

HAMAS TERROR TUNNELS Mega-attack was planned

Hamas's tunnel network comprising over forty attack tunnels dug underneath Israel's border with the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip – was set to be activated during Rosh Hashanah as a mass terror attack.

The attack was meant to generate as many as ten thousand casualties, men, women and particularly children and hundreds of captives. Explosives were placed underneath kindergartens to make certain that these "institutions" would be the first struck.

The known cost of the infrastructure – each tunnel costs more than \$1m – clearly shows that

Hamas was planning a coordinated mega-attack.

Israeli security sources, citing information acquired in interrogations of captured brigands, described a scenario under which hundreds of heavily armed Hamas fighters would have spilled out into Israel in the dead of night and within 10 minutes been positioned to infiltrate Israeli communities surrounding the Gaza Strip. Waiting until schools and kindergartens were occupied, the terrorists would attempt to kill the children first, and then kill and kidnap as many Israelis as possible.

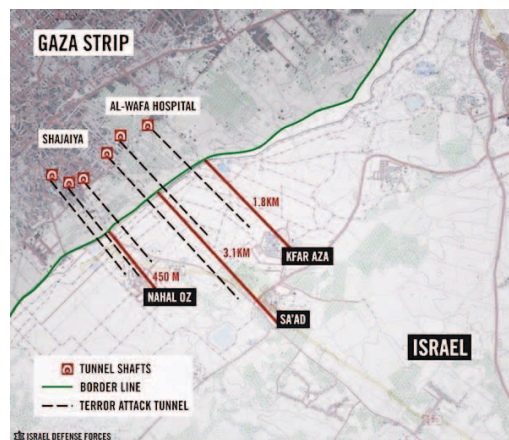
Israeli Economy Minister Naftali Bennett said, "A whole city of terror tunnels has been found. Without the ground operation, we would have woken up one day to an Israeli 9/11."

Hamas did not build a "subway" system for Gaza residents. They built an infrastructure for one purpose only – an industry of death.

Israeli military officials reported that the tunnels are stocked with tranquilisers, handcuffs, syringes, ropes and other materials used for subduing abductees, civilians and soldiers. The tunnels also had huge quantities of explosives and additional military material.

Everyone in Gaza knew that beneath the city and its environs a network of tunnels was being dug over the past five years. Yet no one in Israel, public or military, was prepared for the scope of the tunnels.

The logistics of this planned attack are the



A map of a small portion of the tunnels for the planned 23 September attack

work of a well-organised military, not that of a militia or club.

"Hamas planned these tunnels for years, and planned to use them to kidnap soldiers," Israeli military spokesman Brig. Gen. Mordechai Almoz said. "Now they see the tunnels collapsing one after the other."

Daily Caller

"A whole city of terror tunnels has been found. Without the ground operation, we would have woken up one day to an Israeli 9/11."



WJC: Stop vicious incitement against Jews

The attacks and incitement against Jews have reached an alarming level not seen in many countries since World War II. President of the World Jewish Congress, Ronald Lauder, reacted to a series of reports from Jewish communities about antisemitic incidents carried out by opponents of Israel's military operation against Hamas in Gaza. Lauder called it an outrage that Jews in a number of European countries had become the target of anti-Israel protests and urged government leaders to urgently clamp down on any expression of antisemitism.

"The world needs to show by words and by actions where it stands: in solidarity with Hamas' supporters who attack synagogues and shout 'Death to the Jews', or with their law-abiding

citizens who express themselves peacefully but are being pilloried by extremists," Lauder said.

"We cannot accept that pogroms against Jews are being attempted again in Europe or anywhere else in the world. We will not accept that Jews anywhere are being terrorised because of their religion or because they support Israel."

The WJC president said Europe's leaders had a stark choice: "Either you stop this agitation and protect your Jewish population, or you fail to do so and Jews will ultimately turn their back on your countries. This is not a question of whether you agree or not with Israel. It's about whether or not you are willing and able to do what it takes to prevent the renaissance of anti-Jewish pogroms in your countries," Lauder emphasised. *WJC*



WHAT'S ON

Wednesday, 6 August

WA Society of Jewish Jurists and Lawyers.
Jewish Centre. 6.30pm. P6

Thursday, 7 August

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(mini-gym). 7pm. P12

JewishCare AGM. Jewish Centre. 7.30pm. P11

Sunday, 10 August

Jewish Women's Convention. *Empowerment*.
Chabad Shule. 11am-4pm. P16

NCJWA Natanya presents Brazilian Food: A Delicious
Cooking Demonstration. Mt Lawley. 3pm. P11

Tuesday, 12 August

JCCWA AGM. Guest Speaker ECAJ Public Affairs
Director Alex Ryvchin. Jewish Centre. 7.30pm. P11

Saturday, 16 August

Maccabi WA Bid and Boogie Gala Auction and
Dinner Dance. Laguna Social Club. 7pm. P12

Sunday, 17 August

WIZO Ilana Classics & Beyond. Temple David. 2pm. p11

Friends of Israel WA AGM. Sylvia & Harry Hoffman
Hall, Carmel School. 2.30pm. P6

Sunday, 24 August

HABO Quiz Night. Jewish Centre. 7pm.

Wednesdays

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Mazeltov

Wedding

Derek and Jo Loewenstein, together with Jane Rapke and
Daniel Cassuto, are delighted to announce the marriage
of their children Nicole and Alon.

The wedding took place in Israel on 2 July 2014.
Thank you to those who came to Israel to share in our
simcha and thank you to everyone for your wonderful wishes.



Out & About

Birthday in London

Jack Cohen, father of Angela Davis z"l,
travelled to London with his family to celebrate
his 90th birthday. Jack is pictured here with
Michael and Michelle Sutherland when
they recently paid a courtesy call on the
WA Agent General Kevin Skipworth.



Stand with Israel

Perth's support for the IDF and families in southern Israel

It started as a collection of small items as a show of support for
the IDF and families in need in Israel. Due to an overwhelming
response, and after the initial shipment was sent, it became
a container-load of love and support, filled with much needed
items for IDF soldiers on the front lines and families living in
and out of bomb shelters.

Thanks to Rabbi Brad Kitay for coordinating the collection,
Friends of Israel WA and other organisations for partnering and
supporting the drive, and to the community and friends for the incredibly generous response.



Soon in Perth



Ladies – you deserve a day for you!!

Odeya White has been working hard to organise a fabulous day for ALL the women in our community.
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socialise, learn, be inspired and enriched. A wonderful line-up is planned, including morning tea and
a delicious lunch.

Special Guest Speaker Mrs Dina Liberow is flying in from Melbourne especially for the event, an
amazing speaker with fabulous insights. Attendees will also get to choose one of the two workshops
on offer, providing a more intimate environment to explore topics that will appeal to all.

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160 Palestinian child labourers have died in tunnel construction

The Beirut, Ramallah and Washing based Institute for Palestinian Studies has reported the use of child labour in Hamas tunnel construction.

The report documents Hamas' use of child labour to build and operate the tunnels. Despite concerns by human rights groups, no significant attention was paid by Hamas to their safety.

The report cited Hamas officials who said that "at least 160 children have been killed in tunnels" and stated that "nothing was done to impede the use of children in the tunnels, where, much as in Victorian coal mines, they are prized for their nimble bodies."

Not only has Hamas built terror tunnels to attack Israeli children, but this report clearly demonstrates that it is criminally responsible for exploiting and endangering the lives of children in Gaza to do so. *MFA*

Australia lists Hamas as terrorist organisation

The Australian government has formally listed Hamas as a terrorist organisation. Until last week it was only the military wing of Hamas, Izz alDin al Qassam Brigades, that Australia designated as a terrorist organisation.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said, "Hamas claims to represent Gaza, yet it has jeopardised the welfare of its own people by rejecting the proposal for a ceasefire." She praised Israel's leadership for accepting the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire proposal. *BNN*

Memo to ABC, SBS: *al-Jazeera* is biased

The integrity of coverage of the current fighting between Hamas and Israel by Australia's national broadcaster, ABC, and its sister organisation SBS, has been compromised by their problematic and repeated use of reports by *al-Jazeera*, an organisation owned by the government of Qatar.

Biased against Israel in its coverage even at the best of times, *al-Jazeera* must be seen as having an egregious conflict of interest when it comes to the Israel-Hamas conflict, because Qatar is currently the biggest funding source for Hamas, and, together with Turkey, had been actively calling for a ceasefire plan that transparently serves Hamas's interests.

ABC and SBS have let Australian listeners down by using in whole or in part reports from *al-Jazeera*. That organisation's biased track record on its reporting on Israel, taken together with its owner's deeply-rooted relationship with Hamas, should invalidate it as a source for Australia's news organisations, and particularly publicly funded ones. *AJJAC*

Carmel walls sprayed with anti-Israel hate

Carmel parents and students were shocked to see hate graffiti painted on the Carmel School perimeter walls last Friday morning.

While the graffiti was quickly removed, the effect of seeing such hatred and vandalism of one of our most important institutions will linger for some time. It is shameful for those who, in the name of a war taking place halfway across the world, try to instil fear and intimidate the Jewish community.

We hope that they are brought to justice and we do not see any more of these despicable acts. *SZC*



www: *websiteworthwatching*

Palestinians, Iran, Syria fail to silence UN Watch

The Palestinian ambassador to the UNHRC, together with Iran, Syria, Egypt, Cuba and Venezuela tried but failed to silence UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer during an UN Emergency Session on Gaza, as he defended Israel's right to resist Hamas aggression, and called out the hypocrisy of those who initiated the biased proceeding.

As expected, the council voted 29 to 1 (USA), with 17 abstaining (EU and others), to condemn Israel for "gross violations of international human rights," and it created a new commission of inquiry to produce a second Goldstone Report.

Search YouTube: UN emergency session on Gaza: Hillel Neuer speaks out



From the Editor

Debbie Myerson

Parts of Gaza lie in ruins. Buildings reduced to mangled rubble. Decimated by aerial shelling. And the images, of which we have seen plenty, are not easy to look at. This is no longer an operation, say Israeli officials. This is war.

There's a war going on in Syria too. A report last week in the Arab media stated that more than 700 people were killed in Syria over the course of Thursday and Friday, in what activists say were the bloodiest 48 hours of fighting in the conflict to date... images of which we've seen nothing.

Pro-Syrian government forces and militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) are killing each other at a murderous rate. But no pictures, no protests, not much impact on Western media or 'Western conscience' at all.

Meanwhile images of 'Underground Gaza' need to be seen to be believed.

With the scope and reach of Hamas's tunnels now exposed, their intentions are as clear as daylight.

They would stage a mega-attack. Terror and carnage. Hoping to inflict massive casualties, starting with Israeli pre-schoolers.

It is chilling to think that the scratching sounds that Israelis down south heard in the middle of the night was not 'paranoia'.

It is chilling to think what Hamas had planned for Israel as Israel planned to celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5775.

And it is chilling to think that Obama and Kerry can even suggest an unconditional truce 'made in Qatar' for the obvious benefit of Hamas.

Letter to the Editor

Stand with Israel

Maccabi WA recognises the efforts and generosity of the community to assist the IDF soldiers on the front lines and families living in bomb shelters by sending goods and donations. The container organised by Rabbi Brad Kitay and located on the Maccabi Grounds shows his resourcefulness and humanitarianism.

On 16 August Maccabi is holding an Auction Dinner, its major fundraising event of the year. As part of its commitment to assist in the current crisis in Israel, Maccabi WA will be donating a percentage of profits from the evening to the appeal.

Simply by joining us for a fun night, you'll be contributing to the appeal. Check out the Maccabi page for more details.

Alan Shear, President Maccabi WA

German paper speaks out against antisemitism

Bild, the largest circulation paper in Germany has called on Germans to raise their voices against antisemitism. A banner headline said: *Nie Wieder Juden-Hass* (Never Again Jew Hatred).

The paper's late owner, Axel Springer, was a friend of Jews and a strong supporter of Israel.

The newspaper's statement is a repudiation of the rash of recent antisemitism in German demonstrations against Israel's Gaza war, *Bild* editor Kai Dieckmann, said. He added that the newspaper's journalists feel a special obligation to Israel.

"We as Germans take the lessons and the responsibility of the Holocaust seriously and we will always be on the side of Israel when its existence is threatened."



Vienna flashmob simulates Hamas rocket attacks

The Jewish community in Vienna staged a *flashmob* in several public places last Thursday to show solidarity with Israelis living under the constant threat of Hamas's rocket fire.

Flashmobs were launched in three places as organisers struggled to raise awareness of the cause behind Israel's self-defence operation. During each demonstration, a siren was sounded, and protesters took 15 seconds to duck or find cover.

"The terror, the rockets must stop," one of the organisers told the outlet. "Hamas must be disarmed, so Israel can finally live in peace."

UNHRC calls for an investigation of Israel

Addressing the UN Human Rights Council, Israeli Ambassador Eviatar Manor said, "Rather than investigate Hamas, which is committing a double war crime by firing rockets at Israeli civilians while hiding behind Palestinian civilians, the UNHRC calls for an investigation of Israel, which has gone to unprecedented lengths to keep Palestinian civilians out of harm's way."

"The UNHRC should be launching an investigation into Hamas's decision to turn hospitals into military command centres, use schools as weapons depots and place missile batteries next to playgrounds, private homes and mosques. By failing to condemn Hamas, the UNHRC is sending a message to Hamas and terror organisations everywhere that their grotesque human shields policy is an effective strategy."



MFA

Former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg flies to Israel, dismissing safety fears

Last Tuesday, a Palestinian rocket struck a home just 1.5km from Ben Gurion Airport, situated 20km from Tel Aviv's city centre, prompting the US Federal Aviation Administration to place a 24-hour moratorium on flights by US carriers to and from Israel. Despite the ban, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg flew into Tel Aviv thumbing his nose at the safety concerns.

Bloomberg said the trip was a gesture of support for the Jewish state. Speaking before boarding an El Al flight at New York City's JFK airport, Bloomberg said, "Israel has a right to defend its people, and they're doing exactly what they should be doing."



Home struck near Ben Gurion Airport

Was it fixed?

US Senator Ted Cruz of Texas demanded answers from the Obama administration last week, as the FAA lifted its 24-hour ban on US flights to Israel.

In a blistering statement, Cruz stated that the ban was not based on security concerns, but was a political ploy by the administration to intimidate Israel into making policy concessions.



Saying that the ban was "aiding Hamas," "helps our enemy," and "hurts our ally," Cruz presented a list of questions he said the administration must answer:

- Was this decision a political decision driven by the White House?
- If the FAA's decision was based on airline safety, why was Israel singled out, when flights would be permitted into Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen?
- What was the FAA's 'safety' analysis that led to prohibiting flights to Israel, while still permitting flights to Ukraine — where a commercial airline flight was just shot down with a BUK missile?
- What specific communications occurred between the FAA and the White House and the State Department? Why were any such communications necessary, if this was purely about airline safety?
- Was this a safety issue, or was it using a federal regulatory agency to punish Israel to try to force them to comply with Secretary Kerry's demand that Israel stop their military effort to take out Hamas's rocket capacity?

"Congress," the senator stated, "should demand answers."

WJD

US court finds North Korea, Iran liable for aiding Hezbollah in 2006 war against Israel

A US federal judge has ruled that North Korea and Iran were liable for damages caused by Hezbollah rocket fire into Israel.

The US district judge concluded that the two countries are liable because they "provided material support and assistance to the Hezbollah terrorists who fired the rockets at Israel."

A special master will be assigned to determine the amount of damages that will be assessed; collecting the money owed, of course, will be a different matter.



The Tower

At UN, Canada blames Hamas for Gaza casualties

Guillermo Rishchynski, told the Security Council last Tuesday: "The indiscriminate rocket attacks from Gaza on Israel are terrorist acts, for which there can be no justification." Hamas has "sought to deliberately put civilians, from both sides, in mortal danger."

Canada called on Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to disarm Hamas, eliminate militias and private armies in Gaza, and keep smugglers from making military equipment available to militants there.

Israeli soccer team attacked in Austria

Members of the Maccabi Haifa soccer team were attacked on the field in Austria by pro-Palestinian protesters.

The activists stormed the field and physically assaulted the Israeli players during a match against the French soccer club Lille.

"We experienced an uncomfortable atmosphere of violence on the pitch and in the stands," Maccabi Haifa stated. "The attack was premeditated and dangerous in light of the incitement in Turkish media."

The protesters were mostly Turkish immigrants, according to the team.

JTA

Rivlin sworn in as president under shadow of Gaza operation



On 23 July Reuven Rivlin took the oath of office in the Knesset to be faithful to the country and its laws. The inauguration was a ray of light in a difficult time. During the ceremony, air raid sirens went off in eight areas in the South.

Rivlin, Knesset Speaker Yuri Edelstein and outgoing President Shimon Peres all paid tribute to soldiers taking part in *Operation Protective Edge* and sent condolences to families of the fallen.

In Rivlin's first speech to the nation as president, he said the inauguration was taking place as scheduled "not solely in the name of the law, but to deliver a clear message to our enemies – you cannot and will not defeat us."

Rivlin emphasised that Israel is not fighting the Palestinian people. Rather, it is fighting "cruel and murderous terrorism."

The new president concluded with a message of hope. "The Jewish

nation has proven its stamina. For 2,000 years we waited to return to our homeland, and today we are safely ensconced here.

"A day will come when the darkness of terrorism will be eradicated from the land, when we will live here in tranquility and peace, side by side, when peace will be established between Israel and all its neighbours."

"Long live the State of Israel!" Rivlin concluded, in tears, and was given a standing ovation.

Peres took a hard line on Hamas in his last speech as president, while expressing hope for peace with the Palestinians in the future.

Peres said not all residents of Gaza are Israel's enemies, nor are all Arabs, and that Israel opened fire only in response to Hamas rockets.

Peres said farewell to the presidency: "I am leaving my job without leaving behind my deep faith that Israel is a model country." He thanked the nation for giving him the privilege to serve them.

Rivlin and Edelstein paid tribute to Peres's decades of service to the country in their speeches.

JPost

EU blasts Hamas for "criminal and unjustifiable" rocket attacks



The European Union (EU) last week issued what was widely taken as blistering criticism of Hamas with the bloc's 28 foreign ministers demanding that the Palestinian terror group "immediately put an end to rocket attacks on Israel and.. renounce violence," and also calling for all terror groups in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip to be disarmed. The EU strongly condemned calls on the civilian population of Gaza to provide themselves as human shields.

The Tower

Hamas: We will never agree to disarm

Hamas political chief Khaled Mashal said in Qatar last week: "We reject the cycle of ceasefire and negotiations. We rejected it today and we will reject it in the future." Mashal stressed that Hamas will never agree to demilitarisation. "No one can disarm the resistance," he said.

Ynet

30,000 honour IDF soldier from LA, killed in Gaza

Sgt. Max Steinberg, 24, was from Los Angeles. After he first visited Israel on a Birthright trip in 2012, he moved to Israel and joined the IDF. A member of the Golani infantry brigade, he was killed last Saturday night in Gaza.

Only a handful of the some 30,000 mourners had even heard of Max Steinberg prior to his death. During the day preceding the funeral, calls were made on Facebook to attend Steinberg's funeral. "It is unbelievable to see how many people are here in your honour," US Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro said. "A son of the United States, a soldier of Israel, he represented the best of both of our countries."

Haaretz

Khamenei: Israel's annihilation is the only real cure

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei believes there is only one solution for the "problem" that is Israel:

"Israel's annihilation is the only real cure, but that doesn't mean destroying Jews in this region," he said in his speech, which was posted on his website.

The Tower



150 Palestinians surrender to IDF in Gaza

Dozens of Palestinian terror operatives, most of whom were said to be members of Hamas, surrendered last Wednesday to IDF soldiers during raids in the southern Gaza Strip cities of Rafah and Khan Yunis.

The operatives, who came out of hiding spots with their hands raised above their heads, were taken into Israeli custody for further questioning.

A picture of the Gazans posted on Facebook by Israeli Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz showed two rows of captives wearing only underwear and shoes, on their knees in the sand. They were stripped of their clothes in order to ensure they were not carrying weapons.

Times of Israel



Hamas's drone and rocket development chief killed in IAF strike

A senior Hamas member in charge of advanced weapons development was killed in an IAF airstrike last Friday.

The target, Ismael Muhammad Sa'ad Akluk, 25, was in a vehicle targeted by the IAF, acting on information from the Shin Bet intelligence agency.

The Shin Bet said the strike represents a blow to the armament program of Hamas's military wing, as Akluk was a key figure in Hamas's drone and rocket research program.

JPost

Thousands of care packages sent to soldiers serving in Gaza

Thousands of Israelis have purchased packages of snacks and personal care products for Israeli soldiers serving in *Operation Protective Edge*, while companies across the country worked together to support the soldiers and residents under constant rocket fire in the south.

Israel Hayom teamed up with the Rami Levy chain of supermarkets to offer kits to be sent to the soldiers, enabling shoppers to buy a package for a soldier while they shop for groceries.

For less than \$3, a care package including body wash, a toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes, sweets and pretzels will be sent to a soldier. For \$7, shoppers can purchase a kit including an undershirt, two pairs of underwear and socks.

Israel Hayom

A letter of thanks from Hamas to the International Media

Noah Beck

Dear Members of the Mainstream Media,

You’ve been awesome! Everyone knows that we start unwinnable wars with Israel because the real victory happens when you predictably side with us each time. And you’ve been so supportive of our strategy that we really want to acknowledge your helpfulness. In particular, we thank you for:

- Focusing so much more on our suffering than anyone else’s. Nigerians must die in far greater numbers before you take notice, so we’re glad that you value our lives so much more.
- Minimising your coverage, if any, of our attacks that led up to Israel’s military response and generally providing so little context that outsiders think that Israelis kill Palestinians just for fun.

We’re especially grateful to the French media for this. Their distortions of the conflict are so one-sided that they incite Muslims across France to attack Jews and synagogues, and that is welcomed by our antisemitic worldview (although, unfortunately, such attacks remind everyone why Jews need a state).

- Emphasising our civilian death toll without explaining that (1) our casualty reports are hasty and inflated, and (2) we maximise that total by using Palestinians to shield our weapons and by urging them to stay in the very areas that the IDF – in its annoying effort to minimise our civilian deaths – warns Gazans to evacuate.

- Never mentioning the fact that if we could kill millions of Israelis, we would (after all, our charter calls for Israel’s destruction). Indeed, we have purposely targeted Israel’s nuclear reactor on several occasions, with that very goal in mind. Fortunately, you never highlight the genocidal intent behind our attacks when mentioning Israel’s “disproportionate” response.

- Downplaying how bad we are for Gazans by not reporting on, for example, our attack on the very Israeli power station that provides electricity to 70,000 Gazans. Thankfully, you also ignored how the Israelis – in their stupid display of goodwill – exposed their workers to the perils of our rockets so that they could restore power to Gaza.



- Minimally reporting on our corruption, unfair wealth, or vast expenditures on tunnels to attack Israel while ordinary Palestinians grew poorer.
- Overlooking how – to maximise Palestinian deaths – we store our missiles in an UNWRA-run school and how, when UNWRA finds out, they just hand us back our missiles.
- Disregarding Arabs who have the courage to critique us – like Dr Tawfik Hamid, an Islamist-turned-reformer who blames Palestinian suffering entirely on us.
- Ignoring Israelis’ humanitarian folly in providing medical aid to the very terrorists trying to kill them.
- Failing to acknowledge Israel’s immense restraint. Had we been fighting Syria’s Assad

regime, by now Gaza would have been flattened – devastated by barrel bombs, poison gas, and other attacks that are far more indiscriminate than Israel’s intelligence-directed strikes. And of course, if Syria were killing us, you’d hardly care. But luckily, we’re dealing with Israel – that country that everyone loves to hate – so we can count on your helpful coverage here.

- Omitting how Israel chose to sacrifice dozens of IDF soldiers when destroying our tunnels and weapons in densely populated areas like Shejaiya because doing so with airstrikes (which risks no soldiers) would have killed many thousands of Palestinians. Your friendly omission of such crucial facts reminds us of how wonderfully you covered Jenin in 2002, when (again) – rather than praise Israel’s humane but costly decision to use ground troops rather than airstrikes – you very helpfully and falsely accused Israel of a massacre during another IDF operation to stop Palestinian terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians.

- Not sharing with your English readers what we openly say in Arabic: that we view any truce as just an opportunity to rearm for our next war against Israel (as our spokesman, Musheer Al Masri, recently declared on TV).

- Not underscoring that Israel can do nothing to make peace with us (after all, Israelis ended their occupation of Gaza in 2005 and we’ve been rocketing them ever since). It’s a bit nervy of Israel to use its border controls to limit our ability to rearm and rebuild cross-border attack tunnels, but – with your help – maybe the next ceasefire will remove Israel’s blockade so that we can more easily replenish our weapons and restore our tunnels for our next attack. And yes, we’re embarrassed that our fellow Arab Muslims in Egypt also choose to blockade us because of the problems that we’ve caused them.

- Not reminding readers, when you mention potential truce arrangements, that world powers are no more capable of ensuring a demilitarised Gaza than they were capable of disarming Hezbollah in south Lebanon.

Seriously, you’ve been AMAZING. Please keep it up! Love, Hamas

P.S. Many thanks also to the countless protesters around the world who follow your lead, embolden us, and make us look legit! *Algemeiner*

Noah Beck is the author of *‘The Last Israelis’*, an apocalyptic novel about Iranian nukes and other geopolitical issues in the Middle East.



FRIENDS OF ISRAEL WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Year 10 students are now back at school sharing their stories of their three week adventure in Israel. From the dizzy heights of Masada to the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea. From the euphoria of two Friday nights at the Kotel and in Tzfat to the dazzling dinner in a Druze Village. Our Year 10 students crammed scores of activities and visits into their trip, meeting many old friends from Peth along the way together with other Jews from every corner of the planet. What a dream! And the dream came true!!



High School Academic Assembly celebrates diverse talent

The final day of Term 2 saw students, staff and community gather together to recognise the talents of students across the broad academic spectrum.

Certificates of Excellence and Certificates of Merit were awarded to over 100 students acknowledging their outstanding achievement and work ethic.

The occasion also allowed the school to recognise the contribution four Year 12 students made to school life during the year. Gregg Osrin, Seth Wolff, Michael Ellert and Sami Toister received seniors badges for their ongoing commitment to the school.



Operation Protective Edge UPDATE FROM FRONTLINE MAYOR

Last week we received a letter (below) from the Mayor of the Shaar Hanegev region. This region includes most of the communities, bordering Gaza, which have been under attack, from the air and ground, over the last few weeks.

For the last three years, you have supported the Shaar Hanegev region as the focus of JNF Australia's annual campaign. In successfully thwarting the tunnel incursions against these communities, the IDF has paid a terrible price. We mourn the loss of our brave soldiers.

Letter from the Mayor of Shaar Hanegev to JNF offices worldwide

Dear friends overseas,

Last month terrorist attacks from Gaza increased – on our communities in Sha'ar Hanegev and on our neighbouring towns. Two weeks later, a state of emergency was declared across Israel. The shooting at us continued, and was soon stepped up by rocket and mortar fire.

We've been aware for months of the danger of the tunnels, from which several attacks have been conducted against Israel. Many of them are opposite the border communities of Sha'ar Hanegev – Nahal Oz, Kfar Azza, Mefalsim, Nir Am and Erez.

Because of that cluster of threats, Israel's government decided to instruct the IDF to enter the Gaza Strip, in a limited range, and to eradicate the intolerable threat of the tunnels.

In the most endangered communities, families with children have been evacuated from the region, with most of them being hosted in kibbutzim or youth villages further north.

All communities are functioning admirably, via local leadership that works in close coordination with the regional council's emergency teams and national emergency officials.

I am in direct contact with the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, the Chief of Staff, and IDF and police commanders. All of them cite the responsible and courageous behaviour of our communities and residents, and the council's professional conduct.

Friends, your support is always important to us, but never more than right now. Knowing that you're thinking about us, that our struggle is your struggle – is a tremendous source of strength and gives us great hope for happier times.

Hoping to meet soon,

Alon Schuster, Mayor – Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council



Oded Keynan "A kiss from a bird"

JNF WA's Nature Club

Want to know more about our natural environment? Then diarise **Sunday morning, 17 August** for the first outing with JNF WA Division's Nature Club facilitated by Oded "Birdman of the Arava" Keynan and Asael "Batman of Mitzpe Ramon" Greenfeld. Both postgraduate researchers in zoology, they will teach us about the natural environment of WA, with its similarities and differences to Israel's natural world.

To register your interest and/or for further details please contact Ganit, M 0408 093 870
Email: ganit@jnf.org.au or Esther at the JNF Office 9275 2761. Group size is limited.

HELP OUR CHILDREN OF THE SOUTH. Please give them a break up North on a JNF Respite Camp, away from the rockets and bomb shelters. It costs \$20,000 to send a bus of 40 children on a three-day Respite Camp at a JNF Field and Forest Centre – let's send as many children as we can. **To donate, phone JNF on 9275 2761 or visit www.jnf.org.au**

DIARISE THIS DATE: Sunday evening, 9 November 2014 – to attend a fantastic event with JNF & Merchav Am

Commentary

Kerry's ceasefire proposal a 'betrayal'

David Horovitz, a veteran Israeli analyst and editor-in-chief of the *Times of Israel*, called US Secretary of State John Kerry's latest ceasefire proposal a "betrayal."

Horovitz called it "inconceivable" that the proposal did not require the dismantling of Hamas's rocket arsenal and network of tunnels dug under the Israeli border. Yet the reported text did not address these issues at all, nor call for the demilitarisation of Gaza.

It seemed inconceivable that the secretary's initiative would specify the need to address Hamas's demands for a lifting of the siege of Gaza, as though Hamas were a legitimate injured party acting in the interests of the people of Gaza. He called it an attempt "to accommodate a vicious terrorist organisation bent on Israel's destruction, with a formula that would leave Hamas better equipped to achieve that goal."

The proposal, he said, left the Israeli government with an impression of "the secretary as amateurish, incompetent, incapable of understanding the material he is dealing with – in short, a blithering fool" as well as "duplicitous and dangerous." The draft ceasefire has been unanimously rejected by the Israeli government.

WJD

MDA



Magen David Adom treats civilians during Operation Protective Edge

Following a relatively quiet night, on the 16th day of *Operation Protective Edge*, the sounds of alarms were heard in many areas of Israel and the calls for emergency medical treatment by MDA poured in from many different regions.

Just after midday, MDA received an emergency call. A civilian had been seriously injured in a rocket attack. He was evacuated by helicopter to the Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon where he was met by an MDA team and rushed to the E.R. Tragically, the Thai field worker in his 20s succumbed to his injuries.

In addition to work on the home front, MDA teams have been in constant contact with the IDF medical corps, assisting them with the transfer of wounded soldiers from Gaza to hospitals. MDA ambulances waited at hospital helicopter landing pads and transferred wounded soldiers to Emergency Rooms. They also transferred wounded soldiers from hospitals in the south to those in the centre of Israel.

Dr Eli Jaffe Director PR, Training & International Relations Division



Melanie Greenfeld, Dorit Maor and Debbie Schaffer

UIA Women’s Division unites to assist Israel

A special afternoon tea was held at the home of John and Debbie Schaffer to pay tribute to retired UIA Women’s Division Chairperson, Dorit Maor. In attendance were Women’s Division Major Donors, members of the committee and past workers who had assisted Dorit during past campaigns. Perth UIA Chairperson, Melanie Greenfeld, thanked Dorit for her hard work and commitment over her 7-year leadership role. She also warmly welcomed Debbie Schaffer to her new position as Women’s Division Chairperson and spoke of her longstanding support of UIA in Perth.

Dorit Maor conveyed her heartfelt gratitude for having the opportunity to chair the UIA Women’s Division for seven years and to be a part of the UIA family, for the support of the special team of women on the committee and the

leadership at UIA. She expressed how proud she is of the Youth Futures project in Sderot, which our Women’s Division has supported over the years.

Keren Hayesod Head of English Speaking Countries, Irit Barash, was in Perth for the event to provide a message of gratitude to Dorit for her significant contribution. She also spoke of the current situation in Israel, the immense difficulties they are facing, and the need for assistance from Diaspora communities.

Perth UIA Executive Director, Ori Demb, spoke of his time in Gaza during his military service as a combatant in the paratroopers. His short speech gave us a glimpse into the complexity of fighting in the streets of Gaza.

The afternoon concluded with a successful appeal conducted by Debbie Schaffer to raise money for life-saving mobile bomb shelters.



Irit Barash, Sylvia Hyams and Ori Demb Debbie Schaffer, Melanie Schwartz and Dorit Maor



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Special Thanks

A special thank you to the wonderful women of WIZO who worked so hard to make *Pigments of your Imagination* such a success. The support by our sponsors was greatly appreciated and particular thanks goes to Perth Expo Hire for their amazing assistance. To the committee members, we salute you. You have, by your efforts, given us a fabulous event, one which will benefit those women and children in Israel who need our help in these desperate times.

Barmitzvah Mazeltov

Mazeltov to Dylan Kotkis, who recently celebrated his Barmitzvah at Noranda Shule. Dylan and his family generously linked their simcha with WIZO's Barmitzvah Twinning Program, enabling a disadvantaged boy in Israel to also enjoy a meaningful Barmitzvah. Dylan was presented with a WIZO Barmitzvah certificate to honour the occasion.

Batmitzvah Mazeltov

Mazeltov to Isabella Rosenberg who recently celebrated her Batmitzvah at PHC. Isabella was presented with a WIZO Batmitzvah certificate to honour the occasion. By generously linking their simcha with WIZO's Batmitzvah Twinning Program, Isabella and her family enabled a disadvantaged girl in Israel to enjoy a meaningful Batmitzvah. We appreciate their support.

WIZO Ilana

Our next meeting is on 5 August in the All Purpose Room at 9.45am. Abe Shulman will join us to speak about his life as a medical practitioner and reveal some amusing anecdotes of his career. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Women of WIZO

Please join us at your Shule on Shabbat, 9 August for Shabbat Nachamu as we celebrate the work of our organisation and its contribution to Israel. In Perth, Shabbat Nachamu traditionally honours the contribution of the women of WIZO to the State of Israel.



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Shalom Group

Our August meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, 6 August in the APR at the Jewish Centre. Our guest speaker will be our home-grown shaliach, Leon Schneider. He will address us on topics which concern all of us.

Would all members please bring a plate for our shared lunch. All welcome.

Quote

Creativity is contagious, pass it on.
~ Albert Einstein



JewishCare WA

Notice of Annual General Meeting & Annual Election of Office Bearers

JewishCare WA Inc. will hold its AGM on
Thursday, 7 August 2014 at 7.30pm
All-Purpose Room, Jewish Community Centre
61 Woodrow Avenue, Yokine

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous AGM
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. President's report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Election of office bearers and committee
6. General Business

Please address nominations by 31 July
to the Secretary JewishCare,
61 Woodrow Avenue, Yokine WA 6060

RSVP office@jewishcarewa.com.au
(08) 9275 6732



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Jewish Community Council
of Western Australia (Inc)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held in the
All Purpose Room at the Jewish Centre on

Tuesday, 12 August at 7.30pm

Nominations for the Executive are invited
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Father & Son

Last Sunday Maccabi's Reserve team played against Belmont. It started off as a closely contested match, with chances on both ends. Maccabi finally made the breakthrough to go in at half time with a 2-0 advantage.

In the second half Maccabi kept up the pressure eventually winning 4-0.

There was a special, quite possibly unique, moment (for Maccabi) in the 60th minute, when Darren Kristal joined his father Gavin on the field. The 32 year age difference was irrelevant as Darren went close to scoring with a fine header that came off the post, and Gavin, together with a solid defence, kept a clean sheet at the back.

Solid win, Reserves, and well done to Hadley (coach).

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Weekly Rabbinic Shmooze... A multi-purpose Shule – Rashi's commentary



A few weeks ago I wrote an article entitled Friday Night Live, this was a reference to a gimmick used in some shules, both in South Africa and Australia of jazzing up the Friday night service with a specially sponsored function afterwards whether it be Mexican cuisine, Japanese cuisine or one of those 'boring' Jewish cuisines!

Some shules have a 'Blue Label' club and a 'Black Label' club, before the Shabbat service, very sadly the club to which you are chosen is not according to one's good deeds during the week!! One may be forgiven for erroneously thinking that I might be averse to attending shule for merely the social interaction and culinary delights – nothing can be further from the truth. A synagogue is multi-purpose. It is a *bet hatefillah* – a place of prayer. It is equally a *beit midrash* – a place of learning. It is a *tzedekah* – a benevolence – as I write this, a collection is taking place at the front of our shule of all types of items for the IDF who are at present risking their lives, for not only the land of Israel, but every Jew around the world!



If one comes to shule simply to help out in this – it is a great mitzvah. And equally, and if not more importantly, a synagogue is a *bet hakeneset* – a place of social gathering, whether this be cultural or culinary. A shule is supposed to bring Jewish people together in any way possible, even if it is to have a game of cards or bingo! For whatever reason a person attends a shule, the shule is for fulfilling its function and the person attending is benefitting.

So to give the Rashi Comment on my previous article about Friday Night Live, my view is that spirituality should be the impetus for attending shule, not physicality. By this I mean if one gleans their Jewish spirituality more from the synagogue's purpose as a *bet hakeneset* (a house of social gathering) over a *bet hatefillah*, a house of prayer, then this too indicates you are still very much Jewishly Alive in Spirit, both physically and spiritually – Black and Blue!!

Shabbat Shalom

Dovid Freilich



PHC WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF SERVICES (TEFILLAH)

SHABBAT HAZON

SIDRA DEVARIM
HAFTORAH ISAIAH 1

EREV SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING NOT LATER THAN 5.22PM

Friday 1 August 2014

Mincha 5.45pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv 6.00pm

Saturday 2 August 2014

Shacharit 9.00 a.m.
Mincha 5.20 p.m.
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat 6.20 pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.30 a.m.
Mincha / Ma'ariv 6.00 p.m.

Sunday and Public Holidays

Shacharit 8.00 a.m.
Mincha / Shiur / Ma'ariv 6.00 p.m.

TISHA B'AV –Tuesday 5th August

Fast Commences Monday Night 5.42pm
Fast Concludes Tuesday Night 6.20pm

Perth Hebrew Congregation Inc



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Perth Hebrew Congregation Inc. will be held in the Synagogue, 28 Freedman Road, Menora on:

Sunday, 7 September 2014 at 10am

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for the Election of Office Bearers and Members of the Board of Management of the Perth Hebrew Congregation Inc. to be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations close on Thursday, 14 August 2014 at 12 noon. Nomination forms are available at the PHC Office or in the PHC *Igeret*. Alternatively please request a form by contacting the office:

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A privilege

Linda Friedland

I have just left the *shiva* in Jerusalem of Max Steinberg, a lone soldier killed in Gaza. Filled with grief, I search for words that express the privilege of being here amidst the anguish – words born out of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and Yafo and the Galil and out of Tzfat. This is an extraordinary place and an extraordinarily painful time. *Operation Protective Edge* is being carried out in Gaza. I am here to visit my son who is spending the year in Israel. My visit is an opportunity to express my solidarity.

I'm not sure why, but I feel privileged being here. It may be that I am forced to feel so much deeper than one feels further away in Australia. Wherever I go, I am thanked for being here. I speak with mothers of sons on the battlefield in Gaza even though I cannot begin to fathom the depths of their anguish. Albeit strange, I feel privileged to experience what it's like when a siren goes off and we run for safety; to see the terror on the face of my five year old great nephew as he races down the stairs, whilst we grab his two year old brother and dash to the bomb shelter. Having coffee with a friend, I am privileged to witness her joy as she answers her phone. "Abba! Abba!" It's her dad calling from Gaza after two weeks. She has already lost a brother in a previous war. "Will you be home soon?" she asks... to which he replies with a laugh, "I'm not at summer camp, Moteke." I am asked at a busy intersection to recite a section of *tehillim* (psalms). I kneel on the street edge, together with an on-duty policeman, an elderly man and a backpacker, as we recite the psalms before continuing on our way.

Understanding a few common words in every language being spoken, I eavesdrop on conversations. Hebrew, English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Ethiopian, we are all speaking the same language of despair, pain, hope, love and unity. On buses, in coffee shops, bomb shelters, shuls, the kotel or at the grave of the holy kabbalist Rabbi Isaac Luria in Tzfat, everyone is distressed by the tragic loss of life. "We have to do this. Israel has to continue!" shouts a *chassid* from his window as we try fall asleep in the old city of Tzfat. People on the right and left of the political spectrum are beginning to agree on many aspects.

The words "*Elef Lemateh, Elef Lemateh*" reverberate through my head. Their repetition in the *parsha* is explained by the Rabbi of the Kol-Rina congregation on Shabbat, in a bomb shelter, in the Nachlaot neighbourhood of Jerusalem. When Moses was preparing the people of Israel to go into battle with the Midianites, he assigned one thousand to each unit. He explains the repetition "one thousand to a unit, one thousand to a unit" – for every one thousand going into battle, there needs to be another one thousand committed individuals who are essential to support and pray for those in battle. Just a *minyan* is not enough. For every soldier in battle, there needs to be someone, as committed, supporting and praying as fervently as if we were there in Gaza facing our own mortality.

The country is at war. Wherever you go, there is deep concern and constant connection to the news, even though on the surface, life carries on.

Since the kidnapping of the boys, this battle has become personal to each one of us. At the *shiva* a Californian in a Panama hat sits next to me, both of us puffy eyed. He shares what we are all experiencing. "There is now a global worldwide pogrom against the Jews. This is the worst antisemitism since the Second World War. This is not just a battle in Gaza protecting the safety of Israelis. This is a war where we are fighting... yet again, for the survival of the entire Jewish people, for our very own survival."

Kol Sasson Congregation

Services at the PHC Beit Midrash

SHABBAT TIMES

PARSHAT DEVARIM

Candle Lighting..... 5.22pm
Mincha..... 5.30pm

Followed by

Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit

Shacharit Saturday Morning..... 9.00am

Followed by

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THIS SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 01 August

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday 02 August

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

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9:00am Kol Hakavod

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9.20am Bagel Breakfast

10:30am "Shabbat Tot" -A relaxed, joyful activity session for 0-5 year olds and their carers, with singing, stories, Shabbat craft and more.

WEEKLY TEMPLE DAVID ACTIVITIES

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Wednesday 6 August

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SHABBAT PARSHAT DEVARIM

1-2 AUGUST 2014

Shabbat

Candlelighting..... 5:22pm
Mincha..... 5:25pm
Kabalat Shabbat..... 5:45pm
Shacharit..... 9:00am
Shabbat Mincha..... 5:10pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat..... 6:20pm

Sunday 3rd August

Shacharit..... 7:00am & 8:00am
Mincha..... 5:00pm
Maariv..... 6:15pm

Weekdays

Shacharit (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri)..... 6:15am
Mincha/Maariv..... 5:30pm

Tisha B'Av (Tuesday)

Fast Commences..... 5:42pm
Maariv & Eicha..... 6:00pm
Shacharit..... 6:00am
Mincha/Maariv..... 4:50pm
Fast Ends..... 6:21pm

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Sunday Morning..... 7:30am

Weekdays..... 6:15am & 7pm

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SHABBAT

Friday 1 August

Erev Shabbat..... 6.00pm

Saturday 2 August

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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Birth

Paul & Antonella Lenny are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter

VALENTINA PETAL

on 19th July 2014

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Thank You

KURT EHRENFELD

We wish to thank Rabbis Freilich and Friedler as well as the Chevra Kadisha for all the words of comfort and support on our recent loss.

To all our family and friends who gave us moral support, attended the funeral and minyans, and replenished the food supply, our sincere gratitude.

Kurt will always be remembered as a kind and loving husband, brother, father and grandfather who only thought about others and not himself. He will be sadly missed by us all and never forgotten.

Norma, Eva, Jeffrey, Daniel, Gabriel, Leon, Miron, Simon, Natanya and Families

Consecration

The dedication of the headstone in loving memory of

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on Sunday, 3 August 2014 at 9.30am

Services

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ORA Women's Cultural Group

At our last meeting, we were fortunate to enjoy a talk by political journalist and author, Mr Peter Kennedy. Peter was born in Perth, graduated from UWA and Claremont Teachers' College and began teaching economics and geography. He later joined *The West Australian* and then worked for *The Sydney Morning Herald* reporting on politics in both Sydney and Canberra.

After returning to Perth in 1984, Peter began working as press secretary to Deputy Premier Mal Bryce. He joined the ABC in 1990 firstly on 720WF, then ABC TV News as State Political Reporter.

After his retirement in 2010, Peter began research for his book, *Tales From Boom Town*, focussing on WA Premiers from Sir David Brand, our longest-serving Premier, to our present Premier, Colin Barnett. He was able to divulge interesting little 'vignettes' about them and helped us recall the "old days" when political campaigns included speeches in Forrest Place from the back of a truck – these unfortunately (or fortunately) came to an abrupt end when Prime Minister Whitlam came to Perth in 1974. Mr Whitlam was made the target of protesting farmers and concerns for his safety led to the abandonment of this type of rally.

Peter is one of many interesting speakers who have entertained and informed the members of ORA. To join us, please phone Ruth Levit on 9275 4941 or Roma Lester on 9275 0039.



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Budapest synagogue sings out for first time in fifty years

Budapest's Rumbach Street Synagogue, unused for fifty years, burst into life again when the European Cantors Association (ECA) chose it as the venue for Shabbat services at their ninth Annual Cantors Convention last month.

The octagonal Moorish Revival synagogue, designed in the 1870s by Viennese architect Otto Wagner, has an intricately patterned interior painted in Islamic style. The last service on a Shabbat is believed to have been around 1964, after which the shul fell into gradual disrepair.

The synagogue, owned by the Budapest Jewish community, is awaiting restoration. Its unique acoustics made it the perfect setting for the services, led by various cantors and accompanied by the twenty-strong Jerusalem Cantors Choir.

Cantors from all over Europe were joined by those from Israel and Canada over five days, and were hosted by the 80,000-strong Budapest Jewish community who in turn were treated to a Gala Concert at Bethlen Square Synagogue, where the chazzanim and choir demonstrated a wide repertoire to a packed synagogue.

The cantors also managed to fit in an afternoon tour of Jewish Budapest. This included a moving service at the Shoes on the Danube Bank memorial. This honours the 60,000 Jews killed by Arrow Cross militiamen in Budapest during WWII who were ordered to remove their shoes and shot at the edge of the water, so their bodies fell into the river and were carried away. The *El Malei Rachamim* prayer was recited and *Shir Hama'a lot* was sung. *Kaddish* was also said.

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