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Tisha B'Av: How to mourn after returning home

OPINION

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We are living through an extraordinarily complex moment in Jewish history. The past three years have brought a mixture of triumph and tragedy, miracles and heartbreak. Nine months ago we celebrated the release of hostages and allowed ourselves a measure of hope. Since then, we have ridden the emotional swings of a war whose end remains frustratingly out of sight.

And now we approach Tisha B'Av and confront its perennial challenge: How do we mourn authentically? Mourning Tisha B'Av in the era of the State of Israel is deeply complex. Genuine mourning must be internal rather than performative. Reciting *kinot* and observing the rituals of the day aren't enough unless they awaken a deeper sense of loss.

Yet we're living through one of the most remarkable periods in Jewish history. Even amid war, uncertainty, and sacrifice, we have witnessed extraordinary renewal. We have returned to our land, rebuilt Jewish sovereignty, and watched generations of dreams come to life.

In the Amidah we recite *Nachem*, which describes Jerusalem as "desolate, in ruins, bereft of her children, with her head covered in shame".

At first glance, that description hardly reflects Jerusalem today. Her head is no longer covered in shame but crowned by a flourishing skyline. She is no longer bereft of her children. Jerusalem's real estate market reminds us that Jews are returning to the city in remarkable numbers.

While some authorities have proposed modifying the wording of *Nachem*, most maintain that the traditional text should remain unchanged. Whatever one's position in that halachic debate, it raises a broader question: How do we mourn *Yerushalayim* while witnessing such extraordinary renewal?

One natural response is to allow 7 October and the painful years that have followed to shape our experience of Tisha B'Av. Those horrific hours and the months of war, loss, anxiety, and sacrifice have transformed Jewish life. For many of us, they provide the most immediate gateway into the emotions of Tisha B'Av.

Yet to focus solely on 7 October feels too narrow. As devastating as those events have been, they cannot exhaust the meaning of Tisha B'Av. Doing so risks reducing thousands of years of Jewish history to the pain of a single generation. Tisha B'Av asks us to mourn not only our latest tragedy but the deeper fractures of Jewish history.

One answer is to make Tisha B'Av a day to revisit Jewish history. It's a day to retrace its arc, reflect on our mission, and contemplate the price we have paid for representing Hashem in this world. Tisha B'Av asks us not merely to mourn isolated tragedies but to absorb the sweep of Jewish history and the suffering that has accompanied our covenant.

It was never meant to unfold this way. History was meant to reach its destination in the year 2448. We were redeemed from Egypt, sustained by open miracles in the desert, and brought to the threshold of Eretz Yisrael. We were meant to enter the land, build a Beit HaMikdash, and create a society that would reveal Hashem's presence to the world. Instead, through failures and betrayals, history was diverted from its intended course. We were exiled from our land and forced to pursue our mission from foreign shores.

That long exile exacted a terrible price. We endured persecution, discrimination, expulsions, and massacres. We were driven from Christian Europe and humiliated throughout much of the Muslim world. Again and again we built communities, only to watch them collapse in violence and hatred.

It's tempting to view those centuries as nothing more than a painful parenthesis in Jewish history, especially now that we have returned to our homeland. Yet to do so would diminish the generations who lived through that long tunnel of history. Tisha B'Av asks us to step out of our own moment of Jewish renewal and identify with the struggles, sacrifices, and hopes of those who carried the Jewish story through its darkest chapters.

It asks us to admire the extraordinary courage and quiet defiance with which they endured the impossible conditions of *galut* (exile). They refused to disappear into the woodwork of history. Against overwhelming odds, they built communities, preserved Torah, and safeguarded our identity.

We owe those generations one day each year to step into their world. To see Jewish history through their eyes, to appreciate the courage with which they preserved our people, and to recognise that without their resilience we might not be here today. Tisha B'Av is our annual encounter with the generations that carried the Jewish story when it seemed it might come to an end.

Yet if we are honestly retracing the long arc of Jewish history, we cannot stop with the suffering. We must also recognise the extraordinary moment in which we have been privileged to live.

The Talmud describes Rabbi Akiva walking through Jerusalem's ruins after the destruction of the Beit HaMikdash. His colleagues wept over the devastation. Rabbi Akiva shared their grief, yet he smiled. He understood that Jewish history unfolds differently from

the history of every other nation. The disproportionate destruction Rome inflicted upon the Jewish people, compared with the fate of other nations, fulfilled the prophecies of Churban but also convinced him that Jewish history wouldn't follow the normal course of history. If our destruction had been so disproportionate, our redemption would be equally disproportionate. If the first half of the story had unfolded, so too would the second.

Rabbi Akiva is speaking to us and giving us permission to smile, even on Tisha B'Av. That smile doesn't erase the centuries of suffering or diminish the trail of tears.

It should never distract from mourning. Yet, if Tisha B'Av is a day to retrace the odyssey of Jewish history, we must reflect not only on destruction but also upon our astonishing restoration. Honest mourning requires us to remember both. Rabbi Akiva smiled because he believed redemption would come. We smile because we have begun to witness it.

And finally, Tisha B'Av carries a unique resonance precisely because we're living through an era of Jewish renewal. For the first time in 2 000 years, we sense that history is once again moving towards its intended destination. We've been privileged not merely to witness the unfolding process of redemption but to participate in it.

Yet redemption remains unfinished. Every day we pray that our eyes should behold Hashem's return to Zion. Will we merit to witness that moment in our own lifetime or will it occur after our eyes close? We stand closer than any generation in centuries, yet so much of what we yearn for still lies beyond our reach. Precisely because we have come so far, we feel even more acutely how much is still missing. That, too, is part of the sadness of Tisha B'Av.

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A vision of the third Holy Temple

This Shabbos we begin reading the fifth and final book of the Torah, the book of Devarim, Deuteronomy. The Haftorah is a special one that we read on the Shabbos before Tisha B'Av. It begins with the prophetic Vision of Isaiah. Hence the name Shabbos Chazon (Vision).

Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Bardichev taught that on this Shabbos every Jewish person has a vision of the third Holy Temple. So while the general concept of the Haftorah highlights the coming day of Tisha B'Av and days of mourning, the Chassidic Masters also see the positive side of it.

The rabbi offers a parable about a young boy who was gifted a beautiful Shabbos suit by his father. But instead of taking care of it, he ran around and played games and ruined the suit. His father bought him a second one and the same thing happened. So the father bought a third one. However, he didn't give it to the son. He put it in a closet and told him that it was ready for him

whenever he was willing and able to take care of it. From time to time, he would open the closet door and remind his young son that the suit was waiting for him and once he could appreciate the value of it, it would be his.

So too with us. Hashem has given us the two Holy Temples in Jerusalem. They were destroyed due to our misdeeds. So, every year on Shabbos Chazon, Hashem gives us a vision of the third Holy Temple. Even though we don't necessarily see it in actuality, our soul (subconscious) sees it.

The vision is granted in order to awaken a feeling and desire in us to see it rebuilt in actuality. This is done by increasing our observance of *mitzvot* and Torah study. Of course, the main *mitzvah* we emphasise at this point is the love of our fellow and unity with the community.

The Midrash tells

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us that Moshiach was born on Tisha B'Av. This is a metaphor to explain that from the ashes comes rebuilding. Even in the darkest of night we eagerly await the crack of dawn. Let's be ready!

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On this Shabbat, the Chassidic masters teach that we are granted a vision of the Third Temple. Though unseen by our physical eyes, it is revealed to our souls, empowering us to break free from exile and spiritual displacement, and to help bring about the redemption and the rebuilding of the Temple.

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SAFI demands government condemns Hamas

CLAUDIA GROSS

South African Friends of Israel (SAFI) is demanding that the government and the African National Congress (ANC) publicly condemn Hamas after a senior United Nations (UN) official accused its “armed personnel” of obstructing humanitarian aid in Gaza.

Dr Ramiz Alakbarov, the UN Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory, has made it clear that the terrorist organisation, which he calls the “de facto authorities” in Gaza, has interfered with and prevented humanitarian operations during the war.

SAFI, a Christian organisation that supports Israel and Jews, says Alakbarov's statement supports what Israel and its supporters have been explaining since the start of the war.

SAFI called on the ANC and the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Dirco) to apply the same standards to Hamas that they have applied to Israel.

The exchange comes amid an ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Since Hamas's 7 October attack on Israel triggered the war, aid organisations have warned of severe shortages of food, medicine, fuel, and other essentials.

Israel has repeatedly accused Hamas of diverting aid and interfering with its distribution. Hamas has denied those allegations. Humanitarian organisations have criticised Israeli military operations, restrictions, and insecurity for limiting the flow of assistance.

In his statement, issued on 12 July, Alakbarov doesn't name Hamas but says “armed personnel affiliated with Gaza's de facto authorities” – Hamas has governed Gaza since 2007 – forced humanitarian workers to suspend food distribution at the Abu Rashid distribution point in Jabalia in northern Gaza.

He said the armed men also entered a World Food Programme warehouse and reportedly assaulted two truck drivers delivering humanitarian supplies. “These incidents are not isolated,” Alakbarov said. “They are completely unacceptable and reflect an increasingly dangerous pattern of intimidation, violence, and obstruction.”

international humanitarian law, regardless of who is responsible. “We have called upon the ANC to take the same principled decision in the interests of the people of Gaza, to denounce Hamas, and call for humanitarian aid to reach the people,” he said.

Craig Pantanowitz, national chairperson of the South African Zionist Federation, said the UN statement reflected concerns that Israel had expressed throughout the war. “The evidence was always there. The problem wasn't a lack of evidence. It was a lack of willingness to acknowledge it.” Pantanowitz said Israel had long argued that Hamas was stealing aid, intimidating humanitarian workers, and using humanitarian assistance for its own purposes.

“The question is not why the UN is saying this now, but why it took so long,” he said. “Every day that Hamas's role was ignored came at the expense of the very civilians humanitarian aid is meant to protect.” He said the UN would

need to apply “the same scrutiny and moral standard to Hamas that it has long applied to Israel” if it wanted to restore its credibility.

Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch, said the statement was “an important and overdue admission by the UN”. He told the *SA Jewish Report*, “Hamas is not only terrorising Israelis. It is also terrorising Palestinians and the humanitarian workers delivering aid.”

However, Neuer argued that the UN should have identified Hamas directly rather than referring to “de facto authorities”.

“The perpetrators have a name: Hamas. The UN has to stop cowering before them. If the UN expects accountability, it must begin by identifying those responsible.”

Benji Shulman, director of public policy at the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, said, “Large parts of the United Nations system still remain compromised when it comes to the delivery of foreign aid, not just in the case of the Gaza Strip, but in many other conflicts around the world.”

He described the statement as “an important first step” towards

recognising some of the obstacles affecting aid distribution in Gaza. Shulman said greater accountability was needed to ensure assistance reached civilians rather than being diverted for military purposes or used to strengthen Hamas's control over the local population.

The latest developments come after months of international debate over the causes of Gaza's worsening humanitarian crisis. Israel has maintained that Hamas diverts aid and embeds itself within civilian infrastructure, while humanitarian agencies have repeatedly warned that ongoing fighting, damaged infrastructure, insecurity, and restrictions on access have all limited the delivery of assistance.

Alakbarov's statement reflected both concerns.

He concluded by calling for humanitarian organisations to be allowed to operate “safely, independently, impartially, and without fear of intimidation or violence”, saying Gazan civilians had already endured immense suffering and could not face further delays in receiving life-saving assistance.



AFCENT delivers Jordanian humanitarian aid to Gaza

He said humanitarian workers were being placed at risk and that the delivery of life-saving assistance was being disrupted while civilians continued to face severe conditions. Alakbarov also said the expansion of areas under Israeli control was further reducing the space available to civilians.

He called on all parties to comply with international humanitarian law by protecting humanitarian personnel, facilities, and relief supplies, while allowing impartial aid to reach civilians safely and without obstruction.

Speaking to the *SA Jewish Report*, SAFI national spokesperson Bafana Modise said the UN statement represents an important acknowledgement of concerns his organisation had raised repeatedly. “I think the intention was to amplify the same message and expose the hypocrisy that we have seen over the years.

“We have been saying that we don't hate Palestinians. We are against the regime that is killing Gazans and killing Israelis. Now the very people who claimed to speak for the people of Gaza are the ones who are harming them.”

Modise said South Africa should respond consistently to violations of

CT-born Israeli siblings caught in Clavicular storm

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figures to put on tefillin, emerged as one of his most visible Israeli hosts. He met him at Tel Aviv's Royal Beach Hotel, filmed several collaborations and presented him with a necklace combining the OpenAI logo and a Star of David, joking that it amounted to “ChatGPT mogging David”. In another post he wrote that Peters was “loving Israel and Israel is loving him.”

The collaborations immediately divided Israel's advocacy community.

Some argued that engaging Peters offered an opportunity to expose his enormous online audience to Israel and perhaps change perceptions of the country. Others insisted that it risked legitimising him while undermining Israel's own advocacy efforts.

Israeli-American journalist and commentator Emily Schrader was among the most outspoken critics. “It is not a win or a strategy to bring a Nazi who streamed *Heil Hitler* with his Nazi friends at a club a few months ago to Israel,” she said. “Who said his only goal in coming to Israel was to go viral. Clavicular is only famous as a joke, not because people respect him.”

Israeli-American activist and content creator Hallel Silverman wrote

in *The Jerusalem Post* that the episode reflected “a growing culture within parts of Israel's advocacy and creator community that mistakes influence for integrity”.

“Somewhere along the way, we started believing that if someone has enough followers, we should be grateful they're willing to talk to us at all, even if they have spent years platforming hatred, extremism, or misogyny,” she wrote.

Israeli influencer Aaron Morali recognised Peters at Tel Aviv's Loullie beach club and alerted staff to his associations with antisemitic figures. Peters was asked to leave the venue.

Peters' visit continued to unravel. He later walked out of a Channel 13 television interview after being pressed about the antisemitic incident reported in January. He asked the interviewer, “Why don't you talk about how much I have done for this country's reputation? Because it's in utter shambles”, before announcing that he was leaving Israel and did not intend to return.

Yet even after his departure, the controversy continues to reverberate.

Daniel and Shira Braun have kept a low-profile since the storm erupted. Neither responded to requests for comment before publication.

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Five countries over four days: How Cuba’s Maccabiah Games delegation made it to Israel

JACOB GURVIS – JTA

Nearly three decades after Hella Eskenazi’s first trip from her home in Cuba to the Maccabiah Games in Israel, the journey hasn’t gotten much easier.

This time, she was joined by dozens of athletes who had to travel through five countries over more than four days to reach Israel, a consequence of both the turmoil affecting travel to Israel generally and the unique complexities of getting anywhere from their communist island nation in the Caribbean.

The first time Eskenazi made the trip was in 1997, when she was a member of Cuba’s national karate team and her country’s sole representative at the sports competition known as the “Jewish Olympics”. That was the year the Games were marred by the collapse of a pedestrian bridge over the Yarkon River in Tel Aviv that killed four members of the Australian delegation and injured 60 others.

This time around, Eskenazi, now 56, is both an athlete and the vice-president of Patronato de la Casa de la Comunidad Hebrea de Cuba, her nation’s Jewish community and main synagogue. She’s a former Hebrew school director and has been involved in Cuba’s Maccabi

programmes since 2013, Cuba’s first year with a full delegation.

For this year’s Games, Cuba sent 52 athletes to participate, many of whom already live in Israel after making aliya. But for the 29 members who made the journey from Havana, the trip was anything but easy. And that would have been the case even if Air France hadn’t cancelled their flights, due to the conflict in Iran, halfway

Jewish community to participate in this Maccabiah.”

When the Cuban cohort finally made it to Tel Aviv, it was understandably a meaningful arrival.

“It has been very very emotional for us because in Cuba we have many difficulties right now,” Eskenazi said. “And to arrive here, to have electricity, to have food, to be safe, to have our friends, to make sport, to share with all of the people from all over the world, has been very emotional for us.”

It’s also been a successful trip competitively speaking.

Cuba has won several medals, competing in sports including softball, futsal, and basketball. Eskenazi herself has won two, a silver medal in the one-mile run and a bronze in the 5km competition for the



Hella Eskenazi (fifth from left) poses with members of the Cuban delegation for the Maccabiah Games in Israel

through their travel.

As Eskenazi explained, due to a variety of political and economic factors, it’s not easy to get out of Cuba. Her athletes needed various visas that would allow them to travel through Europe to get to Israel, and Cuba does not have a national airline with the same international capabilities as travel giants like Air France or Turkish Airlines. And because Cuba’s oil supply lags behind much of the world, Air France does not offer flights from Cuba. So they had to travel to Panama first, just to get to Paris.

The original plan, Eskenazi said, was for a portion of the delegation to fly from Havana to Panama to Paris to Tel Aviv. But when Air France cancelled all its flights to Tel Aviv, they had to pivot, which wasn’t easy given their restrictive travel visas.

Part of the delegation flew from Paris to Austria, while others went through Abu Dhabi, where Eskenazi said Cubans don’t need visas. And each group had layovers of 12 or 15 hours, making the total journey from Cuba to Israel take four or five days.

Eskenazi’s journey was different, because she had a visa that allowed her to travel through the United States. She flew from Havana to Miami to New York to Tel Aviv. Even then, she had an 18-hour layover in New York.

Eskenazi said her group would not have made it to Israel without the help of the Maccabi World Union, the global organisation that puts on the Games and supports local delegations.

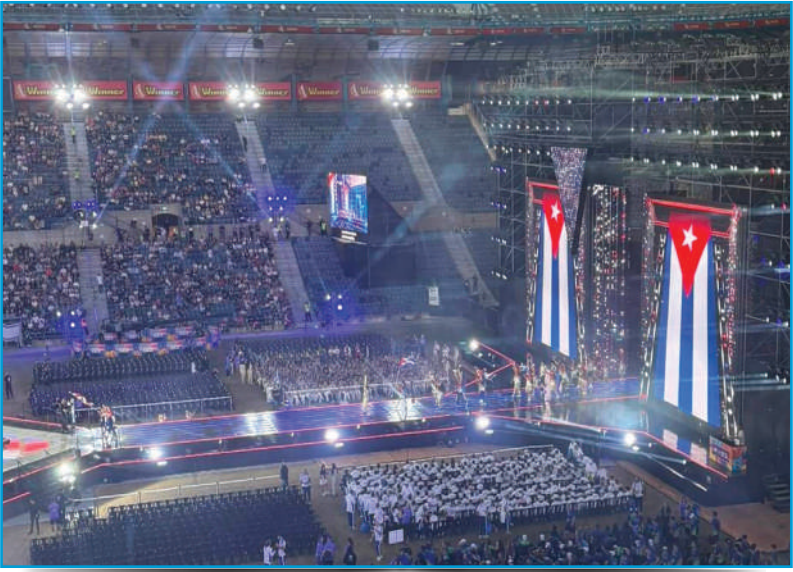
“We are here thanks to the Maccabi World Union,” she said in a phone interview from Israel. “Maccabi World Union, they did many things for Cuba, for the Cuban

55-59 age bracket.

But beyond sports, Eskenazi said it’s been a special experience for her athletes – who hail from a country with a relatively affluent but small Jewish community – to be surrounded by Jews from around the world.

“It’s very important because imagine that you can share with people from Holland, from France, from the United States,” she said. “We met people from Ukraine, from Argentina, from Mexico, from different parts of the world. It’s been very emotional.

“We are happy to be here because we love to share in the Israeli way of life,” Eskenazi added. “For us it’s very interesting, and we love Israel. Remember that we are Jewish people, and the Israeli people, they are friendly. This is a



The Maccabiah Games are held at Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem, Israel

very special country. If you can see people, for example, with *kippot* on the street, with tefillin or *tallit*, it’s like being inside of the synagogue, a big synagogue. It’s amazing to be here.”

And after the Games end, it’s right back on the plane home. Hopefully with fewer stops this time.

Eskenazi said her delegation is again splitting up into smaller groups, with some flying back through Paris and Panama, and others going through Madrid straight to Havana.

Regardless of the logistics and the travel delays, Eskenazi said Israel is a special place.

“When I visit Israel, I feel like Cuba, like my country,” she said. “I feel that this is my home, also.”

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Govt prioritises Palestinian embassy over SA House

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South Africa continues to pour millions into its case against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and into funding the Palestinian embassy in South Africa. Yet the doors of its own commissions in Western countries are quietly being closed after years of neglect.

At the end of last year, International Relations and Cooperation Minister Ronald Lamola confirmed that over the past five years, nearly R10 million of taxpayers' money has been spent to cover the operational costs of the Palestinian embassy in Pretoria. These include everything from food, drink, and entertainment to vehicles and fuel. Lamola was responding to a parliamentary question from Freedom Front Plus leader Dr Corn  Mulder.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Dirco) has funded the Palestinian embassy since it opened in 1995. Yet the South African High Commission in the United Kingdom closed without notice last week.

"This is because its building, South Africa House in London's Trafalgar Square, has badly deteriorated under the weight of decades of neglect by Dirco," said Democratic Alliance (DA) spokesperson on international relations and cooperation, Ryan Smith, on 9 July.

South Africa House was a symbol of the anti-apartheid struggle.

It is "one of the most iconic diplomatic addresses that any country could possess," wrote veteran journalist William Saunderson-Meyer, responding to the closure. "We have no diplomatic mission more storied, more cherished, more emblematic of this nation's international stature and aspirations than South Africa

House on Trafalgar Square. For years, it was the site of a non-stop vigil against apartheid, drawing protesters from around the world."

Regarding Dirco's funding of the Palestinian embassy in Pretoria, Saunderson-Meyer says it is "extraordinary" for one country to fund another's diplomatic mission, "especially when South Africa cannot maintain its own embassies, most critically South Africa House in London,

expensive international litigation while siphoning money from the department's budget to provide millions in humanitarian aid to the African National Congress's [ANC's] allies in Cuba".

The government has spent more than R130 million on its case against Israel at the ICJ. Travel and accommodation for government officials alone cost approximately R1.9 million for the initial hearings in January 2024.

"It's important to highlight the ICJ case as international litigation costs the department tens of millions of rands, money that could otherwise have been used to refurbish embassies, to attract foreign direct investment, and grow the economy," says Smith. "It shows that the ANC's priorities lie in using our foreign policy to gain political mileage, rather than serve the national interest of the people of the Republic."

Mulder, too, says the closure of South Africa House shows the ANC's first priority is not the best interests of South Africa and its people.

He says South Africa House "is one of the most iconic embassies that any country could hope for. This property belongs to South Africa and its people. The ANC, through Dirco, is supposed to be the custodian of this treasure. But like everything the ANC touches, it has let this jewel fall into disrepair."

Mulder says the R10 million used to assist the Palestinian embassy could and should have gone towards the upkeep of South Africa House. But the ideological preference "to support rogue entities and states" was more important for the ANC. "This is a total disgrace, and is just another reason why the ANC should be removed from power."

The Freedom Front Plus insists that the "money tap" to the Palestinian embassy be shut off immediately, says Mulder.

South African Zionist Federation national chairperson



Nelson Mandela acknowledges cheering crowds from the balcony of South Africa House on 12 July 1996

but also the missions in The Hague, Bonn, Paris, Rome, and Shanghai".

Smith says South Africa House has been left to deteriorate to the point that staff can no longer work there. Repairs will reportedly cost just under R70 million. "This is money South African taxpayers could have saved had Dirco embarked on regular maintenance of our country's foreign assets," he says.

The DA has long called for a reprioritisation of Dirco spending "to adequately staff a professional diplomatic corps and consular service and maintain our country's foreign assets as the backbone of a functioning foreign service".

Instead, says Smith, Lamola "continues to fund

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Craig Pantanowitz says, "South Africans are entitled to ask a simple question: If Dirco cannot maintain its own diplomatic missions, why is it subsidising the running costs of a foreign embassy?"

He says the government's first responsibility is to South Africans. "Every rand spent by Dirco should advance South Africa's national interests, not fund foreign embassies while our own diplomatic assets are left to deteriorate."

Dirco spokesperson Chrispin Phiri says South Africa House is not being abandoned, nor has the building been closed because of neglect. The temporary relocation of staff forms part of a "planned programme of work to replace the building's heating system after it had reached the end of its operational life".

Phiri says Dirco remains committed to "ensuring that these properties continue to support the conduct of South Africa's foreign relations" and will continue to provide updates on major infrastructure projects as they reach milestones.

He says Dirco is engaging on the renewal of the head lease and the longer-term preservation of South Africa House. "This work will ensure that one of South Africa's most important diplomatic properties continues to serve future generations, while respecting the legal and heritage obligations applicable to the building."

But Smith says, "For as long as Dirco's spending serves ANC political international alliances, and our foreign policy is used as a mechanism to dog-whistle to the ANC's friends, South Africa's foreign service will continue to crumble."

Saunderson-Meyer believes this isn't going to change "until the DA dares to use its leverage within the Government of National Unity to negotiate the ANC away from its self-destructive, blindly pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel, and generally anti-Western stance".

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Looking beyond ourselves

We have Mandela Day on Saturday, 18 July, and Tisha B’Av from sundown on 22 July, and I wonder why they are so close together and whether there is some universal message in this.

I know many of you may think this is hocus pocus, but it got me thinking that both these days are reminders about memory and its ability to shift something within us.

On Mandela Day, we remember the birthday of the icon who helped lead us into democracy. His legacy is reconciliation, service, and justice. On this day, there is a global call to action encouraging individuals, communities, and organisations to honour Nelson Mandela by spending 67 minutes being of service to others. That number symbolises the years he dedicated to fighting for justice and human rights.

Then, a few days later, we Jews are called on to fast for 24 hours to mark the destruction of both temples in Jerusalem and the many other tragedies that have shaped our history. Many of those tragedies have somehow been at around this time in the Jewish year, which has become a time of mourning for what we have lost.

I am not suggesting the two days are the same. They aren’t. Tisha B’Av is a Jewish fast day of mourning, prayer, restraint, and self-examination. Mandela Day is a civic day of action inspired by a South African leader who changed this country and the world. One is rooted in ancient Jewish loss; the other in our modern South African story. But both days seem to ask a similar question: what is the point of remembering if it doesn’t change how we live?

That is a question we should take seriously in South Africa because, frankly, we are very good at commemorating. We have days, speeches, slogans, events, and social media posts. We know how to say the right things about apartheid, freedom, reconciliation, and inequality. But how often does that become anything meaningful? How often do we allow those words to make us uncomfortable enough to do something differently?

Tisha B’Av is uncomfortable by design. It doesn’t let us rush past the ruins. We read Eicha, we mourn, we fast, and we remember catastrophe after catastrophe that befell our people. But it isn’t only about what happened to us. The rabbis’ teaching that the Second Temple was destroyed because of *sinat chinam* (baseless hatred) forces us to look at ourselves. That is never easy. It asks where we have allowed division, contempt, gossip, resentment, or indifference to become normal in our homes, shuls, organisations, and community.

Mandela Day should make us just as uncomfortable. It’s easy to admire Mandela, to quote him, and even to give 67 minutes once a year and feel we have done our bit. But Mandela’s legacy surely demands more. When he said, “It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it”, he wasn’t offering a feel-good line. He was placing responsibility where it belongs – with each of us.

That is why the timing of these two days struck me. Both connect memory with responsibility. On Tisha B’Av, we reflect on catastrophe to inspire ethical behaviour, communal responsibility, and the repair of divisions. On Mandela Day, remembrance of a great leader should be coupled with action. Both tell us the past is not there for us to admire, mourn, or package neatly. It is there to demand something of us.

Mandela also said, “It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.” I love that line because it is so practical. In this country, we know how easy it is to break down. We see it in politics, service delivery, the way people speak to and about one another, and the cynicism that has become almost second nature. We also see it in Jewish communal life when disagreement turns into hostility and we forget that being right is not the same as building peace.

Of course, both days have become broader than their original focus. Tisha B’Av remains deeply and specifically Jewish. It is our fast, our mourning, our history, and our warning. But its lessons about baseless hatred and communal breakdown travel far beyond the ancient world. Mandela Day remains rooted in the life of a South African liberation leader, but it has become a call to all of us to stop waiting for someone else to fix what is broken.

The differences matter too. Tisha B’Av turns us inward. It asks us to sit with loss, examine ourselves, and ask how hatred destroys. Mandela Day turns us outward. It asks us to serve, help, reconcile, and build. Both are about personal responsibility. Perhaps the power of having them so close together is that each corrects the other. Introspection without action can become self-indulgent. Action without introspection can become performance.

For South African Jews, this pairing should hit home. We know what it means to remember. We carry Jerusalem, exile, antisemitism, the Holocaust, Israel, 7 October, and the fear of what happens when hatred is allowed to grow. At the same time, we live in a country still battling apartheid’s consequences, poverty, racism, corruption and broken systems. We cannot afford memory that makes us smaller. Our Jewish memory should make us more alert, compassionate, and determined to build the society we keep saying we want.

So, what do we do? I don’t think there is one answer. Some of us will fast, go to shul, read Eicha, or learn about *sinat chinam*. Some will give 67 minutes, support a feeding scheme, visit someone lonely, help a school, mentor a child, or contribute to a project beyond the comfort of our own circle. Some may simply need to pick up the phone, make peace, apologise properly, or stop sharing things that inflame hatred.

What I do believe is that neither day should leave us exactly as it found us. Tisha B’Av shouldn’t be only about mourning what was destroyed, and Mandela Day shouldn’t be only about a photograph of what we did for 67 minutes. Both should push us towards introspection, reconciliation, and service. They remind us that remembering is not passive. It is demanding. It asks us to consciously change something within ourselves, our lives, and in others.

Let’s make these days count!

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Elections will show Israelis’ verdict on the war

OPINION

PAULA SLIER



I’ve covered more Israeli elections than I can remember. I’ve stood inside party headquarters waiting for exit polls, interviewed jubilant supporters celebrating victory and politicians trying to explain defeat. While every political campaign has had its defining theme – peace, terrorism, the economy, corruption, judicial reform – security has always been the underlying issue. But this time it isn’t just part of the conversation; it is the conversation. What’s more, for the first time, the shadow hanging over the campaigns isn’t simply a rival political party. It’s Hamas.

Hamas won’t appear on the ballot paper when the country goes to the polls later this year. Yet it may prove to be one of the election’s most influential players.

Elections are rarely decided only by the names on the ballot paper. They’re shaped by the questions voters ask.

Netanyahu wants Israelis to ask, “Who can keep us safe?” His opponents want them to ask who allowed 7 October to happen, and why there still hasn’t been full accountability. Former hostages and many bereaved families are asking whether the deal that eventually brought everyone home could not have been reached earlier? But there’s another question and Hamas has ensured it hangs over this election: Did Israel actually win?

Elections are never just about policies. They’re as much about emotion: fear, anger, hope, trust. In this election, the overriding emotion is trust – trust in political leaders, the military, intelligence, and in the promises made after 7 October.



Voting in a previous Israeli election

dissolved its de-facto civilian government in Gaza and was prepared to transfer day-to-day administration to a committee of Palestinian technocrats. It did not, however, agree to disarm. Surrendering the machinery of government isn’t necessarily the same as surrendering power, so while Hamas may be prepared to relinquish the burden of running Gaza, it will still retain enough military and political influence to shape what happens there. If this proves to be the case, Israel’s next government will inherit a problem that military force alone cannot solve.

For years Israeli leaders promised to dismantle Hamas, but remove Hamas and another set of questions immediately follows. Who governs Gaza? Who keeps order? Who pays to rebuild it? Who stops another armed group filling the vacuum? These questions are just as important as the military campaign itself and no political camp has produced a universally accepted answer.

Iran inevitably forms part of this election too. Its financial, military, and technical support for Hamas is well documented, but the relationship is more complicated than often portrayed. Hamas has never relied solely on Iran, also generating revenue inside Gaza, raising money through international financial networks, and benefitting from other forms of external support. Qatar’s assistance to Gaza, for example, was largely channelled through approved civilian and humanitarian programmes and should not be confused with Iran’s military backing of Hamas. Their relationship has always been driven more by shared interests than shared religious identity.

The October election will therefore be about much more than Gaza. It will be a judgement on Netanyahu’s broader security doctrine and his handling of Iran and the regional network it has built over many years. Netanyahu will argue that only his experienced leadership can confront these threats, while his opponents will argue that, after years of presenting himself as Israel’s indispensable protector, he did not prevent the worst security failure in the country’s history.

For Hamas, the irony is that while it rejects Israel’s legitimacy, it benefits from the pressures created by Israeli democracy. Elections force governments to defend their decisions and turn military campaigns into political judgements, and national trauma into debates about responsibility, leadership, and the meaning of victory. But there is a danger in giving Hamas too much credit. The organisation did not create Israel’s political divisions, although it has undoubtedly benefited from them.

I’ve watched Israeli elections shaped by peace talks, suicide bombings, corruption scandals, economic crises, and constitutional battles. This election feels different because it isn’t only about who will govern Israel over the next four years; it’s about how Israelis define the last three. Ultimately, Israelis alone will decide who forms their next government, but every candidate will be judged against the same question: not simply whether Hamas has been weakened, but whether Israel has emerged stronger.

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Lithuanian passport applicants hit an obstacle

LEE TANKLE

For many South African Litvaks, a Lithuanian passport represents a reconnection with a family history shattered by war and persecution. It is also a ticket to travel to many countries visa-free.

That journey has been put on hold after Lithuania froze the processing of some citizenship-reinstatement applications.

This is a consequence of a decision the Supreme Administrative Court of Lithuania (LVAT) made in a single case on 18 March, where it interpreted the statutory concept of a person who left Lithuania before 11 March 1990 in a new way. The court departed from the wording of the Law on Citizenship and from more than a decade of clear, settled legal and judicial practice, according to advocate Dainius Ambrazaitis from In lure, a Vilnius-based Lithuanian law firm that specialises in helping international clients with legal matters in Lithuania, particularly Lithuanian citizenship by descent.

Lithuania generally allows descendants of people who left or were exiled from Lithuania before 11 March 1990 to hold dual citizenship, meaning they do not have to renounce their current nationality.

Ambrazaitis explained that the current uncertainty comes down to how to interpret what it means to “leave

Lithuania” before 1990, as clarified by the Lithuanian legislator in 2016. According to this, any person who had an ancestor who left Lithuania before 1990 would be able to acquire citizenship with no conditions. There is one exception: the departure must not have been to the territory of the former Soviet Union.

“This clear legislative intent was applied consistently for a decade, both in the minister of the interior’s citizenship-reinstatement orders and in court judgments in the more complex cases requiring judicial intervention,” said Ambrazaitis.

The case that triggered the debate concerned a person whose ancestor emigrated from Lithuania in 1921, shortly after it regained its independence. The LVAT, taking an unexpected turn, held that this family’s ancestor had not left for important political reasons and that, in the court’s view, Lithuanian citizenship without renouncing the citizenship already held therefore could not be reinstated for the family.

The court examined whether, in such early historical circumstances, the reasons for emigration, whether



Dainius Ambrazaitis



Nida Degutienė

political or economic, should be taken into account when assessing eligibility for citizenship reinstatement.

“In other words, the court has introduced the new condition [that emigration allegedly should be for important political reasons] while such additional conditions are not set out in the Law on Citizenship, and the Lithuanian legislator in 2016 explicitly eliminated that condition by amending the Law on Citizenship accordingly. Thus, the ruling appears to disregard the

clear legislative intent expressed by the Lithuanian Parliament,” said Ambrazaitis.

Nida Degutienė, managing director and a senior citizenship consultant at Next Steps, a Lithuanian consultancy that specialises

in helping descendants of Lithuanian emigrants, particularly Litvaks, apply for the reinstatement of Lithuanian citizenship, explained that this case has stirred a lot of debate. This is because the current wording of the Lithuanian Citizenship Law, in force since 2016, does not expressly require applicants to prove why their ancestors emigrated.

“For almost a decade, applications have generally been assessed without distinguishing between political and economic reasons for departure,” she said.

Both the Ministry of the Interior and the Migration Department argue that the decision was adopted with a fundamental error in the application of the Law on Citizenship, and for that reason, the Ministry of the Interior has initiated a special-procedure process at the LVAT for a full legal review of this high-profile judgment.

“My position, and that of all the In lure lawyers who have been intensively active in this field for more than 16 years, is clear: this court ruling was rendered in an individual case and binds only the parties to that

case; it is not binding precedent, and creates no legal basis for suspending the thousands of other, unrelated applications. The Law on Citizenship has not changed. It remains in force and must continue to be applied. Therefore, extensive legal actions have been initiated to have this unlawful suspension on applications lifted,” said Ambrazaitis.

As a consequence of this case, said Degutienė, “the Migration Department appears to have suspended a broad range of cases involving ancestors who left Lithuania before 11 March 1990, regardless of the historical period in which they emigrated. According to the complaint, this has included cases involving departures during World War II, the post-war period, and even the Soviet era.”

Both Degutienė and Ambrazaitis explained that people who have started the application process for Lithuanian citizenship must not cancel their applications and should stay calm, as applications already filed remain valid, and the right to reinstate citizenship is itself not subject to any time limit under the law.

“For individuals who are still preparing their citizenship-reinstatement applications, this is a good opportunity to continue gathering the necessary historical records and supporting documentation so that their applications are ready to be submitted once the current legal uncertainty is resolved,” said Degutienė.

“We recommend making sure your documents – archival records, proof of descent, their translations and legalisation – are in order and, if necessary, updated; responding promptly to any queries from the Migration Department (through the MIGRIS system); and keeping all correspondence with the authorities,” said Ambrazaitis.

For those whose proceedings have been affected by the current situation, there is unfortunately little that applicants themselves can do other than await further developments. “However, it is important to remember that this is a temporary period of legal uncertainty, and we remain optimistic that greater clarity will be achieved in the near future,” said Degutienė.

Boyd claims her ninth gold at Maccabi Games

LEE TANKLE

Capetonian tennis player Jacqui Boyd has etched her name even deeper into South African Maccabi history, winning her third consecutive Masters singles gold medal at the Maccabi Games. The triumph adds to a glittering career that has made her one of South Africa’s most successful Maccabi athletes.

Since starting her Maccabi Games career when she was 14 years old, Boyd has competed in six Maccabiah over the years, winning a total of 11 medals, nine gold and two bronze. She also notched up her fifth consecutive mixed doubles title this year.

Winning gold for the third time in a row was especially meaningful. “I’m super stoked, but also quite relieved as the pressure is gone now,” she said. “It’s a big goal of mine, and hopefully in three years, I’ll be back to defend it again.”

For Boyd, this year’s Maccabi Games were extra special because of last year’s postponement due to Israel’s 12-day war with Iran.

“On top of everything else, it was especially difficult because we were so excited and had prepared so hard last year, only for the Games to be cancelled three weeks before they were due to begin. It felt like all that hard work had gone to waste, but we had to pick ourselves up, get back into training, and prepare all over again a year later.

“It was tough, but it was worth it. To be here now, and to win at such a meaningful time for the Jewish people around the world, makes it incredibly special,” she said.

Boyd was never in doubt about whether she would go to Israel to defend her title.

“We’re all so glad that it did happen, and I think it was important for Israel for it to happen, for the country and the people and everyone who came. So there were doubts at times, but I think I just kept being positive and training and thinking, ‘It’s going to happen, it’s going to happen,’” she said.

“The Maccabiah this year has been quite special and memorable, given everything

that’s been going on in the world and in Israel in the past three years.”

The hardest parts of this year’s tournament were acclimatising to the intense heat and playing 10 matches in 10 days.

“It’s trying to manage my body. You know, I’m also 47 years old. I’m not getting any younger; it’s managing my body, but I still

wanted to try and enjoy myself and do things. But also, first prize is gold; I’m here to play tennis and to do well and to compete,” she said.

To prepare for the Games while continuing her full-time job required discipline and careful time management. She increased her strength and conditioning

work, interval training, and match play, as well as maintaining regular on-court practice. Recognising the importance of preserving muscle strength as she gets older, she committed to early-morning gym and tennis sessions before work, as well as evening practice.

Her dedication ultimately paid off. In her final match on 12 July, Boyd was playing the person she had beaten in 2022 to win gold for the second time.

“I had a bit of confidence, but she’s tough, and it’s four years later; you never know. Things change; people change. I was a bit nervous, and I had the pressure because I’d beaten her before; she was gunning for me. She’s an Israeli so of course everyone wanted her to win, but I was pretty confident. I just knew what I needed to do. I’d done all the hard work over the past year or two [so] that if I just followed my game plan and kept a strong head – I’m always quite mentally tough – I should be able to pull it through.”

She explained that when she got to match point in that final game, she could taste the gold medal. “I was like, let’s just get the job done before anything. We always say that the last point is the hardest to win, that one point. So, when I hit a return, and she missed it, I could see it was going out. It was such a sense of relief, but also joy,” she said.



Jacqui Boyd



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Personal archives hidden under the Warsaw Ghetto

CLAUDIA GROSS

As the walls of the Warsaw Ghetto closed in and death became an ever-present reality, a group of Jews made an extraordinary decision. They believed preserving the truth mattered as much as staying alive. They collected everything from diaries and school timetables to children’s drawings and candy wrappers and buried them in the hope that one day someone would find them.



Image of one of the milk cans used to store part of the Ringelblum Archive, housed in the Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw

Their story is now told in *More Important Than Life*, a travelling exhibition at the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre. The exhibition explores the Ringelblum Archive, one of the most significant collections of Holocaust documentation. Compiled by members of the Oneg Shabbat group in the Warsaw Ghetto, it offers an intimate record of Jewish life under Nazi occupation and stands as a remarkable act

of spiritual and cultural resistance. Before World War II, Poland was home to one of the world’s largest Jewish communities. Following Germany’s invasion in September 1939, the Nazis forced hundreds of thousands of Warsaw’s Jews into a sealed ghetto covering just 3.4 square kilometres. About 460 000 people were confined there under increasingly brutal conditions. Within the ghetto lived historian Dr Emanuel Ringelblum. Long before the war, he had dedicated his career to studying Jewish history in Warsaw. As conditions deteriorated, he concluded that recording what was happening had become an urgent responsibility. Ringelblum brought together historians, teachers, journalists, doctors, writers, social scientists, and other volunteers. The group became known as Oneg Shabbat, meaning “Joy of the Sabbath”, because its members met on Saturdays to plan their work. Their mission was simple but immense. “Everything is important, nothing is unimportant,” Ringelblum instructed the group. They documented every aspect of life in the ghetto. They collected official notices, personal letters, poems, essays, newspapers, photographs, ration cards, birth certificates, school records, and cinema and concert tickets.

As visitors move through the exhibition, they encounter photographs and personal testimonies alongside reproductions of documents that demonstrate the determination of those who refused to allow their community’s history to disappear. The purpose of the archive also changed as Nazi persecution intensified. What began as a record of everyday life became evidence of systematic persecution and murder. One display features Ringelblum’s words “When the time comes, and it surely will, the world will read and the world will know”. As deportations accelerated in 1942, the group realised the archive might not survive if it wasn’t hidden. Thousands of pages were packed into metal containers and buried in the basements of buildings in the ghetto. One cache was placed inside specially constructed metal boxes, while others were sealed inside milk

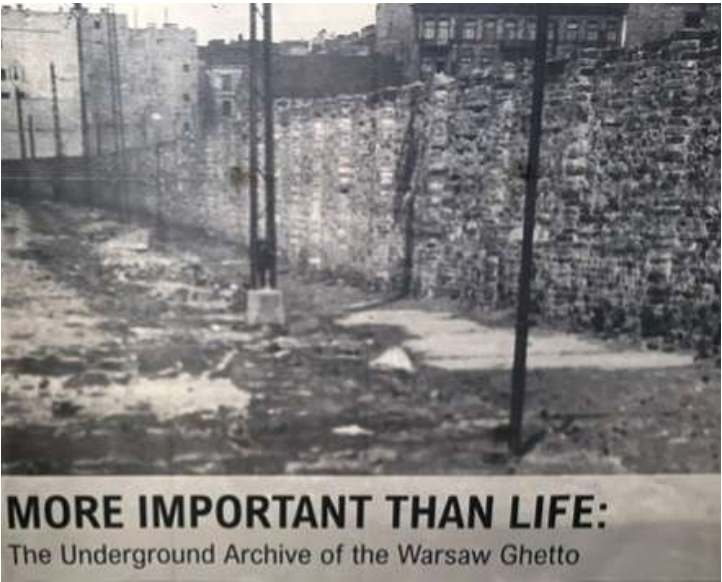
cooperation with the country’s three Holocaust and Genocide centres. “The exhibition premiered in Johannesburg, then travelled to Durban, and has now arrived in Cape Town,” he said. “We scheduled it to coincide with our broader programme of exhibitions and events, as it fits very well with the themes we are exploring this year and offers visitors an opportunity to engage with one of the most remarkable acts of documentation and resistance during the Holocaust.” Nowakowski said the archive remains especially significant. “At a time when Holocaust distortion and denial continue to circulate, it is more important than ever to remind people that the Holocaust is not



cans before being hidden underground. The specially built boxes suffered extensive water damage after the war, but the milk cans preserved much of their contents. Today, about 35 000 pages survive. Historians believe a third cache may still be buried beneath Warsaw. Only three members of the Oneg Shabbat group survived the Holocaust. Among them was Hersz Wasser, who had coordinated much of the archive’s daily administration. After the war, he helped investigators locate the buried collection because he alone remembered where it had been hidden. Rachel Auerbach, a journalist and fellow survivor, also played

a myth but a meticulously documented historical event,” he said. “What makes this archive so remarkable is that it was created by people living through those events, who understood the importance of recording their experiences as history was unfolding, often at enormous personal risk. Their determination to preserve the truth for future generations makes the exhibition especially powerful and deeply relevant today.” The centre’s director of education, Orli Barnett, said the exhibition’s greatest strength is the diversity of voices represented within the archive. “What resonates with me personally is the rich

diversity of both the documents and the backgrounds of their authors.” “At such a fraught and desperate time, Emanuel Ringelblum was able to gather eye-witness sources from a broad section of the ghetto inhabitants in order to genuinely answer the question, ‘Who will write our history?’” Barnett said she is deeply moved by the fact that most



an important role in recovering and preserving the archive. Ringelblum, his wife, Yehudis, and their son, Uri, escaped the ghetto for a time and lived in hiding. They later returned to assist the resistance. After being discovered in a bunker with other Jews, they were murdered by the Nazis. Jakub Nowakowski, director of the Cape Town Holocaust & Genocide Centre, said the exhibition originated at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw before travelling to South Africa through

contributors did not live to see the defeat of Nazi Germany. “I hope that visitors will join us in learning their stories, and passing them on to future generations.” More than 80 years after they buried proof of their lives beneath the Warsaw Ghetto, the archive’s creators continue to fulfil the purpose they intended. Through thousands of fragile pages, preserved against overwhelming odds, they ensured that future generations would not have to rely on memory alone. Their own words became history.



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Every day needs to be a Mandela Day

CLAUDIA GROSS

Nearly two decades after Mandela Day was introduced, many charities say the challenge is not persuading people to give 67 minutes to a good cause. It is encouraging them to return on the 68th minute.

As 18 July approaches, non-profit organisations say enthusiasm for Mandela Day remains, but it looks different from the excitement that surrounded the campaign in its early years. While some still see a surge of volunteers and corporate support, others say many participants now arrive at the last minute, often because they feel obliged to do something.

For Jewish organisations and charities, the conversation goes further. Mandela Day reflects values deeply rooted in Judaism, including *zedakah* (charitable giving), *chesed* (loving kindness), and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). And those values suggest that caring for others should be a year-round commitment rather than a once-a-year event.

Danny Diliberto, founder of the Ladles of Love feeding scheme, believes Mandela Day continues to enjoy widespread support, although the charitable landscape has become more crowded. “We’ve always done Mandela Day as a big event,” he says, “People would contact me and say, ‘What are you doing for Mandela Day? Can we come and join?’”

Now, many more organisations host Mandela Day initiatives, creating greater competition for volunteers and corporate support. At the same time, he has seen companies increasingly embrace volunteering as a team-building exercise. “I’m finding that corporates are wanting to do a team build with purpose rather than just some arbitrary get-together.”

Although Ladles of Love experiences a noticeable spike in activity around Mandela Day, Diliberto says the organisation deliberately encourages supporters to think beyond a single day.

Because Mandela Day falls on a Saturday this year, many workplaces have shifted their activities to weekdays



or expanded them into Mandela Month. Ladles of Love now offers them the opportunity to host their own workplace activations throughout July. “We’re trying to expand on ‘Let’s go beyond Mandela Day,’” he says.

Souper Troopers manager Moeshfiegah Bosch has also noticed a change in public behaviour. “It’s not like it used to be. A lot of people reach out lastminute.com.”

New supporters often discover Souper Troopers through online searches for Mandela Day volunteering opportunities. “The saddest part is they don’t know much about us,” says Bosch. “They’re just looking for an organisation.”

However, she says perceptions often change after volunteers spend time alongside people experiencing homelessness. Rather than simply serving meals, Souper Troopers encourages volunteers and beneficiaries to cook together, eat together, and spend time getting to know one another. “We see the human before the homeless,” Bosch says.

She believes those personal connections can be the most valuable outcome of Mandela Day. When volunteers leave, they take with them a deeper understanding of homelessness, greater gratitude for their own circumstances, and a desire to return.

Bosch would nevertheless prefer organisations to volunteer throughout the year. “It’s volunteering your

time,” she says. “Even if it’s a pop-in.” She suggests companies dedicate regular volunteer days for different departments instead of concentrating all their efforts on Mandela Day. “If they could make a once-a-month volunteer day, that would be so amazing.”

Like Ladles of Love, Souper Troopers experiences a full calendar during Mandela Month before activity settles back into its usual rhythm. For Bosch, the real success comes when those first visits develop into lasting relationships.

The founder and executive director of volunteer network Mensch, Gina Flash believes Mandela Day still plays an important role, even if its meaning has evolved. She says South Africa has changed significantly since Mandela first became president. “I feel like Mandela Day gives South Africa a little bit of a reminder when we’re getting a little bit jaded that there is a reason to connect,” she says.

But rather than focusing on a single event, Mensch has shifted its attention towards helping volunteers build long-term relationships with organisations across its network.

This year, it is launching Volunteer 365, a programme designed to encourage people to volunteer consistently throughout the year while connecting their service to Jewish values. Flash says the organisation wants to use the energy generated by Mandela Day and Mitzvah Day as a starting point instead of ends in themselves.

“I think Mandela Day just gives us a point in the calendar to highlight volunteering, to showcase the network, and gives us something to point at and say it’s an opportunity to come and experience an organisation.”

Participants in Volunteer 365 will meet regularly, volunteer with different organisations, and reflect together on Jewish teachings about service. “It needs to

organically grow into something that is meaningful for people,” she says.

She believes that if enthusiasm around Mandela Day has declined, it presents an opportunity to rethink how people engage with volunteering. “It can feel a bit empty if you come and just make sandwiches one day and that’s it. If you really start to get to know an organisation, it becomes part of your life.”

The Angel Network founder and chief executive Glynne Wolman also believes Mandela Day has become too closely associated with one day on the calendar. “Every day is Mandela Day at The Angel Network.” For Wolman, limiting service to 67 minutes misses the spirit of both Mandela’s legacy and Jewish values. “You can’t say I’m going to repair the world for 67 minutes a year,” she says.

Organisations such as The Angel Network work throughout the year to support vulnerable communities, making sandwiches, supplying schools, distributing blankets, and creating educational opportunities long after Mandela Day has passed, says Wolman.

She believes many companies feel obligated to spend their corporate social investment budgets around Mandela Day, but hopes they will recognise that communities’ needs don’t disappear once July ends.

Diliberto echoes that sentiment, saying that South Africa’s deep social challenges cannot be solved by charities alone. “We as individuals have to do our part.”

He believes volunteering benefits both the people receiving help and those giving it. “It’s good for your soul. It keeps you grounded. It makes you feel good. It promotes kindness.”

For Jewish South Africans that message aligns naturally with traditions that place *zedakah*, *chesed*, and *tikkun olam* at the centre of daily life. Mandela Day may inspire millions of South Africans to give 67 minutes of their time, but the organisations on the receiving end hope those first acts of service become something more enduring. For them, the greatest tribute to Mandela is not what happens on one day in July, but what happens on the other 364 days of the year.

Nominate achievers whose impact is far reaching

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The Investec Jewish Achiever Awards recognise more than success alone. They celebrate individuals whose accomplishments have made a lasting impact on South Africa, the Jewish community, and beyond.

With nominations now open for the 2026 awards, organisers are encouraging the public to think broadly about who deserves recognition.

The Investec Professional Excellence Award celebrates those at the pinnacle of their chosen profession. Whether in medicine, law, academia, technology, engineering, or another field, nominees should have demonstrated innovation, leadership, and national recognition while setting a benchmark for professional excellence.

Business success remains a cornerstone of the awards, but the judges are looking beyond financial performance. The Investec Business Leadership Award recognises those whose vision, integrity, and strategic leadership have built organisations that create lasting value and inspire others. The Investec Business Icon Award honours individuals whose contribution to South African business has stood the test of time, earning them iconic status.

Entrepreneurship is celebrated through the Eric Ellering Entrepreneur Award, which recognises people who have turned bold ideas into thriving enterprises. Judges will look for innovation, resilience, and the ability to create economic opportunity while demonstrating the courage to take calculated risks and build something enduring.

The Europcar Women in Leadership Award recognises exceptional women who have shaped business, public life, philanthropy, academia, the arts, or the broader South African community. It celebrates women whose achievements have opened doors, inspired others, and made a meaningful difference through their influence and example.

Young leaders are encouraged to come to the fore through the Ichikowitz Family Foundation Rising Star Award. It recognises individuals aged 35 years or

younger who have already demonstrated extraordinary promise and whose contributions are making a significant impact early in their careers.

Not all achievements are measured in commercial success. The Bertie Lubner Humanitarian Award in Honour of Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris honours individuals, Jewish or non-Jewish, whose compassion and service have transformed lives and strengthened South African society through humanitarian work and a commitment to the well-being of others.

Similarly, the Mann Made Community Service Award recognises dedication to strengthening the South African Jewish community. It honours individuals whose leadership, volunteerism, and commitment have enriched communal life and helped build a stronger future for generations to come.

Excellence also takes creative and intellectual forms. The Art, Sport, Science, and Culture Award celebrates people who have distinguished themselves in fields ranging from scientific research and innovation to artistic achievement, sporting excellence, and cultural contribution, bringing pride to both the Jewish community and South Africa.

The highest honour is the Lifetime Achievement Award in Honour of Helen Suzman. It goes to the individual whose sustained contribution over many years has left an enduring legacy through exceptional leadership, service, and achievement.

Across every category, the awards seek individuals or groups whose accomplishments have been matched by integrity, vision, and a commitment to making a positive difference. Whether leading companies, advancing knowledge, serving communities, creating opportunities, or inspiring others, the common thread is lasting impact.

The organisers encourage nominations that reflect the breadth of South African Jewish achievement, ensuring that those who shape lives, industries, and communities receive the recognition they deserve.





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Rabbi embraces modern-world Torah tradition

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American Orthodox Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz has built a career in challenging steadfast assumptions. While firmly rooted in the halacha, he has become one of modern Orthodoxy’s most progressive voices, advocating for women’s leadership, LGBTQ+ inclusion, social justice, and interfaith dialogue.

To many, those positions seem contradictory. To him, they’re a natural extension of Judaism itself.

Speaking ahead of his virtual educational sessions for the Cape Town Melton School’s anniversary programme, Yanklowitz said his focus before the high holy days isn’t on controversy. “It’s really going to be about character development and flourishing as individuals in our fullest sense,” he said. “In Elul, preparing for a month of reflection, it’s going to be storytelling and inspiration for focusing on our inner lives.”

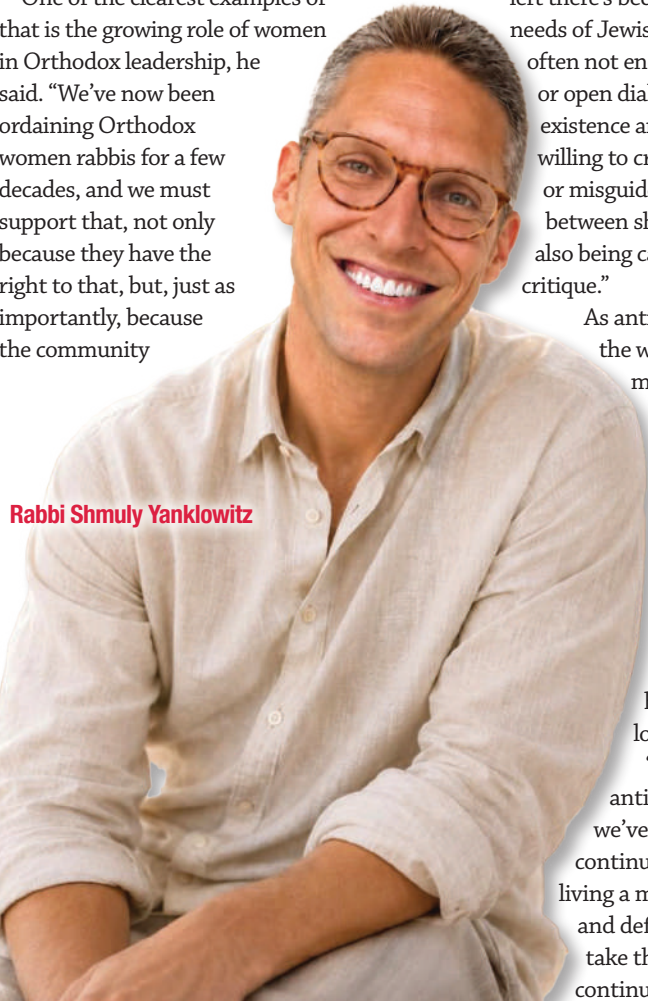
That same principle, he believes, should shape the way Judaism responds to the modern world. “The Torah is living. It was intended, built into the system, to be an evolving tradition, one that is responsive to the moral demands of our moment.

“It’s not about changing the halacha as much as actualising it by liberating it from its narrow confines, because sometimes in history we were very limited due to external oppression. Now, with a new empowered sense of opportunities, we can really actualise the halacha for this moment. There’s a type of liberal Judaism that sometimes just dismisses the halacha, and there’s a type of ultra-Orthodoxy that freezes the halacha. I think there’s a middle ground that needs to be tradition-rooted, but also very responsive and adaptive.”

For Yanklowitz, that understanding begins with recognising the diversity within the Jewish world.

“My form of Orthodoxy is rooted in pluralism, a real respect for the diversity of types of Jews. Rather than trying to change people or make them a certain type of Jew, it’s really about validating and appreciating the diversity of the Jewish community. It means being more open to change and welcoming people as they are. It entails being more feminist and inclusive of women. It includes being more LGBTQ+-friendly. It includes engaging people of different racial and cultural backgrounds.”

One of the clearest examples of that is the growing role of women in Orthodox leadership, he said. “We’ve now been ordaining Orthodox women rabbis for a few decades, and we must support that, not only because they have the right to that, but, just as importantly, because the community



Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz

will benefit immensely from that. In particular, we want young women to see these role models and this pathway to Jewish leadership.”

Yanklowitz understands why some argue that women rabbis aren’t part of Orthodox tradition, but says tradition has never meant standing still. “It’s true we haven’t had women rabbis for thousands of years, but we also didn’t have phones and electricity and we didn’t have the internet and we didn’t have medical technology. It’s a new era. I think there’s a way to preserve Torah and halacha and still be responsive to those new realities.

“Women now have PhDs and are presidents and prime ministers. Women now have full access to public leadership. Why should this be the one form of leadership they can’t exercise? It makes Torah look embarrassing to say we restrict women from leadership.”

The same commitment to human dignity informs his approach to the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people. “Throughout the Torah, it champions human dignity,” he said. “We know that by alienating queer people, their suicide rates are much higher. We should celebrate human dignity, *kavod habriyot*, and make sure people feel valued and respected.”

His understanding of Judaism extends well beyond synagogue life. Through organisations supporting vulnerable children, refugees, immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, animal welfare, and pluralistic Jewish learning, he sees social action as inseparable from religious life.

“My Torah is rooted in a social justice awareness of supporting vulnerable populations,” he said. “We do a lot of humanitarian work with foster children, with immigrants and refugees, with homeless populations, and a lot of interfaith bridge building.”

That same willingness to hold complexity shapes the way he speaks about Israel.

“Our Jewish establishments should be very invested in Jewish security and global Jewish solidarity and defending our community against unfair antisemitic attacks,” he said. “But within the Jewish community we really have to figure out how to create more space for complex dialogue so that people with various viewpoints on the conflict can openly and honestly participate in understanding the complexity of these issues.”

Yanklowitz believes both the political left and right have lost some of that balance. “On the far left there’s become too much dismissal of the needs of Jewish security. On the right, there’s often not enough space for diverse viewpoints or open dialogue. “While we support Israel’s existence and security, we should also be willing to critique policies we think are unjust or misguided. We should all find a balance between sharing love and solidarity and also being capable of having space for moral critique.”

As antisemitism continues to rise around the world, Yanklowitz believes Jews must resist allowing hatred to define their purpose. “I think there’s three ways [to respond],” he said. “The first is to call it out and fight it on all levels. The second is not to let it throw us off our mission and to continue to live our values on the global platform. The third is to build bridges with communities, not just to combat hate, but to find partners who are looking for partnership.

“If all we’re about is combatting antisemitism and defending Israel, we’ve lost ourselves. We need to continue to be advocates for justice and living a moral mission, not just be reactive and defensive. We have to learn how to take those threats seriously but also continue to spread our message.”

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The unexpected kidney diagnosis that changed a life

CLAUDIA GROSS

Just weeks ago, Aviva Zartz considered herself healthy. Then a routine doctor’s visit led to the finding that her kidneys were functioning at just 3%. Within hours, she was rushed to hospital, facing a diagnosis of stage 5 kidney disease and a future dominated by dialysis while waiting for a life-saving transplant.

Today, the Cape Town mother is adjusting to a completely different life. She spends hours each week on dialysis, follows a strict new diet, and faces months of uncertainty before she may be eligible for a kidney transplant.

At the same time, an outpouring of support from family, friends, and strangers has helped carry her through what she describes as the biggest challenge of her life.

Zartz says the ordeal began when she realised she wasn’t feeling okay. “I just wasn’t feeling well, wasn’t feeling myself. I went to the doctor and he looked at me and asked why my eyes were so black underneath and puffy.”

The doctor was also concerned about her very high blood pressure and immediately sent her for blood tests. The results changed everything. “They found out it was my kidneys,” she says.

According to her mother-in-law, Cheryl Weiner, the family received an urgent phone call after the test results became available. “The GP said, ‘I don’t want you to panic, but we’re taking her straight to emergency,’” Weiner recalls. “The blood tests showed her kidneys were functioning at only 3%.”

What followed was a frantic search for treatment. Zartz spent hours in the emergency department before being referred between public hospitals because she didn’t yet have medical aid. Weiner says the family’s anxiety grew when doctors warned that Zartz’s potassium levels had become dangerously high.

“A family member who is a doctor told us that if they didn’t bring it down, she was in trouble,” she says. The family was eventually



Aviva Zartz, right, with husband Michael and daughter Gabi

able to arrange an appointment with a private nephrologist. A dialysis port was inserted urgently, allowing treatment to begin before Zartz’s condition worsened further.

Dialysis is now at the centre of her life. “It’s been good,” she says of the treatment. “Obviously it takes it out of me. It makes me really tired. I just don’t have the energy that I had before. The actual dialysis, you don’t feel anything. It just takes it out of you.”

Her daily routine has changed dramatically. “It’s changed my life. I have a completely new diet. As I said, I just don’t have the energy that I had before.”

The diagnosis has also changed the way she thinks about life. “It makes you think anything can change in a second, which it really has. From being a healthy

person, it’s been a huge adjustment.”

Doctors have told Zartz the dialysis is likely to continue for many months. The current expectation is that she may be considered for a kidney transplant around the middle of next year, although the timing remains uncertain.

A successful transplant would mean she would no longer need dialysis, although she understands that much depends on when a suitable kidney becomes available. Finding that kidney is another challenge. Weiner says family members and friends will be undergoing testing to determine whether any of them are compatible donors. If no suitable match is found within their immediate circle, the search will be widened.

For now, the family is focused on helping Zartz manage the months ahead while also navigating the financial pressures that accompany long-term treatment.

Although medical aid has now been arranged, Weiner explains that

it came after the initial emergency and that other healthcare costs remain a concern because of waiting periods for certain benefits. Friends and family have launched a BackaBuddy campaign to assist with the ongoing costs of dialysis, specialist appointments, medication, and other treatment while Zartz awaits a transplant.

She says the support she has received throughout the ordeal has been overwhelming. “Without support I don’t know where I would be.”

Encouragement has come from every direction. “Everyone. The outpouring of love has been absolutely phenomenal. It really has. Very unexpected, to be honest.”

Weiner says the response from relatives, friends, and the wider community has given the family hope during an exceptionally difficult period.

For Zartz, the journey has just started. She knows the months ahead will bring more dialysis sessions, medical appointments, and uncertainty. Yet she remains focused on reaching the day when a transplant can offer the possibility of a more normal life. “It’s just the beginning,” she says. “I’ve got a long road ahead of me.”

Our extended family in Rome

PERSONAL STORY

ADAM THAL



Yesterday was one of those days that reminded me that sometimes the best moments in life are the ones you didn’t plan.

We’d spent the day walking around the Vatican. By the end of it we were exhausted. Our feet hurt, we were starving, and like most families on holiday, the only thing we could all agree on was that we needed to eat.



Somehow, almost by accident, we found ourselves in Rome’s Jewish Ghetto. We didn’t really know much about it. We wandered past a few kosher restaurants, Jewish bakeries, and little shops before settling down for dinner. Most of the shops and places were closed because it just happened to be Friday night. Shabbat.

As we sat there waiting for our food, groups of Jewish families started walking past us on their way to synagogue, greeting one another with smiles and “Shabbat Shalom”. And something happened that I didn’t expect.

We felt ... at home.

It’s a strange feeling to explain, but I think every Jewish person knows it. You’re thousands of kilometres from home, surrounded by people you’ve never met before, speaking a language you don’t understand, and yet somehow they still feel like family. They may have different accents. The conversations may be in Italian instead of English. But somehow you know you belong.

We could hear the Friday night service coming from the Great Synagogue across the road. The melodies drifting through the streets were the same melodies we sing every Friday night back home in Johannesburg. Seven thousand kilometres apart, yet exactly the same.

It was beautiful.

When we got back to the hotel later that night, I started reading about the history of the Jewish Ghetto. That’s when everything changed. I realised that the very streets we’d been walking through and eating dinner in were the same streets where, in October

1943, the Nazis rounded up hundreds of Jewish men, women, and children before deporting them to Auschwitz. Most of them never came home.

I looked at the photos I’d taken only a few hours earlier. The restaurants. The synagogue. The families. The individual people. And I got goosebumps.

Without knowing it, Kerry, Zac, Cruz, and I had shared our Shabbat meal in a place where an entire Jewish community had once almost been erased.

Yet there we were. Eating our Shabbat dinner. Watching Jewish families walk freely to synagogue. Listening to prayers filling the streets once again.

It suddenly struck me that this wasn’t just a nice neighbourhood with a fascinating history. It was living proof that Hitler didn’t win.

Not because the buildings survived, but because the people did! The faith did! The traditions did! The songs did!

The same songs that were sung there generations ago are still being sung today. Shabbat candles are still being lit. Families are still proudly roaming the streets and gathering around tables on Friday nights.



That is resilience. That is hope. That is what it means to belong to something bigger than yourself.

Whether ending up there was pure coincidence or something a little greater, I’ll probably never know. But I do know this. Sometimes history isn’t found in museums. Sometimes it finds you while you’re simply looking for somewhere to have dinner. And sometimes the places you never intended to visit end up teaching you lessons you’ll remember for the rest of your life.

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Keeping the *simcha* moving: the art of hora coordination

CLAUDIA GROSS

The hora is one of the most memorable parts of a Jewish wedding. It's energetic, emotional, and often chaotic in the best possible way. Circles form, music swells, and family and friends dance around the bride and groom in celebration.

Behind the excitement is often a surprising amount of planning and coordination. While guests may see spontaneous dancing, many weddings rely on experienced people to guide the dancing, encourage participation, and keep the energy flowing.

For Cape Town-based entrepreneur Cassandra Sarembock, helping to coordinate horas began unexpectedly. She first entered the industry after her own wedding.

“When I got married in 2017, there was no one-stop shop for everything,” she

The coordination side of the business came later. “People said, ‘Can’t you help run the horas?’ and I thought, ‘I don’t see why not,’” she says. What began as occasional assistance evolved into a dedicated service helping guests join in the dancing.

Sarembock says one of the main reasons couples seek hora coordinators is that guests want to enjoy the wedding without feeling responsible for creating the atmosphere themselves. “If people already knew the dance moves and what to do to bring the vibe, the onus is on them.”

Another reason is guests who may be unfamiliar with Jewish wedding traditions. “You have a lot of marriages where the bride has converted, or where the bride is Jewish and the groom isn’t,” she says. “There are a lot of people who are going to be at the wedding who have never been to a Jewish wedding in their life.”

In these situations, she helps explain the dances, demonstrate the steps, and encourage

participation. Sarembock says she often notices a difference between guests who are close to the bride and those who are less familiar with the customs.

“The inner circle of the bride and the

bridesmaids are doing their thing,” she says. Guests in the outer circles are frequently eager to participate but need encouragement. “They are very willing and wanting to be part of the dancing, they just feel a little out of place.”

Her role is to help those guests feel comfortable enough to join in.

At Orthodox weddings, men and women often dance separately. This can create two very different dance floors that each require their own energy and organisation.

Sarembock says men’s dancing tends to be more straightforward. “The men basically just have three different moves that they rotate and they’re happy with that.” Women’s dancing, by contrast, involves a greater variety of movements and formations. “The ladies are the ones that come with all the little finicky

different moves,” she says.

Johannesburg-based event coordinator Robyn Kahanovitz has observed similar patterns. Kahanovitz specialises in organising the props and activities, often known as “schtick”, that accompany Jewish wedding dancing. These can include maypoles, handheld fans, and other visual elements designed to add excitement to the celebration.

She believes music remains central to the success of the hora. “The band is instrumental in getting the vibe going and maintaining the energy through each

“The women in the bride’s retinue tend to take the lead in the women’s horas and judge timing themselves,” she says, adding that they generally prefer deciding which moves to perform and when. “The truth is that they don’t like to be told what to do.”

Her involvement varies from wedding to wedding. When she notices uncertainty among guests in the outer circles, she steps in to help. “Otherwise, I’m mostly handling the schtick, such as handing over the donut sheet or the maypole,” she says.

Sarembock acknowledges that some couples choose a more restrained celebration. Certain weddings favour a lower-key approach, while others embrace the full spectacle of energetic dancing and elaborate props.

Whatever form it takes, she believes the underlying goal is the same. “For me, just making the day as happy and as joyous as you can for the bride and groom is the best thing.”

That focus on communal celebration may explain why the hora continues to remain so central to Jewish weddings around the world. Long after the ceremony ends, it is often the images of crowded dance floors, raised chairs, and joyful circles that remain in guests’ memories.

And increasingly, behind those moments are women whose role is to ensure that everyone, from lifelong community members to first-time guests, feels part of the *simcha*.



Cassandra Sarembock setting up for a wedding



A bride dancing in a donut sheet during the hora

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says. She began building an inventory of wedding items, including maypoles with ribbons, arches, donut sheets, and other props used during Jewish wedding celebrations.



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Neurodivergent kidpreneurs prove power of thinking outside the box

GILLIAN KLAWANSKY

From the 13-year-old with a cellphone business to the teen who creates websites and provides Formula 1 commentary, there are many children who excel outside the traditional schooling system. Their ability to express themselves through alternative pursuits not only hones their self-belief, it challenges preconceptions about the paths to success.

"Our son's brain works differently, he's proudly autistic," says Melanie Ger, whose son, Aaron, has sold more than 100 phones in a year. "Instead of pushing him through what society believes should be appropriate, we've gone with what he is actually capable of doing, and the things that he loves." In Aaron's case, this is fixing and selling phones.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, at the age of six, Aaron received his first device, a second-hand iPad on which to do his Zoom lessons. "It was old, but I loved it, because it could take my mind away from whatever I was doing," he says. "Then I started watching YouTube videos on how to fix phones and I really wanted to try and do it, so my parents let me borrow one of their old phones."

Soon, a passion was born. As Aaron began to collect used phones from family and friends, he extended his repairing skills. "I used to trade phones," he says. "I'd go to tech cellphone repair shops, and I'd trade one of these phones for two broken ones, which I'd then fix or use for parts."

He made friends with the different shop owners, who spent hours helping him develop his skills, while his parents waited alongside him. "They'd give him 10 to 20 broken phones and he'd work on them like a surgeon, pulling out and using the parts that still worked," says Ger. Aaron became so proficient at phone repairs that he

ultimately started a now-profitable business at the age of 10, buying and selling phones on the online platform Yaga. Sales are done through an intermediary, so he doesn't deal with customers face to face.

"Devices are his love language, through which he understands and makes sense of the world," his mother says. Aaron uses the money he makes to buy more old phones online, repairing and selling them too, while continuing with his education. Having left the school system at the age of 10, Aaron now attends



Aaron Ger's collection of restored cellphones

The Lighthouse Learning Hub, a co-working space for children and teens facilitated by occupational therapists and educators. "With school being so linear with so much going on – juggling multiple lessons, teachers, and textbooks in a day – it was just too much for him," his mother says.

At the Hub, Aaron tackles subjects at his own pace, one section or subject at a time. "It's much better for his brain to focus on one thing specifically rather than juggle multiple things," she explains. "Just because he doesn't go to mainstream school doesn't mean he's not capable." Ger says there are many children there like Aaron. "This is our next generation of entrepreneurs."

Ben Kuper, now 17, has also found his purpose through his business pursuits. For Kuper, school was always a challenge. Slightly on the spectrum, from a young age he battled with anxiety and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and moved between schools. The COVID-19 pandemic added further complexity and resulted in school refusal, says his mother, Caryn Kuper. While he ultimately tried the GED, an American high school equivalency credential, it wasn't a good fit and affected his confidence.

"After much deliberation, we decided to give it a break and see how things went," Caryn says. "In the last year, he's done amazingly, he's put together a whole programme of Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning, and it's taught him how to put together websites, which has led to him creating a website business. He's also flourished through his passion for Formula 1 commentating."

Kuper's love of Formula 1 was sparked during the pandemic when he watched the Netflix series *Drive to Survive*. "Two years later, I thought, I'm a big talker, so why not try commentary?" he says. He began commentating races and posting clips online. He found an online racing league started doing online commentary. Now he has regular commentary slots and co-owns his own online racing league. He also recently started Sites by Ben, where he uses the skills he's learned through AI to build websites.

"I've always wanted to have my own business, something that's common in my generation," he says. "I want to be successful – who doesn't?" Kuper says that knowing that there are ways to do well without school has boosted his confidence. "Do what makes you happy," he says. "Don't do something just because other people are telling you to do it. Prove them wrong."

While his mother says it took some time to accept that Ben might not complete matric – with that option still not off the table – his path has taught her a lot. "Ben is

showing me that if you have enough passion, you can do whatever you want and make a success of it. You're not being forced to do something you don't want to. I think some kids are just not wired academically, and the world has just been naïve in tackling that, but it's opening to that now."

Educational psychologist and teacher Heidi Bome, who runs the Collab Therapy Centre, which facilitates homeschooling and alternative programmes, agrees that traditional schooling is not for everyone. "Not everybody needs to finish school to become something. Since COVID-19, especially, there's a lot more awareness that there are other educational options. We're starting to see these kids being identified a lot earlier, and there's more understanding about what being on the spectrum means."

Bome explains why such children, who have a higher IQ (cognitive reasoning) than EQ (emotional intelligence), may have an affinity to careers associated with technology. "It's what they perceive as non-demanding and non-threatening, because it's predictable. They control their environment and don't have to deal with sensory overload or multiple people."

In mainstream school settings, such children are often misunderstood, she says, but they have enormous potential. Finding a less regimental setting often frees them up to explore their creativity and abilities. They then stop seeing themselves as different, but rather as someone with a different propensity. "When they go into an environment where they are accepted or start experiencing success, they flourish. Nothing breeds success like success."



Ben Kuper

Old, not sick

I've started to worry that living a long life is becoming a full-time job. As someone who has recently burrowed deep into the rabbit hole of longevity, I am fast reaching the conclusion that getting older is honestly not what it used to be.

Take my late grandmother, for example. A tiny, smoking, gambling, feisty survivor. Her favourite saying, delivered whenever anyone offered to help her, was, "I am old. Not sick!"

But then at the age of 84, she found herself struggling to stand for too long at the one-armed bandits at Montecasino, which is when she decided she needed a hip replacement. Everything was on track until she met the anaesthetist, who told her in no uncertain terms that he would not allow the surgery to proceed unless she stopped smoking. "Really?" she asked, in her unmistakable German accent. "There is a chance I will die young?"

That aside, she stopped smoking. She had the surgery and then promptly announced that she was emigrating to Israel. It was a remarkable decision at her age. Yet, off she went on the next adventure of her already spirited life. She settled well, but I suspect she was slightly disappointed that the Israel Defense Forces showed no interest in recruiting her. Frankly, it was their loss.

She lived to 94. My grandmother never took an ice bath. She didn't meditate. I'm fairly certain she never practised mindfulness, unless giving "helpful advice" to someone in a supermarket queue counts.

She wasn't tracking her REM sleep. She didn't wear a smartwatch that congratulated her for standing up. She never measured her protein intake. She didn't know what inflammation was unless someone had offended her. As far as I know, she wasn't injecting peptides, boosting her NAD levels, swallowing creatine, or discussing mitochondrial health over marzipan chocolate.

She just... lived. Which brings me to my problem. The longevity industry has done something remarkable. It's turned staying alive into a hobby.

The deeper I venture into this world, the more it seems that extending your life expectancy leaves you with very little time to actually enjoy it. My day now appears to involve taking

INNER VOICE

Howard Feldman



supplements before breakfast, supplements with breakfast, supplements after breakfast, and supplements because I took the breakfast supplements. And drinking no less than my body weight by lunchtime. And because creatine demands liquid, apparently.

Then there is exercise. But not just exercise. Zone 2 cardio. Strength training. Mobility work. Recovery. Stretching. Pilates. Apparently, if I sit for too long, I'll die. If I don't lift heavy things, I'll die. If I don't sleep eight hours, I'll die. If I sleep nine hours, I may also die.

Then there's the cold plunge. The premise appears to be that voluntarily making yourself miserable somehow makes you healthier. By that logic, marriage should count as resistance training.

And don't forget the breathing exercises. Somewhere between box breathing, square breathing, and breathing through one nostril while visualising inner peace, I started wondering when exactly ordinary breathing had quietly fallen out of fashion.

The irony is that many of us are working incredibly hard to add healthy years to our lives while simultaneously removing many of the things that make life enjoyable. The slice of birthday cake. Sleeping in. Sitting on the couch without your watch vibrating to remind you that you've been sedentary for 12 minutes.

I'm not dismissing the science. Much of it is compelling, and there is no doubt that eating well, exercising, sleeping properly, and maintaining muscle mass dramatically improve both lifespan and health span. But perhaps the goal isn't to spend every waking moment trying to avoid death, but rather to make sure we're still fully alive while we're busy living.

I suspect my grandmother would have agreed.

If asked, I know she would probably have lit a cigarette, taken a long, deeply satisfying drag, checked whether she'd hit three sevens on the one-armed bandit and reminded me, I am old. Not sick.

African roots

people cheering for Israel was overwhelming. It was a fantastic experience, although I was definitely nervous," she said.

Similarly, Martin Stein, who started playing pickleball only a few months ago and won gold in the Men's Masters 50 Doubles, says representing his home of 36 years is something he will never forget.

"Wearing the Israeli colours at the Maccabiah carried a sense of responsibility as well as pride," he said. "Even though there were quite a few South African olim, everyone was passionate about representing Israel. There was plenty of English spoken, a shared sense of humour, and a real camaraderie, but at the same time, everyone was united by the goal of competing for Israel."

Warren Stein, who won bronze in the Masters men's singles and silver in the Mixed Doubles Masters, explained that playing pickleball is a great way to meet people, to keep fit at 51, and to play a racquet sport, which comes very naturally to him as a tennis player.

He also represented Israel at the pickleball world championships in Florida, United States last year. To him, representing Israel means everything, but he always has a slice of South Africa, too, as he takes biltong to his games and gives some to his fellow players to keep up their stamina. This builds a large community of fellow expats.

"We're all still learning this new sport and trying to master it. One of the great things

about pickleball is that age doesn't really matter. If you have good touch and feel for the ball, you can compete," he said. "The South Africans have created a great atmosphere, and it's always special to meet fellow South Africans anywhere in the world, especially here in Israel. I'm also known for bringing the biltong, so whenever someone asks, I make sure the South Africans are well supplied. It's been an amazing experience."

Sacks Harnoy won silver medals in the Women Masters Doubles and the Women Masters 50 Singles and a bronze in the Mixed Doubles Masters, the most of any pickleball player in the United States team. She said playing in the Maccabi Games was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and being able to represent her home of nearly 40 years at the age of 60 was special to her.

"I put in so much hard work to get here. I'm 60, and it's just unbelievable passion for something at this stage of my life," she said. "I just got a thrill competing and representing the United States, and it was really a very big deal."

Silverman described standing on the winning podium, surrounded by many other South Africans, as "having a little bit of your home away from home with you as you're playing".

"We've all taken different paths, but it all started back in South Africa. That was like just a lovely common bond for all of us," said Sacks Harnoy.



Mandy Sacks Harnoy (silver), Orit Mimoun, and Janine Berzen (bronze) on the winners' podium



Warren Stein and his doubles partner in action

of the Israel Pickleball Association, really enjoyed it, and carried on playing.

She explained that when the chance to represent Israel at the Maccabi Games came, she knew she couldn't pass it up, especially considering she hadn't known about the Maccabiah as a youngster.

"I was incredibly grateful to represent Israel at my age. Wearing the Star of David was a real honour. I even wore Star of David socks with matching shoes because I was so proud to represent the country. The support from the crowd was amazing, and seeing so many

Pickleball winners share South

LEE TANKLE

South Africans inadvertently did South Africa proud at the Maccabi Games, winning nine medals in pickleball. If you're wondering why this wasn't widely known, it's because they are all expats and no longer live in or represent South Africa.

Warren Stein, Janine Berzen, Tanya Silverman, and Martin Stein represented Team Israel in the Masters pickleball tournament, while Mandy Sacks Harnoy represented the United States. All of them are former tennis players and were drawn to pickleball as it uses many of the same skills, but is generally less demanding on the body, while still being highly competitive and social.

"I've been playing tennis since the age of 10. I've been playing tennis for many years. And when I made aliya nearly 20 years ago, I found it difficult to play tennis. So I took up squash at the squash centre in Ra'anana," said Berzen, who took the bronze medal in the Masters Women's Singles. "I played there for quite a while. I continued playing there. One of my fellow squash players, Adam Bachman, suggested pickleball to me, and I checked it out, and



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SA's Cupido joins Israeli football club mired in controversy

LUKE ALFRED

Local footballer Ashley Cupido, on loan from Stellenbosch FC to Israeli second division outfit Kiryat Yam, has landed up at a club being investigated for match-fixing and money-laundering.

Last season, Kiryat Yam finished in sixth place in Liga Leumit, the Israeli second division. They would have finished higher but for the fact that they were deducted four points after being embroiled in the massive scandal.

A dawn raid on the club by the police's Lahav 433 economic crime unit in January netted 17 suspects, including players and administrators, whom police suspected of being involved in match-fixing and illegal betting, both offshore and in Israeli itself. The fraud apparently involves millions of shekels.

"The arrests came following a months-long undercover operation, conducted in cooperation with the Israel Football Association [IFA], which was opened amid suspicions over how the club was being managed," wrote *The Times of Israel*. "As the probe progressed, suspicions were raised that organised crime was involved in the financial and administrative activities of the club," police said."

Central to the process of illicit gambling was a system of dual or multiple contracts for players, which allowed the club to circumvent the official salary cap that operates in Israeli domestic football. It allegedly paid certain players

more than what they were officially supposed to receive in return for those players under-performing on the pitch.

The club meanwhile, looks set to start the new season at the end of next month with Cupido in the key position of centre-forward. Given the scope of the January arrests, it will do so under intense scrutiny from the IFA and local media. Since the arrests, the scope of the investigation has widened.

Prior to the announcement of the move last week, Cupido, a 25-year-old striker, was standing still at Stellenbosch FC, so the move – despite the club's traumas – has come at a good time. "He wasn't playing very much for me," said Stellenbosch coach Gavin Hunt, "so you can understand why he'd want to move. Players want to play, that's understandable."

When Hunt was asked whether he was aware Kiryat Yam had been embroiled in comprehensive match-fixing and money-laundering allegations, he was surprised. He had no idea that this was the case, he replied.

While Cupido has welcomed the fresh opportunity to kick-start a stagnating career, he has also told South African media that he "wasn't really too excited" about the move. "At the end of the day, though," he added, "I'm a footballer and that is my main focus, being on the field and playing."



Ashley Cupido

When asked if he could throw light on how Cupido's move to Israel came about, Hunt told the *SA Jewish Report* that he was at a loss to provide any detail. "The deal was made between the owner [of Stellenbosch FC, Johann Rupert, through his Remgro company] and Cupido's agent. It's pretty much out of my hands."

Kiryat Yam, whose home ground is near Haifa, finished respectably in Liga Leumit last season, although they were some way off the promotion places. Those two places went to league winners, Maccabi Petah Tikva, and second-placed Hapoel Ramat Gan.

Kiryat Yam representatives defended themselves when the case became public in January by saying everything was above board at the club as far as they were concerned. They accused others of trumping up the charges because the club was a legitimate promotion candidate. Other clubs, they said, were simply jealous.

It is into this fraught environment that Cupido will be stepping.

The former Cape Town Spurs striker moved to Stellenbosch (or "Stellies") in 2024 but, after a honeymoon period, his progress slowed. Stellenbosch FC finished in fifth spot in the 2025/6 Premier League standings, sandwiched between AmaZulu and Sekhukhune United. In his 77 appearances for the club in all

competitions, Cupido scored six goals.

Football in Israel is traditionally seen as a possible springboard into Europe, so the stakes for Cupido are high. Should he regain his goal-scoring mojo, the big clubs in the Israeli Premier League will start to notice, and a possible move upwards will place him in the European shop window. Despite treading water in Stellenbosch, you fancy he's still at an age, 25, where his best football is yet to come.

The path of South Africans playing in Israel is surprisingly well-trodden. One of the early trailblazers was Mamelodi Sundowns left-back Tsepo Masilela, who spent five highly successful years at Maccabi Haifa between 2007 and 2012.

The following year saw Bevan Fransman move from Moroka Swallows to Maccabi Netanya. Two years later, the elegant central defender was signed by Hapoel Tel Aviv, where he gained Europa League experience playing against PSV Eindhoven, Legia Warsaw, and Romania's Rapid Bucharest.

More recent South Africans playing their trade in Israel have included Siyanda Xulu (Hapoel Tel Aviv) and Dino Ndlovu (Bnei Yehuda and Maccabi Haifa).

While moves to Israel have proved lucrative, South African footballers have often experienced a downside, with some, like Ndlovu and Xulu, being on the receiving end of racist chants from both their own and opposition supporters.

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