

LETTERS

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HIGHLIGHTING BRASCH'S ROLE IN SYNAGOGUE MUSIC

YOUR ARTICLE in your January 20 edition on the passing away of Doris Brasch, omitted to mention her work in the music of the synagogue.

Annually, when the Reform Movement had its special service to which the State President was invited, the honour of accompanying Doris' exquisite voice at the organ, often fell to me, in my capacity as organist-choirmaster to the various Reform shuls.

On those occasions, Doris would be engaged to join the relevant shul's choir and

to sing a number of the solo items as well.

Incidentally, it was these very State President services which occasioned the bombing of Temple Israel in Paul Nel Street, Hillbrow (the mother synagogue of the Reform Movement in South Africa), as came to light many years later at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Michael S Levy
Northcliff
Johannesburg

Looking for...

LOOKING FOR FILM FOOTAGE OF WALD'S 'SHECHINAH WINGS'

DO YOU have any wedding footage taken in Berea Shul between the 1950s and the 1980s? Filmmakers of a documentary on the life and work of late Johannesburg-based artist Herman Wald, are keen to feature your footage if it shows Wald's 6m copper sculp-

ture "The Wings of the Shechinah" – the two wings that flank the Aron Kodesh - in the background. Please contact Lisa Chait: 072-377-6211 or e-mail lisachait@gmail.com. All transfer or copy costs will be covered by the filmmakers.

WHO CAN HELP WITH DUBOVSKY INFORMATION?

STANTON DUBO from Florida in the US, is looking for information on his Dubovsky family - Miriam (also known as Mary or Ester) Dubovsky, Isaac Dubovsky and Zelig Dubovsky.

"I am searching for information about these relatives who were born in Lithuania between 1875 and 1920 and came to South Africa.

Stanton Dubow's e-mail address is szbow32@gmail.co

COMMUNITY COLUMNS



ABOVE BOARD

Mary Kluk,
National Chairman

A column of the SA Jewish Board of Deputies

IN ORDER to safeguard our democratic institutions, civil society needs to be constantly vigilant against anything that might undermine them. Such has been the case regarding the controversial Protection of State Information Bill. As an organisation that is committed to doing its part on behalf of the Jewish community, in safeguarding this country's democratic tradition, the Board has involved itself from the outset in the national debate over this.

We were among the civil society organisations that made an official submission to Parliament in which we pointed out the Bill's flaws and suggested ways in which this could be remedied.

Since then, our senior researcher, Steven Gruzd, has represented us on the Right to Know Campaign Gauteng Working Group, as well as on the Gauteng branch of the recently established Press Freedom Commission (PFC).

On Tuesday, he made a presentation on our behalf at the PFC's hearings in Johannesburg. This was extremely well received and has since attracted considerable favourable comment, including in the Twittersphere.

Standing up for our 'Right to Know'

It has been gratifying for us not only to be playing a constructive part in the ongoing debate, but also that our contribution, as the Jewish community's representative body, is being so widely recognised.

As things stand, the Bill, having been passed in Parliament on so-called "Black Tuesday" last year, is now being considered at provincial level. Hopefully, sufficient pressure will be maintained to ensure that the Bill is appropriately amended so as to remove the serious objections that civil libertarians have identified in the original legislation.

We will continue to remain actively involved, where necessary drawing on legal advice to ensure that our contribution to the process is reliable, well-considered and expertly formulated.

The YouTube-sphere welcomes our 'Travelling Rabbi'

The multifaceted work carried out on behalf of our far-flung Jewish brethren throughout southern Africa by Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, spiritual leader to the SA country communities and CEO of the African Jewish Congress, was the subject of an enthralling documentary – "Shalom the Beloved Country" - that was shown on SABC2's Issues of Faith programme last year.

Rabbi Silberhaft has now launched a YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/user/TravelingRabbi - which among other things, features all five parts of the documentary. It is already proving to be extremely popular, not just locally but worldwide, and I thoroughly recommend having a look yourselves to learn about the kind of inspirational work our esteemed "Travelling Rabbi" is doing.

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Rediscover love with Valentine specials

BY MARLENE BILEWITZ

LYNNE BACKOS, CEO and travel expert par excellence, can always be relied on to select the right destination for the right occasion.

She has chosen four out of many fabulous weekend "get-aways" for you to ensure a truly romantic Valentine experience. Lynne's philosophy is: "Never miss an opportunity to celebrate or say I love you."

The following destinations are offering bonus packages which could include discount vouchers for restaurants or sight-seeing attractions, Avis car hire and airline levies.

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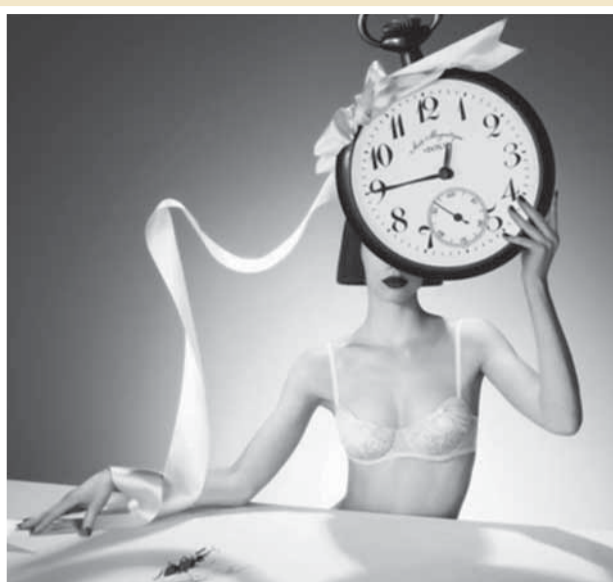
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Princess Tam Tam - rooted in vision of chic luxury



the right products.

The team at Tam Tam Collection is made up of highly trained staff: Leona Calder, the owner, her daughter Elzia and Jabu who have been together for the past nine years. They are passionate about the collection and making sure that the client receives the best possible service and product. Because of the relationships that they have built up with their clients, they now have a loyal and devoted following who truly enjoy the attention they receive - which makes Tam Tam Collection the designated store of choice.

The French brands

Princesse Tam Tam, the sought-after lingerie and swimwear brand, is available straight from the French catwalk. Princesse Tam Tam is the best-selling lingerie brand in France. The success of this brand, created by women and designed for women, is rooted in their unequalled vision of chic luxury and femininity at affordable prices. The collection is lacy, practical and colourful and barely does the gorgeous range justice.

Pain de Sucre, established in the south

of France, is the number one haute couture swimwear designer in Europe, with over a quarter-century of experience, bringing together the best talent in Europe, with bikinis as their specialty. The most recent fashion season includes some of the best quality swimwear available.

Suggest collection by Pain de Sucre, is a unique hybrid collection that bridges the gap between the beach and the bedroom. When you live in the south of France, your swimsuit tends to double duty as lingerie and vice versa.

A "PETIT" slice of Paris located in the trendy Blubird Shopping Centre in Birnam, the shop echoes the French boutiques by making a clean, contemporary statement of uncluttered space, softly draped hangings, rich furniture and wonderful crystal chandeliers.

It is within this feminine space that the lingerie and swimwear collections are beautifully displayed.

In 2001 Leona perceived a gap in the South African market for stylish, elegant but affordable French lingerie. Trips to Paris followed to source

Well-known designer André Hattingh changes direction



25 years came together, they would fill Ellis Park rugby stadium and the unique handmade natural fabric she has used, would extend for some 75 kilometres!

André has decided to follow a new road and an old dream and focus on her song-writing talent. "I have always wanted to just write music. I had to start my business out of necessity and now I feel is the right time that I can start a new career that I had always dreamed of."

She invites you to now come and visit her, before the doors close, and to experience these unique timeless garments for yourself.

See you on Valentine's Day!

DURING THE past 25 years, André Hattingh established herself as one of South Africa's top clothing designers. She started her business with one sewing machine and no capital. Due to a financial crisis in the household, she decided to spread her wings from the stage and bring out a collection of clothes from a suitcase of bedspreads.

She made an instant splash, but it was an upward struggle as she could not afford a shop. She spent the first 15 years of her business selling her garments at the Rooftop Market in Rosebank and the Organic Market in Bryanston.

Her ethnic designs were spotted by the Department of Trade and Industry and she was invited to show her "Images of Africa" collection in Paris in 1998. It was a sell-out and a turning point for her.

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If all the women she has dressed in the last

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