



CAPE
SA JEWISH BOARD
OF DEPUTIES

"CITIZEN COHEN"

Our past. Our present. Our purpose.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 21 SEPTEMBER 2014



PROGRAMME

8:30am	Registration
9.00-9.05	Opening prayer – Rabbi Asher Deren
9.05	Welcome – David Jacobson, Executive Director
9.10-9.30	SESSION 1: Chairman's Report – Eric Marx, Chairman
9.30-10.30	SESSION 2: The States of our Nation <i>An analysis of SA's past and a projection of its future</i> In the Chair – Beverley May Speaker – Dr Frans Cronje, SA Institute of Race Relations
10.30-11.50	SESSION 3: Making a difference, differently <i>SA Jewry's Citizenship under the Microscope</i> Howard Sackstein (Facilitator) Michael Bagraim Yoni Bass Barbara Miller Rael Kaimowitz
11.50-12.20	Tea
12.20-13.40	SESSION 4: The Great Debate <i>Looking In/Looking Out: Where Should our Focus be</i> Judge Dennis Davis (Facilitator) Rabbi Jonathan Altman Dr Rebecca Hodes
13.40	Closing Prayer and blowing of Shofar Rabbi Greg Alexander
13.45	Anthems and Close



RABBI JONATHAN ALTMAN

Rabbi Altman is a member of the Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies. He is the Operations Director of KilowattAV.

Rabbi Altman was educated at King David Victory Park, and holds a BA Honours (Wits), and an Adv. Diploma International Tax (RAU) and obtained his semicha from Rav Zalman Nechemiah Goldberg and Ariel Institute (Jerusalem).

He was the founding rabbi of Beit Midrash Morasha in Sea Point and part of Herzlia Schools' Torateinu Project. He has also been involved in Nechama, South African Zionist Federation (Cape Council), Phyllis Jowell Jewish Day School and the Union of Orthodox Synagogues. Since 1994, and concurrent with his Rabbinic role, he has consulted in the field of international taxation to large corporates and high net worth individuals. In 2011 he resigned his position as Rabbi of Morasha to pursue his commercial interests, focussing on companies ranging from small family businesses to multinational and listed Companies in the field of innovative business strategy and process interventions.



MICHAEL BAGRAIM

Michael Bagraim is a DA Member of Parliament, the Shadow Minister of Labour and Practising Managing Partner of Bagraims Attorneys (Labour Lawyers). He serves on the Cape SA Jewish Board

of Deputies of which he was a former chairman and National President.

Michael Bagraim was educated at Cape Town High School and graduated with a BA in Political Science and an LLB from Rhodes University. He was a member of the Student Representative Council and represented the University on the Debating Society and Law Students Association.

He was President of the Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industries, President of the Association for the Physically Disabled and has served as a Trustee, Committee member or Executive member of various Associations, including Epilepsy South Africa; St. Joseph's Home; Woodside Centre; Zip Zap Circus; Giants Gymnastics (women's under privileged gymnastics); Ort-Tech Institute; Cape Law Society; and the Cape Town Attorneys Association.

Mr Bagraim writes regularly on industrial relations and labour law to newspapers and magazines and is frequently interviewed on radio and TV.



YONI BASS

Yoni Bass is the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Fundraising of Equal Education.

He matriculated at Crawford College Durban. He obtained a LLB from UCT and was on the Deans Merit List in 2006 and 2007. Yoni Bass was the Deputy Head of Habonim Dror Cape Town and is a graduate of the Institute of Jewish youth leaders (Machon) programme in Jewish education and counselling

Prior to his current role, he was the

Community Organiser and Logistics officer of the Social Justice Coalition, where he set up Khayelitsha mass meetings to communicate with the area's residents. He worked with local government to ensure the protection of the legal rights of local Khayelitsha residents particularly in relation to housing. He also planned the annual Irene Grootboom Memorial Public Lecture Series on the promotion of social justice and the Constitution of RSA. He was a Member of the Treatment Action Campaign.

Yoni matriculated at Crawford College Durban. He obtained a LLB from UCT and was on the Deans Merit List in 2006 and 2007.



DR FRANS CRONJE

Dr Frans Cronje is CEO of the SA Institute of Race Relations and is an associate of the Centre for Innovative Leadership – a leading South Africa based scenario consultancy.

Established in 1929, the IRR stands for economic and political liberalism and uses research and public commentary to influence policy in South Africa that promotes investment-led economic growth. It has a research team that tracks trends for all major policy areas in South Africa and publishes extensively on these. One of its early leaders was Dr Ellen Hellman (1908-1982) who was on the Transvaal Jewish Board of Deputies.

Dr Cronje was educated at St Johns College, Houghton and the University of the Witwatersrand and holds a PHD in scenario planning from North West University. He served with the South African police, worked as a horse-riding instructor and later a logger in the United States, and completed a year-long expedition that

crossed the African continent from Cape Town to Cairo. He joined the IRR in 2004 and established its Centre For Risk Analysis which specialises in using scenarios to help business and government leaders make decisions about investment and policy in South Africa. He has presented scenarios to over 100 South African corporations and foreign investors.

He has published the book *A Time Traveller's Guide To Our Next Ten Years*. His work has been widely cited in the media from the *Volksblad* to the *Wall Street Journal* and he writes a column for *Rapport* newspaper. Dr Cronje is a regular contributor to *Classic Business* on Classic FM.



JUDGE DENNIS DAVIS

Judge Dennis Davis is the Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court, judge of the High Court of SA, the Labour Appeal Court and is a member of the South African Law Commission and the Commission of Enquiry into Tax Structure of SA. He currently chairs The Davis Tax Review Committee.

Judge Davis was educated at Herzlia High School, the University of Cape Town and Cambridge and was awarded an LLD (Hon Causa) by UCT.

He is a former professor of Commercial Law at UCT, former director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, (Wits and UCT) and has been a visiting professor at Florida, Toronto, Harvard, NYU, Brown, Melbourne and Georgetown universities and teaches law at UCT as an honorary Professor of Law. He was a technical adviser to the Constitutional Assembly negotiations for interim and final constitutions. He was a drafter of

the Competition Act of 1998 and the Companies Act 2008.

Judge Dennis Davis is a former chairman of the Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies. He has hosted the TV programmes 'Judge for Yourself', 'Future Imperfect' and 'You be the Judge' and is much in demand as a speaker on a wide variety of platforms. Judge Davis is the author of books on constitutional law, tax, insurance, law, criminology and South African politics and has written more than 150 articles in academic journals.



DR REBECCA HODES

Rebecca is a medical historian at the University of Cape Town and is a 2013 – 2014 fellow on the American Council of Learned Societies' African Humanities Program. Her current research focuses on science, race and sex in South African history and she is the principal investigator on a collaborative research project about HIV-positive adolescents, funded by the International AIDS Society.

Dr Hodes matriculated at Herzlia and completed BA and BA.Hons degrees at Rhodes University. She received her M.Sc and D.Phil degrees from the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford University.

Her work has been published in the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Social History of Medicine*, *Journal for the Study of Antisemitism*, the *South African Medical Journal* and *Science as Culture*. She has recently published the book, *Broadcasting the Pandemic: A History of HIV on South African Television*.



RAEL KAIMOWITZ

Rael Kaimowitz serves on the Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies and is a former Vice-Chairman and Chairs its Political and Lobbying Sub Committee. He is a Director of Kadimah Print.

Rael Kaimowitz was educated at Herzlia School and UCT [B Bus Sci, [Finance Hons]; CA [SA]],

He is a former Chairman of Operations, CSO; former trustee CSO National; former member YAD Executive committee and a former Chairman YAD fundraising committee member.

Rael Kaimowitz serves on the International Advisory Committee of the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship, is a recipient of the Nahum Goldman Fellowship Award (2003, 2007, 2009); a local planning co-ordinator Nahum Goldman Fellowship Cape Town (2006) and a Board member of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture; Board member, International Academy for Jewish Leadership.



ERIC MARX

Eric Marx is the chairman of Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies and is active on the finance, bursary, and political/lobbying subcommittees. He is a chartered accountant, the founder and senior partner of Marx Gore, Accountants, Auditors and Business Advisors.

Eric Marx was educated at Wynberg Boys High and UCT.

He is a past President of the Claremont Wynberg Hebrew Congregation; Past President of the Hebrew Order of David Lodge Haifa and of the HOD Western Cape Region and has served on the United Herzlia School's finance committee and the Tafelberg School governing body.



BEVERLEY MAY

Beverley May serves on the Cape SA Jewish Board of Deputies and is the Chairperson of Staff Wise.

Beverley May was educated at Eveline High School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and obtained an MTech (in Biomedical Technology) from the University of Cape Town and Cape Technikon and an MBA from UCT (1999).

She worked at UCT Medical School as a medical technologist and medical researcher until 1999. She runs her own financial services business and manages her family's property portfolio together with her husband, Carl.

She has published articles on women's rights in Jewish Affairs and the *Jewish Chronicle* and is committed to promoting and protecting a cohesive Jewish community in South Africa. She is a member of the Temple Israel band is a member of the Temple Israel band.



BARBARA MILLER

Barbara Miller is the Development Manager of Etafeni Day Care Centre Trust in Nyanga Cape Town which

provides 14 support, education and skills development programmes on the campus and through outreach programmes into the community, reaching up to 15 000 beneficiaries per year. As Development Manager, she is responsible for raising substantial funding and ensuring the quality of programme delivery.

Barbara Miller was educated at Herzlia School and did courses on education, Judaica, personal counseling and group facilitation. She was the founding executive director of MaAfrika Tikkun (now Afrika Tikkun), heading the organization for 12 years. She has also worked at Cape Jewish Seniors Association and was a LifeLine counsellor, serving on its executive committee.

Her education, cultural heritage and the impact of the Holocaust and Apartheid on her life steered her towards social activism and development work. "Be the change you want to see in the World" informs her social activism.



HOWARD SACKSTEIN

Howard Sackstein is a Director of the SA Jewish Report newspaper and Chairperson of the Jewish Achiever Awards. He is an entrepreneur involved in a number of technology start-up businesses including HealthBridge, an electronic transaction switch, (a joint venture between Discovery Health, Medscheme and Dimension Data) and started Saicom, a telecommunications company, which now includes Saicom Holdings, Saicom Voice Services, Saicom International, Saicom SMS and Tariffic.

Howard Sackstein was educated at King David Linksfield and holds a BA

in Law and International Relations and an LLB degree from Wits. He also has a Masters degree from Brandeis University in Political Advocacy, and International Conflict Resolution, where he studied under Prof Herb C. Kelman at Harvard University.

He was Chairperson of the South African Union of Jewish Students and Vice-Chairperson of the World Union of Jewish Students and is honorary lifetime Chairperson and honorary lifetime President of SAUJS. He was a Founding Member and Vice-Chairperson of the Jewish Anti-Apartheid movement, Jews for Social Justice and led the only Jewish/ANC delegation to ever visit Israel. Howard took Nelson Mandela to Brussels on behalf of the World Jewish Congress. He joined the Independent Electoral Commission shortly before our first democratic elections in 1994, becoming its Executive Director, and was largely responsible for the 1999 general election.

In 2006, he undertook the initial research which resulted in the creation of the CAP security project which now covers 120 000 households in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg and which has reduced crime by over 80% in those areas. He serves as a Trustee of the Afrika Tikkun Trust and his latest community project was to convert the SA Jewish Report into an online Jewish media portal (www.sajr.co.za) and which has, since its launch in November 2013, attracted more than 50 000 unique users.

Howard describes himself as "The King of Social Media" and coordinates an army of volunteers who are active on Jewish issues on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and the web. He has travelled to 67 countries and his Twitter profile describes him as King of Social Media, Explosive Political Activist, Lover of Life, Meanderer of the Globe, and Official Photographer to Life itself.

CAPE SA JEWISH BOARD

OF DEPUTIES – 110 YEARS

- Morris Alexander established the Jewish Board of Deputies to safeguard the civic rights of Jews and to prevent discrimination
- It lobbied against anti-Jewish laws
- Was asked to issue Naturalisation Certificates

- Prevented discriminatory clauses being added to Class Areas Bill
- Wrote to DF Malan, Minister of Interior, who removed clauses excluding Jews from Immigration laws

- Mass meeting arranged for 1st anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
- Special Committee on the Tragedy of European Jewry established
- Jewish War Appeal co-ordinated fund raising

- Priorities Board established
- Communal Register established
- Committee to pool bursaries distribution established

- Sent delegation to Dr Piet Koornhof to protest Khayelitsha home demolitions.
- Intervened to get some Jewish political detainees released

- Centenary conference opened by Premier Rasool
- Resolution on antisemitism passed at conference sent to Dr Dlamini-Zuma, Minister Foreign Affairs
- Co-operated with authorities to ensure the UN Inalienable Rights for Palestinians Conference would not be like the Racism Conference
- Intervened with school about exams on Chagim
- Investigated report on display of Nazi symbols

1904

1914

1924

1934

1944

1954

1964

1974

1984

1994

2004

TODAY

- Encouraged Jews to enlist in the armed forces
- Monitored anti-semitic letters to the editor
- Executive committee set up to monitor legislation in Parliament

- Grey Shirts trial re Protocols of Elders of Zion
- Obtained community funding to fight growing antisemitism
- Provided media with positive information about Jews to counter antisemitism
- Public Affairs Committee set up to promote goodwill among broader community

- Country Communities Committee established for diminishing communities
- Youth Committee established
- Library sub-committee set up to establish community library
- Exhibition of Holocaust looted art led to establishment of Jewish Museum

- Board got keys to Albow Bros Youth Centre.
- Board arranged for communal Yom Hashoah ceremonies to be held

- Mandela visited Marais Rd Shul three days before election
- DA persuaded to insert hate speech clauses into Constitution

Cape Board today continues to defend the civil liberties of South African Jews by fighting antisemitism, hand-in-hand with building relationships and leading our community in active South African citizenship through a number of Board programmes including: The Black-Jewish Entrepreneurs Network, Transformation Conversations, Straight Talking, Safe Spaces, interfaith, The Mensch Network, Peer2Peer Mentorship, anti-gender violence campaign, GenerationNext and Moishe



NKOSI SIKELEL IAFRIKA

Nkosi Sikelel iAfrika
 Maluphakanyiswu phondo lwayo
 Yizwa Imithandazo yethu
 Nkosi sikelela
 thina lusapho lwayo

Morena boloka Setjhaba saheso
 O fedise dintwa lematshwenyeho
 O seboloke O seboloke
 Setjhaba saheso, Setjhaba sa,
 South Afrika, South Afrika

Uit die blou van onse hemel
 Uit die diepte van ons see
 Oor ons ewige gebergtes
 waar die kranse antwoord gee.

Sounds the call to come together
 and united we shall stand
 let us live and strive for freedom
 in South Africa our Land.



HATIKVAH

Kol od ba-lei-vav pe-ni-ma,	כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבְךָ פְּנִימָה,
Ne-fesh Ye-hu-di ho-mi-ya	נֶפֶשׁ יִהְוֶדִי הוֹמְיָה.
U-le-fa-a-tei miz-rach ka-di-ma,	וּלְפָאֲתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה
A-yin le-tsi-yon tso-fi-ya	עַיִן לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפְיָה.

Od lo av-da tik-va-tei-nu,	עוֹד לֹא אֶבְדָּה תְּקוּמָתֵנוּ,
Ha-tik-va she-not al-pa-yim	הַתְּקוּוָה בֵּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלֵפִים,
Li-yot am chof-shi be-ar-tsei-nu,	לִהְיוֹת עִם חֻפְשֵׁי בְּאֶרְצֵנוּ,
Be-e-rets tsi-yon Ye-ru-sha-la-yim	אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

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