

## AROUND THE WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### ISRAELI DIPLOMATS RETURN TO CAIRO EMBASSY

JERUSALEM - Four Israeli diplomats and security personnel have returned to Israel's embassy in Cairo after being evacuated amid violent protests.

The envoys - a consul, an adviser and the chief of security and his deputy, according to reports - returned to Cairo to a new building and would deal only with low-level issues in an effort to retain Israel's diplomatic presence in Egypt, Ynet reported.

They left nearly two weeks ago after Egyptian demonstrators stormed Israel's embassy in Cairo, necessitating the emergency rescue of its staff by Egyptian commandos.

Ambassador Yitzhak Levanon was not returning to Egypt at this time, Ynet reported.

The envoys' return comes amid reports by the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram that the protesters had been paid to attack the embassy.

Protesters questioned by Egyptian security reportedly said they had been offered money to whip up the riots. The participants had been bused to the area, then given dinner and envelopes containing money, according to the newspaper. (JTA)

# Meet the UOS – in the ‘mitzvah business’

LESLIE HARRIS

MENTION THE term “UOS” (Union of Orthodox Synagogues) to most South African Jews and three things spring to mind: kashrut, the Beth Din, and the Office of the Chief Rabbi.

But as Darren Sevitz, the executive director of the UOS points out, there is far more to the organisation than those three highly visible elements. Catering to the needs of 95 per cent of the South African Jewish community, Sevitz says the UOS is “in the mitzvah business”.

He adds: “We provide the infrastructure and religious leadership necessary for a vibrant Jewish community based on Torah values.”

Each division within the UOS is geared towards reaching that goal, and making it easier for Jews in South Africa to lead a Torah lifestyle. One of those divisions, Jews for Judaism, is particularly close to Sevitz's heart. Run by Darryl Frankel, it is the local arm of an international organisation that rescues Jews who have been ensnared by gentile evangelists.

“Budgetary constraints mean we're largely reactive rather than proactive,” Sevitz says. “It's a problem, because we're constantly being called on to counsel Jews and their families who have been ensnared.”

The division is regularly called on to deal with overt missionising, which often occurs on university campuses or at shopping malls. The management of two shopping centres has assured



Darren Sevitz, executive director of the UOS.

the UOS that they will do whatever they can to minimise the effect of missionary activity on their Jewish clientele.

Frankel is also the deputy headmaster of King David Linksfield Primary School and often addresses learners on topics related to Jews for Judaism and how to counter missionaries.

Another largely overlooked department at the UOS is the Community Development Division, which focuses on helping affiliated shuls to meet the needs of their members.

Chaired by Robin Treger and directed by Rabbi Ron Hendler, the division helps shuls to increase membership, manage their finances, and improve their services.

In the past two years the division has facilitated courses for shul secretaries and run a five-part series for gaboim, which cov-

ered, among other things, some of the halachic issues involved in allocating honours in shul.

Sevitz points out that the UOS is the largest Jewish religious organisation in the country. It has an operating budget of R28 million a year, and is run like a company. The kashrut division generates the bulk of the organisation's income through licence fees manufacturers pay to have their products certified as kosher. The balance is raised through affiliation fees and contributions from donors.

Sevitz says that as the recession bites, it is becoming more and more difficult to collect affiliation fees. Despite affiliation costing less than R1 a day per family per year, people are reluctant to pay.

He says the first question people ask is what they will get if they affiliate.

“It's not about what you'll get,

it's about what you already have,” Sevitz says.

“People don't realise that their affiliation fees help pay for the kashrut division, the Beth Din and the Office of the Chief Rabbi. These structures and services are in place, and the Jewish public derives benefit from them whether or not they pay affiliation fees.

“It's more about hakarat hatov (gratitude) than anything else. The social unity in our community is unique. Imagine Jewish life in South Africa without the structure and unity the UOS brings about. One of the reasons our kashrut and conversions and marriage certificates are recognised throughout the Jewish world, is because of that unity.

“There is one Beth Din. There is one kashrut authority. That immediately makes it a lot easier to lead a Torah lifestyle. And you get all that, even if you don't pay affiliation fees.”

One of those benefits is the eruv, which allows Jews to carry on Shabbat. Johannesburg is one of the few cities worldwide that has an eruv, and the UOS, through the Beth Din, helps maintain and ensure the integrity of the eruv.

He notes that the UOS derives its legitimacy from the community, and that affiliates have a say in how it is run.

After 11 years as the executive director, Sevitz admits that it is sometimes difficult to work for the Jewish community. “But it is without doubt the most satisfying job I've ever had, because it involves making a real difference in people's lives.”

## “Jewish education is the conversation between the generations” – Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks

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# Defunct communities' legacy is much more tangible than nostalgia

DAVID SAKS  
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MOST OF the Jewish communities that once thrived in the small towns of rural South Africa, have closed their doors, but this does not mean that they have ceased to contribute to the greater good of South African Jewry.

Under various individual trust agreements, the assets of these communities, whether derived from the sale of their synagogue buildings or other sources, are today administered by the SAJBD Country Communities Department.

In terms of these agreements, the capital is left untouched while the interest is used to fund a range of services, usually - but not exclusively - relating to such work relating to the country areas as cemetery maintenance.

In addition, certain trusts allow for some of the funds to be distributed for general Jewish welfare needs. In this way, the legacy of these rural Jewish centres continues to benefit the greater Jewish society long after those centres have ceased to function.

An example of this was demonstrated recently with the trusts of the Pietersburg Hebrew Congregation and Uppington Hebrew Congregation making a sizeable contribution to two important welfare projects run by the Johannesburg branch of the Union of Jewish Women.

One of these is the UJW's long-running flagship project Kosher Mobile Meals, which today provides regular cooked meals for over 160 frail and elderly Jewish community members who are unable to cook for themselves.

The other is the Friendship Club, in which

between 60 and 80 individuals looking for companionship come together on three Wednesdays each month and are provided with a three-course meal (as well as, on occasion, entertainment).

Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, spiritual leader to the SA Country Communities, said he felt a special affinity for these particular UJW projects because of his own experiences of these needs.

"Much of the work of the Country Communities Department similarly involves reaching out to elderly, isolated Jews and assisting with their material and emotional needs. Whether they live in Hillbrow or in Touwfontein, there are many Jews who lack any contact with the Jewish community, and it is our duty to reach out to them and show that we care," he said.

Rabbi Silberhaft commended the UJW on the above two projects and urged the greater Jewish community to help support them. Those interested in doing so should contact the UJW Johannesburg Branch on (011) 648 1053.



Irene Zuckerman, chairman – International Council of Jewish Women – African Region; Lynne Raphaely – co-chairman – UJW – Johannesburg branch; and Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft – country communities rabbi.

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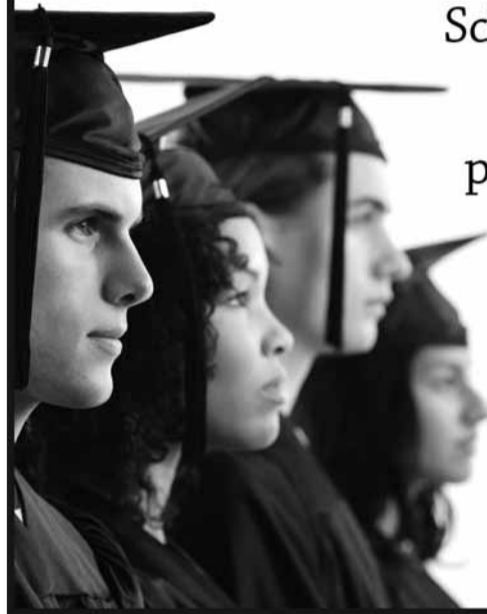
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Encounter 2011 was an unforgettable experience for KD Linksfield grade 11s.

## Encounter 2011 – an unforgettable experience

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ON AUGUST 22, King David Linksfield grade 11s embarked on a journey of spirituality, friendship and knowledge: Encounter 2011.

We arrived at Meulstroom Lodge anticipating the best, as participants in previous years had enthusiastically informed us. Yet our expectations were surpassed. A week of relaxation and insight was experienced by all.

Every day brought excitement of breakfast riddles, interesting tochnits and choogims, where we were able to express our creative sides through making and designing hats, key rings, challah covers and space cases.

The nights ended with a thought-provoking activity, which challenged us all.

Our most meaningful experience of Encounter was the final ruach session. After two hours of dancing and singing, the lights were turned off, and every grade 11 had a chance to hold a candle and express what he or she loved about our grade and the Encounter experience. It was emotional and beautiful.

The creative and exciting energy on Encounter could not have been higher. Whether it was one of the advisers giving us an inspirational talk about life, relationships and meditation, or a rabbi teaching us a lesson about being Jewish, one could not miss the fact that everyone was having the time of his or her life.

There were many opportunities for learners to show off their artistic and creative abilities throughout Encounter. The experience was enjoyable, fun, but most of all, entertaining.

The Shabbat on Encounter 2011 was something that will always be remembered by everyone who attended. The Friday started off as usual with our morning tefillah talks and tochnits.

As the day went on, one couldn't help but sense the strange yet enlightening atmosphere and excitement of the Shabbat to come. Early in the afternoon the decorations began. The competitive grade 11s showed their Shabbat spirit by decorating their rooms, using anything they could find.

Everyone proceeded to his and her respective rooms with their advisers for the welcoming of the Shabbat. Songs were sung and a delicious meal was had.

Encounter 2011 was truly an inspirational and eye-opening experience.

## KD Sandton art learners get all wired up



Showing off the wire construction. Back: Reede Rozowsky; Liav Burger; Jesse Hayim; and Cassidy Gordon. Front: Raphael Symon; Daniel Levenstein; Gregg Finn; and Bradley Hackner.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY VIVIENNE WEINER,  
ART TEACHER

KING DAVID Sandton's art department invited Lilford Dixon, an informal worker and wire artist, to conduct a workshop on wire construction with the grade 7s.

Sculpture is an integral part of our curriculum, so it made sense to include wire as an additional medium of exploration. Figure sculpture is usually in need of an armature.

The grade 7s modelled a simple figure from wire, learning techniques of cutting, twisting, joining and shaping. The wire figures became more than armatures and appeared as finished artwork.

The learners' enthusiasm and enjoyment during the process of creation, is testimony to their excellent end products.

## Needlework among the KCVP young

JOY COMAROFF  
PHOTOGRAPH: STACY FLEISHMAN

THE GRADE one children of King David Victory Park Primary, attend needlework extra-murals twice a week. The pupils are learning to French knit on a cotton reel. They then make a hot pot stand with the finished product.



Proudly displaying their sewing. Front: Daniel Koonin; Alexia Koonin; Ashley Henegan; Hanna Resnick. Back: Jenna Stein; Joseph Joffe; Eden Meyerthal; and Megan Gruzd.



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# Learning Alef Bet from an early age

Morah Efrat handing out chocolate chips while Rachel Behr and Amira Greenstein choose the Hebrew letters they need to be placed on. Recognition and sounds of the Hebrew letters is an integral part of the grade R programme in preparation for grade 1.



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THE GRADE Rs at Yeshiva College, in preparation for grade 1 are learning the Alef Bet and Hebrew letter recognition, which will lead into the blending of letters, a skill necessary for grade 1.

All the grade 1 teachers, both from general studies and Kodesh, are in close contact with the grade R staff to maintain the progression which is required.

## The Pine Street Playschool in the spirit of spring

CAPTION AND PHOTOGRAPH: HAILEY FOX



Dani Josselowitz is loving her Pops! Pine Street Playschool learners celebrated Spring Day with a breakfast picnic on the lawn.

## The little ones at KDL get into spirit of spring

VAL ARONSON, PRINCIPAL GRADE R PHOTOGRAPH: MELANIE DICK

WITH THE weather warmer and the trees in blossom, all the King David Linksfield children, from playschool to grade R, celebrated Spring Day by doing an obstacle course around the grounds. With great enthusiasm the grade Rs did their five laps with agility.

The "littlies", while at times needing a finger or a hand for support, did their two laps laughing and smiling and did not want to stop. Everyone enjoyed the yoghurt lollies served to cool themselves down after the event.



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# The shofar sounds at Ganeinu Nursery School

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## Shofar reminds us that Rosh Hashanah is near

KAREEN SANDLER  
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Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz is pictured here blowing the shofar at King David Victory Park Primary School. He visits the school every day to blow the shofar, to remind the children that Rosh Hashanah is near.

## TA golf day is a huge success

OWN CORRESPONDENT  
PHOTOGRAPH BY MENDY GRALNIK

THE ANNUAL Torah Academy golf day, organised by former triple Springbok Mandy Yachad, took place two weeks ago at the Killarney Golf Club.

Being the month of Elul, Rabbi Dovid Hazdan, dean of Torah Academy, blew the shofar for participants. The event was followed by a prize-giving and supper.

Doron Sacks, Dovi Mendelow, Mendel Jameson and Moshe Moch, grade 11 boys at TA Boys' High School, (pictured) made up a four-ball, competing with seasoned golfers, but were awarded a prize for their participation.



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## King David Linksfield in the medals

GUY PARFETT  
PHOTOGRAPH SUPPLIED

ON WEDNESDAY September 7, King David High School Linksfield had 15 athletes taking part in the English Co-Ed Athletics Prestige event at Boksburg Stadium. This is for the top athletes from the various leagues to compete against each other.

It proved to be a fruitful day for the under-14 boys, as they won three medals. Greg Surmany came second in the 100m boy's under-14 winning a silver medal and also ran a new school record. Riley Freeman also received a silver medal in the 400m boy's under-14.

The two boys then teamed up with Keegan Cohen and Jonathan Judin to run the 4 x 100m relay

which saw them comfortably blitz some of the more traditional athletics schools and win the gold medal.

No other medals were won, but many of the other King David athletes ran personal best times. Lance van der Westhuizen was just pipped at the post for the boy's under-19

100m bronze and Michael Dukes led the 800m boy's under-17 until the last 100m, before coming in fifth.

All the good results that Linksfield have had lately, augurs well for next season when they will be competing in the more competitive "D" League.



**Keegan Cohen; Greg Surmany; Jonathan Judin; and Riley Freeman, won gold in the boy's under-14 4 x 100m relay.**

## Benjamin wins prestigious art award

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY  
RENEE KOCH (ART TEACHER)

THE EXHIBITION, at FADA on the Bunting Road campus, can be viewed until Tuesday next week.

The standard of the exhibition was particularly high and both Benji and Yarin Weltsman are to be congratulated on their inclusion in this show.



**Benjamin Kollenberg, a King David High School Linksfield learner in grade 12, won a merit award for his installation "Othering" at the IEB Interschools Art Exhibition held at the University of Johannesburg.**

## Mandalas for Mandela, to help heal the nation

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY  
LUCY SIMMONDS

KING DAVID Victory Park Primary School has been most fortunate to have been invited by the Imbali Visual Literacy Project, to participate in a group art project called "Mandalas for Mandela", sponsored by Arts Alive in conjunction with the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

Grade seven learners were asked to volunteer to be part of this extra-mural to create this mandala in

honour of Mandela and all he has done to promote healing in our nation.

The learners had to conceptualise, plan and execute a mandala and under the guidance of their art teacher, Lucy Simmonds, created the most beautiful artwork, which is on display in The Women's Jail at Constitution Hill.

The exhibition was opened on September 6 and will run until the end of the month.

After the initial excitement of seeing their work put up, the learn-

ers settled down and were addressed by a representative of Joburg Arts Alive. This was followed by a talk by Steven Sack of the City of Johannesburg.

The real treat was the address by Ahmed Kathrada, who was the representative of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and who was incarcerated, with Nelson Mandela, on Robben Island.

Representatives from all the schools were then awarded with certificates and were asked to address the group about their mandalas.

Jayna Goldstuck delivered an excellent explanation and did King David Victory Park Primary proud. This was a wonderful event that exposed our learners to the greater art world and will be remembered for a very long time.

• Mandala: A Hindu or Buddhist graphic symbol of the universe, specifically a circle enclosing a square with a deity on both sides. Also: A graphic and often symbolic pattern, usually in the form of a circle divided into four separate sections or bearing a multiple projection of an image.



**Hannah Milner; Shayne van Vuren; Jayna Goldstuck; and Ahmed Kathrada.**

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## The 'old lady of the South' keeps on going, bucking the trend

LIONEL SLIER AND OWN CORRESPONDENT  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ILAN OSSENDRYVER

THE La Rochelle Rosettenville Hebrew Congregation, established 103 years ago, is the oldest of its kind in Johannesburg, and today, as a result of a demographic shift, one of the smallest, but it has produced some remarkable Jews in its time – and it's still functioning.

So says Avrom Kregel, chairman of the SA Zionist Federation, who grew up in the area. Like its name, "The Little Rock", it has been unmovable and has remained a light for the Jews living in the southern suburbs of the city.

The synagogue represents a once-vibrant congregation in which the father of Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein, lived.

"At the time, most Jews moved to

Mayfair and Fordsburg. The construction of the M1 and M2 motorways further accelerated the move out of the southern suburbs. These motorways enabled people like doctors and pharmacists to live elsewhere and yet get back quickly to their businesses or practices," Avrom said.

His own parents only moved out to Glenhazel in the northeast about five years ago because the children had moved away, he said.

"They both originally came from the south. The shul lasted longer than anyone believed. My grandfather moved out in about 1972 and went to Yeoville, because he believed the shul would close within five years. Yeoville at the time had a thriving congregation of 600 families. Today it is closed.

"Before he died in the early nineties, I joked with my grandfather and told him his shul had closed before ours. It has served many people well and enriched the lives and offered quality religious education to many young Jews. It had a tremendous impact, even though it was such a small congregation," he said.

The synagogue, in Prairie Street, Rosettenville, was designed by the architect firm, Obel Brothers, who also designed the Germiston Shul and the Jewish Club in Durban.

The suburb of Rosettenville was founded by the Jewish pioneer, Leo Rosettenstein in 1886, the year Johannesburg was established, on the farm Turffontein. Rosettenstein had originally come from East Prussia and arrived in Johannesburg after living first in Cape Town and then Kimberley. The township was laid out three years later.

The earliest services were held in a private house and later in the Kenilworth Masonic Hall. Fate and nature intervened when a tornado in 1928 destroyed the original house, which the congregation was then able to purchase and build a synagogue, where it is still today.

The leader of the congregation was Rev A L Kaplan who remained there until the mid-1950s. During his term, a communal hall was added and a cheder started.

In April 1953, the new Joseph Miller Talmud Torah was opened by the then-Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Hymie Miller. Rev Kaplan affixed the mezuzah to the doorpost.

In 1958, the shul's golden jubilee was celebrated and over 600 people attended, with the Johannesburg mayoress, Mrs Ian Maltz, officiating. The service was conducted by Rev S Kibel.

A sermon was given by the Chief Rabbi of South Africa, Dr Louis Rabinowitz, in which he vowed to fight for true Jewish education for Jewish children in Johannesburg.

Those were the golden years, because

the congregation after that gradually began to dwindle, as members relocated in numbers to the northern suburbs.

In 1983 there were only 26 men, 29 women and 21 children remaining as members. The spiritual leader was Rabbi Y Dunsky.

Dr Ben Kregel, the uncle of Avrom and Zev, remained, however, and he was the glue that held the remaining congregation together.

Ben Kregel's parents, Shepsel and Chana were married in the synagogue in 1932. In October 1984, Ben Kregel and Dr E L Fisher (former MP for Rosettenville) organised a reunion of members and, the shul was packed as it had not been for many years. The service was conducted by Rabbi Shmuel Lemon.

In February 2003, 75 years after the present synagogue was built, a special celebration took place. Again, past and present members filled the shul. The chairman said that he was honoured to welcome those present, especially Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein.

In response, the chief rabbi paid tribute to the efforts made to keep the congregation going.

The Chief Rabbi told those present that his father had been a member of the congregation and had celebrated his barmitzva there.

"Personally, I want to pay tribute to the kehilla for the leaders in our community who have come from here, particularly to Avrom and Zev Kregel. This is a celebration of a proud and glorious community. Let this occasion go forth as a beacon to our community."

Zev Kregel said: "Demographic realities have changed the functioning of the shul. Other shuls have closed down, but the South Eastern Congregation is still going and we cannot express in words the gratitude we have for you."

Vice-chairman Ben Kregel said there were many people with roots in the south. "So, why should we give up the shul here?" he asked. "We are proud of those who come here to make up the minyan. Many people who are part of our past come to spend Shabbos here."

In June 2008, the congregation celebrated its centenary. Ben Kregel is the current chairman, the vice-chairman is Russell Riebock and the treasurer Dennis Tannenbaum. There are between 15 to 20 families as members.

"The main thing is that we still get a minyan on Shabbos. We are happy to keep going for those in the south, to keep a little bit of history, because when we understand history, we understand why we are here."

"We want to continue and we appreciate every little bit of help that we do get and to those who give it, many thanks," said Zev Kregel.

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# Reality check: The world will never accept Israel



Sean Melnick holds the beautiful Chanukah Menora made from shells fired from Palestinian rockets on to Israeli land. Beside him, Rabbi Laurence Perez reads out the congratulatory words on making the presentation to him.

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPH BY  
RITA LEWIS

SOME 480 people recently filled the Maroela Room of the Sandton Sun Hotel for the annual Mizrahi dinner.

Rabbi Ramon Widmonte, the main organiser of the event, welcomed everyone and introduced a video showing the positive aspects of the Mizrahi and how sculptor and artist Yaron Bob acquired and collected many of the rocket shells fired into Israel by the Palestinians.

The film, "Rockets into Roses", shows how many of the rockets and the shrapnel had been turned into artefacts such as menorahs, candlesticks, jewellery, etc.

"In place of destruction, there is now light and creativity," he said.

The proceeds of articles sold from this concept, go towards building bomb shelters, to buy medical equip-

ment.

The idea fulfils the Torah injunction to "Turn your swords into ploughshares."

Guest speaker Rabbi Dr Yechiel Leiter, chief of staff in the Israeli Ministry of Finance, said there was an intractable source of hatred against Jews.

Rabbi Leiter said Israel and the SA Jewish community should be insightful of this. There was a unified hatred which was flexible and adaptable to the time and place.

He illustrated his point with the Blood Libel in the UK, the systematic killing of Jews in Nuremberg and the delegitimisation of Israel in Durban and the insistence of many to call Israel an "apartheid state".

He spoke of the nuclear threats by Iran, the new order in Egypt which is still to consolidate, and the recent killing of Israelis near Eilat, which

was hardly mentioned in the world press. We must accept that "Israel will never be accepted by the nations of the world."

Mizrachi, he said, insisted on the theology of co-existence. Its

strength was "in the number of our children filling the universities, the yeshivot of religious Zionism and the clamour to join our shuls. "Jewish scholarship and soldiering go hand in hand."

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## Christian Zionists rally on behalf of Israel

MOIRA SCHNEIDER  
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THE INTERNATIONAL Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) organised a rally outside Parliament last week to protest the forthcoming Durban 111 and United Nations Security Council meetings taking place in New York this month.

In an appeal to Christian Zionists to support the event, national director and chairman of ICEJ South Africa, Dave Wilken, said both forums had been "hijacked into tribunals for accusations against Israel. Their main aim is to obtain international support to force Israel to relinquish



Members of the ICEJ, Bridges for Peace and the SAZF (Cape Council) and other public participants, demonstrating outside Parliament last week (September 13).

their present national boundaries and return to the 1967 boundaries.

"We are calling upon all Christian Zionists make a stand in public

against these attempts to undermine the State of Israel and to demand that South Africa votes against these proposals. Further, that the UN and the Durban 111 meetings demand equal human rights for all women and children in all member states of these organisations."

The ICEJ was supported by the SAZF (Cape Council), Bridges for Peace and other Christians.

"Your presence is of paramount importance (so that we can be seen) to be standing with Israel in their hour of need. We always declare 'Israel you are not alone' - let us demonstrate it!" Wilken wrote.

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WHAT'S ON

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# Sudoku Puzzle 41

(Medium, difficulty rating 0.53)

	6	4						
	2		6		7	1		
					8		6	
5				6	4	8		9
6			8		5			1
8		1	7	9				6
	3		2					
		7	5		9			4
						7	2	

\* Answer to follow with next puzzle

Answer - Puzzle 40

8	4	2	6	7	9	3	5	1
3	9	5	8	4	1	6	7	2
1	6	7	3	5	2	8	4	9
6	5	3	2	9	4	7	1	8
7	1	8	5	6	3	9	2	4
9	2	4	1	8	7	5	3	6
5	3	9	4	2	6	1	8	7
2	7	1	9	3	8	4	6	5
4	8	6	7	1	5	2	9	3

Note to readers: Our bridge column and our Sudoku puzzle alternate week by week.

## THE BRIDGE LOUNGE by Jeff Sapire

IN HIS 1934 publication "Red Book on Play", a classic which even in today's times should be standard reading for all aspiring players, Ely Culbertson wrote about how the Indians in James Fenimore Cooper's "Last of the Mohicans" could tell so much by just a broken twig or branch when on the trail - they would know who or what went by, how long had passed, and more or less what size it was.

Like these amazing Indians, top players quickly begin to build pictures of all four hands in their minds as the play develops, and sometimes arrive at amazingly accurate conclusions quite early on.

South dealer, neither vul

NORTH		EAST	
♠	Q108	♠	AJ43
♥	QJ84	♥	A62
♦	J83	♦	10764
♣	KQJ	♣	97
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	9765	♠	K2
♥	9	♥	K10753
♦	952	♦	AKQ
♣	A10862	♣	543

South 1NT      North 3NT      Opening lead: C6

One of the players from our regular game was away, so we asked this stranger who was in the club if he would like to join in. Something was oddly familiar about him, with hat and pipe, as I turned my attention to the cards for the first deal.

I opened a fairly normal strong 1NT (15-17), and partner, despite having a four card heart suit, chose to jump directly to 3NT. I agreed with her decision not to use Stayman on a balanced hand, but the upshot was that we missed our nine card heart fit.

The jack of clubs won and I ran the queen of hearts, which held the trick. I continued with a second heart from the table, which East won, as West discarded the two of clubs. At this point the gentleman on my right took out a piece of paper, jotted something down, and handed it to me. It read: "YOUR HAND IS - SKx HK10xxx DAKQ Cxxx."

"My goodness!" I said in astonishment, "how DARE you peek at my cards!"

"I did not LOOK at your cards," he said. "My partner led the six of clubs, so from the Rule of Eleven I knew you had none higher, thus marking him with the ace.

"There were 12 points in dummy and nine in my own hand. These 21 points, plus my partner's four, totalled 25, leaving exactly 15 points outstanding, all of which you had to have for your 1NT opening bid.

"When my partner discarded the two of clubs, he showed an original five card suit, having led his fourth highest and then following with the one below it. I knew you had five hearts when he showed out, and you were marked with three clubs.

"You had to have AKQ of diamonds, but you couldn't have four of them because that would leave you with a singleton spade. So your precise shape had to be two spades, five hearts, three diamonds and three clubs."

"Well I never!" I said. "I do apologise for my earlier remark, and we would be delighted to have you join us for tomorrow's game, if you would care to join, Mr uhm?"

"Holmes," he replied. "Yes thanks, I'd love to."

Every Tuesday (Intermediate) and Wednesday (Advanced) I run bridge workshops from 10:00 - 12:00 at the Great Park Shul - alternating play hands one week and a bidding lecture on the other. Corner Glenhove Road and 4th Avenue, Houghton. For more information, e-mail me at jeffshirl@telkomsa.net

## CROSSWORD NO 228

BY LEAH SIMON

ACROSS:

1. Witnessed northerner all cut up (4)
3. Not even dances for these cranks! (3, 5)
8. Bad liar on track (4)
9. Lad's possession - an annual one! (1, 4, 3)
11. Useful for fluid assets (3, 3, 6)
13. Tallest heron hides Biblical queen (6)
14. Like a seabird, behind the vessel (6)
17. Pour ink around fond freak - a good match for 11 Across (5, 3, 4)
20. Disturb seed cost, being pampered (8)
21. It's found in palimpsest, but isn't very strong (4)
22. Some link broken by branded notebook (4, 4)
23. Trade leader follows spilt ink to weave wool (4)

5. Next to your team? (2, 4, 4)
6. Fail to win - nothing to it, provided you aren't tight! (5)
7. Southern writing material in basin (4)
10. Doesn't nourish properly - and somehow needs Freud (10)
12. Seek asylum - and find it! (5, 3)
15. Make me return to one on the feeling (7)
16. Greek school in Johannesburg (6)
18. It's to do with the nose in Merna's album (5)
19. Tosca merely conceals the fraud (4)

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD NO 227

ACROSS: 1. Dubs; 3. Stowaway; 8. Crab; 9. Jail cell; 11. Take a dim view; 13. Innate; 14. Brenda; 17. More's the pity; 20. Jet black; 21. Coda; 22. Macaroon; 23. Rely.

DOWN:

1. Sent around Richard, being devastated (8)
2. Lash the favourite dog (7)
4. See bad arrangement - and corrupt it (6)

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- **Radio Today**, until October 3, is hosting Selwyn Klass who will be broadcasting on 1485 AM in Johannesburg, nationally on DStv Audio Channel 169 and worldwide from its website 1485.org.za as well as on 1485.mobi on cell phones, three times per day randomly, a montage of meditative thoughts and impressions in the spirit of the High Holy Days. A special broadcast can be heard on Monday morning September 26 at 09:30 with a repeat a week later on Monday October 3, also at 09:30.
- **UZLC** hosts Anne Lapedus Brest who will speak on "Growing up in Yeoville".

**Saturday (September 24)**

- **Emunah Ladies Beit Midrash** hosts a "Seudat Shlishit" with Rav Bookatz at the home of Andy Kopelowitz. Enquiries: (011) 887-2910.

**Sunday (September 25)**

- **Second Innings** presents Hamilton Wende on "House of War".
- **SAZF** invites you to the Interschool Finals of "Israel Quiz 2011". Venue: Beyachad. Time: 18:30. Booking is essential. Secure parking. Phone Marcia (011) 645-2550 or e-mail her at marcia@beyachad.co.za

**Wednesday (September 28)**

- **Balfour Park Parkinson's Disease Support Group** meets at 10:00 in the boardroom of Randjes Estate, Highlands North. Speaker: A community mobiliser from the Central Gauteng branch of the Cancer Association of SA, who will talk on "Cancer: Prevention, Early Detection and Healthy Lifestyle". People with Parkinson's Disease, their families, friends and caregivers are welcome. Contact Rosemary Burke on (011) 640-3919.

**Tuesday (October 4)**

- **Emunah Ladies Beit Midrash** hosts "Aseret Yemay Teshuvah - Night of Light". Join Sara Evian and Robyn Smookler for a life-transforming workshop as we use clay to create physical vessels for light and simultaneously create vessels within ourselves to draw the light and blessing into our lives. Time 19:30. Cost R100 per person. Booking essential. Enquiries: (011) 887-2910.

**Wednesday (October 5)**

- **UJW CT adult education division** hosts Frieda Loubser who will talk on "Genetics". Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Entrance: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).
- **RCHCC** hosts Stanlib Chief Economist Kevin Lings on "Global Economic Insights After Attending the IMF AGM in Washington - What opportunities for SA?". Donation: R70 (incl refreshments). Book early to avoid disappointment. Venue: Clive M Beck Auditorium. Booking: Hazel or René (011) 728-8088/8378, after hours (011) 728-8378, e-mail: hazelc@greatpark.co.za, renes@greatpark.co.za or www.greatpark.co.za

**Monday (October 10)**

- **SAZF** presents "Machal movie screening '804'", displaying the heroics of the 804 South African Machalniks who fought in Israel's 1948 War of Independence. Venue: Hyde Park Nu Metro Cinema. Time: 18:00 and 20:00. Cost: R50. Bookings: Miriam

(011) 645-2531 o/h or miriam@beyachad.co.za

**Wednesday (October 12)**

- **UJW CT adult education division** hosts Phyllis Friedlander and Lauren Snitcher who will talk on their experiences at the recent Ochberg Reunion in Israel. Venue: Stonehaven. Time: 10:00 for 10:30. Entrance: R20 (incl refreshments). Enquiries: (021) 434-9555 (mornings only).

**Tuesday (October 18)**

- **Emunah Ladies raffle**, R100, 14:30 at the home of Judy Moritz. Contact (011) 483-1005 Ethne.

**Wednesday (October 26)**

- **Chevrah Kadisha Social Services** is offering a 6 week budgeting course (starting today) with the focus on budgeting, money management skills and investment

plans. Donations appreciated. Bookings or more info, call Lara: (011) 532-9793.

**Thursday (October 27)**

- **UJW CT Women's Resource Centre** presents "Voices from Africa" at 09:30. Entrance: R190. Venue: Moyo, Stellenbosch Wine Estate. Enquiries: (021) 434-9555.

**Friday (October 28)**

- **Chevrah Kadisha Social Services' Domestic Violence Support Group**, is holding an 8 week support group (starting today) for women who are, or have been in abusive relationships. The group, which will be facilitated by a social worker, offers a safe and confidential space where women can gain information and support. No charge. Bookings or more info call Jacqui: (011) 532 9732.

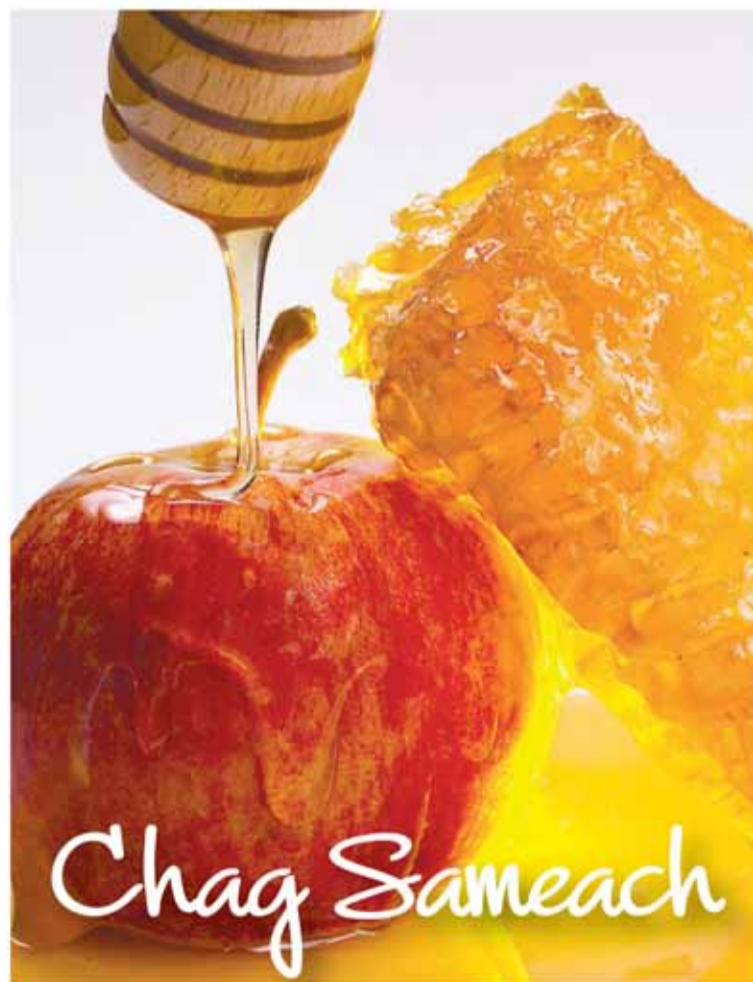
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- **JNF** is hosting award-winning Israeli chefs, "Taste of Peace" at Summer Place, at a dinner to pay tribute to Abe Krok, where they "will cook up a storm". Contact the JNF offices on (011) 645-2541 to book your seats or table.

**Tuesday (November 1)**

- **Johannesburg Jewish Male Choir** with Steven Leas (London), in the Linder Auditorium at 19:45. Tickets: R180 and R150 through Computicket and Evelyn Green. Early Bird reservations at discounted price available until September 18. Information: Evelyn Green (011) 728-5570, Anthony Jacobs 082-365-3765. General booking opens at Computicket on September 19.

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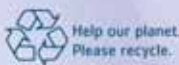
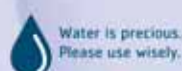
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# Fans flock to honour our Sydie



**Syd Nomis signs some of the memorabilia that went on auction at his tribute dinner at the Wanderers Club. (PHOTOGRAPH: JANINA BOTHA)**

**Former Springbok captain Dawie de Villiers addresses the guests. (PHOTOGRAPH: JANINA BOTHA)**



Cottrell, Syd raced down the field, accompanied by the passionate shouting of “Sydie! Sydie! Sydie!” from Afrikaans radio commentator Gerhard Viviers. The Springbok side won the test 17-6.

Remarkably, of his teammates from that era, just Tiny Naude is no longer alive - he passed away in 2006 - but most of the others were there to support the indomitable Syd.

The keynote speech was made by former captain and parliamentarian, Dawie de Villiers, while others at the function included Morne du Plessis, H O de Villiers, Piet Greyling, childhood friend Ali Bacher, and lifetime soul buddy Hugh Bladen.

In his speech De Villiers spoke about the camaraderie of the Springbok teams in the 1960s and Syd, in his response, said that his captain knew more about the Jewish religion than he did.

Remarkably, thanks to Syd himself, the evening never became schmaltzy. Syd, with his outgoing personality and remarkable sense of humour, always kept the mood light and entertaining.

Comedian Martin Jonas kept everybody laughing while singer and actor Michael de Pinna further entertained the guests. Some memorabilia of Syd and his team were auctioned off and there was some tidy sums paid for a few of the items.

For the record: Syd earned 25 Springbok caps and made a total of 54 appearances in the Green and Gold. Although selected 22 times for the Springboks on the wing, Syd’s first three Test appearances were at centre. He scored six Test tries.

**Morne du Plessis proposes a toast to Syd Nomis. (PHOTOGRAPH: JANINA BOTHA)**



**Former teammate Henry Oswald (HO) de Villiers talks about the “old days”.**



Thumbs down for anti-Semitic football team names