

Worst fears confirmed



The three murdered Israeli teens, L-R: Eyal Yifrach, 19, Naftali Frankel, 16, and Gilad Shaar, 16.

Bodies of kidnapped Israeli teens found in West Bank field

It is believed that the bodies were dumped in haste and covered quickly. The teens reportedly were killed shortly after they were abducted on 12 June.

At an emergency cabinet meeting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the three teens were murdered in cold blood, and that "the entire country is weeping with the families."

"We will bury the boys," Netanyahu said. Then, paraphrasing Haim Nahman Bialik's famous line that "Satan has not yet created vengeance for the blood of a small child," he added, "Nor for the blood of pure teens who were on their way home to see their parents, and who will never see them again."

Carmel School parents and staff received this tragic news in an email from Simon Lawrence:

"I am writing this from our accommodation in Tel Aviv as we enter the second week of our tremendous Year 10 *Shorashim* program.

This evening has been an incredibly difficult one for Israel and for the Jewish people.

No words can describe the tension in Israel over the last few days, nor the feeling of despair and loss tonight throughout Israel and amongst the Jewish people.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the boys at this tragic time. May their memories be for a blessing."

The bodies of three kidnapped Israeli teenagers were found under a pile of rocks in an open field north of Hebron, a few kilometres from the scene of the abduction.

The families of Gilad Shaar, Naftali Frankel and Eyal Yifrach were notified of the discovery on Monday evening.

A mother's plea to the UN and the world

"I believe much more can be done – and should be done – by so many," mother of kidnapped teen told the UN Human Rights Council.

On behalf of UN Watch, my name is Rachel Frankel, and I live in Israel. I've come here today as a mother. Twelve days ago, my son Naftali, and two other teenage students, Eyal Yifrach and Gilad Shaar – whose mothers are sitting behind me – were kidnapped on their way home from school. Since then, we've heard nothing – no news, no sign of life.

With your permission, I'd like to tell you about the boys. My son Naftali is 16. He loves to play guitar and basketball. He's a good student and a good boy – a combination of serious and fun. Eyal loves to play sports and cook. Gilad is an amateur pastry chef, and loves movies.

My son texted me – said he's on his way home – and then he's gone. Every mother's nightmare is waiting and waiting endlessly for her child to come home.

We wish to express our profound gratitude for the waves of prayers, support and positive energy, pouring in from around the world.

Being in this assembly, I wish to thank the UN Secretary-General for condemning the abduction of our boys, expressing his solidarity with the families, and calling for their immediate release.

And I thank the International Red Cross for stating clearly that international humanitarian law prohibits the taking of hostages, and for demanding the immediate and unconditional release of our boys.

At the same time, I believe much more can be done – and should be done – by so many. That is why we three mothers have come here today – before the United Nations, and before the world – to ask everyone, to do whatever they can, to bring back our boys.

Mr President, it is wrong to take children, innocent boys or girls, and use them as instruments of any struggle. It is cruel. This council is charged with protecting human rights. I wish to ask: Doesn't every child have the right to come home safely from school?

We just want them back in our homes, in their beds. We just want to hug them again. Thank you, Mr President.



Rachel Frankel (left, with yellow head scarf) addresses the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva.



Mothers of the boys at the UN

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An explanation

Occasionally, a special circumstance arises where it is necessary for someone to step into the breach. That special circumstance is the passing of Colin Shur, the dear father of our editor, Debbie Myerson. Consequently, this issue has been edited by Phil Samuelli.

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Worthy Ambassadors

Mazeltov Lisa Glick and Leanne Benn-Majzner on the incredible credit they bring to themselves and the community with the *ying&yang* article in last Saturday's *West Weekend*.

The forthcoming major WIZO event, *Pigments of Your Imagination* is a worthy beneficiary of this wonderful publicity.



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Mr Ken Lander

Executive Director, Technion Society of Australia

From Jaffa oranges to photonic chips – the story behind Technion Nation

Founded in 1957, the Technion Society of Australia is aimed at establishing a lasting relationship between Australia and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Israel's oldest university and the power house behind the 'Start Up Nation'.

When: Tuesday, 8 July at 7.30pm

Where: The Jewish Centre, Woodrow Avenue, Yokine WA 6060

Entry: \$5 (any further donations will be gratefully accepted)

Letter to the Community

#BringBackOurBoys

Dear Jewish community friends

We stand shoulder to shoulder with you in prayer and hope for the safety and well-being of these three young men. We also remain committed for the long haul in the efforts to:

- combat antisemitism and terror against Israel, her citizens, and Jews everywhere – to expose, educate, equip and engage; and
- offer tangible support and advocacy for our Jewish friends world-wide and their state, Israel.

Keith Buxton, National Director, Bridges for Peace Australia

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Inspired by a true story during the London Blitz of 1941, a gang of boys for 71 consecutive nights, kept fear at bay by rehearsing and performing plays for the captive audiences of a bomb shelter. Inspired by their example, director Damien Ryan puts a questioning spin on what is considered Shakespeare's most war-glorifying play.

To enter the competition, simply send your name, address and contact details in an envelope addressed to *The Maccabean*, Henry V Competition, 61 Woodrow Avenue, Yokine WA 6060 to reach us by Tuesday, 15 July.





Who does he think he is? Eli Rabinowitz talks about his heritage

Joint meeting of Australian Friends of Hebrew University (WA Branch), the WA Jewish Historical and Genealogy Society and Carmel School.

All three organisations met on a very cold winter's night last week at Carmel School to hear Eli Rabinowitz give an erudite expose of his travels and experiences in and around Eastern Europe, in particular Lithuania, in search of his heritage.

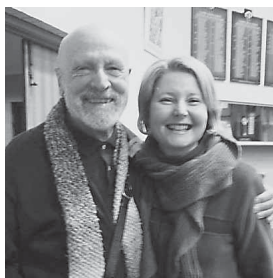
Eli brought his usual enthusiasm to the meeting, which was well illustrated. He shared many useful tips about his experiences and research in Lithuania, Latvia and parts of Poland. Travel in Eastern Europe is still value for money, and the internet has now made it possible to explore sites that were inaccessible until very recently.

One of the highlights of his talk was the school program in the town of Kedainiai in Lithuania. Here the English teacher is teaching students about the Jewish cultural history that existed in Lithuania of old. He made the very valid point that in Lithuania there is a greater effort to understand the past than in Perth; he advocates that more emphasis be placed on studies that allow students to explore their heritage.

Peter Winterton



Ros Tollman, Ros Jacobson & Sharon Friedman



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Eli Rabinowitz, Eve Tucker & Irwin Tollman

Looking closely at the things in life we call valuable, we notice one common thread. They are not means to an end but rather are ends in and of themselves.

Family is a good example of this. Whilst family may also have its evolutionary benefits (extra warmth, greater hunting capabilities etc.), the true value of family is essentially family itself, in the people who love and care for each other.

A further example is the Land of Israel. Whilst Israel may also be a place where Jews can turn to in times of trouble and a place where we can practise Judaism freely, what makes Israel truly valuable is not this. The true value of the Land of Israel is the land itself. The land is holy and it resonates with our souls. Israel, like family, is an end in and of itself.

The recent solidarity event for Gilad, Eyal and Naftali which attracted 1,000 members of our community fits into the same category. What made the event truly valuable, was not what was achieved through the evening. In my eyes, the true value was in the gathering itself – in the unity of so many of us coming together. That to me was valuable and inspiring.

Brad Kitay
Perth Community Rabbi

FOIWA on campus

Friends of Israel WA is soon to be represented on the Curtin and UWA campuses through the formation of clubs which will be registered with the respective Guilds.

Cassie Oblowitz (Curtin) and Eli Solomon (UWA) are enthusiastically accepting leading roles in establishing the new clubs and recruiting members from the student population. As distinct from AUJS, membership is not limited to Jewish students. The aims of the new clubs will be the same as the 'parent' organisation, namely:

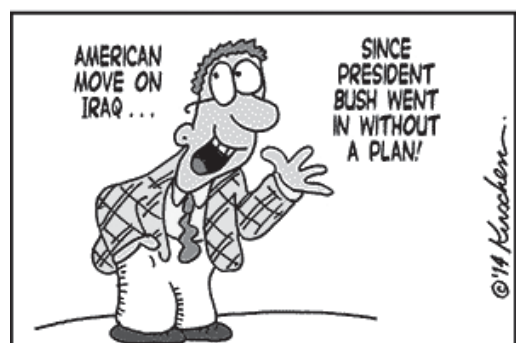
- To support Israel as the State of the Jewish people,
- To defend Israel's right to live in peace and security, and
- To ensure accurate and fair reporting on the Middle East.

The emphasis of the new clubs will be to promote a positive image of Israel as the only democracy in the Middle East as well as equipping members with appropriate advocacy skills.

The campus clubs will be autonomous but they will enjoy the ongoing support of Friends of Israel WA and AUJS.



Dry Bones THE IRAQI DISASTER



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Lauder hails French court's decision to extradite Brussels shooting suspect to Belgium

World Jewish Congress (WJC) President Ronald S. Lauder has welcomed a decision by a court in Versailles, France to allow the extradition to Belgium of Mehdi Nemmouche, the man suspected of having perpetrated the murder of four people at the Jewish Museum of Belgium in Brussels a month ago.

"This man should face justice in Belgium, which is where this heinous crime was committed," Lauder declared. "We have every confidence in the ability of



Ronald S. Lauder with Belgian PM Di Rupo

the Belgian judiciary to conduct a fair and expeditious trial. The truth will come out in the end, and justice needs to be done."

The court decided on Thursday that Nemmouche should be handed over to Belgian authorities who are investigating last month's museum attack. The 29-year-old had fought with Islamic extremists in Syria and was arrested carrying weapons resembling those used in the killings.

His lawyer, Apolin Pepiezep, said they would appeal the extradition decision, arguing that the case should be handled in France because Nemmouche is a French citizen and was arrested in France.



Mehdi Nemmouche in 2011

WJC



US Secretary of State John Kerry and Martin Indyk

Martin Indyk quits State Department

Martin Indyk is resigning as the chief US negotiator for Israeli-Palestinian peace, but will continue to consult on the issue.

"I'm grateful for the wisdom and insight he's brought to our collective efforts," said US Secretary of State John Kerry.

The statement said Indyk will "continue to work closely" with Kerry now that he has left government and returns to the Brookings Institution think-tank as a vice president and director of foreign policy.

Indyk, hired last July, coordinated negotiations until they collapsed in April. Israeli officials expressed anger with Indyk for saying that Israeli settlement expansion was a principal reason for the talks' collapse.

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Times Square billboard calls to #BringBackOurBoys

An advertisement calling for the return of three kidnapped Israeli teens has been running on a digital billboard in Times Square.

"On 12 June 2014, three teenage boys were kidnapped in Israel, one of them an American citizen," reads the 40-foot-by-40-foot ad purchased by the Young Israel of the West Side, an Orthodox synagogue in Manhattan. "These boys are not soldiers. They are not fighters. They are not violent. These boys are our sons. Our brothers. Our grandchildren. Our nephews. Our friends. Please help create global awareness."

The ad aired for 15 seconds twice every hour, which usually costs \$15,000, the *New York Post* reported. The synagogue was silent on the cost of its ad, which appeared for the first time on Tuesday.

The ad displayed photos of the abducted teens — Naftali Frankel, Gilad Shaar and Eyal Yifrach — and the hashtag #BringBackOurBoys.

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Lieberman: Independent Kurdish state a foregone conclusion

Joshua Levitt



Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman has told US Secretary of State John Kerry that the emergence of an independent Kurdish state was a "foregone conclusion," while Israeli President Shimon Peres told reporters in Washington that the "de-facto" state Kurds have created is democratic.

The public endorsements come only days after Kurdish oil tanker SCF Altai was unloaded in Israel's Ashkelon Port after having been shunned by the US and Morocco to not upset the embattled Iraqi regime in Baghdad, which opposes the Kurds using their own pipeline network to Turkey to export their crude.

In Paris, Lieberman was quoted as telling Kerry, "Iraq is breaking up before our eyes and it would appear that the creation of an independent Kurdish state is a foregone conclusion." Kerry has visited Iraqi Kurdish leaders and urged them to seek deeper political integration with Baghdad.

Peres said he had told US President Barack Obama that he did not see unifying Iraq as possible without "massive" foreign military intervention, with Kurdish separation from the Shi'ite Muslim majority and Sunni Arab minority being beneficial. "The Kurds have, de facto, created their own state, which is democratic."

"Jews and Kurds are more than just neighbours," said Arab Affairs Analyst Ksenia Svetlova. "They are actually close relatives who share a common ancestor — the biblical patriarch Abraham. This view is widespread among Kurds in Iraqi Kurdistan, where many believe Abraham was of Kurdish descent."

"Many Kurds draw close parallels with Israel, also a non-Arab nation encircled by enemies who oppose its independence," Svetlova said.

Algemeiner

Israel names suspects in kidnapping of three teens

Avi Issacharoff
& Adiv Sterman

Hamas operatives Amer Abu Aysha and Marwan Kawasme have been absent from their homes in Hebron since the youths went missing.

Israeli authorities last week named two West Bank Palestinians as prime suspects in the kidnapping of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank two weeks ago.

The two alleged abductors, Amer Abu Aysha and Marwan Kawasme, are both known Hamas members. They have been missing from their homes in Hebron's Hares neighbourhood ever since the kidnapping took place on the night of June 12 and are still at large. Israeli security forces have been engaged in a massive operation to find the abducted youths.

The identities of the suspected kidnappers, who attended prayer services regularly at the same mosque, have been known to Israel since soon after the kidnapping, but were kept secret as the search operation continued over the past two weeks. They are alleged to have been in the car in which Gilad Shaar, Eyal Yifrach and Naftali

Frankel were abducted from a hitchhiking post near the settlement of Alon Shvut in the Ezion Bloc south of Jerusalem, Israeli officials said. Other members of their Hamas group have been arrested, the officials added.

Hamas officials in Hebron confirmed the two suspects were members, and said Israeli troops have targeted the men's homes since the beginning of the operation. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of fears for their safety, said troops had entered the homes several times, conducting intense searches and confiscating items as evidence.

Israel has blamed Hamas for the kidnapping of Frankel, Yifrach and Shaar, though the Islamist group has denied involvement. Thousands of Israeli troops have searched hundreds of locations in the West Bank and arrested some 400 Palestinians, many from Hamas, including some



Suspected kidnappers Amer Abu Aysha (left) and Marwan Kawasme (right)

who were freed in a 2011 prisoner exchange for Hamas-kidnapped Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit.

In recent days, search efforts have focused on an area north of Hebron, where some 1,500 soldiers have been deployed.

The IDF's Chief of General Staff Benny Gantz said that "as time passes, the fear grows," but stressed that Israel's working assumption is that the three Israeli teenagers are alive.

Times of Israel



Arabs menace Jewish group on Temple Mount

Hundreds of Arabs chanting anti-Jewish epithets surrounded a group of Jews who ascended the Temple Mount. Many of the Arabs also held up three fingers, a triumphant sign of the three kidnapped Israeli teens, during Wednesday's incident. Muslim children at a summer camp accosted the group before they were then joined by adults in a confrontation.

The Jewish group's visit had been authorised by security officials at the Temple Mount. Police officers attempted to separate the groups and then escorted the Jewish group from the site, according to Israel National News.

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Dry Bones IT'S SIMPLE



New poll: Majority of Palestinians oppose two-state solution

Michael Wilner

Sixty per cent of those polled, including 55% in West Bank and 68% in Gaza, reject permanent acceptance of Israel's existence.

A clear majority of Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip oppose a two-state solution to end their struggle with Israel, according to a poll released on Wednesday.

Sixty per cent of those polled, including 55% in the West Bank and 68% in Gaza, reject permanently accepting Israel's existence and instead suggest their leaders "work toward reclaiming all of historic Palestine, from the river to the sea." Two-thirds of those polled support continued "resistance" against the Jewish state. Consequentially, those who say they support a two-state solution view such a move as "part of a 'program of stages' to liberate all of historic Palestine later."

The survey, conducted throughout the Palestinian territories, was commissioned by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and was conducted by a leading Palestinian pollster from 15-17 June.

The Washington Institute characterised the poll's results as a sudden, hardline shift within the Palestinian community. It also presented the pragmatism revealed in the minutia of the survey: 80% of Palestinians would "definitely" or "probably" be in favour of greater job opportunities in Israel, and 70% of Gazans strongly favour Hamas maintaining its cease-fire with the IDF – despite generally favouring resistance.

The Institute's scholars concluded from the report that "US policy should seriously consider abandoning all hope for now of a permanent Israeli-Palestinian peace deal," and instead should "focus on immediate steps to lower tensions" and on improving conditions on the ground.

The State Department's special envoy to that effort was Martin Indyk, founder of the Washington Institute.

Times of Israel

Jihad against Jews and the coming European exodus

Emanuele Ottolenghi

A Jewish exodus will be a rude awakening to Europeans who wish to ignore the problem of anti-Semitism for which Western Europe remains a friendly place

For three years Western governments have viewed Syria mostly as a problem from hell. They lamented Syria's descent into the abyss of civil war and mass atrocities. They expressed hope for a political solution. They imposed sanctions on Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, and his close associates and relatives.

They provided some aid for the humanitarian crisis. And they offered some rhetorical support and material help – though by no means decisive – to moderate elements of Syria's beleaguered opposition.

But their bottom line was: this is someone else's problem and that, somehow, what happens in Syria, lamentable as it may be, stays in Syria.

That changed on Saturday, 24 May – the day before most European countries went to the polls to elect a new European Parliament, when, according to French police who arrested him a few days later, Mehdi Nemmouche, a young French Muslim from Marseille with a criminal past, walked into the Jewish Museum in Brussels, took out a Kalashnikov, and calmly proceeded to murder four people who were inside the museum at the time, before disappearing into thin air.

He is now fighting extradition to Belgium and denies all charges.

Nemmouche is a graduate of the Syrian jihad. Like thousands of other young Muslims from all over the world, he has travelled to Syria to fight alongside al-Qaeda and other jihadi groups against Assad, before returning home.

Unlike his Afghan jihadi predecessors a generation before – most of whom hailed from the Arab world and other Islamic countries – Nemmouche is a citizen of the European Union.

There are thousands of others like him who, having grown up in the West as children and grandchildren of Muslim immigrants, have been radicalised in the West, travelled to Syria to join the jihad, learned to fight, and are now back, more extreme than before their departure, and more skilful at turning their ideas into deeds.

Like Mohamed Merah, who two years ago stormed a Jewish school in Toulouse and slaughtered three children and a teacher, Nemmouche combines a vicious hatred for Jews with the skills to kill them. While the latter is not exclusively the product of his time in Syria, the military aloofness he displayed in methodically murdering his victims is a result of his time in battle.

It is a serious escalation in the quality and level of threat of homegrown Islamic terrorism in Europe and, potentially, elsewhere in Western societies.

As it happens, Nemmouche chose to go after a Jewish target, which will give many an excuse to continue to ignore the Syrian problem or the Islamic radicals it is sending back into Western societies. Social media responses to



Mourning at the Jewish Museum of Belgium

the outrage included much raw hatred aimed to downplay, dismiss or even justify Nemmouche's actions under the tired pretext of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Thus, efforts by supporters of the Palestinian cause to excuse the killing of Jews again offered strong evidence that Israel's robust and frequent equation of anti-Zionism to anti-Semitism is spot-on.

They also proved another more sinister point. While Nemmouche's hatred for the Jews may have emerged in extreme circles, extremism rarely gets away with murder unless the more moderate environment which it aims to influence is not at least somewhat receptive to its ideology. And when it comes to anti-Semitism, Western Europe remains a friendly place.

Belgium, in particular, has witnessed a steady stream of such a poisonous diet of Jew-hatred in recent years. Jewish institutions feel more like fortresses than houses of study and prayer. They are heavily patrolled and barricaded. Jewish students have been routinely attacked. All the while, politicians have downplayed and trivialised vicious anti-Jewish rhetoric – often disguised as Palestinian solidarity – and in some instances even actively supported it.

Predictably, within days, one of political Islam's leading ideologues in Europe – the Geneva-born Tariq Ramadan – was peddling the unsubstantiated notion that the Israeli couple who succumbed to Nemmouche's bullets had been killed intentionally in a targeted assassination.

It is not the first time this has happened: since Islamists hit Madrid's Atocha railway station in March 2004, killing 191 people, their mounting outrages in Europe have been accompanied by an orchestrated public campaign of sympathisers whose goal is to divert attention from the real problem and, in the process, help their agenda.

The results have been predictable. Jews feel understandably vulnerable, with an increase in numbers leaving for safer shores – Israel or North America being the primary destinations – and even more people exploring the option or encouraging the younger generations to leave.

That may happen in time, especially if European

societies continue to downplay the Islamist threat or pretend, in typical Marxist fashion, that it is the by-product of legitimate political grievances and relative economic deprivation. But a Jewish exodus will be a rude awakening to those Europeans who wish to ignore the problem.

The returning jihadis hate Western society no less – and once the Jews are gone, there will be plenty of other infidels to go after.

That is why, among other things, the Brussels Jewish Museum terror attack should not just alert Europeans to the threat of homegrown radicalism; it should also be a wake-up call for the need to alter the West's Syria policy.

Inaction has allowed Syria to become the breeding ground of thousands of potential Nemmouches whose murderous rage will not stop at Jews. It is time to put an end to that too.

The Commentator

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Court orders extradition of alleged Brussels museum shooter

A French court ordered the extradition of Mehdi Nemmouche, the Frenchman suspected of killing four people at the Jewish museum in Brussels.

According to reports, the court in Versailles approved Nemmouche's extradition to Belgium to face murder charges.

Nemmouche has been in police custody on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and possession of weapons since his 30 May arrest in the southern French city of Marseille.

Nemmouche had refused extradition, then changed his mind on condition that he not be ordered to be sent to a third country, namely Israel, for trial. Two of the people murdered in the attack were Israeli.

French police believed Nemmouche committed the 24 May murders at the Jewish Museum of Belgium and then travelled to Marseille on a bus. He was arrested at a routine customs inspection of the passengers on the bus, which left from Amsterdam via Brussels to France.

Belgian federal prosecutor Frederic Van Leeuw said earlier this month that a video found after Nemmouche's arrest contains his voice claiming responsibility for the attack and murders. Nemmouche had tried to film the attack, according to Van Leeuw, but the camera failed.

Nemmouche, who lived in the French city of Roubaix on the border with Belgium, had spent several years in a French jail for armed robbery. French authorities believe he left for Syria via Belgium to fight with jihadists in 2012 before returning to Europe.

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Mahmoud Abbas has made a pact with devil: kidnaps are but one outcome

Shmuel Ben-Shmuel



As a parent, I'm terrified by the too-true revelations that a school-aged boy called the police in a panic to say he and his friends had been kidnapped.

As an Israeli, I'm resigned to the reality that the abduction of 16-year-olds Gilad Shaar and Naftali Frankel and 19-year-old Eyal Yifrach is just the latest evil chapter from the Hamas terror playbook.

Just 10 days after Hamas and Fatah signed a so-called unity deal, the fairytale is over. No longer can we continue to delude ourselves that there will be lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians while Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas aligns himself with such a murderous organisation.

The nightmare these teens find themselves in now follows more than a dozen thwarted kidnapping attempts this year. It proves that a Palestinian government with Hamas as a ruling constituent is the key impediment to lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

In addition to having a charter that directly calls for the violent destruction of Israel, Hamas has launched more than 10,000 rockets and mortars at, and infiltrated dozens of suicide bombers into, my homeland. Hamas is directly responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Israeli civilians, and their actions mere days after signing a peace agreement make it clear they haven't changed a bit.

We are witnessing the acts of an evil enterprise that sees nothing wrong in the new low of kidnapping teenagers who would be too young to vote in Australia, and would most likely just be worrying about the sorts of things normal Year 10 students fret about.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is entirely correct in his characterisation of a Hamas-Fatah partnership as "bad for Israel, bad for the Palestinians and bad for the region". But make no mistake; the burden faced by Palestinians is as great, if not greater, than that faced by everyone else. Since taking power in Gaza, thousands have perished as the result of Hamas's murderous commitment to frontier justice, cronyism and administrative indifference.

In the ensuing civil war, Hamas militants threw their opponents gleefully off roofs and out of hospitals. Their children's television shows glorify martyrdom, jihad and ridding the earth of Jews; thereby instilling in an entire

generation hate, fear and mistrust. I fear the unity deal will only unnecessarily subject the Palestinians of the West Bank to further Hamas brutality.

Without a shadow of doubt, a unity government with Hamas as a member is the single largest obstacle to a peace agreement. Even after signing the unity pact, Hamas still categorically rejects the Quartet conditions to stop terrorism, recognise Israel and accept previous agreements between the Palestinian Authority and Israel.

It has long been defined as a terrorist organisation by Australia and practically every other Western nation, and Australian government representatives abroad are explicitly instructed to avoid contact with Hamas officials. It seems that where Australia and the rest of the civilised world see a threat, Abbas sees an ally. In witnessing every parent's worst nightmare – the abduction of these innocent boys – we are observing the entirely predictable ramifications of teaming up with a terrorist organisation whose *raison d'être* is the annihilation of Israel.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but also requires the presence of goodwill. By siding with Hamas, Abbas has made a pact with the devil, and must now face the consequences. While Israel regrets the President's decision to choose an alliance with terror over negotiation, the world community must hold the Palestinian Authority and Abbas responsible for any attacks that emanate from Palestinian-controlled territory.

I applaud the efforts of so many to bring our boys back, and hope and pray that they will be found quickly and safely. But our hopes must not stop there. We must instead strive to vigorously pursue the promise of peace that is possible only if we reject Hamas. The Palestinians deserve a government that will represent their needs and aspirations, and this is not one with Hamas as a core element.

As an Israeli, parent and diplomat my personal aspirations and professional goals are identical: lasting peace. If Abbas can rejoin the international community consensus on the dangers of Hamas, he will find a willing partner for peace in Israel. I hope and pray that this will happen before another tragedy.

The Australian

Shmuel Ben-Shmuel is Israel's ambassador to Australia

East Jerusalem stance clarified

Gareth Narunsky

National Jewish leaders last week said they have no issue with an apparent softening of the federal government's stance on the status of East Jerusalem. Earlier this month, Attorney-General George Brandis announced that the government would not use the term "Occupied East Jerusalem" due to it having "pejorative implications".

The decision sparked a backlash from Arab nations, with the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) claiming Australia had adopted an "illegal position" and asking its member states to take necessary measures, presumably trade sanctions, in response.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has since met with and written to Arab leaders assuring them that Australia's position on the status of East Jerusalem has not changed and is "consistent with relevant UN resolutions on the issue, adopted over many years, starting with UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338".

"Senator Brandis' statement was about nomenclature, and was not a comment on the legal status of the Palestinian Territories," she wrote.

Head of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Izzat Abdulhadi, told *Sky News* that Bishop "repeated several times" during the meeting that East Jerusalem is occupied.



He added, "The Australian government will not use capital 'O' when it comes to occupied East Jerusalem. They continue to use the small 'o'."

When asked for clarification on Abdulhadi's remarks, a spokesperson for Bishop said only that "the Australian government will refer to the geographic name 'East Jerusalem'".

Bishop has told ABC Radio that "the Coalition has never disputed the historical fact that, in 1967, Israel occupied East Jerusalem."

Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) executive director Colin Rubenstein said Bishop had not backtracked from the stance announced by Brandis. "It is now clear that Australian government ministers over a long period followed a well-established bipartisan policy with their descriptions of East Jerusalem. The take-outs of this incident are that the anti-Israel chorus will use disinformation and bullying in attempts to twist the Australian position to suit agendas which are as harmful to Palestinians as they are to Israel."

Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) president Robert Goot reiterated ECAJ's position. "Territorial issues can only be resolved in the context of final status negotiations between the parties. There is simply no other way to peace," he said.

AJN

UIA WA Business Breakfast on social media and retail

On Wednesday, 25 June UIA held a breakfast as part of their Business Series for 2014. Ori Demb, UIA Executive Director, began by acknowledging the recent abduction of Yeshiva students Gilad Shaar (16), Naftali Frankel (16) and Eyal Yifrach (19), who were kidnapped by Hamas terrorists. The introduction was summarised by #BringBackOurBoys supporting clip that encapsulated the highlights of the solidarity event that was held on Sunday, 22 June with hundreds of community members in attendance.

The business breakfast addressed the question "Have online, social media and Omni-Channel changed retail forever?" Danny Breckler and his son Michael Breckler addressed and analysed this interesting issue. Danny, 4th generation for the Breckler family, covered the history of his family shoe business, Betts. Danny described the business landscape while pointing out the main milestones that has made Betts Group the largest privately owned footwear group in Australia.

This was followed by an engaging presentation by Michael, who elaborated on the new online and mobile challenges. He illustrated examples from their daily business on the effectiveness of social media and the impact that the social media revolution has had in the business sphere.



Ori Demb Executive Director UIA, Melanie Greenfeld Chairperson UIA, Danny Breckler, Michael Breckler and John Schaffer



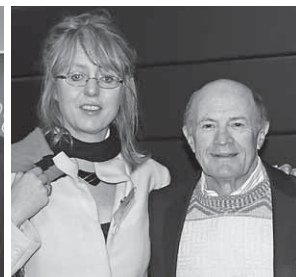
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US Senator urges 'no more illusions' on Hamas

Tova Dvorin

US Republican Senator Ted Cruz has delivered an impassioned speech on the Senate floor, imploring the US to finally take action over the abduction of Naftali Frankel, a 16-year-old US citizen, as well as Gilad Shaar (16) and Eyal Yifrach (19).



"This should be on the front page of every paper in the United States, because this is an issue which is as vital to us as it is to the nation of Israel," Cruz began. News coverage of the abduction in the US has been severely limited at best, biased toward Hamas kidnappers at worst.

"Just imagine if these were your children, or any children you know," he continued. "Just imagine if your child was kidnapped for fourteen days – and you don't know where they are, or even whether they're still alive."

Cruz explained how the boys – "smart, hardworking, diligent students" – were kidnapped on their way home from school. "These boys weren't doing anything wrong," he said.

"These are teenagers who were targeted for who they are, who have done no wrong, who have done nothing that comes near to deserving what has happened to them that day while waiting at the bus stop to go home from school."

Cruz then demanded that the US sever all ties with Hamas, a "vicious terror organisation" that he points out has not only killed Israelis, but "many Americans." He urged, "There can be no more illusions that Hamas has any role in any future government formed by the Palestinian Authority. They must not receive any further recognition or legitimisation."

"Hamas is a violent terrorist organisation ready and eager to brutalise the most innocent, a terrorist organisation that kidnaps three innocent school boys. Hamas, give the boys back," he said. "Hamas, give those boys back."

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Opinion

The state of Iraq is gone

Bill Hoffmann & Melissa Clyne



The country of Iraq is, for all intents and purposes, dead and has been replaced by three successor states, retired four-star Air Force general and former CIA director, Gen Michael Hayden has said.

"The state of Iraq as we know it is gone, and it's not going to be reconstituted. It's certainly not going to be reconstituted by [Prime Minister] Nouri al-Maliki."

"We've got three successor states there now. As much as we might look for opportunities to keep Iraq together, we need to be prepared for the reality that it's not going to stay together."

"We should snuggle up comfortable with the Kurds in Kurdistan, who have always been pro-American and actually have a functioning society and state right now. We should give help to the Maliki government,

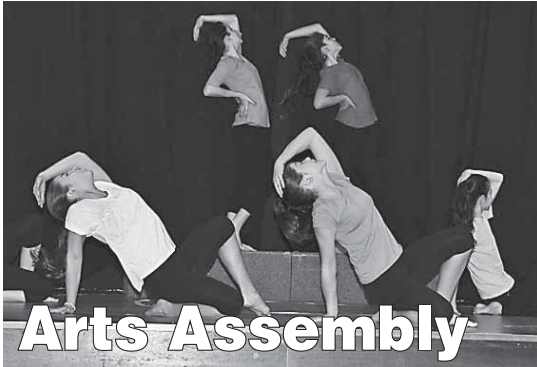
sufficient to settle the current conflict so it just doesn't turn into a humanitarian disaster."

"For example, there's fighting around Beiji right now, the oil refinery north of Baghdad. Baghdad needs that for that part of the country to survive, and so we've got to settle the lines of this conflict in a way that Nouri al-Maliki's surviving state, which I'll call Shiastan, has Beiji within it."

"Then we've got Sunnistan, and that's the state under the control of ISIS right now, and frankly, we've got to treat that as if it were a safe haven for terrorists and begin to think about it the way we had thought about Waziristan for the last decade-plus. That's a tough message, and I'm afraid that's where we are."

Hayden said "Sunnistan" consists of western Iraq and eastern Syria. "There is no border now."

Newsmax



Arts Assembly

Last Friday, the Grandparents' Club, parents, guests and students were entertained at the Primary School by the following four items from the Arts across the school:

- Mr Peter King's Year 6 Scholarship Band, performed a Majestic March by Paul Lavender.
- A Year 6 dance group embraced the stage with their rendition of *Someone Like That* choreographed by Mrs Bonita Muir.



- Mrs Reynold's Junior Choir captured the audience with their beautiful singing of *Children of the Light* by Riekie van Aswegen and *A Wombat on a Surfboard* by Louise Perdana.
- Mrs Marcia Fisher's Year 5.2 Marimba Ensemble performed *Sisu Et Yerushalaim*. The audience was most appreciative of the wonderful talents of our students and the efforts



of our capable and committed educators were applauded.

The members of the Grandparents' Club joined management for an early morning tea after the assembly at which they discussed the new junior playground that is under construction.



Shorashim 2014 – they've arrived!

The Year 10s flew to Israel last week, full of excitement and anticipation. Arriving at Ben Gurion Airport over 30 hours later (with a 9 hour stopover in Bangkok), students were greeted by many of last year's Year 12 graduates – what a wonderful way to start Shorashim!

The friendly American tour guide, Yossi, took the group to their first stop, a hike around Hamastrek nature reserve. Next stop was the Old City in Jerusalem where they were greeted by more 2013 graduates at the Kotel. It was here students learned about the history of Jerusalem, and were given the opportunity to put a note in the wall. The first day ended volunteering at an organisation called the 'Pantry Packers' who help feed 5,000 less fortunate Israelis a month. The thought of a bed to sleep in was on everyone's mind and the sight of the Jerusalem Gate Hotel was very welcome. Check out the progress of Shorashim 2014 on Facebook *Shorashim-Carmel School Tour*.



Fremantle Prison memorabilia



On 18 June the Year 5 students visited Fremantle Prison where they were taught why the convicts were brought to Australia. They experienced yard time and viewed a "flogging" in order to understand the conditions the convicts experienced. They asked valuable questions of their learned guides and built an appreciation for the convicts' contribution to the Swan River Colony. The highlight of the tour was the story of "Moondyne Joe" and his specialised cell. Following the excursion, Linda and Aviya Solomon spoke to the children about the closing of the prison. Mrs Solomon's father, Mr Joe Berinson, was Attorney General at the time and was presented with some fascinating memorabilia. The children were privileged to hear his story and view the memorabilia.



Parents and Teachers join Yoga Club

Last Wednesday we invited siblings, parents and staff to join in with our last yoga club of the term. We stretched, relaxed and generally felt so much better for the experience.



Young Aussies: on the road to the next World Cup?

Could we see two of our budding talents take their skills and passion to the next level? Eden Lee Schaffer and Jake Rangé have been selected in their respective State 12s Soccer Teams. They will travel to Bendigo, Victoria in September to compete in a national competition. Mazeltov to Eden and Jake. We wish them the very best and look forward to hearing of their successes.

Youth

As FIFA World Cup 2014 has swept the nation, nay, the world. It reminds me of a strange phenomenon that definitely only occurs in the human species.



I believe we are the only species in the entire ecosystem that gains pleasures from watching OTHER PEOPLE engage in physical activity. I mean, how weird is this? Rather than running around and sweating and releasing endorphins ourselves, we enjoy watching other people enjoying themselves? This is especially weird when you consider a sport like cricket, where they aren't even doing much, just standing there occasionally throwing a ball.

In case you actually want to be a part of the fun yourself, you have to come to MACHANE MEGALEH!! You really shoulda got your forms in already, but I'm guessing it's not too late! Good luck, and Shabbat Shalom!

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Art



Local Jewish Artist

Local Jewish artist Lindy Midalia loves working with colour and her paintings are inspired by nature in all its glory. A member of the Pastel Society she has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions and has her work in Australian and Overseas collections.

In 2013 she did a stint as artist in residence at Zin-Zan at Yallingup and a chance conversation about how bare the walls of the Genesis Cancer Care radio-oncology unit were, saw her donate one of her works to help brighten up the unit.

Lindy is a WIZO member and has proudly exhibited in many of the WIZO art shows. She will be participating in the *Pigments of Your Imagination Exhibition* on 19 and 20 July.

Recipe

There is nothing more comforting on cold winter nights than a tasty soup and in the latest Monday Morning Cooking Club cookbook, *The Feast Goes On*, Robyn Kaufman has provided this delightful soup.



roasted carrot & fennel soup

Ingredients:

1 fennel bulb, trimmed, fronds reserved
4-5 carrots, peeled and sliced
60ml olive oil
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
1 onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1.25 litres vegetable stock

Method:

Preheat oven to 200°C.

Cut fennel in half lengthways and then into wedges. Toss carrot slices and fennel with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and season well with salt and pepper. Spread evenly on a baking tray and bake for 30-45 minutes, until brown and tender.

Meanwhile, toast the fennel seeds in a small frying pan over medium heat for 2-3 minutes then crush in a mortar and pestle.

Heat remaining oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onion and crushed fennel seeds and cook for 10 minutes (until onions are soft and translucent).

Reduce heat to low and add tomato paste, roasted vegetables and stock. Simmer for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and allow to cool slightly. Puree with a stick blender. Reheat and served garnished with the reserved chopped fennel fronds. Serves 4-6.

Morning Cooking Club *The Feast Goes On* is available now at the WIZO office. A perfect gift and a 'must have' for those who enjoy home cooking.

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News Brief

Spanish town named 'kill Jews' to seek Jewish studies centre

The Spanish town of Castrillo Matajudios in northern Spain is in the process of changing its name because it contains the words "kill Jews." Moreover, the mayor, Lorenzo Rodriguez is promoting plans to open a Jewish studies centre.

Radio Arlanzon reported that Rodriguez was scheduled to present the plan at a meeting at the seat of the local government in Leon.

In addition to opening a centre for studies on the culture of the Sephardim – including Spanish Jews who converted to Christianity or left the Iberian Peninsula because of persecutions during the Spanish Inquisition – Rodriguez also is seeking to initiate archaeological excavations that he said would help clarify how his town of a few dozen families came to be receive its controversial name.

On 25 May a majority of residents at a town hall meeting voted to change the name to Castrillo Mota Judios, meaning "camp Jews' hill." Rodriguez, who initiated the vote, believes it was the original name because the town had a sizable Jewish contingent and was changed during or before the Inquisition.

The intention to change the town's name was published recently in the region's official publication. If no one objects to the proposal within one month of the publication then the town may file for an official name change with the district.

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We are the voice of the Jewish community not only in Israel, but helping the community in Perth and helping many different charities in WA. We are the voice of Jewish Women in the wider community.

Please come and celebrate with us our achievements and our volunteers. At the AGM we will have a special Life Member presentation to Jean Finkelstein and Peggy Lowe. Kol Hakavod ladies!

Also a very special *L'chaim* to our two new life members and our two members who received a well deserved OAM, Jenny Shub and Michelle Urban.

Really hope to see you on Sunday from 3-4pm.

Ester Steingieser, President NCJWA WA

NCJWA Yael Brazilian Cooking Demonstration

Over the years NCJWA Yael has developed a reputation in the culinary skills, and the cooking demonstrations are always very popular.

This time a group of ladies were very fortunate to have our own Madam

President, Ester Steingieser, sharing yet another of her many talents.

With Brazilian music in the background, Master Chef Ester shared some delicious dishes and stories from her home country, ably assisted by sous chef Ros Bettane and her right hand man Bernard. We were able to watch and then taste as each of these dishes was completed.

The added bonus was to discover how quickly and easily these dishes could be prepared. There is sure to be 'onion pie' or 'creme caramel' on the menu in many kitchens this week.

Thank you Ester for sharing and showing the way for us all to be Brazilian World Cup winners in the kitchen. Special thanks to Ros and Bernard for hosting the demonstration in their beautiful home. A very pleasant way to spend a chilly Sunday afternoon indeed.

Glenda Braude



Ros Bettane



Rena Hesselson



Ester Steingieser

MDA



A delegation of students from Singapore

From 19-30 May 2014 a group of 15 medical students and students of general subjects visited Israel. The students took a BCLS First Aid course in the MDA Jerusalem station and afterwards were shown the ambulances in the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Regions.

Later on the students visited the Blood Services and heard from its Director, Professor Shinar, about the Blood Services system in Israel. They then continued their visit to the National Medical Emergency Dispatch Centre of MDA.

The students heard a range of lectures on different subjects given by Dr Bruria Adini, Guy Caspi and Yoni Yagodovsky, visited the MDA Jerusalem station, and took part in the Jerusalem Day festivities and the ceremony dedicating a Torah Scroll in the presence of the Mayor of New York, Michael Bloomberg and the MDA Director General, Eli Bin.

The students were very impressed by the activities of MDA in Israel and even promised to help develop the connection on their return to Singapore.

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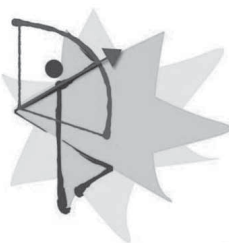
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2014 Gala Auction & Dinner Dance

Maccabi WA is excited to be holding a Gala Auction Dinner Dance on 16 August at the Laguna Veneto Bowling Club in Dianella.

The money made from the event will be used to upgrade the lights of the Maccabi Oval, something that will benefit the whole Perth community. Alan Shear, President of Maccabi WA said, "WA Maccabi is extremely privileged to have the wonderful facilities we have and we want to make sure that they stay this way."

The outdoor lighting on the Maccabi Oval is something that not only the Maccabi clubs use regularly, but many other community groups rely upon. These lights cost thousands to replace and maintain. The proceeds of this fabulous event will go towards the upgrade of these lights. As usual we will be holding a WOW event with loads of auction prizes including:

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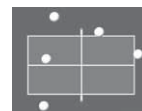


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Israel cuts preventable blindness by half Avigayil Kadesh

Glaucoma is one of four preventable causes of blindness.

Dr Michael Belkin wanted to investigate whether there was any change in the rate of blindness from glaucoma in the world over the last 100 years. But when he and fellow researchers looked specifically at Israeli statistics over the last 12 years, they discovered something extraordinary: Although rates of untreatable genetic causes of blindness remained steady over that time period, rates of preventable blindness were reduced by more than 56 per cent. This was not true of any other country.

"There is nothing anywhere else remotely like what we have here in Israel," says Belkin, a leading Israeli ophthalmologist and director of the Ophthalmic Technologies Laboratory at the Goldschleger Eye Research Institute at Tel Aviv University's Sackler Faculty of Medicine and Sheba Medical Centre.

Israel's success applies to all four main causes of preventable blindness – age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes and cataract.

The study, published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology, shows that rates of preventable blindness in Israel dropped from 33.8 cases per 100,000 residents in 1999 to 14.8 in 2010.

What accounts for this singular achievement? Prevention, policy, compliance

There are a few factors, say Belkin and his co-authors.

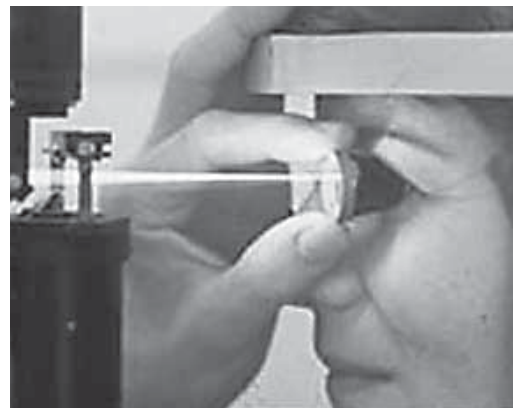
Community-based programs in Israel, such as dedicated diabetes clinics, promote early prevention and timely treatment for diabetes-related complications that can lead to blindness.

Belkin points out that these diabetes clinics have high start-up costs but pay for themselves in about two years when you consider the much higher costs of treating blindness as it develops rather than preventing it from the start.

Another factor, says Belkin, appears to be cultural. Israelis tend to adhere to recommended treatment regimens more closely than patients in other countries. This phenomenon has been shown in relation to other diseases but hasn't yet been proven in ophthalmology.

However, Belkin says this may account for why a report from Denmark showed a decline only in age-related macular degeneration. Denmark, like Israel, has socialised medicine and high standards of care, so compliance may be the key difference.

Public policy is also important. For example,



since the 1990s, Israeli patients have been able to choose their doctors privately for cataract surgery. This practically eliminates wait times for surgery and prevents the condition from growing worse over the long term.

In light of World Health Organisation data suggesting that blindness remains a severe health concern even in industrialised countries, Belkin believes other countries could see similar results by emulating Israel's approach. An estimated 80 per cent of blindness is preventable or treatable.

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Maariv	6.15pm

Weekdays

Shacharit	6.15am
Mincha/Maariv	5.10pm



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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

Kol Sasson Congregation

Services at the PHC Beit Midrash

SHABBAT TIMES

PARSHAT BAALAK

Candle Lighting.....	5.06pm
Mincha	5.10pm
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit	
Shacharit Saturday Morning	9.00am
Followed by Torah reading, Musaf and Kiddush	



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SHABBAT

Friday 4 July

Erev Shabbat	6.00pm
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Saturday 5 July

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@inet.net.au.



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The Perth Shule “Cholent”

Last year, I wrote an article in the *Igeret* and *The Maccabean* under the title, “Not an exclusive club and proud of it.”

I was asked only recently again by a person who is very observant whether he would fit in at PHC. I have also been asked by people who have married out of the faith whether they are welcome at our synagogue. The answer is that all Jews, no matter how frum or how frei are absolutely welcome at our shule and we are proud to have each and every one of them as part of our community to participate in religious services and social and educational activities with us.

Even if a person is not observant of Shabbos or kashrus we are thrilled to have them as members of our kehillah which at least gives them a chance to learn about the advantages of those mitzvot so that they are able to eventually make an informed choice regarding them. Our shule also gives those Jews who are sincerely frum (observant) the opportunity to fulfil the mitzvah of kiruv in assisting their fellow Jews to become more interested and involved. I have always looked on our Perth Synagogue as a cholent (literally a melting pot) with an exciting mixture of tastes. My challenge as a rabbi which I enjoy is to provide some spice for all the different ingredients in that cholent. I must say that a congregation such as ours keeps me motivated and challenged, so please keep on adding to that cholent!

Shabbat Shalom.

Dovid Freilich



PHC WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF SERVICES (TEFILLAH)

SHABBAT

SIDRA BALAK
HAPTORAH.....MICAH 5

EREV SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING NOT LATER THAN 5.07PM

Friday 4 July 2014

Mincha5.45pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma’ariv6.00pm

Saturday 5 July 2014

Shacharit 9.00am
Mincha5.05pm
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat6.06pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.30am
Mincha / Ma’ariv6.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

Shacharit 8.00am
Mincha / Shiur / Ma’ariv6.00pm

Living in Retirement

Note: Guest speaker Max Kay will be on Monday, 7 July at 10.30am (different day and time than usual)

Monday, 7 July
Café 61 – 10.30am
\$5 Coffee & Cake

The Life and Times of Max Kay
As told by Max Kay

Tuesday, 15 July
From 10am
\$5 Coffee & Cake

Coffee Club at Café 61 – Come along from 10am and socialise.
Feel free to arrive or leave whenever you want.
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,
or Wilfred Hirschfield hirfam@optusnet.com.au



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Start Up Nation

Nanotech innovation can ‘smell’ bombs

David Shamah

Available next year, the Tracense device detects all types of explosives electronically, better than dogs, CEO Dr Ricardo Osiroff says.

An Israeli firm has developed the world’s first nanotech-based “electronic nose” to sniff out security threats like bombs, biological warfare agents, and toxic liquids. The developers say their new nose even outperforms dogs and will be available next year.

The system, designed by Tel Aviv-based Tracense Systems, can detect even the smallest amounts of material, according to Dr Ricardo Osiroff, the company’s CEO. “Our ‘laboratory-on-a-chip’ nano-sensors can detect a wide range of chemical threats, such as explosives, chemical and biological warfare agents, in air, solid and liquid samples, at extremely low concentrations, unmatched by existing technologies,” said Osiroff. “Our system meets and beats the capabilities of dogs and other animals.”

“Smell” is a manifestation of specific molecules, and each smell gives off its own specific chemical qualities. So detecting an odor is just a matter of figuring out which molecules are being “smelled” – no biggie for modern science. Several systems already do just that, using analytical chemistry-based equipment. The problem is that those systems are generally too large and expensive to be deployed in the field, said Osiroff.

“Tracense is the first company in the world to overcome the hurdle of manufacturing a nano-sensor array with reliability, repeatability and at a reasonable cost,” said Osiroff. “Our technological achievements in the field of nanotechnology enable the fabrication of large silicon nanowire sensing arrays on a small semiconductor chip.

Tracense sensors meet acute and ever-growing needs of the multibillion dollar market of threat detection for public safety, homeland security, and military uses.”



Prototype of a Tracense bomb detecting device

Times of Israel

Personals

Thank You

A very sincere and heartfelt thank you to all our family and friends for their love and support during the passing of our dear father

SAMUEL RAITER

A special thanks to the Maurice Zeffert Home and Dr Geoff Gild for their care, respect and honour given to him at all times and especially at his passing.

To Rabbi Freilich, Rabbi Coleman and the Chevra Kadisha, thank you for your help and support.

He was a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather and will be sadly missed by us all.

*Rachael and John Silbert
Ida and Ivan Moldowan*

Death

Colin Shur

passed away on 25 June aged 90

A very special Husband, Dad, Zaida, Friend whose love, warmth and humour touched so many. We will miss you always.

Your loving wife, Joan
and adoring family Stephen & Lara,
Debbie, Jonathan & Asher,
Erica, Gary & Daniel

Condolence

Colin Shur

*Our hearts go out to Joan
Debbie, Jonathan and Asher
Erica, Gary and Daniel
Steve and Lara
on the loss of their wonderful husband,
father and grandfather.*

*A special man of warmth, humour and sharp
intellect who will always be remembered.*

*Alan, Heidi, Laura and Dean Hayden
(Melbourne)*

Condolence

The Chairman, Management Committee, Office Manager and Typesetter of *The Maccabean* Newspaper extend their sincere condolences to our editor, Debbie Myerson, her mother Joan and their family on the passing of Debbie's father, Colin Shur.

We note with considerable gratitude Colin's significant contribution to *The Maccabean* over many years with the weekly crossword.

Colin was a true mensch.

Jewish Community Appeal 2014

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Get behind the JCA 2014 and help feed the one organisation that helps support so many of our community's organisations. Please join us for breakfast at Jewish Centre on Sunday, 13 July at 9:00am for a 9:30am start

Venue: Jewish Centre
Guest Speaker: The Hon R C (Bob) Kucera APM JP
(Chairman, Friends of Israel WA)
Time and Date: 9:00am, Sunday the 13th of July

We'll also be hearing from the young leaders of the community through AUJS, Bnei Akiva and Habonim Dror

Jewish Community Appeal Breakfast 2014

Tickets \$35. To book, call Estella on 9276 7868 (8:30am-noon Monday to Friday) or e-mail jca@maccabean.asn.au



Personals

Consecration

The dedication of the headstone in loving memory of

DR GILLIAN SCHLAFRIG

will take place at

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on Sunday, 6 July 2014 at 9.30am

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