

Knesset member visits Perth

Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Hilik Bar's visit to Perth was the culmination of a five-state whirlwind Australian tour, organised and arranged by the Australia-Israel Labor Dialogue (AILD) organisation. AILD's mission is to promote and foster dialogue and fraternal links between the Australian and Israeli Labor Parties and it actively pursues these links by organising visits and delegations between the Labor Parties in Australia and Israel. It raises awareness of the objectives and activities of both Parties and promotes efforts to finding a just and lasting peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.

Mr Bar was featured on the ABC's 7.30 Report earlier in the week and during his Perth visit, was interviewed on radio and other media. He was accorded a warm welcome by both Houses of State Parliament. His Perth visit was the outcome of an initiative by Bob Kucera and the Friends of Israel WA.

Sponsored by Friends of Israel WA, in conjunction with SZC, UIA and WIZO, Mr Bar addressed an audience at Carmel School's Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Hall on Thursday, 11 September. (See page 3)



FOIWA Chairman Bob Kucera, Hilik Bar MK, Michael Sutherland MLA & Kate Doust MLC

HORA MACCABI celebrating 20 years!



Over sixty people came to celebrate with the Hora Maccabi Israeli Dance Club last Sunday, joining together to dance and renew friendships forged over the years.

With messages from teachers who have left Perth and a special greeting from Alan Shear, Maccabi WA President, the morning was joyful, filled with the wonderful music and dances we have loved over the years.



Rivka Gubbay, Deb Frankel and Maureen Rudman

Thank you to everyone who came to make this a very special event. We look forward to the next 20 years!

If you would like to join one of the classes, come along to the Gordon Bloomfield Hall at 8.45am on Mondays or 7.45pm on Wednesdays.

THE JEWISH RINGER A cowboy named Schwartz



All in a day's work when you pack your bags and head for a cattle station north of Fitzroy Crossing.

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MACCABI SOCCER Under 18s through to finals



Maccabi Under 18s, coached by Gavin Kristal, defeated Rockingham Soccer Club in emphatic style in last Sunday's semi-final.

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Daniel Fasser, Jamie Benatar, Gabe Pilosof, Tyde Mellet, Darren Kristal, Dean Newfield and Benji Friedland warming up before the match. Photos Kim Berelowitz

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UN International Peace Day.
Heritage Community Centre, North Perth. 2pm. P12
PHC Ladies Night. PHC. 7pm. P9

Saturday, 4 October

Maccabi WA & Café 61 Yom Kippur After Party.
Gordon Bloomfield Hall. 9pm. P2

Tuesday, 14 October

JCA AGM. Jewish Centre. 7.30pm. P11

Tuesday, 4 November

Maccabi WA Melbourne Cup Ladies Lunch.
Silbert Home, Dianella. 11am. P13

Wednesdays

Maccabi Cycling Club Wind Training.
GB Hall. 6.15pm.

Mazeltov

SOCCER WINNERS National Premier League U12

Congratulations to Carmel School student Jacob Muir and his team mates at Sorrento Soccer Club for winning the National Premier League U12 Grand Final. Jacob has had an outstanding season and has significantly contributed to Sorrento's victory. 2014 was the inaugural year for the National Premier League where teams are made up of the best players from around the state.

This is the second major win for Sorrento after winning the EPS Cup earlier this year.

Jacob and his team will travel to the Gold Coast to compete in the Gold Coast Champions Cup before heading to Bunbury to compete in the Bunbury Cup. *We wish Jacob continued success.*



Out & About

Baking for Menora at Carmel



Last Sunday morning a group of mothers and daughters once again decided to bake biscuits for distribution in the Menora Charity Rosh Hashana food parcels for the less fortunate. Organised by Sharon Cherny, the group proceeded to bake seven different varieties of biscuits focusing on using healthy ingredients like wheat germ, bran and wholemeal flour. In all, some 72 containers and packets were generously filled allowing for distribution to smaller or larger families.

The Menora Charity Fund thanks all who participated in this initiative as well as Carmel School for allowing use of their kitchen for this mitzvah.



Front L-R: Sarah and Jenny Simenson, Juleah Saunders, Ariel and Rachelle Meakin, Elisheva Millner. Back L-R: Kaylene Schultz, Celeste and Sarah Tucker, Gila Cherny, Johanna Majzner, Sharon Cherny.

Living in Retirement

Tuesday, 23 September – No meeting for Coffee Club or Rabbi's discussion this week.

Details available from Colin Rockman
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or Wilfred Hirschfield hirfam@optusnet.com.au

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Maccabean Arrangements for the High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah issue: Wednesday 24 September.

There will be **NO Maccabean** on Friday, 3 October.

Deadline for the issue on Friday, 10 October will be Wednesday, 1 October.

Because of the chaggim deadlines for issues on Friday, 17 October and Friday, 24 October will be on Tuesday, 7 October and Tuesday, 14 October.



Labor's case for peace

Sponsored by FOIWA, in conjunction with SZC, UIA and WIZO, Hilik Bar, Knesset Deputy Speaker and Labor Secretary General, delivered a speech last Thursday night, revealing the peace initiatives a Labor-led Israeli government might embark upon in today's political environment. Bar said his party believes a *two-state* solution is the only viable option to peace.

He argued that the time is right to enter into negotiations with Palestinian Authority Chairman, Mahmoud Abbas, who, while certainly 'not a perfect partner', is the best 'Israel has at the moment.'

He said Abbas is known to favour dialogue over violence; was quick to name and condemn Hamas over the kidnapping and murder of the three teens, and most importantly, has favour with neutral Middle-Eastern nations.

In Bar's experience, not all Arab nations are anti-Israel. That Israel has never discussed Palestinian peace initiatives with potentially supportive Arab nations is an omission.

Bar said, if an agreement could be reached with Abbas, a logical progression would be to identify and seek a coalition of these Arab nations to support it. He insisted such a coalition is achievable with a strong government and would place Hamas in a very different political environment.

The Labor Party was totally behind Netanyahu's Protective Edge military operation. Bar said Israel's security is not negotiable and neither would it be under a Labor government. "We cannot trust anyone to defend Israel. If we cannot defend ourselves, we cannot be."

He said the Labor Party would never negotiate with Hamas. Neither would it release prisoners in exchange for anything. He said, "We can unfreeze settlements but we cannot unrelease prisoners."

Regarding *one-state* supporters, he said, "It is funny and frightening that the extreme Left and Right are meeting over their shared (support) of the *one-state* solution," which wants all to be future citizens of Israel. "One big happy State... I don't believe it! Look at our neighbours."

For Bar, the dinosaur in any room full of *one-state* supporters is, "What if we lose our Jewish majority?"

This would not happen in a *two-state* solution. A Jewish state would have a majority Jewish population with a mix of minority groups. A Palestinian state would have a Palestinian/Arabic population including returning refugees.

However it must be the agreement to end all agreements. "The last exchange... no more debates if we are paying with land," he said.

"To make a *two-state* solution we have to make painful concessions. We have already sacrificed a lot, but look at Egypt. We gave up land for peace and still have peace. Look at Jordan. We gave up water for peace and still have peace. We have already sacrificed so much for peace. At the time these agreements were made, it was not the warmest of relationships but proof peace with Arabs can work."

How the West Bank and Gaza can be morphed into one Palestinian state is not clear, however Bar said there are ways this can be done.

Israel needs to 'find creative ways to ensure Jerusalem (the old city) is a global capital'. Israel and Palestine could have neighbouring capitals carved from suburbs 'in the envelope of Jerusalem'. He added that the Temple Mount should be open to everyone, including Jews, and policed by Israel.

He said essential to any concession/sacrifice must be the recognition of Israel's right to exist and the demilitarisation of Hamas similar to the demilitarisation of Japan following WWII. *Charmaine Ryan*

Letters to the Editor

Ossie Tofler z"l

Having heard the very sad news that Ossie Tofler z"l has left us, I feel orphaned of a very dear friend who proved to be a *mensh* full of wisdom and humanity.

In 1985, during my first visit to Perth, my wife and I were privileged to meet Tamara and Ossie. A friendship developed between Ossie and me, which has been my personal blessing.

Ossie and I often met, and this is how I learnt his multiple activities as a doctor, editor of *The Maccabean*, very engaged in Carmel School, community activities and dedicated to his dear wife, family and friends, yet remaining a humble person, always ready to be of help. I often wondered how he had the time to do so many things. I shall always remember our conversations on so many topics and how much I learned from him.

If I have lost a very dear friend, I am sure the Perth Jewish community will miss a member who has been so prominent in its development. I wish to express my sincerest condolences to Tamara, her family and the Perth Jewish community.

David Hodara, Monaco

P.S. Thanks to Ossie I have been, and am, a subscriber to *The Maccabean* for many years.

History and photos on North Perth

The Jewish Historical & Genealogical Society of Western Australia (JHGS-WA) is keen to find people who live, or once lived, in the North Perth area who might have stories, photos or information about the history or people who lived or worked in these suburbs. If you think you might have something of interest, please contact JHGS-WA at email jhgs@iinet.net.au or on mobile 0418 910 258.

Debbie Myerson

MK Hilik Bar, Secretary General of Israel's Labor Party, spoke with eloquence and confidence in Perth last week as he presented his roadmap for peace and a two-state solution.

Totally supporting Operation Protective Edge, he said he is first for Israel, then for Labor, and only then in Opposition.

He has two non-negotiables. The Palestinian State would have to be demilitarised. And there would be no right of return for Palestinian 'refugees'. Two major points repeatedly and doggedly rejected by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

This brings him to exactly the same point in the road to peace that Netanyahu has been for a while – with no place to turn.

By him simply saying that Abbas prefers diplomacy to violence does not make it so.

By saying that PA incitement to hatred needs to stop, does not make it stop.

Just saying that Abbas needs to be trusted as a peace partner does not make him a trustworthy partner for peace.

Bar said Israel likes to accuse the Palestinians of saying one thing in English but something altogether different in Arabic.

So... when it is said in Arabic that going back to the '67 borders is just the next stage in claiming all of Israel, should Israel just heed the English?

A peaceful two-state solution is the goal, but Bar's roadmap has many potholes, just like all the previous ones.

20th Anniversary

It was a wonderful atmosphere in the Gordon Bloomfield Hall on Sunday. Approximately sixty people, dancers, partners, friends and Maccabi executive members gathered to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Hora Maccabi Israeli Dance Club and what a celebration it was! Dancing, more dancing, conversation, music and of course lots of food. A delicious birthday cake, donated by WA Maccabi, and messages from absent friends all combined to make it a memorable occasion.

Mazeltov to Hora Maccabi on your birthday and thank you for sharing it with us.

Hora Shalom Dancers

Merkel confronts antisemitism during landmark Berlin speech

Germany will do all it can to fight antisemitism, Chancellor Angela Merkel said last Sunday, following a surge of abuse against Jews and spreading anti-Israeli sentiment aroused by the Gaza conflict.

Ms Merkel made her pledge to thousands at a landmark rally protesting a rise in antisemitism that authorities and Jewish leaders blame mainly on Muslim extremists and young immigrants, saying anyone who attacks Jews is attacking all of Germany.

"That people in Germany are threatened and abused because of their Jewish appearance or their support for Israel is an outrageous scandal that we won't accept." Ms Merkel joined German President Joachim Gauck and Jewish community leaders for the rally at the Brandenburg Gate in central Berlin.

"Anyone who hits someone wearing a skullcap is hitting us all," she said. "Anyone who damages a Jewish gravestone is disgracing our culture. Anyone who attacks a synagogue is attacking the foundations of our free society."

"Jewish life is part of our identity and culture. It hurts me when I hear that young Jewish parents are asking if it's safe to raise their children here or elderly ask if it was right to stay here." *Reuters*



Greece finally adopts law imposing tougher fines for hatemongers



A new law approved by the Greek parliament sets prison sentences of up to three years and fines of up to US\$26,000 for "inciting acts of discrimination, hatred or violence" over race, religion or disability. Similar punishment is meted to those denying or praising the Holocaust, genocide and war crimes against humanity.

It took more than a year of debate for Greece to update the legislation, previously dating from 1979, on the repeated urging of the European Commission, the local Jewish community, and the World Jewish Congress.

Last year, World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder said Greece's democratic forces "have a moral obligation to unite against Golden Dawn leaders", especially those who "publicly incite to crimes, preach hate against minorities, deny and belittle the Holocaust, or viciously assault people based on the colour of their skin, their ethnic background, or their political views." *WJC*

Jewish groups defend Senator Cruz after dinner shout-down

Major American Jewish groups rushed to defend Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) after he was booed off stage at a gala dinner for voicing solidarity with Israel and Jews.

Leaders also criticised attendees at the event, a Washington, DC fundraiser for a suspected Iran aligned group called *In Defence of Christians*, for heckling Cruz, a darling of the evangelical Christian community.

The charity says it aims to draw attention to the plight of persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

Speaking on stage, Cruz said Israel and the Jewish people face the same threat from radical Islam as Christians in the Middle East, adding that Christians "have no greater ally than Israel." Audience members booed and shouted protests, leading the senator to walk off stage and leave the event.

"Those who hate Israel hate America, and those who hate Jews hate Christians, and if this room will not recognise that, then my heart weeps that the men and women here will not stand in solidarity with Jews and Christians alike who are persecuted by radicals who seek to murder them," he said. "If you will not stand with Israel and the Jews, then I will not stand with you."

Major Jewish human rights group, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC), praised Senator Cruz for voicing support for Israel and for his integrity and courage. *Algemeiner*



Israel ranks as 4th most-educated country

Israel ranks behind Russia, Canada and Japan and ahead of the US, South Korea and the UK, according to the percentage of its adult population holding college degrees, a survey based on recent OECD data reported.

The college-educated population in Russia was 53.5 per cent, Canada 52.6%, Japan 46.6%, Israel 46.4%, US 43.1%, South Korea 41.7%, Australia 41.3%, and the UK 41%. *Ha'aretz*



Israel-bashing Illinois professor won't be re-hired

University of Illinois trustees have voted not to reissue a position to Steven Salaita, a former Virginia Tech professor of English who had been offered a position at the Illinois school. His job offer was rescinded after he posted these tweets: "When will the attack on #Gaza end? What is left for #Israel to prove? Who is left for Israel to kill? This is the logic of genocide."

"#Israel is rounding up people and murdering them at point-blank range. The word 'genocide' is more germane the more news we hear."

Due to concern over the tweets, University of Illinois Chancellor Phyllis Wise informed Salaita that his appointment to teach in the university's Native American Studies Program would not be submitted to the school's board of directors for approval.

The decision not to reissue the offer of employment was passed in an 8-1 vote by trustees. The Israel education group StandWithUs applauded the decision.

"The tweets repeat gutter propaganda about Israel and the recent conflict with Hamas... Yet openness to other viewpoints is a prerequisite for a professor, especially one who would be teaching about the highly contentious Palestinian-Israeli conflict," said Roz Rothstein, CEO of StandWithUs. *Algemeiner*

Hollywood stands up for Israel

In a full-page ad in last Saturday's *New York Times*, the Creative Community for Peace (CCFP) reiterated their support of Israel. The group's ranks of Hollywood backers have swelled from under 200 in late August to more than 300. The text of the ad reads:

We, the undersigned, are saddened by the devastating loss of life endured by Israelis and Palestinians. We are pained by the suffering on both sides of the conflict and hope for a solution that brings peace to the region.

While we stand firm in our commitment to peace and justice, we must also stand firm against ideologies of hatred and genocide which are reflected in Hamas' charter.

Hamas cannot be allowed to rain rockets on Israeli cities, nor can it be allowed to hold its own people hostage. Hospitals are for healing, not for hiding weapons. Schools are for learning, not for launching missiles. Children are our hope, not our human shields.

We join together in support of the democratic values we all cherish and in the hope that the healing and transformative power of the arts can be used to build bridges of peace. *The Blaze*

Anger at IDF Intel Unit refusal letter

Israeli public leaders, military leaders and rank-and-file troops are slamming a protest letter by 43 reservists in the IDF's 8200 signal intelligence unit, who threatened to no longer serve, over claims of intrusive snooping policies against Palestinians.

Laying out broad claims of "oppression," and "persecution," of Palestinians by the unit, who they allege gathered far more information than their roles require to safeguard Israel's security, and used it to harass and "harm innocent people," they conclude that "... as individuals who served in Unit 8200, it is our moral duty to act. We call for all soldiers serving in the Intelligence Corps, present and future, along with all the citizens of Israel, to speak out against these injustices and to take action to bring them to an end. We believe that Israel's future depends on it."

In response, at least 200 other soldiers in the unit wrote a counter letter in staunch support of the unit's operational methods and goals, and dozens of others said they'd gladly replace the would-be deserters in the unit, which is tasked with gathering electronic data pertaining to Israel's security.

One of the authors of the counter-letter, Capt. "H" said, "We decided to expose the truth about how the unit actually works, and the extremely high moral and ethical standards applied there."

Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon said Unit 8200 preserves Israel's existence. "The attempt to harm it and its work is a base attempt to aid the dishonest delegitimisation campaign being led around the world against Israel and the IDF."

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New IDF program helps prevent post-trauma among Gaza fighters

Operation Protective Edge in the Gaza Strip was the first military campaign to implement a new program developed by the IDF in an effort to minimise post-traumatic stress disorders experienced by soldiers on the battlefield.

The *Magen* (Shield) Program, developed by the Medical Corps Mental Health Department, offers combat soldiers special training to help them recognise symptoms of acute trauma experienced by their peers. The program seeks to equip troops with the basic tools necessary to offer other shell-shocked soldiers initial assistance.

In the past, shell-shocked soldiers were immediately evacuated alongside any other wounded soldiers, but the military now possesses the means to treat them in the field, to minimise immediate traumas and prevent potential post-traumatic stress disorders.

The basic, eight-hour workshop is offered to both regular troops and those serving in the reserves.

"The people standing next to soldiers who've been traumatised on the battlefield are their friends, not military psychologists. The person who could best recognise a change in a soldier's behaviour is the soldier bunking next to him," the officer explained.

Israel Hayom

Commemorating 9/11 in the Jerusalem Hills

Jerusalem district firefighters and rescue volunteers, alongside US Marines and families of 9/11 victims, marked the 13th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks at a special ceremony held in the Jerusalem Hills.

"It's a very sad day – as firefighters, we can fully empathise with the families of the 343 New York City firemen who were killed on September 11," Kobi Erez, the spokesman for the Jerusalem Fire and Rescue Services said. "We are here to show solidarity with the firemen and everyone else impacted by this terrible event – those who entered into danger and fire to save lives and were killed doing so."

Organised by the Keren Kayemeth L'Yisrael-Jewish National Fund, the memorial ceremony was held at the 9/11 Living Memorial Plaza in the Arazim Valley of the Ramot neighbourhood in Jerusalem. The memorial plaza, which was inaugurated in 2009 by the JNF, features the only monument outside of the United States that lists the names of the 2,977 victims of the 9/11 attacks, including five Israelis.

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Fijian soldiers safe in Israel

Forty-five Fijian soldiers seized by Syrian rebels two weeks ago have been released and were in Israel following their ordeal.

The soldiers are member of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

A spokesperson for the Israeli embassy in Canberra said, "Israel is happy to see the Fijian UN peacekeepers safe and sound. We thank Fiji for its long lasting friendship and its meaningful and lasting contribution to the UN peacekeeping forces."

The soldiers underwent medical and psychological tests in Israel and were in good spirit.

Fiji is diplomatically connected to Israel through the Australian embassy.

JWire



Palestinian Islamic Jihad digging new tunnels in Gaza

Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorists claim they are digging attack tunnels from Gaza to use against Israel in future battles, according to a report published by the Qatari *Al-Jazeera* television network.

"We are in a tunnel that is being dug by resistance fighters in this border area," the reporter says as he makes his way down the cramped concrete-walled passage. A masked, uniformed Palestinian digger tells him that work began "the minute the war on Gaza ended and the ceasefire was declared."

Algemeiner



What is remarkable about this tunnel is that it has been dug recently.

Turkey will refuse US permission to use air bases for attacking ISIS

In its effort to build international support for military action against ISIS, the Obama administration had included Turkey as part of a "core coalition" of allies.

However Turkey will refuse to allow a US-led coalition to attack jihadists in neighbouring Iraq and Syria from its air bases, nor will it take part in combat operations against militants, a government official said on condition of anonymity.

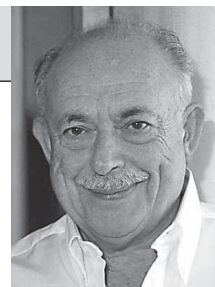
Turkey has come under fire for indirectly encouraging the formation of ISIS because of its support for Islamist opponents of Syrian President Bashar Assad and loose control of its borders.

A US Congressional hearing last week examined Turkey's role in supporting jihadist groups across the Middle East including ISIS, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas. *The Tower*



Israel must put security first

Isi Leibler



From the outset of the recent military action in the Gaza Strip, Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, has sought to lower Israelis' expectations. Despite that, and despite defeating Hamas, the outcome of *Operation Protective Edge* has left most Israelis bitterly frustrated that Hamas remains in power and that they are therefore obliged to gird themselves for some future round of hostilities.

Netanyahu displayed determined leadership, resisting demagogic public demands from cabinet ministers who called for an all-out invasion of Gaza. He understood that, had Israel proceeded to "crush Hamas" with a full-scale land invasion and occupation, it would have incurred further casualties, and also, most likely, global pressure to withdraw under humiliating circumstances – thus providing Hamas with a propaganda victory.

There is also a widespread feeling among Israelis that on the diplomatic front, instead of treating Israel as an ally, the Obama administration all but abandoned them. They believe America applied moral equivalency between Israel's government and Hamas's terrorist regime; sought to displace Egypt as a peace talks mediator with pro-Hamas Qatar and Turkey; and even delayed the delivery of arms in the midst of war. Many believe that if President Obama had not accused Israel of having acted "disproportionately," the political outcome would have been far better.

Yet America is Israel's most important ally, supporting it militarily and shielding it politically from a frequently hostile world that threatens to impose sanctions. During the remaining two years of Obama's tenure, Israel should do its utmost to minimize friction and reinforce its standing with the American people and Congress.

The critical message Israel has absorbed from this conflict is that, despite the wish of the vast majority of Israelis to separate themselves from the Palestinians, the practical implementation of a two-state policy is utterly unrealistic and, for the time being, off the agenda. The reality is that in the absence of Israeli military

forces in the West Bank, Hamas would take over. A recent opinion poll showed that the majority of Palestinians, 72 per cent, support Hamas's armed approach; and Hamas is committed to wresting control of what it calls the "resistance" in the West Bank.

The genocidal Hamas leadership, whose charter calls for the murder of Jews, continues to threaten mayhem even in Tel Aviv. Reportedly, Iran intends to funnel arms into the West Bank. All of Israel, including the major cities and airport, would then be within range of rockets and mortar fire.

A Palestinian state created under such circumstances would effectively transform the West Bank into Hamastan. Under such circumstances, it would be inconceivable for Israel to endorse a Palestinian state.

Besides, with the rise of the barbaric Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, and the effective dissolution of national borders in the region, it would be virtually suicidal for Israel to contemplate accepting the 1949 armistice lines as the basis for permanent borders. Israel must retain defensible borders and ensure that a Palestinian state would remain demilitarised. That means rejecting any suggestion of international forces to monitor Israel's security. The disintegration of United Nations peacekeeping forces in Syria near the Golan Heights border in August exemplifies why Israel should never delegate its security to third parties.

The two-state solution is not currently feasible, but as an eventual goal it must not be abandoned. In the long term, Israel would lose its identity as a democratic Jewish state if it absorbed millions more Arabs. It is therefore crucial that while enhancing political autonomy and living standards for Palestinians, Israel remains committed to achieving two states for two peoples.

To this end, Israel's government must overcome the damage that its chaotic settlement policies are creating. The Gush Etzion area south of Jerusalem will always remain within Israel, but the announcement of new construction there was irresponsible and

clearly motivated by short-term domestic political considerations.

The government must commit to restricting construction to the existing settlement blocs and Jewish East Jerusalem. (In practice, this has been the case: Only 507 units were started in the first half of the year, the lowest rate of construction for several years.) This would conform with the assurances that President George W. Bush gave to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in 2004, as an incentive to withdraw from Gaza, that in any future settlement America would support Israel's sovereignty in areas that had undergone major demographic change.

Israel faces daunting diplomatic challenges in a turbulent region. One objective is to defang Hamas, or at least prevent it from rearming, which would undoubtedly lead to a renewal of terrorist aggression. Despite the menace posed by Hamas and jihadism, however, the primary existential threat to Israel is a nuclear Iran.

The weak support that Hamas received from the Arab world could suggest a possible alignment between Israel and a number of moderate Arab countries. But it would be naïve to expect any long-term alliance with Saudi Arabia, since its exported brand of Wahhabism was the incubator for Al Qaeda and ISIS.

The cruelty of ISIS and the prospect of battle-hardened fanatics returning to homes in the West have served to heighten awareness of the Islamist threat. That has helped to win belated recognition from Europeans and Americans that Gaza must be demilitarised if the blockade is to be lifted.

The likelihood is that this plan will not succeed. If, however, Egypt remains determined to depose the Muslim Brotherhood-allied Hamas regime in Gaza and prevent Qatar and Turkey from assuming regional leadership, there could be long-term prospects for stability in the region. Should that happen, the foundations for proceeding toward a two-state solution – which the vast majority of Israelis endorse – will have been restored.

New York Times

ISRAEL ON TRIAL, AGAIN

The fatal flaws of the Schabas Inquiry

Irwin Cotler

The International Commission of Inquiry established by a Special Session of the UN Human Rights Council – named the "Schabas Inquiry" after its appointed chairman, Prof William Schabas – is not only tainted at the core, but this inquiry suffers from a pernicious tripartite bias.

Firstly, the resolution giving birth to the inquiry presupposes Israeli guilt, condemning "in the strongest possible terms the widespread, systematic and gross violations of international human rights and fundamental freedoms arising from the Israeli military operations in the occupied Palestinian territory." Thus the empowering resolution displays an Alice-in-Wonderland violation of judicial logic because the conviction is pronounced before the inquiry begins.

Secondly, and astonishingly, the biased commission mandate not only presupposes Israeli criminality – referenced 18 times in the resolution – but makes no reference at all to Hamas's spectrum of war crimes and crimes

against humanity, let alone its ongoing terrorist war of attrition during which it has launched 10,000 rockets targeting Israeli civilians since 2007, the proximate cause of the latest iteration of the conflict.

Third, and astonishingly again, the resolution refers to Israeli perpetration of "hate crimes," but makes no reference to the Hamas Charter, which calls for the destruction of Israel and the killing of Jews wherever they may be – the toxic convergence of the advocacy of the most horrific of crimes, namely genocide, embedded in the oldest and most enduring of hatreds, namely antisemitism – and the perpetration of terrorist acts in furtherance of this genocidal antisemitism, which is the root cause of the conflict as a whole.

JPost



Prof William Schabas

Howard – the Jewish ringer

When you think of work travel, you might think business class, nice hotel, fine dining. What if the job required you to bring your own pot, swag, sleeping bag, wide brim hat and shoeing equipment? What if the person applying for this job also packed spare kippot, tzitzit, gemara, chumash, siddur and other Jewish apparel? One starts to get a slightly different picture. Well that's what we found when we met Howard Schwartz, 23, working on Liveringa cattle station north of Fitzroy Crossing.

Howard was contracted to work on the cattle station set in the harshest conditions Australia has to offer. His job title is 'station ringer', otherwise known as a Jackaroo, stockman or cowboy. Work involves waking at 4.30am, getting yourself and your horse ready to meet the team at 5. For the next 12 hours, often in 40-degree heat and dust, they would move or work with thousands of cattle at a time, using utes, horses, helicopters or just their own two feet.

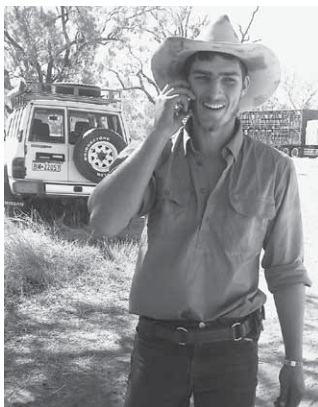
Work is tough, injuries are a given, but at the end of the day, when they gather around the camp fire, it is said there is only one better feeling than relaxing and reminiscing about the day's successes and adventures, and that is getting back into your swag for a good, well deserved sleep.

There are other perks to the job; each station around the area comes together a few times a year to compete in a rodeo. Howard was fortunate enough to be there during the Fitzroy Valley Rodeo and like every real Australian cowboy, entered the Bull Ride competition (Novice). The mood was tense. Each man in his own space, some stretching, preparing their rope; others meditating. Howard? Well, he was missing. Five minutes before the event, Howard dashed towards the yards with fresh Tefillin marks still imprinted on his arm.

A bull rider is only awarded a score for the first eight seconds of his ride (if he makes it). No one cares about the score or the length of the ride. All everyone prays for is a safe dismount with no injuries. Well, Howard did it! He came off safely and even managed to dodge the charge of the bull in time.

Well done Howard! Oh yeah, he also didn't look like he was ever letting go. He made the full eight seconds, achieved the highest score, and won the Bull Ride! Who would have thought the winner would be a Jew in Fitzroy Crossing.

To view Howard's wild ride, search 'The Jewish Ringer: Howard Schwartz' on YouTube



THE INTIFADA – the ultimate distraction

Chloe Valdary

The Intifada is merely the distraction. The 'Resistance' is the distraction. It is the equivalent of the hunger games, where young adults are encouraged to fight each other so as to not focus on the regime's corruption. Hamas + Fatah are the regimes. They encourage and have encouraged their people to fight the Jews, claiming that the Jews have enslaved them. The people don't even realise that this very claim is done in fact to perpetuate their own enslavement by their own people.

The Intifada is merely the distraction. "Rise up against them [the Jews] so as to not focus on what we [Fatah + Hamas] are doing."

This explains why they fight against a blockade [Israel] and not an imprisonment of a woman because she had children out of wedlock [Hamas.] This explains why they fight against a checkpoint [Israel] and not a political prisoner being tortured in a prison run by Fatah.

All the while, they are told that this resistance defines their identity. Identity is sacred. Therefore the "struggle" will be perpetual. Because this implicitly means that without the need to resist, they will cease to exist as a people. And that cannot happen.

Read and Understand: The Resistance is merely the smokescreen. A deliberate action by regimes who are whipping up the people into a frenzy so as to distract them from their own crimes.

Herein is the tragic irony: The more they resist instead of overthrowing their own regimes, the more they undermine the cause of their own freedom.

Palestinians' oppression comes from within the family

Eliana Rudee

Palestinians are being systematically disadvantaged in both law and practice. But the actual oppressor may surprise you.

Al Jazeera reports on the systematic disadvantages that Palestinians suffer in Lebanon. Under Lebanese law, Palestinian refugees are banned from working in over 30 professions in Lebanon, including medicine and law. Even more, Palestinians are currently banned from owning property, attending public schools, utilising public health services, and making an enforceable will. They pay taxes to the National Social Security Fund, yet do not receive any of the benefits.

When lawful oppression like this exists, it is often accompanied by more day-to-day discrimination, and such is the case in Lebanon. *Al Jazeera* further reports: "Lebanon's Palestinians also face informal discrimination by potential employers, who often seek to exploit them by offering lower wages and no job security." As of 2012, only two per cent of Palestinians have been granted a government work permit.

With over ten per cent of Lebanon's population being Palestinian, one would expect that improving the Palestinian condition would be first on the Lebanese agenda. But not so – especially since the crisis in Syria, "the current government has continually used the Syrian crisis to block improvements to the conditions of Palestinians," says Sari Hanafi, a Lebanese academic with expertise in the political economic plight of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

New York Observer

[Ed: Will the *Friends of Palestine* protest against this?]

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Alan Dershowitz's new eBook

Terror Tunnels: The Case for Israel's Just War Against Hamas

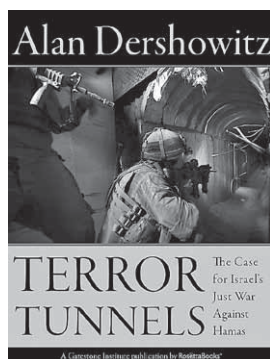
At a time when Israel is under persistent attack – on the battlefield, by international organisations, and in the court of public opinion – Alan Dershowitz presents a powerful case for Israel's just war against terrorism.

In the spirit of his international bestseller *The Case for Israel*, Dershowitz shows why Israel's struggle against Hamas is a fight not only to protect its own citizens, but for all democracies. The nation-state of the Jewish people is providing a model for all who are threatened by terrorist groups— such as ISIS, al-Qaeda and Boko Haram.

Having himself been in one of the Hamas terror tunnels, Dershowitz explains why Israel had no choice but to send in ground troops to protect its civilians against Hamas death squads.

Dershowitz wrote this book to warn the world that unless Hamas's strategy of building terror tunnels and firing rockets from behind human shields is denounced and stopped – by the international community, the media, the academy, and good people of all religions, ethnicities, and nationalities – it will be coming soon "to a theatre near you."

Covering all the hot-button issues – from the BDS movement, to the rise of antisemitism, to the charge of war crimes, to the prospects of peace – this is a must-read for all who care about Israel, peace in the Mideast, human rights, and fairness. *Gatestone Institute*



The two Empires – Ottoman and Russian: Where do we come from?

On Sunday, 31 August 2014, following the Society's AGM, historian and genealogist Mike Ross gave a well-researched and fascinating talk to members of the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of Western Australia (JHGS-WA) on this topic.

Starting from the premise that Australian Jews all have ancestors originating somewhere else, researching our ancestral places of origin is a very complex matter, especially in relation to the areas once covered by the Ottoman and Russian empires. Over time, with changes of borders and language, the names of countries change, place names change, languages change, rulers change, cuisines change.

The Ottoman Empire, which disintegrated after World War I in 1918, covered vast areas of North Africa, the Balkans and the Middle East including modern Israel. The Empire contained many Jews within its confines. Historically, it became a safe haven for Sephardi Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. The activities of Jews were not restricted, unlike in countries with Christian rulers. This was a large, inclusive Empire whose Jewish citizens were regarded as subjects of the Empire first, and Jews second.

When the Ottoman Empire ceased to exist after 1918, a number of new nations came into existence from which some Jews chose to emigrate. The political entity of Palestine dates from this time. Jews from that area were known as Palestinians until the foundation of Israel in 1948 when they became known as Israelis. Lebanon and Syria came into existence, as did Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Turkey, most of which had Jewish populations. Mike touched upon areas such as Egypt, Georgia, Bulgaria, Romania, the former Yugoslavia and Hungary which had been Ottoman dominated at various stages in the past and which gained different degrees of autonomy following 1918, all of which had Jewish populations who found themselves in new nations with new rulers, new borders and maybe a new language to learn. All of this demonstrates the complexity of understanding where we came from.

The Jews of the Russian Empire were forced to live in the 'Pale of Settlement' from 1791 to 1917, which was a large area of what is now



Mike Ross with Sue Levy

Irving Lane with Maggie Helfgott-Fisher and Eli Rabinowitz

Western Russia, the Baltic States, Ukraine, Belarus and Poland. The borders of these countries shifted from time to time as the kingdoms of Russia, Poland and Lithuania contracted and expanded with repeated conflicts and treaties between them. Poland was partitioned in 1795 and Germany, Austria and Russia seized a share, each with its large populations of Jews. Thus, as with the decline of the Ottoman Empire, the Jewish populations found themselves exchanging one ruler for another from time to time, with the names of the places they lived in changing too. However the Jews of this area had the unifying force of their own language, Yiddish, as well as their strong self-help communities, the Shtetl, to help them cope.

Mike concluded that it is important for those seeking information about where their ancestors came from to be aware of more than just the empire from which their forebears came. We need to find out from which town and region they originated, and in which year they made the move, this being the key to finding out where they really came from.

The talk was very well received and was followed by lively discussion.

Do you have a story? Would you like to share it with JHGS-WA? Please email it to jhgs@iinet.net.au or contact 0418 910 258. *Jonathan Wolf*

Health & Sci-Tech

Israeli neurosurgery helps world-renowned violinist play again

Israeli neurosurgeons at Tel Aviv's Sourasky Medical Centre helped former world-renowned violinist Naomi Elishuv overcome hand tremors to regain the ability to perform, in a remarkable surgery that had Elishuv playing Mozart while they operated on her brain.

"This is the first time ever that

I have performed brain surgery on a person who played the violin during the operation," said Professor Itzhak Fried, Sourasky's director of functional neurosurgery.

The surgeons implanted a brain pacemaker with electrodes in the area of Elishuv's brain that was the source of the hand tremors which prevented her from playing, and the electrodes emitted impulses to suppress the tremors.

A YouTube video of the surgery shows Elishuv, a former Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra violinist, playing the violin pre-surgery with the hand tremors. The video then shows her playing the violin as neurosurgeons located the spot in her brain to implant the electrode.

"When we turned on the electric current, we saw the tremor melt away," Fried said.

"It's a shame that I didn't know about this operation before," said Elishuv, who was forced to give up playing the violin nearly two decades ago. "Now I'm going to live again."

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A drosha on the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur droshas

I feel that we have some powerful messages to deliver this Rosh Hashana/Yom Kippur – messages that apply to all of us. It often happens that friends of the congregation come to shule quite late on Rosh Hashana morning (at approximately 11 am) and as a result not only miss the shofar (the main mitzvah of the day), but also the drosha. Many of our congregants have often felt short-changed, because they have arrived too late. Sometimes, I have tried to accommodate this situation by giving the drosha at the end of the service. The only problem with this is that people at the same time as listening to the drosha have to have their concentration on their watches to ensure that they make it in time for their Rosh Hashana lunch with their friends from other shules, or they themselves have guests who are coming to their home. Often the ladies, while wanting to hear the drosha are on schpilkes, as they must get home to prepare the lunch. I therefore appeal for your help to try your utmost to get to shule by the *latest* 9.45 am on both days of Rosh Hashana. You will as a result feel much more spiritually satisfied and you will, at the same time, be able to concentrate on the message of the drosha with a much clearer mind... thanks for paying attention to *this* drosha!

To everybody, kesiva v'chasima tovah – may you and all your family and indeed the whole community be inscribed for a healthy, peaceful, spiritually and materially contented new year – we will do our best together within our own wonderful congregation to try and achieve this. *Shabbat Shalom!*

David Freilich

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ATHLETICS CARNIVALS



Primary School



After indifferent weather in the week prior to the Athletics Carnival, nerves were taut as speculation grew amongst coaching staff and competitors as to how this might affect their chances of success on the big day. Both groups need not have worried with overcast conditions prevailing, ideal for athletic endeavours. The carnival began with the pomp and ceremony of the march-past that has marked the opening in recent years. Michael Sutherland MLA was on hand to pronounce *Moriah* the winners and to dispense some sage and timely advice about the importance of participation in sport, doing one's best and good sportsmanship. Many parents watched the opening, closely contested exchanges on the 200m track and were there to support Kindy, Prep and Years 1 and 2 children while they were put through their paces. This year marked the first primary school Athletics Carnival without the Year 7 cohort present, and was organised by the Year 6 leadership group. Their example as leaders and good sports was exemplary and they are to be commended. All participants are to be complimented for their efforts. The winning faction was *Moriah* taking out the Ron Stone Athletics trophy.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Runner-Up Girl	Anabel Whyte	Jade Osrin	Justine Marcov	Toni Grolman
Runner-Up Boy	Elay Gloozman	Daniel Katz	Alon Tucker	Brynn Twyman
Champion Girl	Ailee Mae Gabriel	Aaliya Simmelmann	Noa Diamant	Eden-Lee Schaffer
Champion Boy	Ari Jacobson	Natan Shufrin	Warren Kezurer	Jake Range



High School



The high school Inter-house Athletics Carnival was a tremendous success. The level of participation was excellent with our carnival records suggesting over 90% of students participated in all available events. Wow, this is a statistic to be proud of! The House system continues to provide students with many opportunities for participation and success. Congratulations to the Champion athletes listed, to *Zfat House* who won the J.N. Shohet Perpetual Shield as the

Champion House and to all who participated in what was an outstanding event. Well done to Gina Steinberg who won the Halperin Family Perpetual Shield for Most Outstanding Senior Athlete (3rd consecutive year) and to Danelle Terry and Zac Rosenberg who were awarded the Frank and Michelle Freedman Perpetual Shield as Year 12 Champion Athletes. Special mention must go to the House Captains, the Physical Education Studies students, the PE staff and the many volunteers who helped before, during and after the carnival. The day was a great success!

	Male	Female
Year 7 Champion	Taelon Bennet	Amy Lazarus
Runner-Up	Jordan Shuhandler	Michaela Kavalsky
Year 8 Champion	Dean Kezurer	Sarah Tucker
Runner-Up	Yannai Goldberg	Kaylene Shutz
Year 9 Champion	Jacob Posel	Alkira Matz
Runner-Up	Edan Sinai	Grace Ehrenfeld
Year 10 Champion	Sam Hoffman	Gina Steinberg
Runner-Up	Dean Newfield	Jade Lazarus
Year 11 Champion	Darren Kristal	Janae Kretzmer
Runner-Up	Daniel Fasser	Chelsey Kretzmer
Year 12 Champion	Zac Rosenberg	Danelle Terry
Runner-Up	Gregg Osrin	Jade Katz



Stage 4 – The Adventure Playground

Logs have been carefully and securely placed for balancing on, hiding behind, climbing over and making cubbies. Mrs Bolton has supervised workmen in the development of the Adventure Playground and already the children can imagine the fun they will have exploring all the ways in which they will enjoy their time in it. Students from the upper primary have also expressed their interest in playing there, which they will certainly have an opportunity to do, plus, there is a space for an 'outdoor classroom' allowing for lessons to happen in a natural, open-air environment. Although a lot has happened in the space, there is still much to come, and we can look forward to the laying of the bike track and plantings which will certainly also have a huge impact and enhance this fabulous play area.



Year 12 Hebrew Orals

Last Thursday night, Danelle Terry and Josh Swersky, two Year 12 Hebrew students, presented their Hebrew orals in the Sylvia and Harry Hoffman library. The audience included Hebrew students from Years 9-11, Israeli Zionist Madrichim and Hebrew and Jewish Studies teachers. The theme of the orals was people who helped establish the State of Israel. Danelle spoke about Rabbi Yoel Moshe Salomon and Josh spoke about Baron Rothschild. Both students have been researching various sources and presenting orals about these people throughout the year and this event was a culmination of these orals and preparation for their mock and final exams. The orals were at a very high level as were the questions asked (mostly by Lea Greenfeld). Even though some questions were quite tricky, the Year 12 students were able to answer them all in keeping with their high level of Hebrew. *By Shira Taub & Eylon Levy*



Kindy

Last Wednesday the Kindy children were treated to an art incursion with clay artist, Kim Witkin, who explained the origin of clay and how you need to play with it to make it soft and that this is really good for making your fingers strong. She modelled how to make a pinch pot using a ball of clay using your thumb and your fingers. Each child will make their own pinch pot which will be fired in the high school kiln and will be ready to use as a honey pot for their Rosh Hashanah table.



Temple David's new rabbi

Jane Figgis



Temple David's new rabbi, Rabbi Adi Cohen, arrived from Israel at the end of May with his wife, Gila, their three school-age sons, a mountain of books and abundant energy for this next step in his, and Temple David's, journey.

That journey begins, in his view, by looking at what we do and why we do it. He likes to talk about transforming the ordinary into the sacred – not everything all the time – but being primed to recognise the extraordinary in what can be the taken-for-granted. He emphasises the importance

of us, as Jews, maintaining a sense of awe and holiness in both our congregational and personal lives.

External signs of this insistence on renewal, on looking at things afresh, are already apparent in some of the physical changes he has instigated at Temple David. Worn-out bookcases have been replaced; bright paintings hung on the office walls, closed doors opened, and orchids – a particular enthusiasm of his – have appeared everywhere. Small changes but they cast things in a new light.

Another focus of his energy, and of his philosophy, is in making difference – differences of opinion, of background, of interests, of spirituality – a positive. "Each generation, indeed, every individual, has his/her own interpretation and understanding of Judaism, and one of the most challenging aspects of being a rabbi is making Judaism and Jewish values relevant across that diversity."

He plans to offer people a variety of ways to experience Jewish communal life – ways that will enrich their Jewish identity. One simple example, Tashlich this year (and occasionally other Kabbalat Shabbat services) will be conducted in a park, to better suit families with children.

Rabbi Cohen comes from a line of rabbis going back to Maimonides, but that link was broken in his grandfather's generation. Largely as a result of the Shoah, although the family settled in Israel, they drifted from religious practice. He grew up in a household "without a label": they were not secular, but neither were they religious: Shabbat would find the family on the road exploring Israel.

Nonetheless, the young Adi Cohen always knew his way around the siddur, always had faith in God. In fact, his decision to study for the rabbinate came rather suddenly:

"I was sitting in front of the television complaining – just as others of my 'neither-secular-nor-religious' generation did – about other people taking charge of my Jewish identity. I realised if I wanted that to change, I'd have to do more than complain. From that moment, my self-determined mission statement was to help my peer group reclaim their Judaism."

He became Rabbi of Brit Olam a Progressive Jewish congregation located in Kiriat Ono, near Tel Aviv in 2006. In addition to his congregational work there, he taught law and ethics at a high school in Ra'anana and worked as a storyteller in a special kindergarten in Kfar Saha. Education has been and remains a passion.

The decision five years later to take up the position of Rabbi at Temple Sinai in Wellington, New Zealand, was prompted by the commitment he and Gila made during their Jewish Agency years to always work to strengthen two-way connections between Jews in Israel and Jews of the Diaspora. He likes to talk about the Jewish people having two life support systems – one in Israel, one in the Diaspora – together they are crucial for Judaism and Jewish continuity.

The importance of 'two-way connections' is central to Rabbi Cohen's thinking about his role here. He sees strengthening the connections within the Temple David community as fundamental, of course. But it is also his priority to strengthen the connections between Temple David and the whole Perth Jewish community. He wants the Temple congregation and its Rabbi to contribute to and enrich the Jewish life of Perth.

The phrase that repeats itself in almost any conversation with Rabbi Cohen is: "I work *with* people – real relationships are how we get things done."

Thanks for the memory

Our members' talk was given by Peggie Lowe and Alpha Pilpel.

Peggy spoke about the "good old days" in Perth when the Jewish community was centred around the area now known as Northbridge, close to the old Brisbane Street Shule, where everyone knew everyone else.

Alpha spoke about the Prince's Hall behind the shule, which was the hub of Jewish life. The Hall was quite ugly and was nicknamed 'The Loch' but for youngsters it was an integral part of their lives: Barmitzvah parties, dances, the Hebrew School. Other community events were also all held at the Loch.

Alpha concluded by singing this ode to the Prince's Hall which was written by the late David Kooperman and sung to the tune of Bob Hope's *Thanks for the Memory*.



*Thanks for the Prince's Hall, it did look pretty sad
But it wasn't all that bad, with peeling paint
And crumbling walls, that was all we had
How lovely it was.*

*Thanks for the memory, of days we spent in Shule
Then off to Hebrew School,
To learn to read with blis't'ring speed
How frantic it was.*

*Many's the time that we feasted,
And many's the time that we fasted
Oh hell, it was swell while it lasted,
We did have fun and no harm done.*

*So thanks for the memory, of growing up in Perth
The greatest place on earth,
The things we took for granted
Now we know their worth,
Oh, thank you so much.*

For some, it was a nostalgic trip down memory lane. For others, it gave insight into what it was like to grow up in Perth back then.

Guest speaker, Perth Tramway Historian, David Brown, told us that when the trams were first proposed for Perth, everybody wanted to live near the tram lines.

The very first trams were painted yellow, later green, and the tram lines reached St George's Terrace, Barrack and William Streets, Fitzgerald and Walcott Streets, South Perth, Mounts Bay Road and as far as Osborne Park which, in those days, was not even in the metropolitan area!

When the tramway was built on Scarborough Beach Road, its intersection with Oxford Street was virtually a bush track with no surrounding buildings. Eventually, trams were running in Fremantle, Kalgoorlie and Leonora.

The last tram ran on 19 July 1958.

Roma Lester

JEWISH COMMUNITY APPEAL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The AGM will take place on Tuesday, 14 October 2014 at the Jewish Centre at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. Confirm Minutes of last AGM
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Executive
5. Any other business

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Shalom Group

The October meeting will be held on the first of the month at noon in the APR at the Jewish Centre. Our guest speaker will be Lyn Coy, the Convenor of the Swan River Pioneers. This should be another interesting meeting. Would all members please bring a plate for our shared lunch. All welcome.

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In the Genes

Ashkenazi Jews share close genetic ties

Ashkenazi Jews can trace their ancestry to a "bottleneck" of just 350 individuals dating back to between 600 and 800 years ago, a new study concludes.

The study was authored by Shai Carmi, a computer science professor at Columbia University, and more than 20 medical researchers from Yale, Columbia, Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and other institutions.

Researchers analysed genomes of 128 Ashkenazi Jews and compared them to those of non-Jewish Europeans in order to determine which genetic markers are unique to the Ashkenazim. They found that the Ashkenazim's genetic similarities were so acute that one of the study's researchers, Columbia professor Itzik Pe'er, said that among Ashkenazi Jews, "everyone is a 30th cousin."

The findings will enable researchers to catalogue nearly all of the genetic variations from the founding population.

Such thorough genetic cataloging could help clinicians interpret individual genetic mutations, improve disease mapping and provide insight into the histories of Middle Eastern and European populations, the study said. *JTA*

Jewish Genetics



Are we unique?

On a mild spring evening, Professor Jack Goldblatt AM, one of Australia's foremost genetic experts, addressed an audience of over 100 people at the Jewish Centre on the subject *Do Jews Have Unique Genes?*

He reminded us that in the last decade since President Clinton celebrated the completion of the Human Genome Project, a project that cost billions, genetic testing is now moving into a phase where individual genomes will soon be available for the cost of just a hundred dollars.

He carefully reviewed the basics of his subject and then went on to answer the question *Do Jews Have Unique Genes?* By a process of natural selection, social pressure, the tyranny of history, founder effect and random drift due to the rapidly changing community sizes, the genes of the Jewish people have evolved to produce a number of conditions that, while not unique to Ashkenazi Jews, are more common within their communities.

In particular he addressed the prevalence of Tay-Sachs disease and Gaucher's disease. His choice of Gaucher's disease was discussed not only because this was the subject of his MD thesis, but also because it is one the few genetic diseases where the missing enzyme has been manufactured and is clinically available to affected persons.

Undaunted by technical failures (always a threat when using modern technology) he continued to explore the realm of breast cancer susceptibility gene changes. He made the point that three sub-types of the genetic markers for this condition are particularly common in Ashkenazi Jews, thus allowing somewhat easier screening within these communities for inherited risk.

Unfortunately time did not permit further aspects of this fascinating subject to be explored and hopefully in the not-too-distant future Prof Goldblatt will be able to address us once again on other aspects of this ever rapidly evolving branch of medical science.

Dr Peter Winterton thanked Prof Goldblatt at the conclusion of his address and invited the audience to look forward to a cocktail party planned for November 2014 (details to be advised). This fundraising party will celebrate the inaugural agreement between the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and UWA to host exchange students.

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MACCABI JUNIOR SOCCER U18s through to finals in emphatic style



Maccabi Under 18 Boys played Rockingham Soccer Club in the semi-finals last Sunday. If there were any nerves on Maccabi's side, you wouldn't have known. It was a coach's dream. From the first whistle, Maccabi came out firing, and within the first 15 minutes, we were 3-0 up. Their passing and moving off the ball was fantastic to watch.

Maccabi kept up the relentless pressure and could have easily made it 5 or 6 by half time if not for good goal keeping on Rockingham's behalf.

In the second half Maccabi again created chances, but only managed to convert once, making it 4-0. Through a lapse of concentration, Rockingham managed to pull one goal back with the final score being 4-1.

The game was played in good spirit and sportsmanship by both teams.

A huge thank you must go out to all the parents and supporters who made the long trek down to Armadale to support the boys.

The Grand Final will be played against Woodvale at Beale Park, 10B Kent Street, Spearwood. Kick-off 11.50am. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
Gavin Kristal (Coach)

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Sunday,
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Bridge Results

Wednesday evening, 10 September 2014

1st Pauline Hammond & Ruth Katavatis
2nd Alan Berman & Ruth Berman

Monday, 15 September 2014

Winners:

N/S field Morrie Herman & Gloria Herman
E/W field Julia Odes & Noreen Sher



**CALLING ALL
UNDER 12 BOYS**



Maccabi Junior Basketball is entering a team in league starting on 15 October playing every Wednesday night at Warwick Leisure Centre, cnr Warwick and Wanneroo Roads. Games will be between 4.30-6.00pm **every Wednesday night**.

Cost is \$35 registration for Maccabi members or \$85 for non-Maccabi members plus \$1 per game. Training will be at Maccabi Grounds (yet to be confirmed).

Please call Ronny Braunstein on 0414 718 289 or email ronnybraunstein@gmail.com to register for this team. First come ... first in team!!

**ALL OTHER AGES U10, U14, U16 BOYS AND GIRLS
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And get a team registered for the next season!!

Save the Date

Maccabi WA

Melbourne Cup "Mad Hatters Ladies Lunch"

Tuesday November 4th 2014, from 11.00am

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Champagne lunch, Sweep & Prizes!!

More details to follow



Israeli study: Plenty of sunshine could help against asthma

After a summer spent hiding out from Hamas rockets, this might be the time for asthmatics to head for the beach. Not getting enough Vitamin D appears to put asthmatics at higher risk of flare-ups, the large study found.

In the study, which included some 21,000 asthma patients in Israel, those with a Vitamin D deficiency were 25 per cent more likely than the others to have had at least one flare-up, like an asthma attack, in the recent past.

The researchers behind the large cohort study – published in the journal *Allergy* in August – suggest that measuring and considering boosting Vitamin D levels could help control the worst

cases of asthma. Vitamin D is produced in the skin in response to sunlight, is found in many foods – including fish, eggs, cod liver oil, and fortified milk – and can be taken as a supplement.

"When patients have asthma, our goal is to control the disease, to have as few exacerbations as possible," said Dr Ronit Confino-Cohen an allergist at Meir Medical Centre and at Tel Aviv University, who led the study.

The study did not imply that normal Vitamin D levels could somehow prevent asthma. There was no correlation between the levels and the presence of asthma, but the results provide evidence that Vitamin D deficiency is a risk factor for asthma flare-ups and suggest that higher levels may be protective, the researchers say.

"Asthma patients can have trouble sleeping, miss work, feel bad, and struggle to exercise," said Confino-Cohen. "Increasing Vitamin D levels is something we can easily do to improve their quality of life."

The association between asthma and Vitamin D makes some sense. Among its other effects on



the immune system, Vitamin D helps limit allergic responses, which are the main trigger for asthma, and strengthens the lining of the lungs.

Although the findings are limited by the fact that the study was not a controlled experiment, the researchers recommend that people whose asthma cannot be controlled with existing treatments have their vitamin D levels tested. For those with a Vitamin D deficiency, they say supplements may make sense. A simpler solution would be to get outside and enjoy some sunshine.

Times of Israel

Israel Inspiration

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THIS SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 19 September

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday 20 September

8:50am Temple David Religion School

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

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Friday 19 September

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SHABBAT PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

19-20 SEPTEMBER 2014

Shabbat

Candlelighting.....	5.52pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	5.55pm
Shacharit	9.00am
Shabbat Mincha.....	5.40pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat.....	6.48pm
Selichot.....	12.10am

Sunday 21st September

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

Weekdays

Selichot & Shacharit	6.00am
Mincha/Maariv	6.00pm



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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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SHABBAT TIMES

PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

Candle Lighting.....	5.52pm
Mincha	6.00pm
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit	
Shacharit Saturday Morning.....	9.00am
Followed by Torah reading, Musaf and Kiddush	

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Personals

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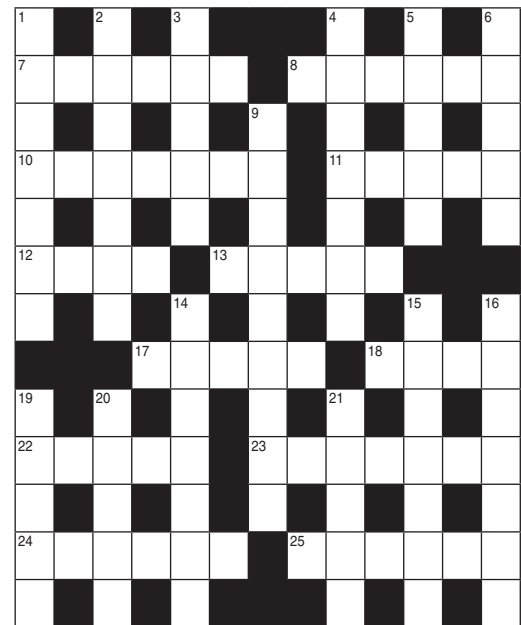


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Crossword

Colin Shur z"l

Rpt



ACROSS

- 7 Humorous or mildly sarcastic (6)
- 8 Popular piece of music by Maurice Ravel (6)
- 10 A set of kettledrums (7)
- 11 Is this hard-wearing material mined? (5)*
- 12 J Arthur – – – –. of British film industry (4)
- 13 Colourless gas with a chlorine-like odour (5)
- 17 One does not glare at a Royal bearing (5)*
- 18 Don't char this curved structure (4)*
- 22 Veracity (5)
- 23 Set apart tea & soil (7)*
- 24 To attack (6)
- 25 Disregard any discomfort East of the groin (6)*

DOWN

- 1 Goes well with gin (7)
- 2 Don't arm him if he is asleep (7)*
- 3 A competitor (5)
- 4 To make allowance (7)
- 5 Sounds as though a swoon could be
a distracting move (5)*
- 6 He mopes as he attempts memorising
the verses (5)*
- 9 Hebrew for Egypt (9)
- 14 Rabbinical Court of Law (Hebrew) (4,3)
- 15 Subversive behaviour to the state (7)
- 16 Yiddish for a village (7)
- 19 "Tsu ganvenen" (Yiddish) in English (5)
- 20 An evil spell (5)
- 21 "Moulin – – – –", Paris (5)

*Denotes Cryptic

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