

South African Jewish Report

www.sajr.co.za

**Are you joining us on
the 7th and 8th of March?**

#we_R_one
www.we-r-one.co.za

For Bookings:
www.ticibox.com
0861 444 225

For Queries:
sazf@beyachad.co.za
011 645 2510 / 011 645 2531



Saturday 7th March 2015 at 20h00
Open to the community

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Nir Barkat,
Mayor of Jerusalem
'The Hub of
Innovation in Israel'



Natan Sharansky,
Chairman Jewish
Agency for Israel



Irwin Cotler,
MP Liberal Party
'The laundering of the
deligitimisation of
Israel under universal
public values'

Saturday 8th March 2015 at 09h00
Speakers

Gadi Mazor, 2013 Entrepreneur of the year,
and **Avishai Braverman,** MK for the Labour Party

Fabulous musical entertainment by the Amakhono We Sintu Choir
Refreshments will be served

Pre booking essential

**Please have credit card details, full name, ID number and contact number of
each person attending when booking**

Please arrive promptly with ticket and ID on person

Bookings through:
www.ticibox.com
0861 444 225

OR
SAZF Offices
011 645 2510





Choreographer
Rachel Erdos has
dancing in her
soul. (page 12)

South African Jewish Report

www.sajr.co.za

Photo: Ian Ossendryver



Miracle Drive - raises a record R18m

Chabad's 25th year of the Miracle Drive dinner at the Sandton City Convention Centre this week was another glittering success with a record R18 million raised. Chabad's first Drive in 1989 raised R300 000. The evening honoured Miracle Drive's founding patrons, including first chairman of Miracle Drive Meyer Kahn; former chief executive of Nissan South Africa John Newbury who donated the very first car prize, as well as generous donors like Frances and Natie Kirsh. Chabad's most recent initiative, the Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) campaign, was highlighted, with its mission to "Change the World for Good". Chabad is producing over one million charity boxes in the shape of an ark to be filled and given to someone less fortunate. See page 5.

AJC sub-Saharan report- back a mixed bag

The AJC convened in Cape Town for the first time since the death of Mervyn Smith last year.

7

Intelligence cables reveal murky events under radar

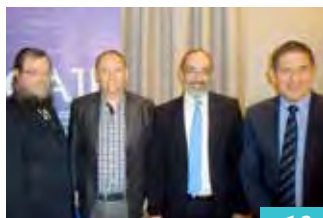
It was general knowledge - but not acknowledged openly - that apartheid SA co-operated with Israel.

8

Is it lights out for SA? Experts answer

'If you had enough in South Africa, pack your bags and go. Otherwise decide to stay and contribute.' – Sackstein.

10



Danella Eliasov shows her superiority in EFC

Danella is our first female world champion in women's EFC.

14

Only on the Web this week

Oscar nods for SA and world Jewry - but not for Israel.

15

ASHKELON - A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

ESTABLISHED BY SOUTH AFRICANS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS

SEA FRONT PROPERTIES FROM R3 000 000/ <NIS 910 000
ENJOYING TAX FREE RENTAL RETURNS OVER 5%

Only 35min to Tel Aviv and 1 hour to Jerusalem

Ashkelon is considered as the fastest growing city in Israel today

David Zwebner (CEO of Ashkelon Properties Ltd)

will be hosting a presentation at our offices on

MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2015 FROM 17H00-19H30

RSVP: Hayley 011 731 0300 or e-mail: hayley@firzt.co.za



Shabbat Times	February 27 / 8 Adar			Fast of Esther		
	February 28 / 9 Adar			March 4/ 13 Adar		
	Parshat Tetzaveh			Begins	Ends	
	18:15	19:11	Johannesburg	4:53	18:54	Johannesburg
	18:15	19:58	Cape Town	5:21	19:38	Cape Town
	18:14	19:03	Durban	4:37	18:44	Durban
	18:15	19:22	Bloemfontein	4:57	19:03	Bloemfontein
	18:15	19:30	Port Elizabeth	4:52	19:09	Port Elizabeth
	18:15	19:19	East London	4:44	18:59	East London

NEWS OF THE EMPIRE

JETSETTERS JACKPOT

YOUR DREAM DESTINATION IS JUST A DRAW AWAY



OVER R2 MILLION IN EXOTIC TRIPS, CASH AND CASINO CREDITS

If travelling to the greatest cities in the world is on your bucket list, then our Jackpot Promotion could get you ticking. Earn 3 points while playing Slots and Tables to qualify.

Draws every Thursday at 20h30
So join us everyday, draws every Thursday, and you could start your jet-setting life sooner than expected.

1 February – 31 March 2015

Exclusive to Winners Circle Members. T's and C's apply.

Visit www.emperorspalace.com



EMPERORS PALACE


THE PALACE OF DREAMS

A PEERMONT RESORT



PEERMONT PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING PROGRAMME. PROBLEM GAMBLING COUNSELLING TOLL-FREE HELPLINE 0800 006 008. PLAYERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER. WINNERS KNOW WHEN TO STOP.

How to be Jewish in a non-Jewish world



Parshat Tetzaveh

Rabbi Yossy Goldman

Senior Rav, Sydenham Shul

Unlike a generation ago, today the walls of the ghetto no longer sequester us from the rest of society. We fraternise and do business with non-Jews on a daily basis and have become fully adjusted to Western culture. The contemporary question is, how do we strike a balance between retaining our Jewish identity while at the same time being citizens of the world, especially when that world may be indifferent or even hostile to our Jewishness?

This week, we read about the pure olive oil necessary for the kindling of the Menorah in the Mishkan, Moses’ Sanctuary and the forerunner of the Temple in Jerusalem. The Lubavitcher Rebbe once taught that oil holds the secret formula for how to successfully live a proud Jewish life in an environment which may be far from Jewishly conducive.

Oil, you see, is a paradox. It contains conflicting characteristics and puzzling properties. On the one hand, it mixes easily and spreads very quickly, seeping through and permeating the material it comes in contact with. Ever try drying the excess oil off a potato latke? Good luck. Your serviette will be very oily indeed in no time at all.

On the other hand, when mixed with other liquids, oil stubbornly rises to the

surface and refuses to be absorbed by anything else.

In other words, like oil, Jews too will often find themselves mixing in a wide variety of circles - social, business, civic, communal or political. And there’s nothing necessarily wrong with that. At the very same time, though, we need to remember never to lose our own identity. We should never mix to the point of allowing our own Jewish persona to be swallowed or diluted.

When in outside circles, we often feel a strong pressure, whether real or imagined, to conform to the norms around us. Few among us enjoy sticking out like a sore thumb. The fact is, however, that other people respect us more when we respect ourselves. If we are casual and cavalier in our commitment to our own national principles, then our non-Jewish associates might worry whether we might not betray them next.

Just one example: Every major city of the world has any number of kosher restaurants filled with Jewish business people entertaining non-Jewish partners, clients, or would-be clients. Some establishments may be more upmarket than others, but everyone seems to manage and the deals get done.

One can be sociable without giving up one’s principles. Most people are quite happy to accommodate individual needs and sensitivities. It seems to me that it is the Jews who complain more about kosher food than the non-Jews.

Our apprehensions about stating our religious requirements are often exaggerated and unfounded. Provided we do it honestly, respectfully and consistently, our adherence to a code of values will impress our associates and inspire them with greater confidence in our trustworthiness in all areas of activity.

My dear friend, the late, lamented Dr Rodney Unterslak, was a young doctor when he was called up for his national military service. He was very obviously religious from his yarmulke and beard. In fact, the beard didn’t exactly meet army regulations and it was only with great difficulty that he managed to obtain special permission to keep it.

Far from being a nuisance, he conducted himself with dedication and integrity and at the end of his tour of duty walked away with the Surgeon General’s top award for excellence. That was a Kiddush Hashem - a public sanctification of G-d by a proud, practising Jew who found himself in a decidedly un-Jewish environment.

Compromising our values and principles is a sure way to lose the respect we crave from the world around us. Dignity, pride and self-respect earn us the esteem and admiration of those around us, whether Jews or non-Jews. It is a time-tested and well-proven method.

Just learn from the oil. By all means, spread around and socialise. But remember your uniqueness. Be distinctive and proud and know where to draw the line.

Oscar nods for SA’s Abraham, world Jewry

ANT KATZ

When the Academy awards were handed out Monday morning, Cape Jewish human rights activist Eric Abraham won his second Oscar - for the Polish film Ida which he co-produced and which was awarded the Best Foreign Language Film. His first was in 1996 as producer of the Czech film Kolya, which won in the same category

“It’s wonderful when the underdog triumphs,” Abraham said after winning. “Ida seems to have touched people across the barriers of language and cul-



ture in over 30 countries so far and re-stores my faith in the appetite for films that make us think and feel about the human condition. SA has so many such stories waiting to be told on film,” he added.

Birdman; Imitation Game; Grand Budapest Hotel; Boyhood. The “In Memoriam” featured Jews Menachem Golan; Mike Nichols; and Lauren Bacall - but they forgot Joan Rivers. Another awardee is the son of President Barack Obama’s liaison to US Jewry and Michelle Obama’s chief of staff. Read about all the Jewish winners in Jewish Report Online.

But Israel’s losing streak at the Oscars continued. The nominated short film “Aya” failed to win.

South African Jewish Report

General Manager Karen Knowles - 082 855 2131 - karen@sajewishreport.co.za • Editor Vanessa Valkin - vanessa@sajewishreport.co.za • Sub-editor Paul Maree • Ed Co-ordinator Sharon Greenblatt - sharon@sajewishreport.co.za • Advertising: Britt Landsman: 082-292-9520 - britt@sajewishreport.co.za • Classified sales: Susan Walunda: jrclassified@global.co.za • Distribution manager Britt Landsman • Design and layout: Bryan Maron/Design Bandits – bryan@designbandits.co.za • Website: Anthony Katz • Subscription enquiries: Avusa Publishing (Pty) Ltd. Tel: 0860-13-2652. Board of Directors: Howard Feldman (Chairman), Bertie Lubner, Benjy Porter, Herby Rosenberg, Howard Sackstein.



Advertisements and editorial copy from outside sources do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors and staff. Tel: (011) 430-1980.





SUMMER PLACE

NESTLING IN EXCLUSIVITY

CALL: +27 (0)11 447 9 744

WEBSITE: WWW.SUMMERPLACESA.COM

JOHANNESBURG’S MOST EXCLUSIVE BANQUETING AND WEDDING VENUE

Miracle Drive - changing the world for the good

VANESSA VALKIN

Chabad celebrated its 25th year of the Miracle Drive Dinner at the Sandton City Convention Centre this past week with a glittering affair for 1 900 of Johannesburg Jewry’s who’s who. The Drive raised a record R18 million this year - what a long way from its humble beginnings 25 years ago!

Any fundraiser in the world could take some lessons from the unique Rabbi David Masinter, the creator and “driver” of Miracle Drive. The other “founding fathers”, former chairman of Miracle Drive Meyer Kahn, former chief executive of Nissan South Africa John Newbury, as well as current chairman, Robbie Brozin and the hysterically funny MC Nik Rabinowitz, all noted in their addresses that saying “no” to Rabbi Masinter has never been an option.

Even Edon Pinchot, semifinalist from “America’s Got Talent” in 2012, who came all the way from Chicago to play for the audience, described how Rabbi Masinter had persisted for three years to get him to come and perform at Miracle Drive. Pinchot, who sang along with his yarmulke, his guitar and



Former Nissan SA CEO John Newbury; Rabbi David Masinter; CEO Nissan SA Mike Whitfield and Nando’s founder Robbie Brozin.

accompanied by a hip dance group, charmed the crowds.

The much anticipated announcement of the winners of the Miracle Drive competition was a little dampened by the fact that none of the winners was present. This year’s first prize, a gleaming white R450 000 Nissan Leaf electric car, went to Cape Town resident Michael Gavronsky.

The evening’s programme had some interesting guest speakers. Tony Leon, former leader of the Democratic Alliance and recently a South African ambassador to Argentina, commented that he would rather be a Jew in South Africa, than in Buenos Aires where he had been posted or in Europe where Jews are frequently victims

of anti-Semitic attacks.

Ben Kruger, chief executive of Miracle Drive’s bank sponsor Standard Bank, made mention of the fact that 48 per cent of the world’s wealth belongs to one per cent of the world’s population. South Africa, Kruger noted, was one of the countries with the greatest disparities.

“How do we avoid embedding inequality in our lives?” he asked. Apart from focusing on quality education, initiatives such as those of Miracle Drive were very significant, he said, upon announcing a whopping R1,8 million corporate donation to the Chabad cause.

Chabad’s most recent initiative is its Acts of Random Kindness (ARK) campaign, with its mission

to “Change the World for Good”.

Chabad is producing over one million charity boxes in the shape of an ARK. The instruction is for each recipient to fill it and then give it to someone less fortunate. Chabad itself, will not be accepting the charity boxes.

“We simply want to encourage people of all ages to engage in acts of goodness and kindness,” Rabbi Masinter told his audience. Each guest received a gift bag containing seven useful items that can be distributed to people in need for “seven days of goodness and kindness”.

Among these items were: a bottle of water; a R2 rand coin to encourage giving daily tzedakah; a blow-up ball for a needy child to encourage people to think about how they can spend more quality time with their own children; and a raincoat, for someone caught in a storm but also to emphasise that people should be there for others when the unexpected hits them.

Guests departed - not too late - with smiles that seemed to say that, at least for the night, the “world could be changed for the good”.

On the web this week...

The pick of what you’ll find exclusively on www.sajr.co.za – or in more depth and detail than we have space for in the print edition:

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Oscar nods for SA and world Jewry - but not for Israel; Hillel vows to support SA students; Jewish world in 7 seconds; Natie Kirsh attacks Obama; and much more.

ISRAELI NEWS: Diplomatic shenanigans over Mossad buying stolen SA missile plans; PLO and PA ordered to pay R8bn to victims of terror attacks.

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS: Sandton’s Youth Torah arrives by helicopter; SAZF

Conference - SA/Israel Expo next weekend; SydShul partners in “Sound of Celebration II”; Latest on African Jewry as Ann Harris takes AJC chairmanship; SA’s Jews don’t sweep abuse under carpet anymore; “Pack your bags and go,” said Sackstein, or “stay and contribute to the country”; Umhlanga Jewish community growing fast.

RELIGIOUS NEWS: Rav Eliezer Berland’s extradition granted, appeal awaits; Top US Orthodox rabbi fired after admitting to at least 52 peeping tom



charges – he hid a camera in mikvah shower; SA Progressive Jewry makes history with first home-grown female rabbi; Oz Chabad rabbis scandal.

READER-POSTS: Users in fine form with vitriolic chirps; Arafat also went to SA Parliament with his gun.

CONTRIBUTORS: Bev Goldman’s top Op-ed; Ant Katz blogs on tragic loss; Geoff Sifrin on freedom; Mary Kluk tells students to be alert; and Bev Goldman on the cost of keeping kosher.

More news on our website www.sajr.co.za

Chabad emissary removed over child sex abuse scandal

SYDNEY - A senior Chabad rabbi has been delisted as an emissary from the New York-based organisation as the fallout continues from Australia’s Royal Commission into a child sex abuse scandal.

Rabbi Yosef Feldman, a former director of Sydney’s Yeshivah Centre, which houses Chabad headquarters in the city, was delisted last week after making controversial comments to the commission, including his suggestion that paedophiles who had not committed sex crimes for two decades, should be treated with leniency.

Rabbi Feldman also told the Royal Commission that he did not know in 2002 that it was illegal for an adult to touch a child’s genitals.

Feldman, a son of Chabad’s chief rabbi in Sydney, sparked a storm of protest by Orthodox rabbis and mainstream Jewish leaders.

His delisting came as Rabbi Avrohom Glick, who had resigned from all his posts at Yeshivah College in Melbourne, where he was principal during the time of the abuse in the 1980s and '90s, also tendered his resignation from the spiritual committee of the Yeshivah Centre. Victims were outraged that he had kept the post, which Glick had described as “his calling” during the commission hearings.

The resignations come in the wake of the two-week hearing into the child sex abuse scandals at Chabad headquarters in Sydney and Melbourne.

A third rabbi, Shlomo Kluwgant, resigned as president of the Organisation of Rabbis of Australasia after it was revealed at the hearing that he had sent a text message describing Zephaniah Waks, one of the whistleblowers, as a “lunatic” who was “killing us”. His son, Manny Waks, the only Jewish victim in Australia to go public, is still demanding more resignations.

“Every rabbi and every leader of peak Jewish bodies should publicly acknowledge what happened and apologise for their silence about intimidation shown towards myself, my family and other victims,” Manny Waks told Fairfax Media.

“And the Yeshivah Centre boards in Melbourne and Sydney need to apologise and resign, along with other leaders who’ve been implicated.”

Three Orthodox men were convicted of crimes, with two receiving jail terms. The third, who now lives in the United States, received a suspended sentence.

“We are appalled and deeply pained to learn of the allegations against individuals associated with some of the Chabad institutions in Australia,” said a statement from the educational arm of Chabad in New York.

“The information that has emerged is utterly disturbing, a profound violation of the non-negotiable principles implicit - and explicit - in any and

every situation where the wellbeing of a child is entrusted to the care of an educational institution.” (JTA)



cartridges for africa
originals • compatibles • printers

The Best Prices In Town !!!
Cnr Long & Study Rd, Glenhazel
www.cartridgesforafrica.co.za
011 440 0594

hp LEXMARK SAMSUNG Canon brother



INVEST IN PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

HASSLE FREE!

Visit our stand at the **ISRAEL / SOUTH AFRICA EXPO** to view a selection of Property Investment Opportunities from **R2,5 million** - payable over **2 years**.

For more information call

Ari Shapiro
+972 54 3332525
(SA) 071 989 5343

Herschel Jawitz
082 571 1829
011 880 3550

JAWITZ

PROPERTIES

www.jawitz.co.za

Freedom – a good or a bad?



TAKING ISSUE

Geoff Sifrin

US President Barack Obama doesn’t want to “meddle” in Israeli politics. He said he didn’t intend meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during the latter’s upcoming visit to address the US Congress on Iran, because it was “inappropriate” to meet foreign politicians prior to elections - it shouldn’t look like America was “putting our thumbs on the scale”. The Israeli poll is on March 17.

Should Diaspora Jews meddle in Israeli politics - Americans, South Africans or others? Or refrain because they don’t live there?

Israel is not a regular state. Diaspora Jews have every right to try to influence what it does, who gets elected and the nature of its society. Its actions affect Jews’ lives everywhere. Witness the pig’s heads placed alongside kosher food at Woolworths in Cape Town by Cosas, inspired by the BDS campaign against the store for selling Israeli products.

Attacks on Jews in Paris were motivated by Israel-hatred, but easily became Jew-hatred. For most ordinary South Africans, Israel is outside personal experience; all

they know is the version spread by BDS. They cannot distinguish between Jews and Israel.

Israeli politics has some curious aspects. A vivid example which would baffle liberal Diaspora Jews occurred on Sunday regarding the national anthem, Hatikvah. Most countries take it as a given that parties aiming for election to parliament endorse such important symbols like the flag and the anthem as representing what unites the nation.

South Africa’s national anthem, composed after the 1994 democratic elections, incorporates several languages and narratives appealing to different population groups. It is a unifier reflecting Nelson Mandela’s value of national reconciliation - even if many whites still can’t sing the exact words of its “African” section, most feel moved by it.

Yet in Israel Rabbi Shalom Cohen, the foremost religious arbiter in Shas - a political party competing for Knesset seats which has been part of past governing coalitions - called Israel’s national anthem a “stupid song”.

Speaking at a campaign rally on Sunday, he disparaged modern Orthodox and secular Israeli Jews who sing it. Rabbi Cohen was appointed successor to the late legendary rabbinic leader of Shas, Ovadia Yosef.

One explanation for animosity toward Hatikvah is because it contains the words “to be a free nation in our land”. For secular and most modern Orthodox Jews, this “positive” phrase speaks to the Jewish people’s suffering in the Diaspora and longing to build their own state to relieve this - the essence of Zionism.

Freedom is such a basic notion for the Western liberal mind that we can’t imagine a legitimate political party.

Rabbi Cohen, however, believes the meaning behind the words “free nation” has another agenda - to be free of the religious commandments of the Torah.

Freedom is such a basic notion for the Western liberal mind that we can’t imagine a legitimate political party in a democracy rejecting it. “Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” is the most celebrated phrase in the US Declaration of Independence - “unalienable rights” given to all human beings by their Creator.

In South Africa, the freedoms enshrined in our Constitution give immense pride, particularly

knowing the struggle to achieve them by the heroes and heroines who fought apartheid. The word freedom seems an unassailable “good” to imbed in the national anthem.

However, words mean different things to different people according to their authentic worldview. Rabbi Cohen believes the words of Torah, which accompanied the People of Israel for thousands of years and speak about the yearning and return to Zion, are preferable to a song written in recent decades.

On the other side of the spectrum is the ultra-left, ultra-secular Meretz party, for whom individual freedom is a non-negotiable value above almost all others. Both Shas and Meretz are valid players in Israeli politics. Some pre-election polls show, however, that most Israelis lie in the centre of the spectrum and that both Shas and Meretz might not achieve the minimum threshold of votes for a seat in the Knesset.

Where does this leave Diaspora Jews? The range of their worldviews reflects the Israeli one. There is no reason for them to refrain from trying to influence Israeli society, which is theirs as much as anyone else’s.

Geoff Sifrin is former editor of the SAJR. He writes this column in his personal capacity.

World News in Brief

7 in 10 Americans view Israel favourably

NEW YORK - Seven in 10 Americans continued to view Israel favourably.

By contrast, some 17 per cent of Americans viewed the Palestinian Authority favourably, according to Gallup’s February 8 - 11 World Affairs survey. The results were nearly identical to the same question asked one year ago.

While 83 per cent of Republicans viewed Israel favourably, 48 per cent of Democrats shared the same view - a drop of 10 percentage points from last year. The poll also found that 62 per cent of Americans say they sympathise more with the Israelis than the Palestinians in their conflict, and that 16 per cent sympathise more with the Palestinians.

The results follow the high-profile disagreements between Netanyahu and President Barack Obama, as well as Israel’s 50-day operation last summer against Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

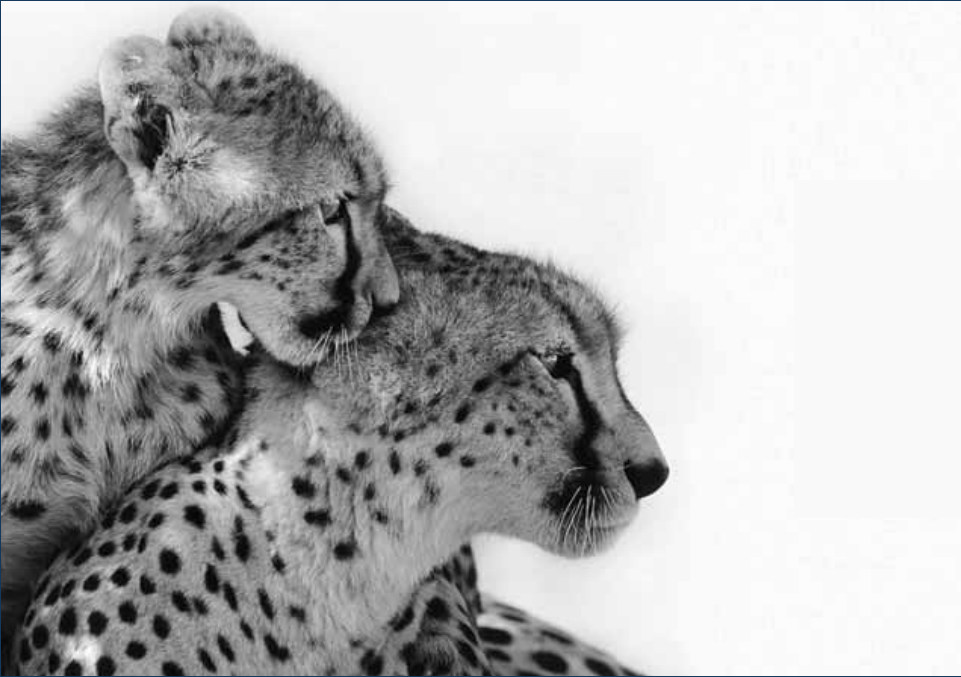
The poll was based on a random telephone and cell phone sample of 837 adults living in the United States; it has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 per cent.

Since 2005, Israel’s public image in the United States has averaged 68 per cent of Americans viewing it favourably, according to Gallup. Between 2000 and 2004, the score averaged 60 per cent. In 1991, when Israel was a victim of Iraqi rocket attacks, its favourable rating was a record 79 per cent, according to Gallup.

Gallup has measured American’s impressions of the Palestinian Authority since 2000, with the percentage viewing it favourably averaging 17 per cent. (JTA)

The
WHITEHOUSE
gallery

A FOCUS ON WORKS BY
BRIAN JOFFE



OPENING NIGHT 4 MARCH
6pm - 9pm
FROM 4TH - 18TH MARCH 2015

Shop G 17 Thrupps Illovo Centre
Oxford Road Illovo
Tel. 27 11 268-2115 | Fax 27 11 268-2129
Email: info@thewhitehousegallery.co.za
www.whg.co.za

www.rkauctioneers.co.za • 083 675 8468 • rka@global.co.za
Corner Garden and Allan Roads, Bordeaux



south african
Jewish Report
Jewish philanthropy
- keeping it young,
hip and sexy

This week I attended the Chabad Miracle Drive, which is one of the biggest fundraisers on the South African Jewish calendar. Its success is less the cause (although a worthy one) and more the driving force behind it: the indefatigable Rabbi David Masinter.

Next week I will be addressing the National Executive Committee of the Union of Jewish Women (UJW), an 85-year-old organisation that does important outreach work both here and in Israel.

The president of UJW has asked me to talk about, inter alia, ideas for engaging younger volunteers and lay leaders. This dilemma is one that many Jewish organisations face today: how to engage young members and generally increase the appeal of involvement with or without a Rabbi Masinter.

Overseas communities offer some good lessons. The United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of New York is a great example. They have a division for Emerging Leaders which sells itself as offering “young and successful philanthropic individuals and couples the opportunity to participate in the incredible global endeavour of renewing and strengthening the Jewish community in New York and around the world”.

Within it, the Generosity Division for under-30s, hosts an annual sold-out event at a very hip venue like an art museum or the beautiful downtown Puck Building with an organising committee made up of dynamic, connected and well-heeled young professionals. The event generates plenty of ‘buzz’ on social-networking sites and by word of mouth.

Members of Generosity are also invited to be part of an exclusive Six Points Society that offers members the chance to participate in intimate briefings with top industry executives from the fields of finance, fashion, entertainment, media, sports, and more. Emerging Leaders also offers the chance to join Young Healthcare or Young Wall Street for events, lectures or volunteering opportunities.

What has the UJA Federation of New York realised? Young people are looking for potential mates and to be exposed to career development opportunities. The best way to engage them is to create content that’s consistent with this critical path. Attending these events, being on committees with other likeminded, successful young people and being exposed to mentors in their given fields of work, becomes desirable as opposed to a call of duty.

In the UK, the One to One Children’s Fund has a Young Professionals Network (YPN) that has “Pay-2-Stay” Saturday night dinner parties where volunteer hosts invite lots of friends and each guest donates to the charity an amount they would otherwise spend on a fun night out in London, which can easily be a few hundred pounds. The YPN also holds a football tournament where entry fees and sponsorship costs are donated.

Locally in South Africa, there are Jewish organisations doing a formidable job too. ORT has engaged high-flying, younger donors by enticing them to participate in competitive sporting events like the Paris and Jerusalem Marathons. Although the sporting events do not always raise a lot of rands in and of themselves, they engage a group of younger people who are somewhere in the lifeline of raising their families and making money and once engaged will likely be donors in the future.

The King David Foundation has done very well at creating a high-powered young board that sets a great example for their alma mater of giving back to their school and attracts other successful people to take on leadership positions.

YAD, the Young Adult Division, of Cape Town’s UJC, is another example. This non-profit hosts not-to-be-missed breakfasts for young professionals with business icons. For the slightly older demographic - young mothers for example - there are fun girls’ nights that offer a tiny escape from parenting and homemaking. The organising committees are well-connected in the community and use the Internet and peer pressure to ensure proper follow-up.

In Australia, the Observership Programme offers talented young people an internship experience on a non-profit board. The selected individuals, called “Observers”, are trained and paired with an organisation for a year and attend all board meetings, learn about the principles and functions of a non-profit board, the roles of its members, the fiscal processes and other governance priorities.

The programme offers the advantages of training and mentorship, networking with board members and the chance to build one’s résumé. The benefit for the non-profit is that afterwards, the Observers usually stay involved.

Lessons

To bring in the next generation is to give them something valuable in exchange for their support. Brand the organisation as young, hip and cool; use Facebook and Twitter; host cool exciting events; and get notable, young people involved who will attract others like themselves. Offer young people a chance to network, build their careers or find their future partner.

We know that giving back is one of the most enriching and rewarding experiences. But our young people won’t know this until they try it, so bring them in with things they need and want. It’s a win-win situation.

– Vanessa Valkin, Editor

Round 2 in Israeli-Palestinian judicial wars

RON KAMPEAS AND URIEL HEILMAN
NEW YORK

Round 2 in the judicial wars between Israel and the PLO went to Israel, and Israel isn’t about to let the Palestinians forget it.

A New York jury on Monday ordered the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the Palestinian Authority to pay more than \$218 million in damages to American victims of six terrorist attacks in Israel. That’s likely to be tripled to \$655 million, as prescribed under the US Anti-Terrorism Act.

The verdict followed a six-week civil trial in Manhattan federal court that included testimony from survivors of suicide bombings in Jerusalem. Israel was not a party to the lawsuit, which was brought by 10 American families suing over Jerusalem-area attacks that took place from 2002 to 2004. But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it clear in his statement after the jury award that he saw the decision as a new phase in the legal manoeuvring launched by the Palestinian Authority at the end of last year, when it allowed the International Criminal Court jurisdiction to assess whether Israel has committed war crimes.

“Instead of drawing the requisite lesson, the Palestinian Authority is advancing steps that endanger regional stability, such as the hypocritical application to the International Criminal Court even as it is allied with the Hamas terrorist organisation,” Netanyahu said.

“We expect the responsible elements in the international community to continue to punish those who support terrorism just as the US federal court has done and to back the countries that are fighting terrorism.”

The attacks have been attributed to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade and Hamas.

“This historic verdict against the defendants will not

bring back these families’ loved ones nor heal the physical and psychological wounds inflicted upon them, but it truly is an important measure of justice and closure for them after their long years of tragic suffering and pain,” said Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, in a statement following the verdict.

The PLO and the Palestinian Authority pledged to appeal, and they accused Israel’s supporters of manipulating the judicial system to political ends - the same way Netanyahu and others have characterised Palestinian moves at the ICC.

Mahmoud Khalifa, the Palestinian Authority’s deputy information minister, told the Financial Times that the verdict was “just the latest attempt by hard-line anti-peace factions in Israel to use and abuse the US legal system to advance their narrow political and ideological agenda”.

In an interview before the decision, Darshan-Leitner said the focus, should her clients win, would be on garnering payment in the United States and Israel.

While the plaintiffs argued that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had arranged for attackers and their survivors to be compensated, lawyers for the PLO and Palestinian Authority said the groups had condemned terror attacks and that any payments made to terrorists were done by low-level employees acting independently.

“Money is oxygen for terrorism,” Kent Yalowitz, a lawyer for the families, said in a closing argument, according to The New York Times. Yalowitz added that the US’ anti-terrorism law “hits those who send terrorists where it hurts them most: in the wallet”.

The US Anti-Terrorism Act was also used last September by a Brooklyn jury which found the Arab Bank liable for supporting Hamas terrorism. Damages in that case will be decided at a second trial. (JTA)

Intelligence cables reveal murky events under the radar

SUZANNE BELLING

It was general knowledge - but not acknowledged openly in the apartheid era - that South African intelligence co-operated with Israel and Mossad.

But now, in 2015, in post-apartheid South Africa, there are reports emanating from various wire services and Aljazeera regarding the South African State Security Agency meeting with senior agents of Mossad in Pretoria in October 2012 and the leak of hundreds of secret documents from several other overseas intelligence agencies.

A liaison report by the SSA contains information on a ticking off by senior SSA officials of the Mossad Africa section chief for not adhering to correct procedure and contacting the SSA director-general directly, without revealing he was an intelligence operative.

After a demand that Mossad should be respectful towards its host country, an SSA official said South Africa needed to co-operate with Mossad on counterterrorism and counter-proliferation. But the co-operation was dependent on adhering to the rules.

The unnamed Mossad operative pointed out that changes in both intelligence organisations and a deterioration in relations between South Africa and Israel, contributed to the deviation of procedural conduct.

The leaks revealed that SSA operatives became vulnerable to foreign espionage after the dismantling of apartheid, that there were efforts by Iran to use businesses in the country as front companies to overcome Western-imposed sanctions. Another revelation is that Iran approached the SA government to try to avoid Western global sanctions.

Articles in South African newspapers reported in depth on the business “fronts” used to aid the Iranian cause. This is included in the leaks to Aljazeera and The Guardian newspaper in the UK, as well as information on Iranian Intelligence operations in South Africa and the existence of jihad training camps in Lenasia, Port Elizabeth and KwaZulu-Natal. In Port Elizabeth, there appear to be many Pakistanis in training sessions, while

a trainer in KZN is a man who has known links with the Taliban.

Iran’s interest in South Africa, the documents reveal, is to try and attract students from this country to study in Iran, to export Shia Islam to counter the Sunni influence in southern Africa.

Deputy Israeli Ambassador to South Africa Michael Freeman, when approached by SA Jewish Report, said: “Israel is not in a position to comment on security.”

Avrom Krengel, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, likewise wouldn’t comment on the issue.

According to News 24, there is a serious diplomatic dent between Israel and South Africa.

“As the governing African National Congress has moved to an activist stance in support of Palestinian human and state rights, the documents reveal how... Mossad has frayed. “It is clear from the cable leaks that South African Intelligence believes Mossad has infiltrated agents into airline El Al’s station at Oliver Tambo Airport in Johannesburg.”

There is also an allegation that SA Intelligence is concerned that Israeli operatives were tapping South African cell phones.

Included in a 2009 document, is a claim that Mossad was suspected of using Israeli software giant Amdocs to listen in to cell phone conversations in South Africa and gather information.

Amdocs was suspected of being used as a front company, with main customers including Telkom SA and Cell C. It appears that Amdocs had faced accusations of eavesdropping in the US, but was cleared by the CIA, FBI and NSA.

In one of the documents from September 2010, a cable to the SSA from Mossad contains a warning that there could be an imminent shipment of uranium from South Africa, alleging that the Israel agency had received information that an Armenian broker was procuring a type of uranium concentrate powder believed to be from South Africa.

For more revelations on the leaks, please visit www.sajr.co.za.

MIRACLES AND TALL STORIES ABOUND IN ALL MAJOR RELIGIONS

In my letter (February 13) I commented on the absurdity of Rabbi Pesach Fishman’s contention that some two million Jews departed from Egypt. He replies: “ The Torah is an actual description of the events that has been handed down unchanged and unchallenged for millennia.”

“Unchanged”? “Unchallenged”? There are hundreds of books by eminent biblical scholars on the biblical story. Rabbi Fishman enquires who they are. I refer him to Karen Armstrong, the foremost modern commentator on religious affairs, a prolific author and teacher at the Leo Baeck College for the study of Judaism and the training of rabbis. (“A Study of G-d” and “The Battle For G-d”.)

The written Torah is a book by unknown authors writing some 800 years after the Exodus and most of the facts therein occurred after Mount Sinai which locality is uncertain.

In all religions miracles abound. The Torah recounts many, including how a host of Jews left Egypt and sustained themselves by eating matzos and manna and water derived from striking a rock and the moving Well of Miriam.

The Christian Bible tells of a Jewish virgin on becoming pregnant saying to her fiancé: “Joseph, you’ll never guess who made me pregnant!” Joseph and members of a Jewish sect and billions thereafter believed her. The Qur’an believed by more than a billion people, believe that Muhammad departed to heaven on a winged horse.

For thousands of years Jews, Christians and Muslims have been killing each other to prove whose miracles are true and whose side G-d is on.

Our tribal deity has not been all that attentive to our needs and has left us with only a sliver of land from which to defend ourselves. For 3 000 years until now, our history has largely been one of disaster and tragedy.

I’m disconcerted by the account in the Torah of the slaughter, ethnic cleansing, genocide and theft perpetrated by the Jews under Moses during their G-d-given quest to invade the “Promised Land”. Hashem says: “...and I have come down to deliver them out of the land of the Egyptians, and to bring them out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites and the Jebusites” (Ex 3 7-8).

The savagery visited on the unfortunate inhabitants reads like the diary of a Wermacht officer during the Nazi invasion of Poland. By what legal and moral right did Hashem have to donate the flourishing land of others to the Jews? By what did Moses have the right to order his commanders to “kill all the men and male children and all the women who have slept with a man, but to keep the virgins for yourselves”. (Numbers 21:31, Numbers 21: 33-35, Numbers 31:17-20, Numbers 31:32-35).

How does Rabbi Fishman deal with these matters in the Torah? Please don’t repeat the usual explanation that they were not nice people and deserved to die, besides their girls were always seducing our nice Jewish boys and the surfeit of unprotected sex was not good for them.

Martin Frack
Johannesburg



Sensational Sushi

YASSER ARAFAT WAS ALLOWED INTO PARLIAMENT WITH A GUN

The carrying of guns by police evicting EFF members from Parliament during President Jacob Zuma’s State of the Nation address, refers.

This is not, however, the first time that the House has approved guns in Parliament. Some years ago the ANC established a precedent when they allowed - with a guard of honour and much pomp and ceremony nogal - a notorious terrorist in the person of Yasser Arafat, a Palestinian leader, into Parliament carrying a gun.

Now they have compounded this by extending a hearty welcome to Leila Khaled, a terrorist plane hijacker, proudly invited by the BDS movement and Zuma, to attend the State of the Nation address.

The poster of Khaled issued by BDS-SA, to publicise her South African tour, showed a young Khaled sporting an AK-47.

So, why the consternation at a display of guns this time round? (The precedent has been set.)

Jack Miller,
Gresswold,
Johannesburg

YOU NEED DEEP POCKETS INDEED TO ‘GO KOSHER’

Sunday morning February 22 - a beautiful morning, sunshine, birds singing, and the streets are lined with eye-catching posters exhorting us all to “Go kosher”. How nice. Everyone likes kosher, it’s clean, hygienic, healthy and available. And halachic. And blessed.

Nothing for lunch - rush into the Hypermarket, pick up a (small and somewhat miserable) kosher roast chicken for R99, noting that the price per kg is R102. Sigh - the price of being kosher.

Oh well, there have been moves afoot to investigate and perhaps even lower the costs, and if this is the result, so be it.

Drive home - stop at the Norwood Spar for fresh fruit. Out of curiosity I price the cost of non-kosher roast chickens, healthy and rotund. Price per kg, R49,99.

“Go kosher”. Am I missing something? “Go kosher”. Seriously? “Go kosher”. You must be kidding.

Bev Goldman,
Johannesburg

IMAGINE THE PERSON
YOUR CHILD WILL BECOME

Don't miss our
OPEN DAY
3 MARCH

visit www.crawfordschools.co.za for details

CrawfordSchools™
Pre-Primary · Preparatory · College

CrawfordSchools™ Fourways (Grade 000 - 7) · CrawfordSchools™ Italia (Grade 0 - 7)
CrawfordSchools™ Lonehill (Grade 000 - 12) · CrawfordSchools™ Sandton (Grade 000 - 12)
CrawfordSchools™ Village (Grade 000 - 0) · CrawfordSchools™ Pretoria (Grade 000 - 12)

Every child a masterpiece · o86o SCHOOL

— We've got —
PURIM
Covered

MATANOT L'EVYONIM

As always, the Chev is your trusted representative to fulfil the special mitzvah of Matanot L'Evyonim this Purim.

As the welfare **'umbrella'** organisation for our community, we'll distribute your donations **on Purim Day** to those who need it most.

This year, Purim falls on a weekday. This means there's work, school, extra murals, and other things that may keep you busy. So why not **donate in advance** — this way you're sure to play your part, without being caught in a last minute rush to fulfil this special mitzvah.

[thechevhaspurimcovered](https://www.jhbchev.co.za)

We've got you, and those who really need us, covered this Purim.

We've made it easy to get involved on the day or in advance:

- 1 SMS 'Purim' to 37613 and we will call you back (R1/sms)
- 2 Donate online at www.jhbchev.co.za
- 3 Visit a Chev hotspot outside KoshersWorld, Mooz and Jozi Blue on Purim day
- 4 Find a Chev representative at shul or at Jewish schools on Purim day

www.jhbchev.co.za

Chevrah Kadisha
AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITY WELFARE



Perfect Pizza

Community tends to be more open dealing with abuse in all forms

SUZANNE BELLING

After years of generally sweeping spouse and child abuse under the carpet, the phenomenon is increasingly coming to the fore, as community organisations such as child protection agency Kidsafe SA speak out and the subject is no longer taboo in Jewish circles.

Johannesburg rebbetzens recently attended a Kidsafe workshop, presented by Hilda O’Callaghan “to create a common language about safety throughout our community,” according to Robyn Goldstein, social worker and founder of Kidsafe SA.

Psychologist Pinchas Shiel, who works with Chabad’s Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre, attributes those inflicting abuse on spouses or children as being “inadequate, having been abused in childhood and having a lot of psychological extras. Something in them is broken. Men often have narcissistic traits which are manifest in diminishing their wives.”

He praised the work of People Against Women Abuse (POWA) although this was not specifically Jewish.

Rhita Russon a field social worker at Jewish Community Services in Cape Town, said her organisation, in association with the Cape Jewish Board of Deputies, embarked on a gender-based campaign against violence after the rape and murder of young Anene Booysen in Bredasdorp in the Western Cape. “The campaign was to create awareness that gender-based and domestic violence are rife.”

Russon said in their research of around 400 people, they found physical, emotional, financial and spiritual abuse in 10 per cent of cases in the survey.

“We found child neglect, as opposed to abuse. This was where women themselves were abused and children were indirect victims.” Russon confirmed that abuse was rife in the Jewish community.

Jacqui Chesler, senior social worker and co-ordinator of abuse services at the Johannesburg Jewish Helping Hand and Burial Society (Chevrah Kadisha), said the Jewish community’s statistics for abuse were in line proportionately with other communities. “There are many cases of domestic abuse and violence. We deal with child abuse, all physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.”

The Chev does have the statutory powers to remove an abused child “but we only do this as a last resort if it is a matter of life or death. Then they can be removed immediately.”

Chesler says the Chevrah Kadisha, when dealing with domestic violence, puts safety of the family paramount when it comes to making a decision, after looking at all the options.

“There is domestic violence across the country in all sections of the community and now there is more awareness of the problem.”

Previously, Jewish people found it difficult to come forward and Jewish wives tended to remain in situations of physical, sexual, spiritual, financial and emotional abuse longer than their gentile counterparts, Chesler told the Jewish Report.

Pine Street Shul quiz again a great hit

ASHLEY LAZARUS

Many months of hard work came to fruition at Pine Street Shul in Johannesburg recently when the shul’s annual quiz evening was held. This year, as in the past, it proved to be an excellent fundraiser and public awareness event.

Well over 100 guests attended the evening. The quiz was the brainchild of Harry Joffe, while the quizmaster was Prof Larry Benjamin. Ashley Lazarus was responsible for raising the sponsorships for the various categories of prizes.

The tables were initially planned to be made up of six people per team, but the event proved so successful that there were even a few tables of eight!

Seating was not limited and in fact the very last team to arrive managed to win the third prize. Each member of the winning teams received a prize.

The prizes were divided into

categories ranging from a top division of R400 plus Cellini luggage, a Skechers shoe voucher and a digital camera. The majority of the prizes comprised meal vouchers from Johannesburg’s leading kosher restaurants.



Quiz master Prof Larry Benjamin in action.

MICHAEL BELLING

“If you have had enough in South Africa, then pack your bags and go. Otherwise decide to stay and contribute to the country,” Howard Sackstein, entrepreneur and political activist, told the Johannesburg College of Adult Jewish Education (CAJE) at the Sydenham Community Centre in Johannesburg last week.

Sackstein was speaking at a symposium on the future of the country, titled: “Is it ‘lights out’ for South Africa?” Moderated by Rabbi Yossy Goldman, spiritual leader of the Sydenham-Highlands North Hebrew Congregation, the participants were Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein, David Shapiro, Deputy Chairman of Sasfin Securities, and Sackstein.

Sackstein said that with all the difficulties facing the country, it has been very good for Jews. “If 20 years ago, I had told you what South Africa would be like today, you would have called me an unrealistic optimist.”

Sackstein also commented on our current power crisis, saying we were bearing the consequences of our own inaction and that government was trying its hardest now to rectify the situation.

The events in Parliament when the State of the Nation address was delivered were a highlight for him.

“This was one of the best nights of South African politics. I watched an inept and corrupt government humiliated in public. It proved the opposition has power.

“This was true democracy in action and that is why I have faith in the future.”

Sackstein also bemoaned, as he has publicly before, the fact that Jews are no longer active in politics and have left it to others “to fix our problems”.

Shapiro, a stockbroker, said that in



The participants in the CAJE symposium, “Is it ‘lights out’ for South Africa?” - Rabbi Yossy Goldman, Howard Sackstein, Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein and David Shapiro.

countries such as Australia and the United States, where he had grandchildren, they could grow up to hold high office and make a difference.

“I can’t see it here and that is a concern.”

The rand was the barometer Shapiro uses to measure the 20 years the ANC had been in power. The exchange rate was R3,50 to the US dollar in 1994. Today it is about R11,60.

“Every year we have got six per cent poorer.”

The JSE, however, has gone up by some 13 per cent a year over the same period, which was good for investors.

The one issue that disturbs him most is that businesses were slowly emigrating, developing themselves outside South Africa “because the government has made it impossible for them to continue here.

“The only way we can get back is to reverse those issues we have cynically ignored. Until such time we are going to see this trend continue.”

Chief Rabbi Goldstein was more positive in his outlook. He said that Jews needed perspective and to see the big picture with regard to South Africa, “a young, open, free democ-

Sandton Youth Torah arrives by helicopter

RABBI SAMUEL SUCHARD

Sandton Shul’s new youth Sefer Torah “came down from the Heavens” - it arrived by helicopter and landed in the car park of the shul, where it was welcomed by the congregants.

The Sefer Torah was kindly donated by Howard and Natalie Shankman and David and Shirley Nathan.

The Torah was danced into the Youth Centre for Rabbi Chaim Klein to fill in the last letters and the festive atmosphere ended in the main shul where the new Torah was welcomed by the other Sifrei Torah.

This Torah will be housed in the Youth Centre.



David Nathan and his granddaughters, Rabbi Chaim Klein, Rabbi Samuel Suchard and Howard Shankman.

Greenside Shul puts the ‘green’ into its neighbourhood

NINA COHEN

Greenside Shul and Mina Lopato Nursery School’s latest project, “Greening Greenside”, demonstrates the ethos that Judaism sees Man as Earth’s custodian, that we are here to enjoy the benefits of what Mother Earth provides for us, yet at the same time we have to make sure that future generations will also have this benefit.

The programme “aims to create awareness about our environment, examine our



Tami Morris with community members in the background.

relationship with it and discover how our responsibilities towards our environment are very much part of Jewish values and ethics”. The programme kicked off last week Tuesday night with a magical candle-lit Tu B’Shvat seder in the Greenside Shul garden. As a part of this progrme, the shul will be sponsoring and working with Prince Baloyi who has established a small park on a derelict piece of pavement in Greenside.

His park known as “Rusta Park” is famous in the neighbourhood, but is in need of a revamp.

Singing and funky crowns mark Rosh Chodesh Adar

JENNY MILLER

Sydenham Pre-Primary School celebrated Rosh Chodesh Adar with lots of singing and funky crowns were made by each child to add to the festivity and atmosphere. Adar is the official “happy month,” as is written: “As soon as Adar begins, increase in joy!”



Sarah Zimmerman breaks a host of records

OWN CORRESPONDANT

The annual Yeshiva College Gala was held last week Friday. Yeshiva College’s Senior Victrix Ludorum winner, Sarah Zimmerman, broke numerous existing school swimming records, for senior medley; butterfly; backstroke; and breaststroke.

Pictured are Sarah, with head of girls sport, Chantell Page.



Minnie Bersohn tots welcome Shabbat ring with song

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Minnie Bersohn Nursery school children in Johannesburg had a very special visitor for their first Shabbat ring of 2015, namely Rabbi David Shaw from Sandton Shul. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing songs with him and are looking forward to spending many more Shabbat rings with the rabbi.

Pictured are Rabbi Shaw with Joshua King; Milana Rovetti; Ricky Berman; Mia Greenstein; and Sienna Benatar.



Photo: Michelle Vinokur

Stan & Pete’s
‘delicious’ hassle-free convenience food
is available at KosherWorld

Our on-site generator ensures our food is always fresh, always available.

Hmm... tasty

Story of Purim fascinates KDLPPS young

SHEVA MESSIAS

There was great excitement at KDLPPS on Rosh Chodesh Adar. The children were treated to a puppet show on the story of Purim by Machteld of Puppet Tales.

The children had already heard the story and some of them had dramatised it before watching the show. This made it more meaningful for them as well as reinforcing the story. The young ones baked cupcakes or gingerbread men and ate popcorn as a treat. Pictured

are Adam Lever and Jesse Gewer delivering the popcorn.



Israel's most professional and reliable Real Estate company!!

Coming to South Africa from the 5-12th March!

Marketing Israel's leading projects by the top construction companies in Netanya, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Hadera and Ra'anana!!!

One Stop Shop!!! Legal & financial advice
Solutions for Aliyah, investments & holiday homes
all over Israel, new builds or resale!!!!

- We can meet you anywhere at your convenience for a chat.
- Please contact us for a one on one or a group meeting by appointment.

Selwyn Hare
Julian Shapiro
From Thursday 5th March
info@homeinisrael.net

+972-52-7771715
+972-54-2321800
072-8977290

www.homeinisrael.net

GLENHAZEL DUPLEX TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE

Private sale in well-situated beautiful complex

3 bedrooms • 2 bathrooms • TV room • Large modern kosher kitchen • Maids room with bathroom • Double lock-up garage • Garden with covered patio • Built in braai • Complex pool

Asking price upper R2 million • Phone 082-880-8586

Asking price upper R2 million • Phone 082-880-8586

TO BOOK YOUR CLASSIFIED NOTICE OR ADVERT CONTACT:
Tel (011) 430-1980, Fax 086-634-7935, email: jrclassified@global.co.za

SERVICES
NOTICES

Hawley Marble and Granite Works
Est. 1948. Monumental masons.
We are proud to have served the
Johannesburg Jewish community
for many decades. Your support is
much appreciated. Colleen Hawley
Tel: (011) 828- 9010 Chaim
Silver (011) 485-3005

LIFTS OFFERED

A TAXI SERVICE
Let Warren Pogorelsky chauffeur
you to your destination in Johan-
nesburg and back. OR Tambo from
R170. Mercedes Benz
Tel: 082-399-6187
Sun City & Game Reserve

SMILE-LEE'S LIFTS
A reliable lift service.
Specialising in lifts to and from
airports, shops, appointments,
casinos and courier.
Charna 083-391-6612

BEST SERVICE
DIAL A LIFT

Comfortable
7 seater.
083-267-3281
Pip Friedman
www.
dialalift.co.za

dialalift@gmail.
com

Experienced, reliable driver able
to lift you anywhere/ anytime 24
hours. Courier work undertaken.
Please call Paul
083-542-6480

CAPE TOWN
HOWIE'S SHUTTLE
Since 2007

- AIRPORT TRANSFERS
- GENERAL TRANSPORT

www.howiesshuttle.co.za
Please phone Howard
082-711-4616

Alex's Lift Service
Experienced, reliable driver
specialising in lifts to shops,
appointments and wherever
you need to go. Contact Alex:
083-409-4378

AIRPORT SHUTTLE
SAM

(011) 728-5219
083-627-8516
To OR Tambo
from R180.
To Lanseria
from R220.
Reasonable rates to
all other areas.

LIFTS OFFERED

LIFT SERVICE
Doctor's app, OR Tambo,
Courier services
Reasonable rates!
Ivan 082-962-5007

SERVICES
HOME SERVICES

The Fridge
Doctor

083-228-2277

Appliance repairs on-site
Fridges, stoves, washing
machines, tumble dryers and
dishwashers. Free quotations.
Call Jason 082-401-8239 /
076-210-6532

A1 PLUMBERS

24 HOUR SERVICE
10% discount for pensioners

- MAINTENANCE?
- FLOODED OUT?
- NO HOT WATER?
- BLOCKED DRAINS?
- GEYSER REPAIRS?

(011) 646-3412

NO JOB IS TOO BIG OR
TOO SMALL WE TRAVEL
TO ALL AREAS AT NO
EXTRA COST

Italian builder
35 years exp, reli-
able and refs avail.

Renovations/
new houses built
to spec.

Tiling, painting
elec, plumbing.

Maurizio
082-443-7313

RABBI CHAIM KLEIN
Expert and reliable Sofer

- Talleisim, Tzitzit, Tefilin,
Mezuzos and more.
- On premises computer checking

48 Deydale Rd. P.O. Box 92237
Chellardale 2192 Norwood 2117
Tel: 485 4058 Fax: 485 2304

email: klein@icon.co.za

SERVICES
HOME SERVICES

DECEASED
ESTATE HOUSE
CLEARANCES
Entire households
cleared,
professionally and
confidentially. I'll
take the burden
off your shoulders
and pay you for it.
Please contact
Ladislav Miklas
079-810-8837
for a trusted and
professional service.
Also clear garages,
cellars, storage
rooms and storage
facilities.

FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP

LITHUANIAN / POLISH /
GERMAN CITIZENSHIP
Many South African Jews are
eligible for EU citizenship. If you
are interested, please contact
me. I specialise in obtaining
Lithuanian, Polish and German
citizenship. I am able to obtain the
required documents from archives
in Europe.
RAEL CYNKIN CA (SA)
INFO@NOBORDERS.CO.ZA
083-346-4627

VEHICLES
WANTED

IF YOU WANT TO
BUY OR SELL
A VEHICLE

CONTACT:
SOLLY KRAMER
082-922-3597

MISCELLANEOUS
WANTED

Old 78 records of Hebrew
cantors, singers, comedians etc
Phone Zara 082-572-0098

Student alert – make sure to check timetables

The new university year has got underway, and students will by now have received their examination timetables. For religiously observant Jewish students, it is important to check these dates with those of the chagim to see if there are any clashes.

As recorded in previous columns, the Board's mandate to uphold Jewish civil rights, includes ensuring that our university students are not discriminated against due to their religious commitments. To this end, we engage with all South African universities where problems of students being faced with an exam clashing with Yomtov or Shabbat arise.

To date, we have been consistently successfully in finding ways to ensure that our students are not compromised due to their religious practice, not just at universities like Wits, Unisa and UCT which have large numbers of Jewish students, but even on campuses where there are relatively few Jewish students and where the number of those affected by exam clashes is small.

While we will always do our utmost to ensure that religious students are not disadvantaged, it is vital that we be timeously informed of any problems that might arise. It is therefore incumbent on the students themselves to be alert to the situation and not approach us at the last minute when our assistance is required. If there are, then the students concerned are requested to contact the Board on sajbd@sajbd.org at the earliest opportunity.

African Jewish Congress - making every Jew count

Over the weekend, Ann Harris presided over her first meeting as acting president of the African Jewish Congress (AJC), the co-ordinating representative body for the Jewish communities of the various sub-Saharan African countries.

We are most fortunate to have someone of Ann's calibre to step into the formidable shoes of the previous president, Mervyn Smith, who filled that position for more than 20

years before his passing in November last year.

Like Mervyn, Ann is someone who feels a strong bond with all Jewish communities, no matter how small or far-flung they might be. This, indeed, is the raison d'être of the AJC itself, as well as of the SAJBD's Country Communities Department. Both operate on the basis that no matter how few and far away they might be, all Jews are important, and should be helped as much as possible to maintain their connection to their heritage.

In addition, Jews living in areas far from the main Jewish population centres, effectively become ambassadors for Judaism, and also for Israel, to those who otherwise would have no contact with Jewish people. Here, the AJC performs an important role, since it provides a representative vehicle through which southern African Jewry regularly engage with their respective governments.

An additional function of the AJC is to help preserve and record the history of Jewish life in the various countries affiliated to it. Recent such projects include the establishment of the Beau Bassin Jewish Detainees Memorial and Information Centre in Mauritius and the publication of a copiously detailed history of the Jews of Namibia.

The latter will be launched in Johannesburg and Cape Town, where many former members of the community now live, on March 10.

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

This column paid for by the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

What's On

World News in Brief

Sunday (March 1)

- Beit Emanuel Synagogue presents "Nina's Tragedies", the comic-tragic story of an Israeli teenager's relationship with his eccentric aunt Nina. Venue: Slome Auditorium. Time: 18:00. Tickets: R50 each (incl tea and snacks). Information: Bet Emanuel (011) 646-6170.
- JWBS hosts a brunch with Holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental as guest speaker. Venue: Sandton Shul Hall. Time: 09:15. Cost: 270 pp. Information: Gloria, (011) 485-5232.
- Second Innings hosts Prof Adriano Duse on "Superbug: Ebola West Africa 2014". Venue: The Gerald Horwitz Lounge, Golden Acres. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Cost: R20 members, R30 visitors (incl tea and light refreshments). Information: Linda Fleishman, (011) 532-9616.

Monday (March 2)

- UJW hosts Olga Meshoe, senior legal consultant at transcend capital, advising on BBEC on "Is My Truth Synonymous With The Truth?" Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R35. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Wednesday (March 4)

- SA/Israel Expo to showcase best of local organisations and Israeli businesses, companies and associations. Many prizes to be won. For venue details call telephone number below. Cost: R50 pp, children under 10 R20. (Bring ID along.) Entertainment, food, kids rides, etc. Information: (011) 645-2531 or (011) 645-2510. Bookings: www.ticibox.com or 0861 444 225.
- Second Innings presents the Alan Committee Show, "The Sound of Laughter", at the Pieter Toerien Main Theatre at Montecasino. The show starts at 15:00. Meet the bus at Golden Acres at 13:00. Cost: R120 for the show; cost of bus R90 per person. Contact: Ros Berman, (011) 532-616.
- RCHCC presents the BBC series, Simon Schama's "Power of Art". Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Time: 19:30. Donation: R70 (incl refreshments). Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, a/h (011) 728-8378; e-mail: rchcc@telkomsa.net or rene.s@telkomsa.net or www.greatpark.co.za
- UJW hosts Dr Lorraine Chaskalson, former lecturer in Dept of English at Wit, on "Contemporary Poetry". Venue: 1 Oak Street, Houghton. Time: 09:30. Donation: R35. Contact: (011) 648-1053.

Hasofer
Rabbi Yisroel
Drutman
סופר סת"ם
EST. 2003
t: 2711 640 1834
c: 2782 347 8744
yisroeldrutmansofer@gmail.com

Qualified Sofer (Scribe)
to write, check and sell
Mezuzos, Sifrei Torah,
Tefillin and Megillos

Member Vaad Mishmeres Siam Johannesburg
Under Auspices JHB Beth Din
Ordained Jewish Scribe
Vaad Mishmeres Siam International

All sizes of Mehudar Mezuzos and Tefillin at affordable prices
Collection and affixing service offered.
Computer checking of Mezuzos and Tefillin

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to the

Norman Metz 777 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club



Elianna Hupert
9 November 2014



Rafael Kuming
22 February 2015



Jade Copans
29 March 2015

We thank you for your generous donations, which will help us ensure that No Jew Gets Left Behind. In the merit of your good deeds may you be truly blessed. Mazeltov!

Join the Norman Metz Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club, by making a donation to the Chev on the occasion or anniversary of your first (or second) Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Become a part of a unique group of men and women who recognise the needs of others at a special time in their own lives.

www.jhbchev.co.za



ChevrahKadisha

By donating a minimum of R777, you will become a member of the club. Please email your name and contact number to 777Club@jhbchev.co.za, so that we can send you your special, personalised certificate.

Danella Eliasov shows her superiority in EFC

ILAN HERRMANN

Danella Eliasov (pictured) is the first female world champion in women’s EFC - Extreme Fighting Championship.

Last week Saturday night at Carnival City on the East Rand, what was expected to be an unnerving and shaky debut for this young Jewish psychiatrist from Northcliff in Johannesburg, turned out to be a masterful performance of skill, strategy and determination.

Eliasov’s opponent in this flyweight division fight was Hungarian Zita Varju. Varju came out from the very start with an aggression and ferocity that seemed to stun Eliasov. But this lasted only a brief while before

Eliasov regained her composure and began applying her intelligent, tactical style, which caused the momentum to swing in her favour.

Eliasov took Varju to ground where a lengthy duel for supremacy took place. As the first round started to wind down, Eliasov’s pin, punch and elbow combination gradually intensified and with literally moments to go, the referee called an end to the pounding, and Eliasov was victorious.

Eliasov started off with boxing and Muay Thai recreationally, but then in 2009 she tried out Brazilian jiu jitsu. It was a turning point and she began looking at it in a competitive light and has since graduated to purple belt in the art.

The fighters practise MMA - Mixed Martial Arts - a combination of techniques from various disciplines that they subscribe to and develop to mould their own approach to fighting.

EFC is an internationally governed organisation and its extreme fighting has become a popular sport both live and through media channels.

“I find it physically and mentally challenging,” says Eliasov.

Eliasov keeps an exceptionally busy schedule, balancing training and work with a high intensity and drive to succeed.

Last weekend’s scintillating performance was a powerful opening statement that will have gained her many fans and admirers.



MACSTEEL

Offering you the most comprehensive range of steel products and value added processing services in Africa

- Aluminium
- Blanking
- Bright Bar
- Castellated Beams
- Cellular Beams
- Cold Form Sections
- Cold Saw Cutting
- Conveyance Pipe
- Corrugated Roofing
- Drilling
- Expanded Metal
- Fencing Products
- Flame Cutting
- Flanges
- Fluid Control Systems
- Freestock
- Galvanized Sheets
- Galvanized Tubing
- Grating
- Guillotining
- Harveytiles
- Heat Treatment Services
- High Strength Steels
- Hollow Bar
- IBR Roofing
- Laboratory Services
- Laser Cutting

- Laser Cut Tubing
- Lipped Channels
- Open Sections
- Palisade Fencing
- Pipe Fittings
- Plasma Cutting
- Plates
- Plate Bending & Rolling
- Pre-coated Sheets
- Pressure Vessel Steels
- Profile Sections
- Purlins
- Rails
- Reinforcing
- Roofing Solutions
- Sheets
- Slitting
- Special Steels
- Stainless Steels
- Stretcher Leveling
- Structural Steels
- Technical Consultancy
- Tool Steels
- Tubing
- Valves & Actuators
- Wear Resistant Steels
- Zincalume Roof Sheets

Best Quality, Service, Value!

The Macsteel Group - Africa’s leading steel supplier - www.macsteel.co.za

Unity sports day a resounding success

ILAN HERRMANN

This last weekend’s spectacular 2nd annual Unity Sports Event in Johannesburg was a smashing success. Over 120 athletes in soccer and netball competed for prizes, medals and a trophy. The netball was held at the King David Linksfield courts and the soccer at Gemmel Park.

Soul Workout, the event organiser, was thrilled with the outcome of what has become the senior community sports event of the year. This year’s sponsors were Blue Label Telecoms.

The netball was won by team “For the Love of Netball”, who donated half the cash prize of R1 400 to Hatzolah Emergency Services.

The soccer was fiercely contested with skill, gusto and in a highly competitive but good spirit. In the finals and after a gruelling two hours of soccer, SAUJS ran out 3-1 victors against Maharsha. A delighted Steven Firer, SAUJS captain and goalkeeper, received the trophy and R2 100 cash prize on behalf of his team.

The Unity Sports Event is scheduled for the first Sunday of the Hebrew month of Adar, a month which carries the theme of Jewish unity.

Community

Two new Sifrei Torah at home at Umhlanga Jewish Centre

A joyous celebration took place recently at the Umhlanga Jewish Centre in Izinga, KwaZulu-Natal, to mark the completion of two Sifrei Toah and their arrival at the synagogue at the Umhlanga Jewish Centre.

The Centre said in a media release that the two scrolls, one Sephardic and one Ashkenazi, were dedicated by the Zekry and Mann families respectively in loving memory of Rav Menachem and Liza Zekry z’l, and Nadine Hayley Mann z’l.

Many guests joined the two families and the Umhlanga Jewish Centre community for the occasion, including Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein and Rosh Beth Din Rabbi Moshe Kurtstag.

The completion of the scrolls, readings and festive welcoming parade, were accompanied by South African Jewish music legend Jonathan Birin and Chazzan Yaron Kalmanowitz with Itay Mizrachi and Frankie Melman, and interspersed with entertainment by the Umhlanga Jewish Day School choir.

To round off the occasion, guests enjoyed a light dinner and cocktails on the verandah overlooking the green rolling hills of Izinga, proud new home of two beautiful Sifrei Torah.

KosherWorld

TRULY KOSHER

Mishloach Manot

פורים שמח

BUY BULK & SAVE

MANY IN-STORE SPECIALS

1 LONG AVENUE CNR RIDGE AND SUMMERWAY GLENHAZEL | CALL: 011 440 9517 | info@kosherworld.co.za | www.kosherworld.co.za

TRADING HOURS: MON-THURS 7AM-10PM | FRI: 7AM-4PM | SAT:1/2 HOUR AFTER SHABBOS -10PM | SUN: 8AM - 10PM

ORDER ONLINE



SA/ISRAEL EXPO

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

FIRST EVER SA/ISRAEL EXPO

110 Exhibitors

Communal organisations, local and Israeli businesses, Aliyah experts

Children and teenagers entertainment areas

Delicious food and drinks

Loads of prizes including a car; international and local air-tickets; hotel accommodation; jewellery

International bands and local entertainers

History of Zionism in South Africa Exhibition

Art Exhibition



#we_R_one
www.we-r-one.co.za

For Bookings:
www.ticibox.com
0861 444 225

For Queries:
sazf@beyachad.co.za
011 645 2510 / 011 645 2531





SOUTH
AFRICAN
ZIONIST
FEDERATION

ISRAEL

Nation of Creation

SAZF Conference

7th March 2015: 20h00

8th March 2015: 09h00 - 16h00

SA/ISRAEL EXPO

8th March 2015

12h00 - 20h00

See you there

#we_R_one

www.we-r-one.co.za

Excellent security will be provided

For Bookings:
www.ticibox.com
0861 444 225

For Queries:
sazf@beyachad.co.za
011 645 2510 / 011 645 2531

