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Women from around the world unite in Sydney for convention



The South African delegates: Daphne Miller, Peta Feldman, Mary Ndaba-Boardman (ex SA magistrate now living in Melbourne), Leora Berger, Myra Goldenbaum National President UJW SA and Lynne Raphaela, an ICJW Vice President, at the Gala Opening.

The UJW South African delegates were among the female Jewish leaders from 18 countries attending the International Council of Jewish Women's inspiring three-day quadrennial convention in Sydney in May.

Developing Roles. Leaders of the Jewish community also participated in the event. Topics of global concern were discussed from women's standpoints and were stimulating and inspirational. A fascinating session of intercultural dialogue brought together women from all communities worldwide.

The theme of the convention was *Evolving Beyond Tradition — The Impact of Women's Perspectives and*

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Ohr Sameach elects new committee



Ohr Sameach are delighted to introduce their newly elected committee for 2018/2019: Jonathan Katz, Peggy Shnaps, Manuel Franck (Chairman), Rabbi Shmuel Ozhekh, Alon Rom (newly elected), Jonathan Levy (treasurer, newly elected), Malcolm Daitz (newly elected) and Jonathan Zuckerman.

Rosh Hashana Greetings form inside this issue

Send Yom Tov wishes to everyone in the community these High Holidays with our Rosh Hashana Greetings service. For R150 you can ensure that every Jewish home in Cape Town receives your wishes for a happy, healthy New Year and a meaningful fast.

PJ Library® brings quality Jewish literature to Cape Town children



Andi Hender, PJ Library's Cape Town coordinator, with Weizmann Grade 2s in their pyjamas holding up their copies of *On a Beam of Light*, a story about Albert Einstein.

PJ Library® has been running in Cape Town for four months. The CJC chatted to Cape Town PJ Library® partner Natalie Barnett about this exciting project and what it means for Jewish children in the city.

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How did PJ Library® come to South Africa?

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Can you tell us how PJ Library® came about?

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Book lovers come together at the Jewish Literary Festival



Shelley Friedman, Esme Jacobson, Lola Krafchik, Jill Lazard and Zilla Kuno at the Jewish Literary Festival held in June.

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Lindy with a why

Why we should live how we want to be remembered

By Lindy Diamond, Editor Cape Jewish Chronicle



When my husband and I were married, our Rabbi and Rebbetzin gave us a book as a gift from the shul. The book was *The Committed Marriage*, by Esther Jungreis and it's a precious part of my Jewish book collection.

I dip into it every few months when I'm in need of some soul food, and one of my favourite concepts in it is where the author reminds us that we should look at the world with a 'good eye'.

She says "There are two ways of looking at every situation. You can see light or darkness, blessing or curse. You can see the world with a good eye or a bad eye."

This idea has stuck with me for nearly 11 years. Such a simple concept and yet totally transformative.

A good eye changes everything. I sometimes find myself taking offense at someone else's actions and I have to remind myself that from their perspective, the truth of the matter could be totally different. It often is.

The slights we perceive others to have inflicted on us are usually misunderstandings, and choosing to see everything with a 'good eye' not only fills our lives with positivity, but I'm sure could save on botox bills and high blood pressure meds in the future.

So it's all about practice. And really, this isn't burpees or training yourself to like eggplant if you actually hate it. It's pleasant to be pleasant! This should be the easiest training programme in the world. And yet...

The author stresses how our world-view is coloured by this, "...

depending on which eye you choose, you can become either considerate or bitter, patient or angry, giving or niggardly, content or miserable, warm or cantankerous, loving or critical — it's all contingent upon how you train your eye."

I feel this most strongly when I am at a funeral. I have listened to eulogies of people I thought I knew well and felt totally inspired by their lives. Lives I had been a part of, but hadn't been looking at with a purely good eye.

I have been at funerals to support my friends when their relatives pass, and left feeling a true sense of loss at never having known the person who had died, because now all I know of them is their eulogy, a life story told with a good eye.

The eulogy or *hesped* is the one time we all look with a good eye. We stop harping on about that farible from 1983 and 'that one time she didn't greet me in Checkers'.

We speak of people as their best selves, we mourn them with a good eye. Imagine how amazing life would be if we lived like that too?

Esther Jungreis completes her thought by saying "...[a good eye] is the legacy that you leave behind. That is your eulogy."

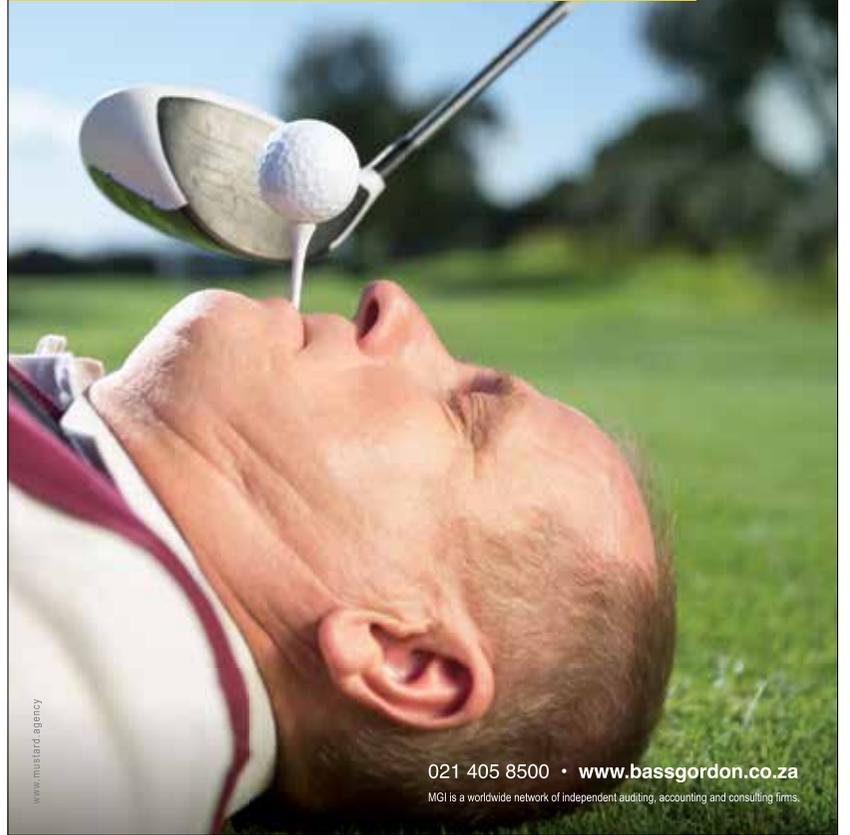
As we come into the month of Elul, a time of self-reflection and repentance, I'm thinking about how wonderful it would be if I could live a life today that is truly worthy of the eulogy I hope will sum up my time on earth when it comes to an end.

Or to put it another way, as author and entrepreneur Paul Dunn says, "My goal in life is to be the kind of person my dog thinks I am."

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17 Aug/6 Elul	Shoftim	5.59pm	6.53pm
24 Aug/13 Elul	Ki Teitzei	6.04pm	6.57pm
31 Aug/20 Elul	Ki Tavo	6.09pm	7.02pm

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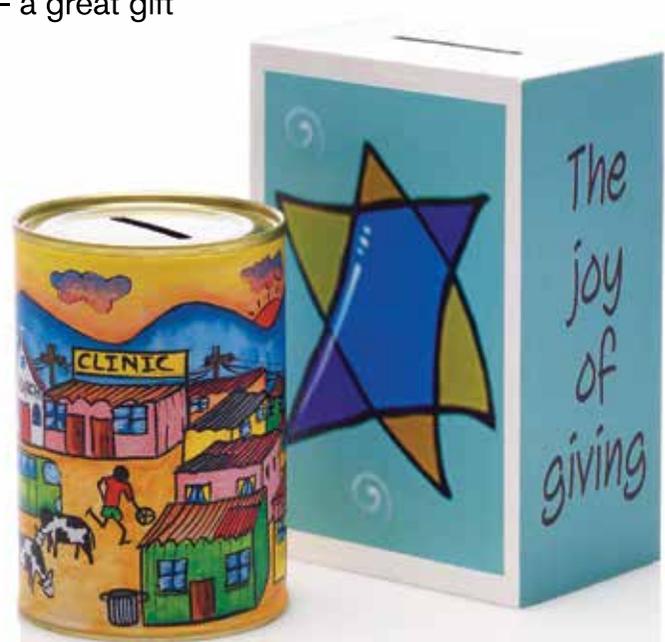
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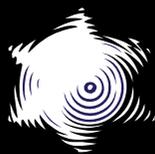
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USING MY NUDEL

Which moment should we seize?

By Craig Nudelman



When I finished the third instalment of the Harry Potter series, *The Prisoner of Azkaban* (which I read in the darkened auditorium during my sister's ballet *Eisteddfod*) I immediately looked forward to the next instalment which was due to come out a whole year later.

When the day finally arrived, I went to Exclusive Books in Rosebank Mall and bought *The Goblet of Fire*. And the same process occurred for the following three novels. I've always wondered; why is it that once we finish something, we immediately look forward to the next big thing? Why can we not just stop and appreciate what we have just completed? I guess this relates to the most clichéd phrases of all — 'living in the moment'. Everything points to why we should, doesn't it? From movie mantras ('Carpe Diem') to t-shirt slogans, from mindfulness to minimalism: to 'live in the moment' is almost prescribed by society. Hundreds of memes also focus on this; one of my favourites (with tongue firmly in cheek) is 'To do list: Live in the Moment'... But can we ever? Can we leave out the hustle and bustle of the day and just appreciate what we have?

As a cisgender male (a relatively new term denoting or relating to a person whose sense of personal identity and gender corresponds with their birth sex) I feel that I have to provide for my family, which means I have to bring home the bacon... Sorry, I mean macon. As a teacher, I always need to plan my lessons and ensure that my students pass their tests and exams. My wife and I also have to try to plan what to do with Jessica when the weekend arrives. Sometimes I feel like my life is dictated with deadlines and to-do lists, which can cause stress and sometimes paralysing anxiety.

But is this sort of projecting forward always a bad thing? Stress is a characteristic of human nature. Martin E. P. Seligman and John Tierney, in an opinion piece in the New York Times, write about our most important quality that differentiates us from animals — our ability to contemplate the future. This quality is key to how we learn and thrive. They state that "(b)ehavior, memory and perception can't be understood without appreciating the central role of prospection. We learn not by storing static records but by continually retouching memories and imagining future possibilities. Our brain sees the world not by processing every pixel in a scene but by focusing on the unexpected." Further, the

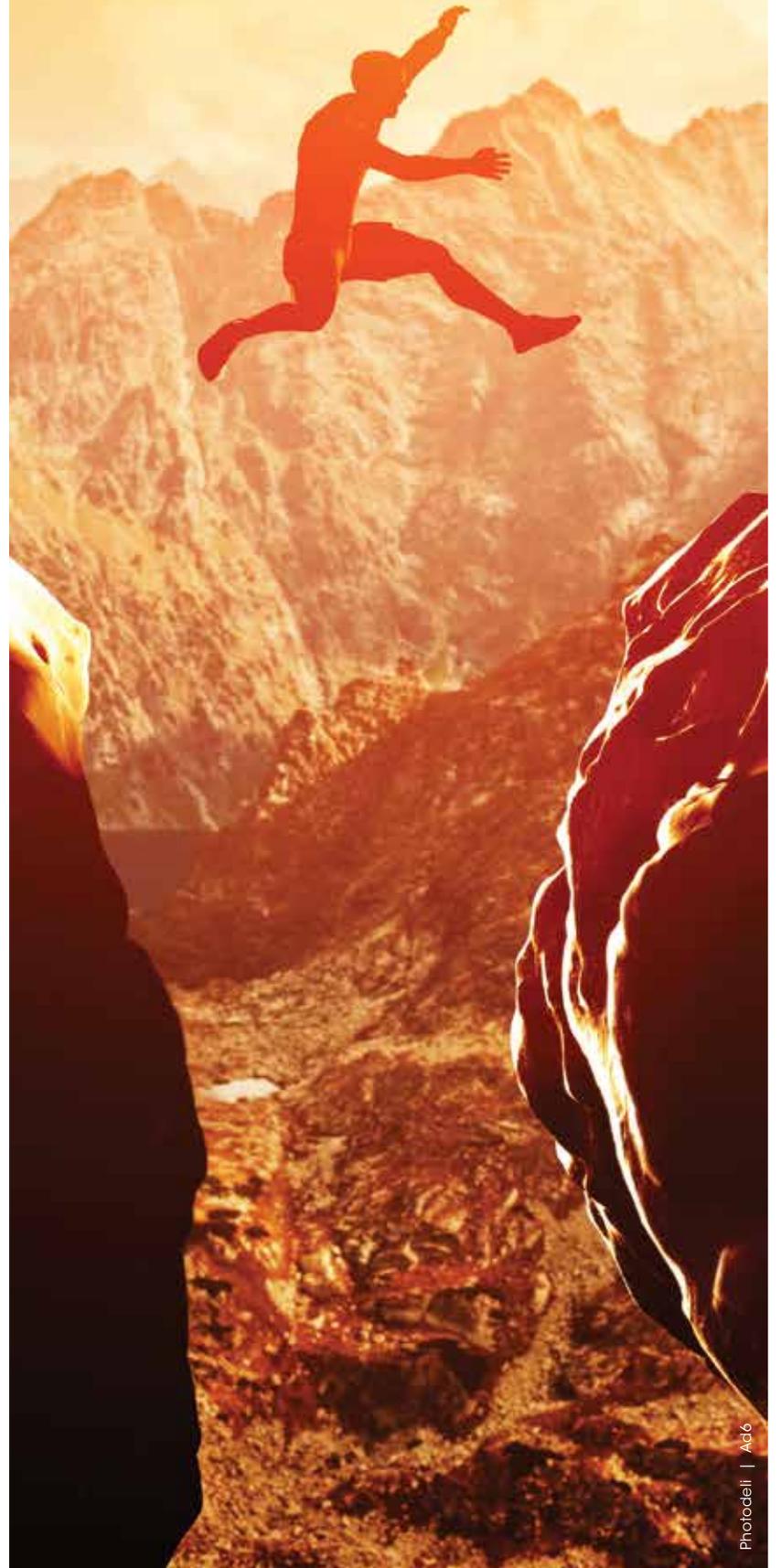
ability to imagine and confront change is the way we construct a more advanced tomorrow. As social animals, humans have the ability to anticipate what our descendants will do in the distant future. Now, I'm not sure if the farmer living in 12th-century Poland would have imagined the way in which we farm today, but as we progress throughout the centuries we have an idea, a thought, of how we could develop as individuals and as a people. Another thing to consider is that living in the present could mean we forget about the past. I've often spoken about remembrance — that we should be cognisant of how we got to where we are today and learn from it. It is important to try to work on our mistakes and become better people. Of course, there can be times when this focus on the past is dangerous. For example, sometimes we tend to slip so deeply into how bad things were that we cannot escape the past. But I still believe it is important to focus on how we got to where we are.

I've been thinking about how this relates to Judaism, with the month of Elul coming up in the build-up to Rosh Hashanah. Notwithstanding the requirement that we celebrate and honour our past through festivals and traditions, as Jews we are also required to live in the moment. When we eat, drink, wash our hands, travel, or even see a rainbow, we say a bracha to show how grateful we are for that thing we have just done or seen or heard. When we pray during one of the services or read from the Torah we think about the now.

In the journal *Science* Matthew Killingsworth and David Gilbert found that happiness is in the now. They wrote that, "A human mind is a wandering mind and a wandering mind is an unhappy mind. The ability to think about what is not happening is a cognitive achievement that comes at an emotional cost." This emphasises the benefits to be reaped from full and real focus.

Nevertheless, I must admit that I do love my wandering mind. During the day, sometimes compulsively, I pick at my phone to look things up. I try to find out how things work and operate; The name of the 2018 FIFA World Cup font (Dusha), why Cecil B. DeMille directed *The Ten Commandments*, and how I can make that one student in the back of the class ask more questions. Wandering and day-dreaming are how I conjure up new ideas. So, while we need to live in the moment, we should give ourselves permission to wander/wonder every now and then. By letting ourselves drift off, we can achieve the unthinkable.

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By Gwynne Robins



Josh Hovsha, Rabbi Nissen Goldman, Chief Autshumao Francisco Mackenzie, Headman Damons and Chairman Rael Kaimowitz.

The strategic direction of the Board is to make our society No Place for Hate, so when it received a request for a meeting from Chief Autshumao Francisco Mackenzie, chair of the Western Cape Legislative KhoiSan Council and headman Joe Damons, to establish closer relations, it was happy to accede.

As Rael Kaimowitz said, with our own history of persecution, we can identify with other targets of discrimination and hatred and try to stand up for them.

The meeting was much appreciated and the Board received a letter afterwards from the Chief stating that they felt honoured to share their struggle for survival with it knowing that, as a people, we could identify with the hardship and brutality they had endured and the on-going challenges they were experiencing.

The Human Rights Council has recently released a report acknowledging that the KhoiSan form a distinct group that has suffered multiple forms of discrimination and marginalisation. The Government has been given until 31 March 2019 to recognise the rights of the Khoi and San communities, to remove their apartheid classification as 'Coloured' and fast-track land redistribution for them.

Chief Autshumao, a former UWC librarian, explained that, although the KhoiSan are the original inhabitants of the Western Cape, their rights had not been recognised as a specific group in the SA Constitution and they have been excluded in many areas, including land and economic opportunities. Although they are the first people, the term 'African' is not applied to them, but to black people who arrived in South Africa much later. Their identity as the indigenous inhabitants deserving recognition was not acknowledged by the apartheid government which classified them as 'Coloured', and that false classification has remained.

Both the Jews and the KhoiSan were survivors of persecution. In the 18th Century settlers even applied for permits to hunt them.

"We are supposed to be extinct, but here we are. We are just seeking a place in the sun and to be acknowledged in law. We need to make space for each other. A *Toa tama !Khams ge* — the fight for the aborigines' survival continues. As they are not an identified group, the KhoiSan community receives no funding from the government. Jobs are accorded according to national demographics. They have no office, no laptops, no website, none of the resources they need to state their case.

The Board is currently investigating various ways in which we can assist their community build capacity.

World Refugee Day: 20 June 2018

The Board commemorated World Refugee Day by profiling a series of real stories and experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in the Western Cape. Our organisation is motivated by the history of our Jewish forefathers, social justice and sense of responsibility towards the world. And so we work to protect the rights of minority groups.

Many Jews came to South Africa from Eastern Europe and Rhodes Island looking for a better life — escaping economic hardship, pogroms, antisemitism, hate. Similarly, Asylum-seekers come to South Africa to escape persecution because they have a well-founded fear for their safety, and the moment they flee their countries they are entitled to international protection and assistance. This means that when they cross our borders, they should be welcomed into our society and given equal opportunities. But we know that the rights of refugees in our country have been comprised, and the evening was a platform to learn about the current situation in the Western Cape.

Vice-Chair, Viv Anstey opened the evening conversation with a heartfelt reflection of the Jewish community's experience working the Caledon Square Group who were rescued from camping on the streets outside the city police station. Guest speakers included

Fwamba Mukole, a previous employee of the Cape Town Refugee Reception office, and now part of the Africa Unite Staff, who shared the bureaucratic and social challenges faced by refugees in South Africa. Telling the story of the Hizmet Movement that started in Turkey, Rabia Inan told her story of the persecution of these people in her home country and how her family is displaced and at risk to return home as they face the violent tyranny of the Turkish government. Tokiti Ali, ended the storytelling session recalling his harrowing experiences as a gay asylum seeker, and how he finally arrived in Cape Town where he has finally found a safe space to live.

The event ended with the screening of the documentary *Sanctuary Lost* which highlighted the desperate plight of these people living in our country who receive very little support from government.

Despite the serious nature of the event, a safe space of story sharing was created and positive events like this, where we seek understanding are the first steps to welcoming strangers into our society.



SAJBD vice-chair, Viv Anstey shares the Caledon Square Group story.



Tokiti Saadi Ali, a refugee from the DRC representing PASSOP and IAM, LGBTIQ+ Refugees and Asylum Seekers.



Fwamba Mukole from Africa Unite explains the plight of refugees in the Cape.



SAJBD Acting Director, Liza-Jane Saban opens the World Refugee Day event.



RABIA INAL from the Turquoise Harmony Institute at risk in Turkey now living in Cape Town.



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Hasia is a specialist in immigration and ethnic history, American Jewish history and the history of American women. She is the author of numerous published books,

including *In the Almost Promised Land: American Jews and Blacks 1915-1935* (1977); *Lower East Side Memories: The Jewish Place in America* (Princeton University Press, 2000) and *The Jews of the United States: 1654-2000* (2014). She also published the book *We Remember with Reverence and Love: American Jews and the Myth of Silence After the Holocaust, 1945-1962* (2009) which received critical acclaim and awards.

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ADVA'S MIRACLE BABY: AN UPBEAT, FEEL GOOD STORY

BY KEN STEPHENS

Like many women her age, Adva Felsman, 34, went to her gynecologist for a routine Pap Test last year. A few days later, Adva was shocked to discover that the test, followed by a biopsy, revealed that she had cervical cancer.

Fearing that she would not be able to have children, Dr.

addition, it manages Outpatient Clinics, an Emergency Room, Operating Theatres and a Delivery Ward. During the last year, the departments performed over 11,000 deliveries and several thousand surgical procedures.

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"The surgery was deemed a success, and after a short period of follow-up tests to assure that Adva was free from cancer, Adva was told that she could become pregnant."

Jacob Korach, the Director and Dr. Tamar Perri, the Deputy Director of the Gynecologic Oncology Department at the Josef Buchmann Gynecology and Maternity Ward at Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan, put Adva's mind at ease, suggesting and performing immediate surgery during which they removed the cancerous cervix while preserving the uterus, thus allowing future pregnancies (though necessarily by Caesarean section).

The surgery was deemed a success, and after a short period of follow-up tests to assure that Adva was free from cancer, Adva was told that she could become pregnant.

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Israel consisting of over 70 senior physicians, as well as over 30 residents and training physicians.

When Adva became spontaneously pregnant, she experienced premature contractions at 20 weeks. She was admitted to the hospital for tests and bed rest, and at discharge, a high-risk pregnancy medical consultant, closely followed her as an outpatient together with Dr. Perri, her gynecologic oncologist. She continued to have a series of check-ups to see that both mom-to-be and the fetus were doing fine.

When it was time to deliver the baby at 36 weeks, Adva underwent a delicate Caesarean operation performed by Dr. Perri and Dr. Gidon Sinvani, an expert in high-risk pregnancies at the Sheba Medical Center.

A hearty mazal tov to Adva, who delivered a beautiful baby boy!

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Adva Felsman and her newborn son.

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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



No Coincidences

By Rowan Polovin,
Chairman, SAZF Cape Council

“In Jewish history there are no coincidences.” - Elie Wiesel

We are witnessing a disturbing pattern in the South African political discourse where anti-Zionism has become normalised. It is now acceptable and appropriate, even fashionable, for politicians, journalists, academics, students, celebrities, and the general public to bash Israel. If one does not do so unashamedly, or even dares to apportion a hint of blame or agency to the Palestinians, one becomes a pariah and an outcast until one relents and apologises. The greater

a South African celebrity’s power, the more they are expected to toe the anti-Israel line, and the greater the manufactured outrage when they do not.

Two recent cases illustrate this. The first is Johannesburg Health MMC Mpho Phalatse who dared to attend a South African Friends of Israel conference in her personal capacity and worse, speak a sentence or two of support for Israel in the name of the City. When her statement made the airwaves, the ferocious anti-Israel machinery sprung into operation and she was verbally attacked and then swiftly suspended by the Mayor. Upon her reinstatement, she was accused by the Mayor of a lack of “sound judgement” and “publicly reprimanded”. She has to show she is now “remorseful”, make a “public apology” on the “impact” of her words and attend a “workshop” to make sure her behaviour is acceptable again. If she had rather stated that the City of Johannesburg is a friend of Saudi Arabia, Iran or North Korea then she would have had to feel no

remorse or apologise and certainly would not need to attend a workshop to rehabilitate her mind. There are some voices in our own community who have expressed support and even justification for this action by the DA-led council given the context on her remarks and the need to pass a budget vote and maintain political order. This groupthink is highly concerning.

The second case is model Shashi Naidoo who commented on social media that Gaza is a “sh*thole”. Given her celebrity power and that she, as a person of colour, is expected unconditionally to demonise Israel (which is, incidentally, a country of colour), the machinery was even more brutal. She received death threats, lost lucrative contracts, and was herself demonised and pressured until she relented. Like a hostage, Shashi was paraded on camera and made to deliver a carefully written and rehearsed message in which she apologised and agreed to visit “Palestine” and be re-educated by her hostage takers (the self-same

bunch who look for moral authority to plane hijacker and hostage-taker Leila Khaled).

The purpose of both of these incidents was, of course, to send a very strong message to others in the political or social spectrum of South Africa what the consequences would be if they did the same and failed to ‘normalise’ their behaviour. It is a campaign of fear, intimidation and threats. A flood of anti-Semitic incidents has since followed, again demonstrating that the mask of anti-Zionism is thinly spread over its anti-Semitic face.

As a Jewish diaspora community, we cannot accept the radicalisation of the South African discourse, or waiver in our Jewish and Zionist identity in the face of this vicious campaign. We cannot afford to rationalise the behaviour of our government, political parties or others when they turn against Israel, and in so doing legitimise this campaign against our identity. Those who understand our history will know where that leads.

THE ISRAEL CENTRE



Israel at 70 exhibition opening

By Michal Ilan,
Community Shlichah

As part of Israel’s 70th celebrations, the SA Zionist Federation (Cape Council) and the SA Jewish Museum presented the Beit Hatfutsut’s “Israel at 70” exhibit.

The opening of the exhibition included a talk with Avraham Infeld who shared his personal Aliyah story as well as thoughts and ideas regarding the different aspects of Israel which the exhibition highlights. The opening was well attended despite the cold weather.

SAZF CAPE COUNCIL



Cyber security roadshow in Cape Town

By Julie Berman,
Executive Director
SAZF Cape Council

Amit Lev, Head of Trade for Israel’s Trade and Economic Mission to Southern Africa, and Elliot Black, business Development Manager from the South African Israel Trade Office, hosted a delegation of cyber security companies. These companies specialise in state of the art technology to keep abreast of the hackers that plague us daily in all walks of life and industry.

Some of the companies represented were Cyber Gym; Inpedio; Sasa Software; Checkmarx; Communitake; Kaymera; Gold N Links; Beyond Security and Sepio Systems. These companies imparted a wealth of knowledge and networking to all those who attended.



Avraham Infeld with Community Shlichah Michal Ilan



Amit Lev from Israel’s Trade and Economic Mission to Southern Africa, engaging with one of the members of the audience

SA FRIENDS OF ISRAEL



SAFI youth camp

By Julie Berman,
Executive Director
SAZF Cape Council

fun filled weekend at the Habonim campsite.

Being the first camp of this nature, we did not know what to expect. As we all sat down to dinner on Friday night, the singing was electrifying, setting the tone for a one in a million experience. Christian youth leaders, pastors, members of SAFI, Bafana Modise and Clive Mashishi from Johannesburg, together with Julie Berman, Executive Director of SAZF and Bari Hayon, student shaliach, oversaw the camp.

142 youth aged 13 to 18 years old, waited with excitement as the buses left their churches for a

The weather was cold and wet, but the spirit was warm and uplifting, all leaving with a better understanding of

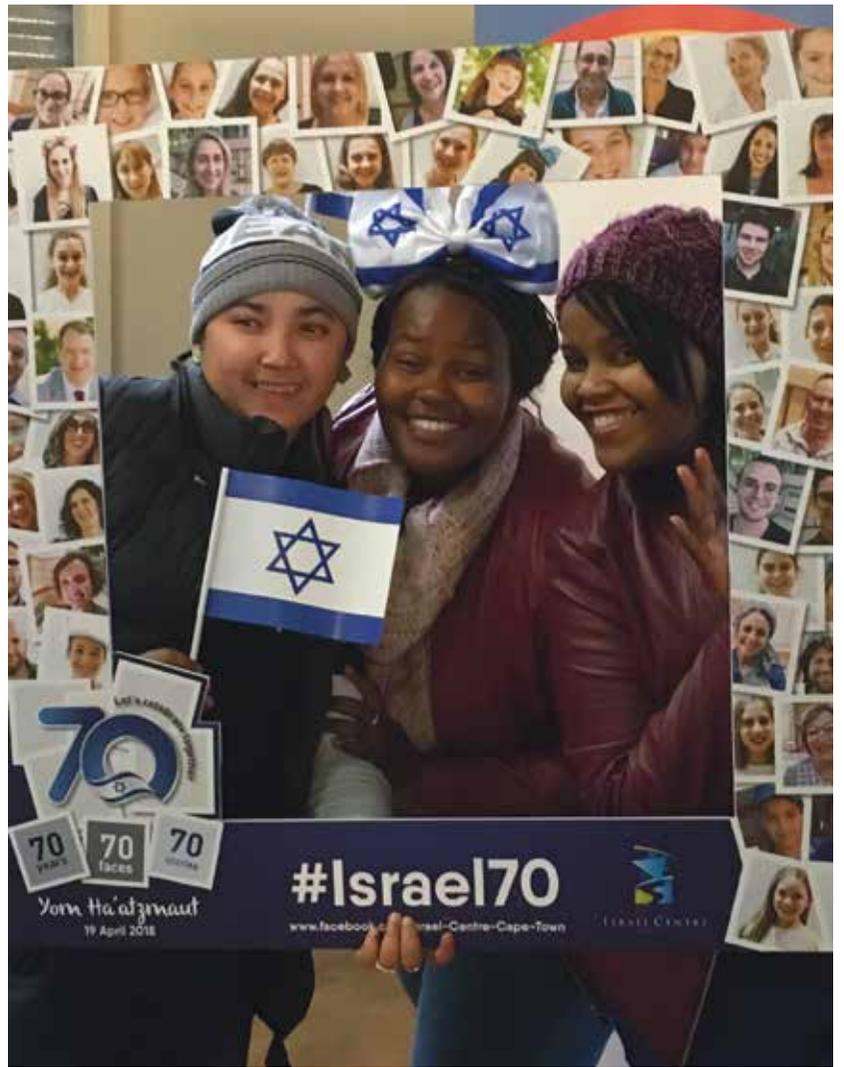
Israel and its complexities.

We thank Errol Anstey, Manhig Habonim Dror Southern Africa, for

securing the sponsor for this camp. We hope this will be the beginning of many SAFI camps in the future.



Participants enjoying their weekend away



Posing for Israel's 70th Anniversary - 70 years; 70 faces; 70 stories

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HDSA's Chaverim in Israel

By Yossi Bank and Caleb Lester

BNEI AKIVA



Amazing Month!

By Chanan Suiza, Chairman, Bnei Akiva Cape Town



Playing on the sand dunes at the West Coast National Park.

This month has been absolutely incredible! We have had more going on than we could have imagined. A slow but steady build up towards winter camp energised the entire month. This year's camp was held at the West Coast National Park, which is a beautiful location.

Sand dunes, lagoons, ostriches and fynbos as far as the eye can see! This amazing camp was headed up by the very capable Rosh winter camp,

Ryanne Fox. Lead with dedication and creativity, it made for an unbelievable camp. Following Ryanne was a team of devoted and loving madrichim. This camp was a wonderful opportunity to have our younger madrichim from Grade 11 join in to take on the mantle of the main madrich work force. We are thankful to all the relevant

parties for helping us make this camp amazing!

We also say goodbye to our Sayeret Orot program which ventured off to Israel for the amazing program that is hadracha! We will miss them dearly and hope they have an unbelievable time.

The June/July period was filled with smiles, laughter, education and what we call, Habo magic.

Between our Winter Day-Camps for Shtillim and Garinim to our three incredible trips to Israel, both Cape Town and Johannesburg were working in overdrive to ensure that all of these events went off without a hitch.

Shorashim

Our Grade 10's embarked on a journey to explore, and fall in love with Israel. For many of our channichim this was their first experience of Israel and so it's at the top of our priority to ensure that they get the most of Shorashim possible. From hiking Masada, floating in the dead sea and visiting the Kotel etc., Shorashim really did get the experience of a lifetime in Israel.

Israel leadership tour

A group of selected bogrim arrived at Ben Gurion Airport ready to tackle an intense 10-day tour of Israel. The group was met with many Israeli activists, visited NGO'S and struggled with the complexities of Israeli society, economy and politics. The group left inspired and well equipped to bring back their understandings to the movement and the wider community.

Taglit

We managed to start our very own Habonim Taglit Tour. The tour was for bogrim in the movement that had never been to Israel. From engaging with the rich cultural heritage across the country, partying it up in Tel Aviv, snorkelling in Eilat, spending time in Jerusalem and so much more, there was no better way for a group of young adults to experience Israel for the first time.

This July, HDSA had over 100 chaverim in Israel between Shorashim, Israel Leadership Tour, Taglit and our Shnat Hachshara program.

NETZER



Get ready for winter!

By Jason Bourne, Rosh Cape Town

As the end of the Jewish year draws near and we look forward to the sweet taste of apples and honey, Netzer is not slowing down.

After helping out and making who knows how many sandwiches at Temple Israel's Mandela Day event,



Netzer Shabbat

we look forward to all our amazing and exciting upcoming events. Our next big event being our Shabbat

sleepover so keep your eyes peeled for details.

SAUJS



SAUJS meets 2,400 advocates for Israel

Mitch Freedman, Religious Officer

Honouring Israel's 70th anniversary, the American Jewish Congress (AJC) took place in Jerusalem for the first time, bringing students, advocates and diplomats alike from around the world to "explore the key political, strategic, and social concerns affecting the future of world Jewry."

As a young South African Jew



A different perspective

representing SAUJS, it was a unique and intriguing experience interacting with students from different countries, unpacking and understanding

the complexities that happen on campuses around the globe and coming to the realisation that "Israel is so much more than the conflict."

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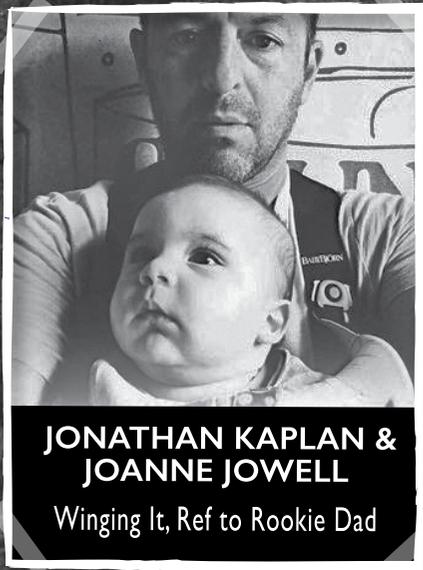
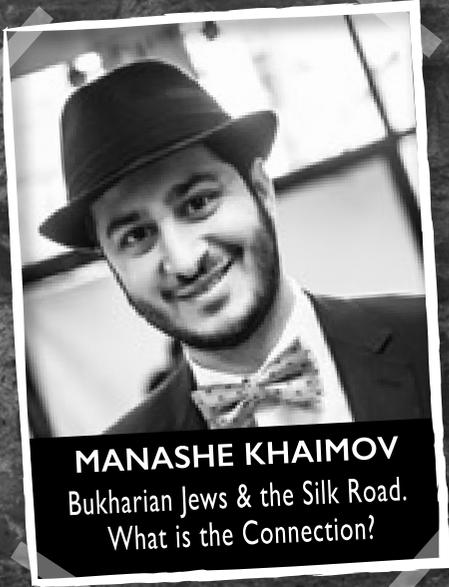
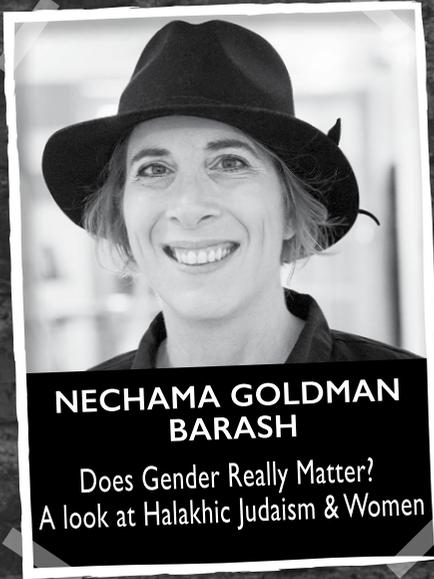
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Tisha B'Av – Bringing us closer

Adapted from an article by RABBI SHMUEL MILLER

In the Northern hemisphere, Tisha B'Av always falls in the middle of summer holidays. Take an honest vote for Tisha B'Av, and I fear most would tell you that they prefer we at least move it, if not do away with it altogether. Here, in the Southern Hemisphere, I wonder if the sentiment would be different.

But what if we would use that same honesty as a springboard for greater understanding and embrace?

Tisha B'Av, the 9th day of the Jewish month of Av, is a sad day on the Jewish calendar that commemorates the destruction of both the First (423 BCE) and Second (70CE) Temples in Jerusalem as well as all tragedies that have befallen the Jewish People to date.

It's not an easy day to observe. It's a long fast with a half a day of prayer. All while sitting on the floor. Yet not observing a Mitzvah or a Jewish Law, be it out of difficulty or lack of understanding, may indicate our need for a more mature approach to our relationship with our observance and with G-d.

The Prophet Jeremiah (Chapter 2) painfully expresses our state in Temple times: *"So said God, you are far from Me and you have gone after other gods, and the priests have not looked for Me, and the Jewish leaders do not know Me, My people have not only left Me, but have replaced me with an inferior substitute."*

The Jews of the time were religious Jews. Yet, they were far from God.

And so we have Tisha B'Av. We thought we were close and connecting with God. But we missed the mark. We mourn, fast and sit on the floor lamenting. And yet, Tisha B'Av is referred to as a Festival (Lamentations 1:15). What exactly are we meant to experience on Tisha B'Av?

The Holy Ba'al Shem Tov (1698-1760) writes, *"One who thinks he is close to G-d, is really far from Him. And one who thinks he is far, is really close."*

Our Sages tell us that there are two types of Festivals. There are the ones that reflect our closeness to God, like Pesach, Shavuot, Succot,

Simchat Torah as well as Channukah and Purim. Then there is the Festival that reflects our distance from our true selves, and thus from God. This is Tisha B'Av.

As it is in our relationships, when we think we are close to the other, we tend to overlook those things that make up the fabric of our true connection to that person. *"She knows I love her, so she'll understand", "I don't need to tell him how I feel. Can't he see all that I do?"* And when our relationship becomes implied and mechanical, when we are content simply to go through the motions, we grow distant – because we think we are close. We need Tisha B'Av now more than ever before.

Think about it for a moment. We feel we are close and connected, together, plugged in. And yet many of us are still alone. Because it is when we assume we are close to someone, that we don't make the effort, or feel the need, to nurture that relationship.

It's only by realising that we may actually be more detached than engaged, that we can begin to feel the distance between where we truly are and where we need to be. This holds true with our relationship with ourselves, others and with God Himself. And when we feel the

distance, we begin to bridge the gap. This is the message, the 'Festival', of Tisha B'Av.

Tisha B'Av is our opportunity to feel the distance. To realise that we may not be at the top of our game in deed, heart and soul, and that our relationship with God and with our 'Jewishness' needs tending. When we faithfully invest the time to experience the motions and raw emotions of Tisha B'Av, we resolve to grow closer. Through the *Festival of Distance*, may we merit to experience true closeness.

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Twenty women from all over the world spent three days learning, laughing and exchanging ideas to enable us to go back to our congregations with tools to enhance and enrich the communities in which we live. Each participant has a project that must be introduced into their community — a great challenge and I look forward to introducing my project to our community. One of the lessons learnt is that many of us are blessed to be able to practice our Judaism freely while there is still hardship and difficulty in areas such as Belarus and Russia. The women who joined us on the course had enormous difficulties to overcome before they managed to reach the seminar. Included in the group were three young candidate rabbis bringing a breath of fresh air into the group — each filled with so much enthusiasm and love for the path they have chosen.

After the seminar, many of us went on to a weekend Shabbaton at Kibbutz Shefayim where there were 1600 participants who enjoyed a magical experience of Shabbat under the stars. Those of us who were not from Israel were treated royally. We had designated areas where we were provided with earphones to enable us to be part of their Seminar prior to Shabbat. The weekend was similar to Limmud as after Shabbat services there were numerous presentations by people who had exceptional knowledge, to impart

I then returned to Jerusalem and spent four interesting days staying with family in Ramot (here was the extreme) Extremely religious Jews,

welcoming and gracious but from another world for me. I explored and enjoyed the interaction while seeing as much as I could. The cherry on the top was being right at the Kotel and underground tunnel and shortly afterwards visiting the Arab town of Aba Gosh and enjoying the best pita and falafel ever.

From Jerusalem it was off to Tel Aviv and exploring Jaffa and wallowing in the glorious Mediterranean, watched the Gay Pride parade with 250 000 people enjoying themselves on the beachfront and trying to take in as much as possible! It was 40 years since I had visited Israel and I returned to Cape Town with memories to last a lifetime and a yearning to return as soon as possible.

Ot Azey

There has been much interest shown in our annual three-day workshop and we are so happy that we have new participants as well as those who attend annually. There are still a few days to sign up, so if you have been thinking about it, how about making this year the one that you enjoy a new experience. Contact our Sea Point office.

High Holy Days

September will see us welcoming in the New Year and enjoying the festivities that come with it. We always strive to ensure that each member is able to enjoy the High Holy Days and that no one is left out in the cold. Please contact the social worker at your branch if you are looking to be accommodated on special evenings and we will endeavour to assist everyone

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Keilie Gross and companion dancer



Gift of the Givers speaker Jenny du Toit — Humanitarian and Clinical Nurse (centre back) together with Sea Point members



Hymie Becker, Mat Yamey, Jack Schneider, Bernie Goldschmidt and Bennie Katzenberg at the June birthday party in Milnerton

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

We extend our best wishes on the following happy occasions:

Births

Janice Bloch — great grandson
 Ettie Busch — great granddaughter
 Sadie Graziani — great grandson
 Annette Marks — granddaughter
 Sally Singer — great granddaughter

Barmitzvah

Fay Abrahams — grandson
 Ethne and Joe Abramowitz — grandson
 Roy, Vonny Bernstein — grandson
 Henny Bernstein — great grandson
 Collette and Barry Levin — grandson
 Shirley Levitt — grandson
 Ida Surovsky — grandson

Engagements

Mavis Horwitz — granddaughter
 Eve Joffe — granddaughter

Marriage

Glickie and Woolfie Bloom — grandson
 Irving Freeman — granddaughter
 Ida Surovsky — grandson

Anniversary

Sam and Reeva Chiat 62 years
 Alec and Thelma Cohen 60 years
 Wolsley and Elsie Jacobson 60 years

Birthdays

Mary Borok 90th
 Sam Chait 90th

We extend our sincere best wishes to our members who have not been well
 Merle Thomson

We extend our sincere condolences to our members who have lost family members

Sarah Burnett — son
 Glickie and Woolfie Bloom — son-in-law

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of members who have recently passed away
 Shirley Mann, Vivien Marchesani, Anita Pick, Dennis Tavill

We welcome New Members to the CJSA family

Reina Bristow, Jennifer Burnett, Gillian and Edmund Cress, Lisa Elkaim, Diane Kanter, Ruth Katzman

Special Events and Outings August — booking essential

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6th-8th August in Sea Point R420

Men's Schmooze with Michael Bagraim

Fri 3 Aug Milnerton 10.30
 Wed 15 Aug S/Suburbs 10.00
 Fri 31 Aug Sea Point 10.30

Outing to South African Brewery

Sea Point 8 Aug
 Milnerton 21 Aug

Twilight Supper: All suppers are R50

Albie Sachs: Sea Point
 Tues 14 Aug 5.30
 Daniel Silke: Milnerton
 Thurs 16 Aug 6.30
 Rayne Stroebel: S/Suburbs
 Wed 22 Aug 5.30

Pop In Morning:

Milnerton 14 Aug Martha Muller speaking on 'The Power of South African Women'



Cape Jewish Seniors

<p>THIS MONTH:</p> <p>Eye Care Week</p> <p>National Deaf Awareness Month</p> <p>National Oral Health Month</p> <p>Yomtov Market</p>	<p align="right">Monday 3</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Talking Point with Colin R10 2.00 Bridge R10 2.00 Reminiscing with Hazel R10</p> <p>Milnerton 10.00 Pop In: The Jedi Tedi Project as told by Shana Kagan R10 2.00 Musical Appreciation with Doreen Kantor R10</p> <p>S/Suburbs 9.30 Outing to the Pick n Pay Museum R10 10.00 Scrabble R10 2.00 Yiddish mit Rita R10</p>	<p align="right">Tuesday 4</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Pop In: A morning with Rev Derek Pratt speaking on Family History R10 2.00 Mosaic classes with Yvette R30 2.00 Beginners Bridge with Irving R10 2.00 Yoga with Leina Sank R10</p> <p>Milnerton 10.00 Outing to the Pick n Pay Museum R10 1:00 Kalooki set tables R10 2.00 Mosaic with Sonia Norrie R30 1.45 Line Dancing with Hannah Seinik</p> <p>S/Suburbs 9.30 Social Bridge R10 New members welcome 10.00 Kalooki R10 2.00 Knitting Group. All welcome R10</p> <p>Muizenberg 10.30 Pop In: Feminist Gertrude Fester — Commissioner on the Gender Commission on her time in solitary confinement. R10</p>	<p>Sea Point</p> <p>Milnerton</p> <p>S/Suburbs</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 9</p> <p align="center">Erev Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p align="center">Monday 10</p> <p align="center">Rosh Hashanah 1st Day</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 11</p> <p align="center">Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day</p>	<p>Sea Point</p> <p>Milnerton</p> <p>S/Suburbs</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 16</p>	<p align="center">Monday 17</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Talking Point with Roni R10 2.00 Bridge R10 2.00 Reminiscing with Hazel R10</p> <p>Milnerton 10.00 A morning with Joy Shifrin as she shares her journey of working through Bipolar Disorder and her success as a Body Alignment Therapist and intuitive healer R10 3.00 Shiur with Rabbi Bernstein R10</p> <p>S/Suburbs 9.15 Enjoy an outing to Clay Café. Transport R30. Clay work and tea for own account. 2.00 Yiddish mit Rita R10</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 18</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Pop In: The Jedi Tedi Project as told by Sharna Kagan R10 2.00 Yoga with Leina Sank R10 2.00 Beginners Bridge with Irving R10</p> <p>Milnerton 10.00 Movie Morning: Billy Joel. The story of the Joel Family. Successful business people in Germany and their emigration to the USA R10 2.00 Mosaic with Sonia Norrie R30</p> <p>S/Suburbs 9.30 Social Bridge R10 New members welcome 10.00 Kalooki R10 2.00 Knitting Group. All welcome R10</p> <p>West Coast 9.15 Outing to Kirstenbosch R30. Tea for own account</p>	
<p align="center">Sunday 23</p>	<p align="center">Monday 24</p> <p align="center">Heritage Day Office Closed 1st day Sukkot</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday 25</p> <p align="center">2nd day Sukkot Office Closed</p>	<p>Sea Point</p> <p>Milnerton</p> <p>S/Suburbs</p>



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<p>Wednesday 5</p> <p>9.30 Craft morning Yvette and Jeanette R20. 1.45 Bridge and Kalooki R10 10.00 Tile Rummy, Scrabble and Bridge games R10 10.00 Ageless Grace with Cathy R20 10.00 Beginner's Kalooki R10 10.00 Knitting Morning. Bring your own knitting and enjoy the company of others R10 12.00 Art Classes with Karen Cohen R25 10.15 Ageless Grace with Yvonne R15 10.00 Bnoth Zion</p>	<p>Thursday 6</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Yiddish mit Veronica R10 11.30 Ageless Grace with Jocelyn Early R25 Booking essential 2.00 Bridge and Kalooki R10 Milnerton S/Suburbs 9.30 Kalooki R10 10.30 Pop In: Feminist Gertrude Fester — Commissioner on the Gender Commission speaks on her time in solitary confinement 1.00 Bridge and Kalooki R10 West Coast 11.30 Jenny du Toit of the Gift of the Givers speaks on 'working in a war zone.' R10</p>	<p>Friday 7</p> <p>Sea Point 9.30 Shopping with Malcolm R20 Milnerton 10.30 Men's Schmooze: Gerald Potash will talk on Jewish History and Boerejode R10</p>
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<p>Wednesday 19</p> <p>Yom Kippur</p>	<p>Thursday 20</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Yiddish mit Veronica R10 11.30 Ageless Grace with Jocelyn Early R25 Booking essential 1.45 Bridge and Kalooki R10 Milnerton S/Suburbs 9.30 Kalooki R10 10.30 Pop In: Len Swimmer speaking on Diversity and value systems R10 West Coast 11.30 Pop In: A morning with Councillor Denise Robinson</p>	<p>Friday 21</p> <p>Sea Point 9.30 Shopping with Malcolm R20</p>
<p>Wednesday 26</p> <p>9.15 Craft Morning with Judi R15 1.45 Bridge and Kalooki R10 10.00 Ageless Grace with Cathy R20 9.30 Kalooki R10 10.00 Beginner's Kalooki R10 10.00 Knitting Morning. Bring your own knitting R10 12.00 Art Classes with Karen Cohen R25 10.15 Ageless Grace with Yvonne R15</p>	<p>Thursday 27</p> <p>Sea Point 10.00 Yiddish mit Veronica R10 11.30 Exercises with Mariamre R10 11.30 Ageless Grace with Jocelyn Early R25 Booking essential 2.00 Bridge and Kalooki R10 Milnerton 9.30 Kalooki R10 6.30 Twilight Supper with Chris Nissen of the HRC speaking on the Protection of Vulnerable Grouping and the rights of people to be protected and respected R60 S/Suburbs West Coast 10.30 Pop In: A morning with physiotherapist Elaine Lizzi R10 10.30 Art with Sharon Lopis R30</p>	<p>Friday 28</p> <p>Sea Point 9.30 Shopping with Malcolm R20 10.30 Men's Schmooze Gerald Potash will talk on Jewish History and Boerejode R10</p>



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MATRIC DANCE 2018

A Night Under the Stars

MARC FALCONER
Headmaster, Herzlia High School

Another glittering and truly beautiful Matric Dance took place on Thursday 21 June in the Multi-Purpose Sports Hall, hosted by the Matric Dance Committee. There is nothing new about a Matric Dance or 'Prom' as the Americans call it. It has been on many schools' annual calendar since at least 1880 when the formal graduation celebrations trickled down to high school. From long before the 1950s there were serious letters written to the press both in the UK and in the US bemoaning the extravagance of the 'gowns' and the lavish preparation, time spent, expense and distraction from academic time given to this leave taking-ball (interestingly, the average prom tag in the US in 2015 was an estimated \$978).

And it is true that for some, our own Matric Dance may be overly extravagant and be given a great deal more prominence than it should be. Certainly the pre-drinks, after parties, sunrise breakfasts, photo-shoots, costumes, grooming bills, limos are often way beyond the reasonable. Nevertheless, there are some sound reasons for the Matric Dance in concept. If Outcomes Based Education – disastrous as it was for SA – needed any evidence to bolster its flagging logic, the dance could be one. For the staff, many of whom were there, this was an important opportunity to witness, in tangible terms, the outcome: the children they had taught these last years and their emerging into the world as beautiful poised nascent adults. It marks a particular point in school life and for many it is a unique event.

While all the preparation and build up may sound (and often is) extreme, this is, quite possibly, part of the psychological process of leave-taking. This is the moment that for many pupils marks the end of formal schooling and the start of one's adult journey. It has nothing to do with marks or school achievement. It has to do with just having made it – the nearing of the end of the journey – bar the final trial by fire. It is also a time for expressing oneself – as a mature adult. Ironically at the time when shaving and grooming for the boys would be particularly relaxed, almost every male pupil was as smooth shaven and beautifully groomed as the photographs talk to.

Like so many rites of passage, the Matric Dance is not in and of itself necessarily important. It does however, mark an important point. It calls for reflection and like a Bar and Bat Mitzvah or the final Bacchanalian rave – each serving a different function – there are many conflicting themes: conformity and rebellion, responsibility and carelessness, childhood and adulthood.

According to the seminal work on rites of passage by one Arnold Van Gennep writing in 1909, all such moments of separation have three stages and signal a period of uncertain liminality and anxiety followed by an opportunity to be reincorporated into another stage of life with new values, new attitudes and behaviours. This process, according to Van Gennep, is an intrapsychic process but also needs to be consciously cognitive and is one which needs

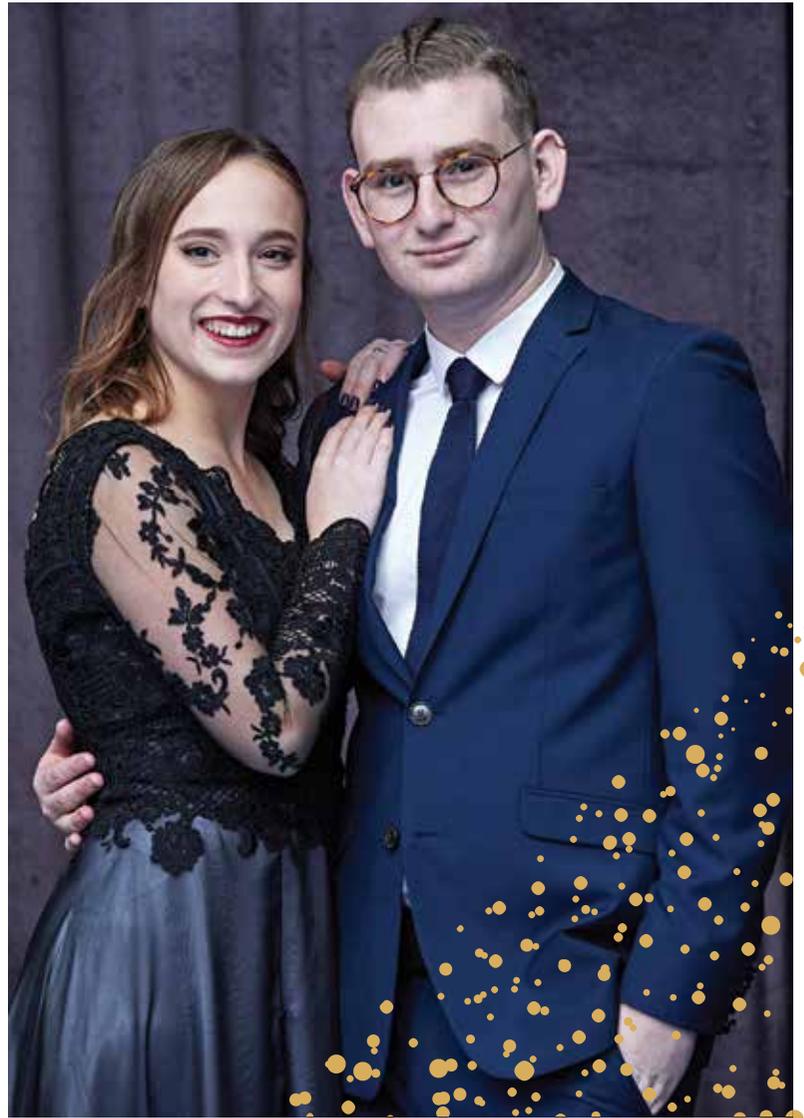
the affirmation of the individual and the contextualizing community. In the face of such compelling psychological and developmental force, it really is no wonder to see the powerful response of parents, sometimes tearful and sometimes joyful and sometimes, more sophisticatedly, both together, wishing their children well. Whatever the attitude, it is unusual for any to be able to resist this particular process. Van Gennep and many of those who built on his works see normative – or time appropriate – rites of passage as promoting 'healthy' decision-making and development – and conversely non-normative rites as creating a crisis in individuals or systems. Schools that do not offer ritual and rites of passage, Van Gennep would argue, not only put the pupils of that group at risk, but also stand the risk of promoting the path of delinquency and unhealthy formalized rites of passage.

However understandable the Matric Dance and whatever psychological sense we make of the it, certainly this dance has over the years become an integral leave taking with all the ceremony, preparation and possible trauma that comes with it. The polish and gorgeousness of the evening may not give enough evidence of it, but undoubtedly it was there not too far under the satin and sequins: a beautiful, terrifying, celebratory and sometimes painful but beautifully necessary rite of passage.

Our very special thanks to Claire Malan and the Matric Dance Committee for arranging such a splendid occasion. This is not done overnight and we certainly appreciate all the hard work, planning and preparation involved. The decor was done by Vincent Shantall of Visual Creation and Photography by Shawn Benjamin.









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What has the response been like since you launched 4 months ago?

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What are some of the themes explored in the books?

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Most Jewish children are going to Jewish Day schools with well stocked libraries, what is the benefit of receiving a book through PJ Library® each month?

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the whole collection of books outright?

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Can parents/grandparents follow PJ Library® to get supplementary content and sneak peeks each month?

Absolutely, upcoming books are highlighted on the Facebook page and posters at the schools. Besides receiving complimentary resources and activities with the monthly books, we also post additional materials and interesting articles regarding education, Jewish themes and parenting.

How is this project being funded at the moment and what is the plan going forward?

In addition to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation’s considerable contribution to PJ Library® South Africa, we have been fortunate to have been supported thus far by some extremely generous South African donors and will continue to connect those who see the value



PJ Library® CT coordinator Andi Hender at the Jewish Literary Festival

in investing in the continuity of our Jewish community, and will also ask those who have been beneficiaries to ‘pay it forward’, creating the opportunity for another child to receive the monthly gifts.

THE ISRAEL CENTRE



The Zionist Caravan

By Michal Ilan,
Community Shlichah

In an effort to reach Jewish Communities who do not live in the mainstream hubs of Johannesburg and Cape Town, shlichim (emissaries) and representatives of the Israel Centre took to the road to visit South African Jewry in the far-flung communities in the Garden Route, with the aim of reconnecting people to Israel.

One group of shlichim went to

George where they met with Jews as well as Christian supporters from the Restoration Fellowship. The shlichim presented their “Israeli Story”: the story of a country made of Jews who yearned for Israel and eventually gathered from all corners of the world in that tiny piece of land. There was a story of Aliyah from Ethiopia, a story of a Holocaust survivor who escaped from Europe to build a home in Israel and a story of the Jews who were sent to exile in Babylon and returned to Israel to make Jerusalem their home. Three Israelis with three different stories, different pasts but a common goal and a common reality.

A second group of shlichot went to Port Elizabeth. They ran educational programmes for the Jewish Pupils of Theodor Herzl Primary and High Schools and met with members of the Jewish Community for an engaging evening programme. The shlichot presented topics which are close to their hearts and had a chance to discuss these topics with the community.



Bari Hayon, Danny Adeno Abebe, Lauren Pelsler (Esrechowitz) from the George Jewish Community and Michal Ilan



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Frankel was co-founder & CEO of Internet Solutions. He served on the board of London Listed Dimension Data plc and currently serves on the board of Rand Merchant Bank (RMB).

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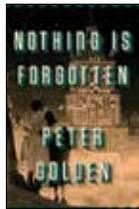
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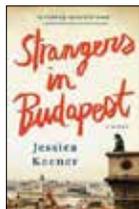
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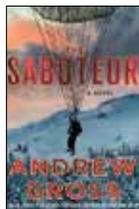
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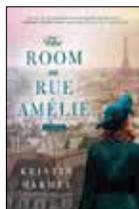
NOTHING IS FORGOTTEN by PETER GOLDEN. Michael Daniels successfully runs his own radio show in his Russian grandmother's candy store in New Jersey in the 1950s. When his grandmother is murdered, he travels to Europe hoping to solve the mystery of her death. He meets Yuliana Kosoy, a war orphan who smuggles American goods into Russia, who shares a connection with him. Michael's search will reveal his grandmother's past secrets.



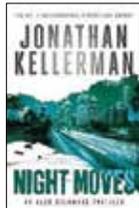
STRANGERS IN BUDAPEST by JESSICA KEENER. A riveting story of an American couple in Budapest after the fall of Communism. They are asked by mutual friends to check up on elderly Edward Weiss who freed Hungarian Jews from a Nazi prison camp. They learn Edward is there to exact revenge on the man who married and supposedly murdered his daughter. As the mystery unfolds, they become part of a deadly conflict that will end in tragedy and loss of innocence.



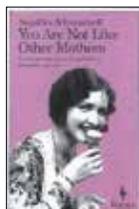
SABOTEUR by ANDREW GROSS. The author has written a suspenseful thriller about the British Special Operation's attempt to destroy the Norsk Hydro plant in Norway where the Nazis are secretly producing 'heavy water' used for the making of the atomic bomb. Engineer Kurt Nordstrum from Oslo joins the resistance risking his life carrying out one of the most daring raids of the war.



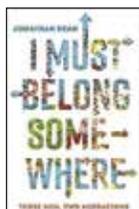
THE ROOM ON RUE AMÉLIE by KRISTIN HARMEL. Newlywed Ruby Henderson Benoit arrives in 1939 when France falls to the Nazis. Eleven-year-old Charlotte Dacher cannot imagine things getting worse than wearing a yellow star until mass deportations begin. Thomas Clarke joins the British Air Force and finds himself in Paris. All three are brought together in their courageous fight to survive. A rich emotional story for fans of *The Nightingale* and *The Lilac Girls*.



NIGHT MOVES by JONATHAN KELLERMAN. In this psychological thriller, detective Milo Sturgis joins psychologist Alex Delaware in investigating a brutal and baffling murder. Chet Corvin and his family find the disfigured corpse of a stranger in their home. The man is missing his face and hands and cannot be easily identified. The family appear to co-operate but are guarded and it becomes clear that this suburban enclave has its share of secrets.



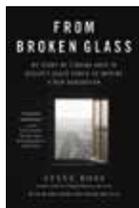
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YOU ARE NOT LIKE OTHER MOTHERS by ANGELIKA SCHROBSDORFF. The book describes Angelika's passionate mother, Else who had three children from different fathers. It also features her own wartime sojourn with her mother in Bulgaria and their return to Germany in 1947. Angelika's reflections and Else's letters paint a picture of Germany through good times until Hitler's rise and their escape. A glorious mother who was tragically unlike other mothers.



I MUST BELONG SOMEWHERE by JONATHAN DEAN. Jonathan's great grandfather David fled from the Ukraine to Vienna, was blinded during World War I and trained in braille to be a lawyer. His grandfather Heinz escaped Austria taking refuge in Britain aged 16. Drawing on David's memoir and Heinz's wartime diaries filled with pain and humour, Jonathan visits the places that weaved the course of his family tree seeing warning signs of bigotry again.



THIS NARROW SPACE by ELISHA WALDMAN. American paediatric oncologist, Elisha spent seven bittersweet years in Jerusalem treating Israeli, Muslim, Christian and Palestinian Arab children at Hadassah Medical Centre. He learned about this complex country through the cultural clashes that spilled into his clinic and his endearing patients. He chronicles his transformation from naïve physician to one who is politically and culturally astute in this inspiring memoir.

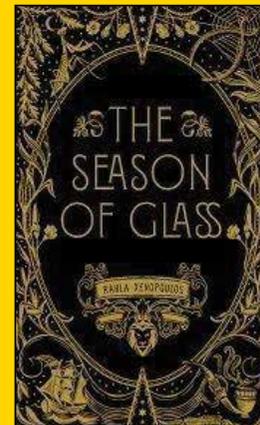


FROM BROKEN GLASS by STEVE ROSS. A stirring memoir of hope beginning with Steve's capture in Lodz ghetto aged nine and his six years in different concentration camps. He lost his entire family and went to live in America finding strength to inspire others. As a psychologist, he mentored underprivileged young people and founded the Boston Holocaust Memorial.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE SEASON OF GLASS by Rahla Xenopoulos

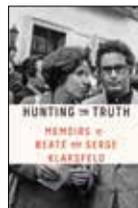
This beguiling story of redemption and love starts in Ethiopia generations ago. It is the story of twins born to a queen from the tribe of Beta Israel. They are predicted to be the ones to bring in the long awaited messianic age. The narrative is told through Rabbi Zadoc whose purpose in life is to teach and love the twins Gudit and Sissay. Gudit is born with a sweet scent which brings calm and joy. Rahla tells a story spanning generations from ancient Ethiopia, to the Spanish Inquisition, Austria on the eve of World War II, the Soweto uprising and into a dystopian future.



HOLOCAUST



THE BOOK THIEVES by ANDERS RYDELL. Swedish journalist Rydell has researched the Nazi's looting of books from Jewish owners, collections and libraries to use Jewish memory and history as intellectual weapons. After the war, heroic librarians attempted to return these lost books to surviving owners or their relatives. Rydell shows Germany transformed from the country of Goethe and Schiller to that of Nuremberg, Crystal Night and the Holocaust.

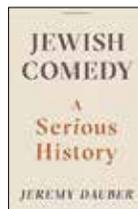


HUNTING THE TRUTH by BEATE AND SERGE KLARSFELD. Both Serge and his wife, Beate have written their memoirs in alternating chapters. Beate, a Christian grew up in the ruins of defeated Weimar Germany while Serge, a French Jew hid in a cupboard while his father was taken to Auschwitz. Meeting in Paris, they spent their married life in pursuit of justice and finding Nazi war criminals. They have received international recognition and numerous awards.

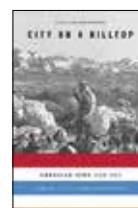


NO PLACE TO LAY ONE'S HEAD by FRANÇOISE FRENKEL. Originally published in Geneva in 1945, we read of Françoise's life from the time she left Poland to open a French bookshop in Berlin in 1921, until she fled to Paris when war broke out. With a moving preface by Patrick Modiano, Frenkel describes her desperate odyssey through France to Switzerland after the German occupation. She survived because strangers risked their lives to protect her.

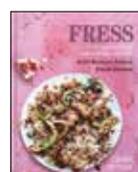
JEWISH INTEREST



JEWISH COMEDY: A Serious History by JEREMY DAUBER. This erudite work traces the origin of Jewish comedy from biblical times to the age of Twitter. Dauber includes the satirical, witty and vulgar ways Jewish comedy has shaped the course of history. His comic pieces range from Talmudic jokes to Yiddish satires, Borsch Belt routines to scenes from *Seinfeld* and the classic works of Sholem Aleichem, Marx Brothers, Woody Allen, Larry David and others.



CITY ON A HILLTOP by SARA HIRSCHHORN. A well-researched work dealing with the contribution of Jewish American settlers who came to Israel in the 1960's. Primarily they resided in the West Bank outside the 'green line'. Sara focuses on how they viewed themselves as contributors to the great Zionist dream. Using archival data, media and oral histories her work explores the realities of the American settlers within the larger Israeli settler movement.



FRESS by EMMA SPITZER. The Yiddish title meaning, "to eat copiously and without restraint" is fitting for Spitzer's debut cookbook. Her inspiration for many of the delicious recipes comes from the blend of her Ashkenazi Jewish heritage and her husband's Algerian-Israeli background. Her style of cooking is uncomplicated; she extracts the maximum flavours from simple spices. The book contains beautiful images such as those in Ottolenghi's book.



Jewish Literary Festival draws book lovers of all ages

A relative newcomer to the South African book festival circuit, the Jewish Literary Festival put on its second event in two years on 17 June 2018.

And after two years of planning it did not disappoint with its packed programme and slick organisation. Following the inaugural event, which saw over 60 presenters grace the 7 venues, this year saw an increase in both visitor and presenter numbers with a whopping 650 registered visitors and 110 presenters on the bill. Despite coinciding with Father's Day, this year's event, like the last one, sold out days before.

Writers on the bill included Rahla Xenopoulos, whose latest book, *The Season of Glass* is pitted to become the great South African Jewish novel and journalist Gus Silber, whose session: *Funny you should mention it!* explored the Jewish thread in South African humour and had the audience in fits of laughter as we journeyed through the shticks of South African comedians from Pip Freedman to Nik Rabinowitz.

Other South African Jewish writers who presented on the day were Stephanie Urdang, Lyndall Gordon, Steven Boykey Sidley, Gail Schimmel and MJ Honikman.

By the end of the day, after attending a record 72 sessions in the festival's nine venues, including a pop-up Book Lounge, run by the Roeland Street shop's owner, Mervyn Sloman, the tired and inspired audience left the Gardens Community Centre in the driving rain, which thankfully held off until the final hour. All in all, a good day for South African literature, the Jewish community and a rain-thirsty city.



Jillian Edelstein, Joanne Jowell and Lyndall Gordon



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By Rabbi Greg Alexander

Judaism and Gun Control

When Oscar Pistorius shot dead Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day, many activists used the case to argue that private citizens should not own guns.

Depending who you ask, there are between 20 and 49 people murdered every day in South Africa, and mostly by guns. That's too many, all agree, but what is the solution? And it's not just South Africans asking the question. America is having the gun control debate again in the midst of a new spate of tragic school killings, and the dispute rages between those who see gun restrictions as the answer versus those fighting for the freedom of the individual to defend themselves. Where do Jewish texts lie in this debate?

The first thing to know is that Judaism is not a pacifist religion. Yes, it absolutely sees life as sacred and fights for peace with all its might. Yes, one of the 10 Commandments is "You shall not Murder" (Ex.20:13). But the Torah doesn't say, "You shall never kill anybody". Under certain conditions and in certain situations it might even be imperative that you should kill somebody. The most obvious case is self-defence — rather than give up your life, you should fight back. As the Talmudic sage Rava puts it, "If someone comes to kill you, rise up and kill them first." (Talmud, Sanhedrin 72a).

Or take the case of the rodef, or pursuer. Alongside not murdering, the Torah teaches, "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbour" (Lev. 19:16). In halacha, Jewish law, you must do whatever you can to help another person whose life is in danger because they are being pursued by someone who wants to kill them, even if you need to kill the pursuer yourself. The Talmud wants us to make sure that we can help the rodef, the pursuer, not to become the murderer, even if that might mean killing them to stop them. So in certain specific circumstances, one can be called to kill someone before they kill someone else.

But how can you kill someone if you don't yourself have a weapon? And here comes the whole complex notion of gun ownership. The Talmud for example, says that one should not sell weapons or accessories to people who might use those against you. (Avodah Zarah 15b). It requires the weapon seller to take moral responsibility to ensure that the buyer is not likely to commit a crime. That does not imply total gun removal but rather much stricter

regulations around gun ownership. It discusses not even selling shields (usually seen as defensive only) in case they might be used as weapons. It then goes on to say that at the time it was written, the Persians would protect Jews, and so it was okay to sell weapons to them. The question seems to be whether having more guns around will lead to more killing or more security. That question remains a hot button topic today. What is clear from the discussion is that if the seller was unsure whether the weapons would be used for harm or for protection one is not to sell.

One of the biggest problems in the gun control debate today is not the issue of guns or no guns. It's the issue of legislation, regulation and enforcement. How easy is it for someone to buy a gun? Here in South Africa in 2000, the Firearms Control Act was passed, making it harder to buy a firearm. Since then, the rate of firearm ownership has declined, and the stats show that gun crime has trended downwards. This seems to agree with the Talmud's requirements.

There is a further law that applies in this case. The Torah requires that if you build a flat roof you need to have a parapet or protective fence around it (Deut. 22:8). Even if someone climbed up onto your roof without your permission and then fell off it, you would be liable for their injury or death if you did not build the required parapet. It's a law that applies not just to roofs, but to things like owning a swimming pool without a fence or cover — it's not responsible and you are liable for the harm that ensues. So too, if you are going to own a gun, you are responsible for whatever happens with that gun. That would mean that a responsible gun owner would have it securely locked up, properly maintained and ensure that they are well trained in safe use of the gun themselves.

In summary, Jewish tradition can be used to argue both for and against gun ownership. What is clear in the big picture is that the world we live in would be a better place if there were no guns. As the prophet Isaiah envisioned when describing the Messianic age, "And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4) May we live to see it realised.



Green Point Quiz Night a Great Success

Wednesday 20 June saw over 100 contestants in 13 teams attempting to become the third Temple Israel Green Point Quiz Champions.

With quizmaster John Keating testing knowledge on a variety of subjects and some fun puzzles at the end of the evening, Keith Engers and his team were too strong for the rest of the competing teams and walked away with the title. Much

needed funds were raised for Green Point projects and we are truly grateful to members of the Green Point Council and staff who worked so hard to put the evening together.

As is the tradition at these evenings, nobody walked away empty-handed and for that we have the Fabian, Terespolsky and Price families, Derrick and Suzanne Levy and Leo and Ronica Shub to thank for their donation of prizes.

KTA grads visit the States

Tuesday 26 June saw three of our KTA (Kabalat Torah Academy) graduates join hundreds of youth at the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) KUTZ camp in New York State, the premier Jewish leadership camp in the world.



Mani Kuti-Alexander, Samuel Castle and Daniella Beswick

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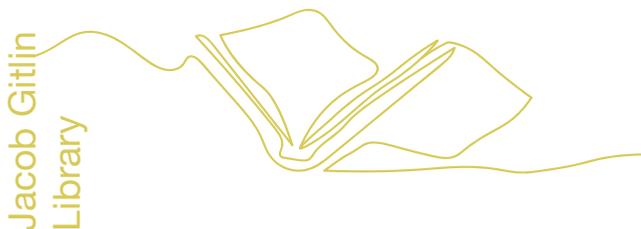
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ADULT EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Cape Town community is blessed with an array of adult education and development organisations that enrich the minds and support the endeavours of thousands of Jews from all walks of life.



Limmud's focus is to create communal experiences that are relevant for Jewish people in the 21st century by using the tools of learning in a variety of ways. Run entirely by volunteers, and pioneering a diverse, inclusive, multi-faceted approach to Jewish learning. Limmud was founded in the UK 37 years ago, and has quickly spread to more than 80 cities. Each year, Limmud South Africa hosts three headline conferences in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban, drawing thousands of participants, as well as learning events during the course of the year. The conferences bring to these shores some of the world's most dynamic Jewish educators, performers and teachers, working in a variety of educational styles – lectures, workshops, text-study sessions, film, meditation, discussions, exhibits and performance. Topics are equally diverse, ranging from Jewish history to Jewish arts and entertainment, Middle East politics to Jewish spirituality, food and culture to Biblical texts. The mandate is to ensure that there is something for all, and to create a space for everyone to contribute in their own unique way.



The Gitlin, as it's affectionately known, is many things to many people. For some it's simply a place to borrow books, magazines, newspapers or DVDs. For others it is a place of quiet, absorbed scholarly research. For budding Matildas, the Gitlin has an exciting Children's Library. There are evening lectures, there are book launches, there are story times for children and big literary events. From Roth to the Rambam, Spinoza to Spielberg, Heschel to Hammerstein, Gordimer to Grossman, Bellow to the Berditcher Rov, Dylan to Daniel Kahneman, the Gitlin Library truly has something for everyone.

The Midrasha Adult
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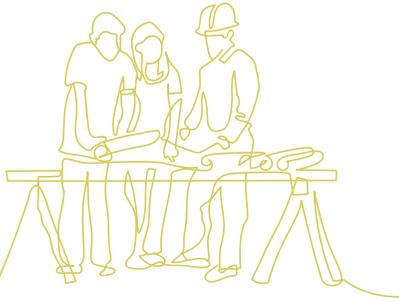
The Midrasha Adult Education Institute encompasses the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, and also offers an array of its own text-based, interactive courses. Developed in partnership with Jerusalem's Hebrew University, Melton's world-class curricula informs, transforms and empowers people of all backgrounds and levels of knowledge. The organisation was founded in 1980, and today there are 50 Melton Schools teaching weekly courses attended by more than 4,000 students. The Midrasha/Melton was established in Cape Town in 2006, and has since attracted around 2,000 students and graduates. Courses range from two-year programmes to short courses, with topics including Jewish history, Jewish literature, Biblical studies, ethics, philosophy, the why of belief and practice, kabbalah, the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Jewish humor, and the history of Islam and Judaism. Melton connects past, present and future, and gives participants a profound understanding of what it means to be Jewish.

Jewish Literary
Festival



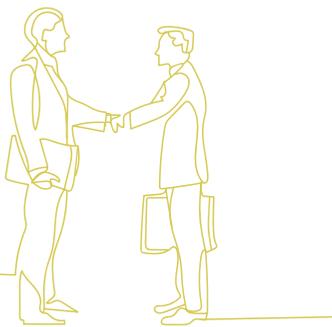
A glittering festival bringing together some of the brightest lights on the SA writing scene. Award-winning authors such as Damon Galgut, Mark Gevisser, Richard Popleck and Rahla Xenopoulos hold court. But the Jewish Literary Festival also serves as showcase for the works and ideas of poets, illustrators, educators, entertainers and academics who are Jewish or are engaged with subjects of Jewish interest. The JLF debuted in 2016, and was a fun, jam-packed day of storytelling, workshops, arts and crafts, and panel discussions. With an even broader line-up of featured guests, the 2018 iteration has taken the initiative in exciting new directions with 115 authors and 550 delegates. The JLF is about culture and conversation, the exchange of ideas and perspectives, the exploration of old and new texts, and the feeding of young and old minds. But above all, it's a celebration of the Jewish obsession with words.

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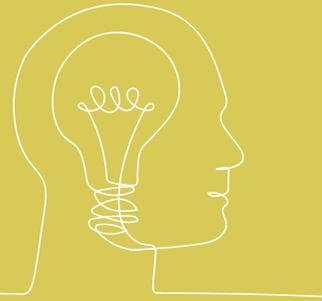
Mensch is a national organisation building bridges between the Jewish community and the wider South African landscape; developing a sense of communal pride in civic involvement; a deeper awareness of the connection between our responsibility to create positive social impact and our Jewish identity. Mensch creates positive change in two ways. Firstly, the Mensch Network connects and empowers social change-makers working in social development and social entrepreneurship. There are currently around 100 Mensch network members working professionally or volunteering regularly in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. Secondly, Mensch connects these individuals and their organisations directly to the community, creating experiences, learning and volunteering opportunities for individuals, schools, shuls and community organisations. Mensch welcomes and brings our community together across ages, abilities, religious and political leanings with the purpose of doing good!

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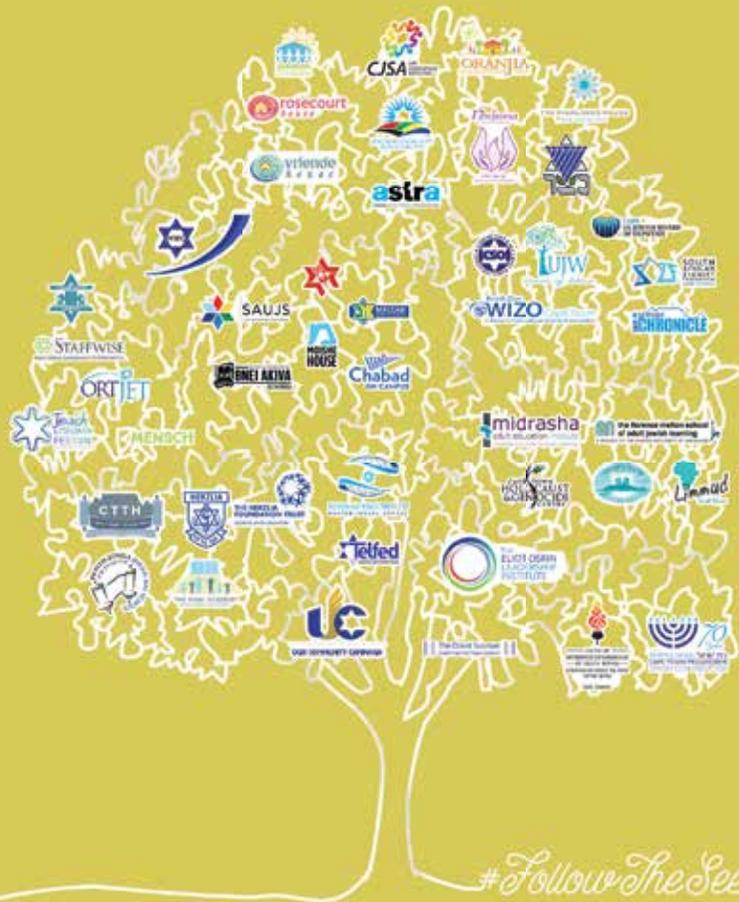


Staffwise has a simple mission: to reduce Jewish unemployment. It offers a powerful solution to one of the more complex challenges faced by our community. But, Staffwise is so much more than a Jewish job centre. It offers talent pipeline management solutions to 48 communal organisations and over 300 Jewish-owned SMEs in Cape Town. It also provides career guidance, networking, volunteering, internships and freelance opportunities for more than 250 job seekers per year. In 2017 alone Staffwise processed 924 job applications and registered 263 new job seekers/freelancers. It carried out 273 career assessments, made 669 referrals and facilitated 151 employment opportunities for new graduates, working mothers, consultants, high-powered professionals, top executives and retired experts.

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SIMCHA SNAPS

Beyoncé wears Galia Lahav wedding dress to renew her vows

By Rebecca Stadlen Amir for Israel21c

Beyoncé and Jay Z kicked off their *On the Run Tour II* in early July in Cardiff, Great Britain, treating fans to sentimental footage of the couple dressed in white during what appeared to be a vow renewal ceremony.

After several days of speculation from fans, Israeli designer Galia Lahav confirmed in a press release that Beyoncé was wearing the label's 'Thelma' style wedding dress.

The couture gown is from the brand's Victorian Affinity line, inspired by Queen Victoria's 1840 wedding gown. It features an off-the-shoulder cut with a Swarovski-embellished corset, pearl embellishments, sheer panels and billowing sleeves.

Lahav is known for her illusion backs, cascading silk tulle skirts and Italian ivory lace details on gowns sewn in Israel and sold in more than 40 stores in Europe, Australia and the United States. The brand has frequent trunk shows across the world.

"I always say we do fashion for brides, not wedding gowns. That's what makes us think outside the box. That's why I think we get such a good reaction and are well received



Galia Lahav 'Thelma' dress worn by Beyoncé. Photo courtesy

abroad," Galia Lahav Head Designer Sharon Sever told Israel21c.

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Israel to launch rocket to the moon in December

By Abigail Klein Leichman for Israel21c

SpaceIL's lunar module will blast off on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket and land on the moon two months later.

Determined to continue its race to the moon despite the expiration of the \$20 million Google Lunar XPRIZE competition last March, Israel's nonprofit SpaceIL <http://www.spaceil.com> announced plans to launch its unmanned module on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral in Florida in mid-December.

If the module reaches the moon as expected on 13 February, 2019, it will make history as the smallest and first privately funded unmanned spacecraft to land on the moon.

"Our mission was never about winning the prize money — although \$20 million would have been nice," said SpaceIL CEO Ido Anteby. "It's about showing the next generation that anything is possible — that even our small country can push the limits of imagination."

On 10 July, SpaceIL gave the press its first look inside the Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) MABAT Space facility in Yehud near Israel's airport, where the nonprofit organization has been collaborating with IAI for eight years to build the 1,322-pound (600-kilogram) spacecraft.

Until now, only three world superpowers — the United States, Russia, and China — have achieved controlled lunar landings.

Lacking the resources of those superpowers, SpaceIL turned to private donors to fund the project. SpaceIL was the first of 16 Google Lunar XPRIZE competitors to sign a launch contract and one of only five teams to reach the finals.

Approximately \$88 million was invested in the spacecraft's development and construction. SpaceIL President Morris Kahn has donated about \$27 million to the effort and decided to proceed even after the contest deadline passed and effectively ended without any finalists achieving the goal.

"After eight challenging years, I am filled with pride that the first Israeli spacecraft, which is in its final construction and testing phases, will soon be making its way to the moon," said Kahn. "I have experienced numerous challenges in my life, but this was the greatest challenge of all."

Kahn said the lunar launch "will fill Israel, in its 70th year, with pride. It is a national accomplishment that will put us on the world's space map."

The craft and the journey

The spacecraft's design and development process began in 2013, two years after Yariv Bash, Kfir Damari and Yonatan Winetraub founded SpaceIL and registered for the Google Lunar XPRIZE competition. Construction began at the IAI MABAT Plant last year.

In the coming months, the Israeli spacecraft will undergo intensive checks and tests at IAI to prove that it can withstand the launch, flight and landing conditions, said Anteby.

The dimensions of the spacecraft are 1.5 meters (4.9 feet) high and 2 meters (6.5 feet) in diameter. The fuel it will carry will comprise some 75 percent of its total 600kg weight. Its maximum speed will reach more than 10 kilometers per second (36,000 kilometers, or nearly 22,370 miles, per hour).

Anteby said the SpaceIL craft — bearing an Israeli flag — will disengage from the launch rocket at an altitude of

60,000 kilometers (37,282 miles) and will begin orbiting Earth in elliptical orbits. Upon receipt of a command from the control room, the spacecraft will enter a higher-altitude elliptical orbit around Earth, which will reach a point near the moon.

At this point, it will ignite its engines and reduce its speed to allow the moon's gravity to capture it. It will then begin orbiting the moon, until the appropriate time to begin the landing process. This process will be executed autonomously by the spacecraft's navigation control system.

The entire journey, from launch to landing, will last approximately two months.

SpaceIL's module is to take photos and video of the landing site and measure the moon's magnetic field as part of a scientific experiment designed by Weizmann Institute researchers. The data will be transmitted to the IAI control room during the two days following the landing.

The program has always had STEM education as a secondary goal, aiming to encourage Israeli children to choose to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics. With the help of a broad network of volunteers, SpaceIL has already made presentations to about 900,000 children nationwide.

For children from any country, SpaceIL introduced its Moon Kids website in English, chock full of fun interactive content about the moon and outer space.

IAI has been a full partner in the project from its inception. Over

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From left, Aviad Shmaryahu of the Israel Space Agency, SpaceIL founders Yariv Bash and Kfir Damari, philanthropist Morris Kahn, SpaceIL CEO Ido Anteby, and head of IAI's space division Ofer Doron. Photo courtesy of Space IL

the years, additional partners from the private sector, government companies and academia have joined, including Weizmann Institute of Science; Israel Space Agency; the Ministry of Science, Technology and Space; Bezeq and others.

IAI CEO Josef Weiss said he regards the launch of the first Israeli spacecraft to the moon as an example of the amazing capabilities once can reach in civilian space activity.

"The State of Israel, which is already firmly planted in the realm of space in its military activity, must

harness resources for the benefit of civilian space, which is an engine of innovation, technology, education and groundbreaking around the world," said Weiss.

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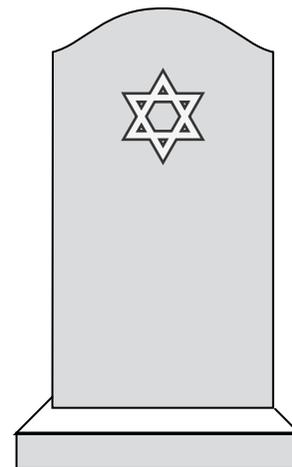
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70 years of stories

By Dave Bloom

As Telfed celebrates its own 70th Anniversary together with the State of Israel, an ambitious project was launched to record the history of Telfed and Southern African Aliyah to Israel. It's the story of a community that 'punches well above its weight' in its range of achievements.

Telfed's board of directors, chaired by Batya Shmukler, voted to invest in the Telfed History Project with the aim of preserving 70 years of stories and create an online archive of those records as both a celebration and acclamation of the contribution made by Southern Africans to Israel as well as ensuring the stories are easily accessible.

The website www.telfedhistory.com was launched and the project is created and managed by former Telfed Chairman Dave Bloom working closely with former long-standing Telfed Director Sid Shapiro.

"We have video interviewed many current and former staff as well as volunteers and their stories provide important insights into the challenges and success stories of Telfed over all these years," said Dave Bloom. "We believe that all the information being gathered will be important historical records for posterity and help inspire those involved in Telfed in the years to come," added Sid Shapiro.

An important aspect of the project is the digitising of all the well-known Telfed magazines that have been published since 1975 and are now online. Each magazine is a history book in its own right with numerous stories of Olim, Telfed projects, events and the many personalities involved in the



organisation.

The website includes over 15 hours of video interviews, nearly 25 hours of audio interviews as well as hundreds of photographs from Telfed's archives. A special section is devoted to personal family and community stories of Southern Africans who have contributed to the building of modern Israel in so many different ways.

Several books were also digitised for the website including the story of the 803 Southern African Machal volunteers, many of whom had only recently finished serving in the 2nd World War but then came to support the fledgling State of Israel and fought in the War of Independence. Another is the book 70 Years of Southern African Aliyah — A story of Achievement originally published edited

and sponsored by Telfed.

Another significant section is the Memoriam page where the stories are told of 87 former Southern Africans who fell in the line of duty – protecting both pre and post independent Israel.

The website has a powerful built-in Google search facility which enables visitors to type in keywords that interest them and find the relevant material.

"This is an ongoing project and we envisage adding more material in the coming years but its launch in 2018 is a symbolic celebration of 70 years for Telfed that has grown from strength in providing a wide range of services to Southern African Olim — including scholarships, housing, social services and community services," said Bloom.



JCS @ WORK : Financial Relief — Partnership and Shared Responsibility

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UJW in Sydney

There are various circumstances that result in the financial relief department becoming involved in the majority of cases that are referred to Jewish Community Services.

In our assessment we note if a person's financial circumstances could have a significant effect on the individual's wellbeing and ability to function. We also understand that when a person approaches JCS for financial assistance it is often their last resort and can leave them feeling humiliated.

The process of a financial assessment involves a client first consulting with the intake social worker (if the client is a new client at JCS) and/or consulting with his/her attending social worker. The matter is then referred to the financial relief co-ordinator to conduct a financial assessment. A financial assessment includes a detailed analysis of the client's financial circumstances; documented proof of Jewishness and signed consent to contact family members and significant others.

The policy of JCS requires that a panel review be arranged if there are family members and significant others.

The purpose of the panel review is to form a financial partnership with the family and significant others of the client in order to assist the client with their shortfall for a temporary period of time during which long term financial security and independent functioning is facilitated through social work intervention services. This enables JCS, together with the family and significant others, to determine the amount each will contribute in order to serve the best interest of the client during this difficult time of their lives.

It is further the policy of JCS to explore all resources e.g. UIF, social grants (disability grants and old aged pensions) to assist the client in need.

The assistance, if authorised, is limited to provisions for basic needs, i.e. accommodation and food.

In order to assess an individual's needs for financial assistance, JCS have certain criteria which need to be met before a decision is made to disburse community funds.

In addition, clients who have the capacity to obtain gainful employment are assisted at a lower level and for a temporary period of time as opposed to those, who for various reasons do not have the capacity i.e. ill health, disability etc. In this way we attempt to empower

clients by mobilising all their resources to facilitate independent functioning and to prevent dependency.

In light of this, it is vital to understand that more effort goes into the assessment and management of each case than is perhaps perceived.

Of note is the fact that JCS again increased the relief criteria with effect from 2016. The increased criteria have impacted significantly on the amount disbursed for financial relief. The new criteria have also been structured in such a way as to allow assistance provided to be tailor made to cater for the unique circumstances of individuals and families.

JCS pays out a substantial amount on a monthly basis to assist individuals and families in need. JCS carries a monthly caseload of approximately 450 cases. A third of these cases involve a component of financial relief. This disbursement of funds by JCS places an increased burden on the organization in order to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of those vulnerable members of our community are met.

We wish to thank those family members and significant others who have taken responsibility and formed positive partnerships with JCS.

The convention delegates enjoyed at tour of the Great Synagogue and a talk on Jewish Sydney by Michael Gold. The opening dinner was held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club and the gala changeover dinner at the North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club. They also enjoyed a Captain Cook dinner cruise and were in awe of the Sydney 'Vivid' lighting spectacular. The convention organiser and ICJW President for the past four years, Robyn Lenn OAM, formally handed over leadership of the International Council of Jewish Women to Penelope Conway from the UK, who will lead the organisation for the next four years. Five SA UJW members were appointed onto the ICJW Executive Committee. These are Myra Goldenbaum as head of the Affiliate, Lynne Raphaely as ICJW Vice President, Daphne Miller, Chairman of the African Region, Linda Nathan, Vice Chairman Programmes, Policies, Resolutions and Karen Kallmann, Vice Chairman African Region.

South Africa could provide wise counsel on UN Security Council

By Anton Katz

South Africa is, for the next two years, a member of the 15-nation United Nations Security Council. It also has as head of state and head of the national executive a relatively new President.

National elections are constitutionally required to be held before 7 August 2019. (The current National Assembly was elected for a five year term on 7 May 2014, and an election to fill the National Assembly must be held within 90 days after its term expires on 7 May 2019.) During its membership of the UN Security Council the South African representative in New York may, and probably will, be required to cast votes on serious issues relating to security around the world. Indeed the maintenance of worldwide peace and security is a central reason for the existence of the United Nations. Many thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, lives depend on collective security measures. Should a UNSC vote arise to authorise a multilateral force enter any particular country, and for what purpose and for how long serious consideration is required. That is a great power to exercise. But with great power comes great responsibility. And the question must be asked: where is that responsibility sourced? An irresponsible exercise of power can, and often does, lead to unfortunate and inhumane consequences. In an extreme case it could lead to a nuclear confrontation affecting millions of peoples.

The power to interact on the international stage and conduct foreign affairs is granted by the Constitution to the head of the national executive, which is the President. But of course, the President exercises his power as head of the national executive authority together with the other members of the Cabinet. The Cabinet is made up of the President, the Deputy President and Ministers who are all appointed by the President. The President assigns to them their powers and functions. Once the powers and functions have been assigned, the Deputy President and Ministers are responsible for the executive powers and functions so assigned to them. The Constitution is clear that members of the Cabinet are accountable both independently and collectively to Parliament for the exercise of their powers and performance of their functions. Whenever the South African representative at the UN votes he or she is accountable in the first instance to Parliament. Parliament exercises political oversight over the executive, even in the context of foreign affairs.

But equally, and perhaps more

importantly, the South African State wherever and whenever it acts is constrained by the Constitution and the law. Thus when the national executive purported to withdraw South Africa as a party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court the Pretoria full bench commented that: "It is now axiomatic that the exercise of all public power, including the conducting of international relations, must accord with the Constitution While the notice of withdrawal [from the ICC] was signed and delivered in the conduct of international relations and treaty-making as an executive act, it still remained an exercise in public power, which must comply with the principle of legality and is subject to constitutional control."

But what are these legal constraints? First, the state must respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights in the Bill of Rights. And why should this constitutional imperative apply only to the rights of South Africans or those who live in South Africa? It should not: the duty extends to all humans, and their right to dignity. As the SCA has recognized: human dignity has no nationality. So the South African state must promote the rights of all human beings whenever and wherever it conducts itself, including its voting in the Security Council. Secondly, it must act in good faith and rationally. Put differently, were a Security Council vote by the South African representative to be made in bad faith or on an irrational basis, such conduct would be unconstitutional and invalid.

And the next question is who or what decides on the constitutionality of the conduct? The Constitution mandates the courts to consider the lawfulness of executive conduct, and compels a court to declare all law or conduct inconsistent with the Constitution and invalid whenever it considers a constitutional matter within its power.

Interestingly, the Constitution does not mention the word "war," but it refers, perhaps euphemistically to a declaration of a "state of national defence." The granting of the power to make such a declaration may be regarded as the "war power." It is the President (the Commander-in-Chief of the defence force) as head of the national executive who is entrusted with the war power, that is, to make a declaration of a state of national defence. But if he does so, the Constitution demands that he informs Parliament promptly and must give details as to the reasons for the declaration, where the defence force is employed and the number of people involved. Unless the declaration of a state of national defence is approved by Parliament

with seven days of its declaration it lapses. It is doubtful whether a vote in the Security Council in support of the use of force could be regarded as an exercise of the war power.

But that does not mean votes in the Security Council by South Africa's representative are immune from scrutiny, judicial or otherwise. There will be many challenges for the national executive in the coming two years. Both geopolitically and domestically. There appear to be Teutonic shifts on the global front. Strategic partners are falling out and sworn enemies are becoming friends at a bewildering rate. Middle-eastern affairs are still hot, and some sub regions (the Syrian territory) are long past boiling point; and the Morocco/Western Sahara impasse continues to polarise interests all over the world. Domestically the coming national and provincial elections will no doubt be contested on predominantly local issues. But international affairs, and their conduct could well feature in the build-up to the elections.

As long as South Africa through its UN representative acts rationally and in his conduct respects and promotes the rights contained in the Bill of Rights not only will there be no,

or at least limited, criticisms and challenges, but a serious contribution to international peace and security

could result. South Africa, bearing in mind its relatively non-aligned geopolitical status and that many (if not all) its people are at least trying to make a better and more equal society with the right to dignity as its guiding focus, has a rare opportunity to promote a more humane world, and human rights based world order. The President, and the South African representative in New York could do no better than be informed by and apply all their conduct with the non-racist and non-sexist South Africa's founding constitutional values of human dignity, equality and freedom as their primary and dominant goal.

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