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Sandwiches for Africa on Mandela Day



The Jewish community has taken the annual “67 Minutes for Mandela” to heart with innovation and passion, always exploring new ways to commemorate Nelson Mandela’s indelible legacy and his birthday - July 18. All efforts had one thing in common: reaching out to the less fortunate. This year’s activities ranged from sprucing up facilities for underprivileged kids, aiding moms and new-born babies - with goodie bags, to rebuilding shelters in Diepsloot township. A Mandela Day project that took Johannesburg by storm was the clarion call to the community to gather at Norwood Park to make sandwiches for orphanages, soup kitchens and homeless shelters. The initiative was the brainchild of Community Active Protection (CAP), which aimed to engage business as a force for positive change - and many major businesses answered the call with enthusiasm. The sandwiches were not only individually wrapped for delivery, but each sandwich bag was marked with a personal message from the maker. More than 40 000 sandwiches were counted, but long after counting had ceased, sandwiches still streamed in. Pictured are enthusiastic sandwich-makers Amanda Spitz with her children, Yona and Levi. See page 13.

Tisha B'Av – a day of mourning

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Great Park Synagogue – steeped in tradition

This is the first in a series on South African shuls. Almost uniquely for a major Diaspora city, Johannesburg has had a Jewish presence from its earliest beginnings. The city was founded in 1886. The Great Synagogue can trace its origins back to when the city was less than a year old.



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Campaign for (and against) Iran deal gets personal

US Vice-President Joe Biden had an intimate phone call this week with about a thousand Jewish leaders, beseeching, teaching and preaching the Iran nuclear deal. His imploring hour-long call on Monday typified how personal the campaign for and against the Iran nuclear deal is becoming.

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SA contingent of six NGF made its presence felt

Among the great leaders of the 20th century, the name Dr Nahum Goldmann should loom large. Goldmann was a major figure in the Zionist and Jewish world in the latter half of the 20th century. His legacy lives on in the International Nahum Goldmann Fellowship.

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Reflections on the passing of a great Zionist

ISAAC REZNIK

This year, Tisha B'Av marks the 31st anniversary since the passing of Chief Rabbi Prof Louis Rabinowitz, zt'l (pictured).

In 1945 this dynamic personality descended on the South African community after a splendid career in one of London's large synagogues and a memorable chaplaincy in the British Army during the Second World War.

The community turned out en masse to witness his induction into office in the Great Synagogue amid all the pomp and ceremony that the majestic edifice could muster.

Rabbi Rabinowitz was an impressive figure. When he first arrived he used to dress on Shabbat and Yomtov in the typical London fashion of black morning coat, striped trousers and top hat. All eyes were turned on him when he walked through the streets of Hillbrow to his home in Parktown.

Rabbi Rabinowitz started to make waves, in fact storms, in the community from the moment of his arrival and continued to do so until the day he left.

He was a most ardent Zionist and when Britain was putting all possible obstacles in the way of the Yishuv and was trying to thwart the emergence of a Jewish state, he was sharp and



vociferous in his condemnation of their efforts.

Another aspect of his fearlessness was his very open and blatant condemnation of what he saw as the evils of the apartheid system and his sharp criticism of the government's policy in this regard.

Apartheid, he preached, was an abomination and could not be tolerated, especially by Jews who had known such discrimination and oppression.

After 17 years of loyal and devoted and passionate service, Rabbi Rabinowitz, to the consternation of the community and its leaders, elected to resign and went to live in his beloved Israel. Nothing could deter him from this sacred goal.

The late Rabbi Gerald Mazabow, zt'l a disciple of Rabbi Rabinowitz, published all his speeches and sayings, in a book called "To Reach for the Moon".

Rabbi Rabinowitz passed on on Tisha B'Av 1984 after an illustrious career in Israel, as deputy mayor of Jerusalem.

Tisha B'Av - day of mourning, marked by fasting

SUZANNE BELLING

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This is a day of mourning, marked by fasting. Although Jews drive and use electricity, it is advised not to work, but if this cannot be avoided, work should not commence before noon.

Tisha B'Av, first and foremost, commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples, both of which were destroyed on the ninth of Av - the first in 586 BCE and the second in 70 CE.

It is also advised to remember other tragedies which have befallen the Jewish people on the 9th of Av, including the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and from England.

The Mishna tells us that five specific events occurred on this date:

- The spies sent by Moses to report on the Land of Israel returned with negative reports, save for Joshua and Caleb, which made the Children of Israel despair of entering the Promised Land
- The destruction of the first Temple by the Babylonians
- The destruction of the second Temple by the Romans
- The defeat of the Bar Kochba revolt by the Romans which destroyed over 500 000 Jews
- The ploughing of the site of the Temple and the surrounding area

This year Tisha B'Av falls on Shabbos, when no mourning is permitted and usual eating and drinking take place during the Sabbath day. The fast, which be-



gins this Saturday in Johannesburg at 17:35 means that the pre-fast meal has to be consumed before this time. The fast ends at 18:02 on the Sunday. (See Shabbat times below for times in other centres.)

Tisha B'Av is preceded in Ashkenazi tradition by three weeks of mourning when no parties or simchas should take place and when meat is not eaten for nine days before Tisha B'Av except on Shabbos. The Sephardim refrain from eating meat only in the week preceding the 9th of Av.

Rabbi Ari Shishler, spiritual leader of Chabad of Strathavon, says that each year Jews should try and inject something new into the observance of Tisha B'Av. "This year we should endeavour to better our connection with Hashem in the absence of the Beit Hamikdash."

As we are unable to fast for Tisha B'Av on Shabbos, which only happens every few years, one need not wait until noon on Monday to eat meat, as is the usual practice, but may partake of it after the fast ends.

KASHRUT ALERT

NEW KOSHER RESTAURANT OPENS ITS DOORS

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Divine or human?



Parshat Devarim

Rabbi Eli Spinner
Chabad of Glenhazel

This week's parsha is Devarim. It begins the fifth book of the Torah bearing the same name. In it, Moshe Rabeinu takes the opportunity before his passing to rebuke the Jews and to explain various details of the mitzvot.

The book of Devarim differs from the first four, as it was said by Moshe on his own, whereas the first four were dictated to him by Hashem.

This does not mean Moshe came up with it on his own, as it was certainly Divinely inspired. Rather the Divine inspiration manifested itself in Moshe's mind to the extent that it could be called his own, and

not just repeating Hashem's word.

This phenomenon was not unique to Moshe.

We are taught that every original Torah innovation, made by any scholar was contained in the Torah given at Sinai. This amazing ability to connect with Hashem's wisdom using our own human mind, is a gift from Hashem.

But why did Hashem arrange it this way? Would it not suffice for His wisdom to remain G-dly, detached from the physical, and merely allow us to receive it from a distance?

Hashem desires a complete relationship with us. He uses his wisdom, namely the Torah, as a vehicle to transport Himself to our domain, in a manner that we can relate to.

The connection is so complete, that we can unite with His wisdom and call it our own.

This gives us the ability to integrate the

Torah into our lives, in a manner that produces passion and excitement as any other physical pursuit would. It does not have to be a yoke forced upon us, but a part of who we are.

The book of Devarim is a prototype of this union. The line between the Divine and the human is blurred.

Was it said by G-d or by man? Was it half and half? It was said 100 per cent by both. Hashem's will melded with Moshe's. The unity is complete.

As we approach the ninth of Av, the day the destruction of both our Temples took place, we mourn the loss of the physical structures.

Yet we are confident that with our own inner sanctuary where we unite with Hashem, it will ultimately manifest physically with the building of the third Beis Hamikdash speedily in our days.

Shabbat Times

Parshat Devarim

Jul 24 / 8 Av

Jul 25 / 9 Av

Begins	Ends	
17:19	18:10	Johannesburg
17:43	18:37	Cape Town
17:01	17:53	Durban
17:21	18:14	Bloemfontein
17:14	18:08	Port Elizabeth
17:07	18:01	East London

Tisha B' Av

Saturday July 25 Sunday July 26

Fast begins Fast ends

Fast begins	Fast ends	
17:35	18:02	Johannesburg
17:59	18:29	Cape Town
17:16	17:44	Durban
17:37	18:04	Bloemfontein
17:30	17:58	Port Elizabeth
17:23	17:50	East London

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Community Voices

Anti-Semitism in SA? Not really an issue

Anti-Semitism is sometimes covert, sometimes overt. Apart from the anti-Israel sentiments vociferously expressed by the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) NGO, the misconceptions or prejudices by government and the ANC are a source of concern for South African Jews. The SA Jewish Report canvassed several members of the Jewish community on whether or not they have experienced anti-Semitism personally. Has it changed over the years? Those living in traditional “Jewish areas” are seemingly able to lead full Jewish lives, without any problems. It appears to be somewhat different when they live out of town or venture out of the Jewish suburbs. And, generally, in South Africa, anti-Semitism occurs less than in Europe.



Former Johannesburger **Elaine Goldberg** has lived in Knysna for 15 years since her marriage to Ken Goldberg, who was treasurer of the Plettenberg Bay Hebrew Congregation. They were the first couple to be married in the new Plett Shul and they were part of the close-knit community in the resort town. “Unfortunately Ken passed away in 2003 leaving me alone in Knysna. After a year on my own, I bought a business, a little wool shop, and have been in Knysna all this time

“All my few friends are non-Jewish, as are most of my clientele, with the occasional Jewish visitors. I run a successful little business. Sometimes remarks are passed that I am not sure if they are caused by jealousy, envy or a bit of anti-Semitism, and that includes a staff member of mine. “Occasionally when I swing a nice sale, a remark will be passed like, ‘typical of a Jew!’ Or if I price something that is a bit more than the usual mark-up, I am told I have a typically Jewish mind. Is that anti-Semitism? I don’t know. It hurts me when things like that are said, but, being in the minority as a Jew, I ignore and overlook it, although sometimes it really gets to me.”



Adrian (Barney) Horwitz, who is a prominent attorney in Kimberley, is chairman of the Griqualand West Hebrew Congregation, with an architecturally magnificent shul building, which he looks after, as well as conducting most of the services in the absence of a rabbi.

“My experience of anti-Semitism today is much less than when I was at school under minority rule.” Now, Horwitz says, most of the anti-Semitism occurs when there is an upsurge in tension in the Middle East. “Anti-Israel remarks in my book are anti-Semitic remarks. I mix with a lot of different people and lead an integrated life. I am chairman of the shul and also chair the board of governors of a Catholic school. “I have a broad client base, with an enormous amount of Islamic clients and nobody dislikes me because I am Jewish.” He has very few Jewish clients as there are only 24 Jews living in Kimberley. Anti-Semitism in his city is “More the exception than the rule.”

Unisa student **Jordan Lorge** comes from an observant Jewish home and lives in the “shtetl” of Johannesburg. She went to a Jewish school and, for the most part, mixes with Jews. “I never have a problem walking to shul or



with people wearing kippot. I feel safe in the area, in the shops, the restaurants and walking around.” The only time Lorge had a problem was when she ventured out of her comfort zone and attended a party with Jewish and non-Jewish guests. “The boys we were with were wearing yarmulkes openly and, as we walked past, there were derogatory remarks about ‘you Jews’.” Lorge had never come across this type of behaviour before. She has resolved to keep to her area.



Estate agent **Renée Varejes** lives on a farm on the outskirts of Fourways. Although, having had a Jewish background, the blonde, blue-eyed woman does not look Jewish. “And I don’t have a Jewish name. People think it is Greek or Portuguese.” She has come across all kinds of anti-Semitic remarks such as “Jews are tight-fisted, Israel is an apartheid state, and (from someone who knew she was Jewish), could you teach me the ropes in property because you Jews know how to earn money.” What is her reaction? “It depends on the situation – sometimes it is better to say nothing; other times when it is pertinent I disclose that I am Jewish. “But it doesn’t really make a difference and I don’t like confrontation. They do back down when I confront them; they get embarrassed, but it doesn’t change the situation.”



Maon Jacobson is an actuary and an observant Jew. He lives in Houghton and walks to the West Street Shul, where he is a member. The little shul is next door to one of the biggest mosques in Johannesburg and Jacobson says he has only met with friendliness and cordiality from the Muslims entering or leaving the mosque when the times coincide. “I wear my yarmulke and have no problems in the area. However, when I am out of the Jewish area, I wear a cap.” On one such occasion, a few years ago, Jacobson was wearing a cap and went into the shop at the Oaklands Garage. “There were two Muslim guys watching two Jewish guys wearing kippot. When the Jewish guys were out of sight at the back of the shop, the Muslim guys simulated holding machine guns, as if to shoot them.” That was the only anti-Semitic incident Jacobson has experienced.

Mid-East trip: Battle still rages

ANT KATZ

The battle rages on against 16 young ANC-affiliated students and business leaders who have been ostracised, intimidated and punished by BDS and ANC-aligned structures for going on a fact-finding trip to Israel and Palestine earlier this month. What emerged is a flurry of questions about what South Africa’s policy is towards the Middle East and who, in fact, makes the policy. There appears to be a clear difference between the ANC as a party, and the government. SA Zionist Federation Chairman Ben Swartz calls this distinction a display of “good governance” and told Jewish Report that the government had never imposed a travel ban or supported Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (Israel) policies. Last Thursday Cosas, the ANC-affiliated student organisation, suspended their members who had gone on the trip. The 16 who went to the Middle East, then issued a statement blaming BDS which was, they said, hiding things from young people. Last Friday the ANC Youth League in the Western Cape issued a statement saying that travel to Israel was against ANC policy and that

BDS policies supported the call for the suspension of the 16, who continue to stand their ground. Tensions between the ANC and BDS on the one hand, and with government on the other hand, are obviously heightening and, in some cases, BDS supporters are blaming that organisation for hiding the truth from them in the past. Swartz says that government has never adopted BDS policy as their own, as Deputy Minister in the Presidency Obed Bapela and others had claimed. Neither did they impose a travel ban - evidenced by President Jacob Zuma having twice in recent times dispatched his personal high-level two-man delegation to Israel to meet top foreign affairs officials and ministers there. On Sunday the media was awash with stories on the issue, including four separate pieces in Durban’s Sunday Tribune, which also referenced Jewish Report’s coverage. Monday saw more ANC/16/BDS-bashing in the media with everyone jockeying for position. On Tuesday, a senior Sasco official was grilled by a TV presenter during a lengthy interview in which he, too, spoke of following BDS policy to prohibit their members from travelling to Israel.

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Great Park Synagogue - steeped in Johannesburg tradition



Interior of Great Park Shul in Johannesburg.

DAVID SAKS

Almost uniquely for a major Diaspora city, Johannesburg has had a Jewish presence from its earliest beginnings. Two present-day Jewish organisations can trace their origins back to the late 1880s, when the town was less than a year old. One is the Chevrah Kadisha and the other the Great Park Synagogue.

The Great Park's status as the "Grand Old Lady" of Johannesburg shuls is belied by the recent origin of its current premises. It was only in the second half of 2000, in fact, that the congregation permanently relocated there.

Trace the congregation's history back to the very beginning, however, and you will eventually find yourself back in July 1887, when 88 eminent Jewish residents met in the store of B Wainstein to found the Witwatersrand Goldfields Jewish Association.

Since then, always allowing for the various name changes, schisms, amalgamations and changes of location that have taken place, the congregation has been in continuous existence.

In addition to being Johannesburg's oldest congregation, the Great Park was for most of its history its most prestigious. It was at the Great Synagogue on Wolmarans Streets that all major community prayer gatherings took place, among them the public mourning for the victims of the Holocaust and the celebration of the founding of the State of Israel.

From 1915 until the late 1980s, it was the official seat of the Chief Rabbi, a position that at first referred only to the head of the congregation and its affiliate bodies, but eventually was expanded to encompass the entire country.

The United Hebrew Congregation, as it was called throughout the Wolmarans Street years, took the lead in establishing the Johannesburg Beth Din and Federation of Synagogues (precursor to today's UOS). It took the lead in providing Jewish religious education and later ran a Ministers' Training College to provide the country's first locally-trained Jewish religious officiants.

With the decline of the Johannesburg CBD, the Great Synagogue's attendances dropped off sharply from the mid-1980s and in November 1994, its doors were finally closed. Such was the attachment congregants felt to the old building, however, that the new premises in Glenhove Road, Lower Houghton, on a smaller scale, reproduced it as exactly as possible in terms of its proportions and such key features as its dome, column and arches. It also includes the original fittings of the Great Synagogue, such as the bimah and rabbi's pulpit.

There was considerable opposition from certain quarters to the building of a costly new shul at a time of demographic and financial uncertainty in the Jewish community, but the project went ahead notwithstanding.

On Rosh Hashanah, 2000, the congregation came together to worship for the first time in their magnificent new premises. Today, the Great Park Synagogue is a thriving centre of Jewish religious and (thanks to its adjoining Rabbi Cyril Harris Community Centre) cultural life. Under its long-serving Rabbi Dovid Hazdan, it combines a youthful dynamism with a reverence for tradition - epitomised, perhaps, by the top hats proudly worn by its honorary officers on all important occasions.



Honorary officers Paul Werner; Clive Blechman; and Les Matuson.

World News in Brief

Report: Jonathan Pollard may be freed in November

NEW YORK - Jewish spy Jonathan Pollard might be released from prison on November 21, which will mark exactly 30 years since he was arrested for giving Israel classified information on the US, The Algemeiner reported last week Friday. An unnamed source involved in the case said the US was "seriously considering" releasing Pollard, 60, from a North Carolina federal prison in consideration of his failing health. Pollard's freedom would not come for the purpose of calming US-Israel tension over the Iran nuclear deal, said the source. Pollard is the only person in US history to receive a life sentence for spying for an American ally. Numerous former American security and intelligence officials with first-hand knowledge of Pollard's case have called for his release. (JNS.org)

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Cultural vandalism is a scourge of our age



Amid the cultural vandalism that confronts the world today, when precious artefacts and buildings have been gleefully destroyed by the likes of the radical Jihadists of Islamic State, the Taliban and their ilk, because they contradict the spirit of their fundamentalist beliefs, it is encouraging to note the instances where the opposite is happening.

One inspiring current example is the decision of the German government to invest \$3,2 million in the next nine years to help save Bauhaus-style buildings in Tel Aviv.

Anyone familiar with Tel Aviv will know the beautiful “White City” district, concentrated around Rothschild Boulevard. It is the world’s largest concentration of Bauhaus buildings - there are more than 4 000 of them - and was declared a Unesco World Heritage site in 2003.

Its architects were mainly Jewish design pioneers who were students of the German architect Walter Gropius. They fled the Nazi regime in the 1930s to what was then Palestine, not just because they were Jewish, but also because their artistic leanings were deemed “degenerate” by Hitler. Tel Aviv is indelibly marked by their architectural and artistic influence.

Over the decades, the buildings have been adversely affected by the salty sea air of Tel Aviv, particularly their original elements such as wooden and metal windows and doors, which cannot be easily replaced. Some buildings have been refurbished by private individuals.

The investment in the White City will help Israel preserve this architectural treasure and, ironically, also help preserve a fascinating part of German culture. A Bauhaus Centre in the Max-Liebling House will open in 2017.

Of course, nobody can forget that Germany is itself historically guilty of cultural vandalism. Under Hitler in the 1930s, various art forms were outlawed and targeted as inappropriate for German “Aryan” culture. Jazz music, for example, with its many black performers and musicians. Jewish composers such as Felix Mendelssohn and Gustav Mahler, were disparaged and condemned. In Leipzig, a bronze statue of Mendelssohn was removed.

Nazi ideology heavily influenced “acceptable” art, architecture, music and films. Hitler effectively decided there were two forms of art - un-German degenerate art of the likes of Pablo Picasso; and classical realistic art that represented all that was good about Nazi Germany

World News in Brief

Obama offers to increase military aid to Israel

WASHINGTON - US President Barack Obama reportedly offered to increase US military aid to Israel amid the Jewish state’s opposition to the recently reached Iran nuclear deal.

Obama told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week that he was prepared to hold “intensive discussions” on bolstering Israeli defence, the New York Times reported.

But Netanyahu did not want to discuss that issue until seeing whether or not the US Congress rejects the Iran deal, which the prime minister called a “bad mistake of historic proportions”.

Currently, Israel and the US have a memorandum of understanding until 2018, through which the US is providing Israel with \$3 billion in annual military aid. Israel has asked for an increase to as much as \$5 billion per year over 10 years, according to an official familiar with the negotiations. (JNS.org)

and Germans.

He said clearly in “Mein Kampf” what he thought of modern art such as Dada, cubism and impressionism: “This art is the sick production of crazy people. Pity the people who are no longer able to control this sickness.”

Weimar Germany was famous for the avant-garde artists who worked there. But for Hitler, they were nothing more than “a Jewish-Bolshevik cultural hoax”. Many artworks were actually destroyed by the Nazis. For him, true “German art” was the exaltation of a superior race, military might and physical health.

Right here in Johannesburg, another collection of endangered cultural treasures is sitting

right under our noses in the old CBD. Johannesburg is home to the third largest collection of art deco buildings in the world - after New York and Miami.

Sadly, Johannesburg has allowed this magnificent district to deteriorate, and some of the buildings have been hijacked and taken over by squatters, with electricity, water and sewerage systems cut off.

They have become places of squalor, their lobbies used as toilets and their elegant balconies piled high with garbage. But brave entrepreneurs - several of them Jewish - are going in and refurbishing them, one by one.

The iconic Anstey’s Building and others radi-

ate the ship-like features which characterise the art deco style - a metaphor for the immigrant mindset of the people who came over the oceans to America and South Africa. It would be fitting if this magnificent district was also declared a World Heritage Site.

In a world gone mad, where barbarism is paraded as faith, it is essential to celebrate the people who are cherishing beautiful things rather than destroying them. Sadly, however, all societies still contain their bigots and cultural thugs - including Germany, where anti-Semitism is rising ominously, as it is other parts of Europe. But today’s German government is to be congratulated for being on the right side.

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Jewish mothers and the work dilemma

In the United States, an analysis of government data by the Pew Research Centre, has shown that today, about 70 per cent of women who have children under the age of 18, work outside the home.

In South Africa, the poverty and unemployment make comparisons very difficult. However, given the high proportion of single disadvantaged women, a majority, if they do find employment, are more than prepared to work far from home and leave childrearing to other family members back in the townships or in rural areas.

In the three years since I have been back in South Africa, I have witnessed a range of attitudes to working mothers. But it is interesting to consider our own community and whether South African Jewish mothers work and why they do. Let me qualify that I am talking about a small, relatively privileged subset.

This demographic, it seems, generally do not work long hours unless they feel they have to contribute to household income. When women don't have to help pay the bills, they generally opt not to. And why not? There is literature that supports the idea that children benefit from having a mother at home as opposed to being outsourced to caregivers.

In the early, very demanding years of a child's life, given that our Jewish day schools usually end around midday until grade one starts, with fewer aftercare options when compared to day care at Jewish schools in North America, young Jewish moms here tend to look for opportunities that would give them flexibility to be at home or not to work at all. In fact when women do have big jobs, it is assumed that they cannot afford not to or they are single parents.

I lived for a number of years in New York City, a little island filled with some of the most ambitious women in the world, who, after three months of maternity leave, don their suits and head back to the office, leaving their children in the hands of highly-paid Filipino or Jamaican nannies. Some really need to support a dual income household and some just could not imagine not having the stimulation or the independence that one's own earnings allow.

In her 2013 book, "Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead", Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg bemoans the fact that many women avoid stepping into demanding leadership roles because of an internal, unconscious plan for the future of getting married and having children. She also outlines various strategies to help women improve their chances of climbing the corporate ladder.

While a Harvard-educated executive who has over half a billion dollars worth of Facebook stock is not a woman that every young Johannesburg Jewish mother can relate to, Sandberg certainly is an inspiration. Yet her choices are not their general preference.

Why is that? Is it that our mothers offered very different role models? Were we told that in order to be good mothers, we needed to be home with our children all the time? Are they perhaps 100 per cent correct? Did our own mothers undervalue the rewards of work or imply that the only real meaning in life was attained through motherhood?

I really do not have the answers especially for women who do have the choice. Studies about the benefits for offspring who had stay-at-home moms are not definitive. However, I do know that adult women need connection, acknowledgement and opportunities to use their brains outside of just family-focused activities.

These are not needs one fulfils by mornings spent at coffee shops and gym classes until the afternoon taxi driving begins. Nor are they fulfilled by chatting to the checkout woman at Woolworths or by our husbands who return home tired after a long day at the office.

Some women do seem to strike the balance. I have a friend who manages to remain a partner in a highly reputable law firm but has always worked mornings only and returns to her contracts at night when her children are asleep. Another is a psychologist who only consults during her children's school hours. Yet another is very involved in her children's school PTA and projects in the broader community.

One thing I am certain of is that when a woman gets the combination of work, personal values and parenting right, her children have a mother who is more fulfilled and often more engaged when she is with them, her man has an energised, happier partner and for the woman herself, the delicate mix, though at times stressful and demanding, is - oh so exquisite.

– Vanessa Valkin, Editor



A view of the reactor at the Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant in southern Iran as the first fuel is loaded, on August 21, 2010.

Campaign for (and against) Iran deal gets personal

RON KAMPEAS
WASHINGTON

US Vice-President Joe Biden had an intimate phone call this week with about a thousand Jewish leaders, beseeching, teaching and preaching the Iran nuclear deal.

Biden's imploring hour-long call on Monday typified how personal the campaign for and against the Iran nuclear deal is becoming.

President Barack Obama, speaking to veterans on Tuesday, cast the deal as one that would save American troops from dying in a fruitless war. The pro-Israel lobby AIPAC, a deal opponent, is bringing in its members for face-to-face meetings with lawmakers. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu worked the weekend American talk shows. So did John Kerry, the US secretary of state who brokered the deal and called one of Netanyahu's signature criticisms "dumb".

Much of the focus is on Congress, which has two months to review the agreement between Iran and six world powers led by the United States. It could vote to disapprove, which would kill the deal, but such a vote must garner two-thirds of Congress to overcome Obama's pledged veto.

Biden, on the call, began by alluding to his longstanding relationship with the Jewish community.

"Quite frankly," he said, "I wouldn't be in this job or any job that I had in elected politics were it not for this community, among others."

Instead of taking questions, Biden unfolded a Q and A with an imaginary Jewish interlocutor who addressed him as an old friend would: "What's the deal here, Joe?" The questions the vice-president put to himself reflect concerns raised by a number of pro-Israel organisations, among them the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

"So Joe, doesn't this mean that even if this stops them from getting a nuclear weapon, they've got \$100 billion and they're going to go out there and destabilise?" Biden asked himself, reflecting concerns about how sanctions relief will fuel Iranian mischief. His answer: The Iranians would do much greater damage with a nuclear bomb than they would without one.

"Imagine stopping them now in the Gulf of Aden" - referring to Iran's backing for the Houthis insurgency in Yemen - "and stopping them if they had a nuclear weapon", Biden said. "As bad, as much of a threat as the Iranians are now to destabilising the conventional force capability in the region, imagine what a threat would be if we had walked away from this tight deal."

Kerry also was unusually conversational, and personal,

in lengthy interviews he gave the news media, but not so convivial. In an interview broadcast on Tuesday on NPR, he grew livid when asked about criticism that he and Obama were overly eager for a deal.

"I mean, really, it's one of the dumbest criticisms I've ever heard in my life because it has no relationship to reality of what we were engaged in," he said. "President Obama, in almost every conversation, would say, 'Remember John, you can walk away'."

One of the main purveyors of the "too eager" trope is Netanyahu.

"We were right when we said the desire to sign an agreement is apparently stronger than anything else," he said at a news conference on July 14, the day the final agreement was announced.

Obama in his speech in Pittsburgh to the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars cast opponents of the deal as similar to backers of the Iraq war.

"In the debate over this deal, we're hearing the echoes of some of the same policies and mindset that failed us in the past," Obama said. "Some of the same politicians and pundits that are so quick to reject the possibility of a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear programme are the same folks who were so quick to go to war in Iraq and said it would take a few months. And we know the consequences of that choice and what it cost us in blood and treasure."

The intensity reflects the stakes as Congress begins its review of the deal.

AIPAC is bringing in members from across the country early next week for face-to-face meetings with lawmakers, covering almost every office on Capitol Hill, an AIPAC source said. The lobby also unveiled last week a political nonprofit, the Citizens for a Nuclear Free Iran, it is backing in the "multimillions", according to spokesmen.

Notably, the new group is being advised by five former Democratic lawmakers. Republicans already overwhelmingly oppose the deal, so the focus of groups like AIPAC opposing the deal is on Democrats. The Washington Post reported on Tuesday that AIPAC has spent a record \$1,7 million in the first half of the year in its bid to rally opposition.

Citizens for a Nuclear Free Iran will target lawmakers with TV ads in their home states during the August recess.

Much of the focus of the opponents' campaign is on Senator Charles Schumer, Democrat New York, the most senior Jewish member of the Senate. The Emergency Committee for Israel has made Schumer the target of a campaign. (JTA)

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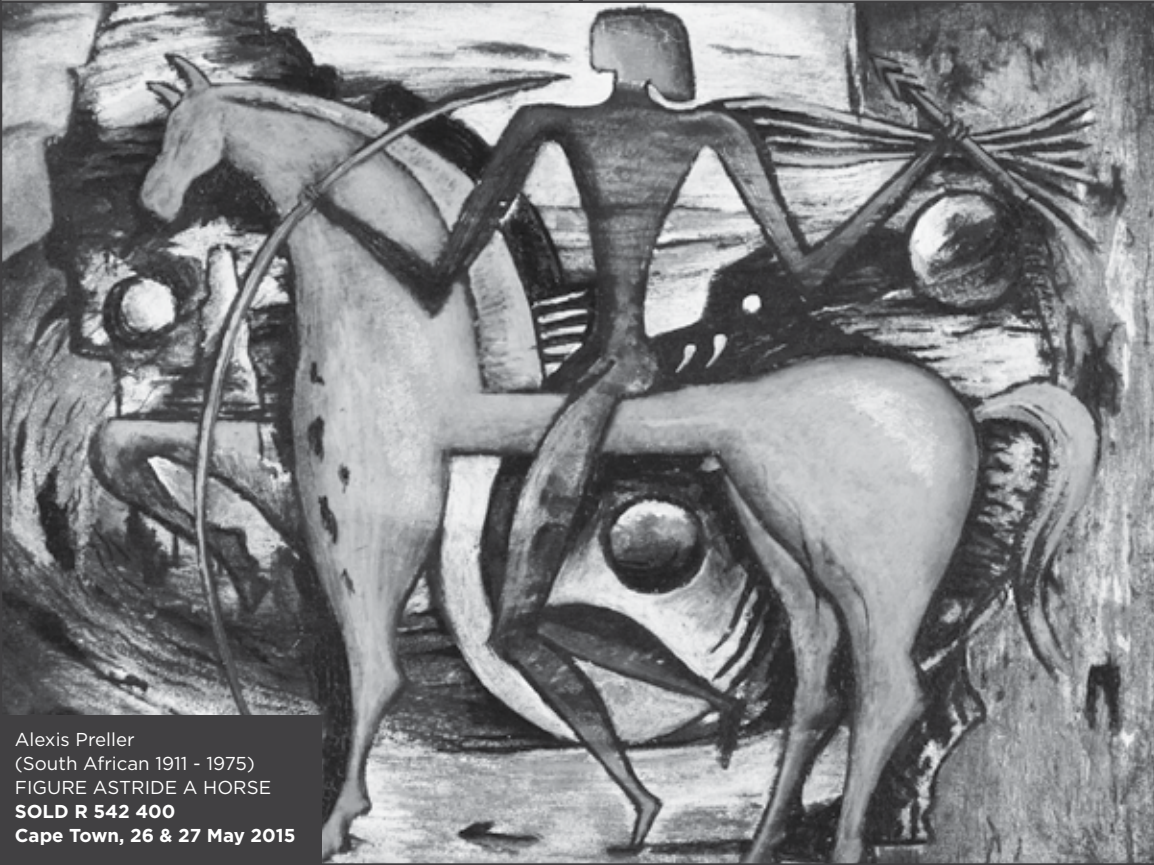
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The beauty of collecting lies in the fact that one can start on a moderate scale, buying what one can afford, but inevitably moving on to investing in rarer and more valuable pieces. The proliferation of reality programmes, such as the British Antiques Road Show and Cash in the Attic, focus on traditional antiques.

The American shows, such as American Pickers and Pawn Stars, with its focus on more recent collectables from the ‘50s through to the ‘70s, has opened up collecting to younger generations.

Celebrating its 15th successful year as the biggest and most dynamic collecting exhibition, the National Antiques & Decorative Arts Faire takes place in Exhibition 1 of the Sandton Convention Centre from July 24 – 26, from 10:00 to 18:00 daily.

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and art collectors or those who wish to start collecting as an investment. With the broadening of the range of collectables to include more modern items, the Faire also attracts visitors who are interested in buying specific pieces for decorating purposes, as well as attracting the younger collector.

Stephen Falcke, decorator to the stars and to royalty, whose talent in mixing classic styles with contemporary touches, takes pride of place with his décor exhibit that enthralls and inspires visitors.

One of the must-attended functions on the Johannesburg social and investment calendar is NAADA’s Gala Cocktail Opening Night which took place on Thursday July 23 from 19:00. It always attracts over 500 of the who’s who of the collecting world, top business people, the elite and celebrities who gather to mingle and be the first to reserve the best pieces in antiques, artworks and collectables.

This year, the NAADA Faire is linking in with 67 Blankets for Mandela and will be showcasing their top “designer” blankets which will form part of a “Dutch auction” to raise funds to buy supplies to knit even more blankets for this worthy cause. NAADA offers the best of yesterday and today - all under one roof - beautifully styled and exquisitely presented items, including:

- A visual banquet of décor settings - from dining areas featuring 24-seater antique tables laden with collectable porcelain dinner sets and valuable silver dining accessories, to seating areas complete with armoires, master art and bookshelves filled with collectable books and ornaments that will intrigue and delight collectors.

- Juxtaposed to the opulence of 100-year-old and older antiques that grace many a wealthy home, are the young, up-and-coming collectors who look to find tomorrow’s antiques, today. It might be an Eames chair, a Warhol cupboard or a Norman Catherine sculpture. Others prefer the quirky ‘70s look, the French Provencal look or go gaga over retro-fashion, old advertising boards or a ‘50s classic car.
- The NAADA Faire has collaborated with and welcomes the SA Mint whose Johannesburg Coin Fair takes centre stage at the Faire and puts the focus on collecting rare numismatics, bank notes and Kruger Rands through their select and experienced dealers. As all antiques are exempt from capital gains tax, investors are turning to collecting - whether coins, silver, furniture or art - as an important alternative investment that has proved to yield excellent returns while giving endless pleasure.
- For art aficionados who want to experience art both in a gallery setting and as part of exquisite décor settings, the NAADA Faire doesn’t disappoint. With so many antique dealers picking up significant South African masters art pieces in their day-to-day dealings with collectors, the art section of the Faire will have on sale top SA masters including works by J H Pierneef, Irma Stern, Robert Hodgins, Edoardo Villa, Gregoire Boonzaier, Adriaan Boshoff, Sydney Goldblatt and Cecil Skotnes, as well as contemporary master art. The Charles Greig Gallery will be showcasing its range of bronzes as well as exclusive Ardmore ceramics.
- Honouring the brave soldiers who have fought in past wars, has become a tradition at the NAADA Faire. Whether celebrating the centenary of the Second World War or the end of the First World War in Europe, remembering South Africa’s Boer or Border wars or saluting the struggle war, avid collectors of militaria can lose themselves in the pomp and ceremony of the military pavilion.

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■ International exhibitors add a new dimension to the National Antiques Faire. American ceramics dealer Ed Pascoe of Pascoe Ceramics puts the focus on the 200th anniversary of the prestigious English house of Royal Doulton with some rare and valuable pieces on show. Dutch antiques dealer Ricus Dullaert of Kunsthandel H W C Dullaert showcases never-been-seen before European and Chinese antiques and also specialises in finding antique pieces - whether in bibles, clocks or furniture - that have strong ties to the Dutch/South African heritage. An 18th century painting showing a Dutch VOC ship entering Cape Town harbour, is a rare historical find. From the UK, Books Illustrated, specialists in fine limited edition books and original art from the Golden Age of Illustration, will be launching their limited edition Jungle Book to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Rudyard Kipling, with beautiful illustrations by South African artist Lute Vink.

■ Vintage and classic cars have always been a feature at NAASA and this year two collectable 1950s favourites will be on show.

A valuations service featuring some of South Africa's top appraisers in various fields will be a key feature of the NAADA Faire. For those who may have some antiques tucked away in back cupboards or have inherited some of great-grandma's antiques, this is the ideal opportunity to find out their worth. ORT is a beneficiary of proceeds from the Faire.

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Homegrown artworks set to soar at Johannesburg auction



With South African artwork attracting bidders worldwide, stand-out political works by contemporary artist Wayne Barker of Walter Sisulu and Steve Biko, a colourful township scene by Ephraim Ngatane, and paintings by Pierneef, Stern and more, are sure to make for an exciting auction at the upcoming Stephan Welz & Co Fine Art and Collectables Auction in Johannesburg, on Tuesday August 4 and Wednesday 5.

“Each year we are seeing more and more international interest in South African art,” says Imre Lamprecht, head of the art department at Stephan Welz & Co. “We are thrilled to be the conduit through which so many collectors are discovering the diversity and merits of our great artists, from best-known masters like Pierneef to the artists of the turbulent 1960s and 1970s who are now becoming hot commodities, to 21st century talent, such as Wayne Barker.”

Barker's works largely deal with the subject of South Africa's colonial and apartheid past and the two works for sale are part of the artist's Legends series. CBS News - 1990: Walter Sisulu, 2010 and Fighting Field: Steve Biko, 2010 are both mixed media and neon tubing on canvas, and are accompanied by small sculptures commissioned from his friend Richard Chauke. Each is valued at between R120 000 - R160 000.

“Known for his depictions of South African townships, which are also doing well on the international auction scene, Ephraim Ngatane is one of those painters from the late 20th century whose works are finally receiving their due,” said Lamprecht.

Valued at between R150 000 - R200 000, Ngatane's Our Gang was painted just a year before his death in 1972, after a



life-long battle with tuberculosis. “It is a significant example of Ngatane's technical proficiency and important because it was painted in the last year of his life,” said Lamprecht.

In 2008, Ngatane's Township Children Dancing in the Snow, Soweto sold at a Stephan Welz & Co auction for R560 000, at well over its estimate.

Pierneef and Stern: South African legends

Hot on the heels of the recent opening of the first major Pierneef exhibition in many years, A Space for Landscape: The work of J H Pierneef at Standard Bank Johannesburg,

Stephan Welz & Co will be auctioning a rare Pierneef bushveld painting, Acacia Trees in the Bushveld, with an estimated value of between R180 000 - R240 000, was painted with the age-old but much forgotten medium of casein paint.

Other traditional auction highlights include Irma Stern's Coast Scene, Probably Zanzibar, which has an estimated value of between R600 000 - R900 000 and Maggie Laubser's Trees at Lake with Boat, which has been valued at between R300 000 - R400 000.

The Stephan Welz & Co Fine Arts and Collectables auction will take place on August 4 and 5 at Stephan Welz & Co, on the 4th floor, South Tower, Nelson Mandela Square, Sandton.

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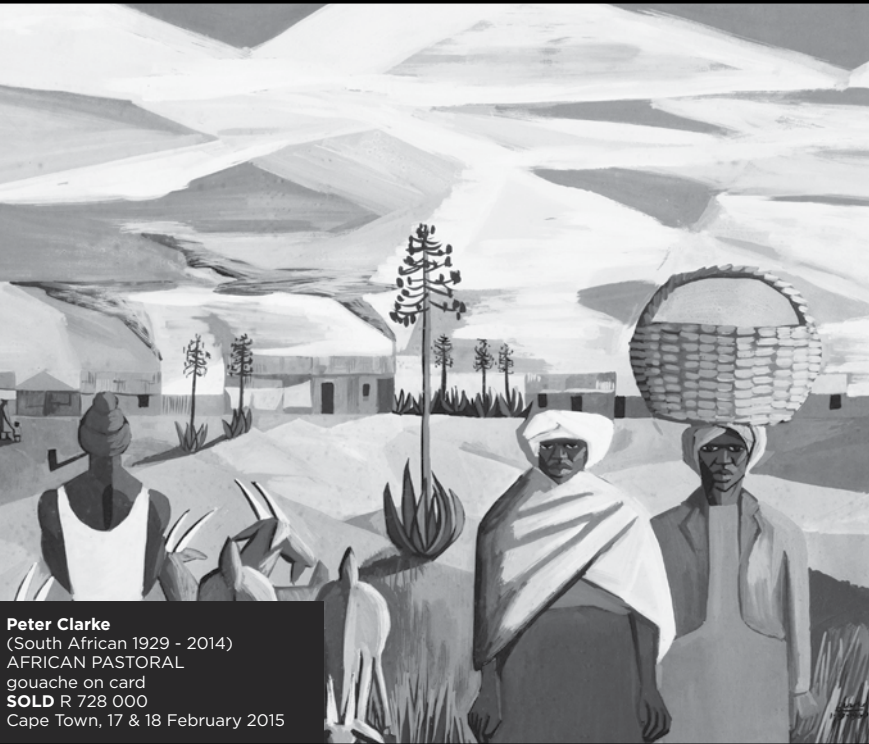
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The South African contingent at the 27th International Nahum Goldmann Fellowship: Dovi Brom; Gilad Friedman; Ramon Widmonte; David Jacobson; Heidi-Jane Esakov-Jacobson; and Kim Nates.

DAVID JACOBSON

History is neither always just nor kind. Among the great Jewish leaders of the 20th century, the name of Dr Nahum Goldmann should loom large alongside other Jewish greats.

Goldmann was a major figure in the Zionist and Jewish world in the latter half of the 20th century. He was the chief architect of the pact pledging West Germany to pay reparations to Israel and to individual Jews for acts committed during the Nazi years; he was the founder of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organisations; and president of the World Jewish Congress, which he helped to found in 1936.

He was a remarkable visionary and an extraordinary leader, and it is fitting that the one Jewish space that carries his name is the International Nahum Goldmann Fellowship (NGF) - the flagship programme of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

It is arguably the only global Jewish project aimed solely at promoting “Jewish peoplehood”. Forty-five fellows, 18 countries, six days, one people, no agenda. Its aim is not Zionist, religious or political. It has no overt agenda other than encouraging individuals to find their own Jewish path through life.

To achieve this the NGF brings together a diverse group of young Jewish leaders from around the world, which include Haredi, Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, secular, left-wing, right-wing, Zionist and non-Zionist alike.

Between June 15 and 22, six South Africans attended the Fellowship. They represented the broad spectrum of diversity that was present.

As an adviser to the International NGF, I have attended seven successive Fellowships. Together with me in Israel were Dovi Brom, Gilad Friedman, Heidi-Jane Esakov-Jacobson, Kim Nates and Rabbi Ramon Widmonte.

The NGF has a very simple recipe: Mix together a diverse group of young Jews, add

liberal amounts of serious Jewish scholarship and learning, sprinkle it with peer-led group discussions and allow to simmer until minds are blown and prejudices popped.

The level of Jewish scholarship represented was a Jewish academic brocha buffet that would be the envy of any international programme.

This year, the faculty included:

- Dr Moti Zeira, one of Israel’s leading experts on Jewish and Israeli identity and emerging Jewish communities in Israel.
- Rabbi Professor Ismar Schorsch, president of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, who is chancellor emeritus of The Jewish Theological Seminary and a professor of Jewish history.
- Rabbi Dr Jacob J Schacter, professor of Jewish history and Jewish thought and senior scholar at the Centre for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University, New York.
- Rabbi Dr Saul Berman, associate professor of Jewish studies at Stern College, and adjunct professor at Columbia University School of Law.
- Prof Daniel Fainstein, dean and professor of Jewish studies and education at the Hebrew University in Mexico.
- Dr Steven Bayme, director of the Contemporary Jewish Life department of the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and of the Koppelman Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations.

Each of these faculty members delivered courses and lectures topics such as “Klal Yisrael: Restoring an endangered Jewish value” and “Shaping sustainable diasporas”.

The ability to pull together the often disparate forces in the Jewish world under one umbrella, makes the NGF, in my opinion, possibly the most important Jewish programme in the world. It achieves its goal by encouraging what new Executive Vice-President Rabbi Jeni Friedman terms “productive discomfort”. And indeed

there’s much of that.

Despite the formal programme of the NGF, it is during the informal gatherings that the magic of the NGF begins to weave its spell.

Year after year, as if orchestrated by some masterful Divine puppet master, the “productive discomfort” that accompanies the Fellows the first few days, seems to morph into a deep,

respectful connection.

No topic is taboo, and you would have seen a fervent Zionist engaging for hours with a committed non-Zionist, Orthodox Jew with staunch secularist and a Reform Jew, and as the connection grows, so a miraculous transformation occurs and the common thread of Klal Yisrael begins to bind everyone.

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Every woman in each of those hospitals who had given birth that day, or the night before, was presented by teams of UJW volunteers with a baby starter pack containing a variety of baby items.

The goodies were placed inside sturdy bags which the moms would be able to use to carry their babies' necessities

around with them. But these are were no ordinary bags - theywere instead special bags made up by the UJW's Sewing School, its very successful empowerment project which operates in the Johannesburg inner city.

The delighted moms were also spoiled by the UJW, each one receiving an additional gift pack of their own.

In addition, every child who was present that day at the Hillbrow Family Clinic, received a toy. About 100 children a day visit the clinic - and their delight was palpable!

The UJW has been participating in Mandela Day since its inception and while every project has been wonderful, members were particularly excited about this year's project.

The community's response to the appeal for the items was, as always, most heartwarming and UJW are so appreciative.



Arther Vandershelden; Sister Legora; Aaron Kahanovitz; Helena Kahanovitz; Hayley Lasarow; Shani Lasarow; Ellen Mabuya; Kayli Altmuner; and Sister Teresa.

Tourvest, Afrika Tikkun rebuild Diepsloot shelters

Tourvest has rebuilt 10 shelters for disadvantaged Diepsloot residents as part of its tradition of improving the living standards of township inhabitants through the provision of decent shelters ahead of Nelson Mandela's birthday on July 18.

Now in its fifth year, this humanitarian initiative saw the completion of 45 low-cost homes for residents in Diepsloot and Alexandra township at an investment of hundreds of thousands of rands.

The rebuilt homes had been identified by outreach organisation Afrika Tikkun in consultation with community leaders and social workers, as those belonging to people most in need of better living conditions.

The exercise took place on Thursday, July 16 and involved 10 teams of eight employees with each team assisted by a professional local builder. A similar number of additional Tourvest volunteers assisted with a greening initiative.

It also refurbished the school library at Afrika Tikkun's Wings of Life Community Centre.

Afrika Tikkun, which had Nelson Mandela as its patron-in-chief, provides education, health and social services to children and their families through centres of excellence in South African townships.



Mandela Day KCC Golf Challenge



Back row: Paul Harris (former South African cricketer and SuperSport presenter); Andrew McLardy (former legend golfer); Warrick Druian (Killarney Country Club's pro-golfer); Mark Williams (former South African international soccer player); Melissa Eaton (professional golfer); Kevin Rakow (KCC golf director); Morgana Robbertze (pro-golfer); Tandi von Ruben (pro-golfer); Sasha Martinengo (radio and sport presenter); Gavin Hunt (former South African football player); and Darren Scott (radio presenter, HOT 91.9fm). Front row: Dr Terry Paine, MBE (SuperSport presenter); Children from Fight For Life; and Lefika La Phodiso.

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The Mandela Day Golf Challenge was launched last year at the Killarney Country Club, with Golf Director Kevin Rakow and pro-golfer Warrick Druian challenging each other to 67 holes to raise funds for the club's charity initiative, the KCC School Sports Club programme (KSSC).

KCC said in a media release that the first year had been a great success with R50 000 raised by members through pledging their support. The money has been kept in a trust as it was not yet enough to kick-start the KSSC programme.

The aim this year was at least R150 000, but with money and pledges still coming in, a final amount will be announced soon. This year's Golf Day took place on July 18.

Killarney Country Club has partnered with The Children's Memorial Institute to be the beneficiary of the KSSC programme. The Children's Memorial Institute comprises about 30 separate

organisations, mostly NGOs, providing services to children with special needs.

The organisation services the Lefika La Phodiso, a non-government organisation which trains community members to offer art psychotherapy/community art counselling in under-resourced areas as well as the New Nation School, which caters for children who live on the streets, in shelters or in child-headed households.

The KCC School Sports Club programme will see learners from Johannesburg inner city schools and organisations transported to and from the school, to attend sports, educational and recreational activities at KCC, provided to them by skilled coaches. Activities will include golf, tennis, squash, bowls and swimming.

Kevin and Warrick reignited their 2014 challenge this year and enlisted a host of local sports stars and celebrities to join the challenge. The two again went head-to-head over 67 holes and in an epic battle, Warrick came out on top.

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Left (from back to front) Libbi Gatter; Lesley-Anne Gatter; and Serra Gatter. Right (from back to front) Karen Joss; Dani Joss; Leah Joss; and Janet Zev.

Our community participated in numerous initiatives for Mandela Day. Pictured here are volunteers at CAP's Norwood Park making thousands of sandwiches for the underprivileged as well as others who joined the Nelson Mandela Day Million Meal Challenge at the Sandton Convention Centre packing 1.2 million meals for early childhood development facilities in under-resourced areas.

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Retirement means getting ready for an exciting new life

MICHAEL BELLING

“If you don’t plan for retirement and have no reason to get up in the morning, you will die,” life and retirement coach Lynda Smith told the Johannesburg College of Adult Jewish Education at the Sydenham Community Centre, in Johannesburg last week.

She was speaking with financial planner and

educator Cliff Barnes (pictured) on “The Next Chapter – Embracing Post Midlife Changes and Planning for Retirement”, presented by the Chevrah Kadisha Social Services and CAJE.

Smith said the baby boomer generation, people between the ages of 50 and 70, were born into an era of positivity in South Africa. It is a can-do generation.

Technology is one of the biggest drivers of

change in society, from medical technology to information technology.

“Many areas of technology are changing ageing as well,” she said.

Among the trends to watch are lifelong learning, the work and play cycle - “do you work for money or meaning” - volunteering and the need to stretch finances to last throughout the retirement years.

The boomer generation did not grow up with computers and some people do not know how to use them, although today this is a vital skill.

Boomers will not retire like their parents, Smith said. The world has changed, they are living longer, they often have not saved enough and they want to add value and make a difference, even in retirement.

Retirement brings about many challenges, including life outside the corporate office, living at home with one’s partner, lifestyle diseases, lack of finance, not being able to market our skills and not being sufficiently techno-savvy, which often requires upskilling.

It is also necessary to build new goals and plans. If we fail to plan and set goals, “we are often involved in our brains slowing down as we get older, not just our bodies”, she said.

We have to examine our life options.

Barnes said retirement is a time “to plan your next life”, probably over many years of retirement.

“Retirement should be fun,” he said, but it re-



quires a foundation of finances to support other aspects of life - leisure, community, health and housing. “Finances are the empowerment factor.”

Boredom is a major problem after retirement. An American study showed that two thirds of retired executives die within three years of retirement. The only difference between them and those who lived longer was that the other third looked forward to their retirement and planned for it.

Most people retire with insufficient finances, but even those who do have a lot of money, have to plan for a lengthy retirement. This means that they should not opt for “safe” investments in the bank, because inflation can erode the value of their money.

Investing in shares or in property are far better long-term investments, Smith said. Shares in particular provide returns that exceed inflation, which is a requirement for successful longer-term investing.

Decisions at retirement relates to the amount of cash needed and available and depends also on the goals set at that time.

Retirement goals are not just financial, but cover all areas of life.

There are many financial choices available at retirement and sound advice is required.

Rabbi Yossy Goldman, spiritual leader of the Sydenham-Highlands North Hebrew Congregation, said it was vital for people to have something to wake up for in retirement.

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Community Columns

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Off to Mauritius!

That’s called positive thinking, but I am going to enter the competition and stand a chance of winning the trip. And so should you. All we have to do is complete a five minute online survey on marriage, as the poster says. Go to: <http://feedbackrocket.chev-marriage-survey.sgizmo.com/s3/>

This year the Chev is running its second annual Marriage Week from July 31 to August 7. Following the success of last year’s launch, our Social Services department has pursued many channels to promote marriage enrichment.

Research is a major component in the development of these strategies and this survey will offer an insight into how you are feeling and

what you’re thinking about marriage.

Don’t worry, though, all responses are strictly confidential and will be analysed by a professional, independent survey company who will give us general feedback only. Because so many good things come in twos, please remember that both you and your spouse need to complete the survey to be eligible to win the draw.

Let’s face it, marriage - like all relationships we treasure - requires investment, awareness and energy. But there’s no doubt it’s worth the effort, for our children and for ourselves.

So, in addition to completing the survey I will also be taking my wife out to dinner, making sure I mention, regularly, how much I appreciate all she does for our family and consciously looking for opportunities to share meaningful dialogue.

I’m sure Mauritius will provide lots of quiet time for that! Watch the media for more information on what the week has to offer. Healthy marriages make happier families that result in stronger communities!

May our partnership continue to thrive.

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What's On

Today, Friday (July 24)

- UZLC hosts Charisse Zeifert of the SAJBD on “Being Jewish in South Africa Today”. Venue: Our Parents Home. Lunch from 12:15 and the talk at 13:00. Information: Gloria, (011) 485-4851.
- Sydenham Shul hosts international author and lecturer Rabbi Dr Laibl Wolf of Melbourne, for a weekend of lectures July 23 - 25. Today, July 24 at 07:45,he speaks on “Kicking Bad Habits – ‘the Neuro-Plastic Brain’; Why You Do What You Do - and Do it Differently”. In the evening he talks at a Young Adults Dinner on “Love, Exploitation & Commitment - Is it About Me, or is it About You?” Shul service at 18:00, dinner at 19:00. Cost: R190 per person, students: R150 (limited to first 30). Bookings: www.sydshul.co.za or (011) 640-5021 or sydshul@sydshul.co.za
- Chabad in the Shul in Sandton Central, offers “Friday Night Live in Sandton CBD”. with Rabbi Ari Kievman followed by kiddush and brocha. Time: 18:00. Information: 079-434-1293 or rak@chabad.org.za

Saturday, (July 25)

- Chabad offers a a Tisha B’Av programme at the Shul in Sandton Central. Time 18:25. Ma’ariv and Eicha followed by a documentary “With My Whole Broken Heart” and interactive discussion. Information: 079-434-1293 or rak@chabad.org.za

Sunday, (July 26)

- Chabad at the Shul in Sandton Central has Shachrit (no tallit and tefillin), at 08:15

Monday (July 27)

- Chabad Seniors Club for men and women, meets at Chabad House in Savoy. Time 09:00 - 13:00. Free transport, memory enhancement with occupational therapist Cynthia Lipitz, lectures and discussions, refreshments, lunch, iPad lessons, and more. Information: Rabbi Ari Kievman (011) 440-6600.
- UJW Adult Education Division hosts Vincent Carruthers, chairman, Magaliesberg Biosphere Management Board and vice-chairman of the Delta Environment Centre, on “Discovering the Magaliesberg (slide presentation). Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R35. Contact: UJW Office (011) 648-1053.

Tuesday (July 28)

- Chabad House hosts a multiplex of shiurim. Venue: Chabad House. Time: 09:45 lecture for men and women, “Fascinating Facts” with Rabbi Ari Kievman; 11:15 exclusive ladies shiur with Aviva Goldman. Free transport, refreshments, lunch, no cost. Information: Rabbi Ari Kievman (011) 440-6600.
- RCHCC in partnership with JH&GC hosts Professor Samuel Kassow, the Charles H Northam Professor of History at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, on “Building a Museum: The Saga of Polish Jewry”. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30 Donation: R80 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, a/h (011) 728

Wednesday, (July 29)

- Chabad in Savoy hosts: “Exploring the Parsha” for men and women. Time: 09:45. Information: Rabbi Ari Kievman (011) 440-6600.
- WIZO Tzabar is hosting award-winning director and editor, Wayne Kopping, at the screening of his film “Beneath the Helmet”. Venue: EOH, 1 Osborne Lane, Bedfordview. Limited space available. Reservations: Naomi 082-496-1111 or Graciela 082-925-0924 or Ayala 082-412-2269. Time: 20:00. Cost: R80 (incl refreshments).
- UJW Adult Education Division hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskalson, former lecturer in the dept of English at Wits, on “The Prodigal Summer” - a novel by Barbara Kingsolver. Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R35. Contact: UJW Office (011) 648-1053.

Thursday (July 30)

- Chabad House offers “Minyan in the CBD” in Sandton Central. Daily Mincha/Ma’ariv with refreshments. Optional learning opportunities. Time: 17:30. Information: Rabbi Ari Kievman 079-434-1293 or rak@chabad.org.za
- Sydenham Shul AGM takes place at 19:45 in the Community Centre in Rouxville.

Community Columns

A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

Fact-finding tour: young people won’t be browbeaten

Picking up from where I left off last week, I was most encouraged to read the statement put out by the students who participated in the recent SA-Israel Forum fact-finding trip to Israel.

Cogent, forthright and unapologetic, this statement strenuously defended the basic right of South African citizens to access information, consider differing viewpoints and come to their own conclusions. The statement, without going into detail, also included observations on the on-the-ground realities of the Israel-Palestine situation that significantly challenge the simplistic, black-and-white narrative so assiduously propagated by the anti-Israel boycott lobby.

It is, of course, precisely this kind of exposure to views and information that contradicts, or at least seriously qualifies, their propagandist perspective that BDS-SA and its allies are so anxious to prevent.

Given the kind of pressures they were under, including threats of expulsion from their organisations, vitriolic verbal attacks and even attempts at bribery, the students should be admired both for standing firm regarding going on the trip itself and for their refusal to be intimidated on their return.

One of the participants, Klaas Masilo, has since written about his experiences. His article, along with a related opinion piece by SAJBD Associate Director David Saks, appeared in the latest issue of the Sunday Tribune and can be accessed on the Board’s Facebook and website (www.jewishsa.co.za).

Unfortunately, the students’ testimony has also confirmed our worst suspicions regarding the BDS movement and the pernicious influence it is exercising in stifling free debate and enquiry on the Israeli-Palestinian issue.

As a Jewish community, we have been subjected to a range of threats and insults,

followed by an explanatory Kinus programme; Mincha (with tallit and tefillin): 16:45 Maariv: 17:45 followed by breakfast. Information: 079-434-1293 or rak@chabad.org.za

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freedom of thought, opinion and enquiry, will applaud them for the bold stand they have taken.

Last week, the Board also issued a response to the ruling of the Wits University legal office concerning its review of the disciplinary procedures against Mcebo Dlamini. The ruling, while confirming Dlamini’s removal as SRC president, concluded that his “Hitler” comments, while “abhorrent”, nevertheless did not fall into the category of constitutionally prohibited hate speech.

In a media statement, we clarified that this decision was relevant only in respect of Wits’ own internal rules and procedures, and had no judicial relevance outside those confines. The SAJBD remained convinced that Dlamini’s comments do not enjoy Constitutional protection and would be pursuing the cases of hate speech it had laid both with the South African police and with the SA Human Rights Commission.

We are indeed confident of obtaining in due course a ruling confirming the appalling hate speech he has been guilty of against our community.

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

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(JTA) – The president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews condemned widespread criticism of Queen Elizabeth II in the wake of the release of a video showing her giving a Nazi salute at the age of 7. Jonathan Arkush, its president, praised the royal family for its close relationship with the Jewish community.

"I don't think any criticism of a 7-year-old child would be remotely appropriate and I don't intend to make any," Arkush said, the Jewish Chronicle reported over the weekend, following the publication of the video on the website of The Sun and on the tabloid's front page.

"It's really important for us not to judge this event with hindsight. Obviously the Nazi salute now carries horrible memories and bitterness for us, but I do not think that it would be appropriate for me to suggest that the full horror

of Nazi Germany was known at that point.”

Buckingham Palace reportedly has ordered an investigation into the publication of the images, including how The Sun obtained the footage.

In the video, the young princess and her sister Margaret, 3, are shown dancing and smiling as the future British king, Edward VIII, instructs his nieces how to perform the Nazi Heil Hitler salute. Some historians have accused Edward of being sympathetic to Hitler's regime; Edward abdicated the throne in 1936 to marry divorcee Wallis Simpson.

Queen Elizabeth, 89, is widely popular in Britain and it is not believed that the images will damage her reputation, according to reports.

Last month, the queen met with survivors and liberators in a visit to Bergen-Belsen, her first to a Nazi concentration camp.

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SA Maccabi delegation off to Berlin Games



The South African Senior Futsal team who will be taking part in next week's European Maccabi Games in Berlin.

JACK MILNER

Maccabi South Africa will be sending a small delegation to the European Maccabi Games which will be staged in Berlin for the first time.

The opening ceremony will take place on Monday at a site constructed by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympics. The European Maccabi Games end on August 5.

Maccabi SA has regularly taken part in the Pan American Games, but attending the 14th European Maccabi Games will be a first. "It's momentous stuff," said Cliff Garrun, Maccabi SA chairman on Monday night. "It's highly symbolic and I'm quite caught up in the whole thing."

Garrun explained that outside of Europe, countries specifically have to be invited. “Ronen Cohen, who is our futsal convener, has been organising this for about 18 months. As a result we have a junior, senior and masters futsal team at the Games, as well as two swimmers.

"We also know the Americans and Australians will be there."

Futsal is a modified form of soccer with five players per side, on a smaller, typically indoor pitch, usually 25m x 16m. Its name comes from the Portuguese Futebol de salão, which can be translated as “room football”. It was developed in Brazil in the 1930s and 1940s and is still very popular there.

According to organiser Alon Meyer, president of Maccabi Germany, the decision to host the European Maccabi Games in Berlin was a difficult one but he wanted it to be seen as a “signal of reconciliation” 70 years after the end of the Second World War.

“There were a lot of people who said that they would never in their lives step again on German soil and we have to respect that,” Meyer told a group of foreign reporters on Monday.

But, he added: "We are a new generation... and the question of guilt is long resolved."

The German government is openly supporting the event and German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere said it sent a strong message to hold the event on the site of the 1936 Olympic Games held under the Nazi regime.

“This is the stadium where the Olympic Games were exploited by Hitler,” he said on RBB radio. “To hold on that spot a Jewish sporting event like the Maccabi Games, is an important and nice message.”

The European Maccabi Games take place every four years and were last held in Vienna. This year some 2 300 athletes from 38 countries are expected. Though only Jewish athletes can compete in events, “let’s play together” matches are also being staged with non-Jewish professional and celebrity teams.

Daniel Botmann, managing director of Germany's Central Council of Jews, said the hope was that a peaceful and successful sporting event would show to a wider public that Jewish life in Germany and Europe was about more than the debate over anti-Semitism or protection of synagogues.

“The European Maccabi Games show that Jews are a part of society - an important part,” he said.

As part of the whole exercise, junior athletes are to be educated on the Holocaust and Jewish history in Germany.

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