

JEWISH REPORT PDF OF CITY OF JOBURG PLAND FOR PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY WEEK

Palestine inbound mission: Programme (as at 10 March 2015) 17-22 March 2015

The following Ramallah delegates will participate in the inbound mission to Johannesburg:

No.	NAME	TITLE	ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE
POLITICAL DELEGATION:			
1	Musa F.M.Hadid	Mayor of Ramallah	19 March/22 March
2	Nadia F.I. Mari	Council Member	19 March/22 March
3	Nijmeh John Ganim	Council Member	19 March/22 March
TECHNICAL DELEGATION			
4	Ahmed K.M. Abulaban	City Director	19 March/22 March
5	Maha.I.J.Rantisi	Public Relations Director	19 March/22 March
6	Malvina M.Y.AIshuaibi	Service and Environment Deputy Director	19 March/22 March
7	Safaa Z.H.AIDwaik	GIS & IT Director	19 March/22 March
8	Osama Yacoub Ahmad Hamdeh	Building & Planning Department Director	19 March/22 March
GUEST SPEAKER			
9	Dr Husam Zomlot	Executive Deputy Commissioner Fatah Commission for International Relations	19 March / 21 March

Part 1: 17-18 March 2015 - Exhibition and Dialogue on the Palestine Struggle (Programme organised by Social Development Department – will take place prior to arrival of Ramallah delegation)

DATE	MAIN EVENT	SIDE EVENT	
17 March 2015	Region D: Uncle Toms Hall, Hector Peterson Memorial	15h00 – 19h00 1) Exhibition (Provided by Palestine Embassy) 2) 16h00 – 17h15 Documentaries 3) 17h30 – 19h00 Panel Discussion a) Ward Clr: Welcome and Opening b) JMAP: Message of Support c) Guest Speaker (Palestine Coalition TBC) d) MMC: Health and Social Development e) Discussions	16h00 – 18h30 Region B: Westbury Rec Centre Region C: Snake Park Community Hall 16h00 – 17h00 Documentaries 17h15 – 18h30 Youth led discussions (Facilitator TBC)
18 March 2015	Region F: Museum Africa	15h00 – 19h00 1) Exhibition (Provided by Palestine Embassy) 2) 16h00 – 17h15 Documentaries	16h00 – 18h30 Region A: Ivory North Community Hall Region E: San Kopano

		<p>3) 17h30 – 19h00 Panel Discussion</p> <p>a) Ward Clr: Welcome and Opening</p> <p>b) JMAP: Message of Support</p> <p>c) Guest Speaker (Palestine Coalition TBA)</p> <p>d) MMC: Health and Social Development</p> <p>e) Discussions</p>	<p>16h00 – 17h00 Documentaries</p> <p>17h15 – 18h30 Youth led discussions (Facilitator TBC)</p>
20 March 2015	Human Rights Day: Orange Farm Sport Complex Chris Hani Community Hall Lenasia Civic Centre	<p>09h00 – 17h00</p> <p>a) Nonsikelelo Bolani: Welcome and Opening</p> <p>b) Presentations: Home Affairs, Public Protector; Lawyers for Human Rights, Human Rights Commission, HURISA, Youth for Human Rights</p> <p>c) Palestine Solidarity Week</p> <p>i) Documentaries</p> <p>ii) Youth led discussions (Facilitator: Mr Adams – Palestine Solidarity Alliance)</p>	

Part 2: 19-21 March 2015 – Ramallah in-bound mission

Day 1: Arrival and formal welcome

Date	What	Where & comments
19 March 2015	05:35 Arrival (Lounge)	Welcome at airport: MMC Molwele/Wandile & Jan Simphiwe to arrange Lounge
	08:00 Check-in into hotel, breakfast at hotel	
	Free time – explore Rosebank Mall Requirement for meetings with Palestinian Ambassador in SA? – Maha to confirm	Rosebank Holiday Inn (GSPCR to arrange transfers and accommodation)
	16:30 Transfer to Metro Centre	
17:00 – 18:00	International visit meeting hosted by the Executive Mayor	Visitors and Resource Centre 16 th floor, Metro Centre Group Governance to arrange
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and overview of Joburg Short input by Ramallah Mayor (introductions, expectations) Short input by Dr Zomlot – the Palestinian situation 	
18:00	Mayoral Dinner	Approximately 30 people

	(Mayoral Committee; Speaker, Chief Whip; Chair of Chairs; City Manager; Group Head: GSPCR; Head of Office of EM and Speaker, affected EDs/MDs) 22:00 Transfer to hotel	Proposed venue: Visitors and Resource Centre, 16th floor Group Communications arranging catering for dinner
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Day 2: Orientation and context; strengthening collaboration

20 March 2015 - Morning programme		
<u>Day 2: Proposed Technical programme</u> <u>Venue: Metro Centre</u> 08:30 Opening, welcome and introductions (City Manager) 08:40 Purpose of meeting and overview: Developing an action plan (areas of collaboration, deliverables, costing, time frame, capacity, etc) 08:50 Overview of Joburg (Group Head: GSPCR) 09:10 Overview of Ramallah (the city, its people, planning, challenges, solutions, governance, etc) – City Director 09:10 – 11:00 Group 1: Strategic Planning (Importance of long term planning; types of strategic plans; planning and participation; Planning and budgeting; Planning for implementation), urban planning (discussion items to be defined) and LED (discussion items to be defined). (CoJ team: Herman, Nonto and Zayd) 11:00-11:30 Tea/coffee 11:30–13:00 (Parallel session 1) Group 2: GIS, LIS and valuations CoJ Team: Marcelle Ramallah Team: GIS & IT	<u>Day 2: Political programme</u> Programme to be finalised Political delegates 10:00-12:30 ANC host dialogue with Faith Based Organisations of Johannesburg – Lecture Theatre (Metro Centre) Joburg Ballet; Joburg Youth Orchestra – to be considered	<u>Day 2: Student programme</u> No morning programme – student no longer accompanying the mission

<p>Director; Urban Planning and Building Director – site visit to GIS</p> <p>11:30-13:00 (Parallel session 2) Group 3: Governance CoJ Team: Dr Hennie Labuschagne; Tumelo & Harvey Ramallah Team: City Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council systems, oversight, powers & functions • E-Governance (MITI course) • Smart City 		
<p>13:00 – 14:00 Lunch (CoJ)</p>	<p>12:30 – 13:30 Lunch</p>	<p>13:45 – Political representatives and Dr Zomlot to WITS</p>
<p>Afternoon programme</p>		
<p>14:00 - 15:30 Group 4: Infrastructure and Environment (Please note that Pikitup can arrange a site visit in the morning) CoJ Team (Tiaan; Musa Jack) Ramallah Team (City Director; Environment Director) Zero waste to landfill, energy from waste Engineering exchange Environmental aspects</p> <p>15:00-15:30 Tea/Coffee</p> <p>15:30 – 17:00 Group 5: International Relations CoJ Team: Jan; Oscar Ramallah Team (City & PR Director) Mandela Statue Metropolis Membership Metropolis Initiative Consolidation and finalisation of action plans Finalise consolidated action plan to be signed</p> <p>17:00 – Transfer to hotel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political representatives attend programme at WITS from 14:00 	<p>14:00 – 16:00</p> <p>WITS will host this event (Programme Director, marketing of event, security, venue, etc) Joint session with WITS and UJ</p> <p>Chairperson: Prof Noor Nieftagodien; SA Research Chair(SARCHi): Local Histories, Present Realities; Head of History Workshop (WITS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening/welcome • Opening remarks from respective Presidents of SRCs • Key note speaker: Dr Zomlot • Debate/discussions/Q&A • Closure <p>WITS to arrange transfer of Dr Zomlot to Rosebank Holiday Inn</p>
<p>18:00 – Transfer to dinner venue 18:30 Dinner in Soweto hosted by ANC (Vilakazi Restaurant) CoJ delegates to finalise draft action plan for signature by respective administrations 22:00 – Transfer back to hotel</p>		

Day 3: Palestinian Community Meeting – Saturday, 21 March 2015, Venue: Council Chamber and Reception Room, Metro Centre

Date	What	Where & comments
21 March 2015	08:30 – 09:00 Registration, tea/coffee	Social Development to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • invite Palestinian stakeholders, guests and media to attend the Community Meeting • manage registration process • Council Chambers - book venue (GSPCR) Group Communications (Events) to arrange catering for event Group Governance responsible to book venue and for administrative formalities
	09:00 – 09:15 Opening and welcome (Programme Director: MMC Molwele)	
	Cultural event (only if possible to arrange)	GSPCR
	09:15 – 10:00 Guest speaker: Dr Zomlot – Overview of the Palestinian situation	GSPCR to provide bios of Mayor Hadid and Dr Zomlot to Programme Director
	10:00 – 12:00 Q&A from the floor (Panel: Mayors Tau and Hadid and Dr Zomlot) Facilitated by MMC Molwele & Social Development Staff	
	12:00 – 12:15 Speech: Ramallah Mayor	
	12:15 – 12:30 Speech: Johannesburg Mayor	
	Closing	
	12:30-13:00 Media conference Programme Director: MMC Molwele Panel: Mayors Tau & Hadid & Dr Zomlot	GSPCR/POEM to inform Group Comm of Media requirement/photographer
	12:30-14:00 Finger lunch	Reception Room - stakeholder Mayor's Parlour – Visitors and Political representatives
	14:00 – 15:30 Tour of Constitution Hill Constitution Hill is a symbol of South Africa's unique and triumphant democracy. Visitors approaching to constitutional hill, which overlooks central Johannesburg, will likely be struck by how South Africa has transformed emblems of its repressive past into present-day custodians of	Ramallah delegates – organized by Joburg Tourism

	democracy and freedom. Constitution Hill was a jail that housed Mahatma Gandhi & Nelson Mandela and now is home to the Constitutional Court and fabulous South African art collection	
	15:35 Depart to the hotel Rosebank Holiday Inn to refresh 16:00 Dr Zomlot depart for airport	
	17:00 Depart the Hotel for dinner at Taste of India (Sandton) - The name holds the secret to the rich and vibrant flavours of India. Indian cuisine has been influenced heavily by the culture and beliefs of the Indian people as well as influences from West Asia and the Mughals. This makes Indian food a unique mix of various different cuisines from all over Asia. Taste of India embodies the spirit and essence of India, located in the heart of Rivonia, Sandton. Much like the ambience within the restaurant, Taste of India's cuisine is a mix of modern style with traditional roots. The décor is bold, warm and exciting, and there are tables on the sidewalk for alfresco dining.	
	17:30-19:30 Dinner at Taste of India.	
	20:00 Visit the Joburg Theatre It will be Human Rights Day in South Africa, the stage of the Mandela at Joburg Theatre will vibrate with joyous musical melodies of multi award-winning and world-travelled Gauteng Choristers (GC) plus the Gauteng Choristers Orchestra (GCO), which will be made up of 68 orchestra players, in the epic, grand and musical masterpiece " uShaka " composed by the larger than life Professor Mzilikazi Khumalo. After mesmerising classical music lovers and connoisseurs in Italy, Belgium, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary and the United States of America with sold-out performances, Gauteng Choristers, together with Sibongile Khumalo, get a chance to wow South Africans with 2 performances of uShaka at the Joburg Theatre on 21 and 22 March 2015. This extravaganza will be conducted by the celebrated conductor and radio presenter Sidwell Mhlongo, an exciting and captivating award-winning conductor with many titles under his belt.	

Day 4: City tour part 2 and departure – Sunday, 22 March 2015

Date	What	Where & comments
Morning programme		
22 March 2015	Delegates to check out prior to departure for city tour (See Annexure A) 09:00 – 14:50	Joburg Tourism (Rendani) to arrange, inclusive of refreshments and transfers

	14:50 Delegates back to Hotel to collect luggage – transfer to airport via Gautrain	
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Proposed tour on 22 March 2015

09h00 Pick up from the **Rosebank Holiday Inn (All Delegates should be done checking out)**

09h10 Take the M1 South towards Johannesburg also known as **Jozi, Jo'burg, eGoli**, the largest city in South Africa, by population. Johannesburg is located in the eastern plateau area of South Africa known as the Highveld, at an elevation of 1,753 meters (5,751 ft). Its infrastructure matches leading first world cities. The former **CBD** is located on the south side of the prominent ridge called the Witwatersrand (Afrikaans: White Water's Ridge) and the terrain falls to the north and south. Johannesburg is the provincial capital of Gauteng, the wealthiest province in South Africa, having the largest economy of any metropolitan region in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Johannesburg municipality includes **Soweto**, which was a separate city from the late 1970s until the 1990s. Originally an acronym for "**South-Western Townships**", **Soweto** originated as a collection of settlements on the outskirts of Johannesburg populated mostly by native African workers in the gold mining industry. Eventually incorporated into Johannesburg, the apartheid regime (in power 1948–1994) separated Soweto from the rest of Johannesburg to make it a completely Black area. This world famous township became a political incubator for leaders of the caliber of **Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Oliver Tambo**.

09h30 Point at **FNB stadium (Soccer city)** - it hosted the opening and final matches of the 2010 soccer world cup. This is the biggest stadium in Africa with full capacity of 95000.

09h35 Drive past **Gold reef City**- a magnificent theme park offering the widest range of features and attractions in Africa and the exhilarating casino complex alive with the excitement ,buzz and energy of Jozi, this is where Jozi comes to play, relax and more. Go on a heritage tour and experience underground mine tour and descend into the depths of the earth and discover the riches of history.

09h40-11h00 Visit the **Apartheid Museum** - it shares the story of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity and oppression i.e. the rise and fall of apartheid. The museum is a beacon of hope showing the world how South Africa is coming to terms with its oppressive past and working towards a future that they can call their own.

11h15 Join **Chris Hani Road- Old Potch Road**, one of the main arterials into Soweto, was renamed Chris Hani Road.

11h20 Drive past **Baragwanath Hospital** - is the third largest hospital in the world after the West China hospital of Medical Sciences, Sichuan University and Chang Gung Memorial Hospital at Linkou, occupying 173 acres (0.70 km²), with 3 200 beds and 6 760 staff members.

11h25 Drive Past **Orlando Towers**- Orlando Towers (Pty) Ltd was established in 2007 by Sky riders (Pty) Ltd, with the concept of developing the disused Orlando cooling towers in Soweto into a vertical adventure facility and tourist attraction for Soweto. The site currently offers the Bungee jump, Power swing, Internal Swing, and Lift Ride to the Viewing Platform. Rap jumping days are hosted on a regular basis.

11h35 Drive past the **Walter Sisulu Square of Dedication**- The Square is named in honor of one of the famous political activist and it is situated in the heart of Kliptown. The Walter Sisulu Square has

an incredible history and the architecture reflects various elements of the area, politics and the people. It is one of the four "squares" in Johannesburg and offers both local and international visitors an array of history, shopping and entertainment, just nearby is The Kliptown open air museum, where delegates to a people's parliament met in 1955 to adopt the Freedom Charter, now the cornerstone of the Bill of Rights and the South African Constitution. This historical museum in Soweto is dedicated to Walter Sisulu, a stalwart of the Freedom Struggle.

11h50 Drive past the **Regina Mundi Church**- The largest Roman Catholic Church in South Africa. The Latin 'Reginae Mundi' means "Queen of the World" and refers to the Virgin Mary. The church was built in 1961 and official opened on the 24th of July 1962 by Johannes Baptista Montini, a cardinal of Milan. Located in the middle of Soweto, in Rockville, in the neighbourhood of Moroka, from afar you're greeted by the A-shaped exterior of the building which is quite ordinary in design. Its main feature is the vast interior that can accommodate as much as 2000-5000 people. The Church first wrote its name in South Africa's history books during apartheid, when it opened its doors to anti-apartheid groups and provided shelter to activists. It was during the June 16, 1976 student uprisings, protesting students fled to Regina Mundi from Orlando Stadium to escape the police's bullets and teargas canisters. The police followed the students into the church, firing live ammunition and damaging the marble altar and crucifix. Bullet holes are still visible in the church ceiling and damaged marble stand provide tangible evidence of the violence of these police raids and the ensuing rush to evacuate the building.

Due to the role it played as a place of gathering for the people of Soweto in the years before, during, and after the anti-apartheid struggle, it is often referred to as "the people's church" or "the people's cathedral". From 1995 to 1998, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu presided over Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings at Regina Mundi.

11h55 Drive to **Vilakazi Street** - the famous street in **Soweto** and the only street in the world to have had two Nobel prize winners **Nelson Mandela** and **Desmond Tutu** as its residents, **Vilakazi Street** is within walking distance to Mandela House and Desmond Tutu's private residential House. The revitalization of the street was of great importance not only for the general economy of Joburg but for the community of Soweto as whole. The street has also become a place where visitors, both local and international, experience this place which leads to a lifelong relationship with Soweto, its vibrant spirit and its role in the struggle.

12h00-12h30 Stop Over at **Hector Pieterse Memorial** - located in Orlando West, two blocks away from where Hector Pieterse was shot and killed. The museum is named in his honor. It became one of the first museums in Soweto when it opened in 16 June 2002. The Hector Pieterse Museum, which resembles an interpretive Centre, looks at the events that led up to, and including the 16th June, as a day-in-the-life-of-South-Africa, a day that was to radically change the manner in which South Africa was governed, and radically change the course of history.

12h35-13h00 Stop over at **Mandela House** - is a heritage site and monument reflecting the origins of the historic Anti-Apartheid Soweto Uprising and Aftermath and commemorating the lives lost.

13h15-14h15 Lunch at **Sakhumzi Restaurant on Vilakazi street.**

14h20 Depart **Soweto**.

14h50 Drop off at **Rosebank Holiday Inn** to collect bags, head straight to the **Sandton**.

15h00 Drop off at the **Nelson Mandela Square**, to see and take pictures of **Nelson Mandela** statue.

15h20 Drop off at the **Gautrain Station Sandton**. Return to airport by Gautrain