

HADASSAH WA 2014 It's all about the kids



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Charmaine Ryan

During its 2014 WA appeal dinner last Sunday night, Hadassah Australia's three guest speakers, Professor Eitan Kerem, Professor Peter Winterton and Dr Linda Friedland, spoke on Hadassah's core business – Caring for our Kids.

Addressing around 150 supporters, Chairman of Hadassah WA, Lionel King, did not shirk from Hadassah's well-publicised financial crisis. He quoted President of Hadassah Australia, Ron Finkel, saying funds raised in Australia are specifically earmarked for the Jerusalem Crisis Intervention Centre (JCIC), and will not be used to prop up Hadassah's manager – the Hadassah Medical Organisation (HMO).

However, support from Australia is needed more than ever. Funding cuts to the JCIC have necessitated a decrease in the number of children able to be treated and an increase in the waiting period to 14 months.

Professor Eitan Kerem heads Hadassah's Department of Paediatrics. He spoke on the birth of Hadassah recounting how in 1909 an American rabbi's daughter, Henrietta Szold, visited pre-state Israel and was appalled at Jerusalem's infant death rate. It was Purim and appropriate that the ensuing work be called Hadassah. Its principles and values remain the same today.

He said without denying the challenges, the



MC on the night Clinical Professor Barry Walters with Prof Eitan Kerem and Lionel King

common human conditions requiring doctors to be trained and children to be treated, regardless of ethnicity, has the potential to turn enemies into "Ambassadors of Peace".

One of many examples he gave was of a Palestinian boy who needed a lung transplant just before the Gaza war. The transplant was eventually made available by the premature tragic death of a Jewish child. The boy and his father returned to Gaza and war broke out. Checking on the boy by phone, Professor Kerem ironically gave advice on preventing smoke from the battle damaging the lung.

A recipient of an Order of Australia award this year, Associate Professor Peter Winterton,

modelled his work in 'therapy service' for abused children at Princess Margaret Hospital on Hadassah.

He said child abuse is a worldwide problem and as common as asthma, surprising Hadassah supporters with Perth statistics of over a thousand child protection applications granted last year alone.

Hadassah's final speaker, Dr Linda Friedland, spoke on the challenge of responsible parenting in the 21st century, of the responsibility of caring for all children, not only our own, and of raising children who have an empathy for others. She reinforced Peter's message by saying that preventing child abuse is "everyone's business".



Prof Peter Winterton, Lionel King, Prof Eitan Kerem and Dr Linda Friedland

Team WIZO – 50-strong at Mother's Day Classic!

The sun came out as our 50-strong Team WIZO joined thousands of other women walk/run in the Mother's Day Classic along the beautiful Swan River in Perth. Proudly wearing blue, Team WIZO was the second largest team at the event – an incredible effort! We raised over \$2,000 for Breast Cancer research and donated \$500 to WIZO projects in Israel. We look forward to taking first place in 2015 with an even bigger team at the Mother's Day Classic.



Team WIZO



Ariella, Sarah-Lee and Anne Ellert ready for 8km walk



Team WIZO runners ready for 8km run

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Jewish Centre. 10.30am.

JHGSWA presents Graeme Lienert speaking on
Eretz Israel. Noranda Chabad Synagogue. 2pm. P6
MDA AGM. Jewish Centre. 6pm.

Carmel School AGM. Breckler Troy Hall. 7pm. P13

Monday, 26 May

Yad Vashem. Memorialising a Holocaust Victim
or Survivor. MZH. 7pm.

Tuesday, 27 May

Living in Retirement. MZH. 10am. P10

Thursday, 29 May

Carmel School Peek and Picnic. 9am. P13

Yom Yerushalim Community Event:

The Prime Ministers. Cinema Paradiso. 6.30pm. P11

Tuesday, 3 June

PHC Shavuot Dinner. P10

Tuesday, 10 June

Living in Retirement. Café 61. 10am. P10

Sunday, 15 June

WIZO Ilana Lunch and Talk by Dr Jim Leavesley.

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Birth

Mazeltov to Marc and Stefanie Schwartz on the birth of their son,
Elias Michael Schwartz on Monday, 21 April 2014 in Sydney – brother
to Asher, second adored grandson to Melanie and David Schwartz (Perth)
and Carmella and Phillip Symonds (Sydney), great grandchild to Percy and
Reva Schwartz (Perth), Solly Diner (Sydney) and Debbie Abaron (Sydney).



JNF State Blue Box Worker of the Year

At the recent JNF Annual General Meeting,
a Special Certificate was presented to Ruth Cohen
for being nominated JNF State Blue Box Worker
of the Year. Pictured with her husband Gerald.

Out & About



WIZO Aviva's Madame Piaf

Rachael Silbert and Avril Lemer See article page 12



Hadassah 2014 Appeal Dinner

Lionel King, Prof Eitan Kerem and Dr Linda Friedland



Are YOU a good friend?

The Friends of Israel (WA) was established over three years ago to:

- Support Israel as the State of the Jewish people
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should be directed to the Secretary, Phil Samuell, on foiwa@amnet.net.au or 9275 2244.

**IF NOT YOU, THEN WHO?
IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?**

Men's Shed and Day Lounge idea gains momentum

In response to a long held belief that Perth needs day services for older Jewish community members, Maurice Zeffer Home is working with JewishCare to establish a Men's Shed and Day Lounge. MZH CEO Dr Michael Preece spoke of this at a recent ORA meeting and confirmed that planning is well advanced. Current thinking has the Men's Shed and Day Lounge situated in the old kindergarten. "We are hoping to get support from the City of Stirling to reclassify the building and Lotterywest to develop the site," said Dr Preece.

There is still much to do with the planning and funding of these important facilities, but the commitment and enthusiasm of the community is high. Dr Preece noted that the Day Lounge will be an important point of reference for the community and will have paid staff and volunteers to assist visitors. It is a bit early to say when the facilities will open as this will depend on the support, but if the feedback from the community is a gauge, then the sooner the better.

National

A quieter Al-Nakba... but message stays the same

Julie Nathan

Around 200 people attended the Al-Nakba protest in Sydney last week. Numbers were down on previous years and the crowd seemed tamer. The Hezbollah flags and neo-Nazis, conspicuously present in the previous two years, were gone.

But the rhetoric has changed little. Israel was defamed, misrepresented and demonised. Speakers asserted that the Palestinians, but not the Jews, are a distinct people entitled to national self-determination.

NSW Greens MP, David Shoebridge, addressed the crowd and accused Israel of being "an apartheid state." He voiced his support for the so-called "right of return" of Palestinian refugees.

JWire



'Mad' claims from former PM

Claims from Malcolm Fraser that Israel deliberately bombed the USS Liberty in June 1967 is a "mad, demented conspiracy theory", Australia Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) national chairman Mark Leibler said last week.

The former prime minister made the assertion during an ABC radio interview. When asked on what he based the claim, Fraser said: "Information I have. I am not going to tell you the source." Fraser also said former foreign minister Bob Carr was "absolutely correct" in his view that the pro-Israel lobby wielded too much power. He said the Jewish community "seek to get Australia to support policies as defined by Israel."

Leibler said he was "absolutely appalled" by the remarks. "To make these allegations when there's no evidence to support it, when successive inquiries by both the Americans and the Israelis have demonstrated that this was an accident, is appalling beyond description."

AJN

Letters to the Editor

Thanks to all in kosher supply chain

We are extremely fortunate to benefit from the amazing team at Café 61 who have transformed the Joe Rosen Oval into a social hub and provided us with great atmosphere and amenity. When we approached them to assist with a *simcha* they went above and beyond the call of duty to show that they have the true essence of community at the heart of their operation.

To all of the businesses that deliver kosher catering, products and services to our community, I am truly grateful for the way in which they overcome the long and irregular hours, logistical difficulties, and other inhibitors that they endure

to provide these kosher services. From the retailers, to the *shomrim*, and all those who work to support the kosher supply chain, thank you for your dedication.

We all need to show our appreciation by supporting and sustaining kosher business in our community. It is our collective responsibility to ensure the ongoing vitality and viability of these operations.

Andrew Blitz

Save our Centre

As a member of the community it pains me to see the neglect of our Jewish Centre. I am a long-standing member of the Maccabi Bridge Club.

From the Editor

Debbie Myerson

So around one billion people on the planet don't like us. That's a lot of antisemitic sentiment.

According to the Anti-Defamation League's Global 100 Survey, a quarter of those who'd never met a Jewish person held antisemitic attitudes anyway.

In effect what they're saying is, "I never met a Jew I liked... come to think of it, I never met a Jew."

In general, their gripe is we have too much power in business, too much influence over governments, too much loyalty to Israel and there are simply too many of us.

A third of the survey respondents believe our numbers to be between one and 10 per cent of the world's population, while in reality, we comprise only 0.19 per cent!

Guest speaker at the Hadassah 2014 WA Appeal Dinner last Sunday evening, Professor Eitan Kerem, told the incredible story and history of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. It is obvious he lives and breathes the hospital's ethos – *Disease is our only enemy*.

Although antisemitism runs rampant in the Arab world, many patients, especially Palestinians who have come under the care of Professor Kerem, his colleagues, and their teams at Hadassah Hospital, as well as Syrians being treated at other Israeli hospitals, would think otherwise.

When you see how much has been achieved since the most basic of beginnings, it's no wonder so many of those surveyed think we are 'as numerous as the stars in the sky.'

Every week we go along and remark on the lack of cleanliness especially the bathrooms which are a disgrace.

We have guests come to the Centre for matches and feel ashamed – especially when they have to use the facilities. Surely our community could do something about the state of our Centre which should be the pride and joy of our community. Are there people out there willing to save our Centre from complete decay?

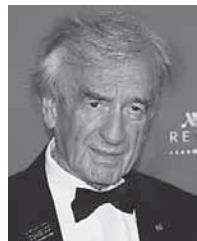
Ruth Katavatis

Inaugural ‘Ride for the Living’ to take cyclists from Auschwitz to Krakow

Cyclists will make the 80km trek from Auschwitz to Krakow to symbolise the rebirth of Jewish life in Poland. The inaugural *Ride for the Living*, organised by the Krakow Jewish Community Centre, is set for 6 June. The event takes its name from the *March of the Living*, which each year brings thousands of young Jews to Auschwitz. The ride is expected to become an annual event under the patronage of Poland’s Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich.

“We conceived this idea in order to reflect the miracle of the re-emerging Jewish community of Krakow just down the road from Auschwitz,” Rabbi Avi Baumol, who serves in Krakow, said.

The next night riders will take part in the annual 7@Nite Festival in Krakow sponsored by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, when all seven synagogues in the city’s former Jewish quarter, Kazimierz, are open to the public after *Havdalah*. The synagogues will be hosting concert, exhibits, performances and other events. JTA



Romania’s first Holocaust Centre opens in Wiesel’s childhood home

Romania’s first Holocaust education centre has opened in the childhood home of Nobel Laureate and human rights activist Elie Wiesel.

The ‘Holocaust Cellar’ will become a new feature of the Holocaust museum in the pre-war childhood home of Wiesel, in the courtyard of the old Jewish Ghetto of Sighet, and will serve as a learning centre dedicated to the 13,000 local Holocaust victims.

“I am honoured and deeply moved that my cherished home in Sighet has become a place Romanians and others can learn about the crimes of the Holocaust, and how the Jewish community was wiped out,” said Wiesel. “The opening of the Holocaust Cellar supports my life’s efforts to ensure that humanity never forgets the evil that took place there and throughout Europe.”

The opening marked the 70th anniversary of the expulsion of the last Jews from northern Transylvania to Auschwitz. Overall, 131,639 Jews from Maramures County in Romania were deported to Auschwitz. JNS.org

Iraq extends Jewish archive stay in US

The Iraqi government is extending the stay of the Iraqi Jewish Archive in the United States.

“In order to continue this important work and to allow the exhibit to be displayed in other cities in the US, the Government of Iraq has authorised me to extend the period which the exhibit may remain in the United States,” Lukman Fally, the Iraqi ambassador to Washington, said.

A number of Jewish groups have joined an array of lawmakers in Congress in demanding that the archive remain outside Iraq in the custody of a major Iraqi Jewish Diaspora such as Britain, Israel or the United States. Times of Israel



Argentine court declares pact with Iran unconstitutional

Federal judges in Argentina declared unconstitutional the government’s cooperation with Iran on the investigation of the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community building.

The court made the ruling after deliberations on a petition for an injunction filed by representatives of the Jewish community, who argued against cooperating with Iran because of evidence linking Iran’s government to the bombing.

In early 2013, Argentina’s congress approved an agreement with Tehran to form a truth commission to investigate the bombing, which Argentinean authorities believe was carried out by Hezbollah with Iranian assistance.

The explosion at the AMIA building left 85 people dead and 300 others injured. Hezbollah and Iran have denied any involvement in the bombing.

Argentine courts are seeking the extradition of several Iranians, including former officials, whom Argentine prosecutors accused of involvement in the attack. JTA



Rome Jews join initiative for persecuted Christians

The lights illuminating the Colosseum in Rome were switched off last Thursday as a show of support for persecuted Christians around the world and the kidnapped schoolgirls in Nigeria.

The initiative was co-sponsored by the Rome Jewish community and the Community of Sant’ Egidio, a Roman Catholic association that fosters interfaith dialogue, with the support of the city’s mayor.

An announcement on the Rome Jewish community website invited the public to meet at the Colosseum to express “solidarity with Christians who risk their lives to profess their religion” and “to say ‘Enough’ to any form of fanaticism and extremism; to say ‘Enough’ to any type of persecution, and to remember the souls of those who were victims of anti-Christian hatred.” JTA

Livni visit to UK given ‘War Crimes’ immunity

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office confirmed: “Since the visit meets all the essential elements for a special mission, the FCO has confirmed consent to the visit as a special mission.”

A spokesperson for the British Crown Prosecution Service clarified that given the “special mission” status, “a magistrate’s court would be bound to refuse any application for an arrest.”

The fact is, however, that Tzipi Livni’s position as Israel’s Minister of Justice – a position in the cabinet and in the security cabinet – should by definition confer automatic diplomatic immunity.

Isn’t it odd that the justice minister of a sovereign democratic state, supported ostensibly by the most powerful nation in the world, now needs the British government to confer a “special mission status” to block its own legal system from sabotaging her visit? Jewish Press



Russian missile ship barred from Israeli port over Ukraine crisis

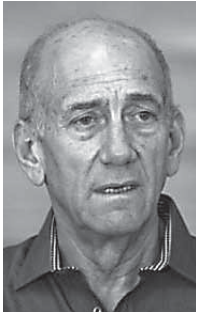
Israel has denied a request by Moscow to let a Russian missile boat anchor at Haifa a month ago, against the backdrop of the crisis in Ukraine. An official said Israel strives to maintain

neutrality over Ukraine; pictures of a Russian warship in Israel would convey that Israel was siding with Moscow.

The Israel Security Agency also believed

that the docking could facilitate Russian espionage activities in Israel. There were reasons to believe that a similar visit last year was a cover for spying. Haaretz

Olmert gets six years



In an unprecedented moment in Israeli history, a former prime minister has received a lengthy jail sentence for corruption. The stunning verdict against former PM Ehud Olmert came down last week, with Judge David Rozen calling corrupt politicians 'traitors'.

Reaction from across the Israeli political spectrum was immediate, with most expressing approval of the verdict but lamenting Olmert's fate.

President Shimon Peres hailed the prosecution of Olmert as "legal process which is custom in democratic states," but noted, "Personally, this is a sad day."

The sentence represents a major victory for Israel's fight against corruption.

Olmert's lawyers have condemned the sentence as disproportionate and they will appeal to the Supreme Court. *WJD*



Netanyahu and Hagel discuss nuclear Iran

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel discussed the Iranian nuclear program in public comments last Friday in Jerusalem.

"I'm sure you weren't surprised by the recent UN report on Iran's ongoing efforts to deceive the international community, to continue to develop ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles) and to continue to violate its commitments of Security Council stipulations on forbidding it to develop certain parts of its nuclear program," Netanyahu said.

He added that in the ongoing negotiations on Iran's nuclear program, "one thing must guide the international community: we must not let the ayatollahs win."

Hagel said, "I want to assure you, the people of Israel, of the United States' continued commitment to ensuring Iran does not get a nuclear weapon. America will do what we must to live up to that commitment." *Algemeiner*

Arab journalist sends masked buddies to beat Israeli journalist

A first person account from Avi Issacharoff

I found myself seconds away from being beaten to death by a mob of Palestinian masked men during clashes in the West Bank town of Beitunia, north of Jerusalem.

I'm not prone to exaggeration. It was a case of life and death, and I was within moments of falling victim to the kind of lynch that saw two Israeli soldiers who strayed into Ramallah in 2000 beaten to death by a baying mob.

I was saved by good fortune: Two plainclothes members of the Palestinian Authority security forces happened to be nearby and waded in to extricate me. I've been covering the Palestinian territories for many years, and been in no shortage of sticky situations, but this came out of the blue.

I was there to report on the *Nakba Day* protests with a cameraman colleague from *Walla News*. He was some distance from me when he was told by several Palestinian journalists to "Get out."

I walked toward them, and told them that if they had a problem, they should be talking to me. One of the Palestinian journalists, a young woman, then called over to a group of masked men, who swiftly surrounded me and began attacking me.

Only the fact that those two PA security personnel happened to be there saved me. I dread to think what would have happened if they hadn't been there.

Think about that. A Palestinian journalist works so closely with "a group of masked men" that she can just beckon them to beat an Israeli to death whenever she wants to.

She must write really objective news articles.



Times of Israel

US Congressmen surprised by discrimination against Jews, Christians on Temple Mount



In a video statement made during a visit last week, US Congressman Dr Andrew Harris said, "It's a pleasure to be here on the Temple Mount, obviously an area of religious significance for many religions including Christians like myself, Jews and Muslims. But I'm actually surprised that access is so limited, and especially the discrimination against Jews above any other religion in visits to the Temple Mount."

The visit was coordinated by Rabbi Chaim Richman of the Temple Institute, who explained, "The group witnessed how outwardly looking Jewish groups are singled out and accompanied by both Jordan Islamic Waqf guards and Israeli police officers that scrutinise their behaviour for signs of prayer or non-Muslim worship." *Algemeiner*

Palestinian prisoners plotted to kidnap IDF soldiers

The Israel Security Agency and the Israel Prison Service have foiled a plan by Palestinian prisoners to arrange for the abduction in the West Bank of an Israeli soldier who could then be used as a bargaining chip to secure their release.

Abd al-Rahman Uthman, serving a life sentence for his role in a 2006 shooting attack, and his accomplice in that attack were planning a new crime together with a third prisoner. They contacted a Hamas activist in Gaza through another prisoner and secured the necessary funds for the attack. Uthman's brother and brother-in-law were to have carried out the abduction last month in Hawara, Ariel or the Yitzhar junction area. *Haaretz*

Palestinians attack IDF soldiers on Nakba Day, two rioters killed

Two Palestinian teenagers were killed during clashes with the IDF near Ramallah last Thursday as they and others marked *Nakba* (Catastrophe) Day – the 66th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

Muhammad Abu Daher and Nadim Siam, both 17, were fatally shot when 150 Palestinians threw firebombs and rocks and rolled burning tires at soldiers near Ofer Prison.

"This was a very aggressive attack on security personnel," an army source said. Palestinians held marches and rallies in all the major cities of the West Bank and Gaza. *JPost*

Palestinian farmers learn agri-tech in Israel

About a dozen Gazan and West Bank farmers were in Israel last week for a five-day course in post-harvest techniques.

The farmers learned about achieving European quality standards for their exports, and visited various packing houses in Israel, as well as an agriculture research and development centre. *JPost*

Sobering findings



Stephanie Butnick

Survey finds one billion antisemites

The Anti-Defamation League has released the results of its new ADL Global 100 survey, and the results are informative, if bleak. The survey, which they've billed as a "comprehensive data-based research survey of the level and intensity of anti-Jewish sentiment across the world," polled 53,100 adults in 102 countries.

One of the more jaw-dropping findings is that 26 per cent of people surveyed internationally – a figure that represents roughly 1.09 billion adults across the world – harbour antisemitic attitudes. That's an estimated one billion antisemites, in the world, today. According to this world population clock, there are approximately 7.2 billion people in the world, 1.09 billion of whom apparently hate Jews.

Also shocking is that only 54% of people polled internationally had heard of the Holocaust. Another 32% of respondents had heard of the Holocaust, but either believe it's a myth or has been exaggerated. That means that two out of three respondents fall into either one of those two categories, a supremely grim conclusion.

Here are some of the survey's other findings

- The most widely accepted antisemitic stereotype worldwide is: "Jews are more loyal to Israel than to this country/the countries they live in." Overall, 41% of those surveyed believe this statement to be "probably true." This is the most widely accepted stereotype in five out of the seven regions surveyed.
- The second most widely accepted stereotype worldwide is "Jews have too much power in the business world." Overall, 35% of those surveyed believe this statement to be "probably true." This is also the most widely held stereotype in Eastern Europe.
- Among the 74% of those surveyed who indicated they had never met a Jewish person, 25% harbour antisemitic attitudes. Of the 26% overall who harbour antisemitic attitudes, 70% have never met a Jewish person.
- Three out of 10 respondents, 30%, believe Jews make up between 1 to 10% of the world's population. Another 18% believe Jews make up more than 10% of the world's population. 16% responded less than 1%. (The actual number of Jewish people as a percentage of the world's population is 0.19%).
- The most antisemitic region in the world is the Middle East and North Africa, with 74% harbouring antisemitic views. Eastern Europe was second at 34%. The least antisemitic region was Oceania (Australia and New Zealand) at 14%.

Africa (75% Index Score) are much more likely to harbour antisemitic attitudes than Muslims in Asia (37% Index Score), Western Europe (29% Index Score), Eastern Europe (20% Index Score), and Sub-Saharan Africa (18% Index Score).



The three countries, outside the Middle East and North Africa, with the highest antisemitism Index Scores are Greece (69%), Malaysia (61%) and Armenia (58%).

People living in countries with larger Jewish populations (22% Index Score) are less likely to hold antisemitic views than people living in countries with smaller Jewish populations (28% Index Score).

The Middle Eastern country with the lowest antisemitism Index Score is Iran (56%).



The three countries with the lowest antisemitism Index Scores are Laos (0.2%), the Philippines (3%) and Sweden (4%).

People in predominantly English-speaking countries are half as likely to hold antisemitic views (13% Index Score) as the overall global population surveyed.

The ADL said its goal was to create a snapshot of antisemitic views in all parts of the world, to find ways to combat it, and to allow future surveys to measure whether, and where, the prejudice is rising or falling.

Measuring the problem may be easier than changing attitudes. Abraham Foxman, the League's national director, found the results "sobering."

*The Scroll/ADL Global 100/
Wall Street Journal*



While Muslims are more likely to hold antisemitic views than members of any other religion (49% Index Score), geography makes a big difference in their views. Muslims in the Middle East and North

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ANZAC trail to Beersheba**

on

Sunday, 25 May 2014 at 2pm

at

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11 Garson Court, Noranda**

Since his retirement Graeme has travelled extensively and now leads tours to Israel regularly, promoting the Holy Land, the ANZAC Trail to Beersheba and tailor made tours for select interest groups.

Graeme is involved in preparations for the Centenary of the Australian Light Horse Brigade which won Beersheba from the Turks in 1917.

His latest Israel travels also took him to Gallipoli where he was able to see where preparations are being made for Centenary commemorations of the ANZACs.

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NAKBA DAY – PALESTINIANS HAVE TO ACCEPT REALITY

What happened on 14 May 1948?

Abdulateef Al-Mulhim

It was the day when the state of Israel emerged on the world map. Do we know the rest of the story? No. We don't know the entire story because we are wont of dealing with events with emotions. One day after the United Nations mandate (15 May), a long and bloody conflict broke out and after the dust settled, the Arabs called it *Nakba* or the Day of Catastrophe. It was a defeat but the Arabs chose to call it a catastrophe. Many Palestinians were displaced from their homeland and were promised that they would return to their homes soon. Despite the passage of over six decades, the promise has yet to be delivered. The thousands of Palestinians who fled their homes have turned into millions.

The question now is what if those Palestinians had accepted the mandate and decided to live side by side with the Israelis? I ask the readers to please note that I am just asking a question. So, would the fate of the Palestinians be the same? The reason I am asking is that we read reports that the Palestinian refugees are not allowed to flee the atrocities in Syria and seek refuge in Lebanon. That is double the agony.

There are many facts that were not clear to the Palestinians on 15 May 1948. Many of them didn't

have to flee their homes. It is said that it was the Mufti (Hussini) who encouraged them to flee. At the end of the day, the Mufti wasn't a popular figure in the West or in then USSR because of his stand on the Nazis. And yes, it is true that many Palestinians were attacked and murdered but on that day it was chaos and all sides were fighting each other. On that day, Israel didn't have a fully organised IDF so they wanted to disarm the Irgun and when refused, the IDF attacked one of their ships. In other words there was havoc but the Palestinians could have had acted more wisely.

As time passed, the Palestinians were promised to return to their homes but 66 years later with many wars and loss of human lives, the conflict continues. Since 15 May 1948 till 1967, the Palestinians and all Arab nations insisted that either all lands or no peace. In the course, the Palestinians were used, abused and misled even by their own leaders. Palestinians' agony became a moneymaking machine for some of the Palestinian elite. Many Arab and non-Arab countries extended financial aid but the average Palestinian received nothing from the aid. Many of the Palestinian leaders will not go to a nearby

refugee camp in Syria or Lebanon to see the living standard but they travel thousands of miles to stay in the best hotels in foreign capitals.

Nowadays, the peace negotiations are at a standstill. And if the Palestinian refugee situation is not resolved then there will be no solution to this conflict. Let us get real and think straight. How can the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank accommodate the millions of Palestinians from the refugee camps? And even if full peace is achieved and the two-state solution is accepted, how are we going to relocate millions of refugees back to theirs' or their grandfathers' towns and villages? The Palestinian-Israeli conflict could have been resolved in 1948 by either accepting the United Nations mandate or by absorbing the thousands of Palestinian refugees into the Arab world. It is May 2014 and I tell the Palestinians, don't fool yourself. No one has ever felt your pain. Just look at what some regimes in the Arab world are doing to their own people. If they don't care about their own people's pain, then what will make them care about your pain? In the past, the Palestinians had better chances for peace but they never read the fine prints or between the lines. *Saudi Press*

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Carmel students skilfully participate in the Rottnest Island Geocache Challenge

Last Friday Carmel School sent two Year 6 teams accompanied by Mrs Lynda Fisher and Mr Paul Carter, to compete in the 'Geo Challenge Cup' held this year on Rottnest Island. This initiative was again organised by 'Nature Play WA', a not-for-profit organisation that has tasked itself with the promotion of outdoor play for WA children and schools from around WA were invited to enter two teams into the challenge.

Geo-caching is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. It is essentially a GPS enabled treasure hunt where each team is given a set time to find as many hidden geo-caches as possible.

Soon after landing on Rottnest the team collected their bikes and gleaning as much as they could from the briefing the teams began exploring the Island. Geocaching is a game of strategy as much as speed so planning was all important to locate as many of the 47 caches as possible. Our route took in the gun emplacements in the centre of the island, various light houses, Pink Lake, Geordie Bay and the Basin.

For those who competed, it was a fantastic day out and a real opportunity to explore the island and learn about its rich history, but more importantly to get some exercise in a natural environment.



Kindy excursion to Tamala Park

Last Wednesday morning, teachers prayed for the rain to stay away so Kindy children could experience their excursion to Tamala Park (Mindarie Tip). First up we met our guide, Peg, who explained all about the recycled goods for sale in the tip shop. Then we went to the education centre and were greeted by giant creatures made from recycled materials. We said hello to the resident worms in the worm farm. Finally, we hopped back on the bus and went over the weighbridge to see the giant hole in the earth where we watched rubbish trucks come and dump their loads and then an enormous compactor machine begin to squash the waste. The children are beginning to understand the concept of the Jewish value, *Tikkun Olam*, repairing our world and hopefully this knowledge will spark their interest and motivation to support a sustainable future.



Year 10 Science – types of chemical reactions

Year 10 Science students were given the task of researching different types of chemical reactions and how the rates of these reactions could be changed. They worked in pairs, using their iPads to present their findings, but also had to demonstrate what they found with a reaction in front of the class.



Hylton Rodkin

New president and new direction for JNF in WA

There was a change of local leadership at the Jewish National Fund's Annual General Meeting last week with Hylton Rodkin taking over as JNF WA State President from long serving incumbent Edwin Glasenberg and Gavin Kotkis coming in as Vice-President from Vicki Stegehuis.

In his President's Report, Edwin spoke of the highlights of the past year, thanking his dedicated Executive, JNF's wonderful volunteers, generous donors and supportive State and National Offices that have contributed both financially and in time to assist in the vital work of the Fund to provide an environmentally sustainable and secure future for communities in the Negev.

He stated that it has been an honour for him to have been in the position of leading JNF's WA Division for the past four years and he was stepping down confident that the future of JNF in WA is looking really positive with new committee members bringing fresh ideas, energy and commitment to match.

In this regard he was very pleased to announce that the JNF WA Division was embarking on an exciting new project in the deep Negev that would be WA's own.

Ganit Poleg-Spark, JNF WA's Donor Relations Manager, presented details of this new three-year project, which will be supporting and providing environmental sustainable facilities for a pioneering community at Merhav Am located in the Northern Negev Hills, 30 minutes from Be'er Sheva, an isolated and barren area of the Ramat HaNegev Regional Council. Merhav Am is one of seven new communities established by the OR Movement in the Negev. Currently home to 35 families and over 100 children, this community is an example of communal living and close knit families who are passionate about living and making a go of it in the Negev. JNF WA plans to establish close ties with this community over the period of the project.

JNF National President Peter Smaller, who was in attendance at the AGM, addressed the meeting commenting that the JNF was the oldest environmental organisation in the world. It had, since 1901, been improving the land of Israel for all its citizens.

JNF has planted 250 million trees, pushed the Negev Desert back some 40 kilometres, built parks, harvested rainwater, and funded water reclamation and water recycling plants which have helped establish new communities.

Israel is the world leader in the field of wastewater, recycling 80 per cent of its wastewater – the next biggest recycler is Spain with some 25 per cent.

JNF works hand-in-hand with Mekorot, the Israel Water Authority, with local governments and with NGO's often ensuring that the many facilities, which Israel needs for its growing population, go ahead.

Mr Smaller mentioned that whilst the economy of Israel is strong today, there is much work still to be done. Going forward, most of JNF's focus is



Ganit Poleg-Spark, Dan Springer, Peter Smaller, Lemmy Hadassin and David Lenhoff

on the Negev and KKL-JNF have formed a strong partnership with the OR Foundation – an NGO with a real "can do" approach. JNF Australia has already committed funds to a number of OR projects.

He thanked Edwin for the service he has given to JNF, stating that his service to JNF Australia stands out like a beacon to all of the Perth Jewish community, and to the wider Jewish community as one who appreciates the importance to give back.

In closing, Mr Smaller commented that whilst we face many challenges, we go forward with great enthusiasm and hope to make Israel a better place. He thanked all for their ongoing support and involvement with JNF.

JNF Chief Executive Dan Springer spoke on the relevance of the Jewish National Fund today. JNF had moved from acquiring land to be the caretaker and guardian of the land and its people.

He stated that the new Merchav Am Project was a great opportunity for the WA community. This was the first time that WA had adopted its own project rather than being part of an Australia-wide commitment. The OR Movement had two decades of experience in establishing successful communities in the Negev, following the vision of Ben Gurion that the future of a sustainable Israel was in the Negev.

Special Certificates were presented to Ruth Cohen, JNF State Blue Box Worker of the Year; to Richard Farago, a former JNF WA State President

acknowledging the occasion of his recent 90th birthday and to Lemmy Hadassin, also a former JNF State President, on his retirement from the WA Executive.

In conclusion Dan Springer presented outgoing President Edwin Glasenberg with a Golden Book Certificate recording an inscription in JNF's prestigious Golden Book of Honour in Jerusalem, acknowledging Edwin's contribution and many years of service to the Jewish National Fund in Australia. He also received several other items as a personal thank you.



Sol Hart, Edwin Glasenberg and Peter Smaller



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Tisch and Tikun L'el Shavuos

The night of Torah learning will kick off with a Hassidic tisch (table, and this refers culinary delicacies served in a Kabbalistic atmosphere) in the Perth Shule Beis Midrash at 11.30pm on Tuesday, 3 June 2014 – all are invited!

The Pertheshe Rebbe will give some Kabbalistic insights into the Torah and Shavuos which will set the atmosphere for what promises to be an inspiring night of Toriffic Torah learning. As is customary, there will be lots of coffee supplied but this will not be needed as the Torah awakens you both spiritually and physically. Please see our flyer for the program and we look forward, as it was some 3,500 years ago to being *k'ish echad b'lev echad*, like one person with one heart in re-enacting our receiving the greatest gift ever given to humanity – the Ten Commandments and the Torah.

My talk that evening will be *What are we celebrating tonight? – Giving of Torah or Ten Commandments, or both?* We are also pleased to welcome Rabbi Greenwald from the Kollel Beit Hatalmud of Melbourne, who will speak on a number of very interesting topics.

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Mincha 5.00pm
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat 6.02pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.30am
Mincha / Ma'ariv 6.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays

Shacharit 8.00am
Mincha / Shiur / Ma'ariv 6.00pm

SHAVUOT TIMETABLE

Tuesday 3 June 2014

Mincha 5.45pm
Maariv 6.00pm

Wednesday 4 June 2014

Morning Service 9.00am
Mincha 5.00pm
Ma-ariv 6.00pm

Thursday 5 June 2014

Morning Service incl Yizkor 9.00am
Mincha incl Seidas Prida 5.00pm
Maariv & Termination of Chag 6.00pm

Living in Retirement

Tuesday, 27 May

MZ Home – 10am

"The Amazing Amazon"

Video and presentation by Kevin Blitz
\$5 donation to MZH

Tuesday, 10 June

Café 61 – 10am

"Administration of Estates and Wills"




Guest Speaker – Neville Friedman
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But if tap dancing isn't for you (and even if it is), come on down for weekly programs this **Sunday – Junior (Years 3-8) 3.30-5.30pm** and **Senior (Years 9-12) 6-8pm**. It's gonna be more fun than a barrel of monkeys!

Also how about this weather huh? Is it cold or what? Winter is coming, and instead of White Walkers, it's bringing **Machane Eretz Tiferet (Land of Glorious Beauty)**.

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Peace out hombre's and Shabbat Shalom,

Habo Boy xoxo

AUJS

AUJS celebrates Yom Ha'atzmaut true Israeli style



Last Sunday, AUJS celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut with Israeli food, drinks and *ruach*. Thanks to Café 61, AUJS was treated to a smorgasbord of delicious Israeli food.

Over 30 students attended the event and everyone seemed to have a great time! It was great to see university aged students come together to celebrate the independence of our beautiful country, Israel even though we are so far away and don't always feel the connection.

Next week, we will be celebrating Peace Week on campus with a "Piece for Peace" at UWA on Tuesday and at Curtin on Wednesday. Happy 66th Birthday Israel!

Health

Water pipes don't dilute nargilah danger

Nargilah, popular with youngsters visiting Israel, are seen as safer than cigarettes. Not so, say researchers. An Israeli study indicates that the *nargilah* greatly increases the amount of carbon monoxide in the blood

Lea Bentur, head of the Paediatric Pulmonary Unit at the Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa, decided to probe the acute effects of smoking them after becoming aware of how accepted it is among Israeli youth and how little research has been conducted.

The sweet, flavoured tobacco used in *nargilah* is often presumed free from nicotine and other harmful substances, but Dr Bentur said that it contains a similar number of harmful components to conventional tobacco including nicotine.

It is a misconception, she added, that the water in the pipe filters harmful elements from the smoke – it simply makes the smoke more moist, and therefore, more pleasant.

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Viva WIZO Aviva!

Bravo, what a triumph! Rhoda Lopez brought more than 160 patrons to their feet receiving a standing ovation for her portrayal of 'the little sparrow' in the production of *Madam Piau* presented by the Knuts Theatre Group with the support of WIZO.

Piau's music has long been a favourite of mine, and her story is well known, although the director Stephen Lee assured me that this work is far closer to the truth than previous versions



Michael and Julia Odes with Irene Dembo

which were written when many of her associates were still alive. The compelling performance by Rhoda was supported by three other actor/singers who played multiple characters, and augmented by the talents of three accomplished musicians. Rhoda Lopez, and several others in the group are WAAPA graduates and we should be very proud and supportive of their achievements.

A wonderful show, a delicious French spread – cheese, baguettes, (courtesy Jean Pierre Sancho)



Bravo, Rhoda Lopez!



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Kaye and Eric Edelman

dips, olives and more, washed down with a glass of wine – it truly was one of those special functions for which WIZO is renown – a value added social fundraiser.

Well done to all those involved and thank you for a very memorable night. *Debra Majteles*

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We warmly re-welcome Naomi Lieblich who has come back to live in Perth.

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Sunday, 15 June for lunch with
Dr Jim Leavesley – refer to the ad below.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 3 June in the All Purpose Room at the Jewish Centre at 10am. All welcome.

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Walking Tour

Jewish walk of Northbridge

On Sunday, 6 April the Jewish Historical & Genealogical Society of Western Australia (JHGS-WA) organised one of its popular Walking Tours of Jewish Northbridge.

Accompanied by our knowledgeable guides, Colin Rockman and Jon Steinberg, two groups set out on foot from the corner of Stuart and Palmerston Streets to learn more about Jewish Northbridge.

The groups meandered past the old site of the Palmerston Street Shule (also known as the Little Shule) and then down Brisbane Street, with the guides pointing out some of the residences where Jewish people had previously lived. We passed the site of the factory where rubber thongs were first manufactured in Australia by the Gem Footwear, owned by the Zeitlin family and Millman's garage in William Street, adjacent to the second of La Motte's Kosher butcher shops. While nothing remains of the Brisbane Street Synagogue and the Prince's Hall, participants reminisced about earlier days.

Jon pointed out his father's family home in Robinson Avenue and the old kindergarten site in Stuart Street and Colin mentioned many highlights from his youth days.

While the Northbridge area is now frequented by many Vietnamese businesses, and the Jewish sites of significance are now gone, it was nevertheless nostalgic remembering the contribution made by the Jewish residents and business people in previous times.

Any photos, memorabilia, stories or memento's that you may have and wish to donate, the JHGS-WA would be delighted to receive. Please contact Michelle Urban on 0418 910 258 or email on jhgs@iinet.net.au

Lynette Chester



Walking Tour guides Jonathan Steinberg and Colin Rockman



Donelle Rockman and Judy Havas

Message from Eli Bin, General Director

Magen David Adom, the national rescue organisation of the State of Israel, was satisfied at the end of last year from an operational point of view, but apprehensive about the possibility of being unable to maintain the professional level in the future.

In 2013 MDA crews were summoned to attend to 659,266 sick and injured, 278,291 units of blood were collected, 11,750 pupils were cared for within the framework of service to pupils injured in the educational system, and 67,346 persons were trained in emergency medical first aid. Magen David Adom is known throughout the world as one of the most professional, high quality and advanced organisations in its field.

Time after time, the public in Israel has expressed its confidence and trust in Magen David Adom on a level similar to the trust one places in Israel's Defence Forces. This is an unprecedented achievement for an organisation that obtains almost no government support and relies on its own resources and on donations from its friends around the world.

At the end of the past year, the country was struck by a blizzard of proportions greater than it had ever experienced. The storm lasted more than three days, during which many communities were left without electricity and water, drivers were stuck in the snow, roads were blocked and the number of calls to MDA increased enormously.

Magen David Adom is required to act in routine situations and to be prepared for emergencies.



The unprecedented activity of the organisation during the snow storm won great appreciation and the lives of many people were saved and many births were attended to by emergency medical crews, workers and volunteers. In order for the organisation to be able to continue its work, the government needs to allocate funds to the organisation in its annual budget.

After many years, this year, we updated some of MDA's prices and costs, which are controlled by the government – too few, and almost too late. In MDA, many workers receive income completion for minimum wage and the wage is controlled by the person in charge of wages at the Ministry of Finance without any exceptions. The administrative staff, the backbone of the organisation, is lean and is aided by volunteers for the completion of its tasks. The organisation activates some 12,000 volunteers from Israel and abroad who contribute more than 5,000,000 hours of volunteering a year.

Many residents of Israel do not know that their emergency medical services and their Blood Bank operate thanks to the generous contributions of volunteers and donors from around the world. MDA Friends' Societies have donated more than \$37m for the benefit of the Israeli public. Despite the difficulties encountered in financing its activities, MDA has managed to acquire resources for development and for the improvement of deployment and services. The organisation is now equipped with a mobile national command and control vehicle as a lesson learned from the Mt Carmel fire. The vehicle enables workers to communicate in the disaster setting even if there is a collapse in infrastructure. During the past year, stations were dedicated in the Arab town of Fureidis and in Yavniel and, for the first time, an MDA station was erected in 2013 entirely by Israeli donations. The station, set up in Kfar Chabad, in a strategic location from the point of view of rapid accessibility to road accidents and to Israel's international airport, was donated by a generous family who wished to remain anonymous.

I would like to thank the workers and volunteers for their blessed activity which brings honour to the organisation and to the State of Israel. I would also like to thank the Minister of Health, MK Yael German, members of the MDA board, members of the Executive and its committees and the President of MDA and his deputy for their contribution on behalf of the organisation and for their strong and active support.

Eli Bin

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CARMEL SCHOOL

Annual General Meeting



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SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2014 at 7pm

in the BRECKLER TROY HALL, Cresswell Road, Dianella

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - General Member x 2
7. General Business

Attendees are invited to join the Board for light refreshments following the meeting to celebrate the contribution of Mr Neil Wende and Mr Alan Osrin.

Gentlemen, please wear head covering to the meeting.

Karen Steinberg
Honorary Secretary

Eli Zagoria, the artist 1921-2013

Eli was born in 1921 in Riga, the capital of Latvia. He spent his early years in Riga and was a member of the *Hashomer Hatzair* Zionist Youth Movement.

Eli was left in the care of his grandmother after his mother immigrated to South Africa. Two years later she could afford to send for him and at age 14 he immigrated to South Africa. He considered himself very lucky that his mother had a Russian passport and so they bypassed the South African Immigration Quota queue. In the 1930s it normally took years of waiting before one could immigrate to South Africa and no doubt many still waiting in the queue perished in the Holocaust.

On arriving in South Africa he was placed in the care of Arcadia, the Jewish orphanage home in Parktown, Johannesburg. There he learnt how to speak English and was encouraged with his art.

After leaving Arcadia, Eli worked for a short time and then enlisted in the South African Army

in the Medical Corp. He considered it was 'his' fight as much as anyone else's.

After his training he was shipped up north to Egypt and sent to a place in the desert called El Alamein and then later to Tobruk.

On 21 June 1942 he became a prisoner of war. Over 30,000 men, mostly South Africans, were taken when Tobruk fell to the Germans, who handed them over to their allies, the Italians. They were shipped to Italy where they were held in camps as prisoners of war.

Later when Italy left the Axis, he was transported to Germany where he was forced to work in a mine and large industrial complex with thousands of other prisoners. There, in Stalag IVB, he attended art classes for a year with a British artist, also a prisoner of war, Ray Newell, an art teacher at the University of London. He was Eli's first art teacher and told Eli he should take art up as a profession.



*Eli in his studio and workshop.
His portrait of his mother hangs on the wall*

After returning to South Africa in 1946 Eli was given a full three year scholarship in the Art College in Johannesburg and then volunteered to go to Israel and join the Israeli Army in the 1948/9 War of Independence. In the Israeli Army he once again was in the medical corp, helping the wounded and sick.

Eli married Estelle Kaplan in 1949 and they spent seven years in Israel and over 23 years in Zimbabwe before returning to Johannesburg for 13 years. During this time in Johannesburg he did portrait sketches at East Gate shopping centre.

Eli came to Perth in 1992. He has two sons Michael and Ilan born in Israel and a daughter Karen born in Zimbabwe.

Eli, when he passed away early in 2013, still made his living from art, doing portraits and painting in his small studio at the back of his house. He estimated that he drew over 15,000 portraits over his lifetime.

Eli leaves behind his wife of 64 years, his three children and seven grandchildren.

David Solly Sandler & Estelle Zagoria

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Saturday 24 May

8:50am **Temple David Religion School**

10:30am **Shabbat Morning Service**

Midweek

Tuesday 27 May

9:30am **Torah Text & Tea**

Wednesday 28 May

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Friday 30 May

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Shabbat

Candlelighting.....	5.05pm
Mincha.....	5.10pm
Kabalat Shabbat.....	5.45pm
Shacharit.....	9.00am
Shabbat Mincha.....	5.55pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat.....	6.02pm

Sunday 25th May

Shacharit.....	7.00am & 8.00am
Mincha.....	5.00pm
Maariv.....	6.15pm

Weekdays

Shacharit (Mon, Tues & Thurs).....	6.15am
Yom Yerushalayim (Wed).....	6.00am
Rosh Chodesh (Fri).....	6.00am
Mincha/Maariv.....	5.05pm

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**Services at the PHC Beit Midrash
SHABBAT TIMES**

PARSHAT BAMIDBAR

Candle Lighting.....	5.05pm
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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Friday 23 May

Erev Shabbat.....6.00pm

Saturday 24 May

Shabbat.....9.00am

Bnei Mincha.....4.00pm

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Mac Sport from the class to the grass

Mac Sport is an awesome opportunity for your child to be involved in learning the core skills of many different sports. Mac Sport is a safe and non-competitive environment that will nurture the basic skill set of many different sports allowing your child to develop confidence and teamwork whilst developing a love for being active and healthy.

Mac Sport is run under the auspices of Maccabi WA and all activities are held at the Maccabi Grounds, Woodrow Avenue, Dianella from 3.15 to 4.30pm.

So far this term Mac Sport has taken off with a bang. Jamie Missell from Maccabi WA is our coordinator. As most parents are working Jamie meets the kids at school, takes them across the oval and gets them afternoon tea.

Specialised sport coach Henry from Kelly Sports and Simone Hesse from Maccabi then run the kids through their sport for that afternoon.

So far, over 60 kids are participating and having a ball!

It is only \$5 per session or \$44 for the whole term. Please email Simone Hesse on shesse@inet.net.au or call her on 0438 913 344 for more information or to enrol.



NEW MACCABI CLUB



Maccabi WA is delighted to announce the commencement of the Maccabi Archery Club!

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NetSetGo has been developed to provide children from **5 to 10 years** with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

Sport

European champions! Maccabi Tel Aviv wins Euroleague final 98-86

Maccabi Electra Tel Aviv won the Euroleague basketball final 96-86 last Sunday night against Real Madrid in Milan in a nail-biting overtime victory.

Maccabi chalked up its first European championship win since back-to-back wins in 2004 and 2005, and its sixth overall.

The Tel Aviv team had not been fancied even to make the final four, and only secured its final place with a last-seconds victory over the mighty CSKA Moscow on last Friday.

Maccabi point guard Yogev Ohayon, speaking on Israel Radio seconds after Sunday's victory was sealed, described the win as "unbelievable... I'm in complete shock." Fellow player Devin Smith said the fans had been crucial, turning the



Milan stadium "into Nokia" – Maccabi's home Tel Aviv stadium.

Other Maccabi players and coaches called it the greatest victory in the team's history, eclipsing even its first, legendary 1977 championship,

when then captain Tal Brody had proclaimed, "We are on the map."

At least 10,000 Israeli fans travelled to the northern Italian venue to watch the game and cheer on the Israeli league champs. Many had purchased tickets from fans of the previous favourites who had failed to qualify for the final round, FC Barcelona and CSKA Moscow.

President Shimon Peres congratulated Maccabi Tel Aviv on its win, telling the team's coach David Blatt that he "nearly had a heart attack" while watching the game.

"You are heroes and have brought incredible pride to the state of Israel," said the president during the phone call, adding "all of Israel is yellow tonight."

Times of Israel

Personals

Birth

LAI (SILBERT)

Lara and Albert joyfully announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Natasha Rose (Talia Shoshana) Lai, 30 April 2014 (30 Nisan 5774), named in loving memory of her great-grandmother Rose Silbert.

Beloved granddaughter of Marcelle & Paul Silbert, and Alice and Antony Lai.

Great-granddaughter of Esther & the late Max Mair, the late Rose & Morris Silbert, and Lin & Kaw Yip.

May Hashem bless our daughter as He blessed Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Engagement

Alan and Sharon Lazarus together with Mark Levi and Vicky Ryba (Sydney) are delighted to announce the engagement of their children

Daniel and Kimberley

Consecration

The dedication of the headstone in loving memory of

MORRIS FOREMAN

will take place at

Karrakatta Cemetery

on Sunday, 25 May 2014 at 10.00am

Consecration

The dedication of the headstone in loving memory of

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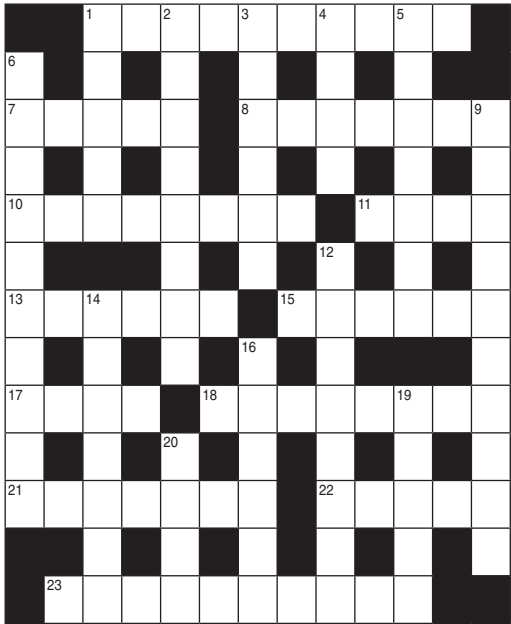
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Crossword
Colin Shur



ACROSS

- 1 A skilled laboratory worker (10)
- 7 Sit on the throne (5)
- 8 Very personal (7)
- 10 They are trained to compete in sports (8)
- 11 Be visibly anxious (4)
- 13 Shatiycha (Hebrew) in English (6)
- 15 Chaklay (Hebrew) in English (6)
- 17 A very wise man (4)
- 18 A journalist (8)
- 21 A dried seedless grape (7)
- 22 "The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty ----" (The Highwayman, Alfred Noyes) (5)
- 23 An artificial body part (10)

DOWN

- 1 The upper joint of the leg of a fowl (5)
- 2 Acknowledges defeat (8)
- 3 English for a plimenik (Yiddish) (6)
- 4 A potato crisp (4)
- 5 A well used cryptic crossword puzzle clue (7)
- 6 Radio or TV transmissions (10)
- 9 Come in and force open this business (10)*
- 12 Old formal French dances in quadruple time (8)
- 14 Would a rag rule conform to a standard pattern? (7)*
- 16 Passover (6)
- 19 Long difficult journeys (5)
- 20 Can you slap your mates? (4)*

*Denotes Cryptic Answers on page 14

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