuts and infrastructure investment".

Jammine exposed the pressure on asset managers to pursue short-term profits in 24-hour global financial markets. He said "greed perverted and prostituted capitalism" and that South Africa has to, somehow, address inequality.

Former American diplomat and associate editor of the Daily Maverick, Brooks Spector, scrutinised the surprising, stratospheric rise of Trump. He predicted a "phase shift... an international age of discontinuity... nationalist, nativist populism" sweeping America, Europe and beyond.

He asked: Is the election of French right-winger Marine le Pen as unthinkable as a Trump win once was? Spector said Trump tapped into a revolt against the status quo, against experts who thought they knew better. This was coupled with a fear of migrants and job losses, and his supporters' admiration for authoritarianism, with racist undertones.

Trump's successful message to voters was: "I can fix it. Just support me."

Dr Reuel Khoza, intellectual and former Eskom chairman, expounded on what ails contemporary Africa. Inherited government models "promote rule of man over rule of law", instilling inordinate power in presidents.

Africa has a "zero sum mentality", where success is always at someone else's expense. "We consume everything, even our seed stock for the future."

Mathematics and science education is deplorable and with conflict resolution "in Africa... 'might is right'", Khoza decried the "collapse of public and personal morality", fostering endemic corruption and crime.

"We forget the Ten Commandments," he said, "But obey the Eleventh: 'Thou shalt

Not Get Caught'." Brightening this gloom, he mentioned South Africa's robust free press, independent judiciary, active clergy and "some" Chapter Nine institutions.

Finally, Johnny Copelyn, CEO of Hosken Consolidated Investments, and erstwhile trade unionist and ANC MP, reflected on the lost idealism of the 1994 Reconstruction and Development Programme. At its heart was electrification of the townships, to boost consumption and create jobs.

In his view, the alphabet soup of economic blueprints that replaced the RDP from 1996, have failed. Yet over four million RDP houses were built, 17 million people receive state social grants, and tertiary education is at levels previously unimaginable.

Copelyn said corruption had shocked and sickened the public and "the demise of the stature of the presidency is little short of shameful". He believes South Africa failed to protect the clothing and textile industries from cheap Chinese competition. He concluded: "We must build a society of builders, not takers."

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STEVEN GRUZD

"We're not in the coffee business, serving people. We're in the people business, serving coffee."

This message percolated through the reflections of Howard Behar, a top manager of the Starbucks coffee empire for two decades. Last week Thursday, Behar was in conversation with Nando's supremo Robbie Brosin before a (mostly) youthful audience of over 500 at Investec in Sandton.

Behar was the drawcard for the Chevrah Kadisha's 11th annual Jewish Entrepreneurs Insight fundraiser. After a welcome from Investec group CEO Stephen Koseff, a moving video about the impressive new Arcadia facilities for vulnerable Jewish children was shown. Sisters Kalsey and Paige Windsor shared personal stories about the love and support they received growing up in Arcadia.

Born in 1944 in Seattle, Washington, Behar was the son of a Sephardi Bulgarian father and an Ashkenazi Latvian mother. He learned the retail trade growing up in the many mom-and-pop stores of his extended family. He was not a star student. "I was good at beer," he quipped. Behar spent many years in the furniture business.

Changing industries, he offered to work for small start-ups: Starbucks for free for a week, filling bags of coffee by hand, serving coffee in a store, and travelling with delivery trucks. "I fell in love with the business. It fitted me like a glove," Behar said. When he joined Starbucks, it had 28 stores. When he left, it had 25 000.

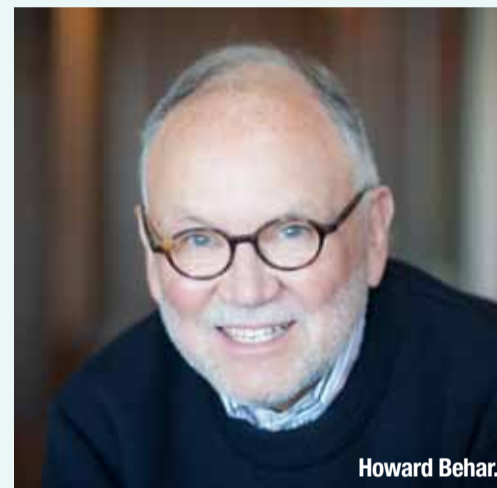
Behar lives his life by "Six Ps": purpose, passion, persistence, patience, performance and people. "Ultimately, we'll be judged by what we do for others."

Sprinkling his conversation with anecdotes like cinnamon on a latte, Behar related the story of the "two Jims" to illustrate Starbucks' values. "Little Jim" was a store manager who revealed he was dying of Aids to Behar and CEO Howard Schultz in 1989, when very little was known about the disease.

Schultz did not hesitate to allow Jim to continue working on full pay, and covered his sizeable medical costs.

"Big Jim" was a jovial elderly customer who visited his local Starbucks every afternoon. When staff attended his funeral after he died peacefully, they saw three big tables displaying every single paper Starbucks coffee cup he had ever received, each with a personal message written by the baristas. "Big things count, and little things count," Behar said.

Searching for a new challenge, Behar took charge of growing Starbucks internationally, starting with a store in Tokyo in 1996. Today there are over 12 000 outside of North America. He predicts China alone will



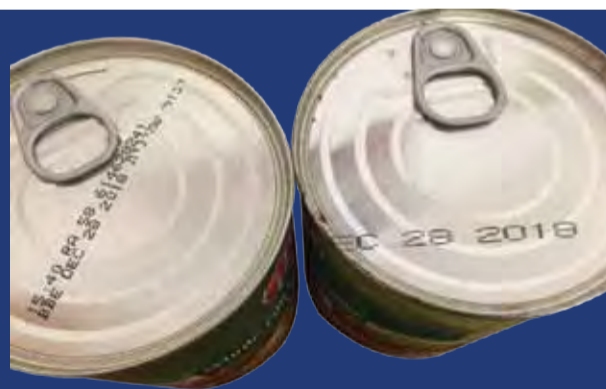
Howard Behar.

have 25 000 stores. Israel remains the only country where Starbucks has closed down.

Behar expressed the value of listening to employees. He told the tale of how Dina, a cleaner, persisted with an idea until management eventually agreed to sell the Frappuccino. It now earns Starbucks \$4bn.

The audience filled in Starbucks-branded pledge cards, and almost R1,1m was raised towards Arcadia's running costs. Behar was "blown away" by the Arcadia development and he and his wife Lynn pledged \$5 000. He will fly the head of Seattle's Jewish Family Services to Johannesburg to see it, "because our dream is too small".

Finally, he said, the Jewish community in South Africa can get the country to greatness. "Just look at how you have survived. You can do it!"



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High fives for Project TEN in uplifting communities

SUZANNE BELLING

Twenty-two-year-old Mor Ani has taken three months out of her studies in Israel to come and help those less fortunate in KwaZulu-Natal as a part of Project TEN, an international Jewish development programme that operates volunteer centres in developing areas.

She chose to be a part of Project TEN because, she says, "I was told all about South Africa - the inequality, the differences between the rich and the poor and we are trying to do it right in the spirit of tikkun olam".

"What I like about the project is that it gives Jewish values and, we, in turn, can learn."

Ani is one of the enthusiastic Project TEN volunteers in Durban, who will be concentrating initially on informal education.

Through the concept of tikkun olam (changing the world for the better), Project TEN operates in Oaxaca, Mexico; Gondar, Ethiopia; Winneba, Ghana; Namulanda, Uganda; Kibbutz Harduf, Israel; and now has its second contingent of volunteers in Durban.

Volunteers are in the 25-35 age group and come here for one, three or five months to promote sustainability and to initiate projects in three fields: informal education; public health and agriculture. At the same time, Project TEN fulfils the object of teaching Jewish leadership on the ground.

Natan Sharansky, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, told Project TEN organisers and participants in Durban last week that their work fitted perfectly into the Jewish Agency's mission of building Jewish identity, fulfilling (Theodor) Herzl's vision to be a partner in African emancipation and was the "perfect antidote to the disgraceful Racism Conference



Back: Nir Lahav (head of Activism Wing of the Jewish Agency); Aviad Sela (director of the Israel Centre, Johannesburg); Micaela Browde, between the rows (director, Project TEN in SA); and Eldad Barber (director, Project TEN, Uganda). Front: Gad Shatsberg; Ben Ventura; Noam Sharon; Neta Hakim; Noa Tzimer; Natan Sharansky (chairman of the Jewish Agency); Moria Sade; Arthur Lenk (Israel's Ambassador to SA); Maor Kol; Tamar Kadish; and Mor Ani.

(in Durban) of 2001" which was aimed at delegitimising Israel and accelerated anti-Semitism.

"It empowers young Jewish adults both from Israel and the Diaspora to create change in vulnerable communities," he said.

Micaela Browde, director of Project TEN, says: "Our long-term objectives in the field of education include leadership, academic success resulting in passing high school and being able to attend university through an exemption pass. This gives increased access to information and employment opportunities.

"We are currently working with a number of local NGOs in the field of education."

The Durban projects include a school in

Amaoti, an informal settlement in Durban North, where the volunteers are working towards establishing a youth movement. "The youth movement will follow a syllabus, teaching about community, responsibility, local heroes and personal strengths, among other things. Eventually, we aim for the youth to run this movement themselves."

Tumaini, the second project, is a new and under-resourced community centre, which works with the local refugee youth, especially from Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "We will also be running a women's group, where they will come together weekly and work with our volunteers," says Browde.

"In the long term, we hope to create a

museum and information centre, where people who have recently fled their own countries for South Africa, will be able to meet others and gain information about important services in this country.

"Lastly, we aim to set up a computer lab and work with the women and youth on computer skills that could aid in employment opportunities."

Project TEN also works with I Care - an NGO that works with street children. "The organisation works with young boys who have left their homes for various reasons and are living instead on the streets - begging for money and addicted to drugs." The NGO starts with an outreach stage and moves on to the 12-step programme that treats drug addiction.

Ani is one of nine people in the Durban group made up of three men and six women volunteers.

Maor Kol (24) has been travelling the world since completing his army service three years ago. He hails from Netanya and - like Ani - is planning to go to medical school on his return. "There are many ways in which Israel can help. I am very impressed with I Care, which has good results, Kol said. "I aim to make a difference," he said.

Sharansky said that two cities, Entebbe in Uganda and Durban, resonated with him personally. "The Entebbe mission symbolised Jewish freedom for me." A former Soviet Refusenik, Sharansky said when the Soviets came to arrest him there was a picture of Yonatan Netanyahu (commander of the Entebbe raid) on his wall.

To all the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic actions, "Project TEN is the perfect antidote as a response."

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Farewell to the prince of the Cape community

SUZANNE BELLING

Eliot Osrin, popularly known as the “uncrowned prince of Cape Town’s Jewish community”, was the consummate communal leader and businessman.

Osrin who passed away in Cape Town last Wednesday at the age of 84 was modest and never seeking acknowledgement for the huge amount he did to benefit almost 30 charitable foundations, of which he was a trustee.

Osrin was chairman of Foschini Ltd, Gerber Goldschmidt (Pty) Ltd, Melbro Ltd and a director of Clicks, Freddy Hirsch Holdings, Atlas Property Ltd (as chairman when it was taken over) and Grayprop.

“His vision for the community was a well-funded and disciplined one,” said the Herzlia Foundation Trust in a tribute. “We owe Eliot a huge debt of gratitude for providing a well-resourced, structured community... he was a doer, he set an example by always being the first one to contribute.”

His persistence, fundraising motivation and dedication was largely responsible for Cape Town Jewry’s massive collective capital fund – “and no debt”.

He helped raise millions for the United Herzlia Schools’ Foundation, which assists every child whose parents cannot afford the fees, to have a Jewish education through bursaries. “It enables us to uphold the motto - ‘We never say no to a Jewish child,’” said Osrin.

So totally immersed in working for the community over the past 60 years was this personable, good-humoured, yet tough-minded lawyer-turned-businessman, that he once recalled his son Malcolm saying in his barmitzvah speech: “When I began learning the alphabet, I thought the letters began with IUA-UCF!”

Osrin and his wife, Myra, in the forefront of leadership and founder of the Cape Town Holocaust Centre, worked as a team, partners in every sense of the word. They were recipients of a special award of the SA Jewish Report Achievers Lexus Lifetime Achievers in 2001 and set up their own awards - the Eliot and Myra Osrin Transformation Award for positively effecting change in South Africa and the Jewish Vision Award for Leadership. The administration centre at Telfed in Tel Aviv is named for them.

Osrin’s hometown was Mossel Bay, where he matriculated from Point High School in 1949. Although the only Jewish pupil, he was head boy.

He was articled to law firm Sonnenberg Hoffman and Galombik and studied law by correspondence, qualifying as an attorney, notary and conveyancer.

From 1958 to 1982, he was a partner at the firm and a member of the three-man Law Society Admissions Examination Board till he was approached with a business proposition.

At that stage of his life he was already heavily involved in the community and his decision was swayed by the time

allocation afforded to businessmen as opposed to professionals.

“I have never regretted it. I have never looked back and, reviewing my life, I would say I am satisfied with what I have done and am ready to meet my Maker,” he told this reporter in an interview in 2008.

In 1972 the United Herzlia Schools were in financial crisis and unable to pay teachers their salaries. Osrin set about forming and chairing the Emergency Education Campaign, immediately after the United Communal Fund (UCF) Campaign.

Donors were asked to double their contributions to the next UCF Campaign - which was then separate from the IUA.

“It worked - the only reason why people hadn’t been giving that much was simply that they had never been asked. We also pressed them to get rid of their debt and establish a capital fund,” was his assessment.

He then became involved in Highlands House Jewish Aged Home on the same basis. The result is a capital fund of R40 million established through donations, trusts and bequests.

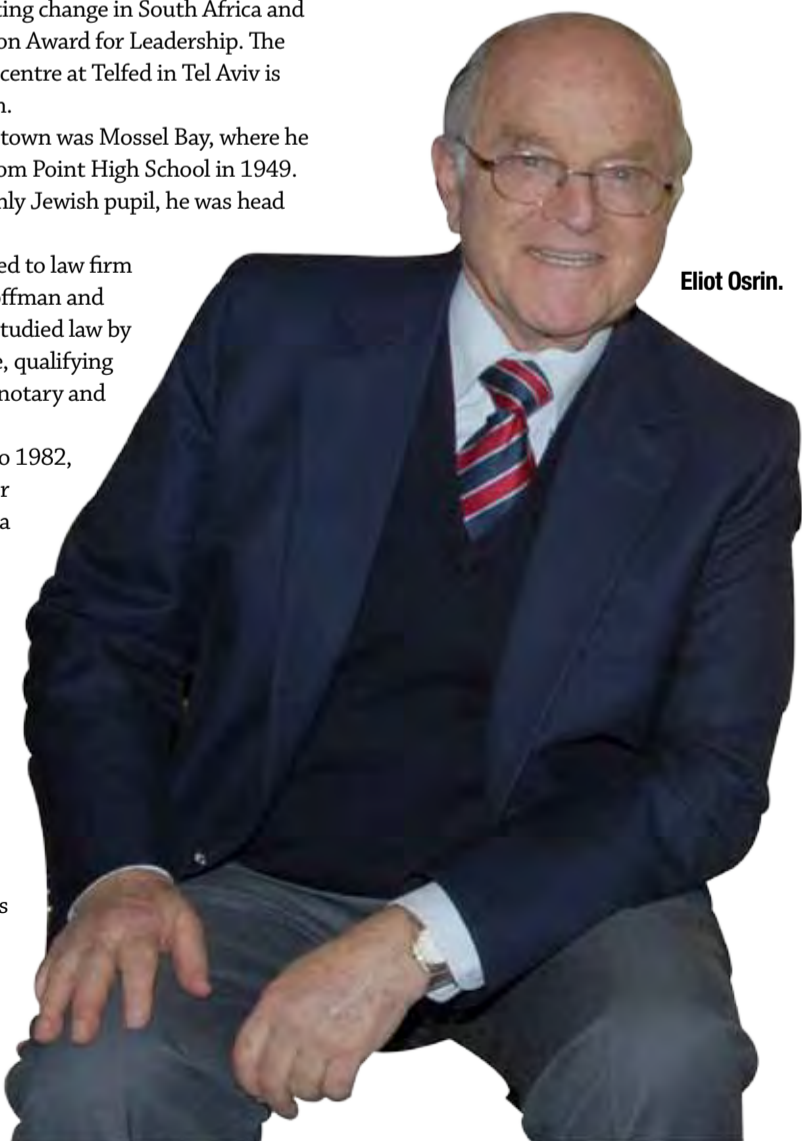
Osrin was chairman of the board of trustees of Highlands House, and following in his father’s footsteps, his son Bernard became the Home’s president.

Another of his achievements was the successful combining - despite severe opposition - of the IUA and UCF, which later incorporated welfare. Today nine organisations fundraise under the banner of the United Jewish Campaign.

Through Osrin’s efforts, fundraising in Cape Town is extremely disciplined. Until recently he chaired the Cape Town Community Priorities Board, which controls all major Jewish fundraising in Cape Town, not allowing anyone else to fundraise until each biennial United Jewish Campaign is over.

Among Osrin’s numerous trusteeships were the CSO (Community Security Organisation) and Afrika Tikken.

He leaves his wife, Myra, sons Malcolm, Jeffrey and Bernard and eight grandchildren.



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Aliyah – the good, the bad and the meshuga

Benita Levin

Journalists are naturally curious by nature. We love to ask questions. Research and fact-checking are crucial. It's no different when making a life-changing decision. Despite the many in-depth conversations we had with others who had relocated with their families, there are a few situations that still take one by surprise.

After just a few weeks living in Ra'anana - less than 15 kilometres from Tel Aviv - here's a taste of just some of the surprise situations we've experienced...

Driving Miss Daisy. That's the only way to describe the pace one drives for the first few weeks, in the wrong seat of the car on the wrong side of the road!

Soon though, you realise that the cacophony of hooting in the vicinity is not always about you. It might be directed at the unsuspecting older lady in the car at the traffic light, who didn't put foot to the accelerator as soon as it turned green. Any delay at that juncture, is likely to spark a loud response from the surrounds.

A new immigrant can drive with their existing driver's licence immediately - they have one year to take a new driving test. Until then, when there's mass hooting nearby, just smile and wave.

The size surprise. Space is something we'd become accustomed to in South Africa. A large family home with a garden and pool was about to be replaced by a cozy flat with a garden roof.

Watching your furniture being wrapped up and packed into a large moving truck in Johannesburg was a unique experience. Seeing it being unpacked in the northern hemisphere a few weeks later, is a huge relief. Watching a crane hoist your couch into your new lounge through the balcony window? Fascinating.

The shekel. As we all know, economic uncertainty is affecting most parts of the world right now. Converting the South African rand to the Israeli shekel can make you feel nauseous, as you sip on your R60 coffee.

The expression, the "rands and cents" don't add up, takes on a whole new meaning. Schools and medical aid are free. But, the cost of living is high. We've met many people who have two jobs. Many commute to America, Britain, France and South Africa.

Lost in Translation. A teacher phoned this week. Her tone was upbeat, but between my matric Hebrew and her English, we couldn't understand each other at all. The solution? She SMSed me in Hebrew. I SMSed in English. We both used a "translation app" on our phones to understand each other. A great short-term solution, but I'm not sure I agree with those who say one doesn't need Hebrew in Ra'anana. Let's see if the five month Hebrew ulpan course helps, at least with basic conversations?

Trust. This is the most heartwarming culture shock. I took out a credit card to pay at a small shop the other day, but the machine wasn't working. "Not to worry," I said, "I'll go and take out cash and will be back in a few minutes." "No need," the woman smiled, "come back another day or whenever you have time."

I was stunned, and asked her how she knew I'd return. "Of course you will," she laughed. Of course, I did. But I was so struck by the trust she showed a complete stranger. Refreshing.

And so, the contrasts continue. So far, the good far outweighs the bad and the meshuga.

Favourite new word of the week - Be'simcha - with pleasure.

New phrase of the week - Hafuch chalash bevakasha - a weak cappuccino please. (Because a latte doesn't seem to be so common here?)

Lesson learnt - When packing up one's home,

mark the box contents clearly, lest you can't find your much-needed kettle till you open the very last box.

Smile of the week - Our children's school doesn't have a regular school bell. Instead upbeat music blares out across the premises to mark the start and end of each lesson.

Young Lilla nominated for prestigious Fleur Du Cap Award

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Lilla Fleischmann – just 12 years old – is the only child nominated for a Fleur Du Cap Theatre Award and she is nominated in the "Best Performance by a Lead Actress in a Musical" category.

Fleischmann – selected for her role as Annie in the musical of the same name – is believed to be one of the youngest people to be nominated in many years for South Africa's prestigious theatre awards.

This honour is testament to this young Herzlia pupil's months of hard work and dedication to this title role. "Being Annie was the most incredible experience," says Lilla. "I learnt so many new things and met so many incredible people. I really identified with her personality – optimistic and determined."

Lilla says she has always loved dancing and in Grade One she started doing drama classes, which was when she realised how much she enjoyed performing. She was chosen to sing on a CD for Herzlia Primary School. "The producer noticed me and told my mom about an audition for the Sound of Music. I went on to play the role of Gretl in Pieter Toerien's production in 2014."

For Annie, she went through a two-day audition process where she had to prove her prowess in acting, singing and dancing for the director. "It was nerve-racking, but fun, too! I was so excited to hear I got the role – it was a dream come true!"

And finding out that she was in the running for one of the most coveted of South African performing arts awards, she says, "I am so appreciative to be nominated for such a prestigious award and am thankful to everyone who helped me get where I am today."

The nominations for the 52nd annual Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards were announced last week and the winners will be announced on Sunday, March 19. Each award carries a cash prize of R15 000 and is accompanied by a silver medallion.

The other performers nominated in Lilla's category of a musical or music theatre show, are: Bianca le Grange for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat as The Narrator; Charon Williams-Ros for Sweeney Todd as Mrs Lovett; Charon Williams-Ros for Annie as Miss Hannigan; and Genna Galloway for Hedwig and the Angry Inch as Yitzhak.

As for Lilla's career dreams, she is not 100% convinced that she will continue acting. In fact, her decision will be between becoming a professional actress or a neurologist. "I don't know where life will take me but am excited for what lies ahead for my future!"



Lilla Fleischman and the dog who plays Sandy in Annie.

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

There were tears and laughter when King David Victory Park's "Long-Haired Dudes (LHD)" finally cut their hair on Wednesday so it could be used for making wigs for cancer patients.

As part of the school's "Think Pink Drive" to generate support and raise funds for cancer awareness, the Long-Haired Dudes got their locks shorn.

This magnanimous gesture follows a recent brouhaha in several schools countrywide - the King David Schools included - with boys insisting that the "outdated" hair codes be amended to be "gender-equal" to be in line with what the girls are allowed to do.

"We the members of the LHD will proudly cut our hair for cancer. It is important that our every action is done with respect and integrity. We have come a long way with our cause. Despite our loss, our final act as the LHD will be one that shall not be forgotten," the "Dudes" declared solemnly.

The hair will be donated for wigs to be made for cancer sufferers. Learners were also asked to donate R20 each, with the funds so collected, going to former King David Victory Park learner Jarred Wood, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2015, just before his final matric examinations. (See page 3)

"This is a worthwhile and important initiative with which our learners are proud to be associated. Our boys cutting

their hair for cancer is just another example of the dignified and mature behaviour that they have exhibited over this time," said KDHSVP Principal Andrew Baker.

Activist Jill Adler on top of the maths heap

SUZANNE BELLING

In the context of South Africa ranking stone last in mathematics education internationally, Professor Jill Adler stands out worldwide as a beacon of hope, action and academically sound education.

She was recently elected as the first African president of the International Commission of Mathematics Instruction (ICMI) for a four-year term. The ICMI, devoted to mathematics education on all levels in most countries, works in collaboration with international bodies, including Unesco. It is actively involved in several major worldwide projects

The ICMI awards medals, of which Adler was also a recent recipient, for outstanding achievement in mathematics education research in the form of a major cumulative research programme.

This was, in Adler's words, "the recognition of my quality of research on the teaching of mathematics in a multilingual classroom and research into maths teacher education."

She has a long and distinguished academic career, which was endangered in 1986 when, as part of her anti-apartheid activism, she refused to teach on June 16 at the Johannesburg College of Education on the 10th anniversary of the Soweto riots, in sympathy with a United Democratic Front call for a stayaway.

The Transvaal Education Department (at the time) convened a commission of inquiry to consider charges against her, namely that she and seven others absented themselves from their posts without valid cause and disobeyed a lawful order to report for service on that day.

In her defence she said: "I regard June 16 as a day of



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Professor Jill Adler.

particular symbolic importance. It represents the disruption and inequality of schooling in South Africa... I mourned for the children who died and continue to die in South Africa."

She was found guilty on the first charge and cautioned.

Adler began her teaching career in the 1970s after obtaining a BSc in mathematics and psychology and a secondary teachers' diploma.

She became a fulltime academic after receiving an M Ed in 1985. She now holds the SARChI Chair of Mathematics Education at the University of the Witwatersrand and is also visiting

professor of mathematics education at Kings College, London.

Adler was the first educational researcher to be awarded an "A" rating from the National Research Foundation of South Africa, recognition usually reserved for scientists.

She told SA Jewish Report that her election as ICMI president was one of a few recent defining moments.

Another was a book dedicated to her and the role she played in growing maths education research in South Africa. "Mathematics education in a context of inequity, poverty and language diversity" was published last year. She was described in the foreword as "a grande dame" of the field of mathematics education "and a model for all of us".

In their introduction, the editor writes: "Her work epitomises what is referred to as the 'engaged scholar' - doing rigorous and theoretically rich research at the cutting edge of international work in the field which at the same time contributes to critical areas of local and regional need in education."

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I recently facilitated an ORT JET "In the Boardroom" session with Gil Oved, the co-founder and co-CEO of The Creative Counsel, South Africa's largest advertising agency. He is also a "shark" on the TV programme Shark Tank.

Oved shared his insights and anecdotes about success in both business and life in general. The following pearls of wisdom from him will enable one to create a better future.

1. "Find your meta" - in other words - find your essence, something that you do that is more than usual or that goes above and beyond. We are all special and have a unique skill or ability to do something. Find that ability and maximise it.
2. "Differentiate yourself - build a personal brand" - Use whatever you can to show that you are different; this includes creating your very own personal brand. It is important that the brand you build is truly you - it must be authentic.

3. "5 times carrot, 1 times stick" - When you reprimand a staff member, you then need to give words of encouragement 5 times before you reprimand them again. You need to motivate someone 5 times more than you reprimand them.

4. "Work 6 days a week" - As an entrepreneur you need to work harder than anyone else, so you can't work 5 days a week, but you must also not work 7 days a week. You need that one day off, to recharge your batteries and allow your mind to think and be creative.

5. "Keep asking 'why' and also ask 'why not' like a child" - Question the status quo continuously; always ask why you are doing what you are doing, but also when told that you can't do something, it is important to ask "why not?" Just ask again, again and again. Be like that child that keeps asking why or why not.

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Gil Oved and David Zidel.



World News in Brief



Muslim campaign to repair Jewish cemetery, gets strong JK Rowling support

ST LOUIS - A Muslim campaign to raise money to repair a vandalised Jewish cemetery, has seen donations triple overnight after Harry Potter creator JK Rowling (pictured) supported the initiative online. The crowd-funding drive aimed to raise £16 000 for repairs to the St Louis-area Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery, where at least 170 gravestones were toppled by vandals last weekend. On Tuesday night, within hours of Rowling retweeting a Jewish News story on the campaign to her 10 million followers, the amount raised almost trebled from £18 000 to £45 000.

The popular author wrote alongside the web link: "This is such a beautiful thing. The tweet received around 10 000 retweets and more than 30,000 likes. The unexpected increase in traffic crashed the campaign site's page.

The two Muslim activists who launched the drive, Palestinian-American Linda Sarsour and Tarek El-Messidi, say any remaining funds after the cemetery is restored will go toward restoring other vandalised Jewish sites.

Sarsour and El-Messidi wrote that they hoped "to send a united message from the Jewish and Muslim communities that there is no place for this type of hate, desecration and violence in America".

Sarsour said: "We just want our Jewish sisters and brothers to know that no matter who, what or why - we will not sit back and we are here to uplift one another." - Times of Israel

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Sarah Feldman shows you can be frum - and still be fashionable

**MOIRA SCHNEIDER
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Frum need not mean frumpy is the impetus behind the launch of a clothing range by Rebbetzen Sarah Feldman in Cape Town last week. The Gardens Synagogue rebbetzen, who is something of a fashion plate, has always had a knack for combining modesty with high fashion and she is now using her talent to enable others to do likewise.

The range has already created a buzz, not least among the close to 200 women who attended the launch. In fact, within two days of the online site - www.sarahfeldman.co.za - going live, some lines had already sold out and further production is under way.

"I've already had so many people asking me to come to Johannesburg," she says excitedly, "so I'm going to have a launch there too at the beginning of March."

Sarah also intends selling via pop-up shops. Capetonians who are reluctant to order online are welcome to come and try the clothes on at her house, she adds.

The rebbetzen has had a blog for years - www.rabbiswife.com - in which she gives a window into her life as a rabbi's wife, mother of four and homemaker. She has 2 500 followers on Instagram and 3 500 on Facebook - both of which link to the blog - plus a few hundred subscribers.

While many of the followers are local, many are international. "I've already sent off a bunch of dress orders overseas - thank G-d the response has been amazing!"

Sarah is concentrating on dresses at this stage, but plans to incorporate skirts and tops into the range at a later date. "The options are endless," she says.

And then there is the conundrum: How does one stay

cool while covering up during South Africa's sweltering summers? "It's important to wear breathable, natural fabric," Sarah explains.

"I find if you're wearing cotton or viscose, you're not going to sweat as much as when you're wearing poly(ester)," she says, adding that she has spent a lot of time sourcing the right fabrics.

The dresses are for any season and can be dressed up, down or layered, whether for shul, a show or anything in between.

As a teenager, Sarah sometimes struggled to reconcile fashion with religious restrictions. But, she says, she has now come to understand the laws of modesty as empowering women.

"You don't need a lack of clothing to be noticed. Dressing modestly helps accentuate a woman's inner beauty, allowing it to radiate and shine.

"My passion is to help people. In the 10 years that we've been here, I've had so many people asking me where I shop, whether I can help them and even to be their personal shopper!

"Practically, being limited for time, going shopping with people wasn't realistic, so after seeing the need, the clothing range was a natural development."

The rebbetzen is committed to healthy eating and exercise and she sees being well turned out as part of that. "The more you look after yourself and feel good about yourself, the more you can be there for other people and lead a more productive life."

In a further nod to tradition, each garment is named for a biblical heroine, namely Laya, Esta, Hannah, Rachel, Ruth and Sarah. Sarah designs the dresses which are locally made with imported fabric. Some of the lines are exclusive and she intends coming up with new designs on a regular basis.

If the initial reaction is anything to go by, it appears that she has tapped into an under-serviced market worldwide.

• Colourbox, a pop-up shop for Sarah Feldman Cape Town, is happening on March 7, from 11:00 - 19:00, 4th Avenue (corner 11th Street), Parkhurst, Johannesburg.



Photos: Guy Lerner

Rebbetzen Sarah Feldman models some of the creations from her just-launched clothing range.



Butterfly symbol strikes a positive chord with cancer sufferers

SUZANNE BELLING

Former King David Victory Park pupil Jarred Wood was dogged in his determination to carry on with his matric last year despite being diagnosed with brain cancer. However, this "brave warrior" - who lost his father, Fred, to cancer last Sunday - is now determined to celebrate his and his father's life with music.

"Jarred was treated with radiation and his last MRI was clear," his mother Michelle told Jewish Report. "But, unfortunately, he has to redo his matric."

This Sunday, Jarred - a talented musician - will perform with his band Goldilox during the Dance of the Butterfly event at King David High School, Victory Park, at the school's Black Box Theatre this Sunday, February 26 at 13:30 for 14:00.

Jarred, who has become a "Forever Changed Global Awareness Campaign" ambassador and his band, will sing their hearts out to remind the audience that there are life choices. He will be joined by A&R of The X Factor (US season three), an America's Got Talent judge, with celebrity

MCs Renos Nico Spanoudess and television and radio producer/presenter Paulinah Somo.

There will be guest performances by "butterflies" from the SOS Children's Villages South Africa and the Theys Dance School.

Comparing a butterfly to having cancer, was the vision of Addi Lang, local TV personality, who was diagnosed with late stage breast cancer. She recalled a butterfly landing in her palm and, in a spirit of positivity, saw herself as the chrysalis (signifying pain) and the afterlife as a butterfly. It is being the butterfly when one really can fly, she believes.

Her "Forever Changed Global Awareness Campaign", runs every day of the year. She has ambassadors worldwide and has even had her campaign launched in Hollywood.

The "riveting" Forever Changed documentary will be screened at the event. The organisers predict it will change the way one lives one's life.

Tickets are R250 per person. For bookings, contact Michelle Wood at michelle@jtheron.co.za but as time is running out, it is preferable to call her on 082-6866-704.

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Is a bronze statue the ultimate conceit, or just for the birds?



TAKING ISSUE

Geoff Sifrin

Among the astounding revelations in the recent State of the Nation address was the plan of North West provincial premier, Supra Mahumapelo to build a six-metre bronze statue of President Jacob Zuma in Groot Marico, which the Democratic Alliance says will cost R6 million. Zuma was arrested in the area in 1963 by apartheid forces.

Zuma's critics have already dubbed it the "Nkandla of the North". It illustrates the dissonance in South African politics that public officials still want to spend taxpayers' money on something like this, when poverty-stricken local inhabitants can hardly feed themselves.

What are political statues, aside from spots for pigeons to rest on? They are emotive symbols people will fight and die for.

Ideally they should be unifying, but are often the opposite, being built by history's

victors, not the vanquished.

The 2015 University of Cape Town student protests successfully demanded tearing down arch-colonialist Cecil John Rhodes' statue as a symbol of oppression of Africans.

Dictators, of course, build statues to themselves to remind their people who is in charge. Last year Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe unveiled a four-metre statue of himself with an arm raised and fist clenched, while the country and its people suffered their worst economic crisis in years.

At their best, statues convey universal values like freedom and reconciliation, as expressed by those of Nelson Mandela in many far-flung places. One of the most elegant is at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, his arms outstretched, symbolising his embrace of the whole nation and one leg in front of the other indicating a country on the move.

It replaced a sculpture of former Prime Minister JB Hertzog who served from 1924-1939, which was relocated.

There was humour and controversy when the sculptors, André Prinsloo and Ruhan Janse van Vuuren, cast a tiny bronze rabbit inside Mandela's ear to leave a trademark as

a substitute for their signatures.

Sombre officials demanded its removal, but the sculptors were pardoned because "their intentions were honourable". Mandela would probably have laughed at the incident.

Other Mandela statues stand in front of the South African Embassy in Washington, DC; facing Big Ben in London near Westminster Palace; and looking towards the Peace Palace in The Hague's international district.

Last year the Palestinians inaugurated a six metre bronze statue of Mandela in Ramallah, donated by Johannesburg city, which angered some South African Jews. Former Mayor Parks Tau said Mandela would have been "proud".

His image has also been commercialised - some say cheapened. Such as that of him dancing in Sandton's upmarket shopping mall where tourists take pictures without grasping the depth of his struggle.

Statues to political ideals may be inspirational, like the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, commemorating the United States' 16th president, a founder of American democracy who ended slavery. At eight metres tall, he stares across The

Mall to the Capitol. In January, new US President Donald Trump made sure of being photographed in front of Lincoln before his inauguration, brazenly implying he was as great a man.

All countries have their heroes. Israeli sculptures celebrate Jewish and Zionist luminaries such as Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem near Netanyahu's beachfront; Albert Einstein at Tel Aviv University; and the country's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at Tel Aviv's international airport.

There are also many sad statues to failed dreams like Russian communism. Prior to the Soviet Union's breakup, figures of ideologue Vladimir Lenin were to be seen everywhere, one of the best-known in Moscow's October Square.

Karl Marx stands on Revolution Square at the Bolshoi Theatre.

What does Zuma offer compared to these towering figures, aside from the descent into corruption and the decline of his country? It is unlikely a Zuma statue will find its way beyond the pigeons in Groot Marico.

• Read Geoff Sifrin's regular columns on his blog sifrintakingissue.wordpress.com

Community Columns

A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies



Think before you tweet

Last week, members of our Cape and professional staff attended the Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office/Hanns Seidel Foundation discussion on the draft Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill, led by Deputy Minister John Jeffery and Matthew Clayton of the Hate Crimes Working Group (HCWG).

It was pleasing to note that reference was made by the deputy minister to the input that the Board made into the broader debate on

where the boundaries lie between freedom of expression and prohibited hate speech. The Board is a founder and steering committee member of the HCWG.

While it is important that at the official, representative level, the SAJBD enables the Jewish community to be involved in the formulation of public policy in the area of combating racism (in this regard the SAJBD made written and verbal submissions to the Communications Portfolio Committee in Parliament on the issue of cyberhate, it also brought to South Africa an expert from the ADL's Department on Countering Cyberhate to meet with various government agencies in our country to share his experience and expertise) it is just as important that Jewish individuals do their part by scrupulously avoiding hate speech themselves.

Last year, our Vice-President Zev Krengel was instrumental in the launch of a "Code of Courtesy", the aim of which was to encourage people to respect the dignity of their fellow citizens, even (and indeed, especially) when disagreeing with them.

I strongly urge all members of our community to take this principle seriously in all their dealings with our fellow citizens, particularly in terms of what they publish in

the social media. This goes to the core of our ethics and humanity.

It sometimes happens that community members are provoked by anti-Semitic or blatantly unjust comments about Israel into responding in kind. However, no matter how gross the provocation might be, it is never a licence to be bigoted, racist or hurtful.

We all have to exercise common decency and avoid being provoked into saying or writing things that denigrate entire communities, whether defined by race, ethnicity, religion or other such grounds.

The Board is currently working with Yeshiva College, the IUA-UCF and Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre in organising a tribute evening in memory of Gerald Leissner, who passed away last December.

Last week, Cape Town Jewry suffered a similar sad loss with the passing of Eliot Osrin. Of both these communal giants, it can truly be said that they were legends in their own lifetimes and that the essential soundness of Jewish communal life in their respective cities is in large part attributable to the great contributions they made over many years. Eliot was supported in all his endeavours by his wife Myra, in her own right an outstanding Jewish communal leader. One of Myra's finest achievements, in which Eliot was no doubt a constant source of support, was the pivotal role she played in establishing the Cape Town Holocaust Centre.

Gerald, for his own part, was crucial to the subsequent establishment of its counterpart in Johannesburg. Along with the Durban Holocaust Centre, headed by the Board's National President Mary Kluk, these three organisations, particularly through the programmes they offer to school groups, are playing a valuable role in fostering a culture of anti-racism and tolerance in our country.

• Listen to Charisse Zeifert on Jewish Board Talk, 101.9 ChaiFM every Friday 12:00 - 13:00

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World News in Brief

Jewish governor, Muslim activists repair vandalised Jewish cemetery

ST LOUIS - The Jewish governor of Missouri, Eric Greitens, said he will volunteer to help repair a St Louis-area Jewish cemetery where at least 170 gravestones were toppled over last weekend.

Meanwhile, two Muslim activists have launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$20 000 for repairs. The drive started by Linda Sarsour and Tarek El-Messidi had brought in \$17 750 as of Tuesday afternoon.

They said any remaining funds after the cemetery is restored will be used to fix other vandalised Jewish centres.

"Through this campaign, we hope to send a united message from the Jewish and Muslim communities that there is no place for this type of hate, desecration, and violence in America," the activists wrote. "We pray that this restores a sense of security and peace to the Jewish-American community who has undoubtedly been shaken by this event."

Governor Greitens in a news release on Tuesday said: "My team and I will be there tomorrow, and I'd invite you to join us." (JTA)

A column of the Chevrah Kadisha

Younger every year

Last week I attended the 11th annual Jewish Entrepreneurs Insight sponsored and hosted every year by Investec Private Securities at their Sandton offices.

The event, a Helping Hands fundraising initiative, attracts over 600 young people each time and that's only because the venue can't hold more. The drawcard is that it features speakers who are world-renowned local and global business leaders and entrepreneurs who teach the future leaders of our community by sharing the stories of their lives and their journeys to success.

This year Howard Behar, the retired president of Starbucks International, told the audience about his business career and the personal beliefs that motivated his achievements. He was inspirational.

But what also amazed and delighted me was the audience, because I hardly knew any of them! When I first started attending JEI eight years ago, I personally knew the vast majority of those present and enjoyed socialising with them.

This year, when 90 per cent of the attendees were new faces, I enjoyed them even more because it was clear to me that far from being staid, there is an ever-new resource of interested young adults keen to associate themselves with the Chev's brand as supporters and ambassadors. Standing in that busy room and taking in the crowd was an "aha" moment.

This realisation, though obvious in hindsight, became increasingly heartwarming as I mentally unpacked its far-reaching implications.

No matter how brilliant human ingenuity, time is the one creation we have never been able to harness or control. In every other area of life we advance - sporting records are broken, communication channels are universal, advances in medicine are curing diseases once devastating and industrially, technologically, politically and socially we grow and improve.

We can even control the weather - indoors at least. But while we cannot tame time, we can appreciate the infinite blessing in that limitation.

No matter how wealthy, famous or fit, people grow older and the youth grow up, their tastes and interests maturing, their opinions, beliefs, perceptions and aspirations different from those of their parents and grandparents.

This is enlightening and fills me with hope and optimism. Comparisons have been studied between Baby Boomers, Generation X and our beloved Millennials. Exposed to different realities growing up, each group thinks and behaves differently. What that means is that the people who populate our world will always have a fresh, new and challenging perspective. And that's exciting.

Even if it means I won't recognise many of the young faces at JEI, I have the comfort of knowing that the Chev is relevant to them and that some values are eternal.

May our partnership continue to thrive - feedback@jhbchev.co.za

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MAY BENITA LEVIN'S COLUMN INSPIRE PEOPLE TO MAKE ALIYAH

Wonderful to have your new column "Aliyah - the good, the bad and the meshuga" by Benita Levin. (Please remove "the bad". There cannot possibly be anything bad about aliyah). Having made aliyah 11 years ago at the age of 73, I can fully relate to Benita's great new experiences in our Holy Land.

May I add that once a new oleh arrives in Israel, his/her whole life changes, even if he/she is compelled for any reason not to be able to physically live in the Land.

Even if this new column inspires only one family or person to make aliyah, it will be worthwhile.

While on the subject of aliyah: I came across an imaginary report of the recent meeting between Donald Trump (DT) and Benjamin Netanyahu (BN). The dialogue ended with the following exchange:

BN: Mr President, the Bible states that G-d has declared the Jewish people to be the sole possessors of all the Holy Land from the Jordan to the sea. So, it is our right, privilege and duty to be sovereign over all those lands.

DT: Mr Prime Minister, you don't have to tell me about the special relationship that exists between the Creator and the Jewish people. However, those rights over the Holy Land will be restored to the Jewish people only when the Messiah will appear. Until then, there is not even an obligation for a Jew to live in the land.

BN: Mr President, who told you such a preposterous idea?

DT: My daughter's Chabad rabbi. (Ivanka Trump is a member of a Chabad shul).

The Prime Minister leaves the Oval Office to face the waiting Israeli

press. What did the President say? they ask in deep concern. He passes through the group as if in a stupor, repeating over and over four almost inaudible words: "His daughter's Chabad rabbi, His daughter's Chabad rabbi".

The above report might be imaginary, but having been connected with Chabad for over 25 years, I can say that their outlook towards aliyah is not at all positive for potential olim, preferring to wait for Mashiach. I sincerely hope that your new column will win over those who are thinking about a real wonderful change in their lives by moving to G-d's greatest gift of love to His people - the Land of Israel.

**Choni Davidowitz
Golden Acres, Johannesburg**

BLUMENTHAL AND DIRMEIK BOTH SHARE A BRAKPAN LINK

In a strange coincidence in the Jewish Report of February 3 you have a picture of Ella Blumenthal on page 1 and on page 15, Linda Dirmeik (née Borochowitz) both who lived part of their lives in Brakpan and not very far from each other, close to Brenthurst School and Brakpan High School.

Linda's late parents Scroll and Sarah Borochowitz and late brother Dennis and sisters Linda, Verna and Norma, were part of a vital family in the 50s, 60s and 70s in Brakpan.

Ella Blumenthal and her husband Ivan ran a well-known and successful business called Lambs and their children Norman, Alvin, Henry and Evelyn also attended the same schools and too were an important family in the history of Brakpan Jewry.

Brakpan Shul remains the only original structure still being used as a shul on a continual basis on the East Rand due to the efforts made by my brother Jeff Waner who has been fetching a minyan from Sandringham Gardens (in Johannesburg) for more than 11 years nearly every Shabbat.

Maurice (Mo) Skikne has been writing a book "The Social History of the Jewish Community of Brakpan from 1917 to 1970" which will be available shortly from him.

**Ernest Waner
Brakpan**

MIDEAST: DON'T JUST LOOK AT 2 'SOLUTIONS' - THERE'S A THIRD OPTION

US President Donald Trump wants a deal for peace, not one or two-state solution without peace (Tova Lazaroff: "Did Trump just nix the idea of a two-state solution?" which appeared in The Jerusalem Post of February 16.)

- The practical solution is "three-state solution" with:
1. Egypt mandates Gaza, with a United Nations mandate like South Africa mandated South West Africa. This was suggested by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at Ashkelon in April 2003 to Sar-El volunteers;
 2. Jordan administers Trans-Hebron Wall West Bank (about 17 per cent of West Bank);
 3. Israel, Jordan and possibly Egypt join the Commonwealth. A canal from the sea along the Jordan River with desalination will rejuvenate the region (Red Sea-Dead Sea project); and
 4. Israel, Jordan and possibly Egypt join the Commonwealth with South Africa.

Perhaps statehood for Gaza and Trans-Hebron wall will be reached after several years of administration by Egypt and Jordan.

**Dr Gerald Levin
Rouxville, Johannesburg**

DON'T VISIT ISRAEL - EXCEPT IF YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT WATER

President Jacob Zuma, among his many accomplishments, is also a hypocrite. All government employees are dissuaded from visiting Israel. Presently (?), there are dozens of water engineers/technologists from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Port Elizabeth, East London and maybe even from Blikkiesdorp in Israel, learning from the world experts.

The Israelis recycle in excess of 80 per cent of their water and are champions of recycling, reclamation and desalination.

So, why doesn't Zuma recall them and throw them into jails and let them languish there for being naughty boys, and before they can apply their new-found knowledge in fields such as desalination, reclamation and recycling and also what they have learnt about drip irrigation, invented by Israelis, and other important concepts in saving water.

Sorry to say, it is just another matter of which the President is ignorant and unaware.

**Jack Miller
Gresswold, Johannesburg**

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What's On

Friday (February 17)

- UZLC hosts Helen Heldenmuth on "Life's Lessons". Venue: Our Parents Home. Time: 12:45 – 14:00. Contact: Gloria 072-127-9421 or (011) 485-4851.

Sunday (February 19)

- RCHCC screens the Royal Ballet's "Don Quixote". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R80 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, a/h (011) 728-8378 or e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@telkomsa.net

- Johannesburg Light Music Society meets at Roosevelt Park Recreational Centre. Time: 14:00. Audio and visual presentations will be made by members of the society. Refreshments R20 pp (optional). Information: David (011) 678-9725 or 076-574-1446.

- Second Innings hosts Bruce Hepburn on "Rescue Missions South Africa". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Cost: R20 members, R40 visitors (incl tea and light refreshments). Information: Linda Fleishman (011) 532-9616.

Monday (February 20)

- Sydenham Shul hosts its big "Annual Learning Launch" - a symposium entitled "Mini Davos: SA & The New World Order." with guest presenters Dr Azar Jammine, director and chief economist Econometrix; Johnny Copelyn, CEO of HCl; former trade unionist and MP, Dr Reuel Khoza; and Brooks Spector, former diplomat, associate editor Daily Maverick and political analyst. Bookings on-line at sydshul.co.za, through the office at (011) 640-5021 or at the door.

- UJW adult education division hosts Paul Rodgers, MD & principal bassoon, Johannesburg Festival Orchestra, on "Orchestral Music in SA - Present & Future". Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton Time: 09:30. Donation: R40. Contact: UJW Office (011) 648-1053.

Tuesday (February 21)

- Cape Town Holocaust Centre hosts Michael J Cohen on "Churchill and Auschwitz". Venue: 88 Hatfield Street, Gardens. Time: 18:00. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP Dianne: (021) 462-5553 or admin@holocaust.org.za

Wednesday (February 22)

- The Chev Social Services presents "The Healthy Living Makeover" - when you are sick and tired of being sick and tired. Enrich 2017 with Elma Hamilton, Nurse Jenny Fleisher and Ray Perkel. Venue: The New Arcadia Day Care Centre, 1 Long Avenue, Glenhazel. Time: 19:45. Entrance: R50 (incl light refreshments). Booking: Sharon (011) 532-9616 or enrich@jhbchev.co.za

Thursday (February 23)

- Hebrew Club invited all fluent Hebrew speakers to meet on the 2nd floor at Beyachad. A variety of topics will be discussed. Time 11:00 - 12:00. Information: Abigail (011) 640-2376 or 072-432-9198.
- JH&GC hosts a conversation with Solly Kaplinski, former headmaster at Herzlia, at the launch of his book, "A World of Pains: A Redemptive Parable?" The terrible events in Lithuania during the Holocaust are the backdrop for this fictionalised story. Booking is essential to shirley@jhbholocaust.co.za or (011) 640-3100. Admission is free, donations welcome

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SUZANNE BELLING

Hein Wagner (44), who has been blind since birth, inspired over 1 400 guests at this year's Chabad Miracle Drive at the Sandton Convention Centre on Tuesday night, by encouraging them to achieve more by using all their five senses - when he had achieved so much with only four.

"If you change the way you look at things, you will change what you see," he

Hein Wagner



said at this major fundraiser for a myriad charitable projects. The Miracle Drive has over the years become a highlight on the Jewish social calendar, epitomising pomp and splendour – all for a good cause.

Wagner, a guest speaker at the event, said he sees his lack of sight not as an impediment, but as a challenge. He holds the World Blind Land Speed Record at 322,52 kilometres per hour - the second time he has broken the record. He has completed the Absa Cape Epic, ran the Antarctica Marathon, the Two Oceans and New York Marathons, completed the Ironman, competed in the World Triathlon Series in Cape Town, finished several Cape Town Cycle Tours, tackled the white waters of the Zambezi River, climbed the 10 highest mountains in the Western Cape and completed the Cape to Rio Yacht Race.

"The day I started looking at my blindness from a different perspective, it became the biggest opportunity."

He urged everyone to "make a difference" and become ambassadors for the Miracle Drive ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) project. The project is driven by Rabbi David Masinter, director of Chabad House in South Africa.

The ARK programme for children and adults has reached over 450 000 participants.

"When you give a little of what you have got, you will get more than you can ever imagine," Wagner said.

Lincoln Mali, group head, card and emerging payments at Standard Bank, one of the sponsors of Miracle Drive, said: "Your efforts have created miracles for many less fortunate than yourselves.

"Our national unity is starting to fracture and our society is starting to polarise. These fractures manifest themselves in different ways - sometimes black versus white, local versus foreign, rich versus poor, rural versus urban and ruling party versus the opposition," said Mali.

"As we shout at one another, as we hurl insults, denigrate, humiliate and inflict maximum pain, the cracks grow wider, the differences become more glaring and the bonds that have held us together, weaken."

But the reality was that our problems were common and it was our duty as leaders to build on what we had in common.

"Our responsibility is to create a bright future for all South Africans; to take all constituencies with us, use our skills in building a guiding coalition of change."

We needed to create understanding and consensus among our people. "Plainly speaking, we have to continue to persuade those fortunate enough to have access to resources, skills, education, assets, wealth and positions of privilege, that their future

Heard at Miracle Drive:

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The Muslim immediately starts to build a boat to sail to civilisation.
The Jew sits back on the beach and relaxes.
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The Jew replies: "It's Miracle Drive next week, Rabbi Masinter will find me."

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Miracle Drive chairman, Robbie Brozin, announced that the total raised by Miracle Drive over the past year was R20,4 million. Among the beneficiaries were Cape Town, Umhlanga, the Torah Academy schools and Chabad House in Johannesburg.

Programmes included youth camps, learning, with day and night classes, kashrut courses, Hebrew reading and lectures, as well as a multi-media centre and bookshop, according to Rabbi Michael Katz, director of Chabad House.

“From dependency and addiction counselling and therapy to family counselling with professionals, Jewish guidance from rabbis, hospital and prison chaplaincy and everything in between, our social programmes have seen hundreds of lives uplifted,” Rabbi Katz said.

Some 20 000 Grow Your Life books, written by Rabbi Masinter, are distributed annually to assist children to find hope and morality in their futures. Twelve libraries have been installed in underprivileged areas around Johannesburg, with an additional eight under construction.

Rabbi Masinter said the Miracle Drive was bringing light to a dark world.


He announced the winner of the main prize of the evening - a Nissan Qashqai - was Bradley Lever.

MC for the event was comedian John Vlismas. Mentalist Gilan Gork provided dramatic ‘random’ acts involving members of the audience.



John Vlismas; Zev Krengel, Adrian Gore, and Rabbi David Masinter.





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Mayor Solly Msimanga does Shabbos

**DIANE WOLFSON
PRETORIA**

Tshwane Mayor Solly Msimanga had his first Shabbos dinner with the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation last Friday.

“It is a great honour to attend this service in the shul in Pretoria, where the Jewish community continues to thrive and make a huge contribution to Pretoria in particular and the country in general,” he told the congregants.

It was the first meeting between the mayor and the city’s Jewish community since the new Democratic Alliance mayor’s party, with the aid of the Economic Freedom Fighters, wrested control from the former ANC-run administration.

“The Jewish community of Pretoria has a distinguished history, one of which they should

be justifiably proud. To have the opportunity to worship with you all and to have the prospect of sharing a Shabbat supper with you, has great significance and deep meaning and we are grateful for the opportunity,” he said.

“Although we may follow different religious paths, we have the same end goal in sight. The Jewish community has always been an important component of life in Tshwane and in South Africa and no one can deny your past and present contributions.”

The mayor explained his vision for the city. “Instead of complaining, become part of the solution,” he recommended. While admitting he did not like talking politics in a house of worship, his vision for the development of the city, struck a chord with his audience.

The dinner was held under the auspices of the Pretoria Council, SA



Councillor Shaun and Cheryl Wilkinson; Israel’s Ambassador to South Africa Arthur Lenk; Louis Pearlman, chairman, Pretoria Council SAJBD; Tshwane Mayor Solly Msimanga; Rabbi Gidon and Aviva Fox of the Pretoria Hebrew Congregation; Councillor Siobhan Muller; and MP Glynis Breytenbach.

Jewish Board of Deputies. Guests included - besides the mayor - Israel’s Ambassador to South Africa Arthur Lenk, DA councillors for the surrounding wards and DA MP Glynis Breytenbach.

Ambassador Lenk compared Mayor Msimanga to Jethro, with there being no coincidence to the dinner being held on Shabbat Yitro. Jethro,

as a non-Jew, brought sage advice to Moshe. This was an important lesson for us all, namely to heed advice “no matter from whom, and grow with it”.

Rabbi Fox, the spiritual leader of the community, explained that every rabbi ultimately delivers only one sermon: the way he lives his life. The mayor was such a man, he said, citing as an example, the fact

that Msimanga recently stopped at the side of the road to help a Pretoria citizen whose vehicle had broken down.

Opening the bonnet, the mayor was burned by steam from the engine and had to be treated in hospital. This was the epitome of a true leader, one who leads by example, said Fox.

Jack and Annette look back on 70 good years

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Spending 70 years as a married couple is no mean feat and Jack and Annette Bert, who recently celebrated this milestone recently, wear it well.

The Berts celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary with a tea at their home of 50 years in Linksfield West. A sprinkling of “old” friends, a sister from Santa Monica and another sister from Sandringham, their only daughter Adele and grandson Dean, joined in their festivities.

This was in contrast to the 400 guests who attended their wedding at the Yeoville Synagogue on Christmas Day in 1946. This particular day for their wedding was chosen to accommodate the numerous country relatives from the Free State, who made the “trek” to Johannesburg to join them and celebrate the beginning of a unique journey which would last for at least 70 years.

They started off their marriage with “seven and sixpence” (very little) according to Annette in her memoirs. She wrote these together with her son Philip, who edited it from Australia. This meant, at the age of 78 learning to use a laptop computer, given to her by her oldest grandson Ari.

Her memoirs recounted the history of her family’s journey from Lithuania to Doornfontein to Linksfield West and was presented to her four children at her and Jack’s 60th wedding anniversary - the last time their entire family was together.

Jack and Annette were blessed not only with longevity, but also with a wonderful life together, enjoying travel, sports and outdoor life together with their children. They



Isa Berman; Lily Milner; Jack Bert; and Annette Bert played bowls for many years at the Linksfield Bowling Club.

Despite emigration of two of their children to Israel and Australia, in earlier years they often travelled to visit them. They now have 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The lowest point of their otherwise wonderful life was the loss of their son in Australia three years ago. Fortunately his grandson was born on Jack’s 92nd birthday on January 17 this year.

Jack worked as a pharmacist for nearly 70 years, retiring last year from a profession he loved. He met many people in the industry and was known for his kindness and telling doctors jokes. He was known as “Uncle Jack” to all and was frequently greeted at malls by “strangers” who he had long forgotten, but who remembered him affectionately.

Jack also played the violin in a Johannesburg orchestra in his youth and, until arthritis affected his fingers, he still enjoyed playing a melody or two.

Israeli college students win prestigious international award

Students from Israel’s College of Law and Business (CLB) in Ramat Gan, have won the International Chamber of Commerce’s Mediation Competition, held in Paris last week. This is the world’s foremost competition on the subjects of business arbitration and dispute resolution.

Academic institutions from 42 countries took part in the competition, which required the participants to mediate in cases where there were business disputes between companies that were prepared to settle the disagreement outside of the courts.

Each of the cases presented in the competition was based on real disputes between business organisations, with a panel of leading judges and arbitrators from around the world examining and rating the work of the students.

For example, the Israeli students - Rachel Rhodes and Daniel Winer - were required to formulate a settlement to a case in which real estate developers sought to buy a particular piece of land, on which an elderly farmer was still working and wanted to preserve the family history and tradition of tilling that land.

The two Israeli participants

were able to prevail over rival representatives from some of the world’s leading colleges and universities such as Oxford University, New York University and others. They also made history by becoming the first-ever students to win the award from an academic institution taking part in the competition for the first time.

“We never imagined that we could win the competition on our first try,” said Rhodes, adding that it had been a great honour to represent Israel in a competition like this and to have received “such esteemed recognition”.



Rachel Rhodes and Daniel Winer from Israel, have won the International Chamber of Commerce’s Mediation Competition.

Sounds of Celebration IV’s ‘One Team. One Goal’

OWN CORRESPONDENT

The highly popular Sounds of Celebration concert, a joint venture between Education Africa and Sydenham Shul, will be staged in Johannesburg in two weeks’ time, with two matinees - free of charge - performed specifically for 2 000 disadvantaged youth in the Gauteng area.

These youth will have the opportunity to hear talented peers perform at Emperors Palace.

The theme of the concert this year is “One Team. One Goal”, drawing inspiration from the unity that can be achieved through sport.

Over 150 young performers will join on stage for a unique musical offering, uniting talented

South African youth and representing a wide range of cultures and instruments.

“Their performances celebrate our common humanity and use music as a medium to express their hope for a united tomorrow,” NGO Education Africa said of the concert, which has become a highlight on the social calendar, to uplift disadvantaged communities around Johannesburg.

The most recent of Education Africa’s nine grassroots projects, the establishment of “marimba hubs” across Gauteng’s communities, is among their most inspiring. Between 2013 and 2016, the Sounds of Celebration project opened three marimba hubs - at Ithute, in Alexandra; the Zama Montessori School in Daveyton; and the Boys’

and Girls’ Club of Protea Glen.

Proceeds of this year’s efforts will be used to open two new hubs - one in Hammanskraal, north of Pretoria and the other in the Boys’ and Girls’ Club in Bertrams near the Johannesburg CBD, while Education Africa and Sydenham Shul continue to sustain and expand the existing hubs.

Audiences this year will be able to listen to much loved musical pieces that evoke sporting events and moments in history, such as “Chariots of Fire”, “Barcelona”, “World in Union”, “We are the Champions”, etc.

Instrumental performances include erhu, marimba, jazz band, Scottish pipes and drums, piano, steelband as well as violin. Choirs, monologues, rap, Vuyani dancers and kung fu

displays are further treats in store.

Sounds of Celebration 1V will have its final performance on Tuesday March 14, at 19:45 at Theatre of Marcellus at Emperors Palace. It is open to the public as a fundraiser to fund more “marimba hubs” as an outreach programme.

Bookings may be made at www.ticketpro.co.za or at CNA Norwood, Postnet Glenhazel and other selected outlets.

The SA Jewish Report is giving away five double tickets to Sounds of Celebration. Email editorial@sajewishreport.co.za with the subject line FREE TICKETS and your contact details, and ‘like’ our Facebook page to be eligible.

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Hirsch Lyons girls back from a stimulating Shabbaton experience



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OWN CORRESPONDENT

The Hirsch Lyons Girls' High School Shabbaton this year took place at Paramount Conference and Adventure Centre in Rustenburg, over the weekend of February 10 – 12.

Forty three girls attended the weekend which consisted of various Torah, educational and team building programmes centred on the theme of "Thinking Differently".

The Girls High School group.

Play-play, Sydenham kids 'Built our Neighbourhood'



Proudly showing off their neighbourhood art are Anna Rubin; Sophia Cohen; and Mia Kalmek.

SUE BENJAMIN

From playschool to grade R, each Sydenham child last week spent time "Building our Neighbourhood".

The topics discussed encompassed houses, hospitals, police stations, schools, shuls, fire stations and the many components that comprise a neighbourhood; the children watched videos that explained the concept further. They were encouraged to explore their fine motor, planning and strategising skills.

Sandton Sinai Primary kids care about the environment

SHELLEY POZNIAK

The children at Sandton Sinai Primary School have been learning about kavod - respect. In keeping with the theme of respect, they used anti-waste items which were recycled to make a poster about caring for our environment. This was also part of the Tu B'Shvat theme.



Grade 3 learners Noa Jaffe; Adina Geer; Amber Ross; Shanti Daitz; and Georgia Ross.



Shannon Wolpe.

Photo: Ross Nowitz

KDL twinkle toes - the name of the award-winning game

KAYLA STROUS

Last week Thursday night, the first-ever KDL Dance Awards took place, with a host of talented King David learners taking to the stage to showcase their amazing dance talents.

These included solo, duo, or group performances of ballet, hip-hop, tap, jazz and contemporary dance.

The multi-talented King David dancers had the audience captivated by their professional performances. Each dancer showed his/her unique talent and contributed to the phenomenal energy that was evident throughout the evening.

A host of people contributed to the outstanding success of the evening. The panel of judges included Debbie Rakusin; Alfred "Zulu" Pakhathi; and Talia Kodesh. They gave generously of their time, knowledge and expertise. They were encouraged and inspired by the talent they saw on the stage. Marlene Miller did a sterling job, working tirelessly for the past few months to organise the event; Jacob Ogus and Josh Jackson were excellent masters of ceremony; Geena Cohen and Hannah Miller, heads of the dance-sub-committee, secured many of the prizes; the generous sponsors for donating wonderful prizes; and of course the dancers for showcasing their amazing talents and bringing so much energy to the event.

The winners of each category, were:
 Slow Group - "The Net" - Hannah Miller; Kayla Cohen; Kayla Melnick; Montana Boon; Kerren Berkman; Eliana Lewus; and Talya Davis.
 Slow Solo - Hannah Miller.
 Fast Group - "Let me Love You" - Geena Cohen and Joshua Allan.
 Fast Solo Girl - Dina Segal.
 Fast Solo Boy - Shannon Wolpe.



Amy Katzman.

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Sasha Said.

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Outdated German anthem lyrics cause furore at Fed Cup tie

JACK MILNER

The playing of a national anthem at a sporting competition can often be a sensitive issue. Those of us who remember the incident at Ellis Park in 1992 in a rugby match against the All Blacks, can recall SA Rugby President the late Louis Luyt making a bad last minute decision to play Die Stem. Despite having beforehand agreed not to play it, he went ahead because “we were simply playing and singing our anthem as it existed at the time”.

The wider implications and sensitivity around the readmission of the Springboks to international competition, simply didn't feature in his frame of mind.

Now the Americans have put their foot

in it. The US squared up to Germany in a Fed Cup tie on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Normally national anthems are not played at tennis matches but in the case of Davis Cup ties for men and Fed Cup ties for women, there is always an opening ceremony at which the national anthems are played.

A male soloist at the match sang the German anthem and started with the verse that contains the lines “Deutschland, Deutschland uber alles, uber alles in der Welt”, which translates as “Germany, Germany, above all, above all in the world”.

Although the words were written long before the Nazis came to power in Germany, they became closely identified with Adolf Hitler's Third Reich in the period before and during the Second World War.



The male soloist performing the much-maligned “wrong” version of the German national anthem during their Fed Cup tie against the US in Hawaii.

The offending verse, which traditionally began the anthem, is now considered obsolete.

The third verse of the 19th century Deutschlandlied, the words of which were written in 1841, is the only one performed in modern-day Germany and is officially classed as the national anthem.

German player Andrea Petkovic, who was born in Bosnia, said after her match that she considered walking off the court as the anthem was sung.

“I thought it was the epitome of ignorance, and I've never felt more disrespected in my whole life, let alone in Fed Cup,” she said. “It was the worst experience that has ever happened to me - horrifying and shocking.”

She added, according to Bild: “This is the year 2017 - that something like this happens in America... it can't happen. It's embarrassing and speaks of ignorance.”

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) sent out an official apology to the German Tennis Federation. “We extend our sincerest apologies to the German Fed Cup team and all of its fans for the performance of an outdated national anthem prior to today's Fed Cup competition.

“In no way did we mean any disrespect. This mistake will not occur again and the correct anthem will be performed for the remainder of this first-round tie.”

Petkovic's opponent in the match was Alison Riske, who was also apologetic. “As it was happening, obviously, we have no idea,” Riske said.

“But news got around to us and it's ex-

tremely unfortunate. We have nothing but respect for the German team and obviously that will not happen again.”

Things got no better for Germany on the court as Petkovic, a 12-time Fed Cup singles winner, lost to Riske 7-6 (12-10) 6-2 and the US women took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five tie when Julia Georges, who was in tears after the anthem error, retired on Sunday with a knee injury in a rain-disrupted match with CoCo Vandeweghe leading 6-3 3-1.

Georges was injured when she slipped on a rain-slicked baseline on the last point played on Saturday.

Petkovic was up again on Sunday with the tie on the line, taking on shock Australian Open semi-finalist Vandeweghe.

Petkovic broke Vandeweghe in three of her first four service games to take the first set 6-3, and was up 4-2 in the second when the American took a medical timeout for heat illness.

From there it was all Vandeweghe as she won the next 10 games to win the match 3-6 6-4 6-0 and put the United States into a semi-final tie in April with defending champions the Czech Republic, who beat Spain 3-2.

Petkovic, irked by an extended break allotted to Vandeweghe at the end of the second set, couldn't regain her focus. She finished with 11 double faults, including two in the final game of the match.

Petkovic was then left to stand and watch as Vandeweghe celebrated with her teammates before belatedly shaking hands with her foe.



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JHB 5 MAR | 10:00

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JHB 5 MAR | 15:00



RABBI BINNY FREEDMAN

IDF company commander, Rosh Yeshiva and founder of Orayta, guitar-wielding storyteller, lover of Israel, gifted teacher – Rabbi Binny's expertise lies in applying classic Jewish concepts to contemporary life in a very personal way. A survivor of the S'barro suicide bombing in 2001, his views on a meaningful life, Zionism and serving G-d have seen Rabbi Freedman interviewed on CNN, MSNBC and WCBS.

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JHB 5 MAR | 11:00

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WHAT IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS?

- A) Effort B) Patience

WHAT ARE MORE EXCITING?

- A) Theories B) Facts

WOULD YOU PREFER TO:

- A) Understand everything around you
- B) Understand yourself

WHAT IS MORE MEANINGFUL?

- A) Building something new
- B) Nurturing an existing idea to fruition

GAMES ARE ABOUT

- A) Winning B) Playing

HOW DO YOU SUPPORT THOSE YOU LOVE?

- A) Engage with the person and offer love
- B) Engage with the problem and offer advice

WHAT'S YOUR SINAI INDABA PERSONALITY?

DISCOVER YOUR PERFECT SINAI INDABA VI SCHEDULE

THE BEST WAY TO FIND AN ANSWER IS:

- B) Get right to the core of the problem and work outwards
- B) Answer? I think you mean answers

TWO OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE ARGUING - HOW WOULD YOU MEDIATE?

- A) Start by considering the people
- B) Start by considering the facts

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- A) A practical approach to life
- B) How would you define practical?

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