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PARSHA OF THE WEEK

TENS OF thousands of Jews will commemorate the destruction of the Second Temple on Tuesday, the 17th of Tammuz, the 9th of Av. Unlike Tisha B’Av, the Ninth of Av, the 17th of Tammuz is not a fast day, but the day of the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem, which occurred some 1,900 years apart, but on the same day of the Hebrew calendar: 17 Tammuz 5769.

As the Temple is the singular item which represents the reclamation of the spiritual relationship between G-d and man, the date of the destruction of both - as well as the other tragic occurrences - has caused the day to be known as the “most painful day in the history of the Jewish people”.

Naturally on such a day there can be no place for mirth or indulgence in leisure. Accordingly therefore, as well as the prohibition on eating and drinking, no leather shoes may be worn and there are no sexual relations.

Washing and bathing is also forbidden, although in some extremities washing in cold water may be permitted.

Tisha B’Av - commemorating the destruction of the Temples

Rита Lewis

THIS COMING Tuesday, the Jewish people will be observing the fast of the 9th of Av or Tisha B’Av in Hebrew. Fasting will start at sunset of July 19 and end at nightfall on July 20. Why is this so? Why should the different emotions and thoughts we experience on this day be viewed with such importance and how can we make the most of this day and this fast?

As an entire tractate (Middot) in the Talmud is devoted to the Temple, the destruction of the Temples is not only a question of place; it is a deeper expression of our national security. It is not only a question of place; it is a question of time. At this question of time, the Temple be rebuilt soon.

And so we still observe Tisha B’Av, despite the fact that no Israeli rabbis have ever suggested that Tisha B’Av be deleted from our calendar. Moreover, we witness the site of the Temple on the Temple Mount that has been re-established. And that requires us to continue mourning, but which has been missing for so many centuries.

The destruction of both the Temples has made an indelible impression on the Jewish people. The centrality and importance of the Temple in Jewish life is not just a memory to be recalled when the occasion arises, but a fire which refuses to be extinguished - a factor often mentioned in our prayers and liturgy.

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Rabbi David Rosen - no stranger to SA shores

DAVID SAKS

AT THIR time of his depar- ture from South Africa in 1979, Rabbi David Rosen's status was that of a suc- cessful young congrega- tion. He had for the previous four years been heading up the large and prestigious Green and Sea Point Congregation in Cape Town.

When he arrives in Jenkinsburg next month to take part in the SAJBD Gauteng Council con- ference, it will be as one of the world's best known and most hon- oured Jewish religious leaders. The intervening 30 years have seen his rapid rise through the ranks in the sphere of international inter- faith relations.

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This being winter, influenza was the topic of Professor Barry Schoub’s address to the Simcha Friendship and Cultural Circle recently on pandemics and viruses. Schoub is executive director of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases and professor and head of the Department of Virology and Communicable Diseases Surveillance at Wits University.

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The flu virus, he explained, was first isolated in 1933 and had been intensely studied ever since. In nature it was a virus of birds, particularly aquatic birds such as geese.

The virus could then pose a danger to humans if it spread when wild birds came in contact with domestic animals such as chickens and pigs, the latter susceptible to both the bird and human virus.

The swine flu epidemic, which occurred regularly and was first observed in Mexico, had become a human virus and was now one of three seasonal strains of influenza for which vaccines were produced.

Interestingly, mature citizens were relatively immune to swine flu or the H1N1 virus as it is known, but not to other seasonal influenza strains. Most of the severe cases of swine flu had been found in young children and young adults. Also affected had been people living with HIV and pregnant women.

Aside from these categories, people who had been vaccinated against flu annually, were those with underlying chronic illnesses such as lung or heart disease, diabetics, adults over 65 years of age, children with severe asthma and people who lived in the same household or were involved in their care. Such were those with underlying chronic illnesses such as lung or heart disease, diabetics, adults over 65 years of age, children with severe asthma and people who lived in the same household or were involved in their care.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) considered it very important for people to receive vaccinations. The WHO had recommended that everyone should get vaccinated and that the flu season should be taken seriously. This was because it was very important for people to be vaccinated in order to protect those who were not vaccinated.

As a result, the flu virus had spread rapidly around the world and had reached many countries. In some cases, the virus had spread so quickly that it had become a pandemic. In this case, the virus had spread to many countries and had reached a critical mass.

The South African National Institute for Communicable Diseases had been known as the Poliomyelitis Foundation and had then been a non-governmental organisation.

A plot on the Sandringham-Edenvale border had been chosen - at the time far from residential areas - with the purpose of raising enough money to find a vaccine to respond to the polio epidemic. This was the same site occupied today by the Institute.

In 1976, following the outbreak of Marburg disease (a viral haemorrhagic fever), the government had taken over the Foundation and had renamed it the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD). In 2001, the NICD had joined up with the microbiology laboratories of the National Health Laboratory Service, which investigated lab specimens for the public sector, to establish the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD). The NICD now fell under the umbrella of the National Health Laboratory Service and shared a campus with it.

With a staff of about 350, including medical staff on the campus, our main function as the Institute is to carry out surveillance and monitoring of infectious diseases both nationally and regionally, respond to outbreaks, teach at all universities and train technologists and these also include people from all over the continent,” says Schoub.

Professor Barry Schoub addressing the SFCC.

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SOCIAL SCENE

Putting a personal face to trials and tribulations of traumatic past

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY RITA LEWIS

AN IDEA mooted by the Chevrah Kadisha’s Brenda Solarsh, backed by Tzivia Grauman, came to fruition when author Hazel Frankel completed her “Memoirs”, a 150 page book of “true and touching stories” related to her by 26 residents of Sandringham Gardens and Our Parents Home in Johannesburg.

For many people, stories and tales from the Holocaust, however horrific and unbelievable, are somehow heard in a two dimensional manner. They are of unknown, nameless and blameless people who come from faraway climates (where most people have never been to) and who lived in an era long past.

Although their trials, tribulations and torments were for nothing else than the “crime” of being born Jewish, we don’t know them. We don’t know the places they lived in and we can’t really imagine what they went through during their efforts just to survive.

With the launch of the new book last week describing their lives and circumstances, many of those perceptions changed.

Although the book documents the lives, memories and experiences of people who lived through that same era of the 1930s and ’40s, these stories have been related to Frankel by members of the South African Jewish community who all came from different parts of Europe - with most of them not speaking the language, knowing nothing about the country and having few (or no) relatives here.

“The difference between this book and most others on the same subject, is that those contributions are from people known by the community: people who live “around the corner”, who shop “at the local supermarket”, whose children “went to school with our children” and so on.

Seeing the project to fruition - making it financially possible - were resident Sonia Marcus, members of her family and the Sacker family. In their speeches both Solarsh, the group social services manager of the Chevrah Kadisha and Tzivia Graumann, the Chevrah Group Communications Manager, paid tribute to Marcus and the Sacker family for their generosity.

Marcus’ rav, Rabbi Alex Carlebach, spoke of seeing people all around us but not knowing what is inside any of them. “We cannot evaluate what they have been through.” People were like diamonds; without magnifying them it was impossible to see which ones were flawed.

Speaking about Marcus he said: “She doesn’t realise what a diamond she is.”

Frankel spoke of the interviews she had had with each of the contributors who were aged between 80 and 101 and how they shared with her the often heartbreaking stories.

“The narrators gave their stories orally and each story is unique, telling of the conditions that led to their immigration, who accompanied them on their journeys and what awaited them here.”

“Tsipra Boudnitski holds her special volume of “Memoirs” with her contribution in it.

Representatives of the Marcus and Sacker families who sponsored the book.

Some of the contributors of their stories show off their copies of “Memoirs”.

Colin Datnow, the Chevra’s chairman, with Rabbi Alex Carlebach.

Sonya Marcus is hugged by her daughter Layla Sacker (here from Australia for the occasion) while her son Hershy Marcus looks on.

Close friends, Sonya Marcus and Bella Wainer.

Russian Doctor Tsipra Boudnitski; Flora (Bluma) Hovsha; and Ettie Eliasov.

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PRETORIA
Sammy Marks continued:

At the end of 1884, Sammy Marks visited England where at the age of 40, he married Bertha Guttman one of the daughters of his old friend Tobias (who had first advised Marks to go to South Africa). She was 18 years younger than he. Everything seemed to indicate that it was an arranged marriage.

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Eight children were born of the marriage, five sons and three daughters. One girl died in infancy and one son, Monty, died at the age of 12 while at school in England.

From the remaining six, Marks had only four grandchildren, but not one male descendant.

Marks paid a lot of attention to his brothers and sisters and their children and helped whenever he could.

In 1883, Marks had bought 902 morgen (773 hectares) of land (the present day Swartkoppies) which bordered on Hatherley (see previous issues) east of Pretoria. Sammy Marks built a simple house which had been damaged by enemy fire during the First War of Independence. Marks and Bertha lived here until the new house was finished.

In 1885 he started building his mansion which he called Swartkoppies Hall. According to legend, Marks drew the plan himself with a piece of charcoal on a plank. It was not built in any special architectural style.

In 1889 the family moved to Parktown in Johannesburg where the company had its headquarters. Swartkoppies became a country retreat.

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This little dorpie is in the Breede River Valley, 46 km from Worcester and is named after Dr William Robertson (1805-1879), the first minister of the Dutch Reformed Church in Clanwilliam and Swellendam (1814-1879). From Rabbi Stuart Seewert:

Regarding country communities: “In 1996 the Cape Board of Jewish Education reopened the Robertson Hebrew School, which had closed down over 30 years earlier. From 1996 to 1999, this school functioned in the quaint Robertson Synagogue, catering to the Jewish children of Worcester, Robertson, Klipplaas, Stillwater and Milnerton. “During those three years, I drove the 230 km round-trip from Cape Town to teach these monthly classes, which were exciting for both pupils and parents, being the only Jewish activity in that area.”

The Robertson Synagogue, built in 1896, was sold only last year to a Christian family who have beautifully restored it – and made it their residential home!

Over 20 years ago I did my basic training in the South African Army in the same unit as the great-grandson of the most recent rabbi of the Robertson Hebrew Congregation, the late Rev S J Josefovitz, who ministered there for 50 years until 1972. “The Rev Josefovitz was the teacher of the late amazing blind Cantor Abe Immerman of Cape Town in Zoutum, in the Orange Free State; he must have been the only teacher to have taught so much to Cantor Immerman.

Keep your fascinating reporting on country communities! In so doing, you are keeping alive memories and places long since faded into history.”

JOHANNESBURG/YEovalLE

Rona Ellerton, now of Pretoria, writes:

Sorry to advise you that the article appearing in the issue of June 25 has many discrepancies. Either my brother Barney gave the incorrect information, or the writer made errors.

Next to the swimming baths was the little sports ground on the corner of Fortesque Road. Opposite on the south side was the Apollo Cafe, but next door was Endims (ladies outfitter and haberdashery) and later the bicycle shop.

Over on the north side was Flying Service Dry Cleaners, then Garden Butchery (Mr Radman), then Yeoville Watchmakers owned by Lazar Freiman (my dad) who died on August 9th. I carried on the business for about a year more.

The barber was originally at the back portion of my dad’s shop but then moved next door and was owned by Sam Schneider who was deaf. Further down was Imperial Fish Shop and the garage.

The Yeoville Pharmacy, owned by the Sapires, was on the north side, but on the other side of Kenmare Road. In that block were the Barclays Bank, Squires Outfitters, the Oronis Fruit and Vegetable. I can’t remember all the other shops.

The Yeoville Cinema was in Bedford Road, as was the bootmaker, Mr Glazer. There was also a home industries shop owned by two women. Mr Kagan the watchmaker, had his shop in Rickett Street, on the Bellevue side.

“My information is pre-1960s, and as I spent more than half my youth in that area, I am pretty sure that my information is more accurate.”

• For the sake of historical accuracy, we appreciate all corrections.

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Alarm over Israeli conversion bill

JACOB BERKMAN
NEW YORK

OPPONENTS OF a controversial bill that could give the Orthodox rabbinate the final say over conversions in Israel, are trying to keep the bill from moving ahead in the Israeli Knesset after its surprise introduction and passage by a Knesset committee.

For months, Israeli lawmakers have been discussing a bill that would put more power over conversions into the hands of Israel’s Orthodox-dominated rabbinate by giving local rabbis the ability to perform conversions and giving the Chief Rabbinate oversight and control over the whole process.

The bill, sponsored by Yisrael Beiteinu Knesset member David Rotem, gained steam on Monday with its approval in the Knesset law committee by a 5-4 vote. It now must pass three readings before the full Knesset, to become law.

Opponents are desperately trying to stall the process, at least until the Knesset now for a first reading, and we have to make sure that it will not happen,” the chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Natan Sharansky, told JTA.

Sharansky is leading a coalition against the bill that includes the leaders of the North American Jewish federation system and the non-Orthodox Jewish religious movements in the United States.

Rotem’s bill originally was intended to ease the conversion process within Israel and make it easier for non-Jewish Israelis of Soviet extraction to obtain conversions and marry within Israel.

Despite its intent, opponents warned that the bill would consol- date control over conversions in the Office of the Chief Rabbinate and drive a wedge between Israel and the Diaspora by carrying the risk that non-Orthodox conversions performed in the Diaspora could be dis- counted in Israel.

In addition, they said the bill would affect the eligibility of con- verts for the Law of Return, which grants the right to Israeli citizenship to anyone who is Jewish or at least has one Jewish grandparent.

The opponents urged Rotem to revise the proposal. They believed they had a deal in place with Rotem to hold off on the bill pending more discussion after Rotem came to the United States in April to discuss the bill with them, and after a number of meetings between Sharansky and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Several top Israeli officials, including the justice minister and the Diaspora affairs minister, had agreed to work with Sharansky on altering the bill. But Rotem came Sharansky and the Diaspora leaders by sur- prise by bringing the bill to a com- mittee vote this week; Sharansky was given only a day’s warning.

The move set off a maelstrom of criticism from the Diaspora.

“The CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, Jerry Silverman, called Rotem’s action a ‘betrayal’,”

In a letter of protest from the president of the Union for Reform Judaism that was signed by 14 other organizations, including vari- ous arms of the Conservative movement, Rabbi Eric Yoffie wrote:

“Rotem’s actions are contrary to the assurances we received in meetings with him and with others over the last several months.”

In an interview with JTA, Rotem was unapologetic about moving ahead and said: “This bill will pass, no doubt.”

“I never promised anything,” he added. “I told them all the time in the meetings that if I will see there is a majority, I will bring it to a vote. No one can say I promised any- thing.”

In their discussions with Rotem, Diaspora leaders expressed con- cern about an item in the bill that would take away the right to automatic citizenship for anyone who comes to Israel as a refugee but then converts to Judaism.

Rotem removed that item before pushing the bill through the law committee.

Now, he says, the bill has no effect on American or Diaspora Jews and that this is solely an Israeli matter over which non-Israeli Jews should have no say.

“I don’t know why they wanted to have discussions,” he said. “I came to the US. I spoke to leaders; I explained this is nothing that touched the American community. It has nothing to with Jews in the Diaspora. It is only an Israeli matter.”

Since Monday, Sharansky has engaged in a number of discussions with Israeli lawmakers, including Netanyahu. The Jewish Agency chief said he believed the bill would not come before the Knesset this week, and hoped it would not be on the agenda before the two-month recess provided a chance to alter or scuttle the bill.

Sharansky said he was pushing for Netanyahu and his Likud Party to publicly oppose it. “If it is clear Likud will not support it, it will not pass,” Sharansky said.

The Jewish Federations say that Silverman and federation lay lead- ers met with Israel’s President Shimon Peres on Monday, Pressed for more dialogue on the proposed bill that would give American voices greater credence.

“Discussions that bears conse- quences on the entire Jewish peo- ple should include different voices - both from within Israel and from with- out. The legislative process should lead to an open public discussion that will lead to an understanding. It should be conducted with toler- ance, with open hearts and open minds.”

“It is important for us, for the unanimity of the moment, that we have to keep the pressure on,” Rabbi Steven Wernick, the execu- tive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, told JTA.

“I think it would be an error to think that in the political society as dynamic and hyper-dynamic as Israel is that we are done with this,” he said. (JTA)

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Politics, courage and cowardice of artists

ELVIS COSTELLO may not be the world’s most impor-
tant critic, but he is a critical commentator on a form of pressure in Israel under pressure from anti-Israel groups, should about a raw deal. We must fight this phenomenon and in a totally different kind of neighbourhood. supremacist regime of apartheid South Africa, and lives since Israel is no way morally comparable with the white "There was a time when the idea of a black artist - even if he was a North African Jew or a gay or a Jew - would have been stifled. But now, there are critical moments in which the artists are seen as potential agents of change. The boycotters also hope to affect how Israeli cultural negotiations over Jerusalem, the

By the same token, an artist's decision to perform in South Africa; in 1963, 45 prominent British play-

A cultural boycott will not break Israeli society, and frenzy is to be shunned. Israel, in contrast, is not apartheid and is a favorite destination for numerous international Jewish and non-Jewish artists. But then, in an off-the-cuff remark to a journalist from the audiene

"Everybody knows that there are Jewish neighbourhoods in Jerusalem that under any peace plan will remain where they are," Netanyahu said in response to the question raised by the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Malcolm Hoenlein.

The implication of Netanyahu’s remark that other neighbourhoods of Jerusalem may not remain “where they are”, becoming part of an eventual Palestinian state, was the first hint that the Israeli leader may be flexible on the subject of Jerusalem. Until now, Netanyahu has insisted that Jerusalem is not up for negotiation.

While the prime minister surely did not intend the gathering under theegis of the President’s Conference to serve as his forum for opening up negotiations over Jerusalem, the remarks prompted an audience of other parties that Netanyahu will likely be flexible on the subject of Jerusalem. Until now, Netanyahu has insisted that Jerusalem is not up for negotiation.

"I believe that Prime Minister Netanyahu wants peace. I think he’s willing to take risks for peace," Obama told reporters following his Oval Office meeting with Netanyahu.

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"Words, not deeds," was the assessment of chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat in an interview with the New York Times following the Obama–Netanyahu meeting. "We need to see some movement on that front," a transcript provided by the White House.

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British singer Elton John performs in Ramat Gan, Israel, on June 17. (PHOTOGRAPH: FLASH90 / JTA)
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Purkey chuffed by ‘Yellow Dress’ rave reviews

Purkey describes the collaboration, including input from some of the humour and humanity, from the shadow of the crematoria. Mittelman plays Benjamin, a camp inmate who is not only charged with fixing watches, but also with keeping the other prisoners in an adequate state of repair. Celia’s case, grammatical and in an overall feeling, is that there are two main camps where the language is handled so sensitively and inter- preted so masterfully, that audience excitement will be swept along with these characters who manage to sabotage, with very few writers,” he says.

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Khumalo’s pen is as sharp as his insight

Zulu Boy Gone Crazy by Fred Khumalo

Review by Robyn Sassen

This collection of articles is subtitled “Hilarious Tales Post township, and while the humour of the pieces evokes more ‘bitterleecher’ than anything else, they reveal a deftness with words, a twinkle in the eyes of an observer who is never out of sync with the originating cultures; and jive across cultural references.

Khumalo, like us, listens to the problems of the world, the problems of the ‘other’, and the problems of the ‘self’. He contributes to the excess of the ‘me’, the selfish ‘me’, the self-effacing banter, the local and the international, the political and the personal, the individual and the collective.

Here, Khumalo, in his column “I’d Like a Word”, raises the issues of race, class, politics, family, friendship, love, and loss. He is happy to laugh off pretensions and tolerate idiosyncrasies, provided they do no harm. The brandishing of the Black Diamonds, for example, who can now afford to upgrade from the Plaxershoem shoes beloved of previous generations. Khumalo, whose own fashion sense was informed by a youth spent in the trend-addicted American Dudes gang, admits to harbouring a residual love for the white socks, black winklepickers and pink silk shirts of Michael Jackson.

“My life is a world of contradictions. His contempt for the excesses and hubris of the ruling party is palpable. His condemnation of the corrupt, errant politicians, communities, our wallets, while telling ourselves we need is a South African to show them how it’s done. Inspired, he begins translating Zuma’s notorious “Umshini Wam” into French for them - only to realize that “Ma mitraillette, ma mitraillette, passee moi ma mitraillette” just doesn’t sound quite the same.

Another prime target is Julius Malema (“he who was dropped on his head as a child”), leader of the ANC Youth League and its spokesman, Floyd Shwombe.

In the column “I’d Like a Word”, Floyd - Kno’ What I’m Sayin’?”, Khumalo riffs on the meaning of a vacuous rhetoric generated by the organisation, and in “There are Many Rooms in Hostel Blame” he ridicules the rivalry, allegations and counter-allegations regularly paraded before the nation by the ruling party.

This is Khumalo’s delight in the now famous comment of former ANC Chief Whip (and now its national spokesperson) Jackson Mthembu in the Mpumalanga Legislature: “I got hokis from Bantu Education” which sent “the Da chi huahua” scurrying for their pens and paper so that they could write about the media about what they termed ‘unparliamentary speech’ - a deeply moving eulogy to writer, actor and journalist John Malema (who, in the words of the story) knew it would be repossessed by the end of January - but it was good for a brief, intoxicating feeling of achievement. Khumalo’s inclusion of colourful township slang into his writing and his ability to wrap deadly truths inside soft-hearted, self-effacing banter, makes his columns as entertaining as they are illuminating.

More than this, though, in a country where the censors (and the story) appears to have lost the plot completely, it is his reassuring sanity which grounds us and reminds us that there are still South Africans left who aren’t out to lunch.

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Yet there is something pathetically insipid about the Gallic idea of protest, muses Khumalo. What they need is a South African to show them how it’s done. Inspired, he begins translating Zuma’s notorious “Umshini Wam” into French for them - only to realize that “Ma mitraillette, ma mitraillette, passe moi ma mitraillette” just doesn’t sound quite the same.

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Black Napoleon

Chair by House on Fire (Swaziland)

Photography: Courtesy Ruz

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The effect of this is not disrespectful to the originating cultures, rather it’s about a lust for levity and melodic licence of a designer to mix and match, nip and tuck, quote and jive across cultural references. Arguing the serious with the flip-pant, Levin and Mangenège play in moments made beautiful by their unexpectedness.

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ONCE MORE David Sachs (SA Jewish Report, July 9) has provided us with an excellent piece on what is clearly a subject (viz. the “Holocaust”) favoured by leftist extremists and Islamists such as the demand by Islamist and leftist fanatics that the solution to the conflict must be one unitary “Palestine”.

This would take place after millions of Arabs, at least 1.4 million of whom were killed, were forced to leave their homes, and is what is being called a “right of return”, namely those who claim to be descendants of the people who lived there for centuries. The Arab League, dominated by Saddam Hussein?

We ask: how many times have situations in Arab countries and what makes anyone think the Jews in the suggested “unitary Palestine” would fare any better? What is the current situation in Egypt, and the Gaza/Egyptian border.

How evil can this get?! To harbour an hatred in his heart. This was perpetuated till this very day.

How did the “unitary state” work in Lebanon, where hundreds of thousands of Christian homes were massacred by the PLA and Syrians and went from being a majority in 1975 to a minority today?

We ask the question: “...has this turn-around obtained from the Provincial Heritage Resources Act, (Act 25 of 1999)?”

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The meaning of Israel is clear: The Jew has descended from Arabs who fled Israel during the Roman and various Crusader armies. The Ottoman Turks occupied, over 2 000 years.

World War, post-war settlement administra-

tive, unsustainable population increase.

Why, out of a massive landmass under Arab control covering about 10 per cent of the planet, and 22 Arab states, is it regarded as such an injustice that a number of Arabs should be a minority in a Jewish state?

Gary Seliskor

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NOEL PEACE Prize winner and 15 year old

patron, F W de Klerk, said on June 30 at a

Perez Centre for Peace’ conference, as reported in the SA Jewish Report of July 9: ‘All problems are solvable with the right approach.

Barry Bloch

Toronto

Dr Gerald Levin

London

E had no option but to act. Richard Dawkins, for example, said that the Muslim invasion of Europe is not an act of aggression, but an act of invasion.

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Kaleidoscope Kids warm the hearts of those in need

ALISON GOLDBERG
PHOTOGRAPHER: CHANA RIVKA LEWIN

KALEIDOSCOPE Kids is a well-known holiday fun run school run by Chana Rivka Lewin, who has been a nursery school teacher at Terosh Academy for many years. She has been a valued "Friend of Yad Aharon & Michael" for many months planning a collection of soup greens and vegetables for Yad’s recipient needy families and her decision to ask parents to send money donations with their children meant that Fruit and Veg City at The Wedge, in Rivonia, could put together a colourful and nutritious array of vegetables which would make a perfect winter’s soup.

"Thanks also go to the little ‘campers’, Daniel and Yakira Levy for their donation in memory of their mom Devorah Leib and to Shimi and Ayelet Block for their contribution in the name of their zaidas, Yossi Ben Tzion."

The children enjoyed a cup of soup and noodles and an ice cream while being treated to an educational puppet show, which she hopes to distribute nationally. "Kol hakavod to Chana Rivka for her efforts and those of her ‘campers’ to make the event possible," said Lewin.

"What better mitzvah to do so than by assisting those who had fallen on hard times?" she asked.

"Kol hakavod to Chana Rivka for encouraging her little ‘campers’ to contribute to the project, thereby instilling in them the love of giving from a young age," she said.

In keeping with the upcoming theme of Mandela Day on July 18 (to commemorate Nelson Mandela’s birthday), giving to others with a happy heart.

Lewin says jumping castles integrate harmoniously with very essential educational benefits of fantasy play and gross motor activity, which were afforded to the young jumping ducks.

"Yad Aharon & Michael currently assists 1500 children a month to achieve their hopes and dreams. These children did not have a family to support them and were “selections” and those chosen were sent to Auschwitz and Treblinka. In 1944  at the age of 12."

"During World War II, children were ‘sent’ to the children’s homes, where they were ‘selected’ and had to work at a young age."

"The camps were horrible. There was terrible overcrowding, not enough food and a lack of hygiene."

"The survivors of the Holocaust are the ones who work so hard to tell the story of their suffering to others. The camps were not about fun and games. They were all about living in the shadow of the past."

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‘There’s no place like home’ remains a true adage

BARRY BILEWITZ

IN THE MIDST of battle, Richard III wasn’t too interested in the type of mount he could be supplied with; he just needed one desperately. So desperately in fact, that according to Shakespeare, he was willing to offer his kingdom for it. He wanted a charger or warhorse. He wanted a charger or warhorse.

“Lucky” is that no internal struts are required for the roof. The poles running radially from the top of the roof to the top of the wall, are supported by circular purlings - a horizontal member in a roof - which prevent the poles from sagging or putting a spalling pressure against the walls. These rondavels can still be found all over southern Africa, especially in under-developed areas. More modern versions are usually utilised as outbuildings on farms and as luxury accommodation in game lodges, to blend in with the rustic environment.

Cape Dutch was the first prominent style used in the country by settlers brought out to the Cape by the Dutch East India Company. Influenced by diverse styles - from medieval Dutch to Malay, it is distinguished by whitewashed walls, central gables over the entrance and reed-thatch roofs.

British-born Herbert Baker incorporated Cape Dutch aesthetics into some of his Edwadrain creations in the late 19th and early 20th century designs.

Art deco swept the world from the 1920s to the 1930s, although this movement in style started in 1910, it was named after Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in Paris, 1925. In South Africa we can see many fine examples of this type of design in many of the houses of Lower Houghton and even in the central business district of Springs, on the East Rand. There has been a strong revival in art deco buildings - in 2005 Old Mutual’s magnificent building in Cape Town, now called Mutual Heights, was revamped into residential and holiday apartments.

The new art deco DaVinci Hotel on Sandton Square, boasts 166 rooms situated below 54 apartments and four penthouses and the Argyle - also in Sandton - offers luxury urban living in the bright elegance of the Roaring Twenties.

The Cape was ceded to the British Empire after the Napoleonic wars which ended in 1815. With the British influence, Georgian architecture began to establish itself in Cape Town and five years later, started to spread to the Eastern Cape with the arrival of the 1820 Settlers.

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On World Cup high, embrace opportunities left in its wake

With the Fifa World Cup and soccer mania behind, there is a sense of anticlimax as we hang up our vuvuzelas.

WENDY MACHANIK
CEO, WENDY MACHANIK PROPERTIES

ONE WOULD of course hope that in the eyes of the world South Africa has now taken on a new meaning, no longer a crime-striken cauldron, defined by felony and hijacking. We have proved that as Africans we can measure up to the best, and what a show we produced!

The soccer dust settled; we return to sensibility. Speaking of sensibility: Property is top on the investment trail.

For South Africans, the World Cup was more than just a show. I believe it left a common thread of camaraderie. I have never seen a country unite and mobilise with one heart under one team and then when Bafana Bafana bowed out, we did it again, uniting with one front under Ghana.

The question begs: Will these tourists come back and visit our sunny country? I believe they will. The trend of owning investment properties overseas is undoubtedly the way to go. And as every foreigner will tell you, real estate in South Africa is remarkably inexpensive and a safe investment, long term.

Madiba’s great African dream of homeownership for all, is becoming more of a reality as the government turns its focus to its commitment of affordable housing, engaging in infrastructural investment programmes of epic proportions.

Government proved it was feasible when the Gautrain was up and running ahead of schedule for the World Cup.

Government plays an important role in terms of fixed capital investment by establishing, enabling infrastructure, which will fuel the private sector to return to development. Now government needs to turn its attention to the power shortages, which are still a major issue for all sectors of business and particularly the construction industry.

Statistics show that gross fixed capital formation must remain between 20 per cent and 30 per cent of GDP for an economy to grow and South Africa is around 21.5 per cent and targeted to reach 24 per cent by 2014, according to Minister Pravin Gordhan in his 2010 budget speech.

This will increase confidence in the private sector and build a healthy middle class, one of the greatest challenges South Africa has yet to face - but government can only do so much.

The signs are all there for South Africa to carry the momentum ignited by frenetic World Cup euphoria. We need more meaningful public-private sector partnership engagement, with government creating an enabling environment.

A prime example is the redevelopment programme in Johannesburg's inner city, where the entire landscape has changed, giving way to a renewed metropolitan milieu.

The question on everyone’s lips is: Will the World Cup bring foreign investment to South Africa?

I believe a large percentage of the estimated one million overseas visitors, who discovered the secret of our motherland, with its magical, wild African spirit, will return. It is with this in mind that I urge government and the private sector to embrace this opportunity of optimising South Africa’s amazing wealth and talent.

Now, South Africa, let us again mobilise this same patriotism as we are reminded of our responsibility to the voiceless, homeless millions who are yet to experience the dawn of the “new South Africa”.

I believe this World Cup has brought much more than soccer to our shores. Looking forward to a prosperous future.

Wendy Machanik

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Combining these items with functional pieces is more often than not a necessity in our lives. Also, older furniture is usually of better quality than modern, mass-produced composite items. So why not use these items for everyday purposes?

Take for instance a 1950s Murano vase, a Royal Doulton dinner service and Victorian ginger jar to name but a few. Often these can be purchased at prices similar to new items. However, older items can give a sense of occasion, be good collectors’ items and you can get good value when you use them.

Similarly, renovating that old table, re-enamelling an old bath, re-framing an old picture, putting an old frame on a new picture, using an old Victorian sideboard as a plasma stand, combining an old oak table with modern chairs, are all ways of re-inventing your living space.

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MARLENE BILEWITZ

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(Easy difficulty rating 0.4)

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Celia Gluckman receives a 100th birthday kiss from her daughter-in-law, Esther.

Centenarian Celia shows you can’t keep a good gal down

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY SUZANNE CARTER

DRESSED TO the nines for the interview, feisty Celia Gluckman, who turned 100 yesterday (July 14), attributed her longevity to being a descendant of Russian peasants.

“I can’t prove it but, my mother always said she was Russian and I share her opinion,” said this London-born resident of Our Parents Home in Johannesburg, who has been living there since 1922, but is sad that many of her peers and friends have since passed on.

“I don’t feel any different from when I was 20, except that if I could get up and go, I’d get up and go,” she laughed.

Had she led a particularly healthy lifestyle? Celia pooh-poohed the idea.

“But, according to her daughter-in-law, Esther, she was an active sportswoman. “And a knitter,” chipped in Celia, who made many of the garments on sale in Aid of Our Parents Home.

“Her daughter-in-law, Nina Lakier, two-and-half years her junior. Nina worked very hard and picked herself up by her shoestrings without any assistance from anyone else. She has been living there since 1992, but is sad that many of her peers and friends have since passed on.

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“Levy was invited to join the foreign affairs department in Pretoria, “but it was too late for me - I couldn’t face another move.”

“Twenty years later, however, during a period of “tremendous turmoil”, here in the country, “we knew hit the headlines, we were reminded of the fact, there was a certain alieneness.”

“Sara Pascall, chairman UJW adult education division (left), guest speaker Lorna Levy and Sandra Sternberg.

At 102, audit of a full life

ROBYN SASSEN

LAST WEEK, one of Johannesburg’s oldest soccer fans, celebrated a significant milestone. Victor Tokker, once a division soccer player in Benoni on the KwaZulu, and an ardent fan of the British Premier League, turned 102.

Celebrated by his nephew, (former Johannesburg mayor) Edy Magid, Tokker lives in Our Parents Home in northern Johannesburg and a small interruption from watching World Cup soccer replays, on July 7, enabled this photograph of Eddy and his son Harold with the birthday boy, to be taken.

Born and bred in 1908 in the then close-knit Jewish community in Benoni. Tokker had six siblings. He attended Benoni High School and Morris Brothers College in Johannesburg.

“A knitter,” chipped in Celia, who made many of the garments on sale in Aid of Our Parents Home.

“Her son, David, and grandchildren, Dave and Sarah, have lived in Our Parents Home for many years, but when he does, he watches soccer at home, he says.

At one level I tried to erase the past, but it was always there. When famous people we knew hit the headlines, we were reminded of it, but there was a certain alieneness.”

“ haunt to the ANC, Levy says she does not feel dis-illusions with the party. “I have to say I never thought it was going to be easy,” she states.

“South Africans have 300 years of no education, no experience - it takes a long time to change things. I think we were going through a bad patch.”

Even Jerusalem mayor is a soccer fan of note

Mayor Nir Barkat together with members of his family flew into Cape Town and then Durban to watch the semi-final soccer matches. He does not get a lot of spare time, but when he does, he watches soccer at home, he says.

While in Cape Town Nir and his wife Beverly had dinner with Beverly’s uncle and aunt, Colin and Ev Plen. Picture are Nir and Beverly Barkat with Evelyn and Colin Plen.

Too white for the Struggle

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY MOIRA SCHNEIDER

CAPE TOWN

WHEN WRITING her memoirs, Radical
Engagements: A Life In Exile, Lorna Levy
tried to try and describe “frankly” the experience of being white in a black strug-
gle, an issue she said was seldom confronted as people were too embarrassed to do so.

Addressing the adult education division of the Union of Jewish Women, she traced her move to radical politics as a “fairly ordi-
nary girl” from a middle-class Jewish fami-
ly in Johannesburg in the late 1940s.

With a background in the trade union movement, she left South Africa for London in 1961, but experienced a rude awakening while attending a women’s peace conference in Moscow at that time.

“I found that I was not accepted by the African delegation of the ANC of which I was supposed to be a member. Why? Because I was white,” she stated.

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Hanegbli in 2004 was accused of making dozens of false official claims in order to create fictitious jobs. He was indicted and went on trial in 2006.

If his conviction is found to involve moral turpitude, Hanegbli could be banned from the Knesset for seven years. He is seen as the main challenger to Tzipi Livni’s party leadership (JTA)
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Keren Hayesod honours Wapnick for gift of Sderot park

A meeting place for Holocaust survivors and their families

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY DIANE WOLFSON PRETORIA

PRETORIAN ALEC Wapnick and the Wapnick family were recently honoured by Keren Hayesod in Israel for their generous donation of a Holocaust survivors park in the playground of the Shaar Negev Primary School in the grounds of the Sapir College, some kilometres outside of Sderot.

This is the second such park donated by Wapnick in recent years.

A community group of the English-speaking Countries of Keren Hayesod, Israel, welcomed the large gathering, including the Wapnick family who had travelled in from South Africa and Israel for the occasion.

The grade two pupils entertained the gathering with Israeli songs. Barash showed appreciation on the family and on Alec in particular, for the most meaningful development of this particular park.

The area was hard hit by Katsuhas rocks and there are numerous shelters scattered in the grounds and built into the classroom.

The children have been trained to access the shelters within seconds of the activation of the red alert sirens.

Elybannah Segal, the Shaar Negev Regional Council administrator, outlined the intention of the Wapnick family to improve and persevere with living and working conditions in this beautiful region of Israel.

He expressed the gratitude of all concerned to the family and to Keren Hayesod.

Google selects ORT SA’s HOD

Ariellah Rosenberg (centre front row) with her Educator Empowerment Team. (PHOTOGRAPH: LISA MORALEE)

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Benayoun lashes out at Benitez for ‘lack of respect’

ISRAELI MIDFIELDER blames his old boss for transfer to Chelsea. Yossi Benayoun launched a scathing attack on Rafa Benitez, claiming the Spaniard tried to break his spirit and treated him with a lack of respect.

The 30-year-old Israeli captain left Liverpool for Premier League champions Chelsea in a £5.5 million move earlier this month and last Sunday blasted Benitez in uncharacteristic fashion. "Everyone asks me why I left Liverpool," Benayoun told The News of The World. "There is only one reason - Rafa Benitez.

I agreed to join Chelsea before Roy Hodgson was appointed Liverpool’s manager. It’s a dream for me that such a fantastic club has given me this opportunity.

But I want Liverpool fans to know the truth and for them to know I made up my mind to leave a long time ago because of Benitez. He never treated me with the respect I deserved. If I played well, I never understood why. If I played badly, he never treated me with the respect I deserved.

For me, the truth is important - Rafa Benitez.

"I felt so unhappy but, out of respect to the club, I never spoke out. The players and the people at the top of the club know how I felt. I don’t want to speak on behalf of other players at Liverpool, but people know what happened to Albert Riera and Xabi Alonso. It was the same for me.

The midfield magician went on to reveal that Benitez essentially pushed him out of the club at the end of last season. “On the day before the final game of last season at Hull, Benitez pulled me to one side and said: ‘You will not be in the squad for this game.’ Then, when we played Birmingham on the final day, he told me I was not in his team the next game. And when the fans booed when I was subbed, he said: ‘You can’t treat a player like this and expect him to be happy.’

He told me I was a better player as a substitute instead of starting in the team. Then, when we played Birmingham after I hadn’t started a game for a month, he didn’t tell me I was starting until two hours before the game. He tried to destroy my confidence. You can’t treat a player like this and expect him to be happy.

“You never gave me a chance to show what I can do. You never gave me the chance to show what I can do.”

Benayoun understands that he will have to work extremely hard to break into Chelsea’s lineup.

"I’m not stupid. I know Chelsea have many great players and it will be hard to play in the team every week,” he said.

“But what’s important for me is I know I will be treated with respect. Carlo Ancelotti is a fantastic manager and he knows how to treat players.”