

## Operation Brother's Keeper #BringBackOurBoys

Charmaine Ryan

Standing room only took on a new meaning during the #BringBackOurBoys solidarity meeting convened by the State Zionist Council and UIA WA, held at Carmel Primary School's Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Hall last Sunday afternoon. Over 500 supporters filled the seats and stood three deep at the back even overflowing down the sides of the room.

MC for the meeting, *shaliach*, Leon Schneider, opened with "Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh" (all Israel is responsible for each other) a comment that has reverberated around the world since the kidnapping two weeks ago of Gilad Shaar (16), Naftali Frankel (16) and Eyal Yifrach (19).

Echoing Naftali Frankel's mother's comments, Leon said, "Our boys were just coming home from school... it could have happened to anyone."

Comparisons were drawn to Gilad Shalit's kidnapping in 2006. Leon said, then as now, the kidnapped boys are our sons and brothers. There was a spontaneously loud "Amen" when Leon said, "May they be returned safely to their families."

UIA Executive Director, Ori Demb, applauded the amazing solidarity from around the world including Perth. He said this solidarity sends a message to the kidnappers and, "All who know them... make no mistake, we are much stronger than you and determined... bring the boys back home!"

Unable to attend, Israel's Deputy Chief of Mission to Australia, Meir Itzhaki, wrote to the meeting: "Solid support such as yours brings comfort to the families of the missing boys... It is the second week of this ordeal and millions around the world are praying, waiting and hoping... their mothers may embrace them once again."

Friends of Israel WA Chairman, the Hon Bob Kucera, said children should be above politics, ideologies and national interests. He added,



"At the end of the day, those who support death over life are the real victims."

The boys' families had asked for Psalms 20 and 130 which were read with deep feeling and tears by Rabbi White and Rabbi Freilich.

A schoolboy himself just 10 years ago, Matthew Blumberg urged everyone, "Keep thinking, keep questioning, keep praying – for this is normal." He said he is, "confident the IDF will bring

our boys home safe and well. Please God."

Navit Shchigel concluded the meeting saying supporters are not helpless, "Stay informed; share the truth on social media; inform the public what is happening; sign Victorian MP Michael Danby's petition requesting the Red Cross' intervene (the petition is available for download on the SZC webpage). 'Like' the SZC on facebook so your friends can read what is happening..."

### Mother of abducted teen: It's hard to eat, sleep

"It's been a very hard time; it's hard to breathe – but we're doing it," says Racheli Frankel, the mother of Naftali, 16, who was abducted, along with Eyal Yifrach 19, and Gilad Shaar, 16, by Palestinian terrorists.

"We try not to think of the details of what Naftali might be going through, but to hope and are very, very optimistic that we'll see him soon," Racheli said.

"Ten days is very hard, when you're expecting your boy to come home from school," she said, her voice cracking. "He texted us at 9.30 that he's on his way, and then all of this happened."

Possibly the largest manhunt in Israel's 66-year history has been mounted, utilising thousands of soldiers, security and intelligence forces, and volunteers. They are combing Palestinian villages and fields in a massive rural, hilly area between Bethlehem and south of Hebron in an effort to find and free the teens.

"It takes an effort to eat, it takes an effort to sleep, but we're trying to stay sane," Racheli said. "We have other children to take care of and the family is extremely supportive, the community is extremely supportive; we get so much love and positive energy and prayers from all over the world."

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Hon Bob Kucera APM JP

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# Recognition

## David Goldman's work for CSG acknowledged

David's role as the inaugural Chair of the CSG Management Committee, a subcommittee of JCCWA, was celebrated at a recent luncheon in his honour hosted by Ruth and Danny Breckler. See page 8



Robin Cohen, David Goldman & Warren Kotkis

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## Community solidarity and support

The State Zionist Council WA, in conjunction with UIA, organised a solidarity event in support of the three abducted Israeli boys. The two organisations would like to thank those who took the time to show support for the Frankel, Sha’ar and Yifrah families. We are also grateful to those who took part in the ceremony and those who assisted in organising this event.

It is heartwarming when our community comes together in solidarity. We encourage all members of the Perth Jewish community to come together in better times too. This can be achieved by the strengthening of our community organisations and synagogues. Our community is strengthened by supporting events and donating to the organisations that bring us together with each other and Jewish communities around the world.

We join the Frankel, Sha’ar and Yifrah families, the IDF, the government of Israel and many others in hoping for the soon and safe return of the boys to their loving homes.

Navit Shchigel

## MZH launches the Asher and Fraida Shapiro Endowment Fund

The Asher and Fraida Shapiro Endowment Fund was launched at MZH last Friday and was attended by 70 friends of the Home. The Endowment Fund has been set up at MZH to resource advanced education and research in the area of dementia care at the Home.

CEO Dr Michael Preece spoke of the need to build a future for the Home through advanced education and knowledge. Older members of the Perth Jewish community who need residential care are becoming frailer and require an increasing expertise to meet their needs. Dr Preece said that in 2014 nothing can be achieved by chance and the Fund will assist MZH to further develop a service that recognises and respects each person as an individual, with a particular emphasis on those who live with dementia.



Asher Shapiro and  
AAWA CEO Rhonda Parker

Rosene and Mark Shapiro, Graeme Shapiro, Dr Michael Preece,  
Asher Shapiro and Rhonda Parker

Alzheimer’s Australia WA are partnering with MZH to deliver the training and advising the Home on how best to manage the environment and support systems. The passion for people and best practice that exists within the Alzheimer’s Australia organisation is a perfect fit with what we would like to achieve, said Dr Preece.

Alzheimer’s Australia WA CEO Rhonda Parker spoke of the impact that dementia has on people’s lives as well as their loved ones and how this important initiative will assist MZH to deliver on the changing needs of the community for many years to come. Asher Shapiro was surrounded by his family and delivered an inspiring talk on the role that organisations like MZH have within the Jewish culture.

Community members wishing to support the Fund with a tax-deductible contribution may do so by contacting MZH on 9375 4600. Dr Preece would welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of the new Fund.

# National

## PETITION TO PARLIAMENT Acknowledge our kidnapped boys

Federal Member for Melbourne Ports, Michael Danby, has sent a petition to Australian Jewry to call on the Australian government to acknowledge the kidnapping of the three Yeshiva boys.

The petition draws the government’s attention to: “the widely held belief that Hamas is involved in the kidnapping.” It asks the government to “condemn the kidnapping, request that the Executive Government convey to the Palestinian Authority its firm belief that the Palestinian Authority must co-operate and co-ordinate with Israeli Authorities in their efforts to secure the release of these teenagers.”

It further calls on the Executive Government to “request NGOs such as UNWRA, Oxfam, Human Rights Watch and the Red Cross (organisations which are the beneficiaries of Australian taxpayers financial support) to exercise their influence on Hamas to ensure that the teenagers are released unharmed.”

The Zionist Federation of Australia confirmed it had been informed by the Israeli Embassy in Canberra that Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit, which was scheduled for mid-July, would not take place.

It would have marked the first time a sitting Israeli prime minister had visited Australia.

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I value and appreciate the opportunity to address the readers of *The Maccabean*. It is the time of the year when we are *noodering* readers to renew their subscription – and with good reason!

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Phil Samuelli OAM  
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## Dry Bones



## Israel to Vice-Chair UN Committee on Palestinian refugees

Israel has overcome a coordinated effort by Arab states to thwart its appointment as vice chair of a UN committee dealing with issues such as Palestinian refugees and human rights. Mordechai Amihai won the appointment to represent the Western European and Other Groups voting bloc on the 4th (Decolonisation) Committee, receiving staunch backing from Britain, Canada and the UK.

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor thanked countries that supported Israel's bid and accused the Arab Group of hypocrisy. "The Arab Group did not see anything wrong with the membership of Iran, a state that arms Assad and Hezbollah, in the Committee on Disarmament and International Security."



Committee on  
*Times of Israel*

## Rally for kidnapped teens held at World Cup

Dozens of Brazilian Jews held a demonstration at the site of the World Cup in Rio De Janeiro last week, calling for the release of kidnapped Israeli teens Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Frankel.

The rally was one of many held around the world but it was considered symbolic, because there were fears that the plight of the kidnapped teens would be overshadowed by the soccer in Brazil.

"The international media has been silent so we decided to deliver the scream of the kidnapped teens at the event that the world is watching every day," said Rabbi Rami Avigdor.

"You have proven that the effort to return our kidnapped teens crosses continents and unites Jews around the world," Deputy Religious Services Minister Eli Ben-Dahan told the crowd. *JPost*

## Met cancels simulcast of anti-Israel opera, proceeds with live showings



New York's Metropolitan Opera (Met) has cancelled a HD transmission of the anti-Israel opera *The Death of Klinghoffer* following significant outreach efforts from the Jewish community, but eight live performances of the opera will proceed as scheduled.

The opera, about the 1985 hijacking of the *Achille Lauro* cruise ship and Palestinian terrorists' murder of one of its Jewish passengers, has been heavily criticised for its sanitisation of Palestinian terrorism and invoking of antisemitic canards. Klinghoffer's daughters, Lisa and Ilsa, wrote to *The New York Times*: "We are outraged at the exploitation of our parents and the cold-blooded murder of our father as the centrepiece of a production that appears to us to be antisemitic."

Myron Kaplan, senior research analyst for the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), was the first commentator to publicly criticise the Met's planned simulcast. Kaplan wrote that the HD transmission would give "wide international distribution to what is, at its heart, an anti-Jewish slander."

The composer John Adams said that in composing *The Death of Klinghoffer* he tried to understand the hijackers and their motivations, and to look for humanity in the terrorists, as well as in their victims."

Kaplan responded, "The opera's search for the 'humanity' of the murderers echoes the French saying that 'to understand is to excuse,' but one reason terrorism is a crime under international law is because terrorists deny the humanity of their victims." *JNS.org*

## Donor meeting for Palestinians delayed in wake of abduction

Norway announced that a planned meeting of an international donor group for the Palestinians had been delayed, with tensions running high after the abduction of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank. The Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC), which is responsible for coordinating international support for the Palestinians and is chaired by Norway, was set to meet in Oslo this week.

But Norwegian foreign ministry spokesman Frode Andersen said: "The situation is not conducive to having an AHLC meeting at this point." *Times of Israel*



## Miliband pledges closer ties to Israel if leader of new Labour Government

A future Labour government would forge closer links with Israel, Ed Miliband pledged in a speech to the annual Labour Friends of Israel (LFI) luncheon in London.

Praising Israel's economic achievements, democracy and hi-tech innovations, the Labour leader also called for a two-state solution and called the building of settlements in the occupied territories "a significant threat to a negotiated agreement."

The issue of Israel is contentious within the Labour Party, some of whom are members of the Labour Friends of Palestine. Although some welcomed the fact that Miliband mentioned the occupied territories, Israeli settlements and a two-state solution, others believed he made a mistake by aligning himself so closely with Israel. *IBT*



## Messi destroys Iran's hopes

Lionel Messi, Argentina's captain, broke Iran's heart by shooting from outside the penalty area to fire home an unstoppable shot for a 1-0 victory.

In the first minute of added time at the end of the game Messi destroyed Iran's hopes of getting an unexpected point against one of soccer's giants. A beautiful late goal by a man who has shown solidarity with Israel in the past and now with the three kidnapped Yeshiva students. *Way to go Messi!*

## Rally at World Cup recalls Iranian terror

Dozens of people protested as the Iran-Argentina World Cup soccer match kicked off in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Twenty years after the worst terror attack in Argentina's history left 85 dead at the Buenos Aires Jewish Centre, Israel maintains Iran was behind the bombing.

Six Iranians were identified as collaborating in the bombing, including Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi. Iran continues to deny any involvement in the bombing on 18 July 1994.

The peaceful demonstrators wore black t-shirts and held banners reading "20 years without justice" and "a red card for lack of justice." One minute before the match began the group held a moment of silence for the 85 members of their community whom could not be at the match. *The Tower*

## Germany records sharp rise in violent racist attacks

In Germany, the number of racially motivated attacks rose by more than 20 per cent in 2013 compared to the previous year, Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière said in Berlin.

De Maizière highlighted the need to fight Islamist terrorism and said the number of salafists and jihadists active in Germany was growing constantly. Mentioning the deadly attack at the Jewish Museum of Brussels last month, the minister warned that such an incident could also happen in Germany, and he urged closer international cooperation between security services.

According to the report, the internet is a key tool to disseminate openly antisemitic materials which are otherwise banned in Germany and also to popularise an 'individual Jihad'. *WJC*



## Hamas escalating conflict on Gaza front

Night after night, Hamas militants fired rockets from Gaza into Israel, leading Israeli officials to say they fear the terror group is escalating a conflict on the Gaza front.

With Israeli security forces conducting an intensive sweep of Hamas' infrastructure in the West Bank, arresting hundreds of terrorists, in response to the kidnapping of three Israeli boys widely acknowledged to have been taken in a Hamas operation, the pressure on Hamas is increasing. According to an analysis, as the noose tightens around Hamas' neck, the response from Gaza is becoming more and more militant.

After two rockets from the Gaza Strip were fired into Israel late last week, Israel retaliated with a series of air strikes on "three concealed rocket launchers in the northern Gaza Strip, a terror site in the central Gaza Strip and a weapon storage facility in the southern Gaza Strip," the IDF said.

The IDF has stationed Iron Dome anti-missile defence units in the coastal region of Ashdod and Tel Aviv.

### Noose tightening around kidnappers

A senior Israeli government official said that the noose was tightening around the kidnappers. Based on security assessments, it is believed the teens were still somewhere in the West Bank and that their abductors were unsuccessful in moving them in the direction of Jordan, Gaza, or Sinai. *Times of Israel*

### IDF widens clampdown to civilian Hamas institutions

The military is expanding its activity in the West Bank to target Hamas's civil infrastructure, a senior IDF officer said, amid reports that Israeli forces were looking to widen a crackdown on the group.

Israeli forces raided 10 Hamas institutions across the West Bank, confiscating documents and computers. The institutions include Hamas-linked charities in Hebron, Nablus and Jenin, as well as the offices of Hamas's Al-Aqsa radio station in Ramallah and Hebron. *Times of Israel*

**Hamas man arrested for Passover eve killing of Israeli man; Ziad Awad, released in Shalit deal, accused of shooting off-duty police officer Baruch Mizrahi; suspect's son also held; PM orders their home demolished.**

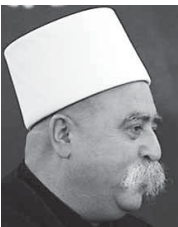


### Prosor to international community: Where are you?

Speaking to the press, Israel's ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor said, "It has been days since our boys went missing. I ask the international community – where are you?" Prosor demanded. "The kidnapping took place just 10 days after Fatah and Hamas formed a unity government. All those in the international community who rushed to bless this marriage, should look into the eyes of the heartbroken parents and have the courage to take responsibility by condemning the kidnapping."

Israel is now paying for the "bad deal" that the international community bought when it supported the newly formed Palestinian unity government, Prosor said. "It's worth recalling that the Palestinians recently signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child. They obviously signed without reading it."

*JPost*



### Druze leader sends message of solidarity to teens' families

The Druze Sheikh stressed that his community views Hamas as terrorists, and that the kidnapping was a terrorist act.

"As the leader of the Druze community in Israel, I want to give you strength in the face of this violent criminal act of terrorism, as there is no other way to define this," he said. Sheikh Tarif also said that many members of the community are currently part of the IDF operation to rescue the boys. Israeli Druze Arabs, unlike other Arabs or Bedouin, have made a communal commitment to join the IDF.

"I know that the best combat soldiers and commanders of the Druze community have made every effort in locating the children and capturing the kidnappers," he said. "This is our opportunity, as a Druze minority in Israel, to express solidarity with you and with security forces and the country."

"The entire Druze community prays for the release of children and stands by you with every request or need," he added.

*INN*



### Gaza terror groups warn residents: Beware of Israeli Intelligence

Terror groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad (IJ) are cautioning Gaza residents to be alert for signs of infiltration attempts by Israeli intelligence-gathering units.

"If you are contacted by a 'foreign entity' or get a call from an unknown number, don't answer the call," read a flyer being distributed, suggesting that residents "alert Jihad security forces immediately."

"Make sure to use false names, and do not update anyone, whether on the telephone or on the Internet as to what is happening around you," the flyer read.

Both IJ and Hamas believe Israel is trying to exploit Gazans' economic plight to gain information, and warn residents "not to be taken in by offers of economic aid, and to alert security forces of any attempts by anonymous groups to contact you."

*Algemeiner*

### Israeli child killed in Syrian attack

A 13-year-old Israeli child Mohammad Karake from the Galilee was killed in a cross-border attack on the Golan Heights last Sunday.

Karake's father, a civilian contractor for the Ministry of Defence, was critically wounded and a third person was lightly wounded. The wounded contractors who had been working on the security fence were taken by IAF helicopter to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

"This is not a case of errant fire, but of an intentional attack," an IDF Spokesman said. "The IDF will continue to watch the northern border and react to developments in the field accordingly."

*Jewish Press*



### Haneen Zoabi: IDF are terrorists and Abbas is collaborator

In a TV interview Balad MK Haneen Zoabi called the search operation to find the three boys kidnapped by Hamas an act of terror on Israel's part.

Zoabi claimed perhaps the boys weren't kidnapped, and Israel is just using this as a pretence to kill Arabs.

She then accused the Palestinian Authority of treason for cooperating with Israel.

There have been calls from other MKs, that Zoabi should be expelled from the Knesset.

FM Avigdor Liberman said that not only are the kidnappers terrorists, but so is Haneen Zoabi.

*Jewish Press*

Mohammad Zoabi:  
A brave Arab Israeli

Yvette Alt Miller

Looking out a window onto the Syrian border a few miles away, Mohammed Zoabi, a 17-year-old Arab Israeli said that he felt glad to live in Israel, a nation committed to democracy and human rights. "I really believe that I'm a lucky Arab, a lucky human being and a lucky Middle Easterner that I was born in this little tiny piece of land!"

A proud Zionist, Zoabi – like people across Israel – has shared his nation's pain over the kidnapping of the three teenage boys – Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaar and Naftali Frankel – by Hamas terrorists.

As Israel continues to search for the kidnapped boys, Zoabi decided to do what he could to help, and to show solidarity with the missing boys. At home with his mother in Nazareth, he put together a video and posted it online. Zoabi speaks in Hebrew, Arabic and English, imploring the kidnappers to release their captives: "On the day before yesterday, these three youths were abducted," he says, "And tomorrow it could be you or any other Israeli – Arab or Jewish."

"I am an Israeli and will remain an Israeli. Israel will remain a Jewish and democratic country," Zoabi promises in a voice raw with emotion. At the end of his appeal, he unfolds an Israeli flag, and intones the Hebrew phrase *Am Yisrael Chai*. Within days, Zoabi's video had gone viral.

Unfortunately, when an Arab Israeli expresses patriotism he takes an enormous risk with his life. Three days after Mohammed posted his video, Israeli police arrested three men in his own family for plotting to cause him harm. Israel's Education Ministry issued him a security detail, and assigned guards to his school.

His cousin, Hanin Zoab, a Knesset member in the Balad faction who is implacably opposed to Israel's very existence and is committed to the destruction of the country in whose legislature she serves, said she doesn't regard the kidnappers as terrorists. She derided Mohammed as a sleazy, mixed-up kid with identity issues.

A day after police broke up the plot to harm Mohammed, another Arab Israeli 17-year-old, Yihye Zakaria Mahameed, also received death threats when he posted a picture of himself holding a sign saying "Bring Back our Boys" on Facebook. Both he and his sister were terrorised for expressing solidarity with their fellow Israeli teens, receiving comments like "you cannot stay alive" and "we want to murder you." Mahameed and his sister are currently too afraid to go to school.

Hours after Israeli police broke up the plot of his family members against him, Mohammed issued a statement saying that he's received numerous death threats because of his video. He has therefore decided to keep a "low profile" for now.

But his commitment to Israel remains unabated; his solidarity with his fellow Israelis – no matter what their religion – is undimmed. "I will continue to speak up for what is right," he promised. "I'm safe, and will continue to be safe, especially in a great country like Israel. *Am Yisrael Chai*." *Aish.com*

To view the video online, search YouTube Mohammad Zoabi's strong message to the terrorists



A point of light  
in downtown  
Jerusalem

Avi Mayer

A handful of concerned Israelis came together to put up a small tent and a couple of tables in a busy square in the centre of the city. They hung up an Israeli flag and unrolled a banner: "Help Our Soldiers Help Our Boys."

Passersby were invited to contribute food items to be taken to Hebron, which is currently hosting thousands of Israeli soldiers involved in the search for the kidnapped Israeli teens. Though the soldiers have field rations, the local community has mobilised to provide them with snacks and comfort foods to thank them for their efforts and give them a taste of home. Today in Jerusalem, those who didn't have food to donate were invited to give cash, and paper and markers were made available to anyone who wanted to send the troops a message of support.

I came late in the day, but saw so many acts of kindness. Immigrants who could barely understand Hebrew heard the word *hayalim* (soldiers) and immediately opened their wallets. Children (and some young professionals) sat and drew cards for the troops. Teenagers and the elderly, secular and ultra-Orthodox, Israelis and tourists all came together to support the soldiers in their search for three boys whose names everyone now knows. Boxes overflowing with packages of cookies and bottles of iced tea accumulated, and plastic containers filled up with coins and bills of every denomination.

A nearby panhandler decided to donate half his proceeds from the day to the soldiers. "Love thy neighbour like thyself," he told me. "I have nothing, but when I give to them, I feel as though I'm giving to myself." Every so often he would get up from his spot on the ground and bring over a few precious coins.

When I later tried to give him some money to help him recoup his losses, he adamantly refused. I found myself in a bizarre reverse negotiation, each time offering him less money and being rejected every time. I finally gave up and he blessed me and my family with health and happiness. "My blessings are fulfilled more than anyone else's," he told me with a twinkle in his eye.

Today I saw a point of brilliant light in downtown Jerusalem, and I know I'll see more in the days ahead.

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# Presbyterian Divestment Vote

## PC against Israel

The Presbyterian Church (US) last Friday became the most prominent religious group in the US to endorse divestment as a protest against Israeli policies toward Palestinians, voting to sell church stock in three companies whose products Israel uses in the occupied territories. Union for Reform Judaism calls on Presbyterians to reverse their decision.

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church USA explained their decision to divest from three American companies which they said profit from Israel's occupation of the West Bank, with the general assembly's Stated Clerk Rev. Gradye Parsons saying, "We as a church cannot profit from the destruction of homes and lives."

He added, "We continue to invest in many businesses involved in peaceful pursuits in Israel."

The church's General Assembly voted by a 310-303 margin to sell stock in Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions, companies which supporters of the resolution said were involved in demolition and surveillance activities against Palestinians in the West Bank. Two years ago, the General Assembly rejected a similar divestment proposal by two votes.

Heath Rada, moderator for the church meeting, said immediately after the vote, "In no way is this a reflection of our lack of love for our Jewish brothers and sisters."

Presbyterians who advocated for divestment have insisted that their action is not part of the broader BDS movement (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) but both proponents and opponents of BDS are likely to see it as a further boost to the movement.

"We are already losing control of our message. Divestment will not end the conflict and bring peace. Divestment will bring dissension," said resolution opponent Frank Allen, of the Presbytery of Central Florida.

The top Presbyterian legislative body has been considering divestment for a decade. Representatives of the Presbyterian socially responsible investment arm told the national meeting in Detroit that their efforts to lobby the three companies for change had failed. Carol Hylkema of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network, a Presbyterian group that advocates for Palestinians and spearheaded the drive for divestment, said their action was modelled on the divestment movement to end apartheid in South Africa. The 2012 assembly had endorsed a boycott of Israeli products made in the Palestinian territories.

"Because we are a historical peacemaking church, what we have done is, we have stood up for nonviolent means of resistance to oppression and we have sent a clear message to a struggling society that we support their efforts to resist in a nonviolent way the oppression being thrust upon them," said the Rev. Jeffrey DeYoe, of the Israel/Palestine Mission Network.

Jewish groups and leaders were quick to condemn the resolution.

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, described the decision as showing a "preference for a policy of isolation rather than one of engagement." While emphasising that American Jews "have great



friends within the Presbyterian Church," he also acknowledged that "at a national level," the vote was "not a surprise."

Jacobs referenced the Church's sponsorship and dissemination of 'Zionism Unsettled,' a booklet condemned by a number of Jewish groups and complimented by former Klansman David Duke for its use of the term "Jewish supremacism" to describe Zionist thought.

"We will continue to partner with our allies within the church who are committed to a two-state solution, reject the effort of the BDS campaign to delegitimise Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, and work toward a just and fair solution to enable the Palestinians to achieve the state that they deserve. We will continue to advocate forcefully for two states for two peoples," Jacobs promised.

Jacobs delivered a forceful address against the resolution at the Detroit conference the day before the vote was held. In it, Jacobs invited Presbyterian leaders to come with him to Israel and address their concerns about Palestinian condition to PM Benjamin Netanyahu.

A vote was also held on Jacobs' offer, and the proposal to send church leaders to Israel was defeated.

Rabbi Noam Marans, the AJC director of Interreligious and Intergroup Relations described the vote in a statement as "a very sad day for Presbyterian-Jewish relations when church leaders from across the US align with the international BDS movement."

"This is an affront to all who are committed to a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The PCUSA decision is celebrated by those who believe they are one step closer to a Jew-free Middle East," said Marans.

Marans described the vote as the outcome of a decade-long campaign within the Church.

"BDS advocates within the church have been allowed to demonise Israel through one-sided reports and study guides, such as 'Zionism Unsettled', the latest and most outrageous church document on the subject," he complained.

*Times of Israel*



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## Netanyahu slams 'disgraceful' US Presbyterian divestment

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticised the "disgraceful" decision by the US Presbyterian Church to divest from three companies that provide supplies to Israeli forces and settlers in the West Bank.

He said that while much of the Middle East was "riveted by religious hatred, by savagery of unimaginable proportions," Israel is "the one democracy that upholds basic human rights, that guards the rights of all minorities, that protects Christians."

Netanyahu advised the Presbyterians to "fly to the Middle East, come and see Israel for the embattled democracy that it is, and then take a bus tour, go to Libya, go to Syria, go to Iraq, and see the difference."

"I would give them two pieces of advice — one is make sure it's an armour-plated bus, and second, don't say that you're Christian."

*Times of Israel*

# Plaque commemorates site of the Brisbane Street Shule

In 2012, as the Perth Hebrew Congregation celebrated 120 years since its establishment, the history of the congregation was highlighted. Through the support of the City of Vincent, a plaque was laid last week in Brisbane Street to commemorate the site of the original shule in Perth.

At the end of the 1800s and early 1900s many communities of various ethnic origins were centred around this area. The Jewish community was a major part of its neighbourhood, with most of its congregants resident nearby in the suburbs of Highgate, North Perth, Mt. Lawley and West Perth. The community was an integral part of the commercial, professional and social fabric of the society of the area.

The synagogue was the centre of Jewish life, catering for the religious, educational and cultural needs of the community. Apart from the religious services and education, the Princes Hall was used for Yiddish theatre, games and social nights, sporting activities and youth group activities. A block of land adjacent to the synagogue was used for sporting activities, scouts and youth groups.

In 1894, the Perth Hebrew Congregation was given a grant of Crown Land, Perth Town Lot No. 38 – a large block of land stretching between Brisbane Street and Robinson Avenue. The original building was designed by William Wolf, Perth's leading architect of the day, who also designed His Majesty's Theatre.

Two foundation stones were laid on 13 October 1896. WA Premier Sir John Forrest attended the ceremony.

The building was designed to accommodate around 300 men and 50 women worshippers and was officially consecrated on 1 September

1897 by Rabbi D.I. Freedman, the newly appointed first rabbi of the congregation.

A manse was also built in Brisbane Street adjacent to the Synagogue and a row of cottages was constructed in Robinson Avenue as an investment.

A contemporary account of the interior of the building read:

*"Very handsome and artistic are the embellishments in the interior of the building. The cathedral glass tones light into a soft, subdued shade. The reader's desk, on either side of which is placed a handsome brass lamp, is in the centre. Around the desk, seating has been placed for the choir. The Ark is in the south-western portion of the building, beautifully and artistically embellished". Externally, a large ornamental rose window occupied much of the space between the entrance arch and the apex of the roof. A circular tower surmounted by a cupola with a Star of David above it graced one side of the frontage and dominated the façade. The Hebrew words for "Holy Congregation of the Remnant of Israel" was prominently displayed."*



Michelle Urban, Julian Sher, Rabbi David Freilich and Michael Odes. Photos Sas Saddick

The building was extended twice to accommodate a growing congregation and by 1928 the capacity had more than doubled making it one of the largest synagogues in Australia. The building was re-consecrated in 1928.

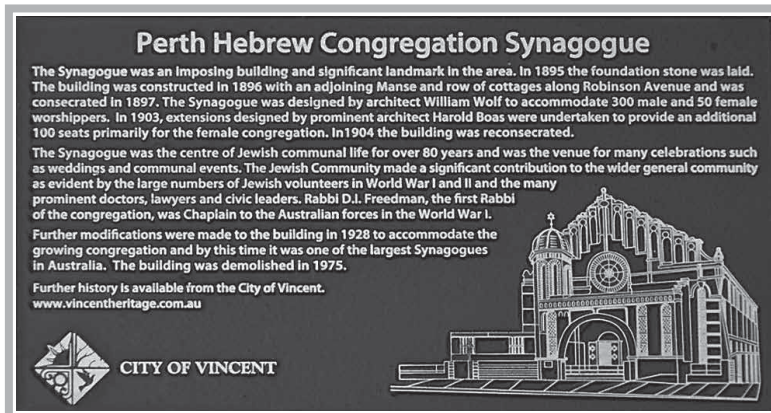
The Princes Hall, named after George, the Prince of Wales, and situated at the rear of the synagogue, was erected in 1905.

In 1936 a school building of eight classrooms for students and a hall for the Jewish Scouts, Monash Hall (after General Sir John Monash) was built on land behind the synagogue in Robinson Avenue.

This magnificent building was demolished prior to the building of the present shule and just prior to its heritage listing.

The plaque commemorates the site.

Further information is available on the City of Vincent's heritage website <http://www.vincentheritage.com.au>



## Recognition

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# David Goldman's work for CSG acknowledged



In 2009 David Goldman recognised the need to support Warren Kotkis and Robin Cohen, who had overseen the operational needs of our communal security since CSG was established in 1992. David gathered around himself a group of like-minded people in Danny Breckler, Peter Silbert and Danny Oblowitz, to work with him and bring professional management and much needed funds to support this work. At about the same time the Executive Council of Australian Jewry was working with JCCWA to extend the tax deductibility for donations to CSG to Perth.

David agreed to bring his committee under the auspices of JCCWA and set about achieving his objectives. Under his leadership he worked with the organisations utilising the CSG services to have them cover the operational costs.

Having achieved these objectives David then oversaw the support of the CSG Operational group led by Robin Cohen and Warren Kotkis in their work

to accredit the CSG volunteers as professional security officers, the creation of an operations centre and to further foster the security developments with our key clients.

Late last year David decided to step down as Chair due to business pressures, although he continued as a committee member. Tony Tate assumed the role of Chair and the CSG Management Committee continues to support the operational needs of CSG.

In thanking David, Danny Breckler spoke of David's strong commitment to community security and the outstanding work he did in providing the much needed leadership and support to Warren and Robin in the provision of the operational services. David was presented with a certificate to mark the occasion.

The committee also took the opportunity to thank Warren and Robin for their 22 years of operational leadership of CSG in Perth. Their knowledge and dedication is outstanding and we look forward to them continuing to work for the safety and security of our community.



# KKL-JNF on World Day to Combat Desertification 2014

*JPost/Green Israel News*

Over the years KKL-JNF has invested extensive resources in a broad ecological and environmental program to combat desertification and to upgrade degraded land.

In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared 17 June the World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) to promote public awareness of the issue and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification. It has been observed on 17 June every year since then, and 2014 is no exception.

The theme of this year's WDCD is "Land belongs to the future, let's climate-proof it." Objectives of WDCD 2014 include increasing the attention given to land and soil at times of climate change, mobilising support for sustainable land management, and including land and soil and their significance for food security into national climate change adaptation policies.

In Israel, the concept of combating desertification was accepted long before anyone had coined the concept of climate change. As a country that is largely arid, Israel has met the challenge of managing desert lands and combating desertification. KKL-JNF is the leading body in this field and over the years, it has invested extensive resources in a broad ecological and environmental program to combat desertification and to upgrade degraded land. The experience, practical know-how and technologies developed by KKL-JNF in forest management, water reclamation and conservation, and soil erosion prevention, may serve as a model for countries in similar semi-arid and arid regions of the world.

KKL-JNF, with help of its friends worldwide, funds and conducts ongoing research on desertification in cooperation with Israel's higher educational and research institutions. It has gained substantive and specialised knowledge

in spheres such as the management of adapted forests, forest interaction in semi-arid regions, research and monitoring, soil conservation and biological pest control.

As a result of Israel's cumulative experience in this field, many countries view Israel as a professional authority on central ecological issues, of which the primary ones are combating desertification as well as forest development. Researchers from around the world are very interested in the methods that Israel has developed for desert afforestation and agriculture, and KKL-JNF has held several international conferences on the subject in recent years.

KKL-JNF is more than willing to share its experience, research and technologies with agencies and countries facing similar challenges

and help in turning climate threats into opportunities for advancing sustainable land and afforestation practices. KKL-JNF also takes part in the ongoing discussions led by the International Arid Land Consortium (IALC) and the Middle East Research Cooperation (MERC).

In the words of KKL-JNF Chief Forester David Brand: "Over the years, KKL-JNF has developed advanced techniques for collecting runoff water in regions where precipitation is low. This allows us to plant trees at widely spaced intervals, and although it does not produce a dense forest, it creates areas that provide ecological benefits such as shade and grazing. Many countries throughout the world are learning from us how to combat desertification, how to conserve land and how to plant forests in arid and semi-arid regions."

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## Books

### A one-sided depiction of Israel

The Israeli journalist Ari Shavit's latest American bestselling book *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel*, offers a disheartening outlook, a definite but skewed reality, and contains much detrimental PR for Israel.

The book is very well written (Ari Shavit must have had a brilliant editor); it's an attention-grabbing page-turner but, at the same time, it reinforces the Arab agenda of delegitimising the State of Israel.

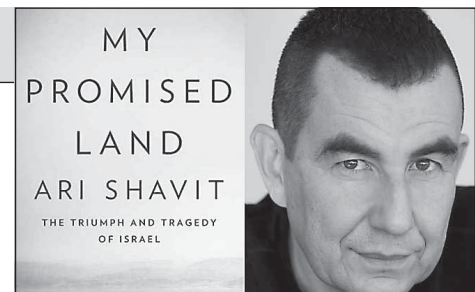
It may serve to convince the ignorant reader, lacking proper background knowledge or understanding of the particular history before reading the book that the Palestinian Arab claims to Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, the Galilee, Lydda, etc. is absolutely justified. And the Jews, the Zionists and the Israelis are the latest Crusaders whose time in the holy land is fleeting, as it will soon run out.

But the most disheartening aspect of the book is its implicit conclusions: that what the Arabs refer to as "the Nakba" – the Arabs' catastrophe, stemmed from the creation of the Jewish State – will always be the core of the Middle East conflict.

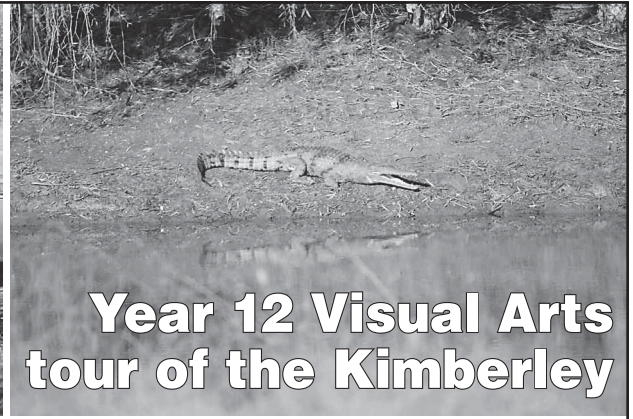
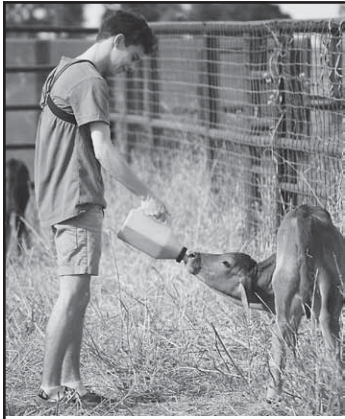
In fact, Ari Shavit's leftist ideology that strives for a peaceful co-existence with the Palestinian Arabs is also the one pointing to the only conclusion – that peace between Arabs and Jews is impossible as long as Israel exists.

Ari Shavit told us truth; but he did not tell the whole truth, and that is plain evil. So I could not recommend it to others or rate it highly because I was distracted by its one-sidedness and unfair depiction of my own promised land – the land of Israel.

*Arutz Sheva*







## Year 12 Visual Arts tour of the Kimberley

This year the Year 12 Visual Arts students set off north to the town of Derby over 2,000kms away from home. The aim of this trip was to expose students to new and unexpected encounters which will be invaluable to their personal learning. On this journey students were able to engage directly with indigenous Australians, enabling them to better understand and appreciate their art and culture, understand historical events from the Aboriginal point of view and develop mutual respect. Whilst in Derby we visited and volunteered at the Mowanjumb Art Centre,

participated in a Year 12 art class at Derby District High School, visited the iconic Prison Boab Tree, as well as a range of other activities interacting with the local members of the community. Whilst sitting by a billabong near the 20km to Derby signpost, where we had been advised was a nice spot to draw landscapes, we met a lovely couple who befriended us and invited us back to their house to take a lesson on boab nut carving. We were fortunate enough to be shown around the Livinging Cattle Station where Henry Sommer, a friend of Rebecca Brest's, is working taking good

care of the cattle. A trip along the river to see crocodiles in the wild was a real highlight.

An Australian experience like this doesn't come often, if at all. The students embraced the opportunity given to them, soaked up the sunshine, magnificent sunsets, low and high tide, vast differences in scenery, cooked kosher meals with basic utensils in a kitchenette fit for half a person. The obligatory games nights kept us all laughing and united and a wonderfully educational and interesting time was had by all. Where to next?



## Music Soirée



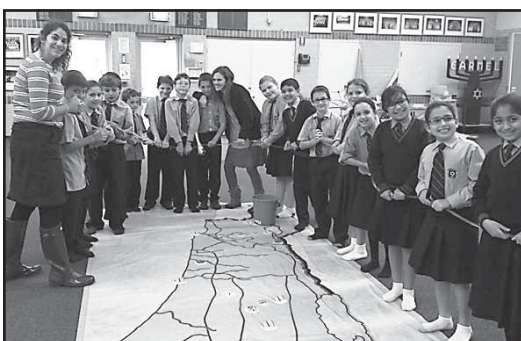
To continue to highlight the instrumental and vocal talent we have at Carmel School, the first of the Music Department concerts was held last Monday night to a capacity audience. The Performing Arts Centre, Kadima, was the scene to over 15 different performance items from over 40 students between Years 5 and 12, performing solos, duets, trios, a small ensemble

and in three concert bands. Congratulations to the Year 6 Scholarship Band for their inaugural performance.

Some of the standout solo/duet performances were: Dylan Kotkis and Joel Mierowsky voice/keyboard and guitar; Daniella Kartuz (piano); Danielle Gunders-Hunt (piano and flute); Taryn Gootkin (vocal solo); and Rebecca Brest (vocal

solo), both accompanied by Noa Levin (guitar).

A great rendition of Coldplay's *Paradise* by Joshua Raiter (clarinet) and Aaron Kavalsky (saxophone) as well as a short Brass Trio played by Samuel Majzner (trumpet), Mia Gild (trumpet) and Joshua Gild (trombone) helped highlight the various level of skills by a range of our middle school musicians.



## Keren Kayemet Leyisrael



The Primary students received news that \$916 was raised for JNF this term. Mrs Esther Wende was delighted with the donation which will be going towards a project at Merhav Am, a new community south of Be'er Sheva.

Our donation will be used for new outdoor equipment and landscaping there. Thank you to all parents and students who supported the fundraiser activities during JNF week as well as the Judaica Committee of the Primary School.



## Worming their way for the P&F

A few months ago the Kindy children took part in a worm farm incursion presented by Kim Frankowiak from Sustainability Assets Management (SAM). Kim offered Kindy parents an opportunity to purchase a worm farm which he would set up for them and for every sale, he made he would give a percentage to Carmel School's P&F Association. Some of our parents took up this offer and Kim handed some cash to the P&F this past week!





Hey fellaheen,

Wow the end of term events last weekend were so cool and delicious (pun(almost))! What a blast! lol

No peulot this weekend but I have this super fun activity for you to do at your individual homes instead.

Walk out to your closest park/nature reserve and stand under the biggest tree. Once there, circle the tree three and a half times. As you circle the tree, make sure you ask the tree for things you desire, because this is the tree of requirement. If the door does not open, come on winter camp.

Our ongoing competition of Things Wearing Gimmicks is well underway, so remember to send in your photos of #thingswearinggimmicks to the Habo Perth Facebook page!

You can keep up to date with all things Habo on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/haboperth](http://www.facebook.com/haboperth) and on **Instagram** @haboperth

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If you require any assistance, feel free to contact Zach Freund (Co-Head Coordinator) on 0403 837 918 or at [zachfreund4195@gmail.com](mailto:zachfreund4195@gmail.com).



*Just a thought...*

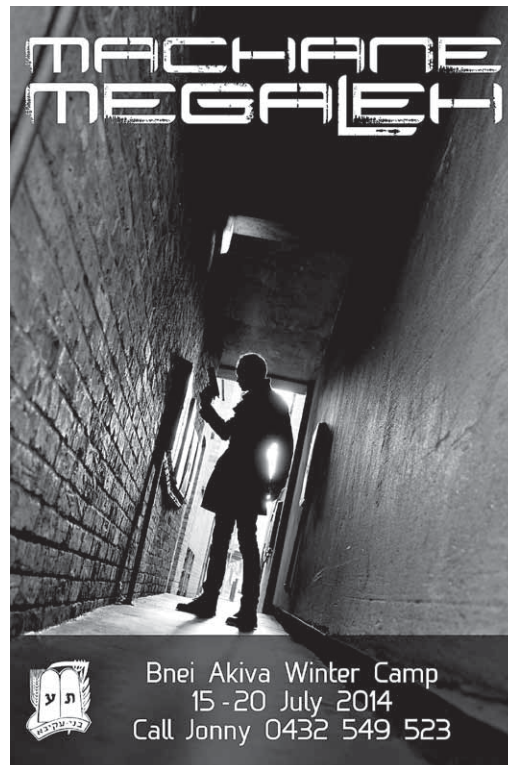
The best things in life aren't things.

We are lucky in this world to be able to experience the wonders that are other languages.



You can hear how the word "butterfly" sounds beautiful, no matter whether it is the French *papillon* or the Hebrew *parpar*. But there is one language that, no matter how nice sounding the word is in any other language, will strive to find a terrifying way to say it. For you see, the way to say "butterfly" in German is none other than *Schmetterling*. That doesn't sound pretty. Just like how their word for "pen" sounds like what happens when you put a toaster in a blender (don't do that children), as in German, your handy writing instrument is known as a *Kugelschreiber*.

To hear us say other funny words, come to Bnei from 4-6.30pm on the Holy Sabbath. And in case you've been living under a "stein", you should have signed up for MACHANE MEGALEH! If not, for shame. *Auf weidersehen*



## Award



## Technion awards honorary doctorate to Dershowitz

World-renowned lawyer and pro-Israel activist Alan Dershowitz has been given an honorary doctorate by the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Dershowitz was feted for his "standing as a distinguished legal scholar and criminal lawyer," his "fervent advocacy of civil liberties and human rights" and his "life's work as a passionate, persistent and persuasive champion of the State of Israel in numerous and diverse arenas."

"When the Reverend Daniel Berrigan called Israel a 'criminal community,' I wrote a strong response and challenged the hard Left," he said. "That was in the early 1970s."

Since then, Dershowitz said the defence of Israel has been "reactive" due to a change in world attitudes.

"I am becoming more active because Israel is more subject to this type of attack." He views BDS as a "serious long-term threat" directed against the peace process and the two-state solution.

"It's designed to end Israel's existence," he said. Asked how to combat this phenomenon, Dershowitz said, "We have to become more aggressive, have counter-boycotts, file lawsuits, point out the immorality, spread the word about what BDS is really about, fight it aggressively – but not expect that changing Israel's policies will have any effect."

While he did not believe the movement would ultimately succeed in getting universities to divest, the far greater concern was of BDS as a symptom of a deeper, underlying antagonism toward Israel's very existence. "It really represents the unwillingness of the world to accept the nation-state of the Jewish people," he explained.

While he does not believe that there is a

correlation between the peace process and BDS, Dershowitz said Israel should change some of its policies because "it is the right thing to do."

He hoped to put forth a new proposal to Israeli and Palestinian leaders calling on Israel to stop all settlement building outside the security barrier in areas that would become part of a Palestinian state. This would be in exchange for an end to Palestinian objections to construction in those areas that would remain part of Israel, such as the Ma'aleh Adumim settlement and the southern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo.

Dershowitz said he believed this would be a "win-win" for both parties that would help "de-escalate the issue of settlement building" and offer a short-term, limited compromise.

As for Iran, he called the Islamic Republic the "greatest single threat facing Israel today," with everything else piling in comparison.

"Israel cannot accept a nuclear Iran, no matter what it has to do," he asserted. "The most important thing Israel can do is be self-reliant, never to have to depend on anyone else. That is lesson of the *Shoah*."

"If you're Jewish you can't depend on anyone else," he stated. "You have to build a powerful defence force and you can't rely even on your best friends – the US. I strongly support that Israel be a nuclear power and have the strongest defence anywhere in the Middle East. I want to see a very strong Israel."

This is a lesson Dershowitz also applies to Jewish students. In a world with academic boycotts and BDS, they should "create a situation where you are in so much demand that no one can ever boycott you."

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### Batmitzvah Mazeltov

Mazeltov to Toni Grolman who recently celebrated her Batmitzvah at Chabad Shule. Toni and her family generously linked their simcha with WIZO's Batmitzvah Twinning Program, enabling a disadvantaged girl in Israel to also enjoy a meaningful Batmitzvah. Toni was presented with a WIZO Batmitzvah Certificate to honour the occasion.

### WIZO Aviva

Our next meeting is on 7 July at 7.45pm at the home of Estelle Lin, 9 Sekem Place, North Perth. We have some exciting things to discuss. All welcome!

### WIZO Ilana

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 1 July in the All Purpose Room of the Jewish Centre at 9.45am

We have as our guest speaker Hadas Demb, wife of UIA Shaliach Ori Demb. Hadas is presently a Fashion Journalist after many years in all facets of fashion.

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### Shalom Group

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Maccabi is looking for new members to join its Cycling Club, and for an expression of interest in wind-training sessions with a professional coach:

Attaching one's bike to a wind-trainer allows for indoor stationary cycling, an excellent solution for keeping active during the winter months when outside conditions may not be ideal. The sessions will be led by Coach Paul Loring, an accredited triathlon and cycling coach with years of experience.

If you would like to join Maccabi's exciting new sessions, please send your expression of interest to Shiri (shirifrd@gmail.com), with regards to the following:

- Whether or not you own a wind-trainer, and/or bike
- Times you would be available (Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning / Wednesday evening / Mon - Fri daytime)
- Expectations from the training (general fitness / weight loss / competitive cycling)



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## Table Tennis

### A Grade

Maccabi Heat lost 3-2 to Morley Magic  
Maccabi Heat lost 4-1 to Great Wall Warriors

We are really battling this year without a number of our top players for various reasons and are currently fourth on the ladder. Hopefully we can regain at least one place to finish strongly and make the playoffs.



## Thank You

### MAURICE RODGERS Z"L

On behalf of my sister, Pauline Behr, my brother, Michael Rodgers and my mother, Claire Rodgers, I would like to thank the entire Perth Jewish community for their overwhelming support during the hospitalisation and then subsequent passing of our beloved father and husband – *Maurice Rodgers*.

Words are simply not enough, but I will try. We would like to thank the wonderful carers at Maurice Zeffert Hostel who took such great care of our father during the past two and a half years. They went beyond their call of duty, constantly offering to do things for him and to help us, not only during his hospitalisation, but also when times were good. Some even took the time to visit my dad in hospital and attended his funeral. We felt comforted knowing that my father was surrounded by these loving staff at MZH who had taken him into their hearts.

We thank the medical team and doctors, including Dr Geoff Gild who was at my father's side whenever called. His support over the years to my dad and our family is indescribable. When Dr Gild was away, my dad was cared for by Dr Len Atlas and we thank him also for visiting my dad after hours.

To the residents at Maurice Zeffert, with whom my dad developed a close bond and who became our father's 'second family' – thank you for your friendship, kindness and company. You held a special place in his heart and in ours.

Then come the group of men, our friends, who sat with my dad for over 19 hours at Chippers, *Wachting*. And those who did the *Tahara*. What a mitzvah you all did and how comforting it was to know that our beautiful father was in your loving care. We can never thank you enough for the respect shown to our father at this time.

Now to the Perth Jewish community. Fortunately, we have never had to be on the receiving end of help and we were overwhelmed by the love, compassion and support, not to mention all the food. No words can describe how touched we are by your physical and spiritual support. What a wonderful community we belong to.

We appreciate the guidance and spiritual words offered by Rabbi Shalom White. This community is blessed to have such a leader who gives so much love and support to those in need.

For those who knew our father, Maurice Rodgers, will know the man he was. Blessed with a great sense of humour, he was a true gentleman – always putting others before himself. His life was his children and grandchildren and we are forever grateful that *Hashem* gave us the honour of being his offspring.

With our sincerest gratitude to all.

Jo Loewenstein

## Kol Sasson Congregation

Services at the PHC Beit Midrash

### SHABBAT TIMES

#### PARSHAT CHUKAT

Candle Lighting.....	5.03pm
Mincha.....	5.05pm
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit	
Shacharit Saturday Morning.....	9.00am
Followed by Torah reading, Musaf and Kiddush	

## CHABAD AUSTRALIA

### THE SHUL, CHABAD WA

11 Garson Court, Noranda. Phone 9275 3500  
[www.chabadwa.org](http://www.chabadwa.org)

#### Services:

Friday Night.....	6.15pm
Saturday Morning.....	9.30am
Sunday Morning.....	7.30am
Weekdays:.....	6.15am & 7pm

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 8	Winter Camp Gan Israel
August 10	Empowerment – Jewish Women's Convention



### Maurice Zeffert Home

119 CRESSWELL ROAD  
DIANELLA 6059  
PHONE 9375 4600  
[www.mzh.org.au](http://www.mzh.org.au)

### SHABBAT

#### Friday 27 June

Erev Shabbat.....	6.00pm
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#### Saturday 28 June

Shabbat.....	9.00am
Bnei Mincha.....	4.00pm

### PERTH JEWISH MALE CHOIR

On the first Friday evening of the month, the service will be conducted with the Perth Jewish Male Choir. All are welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Residents, friends and other congregants: Requests for Torah call-ups or enquiries regarding arrangements for special simchas, commemorations, kiddushim etc. at Shabbat services, should be directed to Mr Leon Levy at [leonlevy@iinet.net.au](mailto:leonlevy@iinet.net.au).

## PANELBEATING SPRAYPAINTING

### SMASH REPAIRS

Call George Lazarus  
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## CAR & TRUCK HOSPITAL

Unit 3 - 168 Balcatta Road, Balcatta

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### Perth's Progressive Synagogue

### Temple David Congregation (Inc)

34 Clifton Crescent Mt Lawley  
[www.templedavid.org.au](http://www.templedavid.org.au)



#### Friday 27 June

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

#### Saturday 28 June

8:50am Temple David Religion School

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

#### Midweek

#### Tuesday 1 July

9:30am Torah Text & Tea

#### Wednesday 2 July

Adult education classes for all levels of learner  
Hebrew from 7:00pm & Judaic studies from 8:00pm.

#### Wednesday 2 July

5:45pm Israeli dancing—all welcome!

#### Friday 4 July

10:30am Mums & Bubs Group

Come and meet with other mums for a coffee and a

For all queries, please call the office  
on 9271 1485 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am – 1pm  
or email [admin@templedavid.org.au](mailto:admin@templedavid.org.au)

## Dianella Shule

Refer to [www.dianellashule.com](http://www.dianellashule.com) for all  
shiurim and activities

### SHABBAT PARSHAT CHUKAT

27-28 JUNE 2014

#### Shabbat

Candlelighting.....	5.03pm
Mincha.....	5.05pm
Kabalat Shabbat.....	5.45pm
Shacharit.....	9.00am
Shabbat Mincha.....	4.55pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat.....	6.02pm

#### Sunday 29th June

Shacharit (Rosh Chodesh).....	7.00am & 8.00am
Mincha.....	5.00pm
Maariv.....	6.15pm

#### Weekdays

Shacharit.....	6.15am
Mincha/Maariv.....	5.05pm

### PERTH CHEVRA KADISHA INC

For funeral arrangements, please phone  
Chipper Funerals on 9381 5888  
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Chipper Funerals will then contact the Chevra Kadisha.

<http://www.perthchevrakadisha.org.au>





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**PHONE: 9271 0539 FAX: 9271 9455**

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# Friday night live!!

For a number of years our Shule had a breakfast every Thursday morning after the morning minyan at 6.30am. This discontinued for a number of reasons. Somebody made a comment a few weeks ago that in order to attract an even greater crowd to our minyanim we should reintroduce the breakfasts. I immediately thought to myself, what an insult to my congregation, to imply that they would only come to shule for a breakfast!! I told the person, in a tactful way, that is not why our shule members come to shule, simply for some cornflakes and eggs!!

I recently heard of a phenomena that some shules have in South Africa known as Friday Night Live. Apparently to attract people to shule once a month there is a sponsored brachah/dinner with different themes each month, ie. Mexican cuisine, Japanese cuisine, Chinese etc etc. Personally, I am not one to promote such gimmicks to attract people to shule on Friday night or any other time.

Of course I like to see many people coming to enjoy the service on Friday night and to enhance the atmosphere by being there. I am perfectly comfortable with children being bribed to come to shule on a Friday night by the Rabbi or president giving out lollies to encourage them. But as we mature so should our spiritual tastes also develop. I feel that to use material gimmicks to encourage people to come to shule does not enhance their reputations. In fact it's quite insulting!

Don't get me wrong I love having Kiddushim and social gathering Shabbatonim and breakfasts in the shule – in fact, the social aspect is extremely important. Yet it should be the spiritual beauty of Shabbat that attracts people to shule. That is what we call the "ikar" – the main attraction and the Kiddush, brachah or breakfast is the "tefel" – the icing on the cake!! Our shule is supplying a lot of icing lately!!

Thanks to Simone Glass and Jennifer Saker, our Shabbat Kiddushim are looking spectacular and absolutely delicious. One of our younger members, Matthew Blumberg, sponsored a magnificent breakfast on a Thursday morning a few weeks ago and another of our young members is sponsoring one next week.

I am also working on having a small Kiddush for everybody after the Friday night service so we can have a chance to say Shabbat Shalom to each other after the service.

All this however is a supplement to the soul food that we taste in shule. Yes, every Friday night is live at our shule, not by reason of any other themes but for the simple goal of keeping the divine gift of Shabbat itself!!

*Shabbat Shalom.*

*Dovid Freilich*

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# SHABBAT ROSH HODESH TAMMUZ

SIDRA .....CHUKAT  
HAPTORAH.....ISAIAH 66

## EREV SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING NOT LATER THAN 5.05PM

### Friday 27 June 2014

Mincha .....5.45pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv .....6.00pm

### Saturday 28 June 2014

Shacharit .....9.00am  
Mincha .....5.00pm  
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat .....6.03pm

### Weekdays

Shacharit .....6.30am  
Mincha / Ma'ariv .....6.00pm

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**Tuesday 1 July  
From 10am  
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Come along from 10am and socialise.  
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At **10.45am** the **Torah Topics/Jewish Studies** group will continue with a facilitated discussion led by Rabbi Freilich

**Please bring yourself and your friends, and take this opportunity to meet new friends.**

Further details available from Colin Rockman 0418 928 018 or [crockman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:crockman@bigpond.net.au),  
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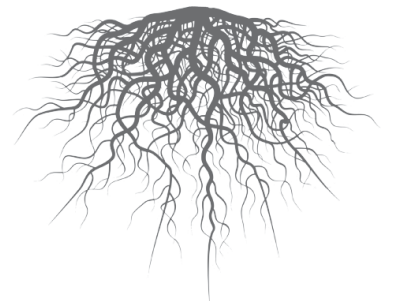
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## Personals

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