

JNF WA adopts Merhav Am

BRINGING LIFE TO THE NEGEV, TOGETHER

The formal public announcement of JNF WA's adoption of the Negev town of Merhav Am took place last Sunday at the Jewish Centre. The adoption project is JNF WA's first independent project in Israel.

Recently appointed State and Vice Presidents of JNF WA, Hylton Rodkin and Gavin Kotkis, introduced guest speakers from Israel, each an active participant in David Ben Gurion's dream of the Negev as a desert in bloom.

Major G from the Nahal Infantry Brigade, one of the first IDF companies to go into Gaza during *Operation Protective Edge*, demonstrated the calibre of soldier protecting all Israelis but particularly communities in the Negev.

Ofir Fisher, joint founder and Vice President of the Or Movement, and Allison Speiser, Merhav Am resident and mother of six, both spoke of making a difference and living the Zionist dream.

Zionism is behind the creation of the

not-for-profit Or Movement, which has been a major stimulant in populating the Negev. Ofir said, "We wanted to make a difference... We looked back on the founders of Israel... see what they did and do it again."

Together with JNF's Negev Blueprint and council partners, the Or Movement has been instrumental in attracting around 6,000 additional families to the Negev area.

One of those communities is Merhav Am (formerly Halukim), current population 350. Since 2001 the town has acquired a synagogue, mikveh, kindergarten, childcare facilities and recently added a community centre. There are 63 families and 250 children, many under school age living in 'caravan type' accommodation, resembling some of the upmarket squatter beach shacks that used to be scattered along Perth's northern coastline.

Merhav Am is a 45-minute drive south of

Be'er Sheva. With the philosophy, 'create the infrastructure and the people will come', JNF WA will enhance Merhav Am's daycare facilities by building three separate play areas for babies, toddlers and young children.

Allison said when she and her husband moved to the Negev, where others saw sand, they saw the potential to make a difference. She said Merhav Am is growing, family by family. "We're looking forward to the shade," she said of the proposed children's play areas.

When a family makes the decision to locate to Merhav Am and is approved by the residents, they are offered 'caravan accommodation' for 20 NIS/per square metre. When they're ready to start building a house, they can purchase a town lot for 200,000 NIS (\$60,000). The actual build is a community affair with fellow residents pitching in to help. The process is repeated with a new family invited to move into the 'caravan'. *Charmaine Ryan*



Ofir Fisher and Ganit Poleg-Spark



Gavin and Shelley Kotkis, Tessa, Mandy and Hylton Rodkin with Dan Springer



Allison Speiser

Inside Operation Protective Edge with Major G

Founded in 1948 by David Ben Gurion, it was sadly from the Nahal Infantry Brigade that Israel lost its first son in *Operation Protective Edge*, a man whom Major G described as not only an admired brave soldier but also a dear friend.

He recounted the circumstances surrounding his friend's death, saying his division had been sent into Gaza on a mission to find and destroy rockets raining down on Israel, in particular Negev communities, and to find and destroy terror tunnels. Under heavy fire, First-Sergeant Eitan Barak was returning to his post after rescuing an injured soldier when he was fatally shot.

Major G's division discovered a cache of 24 rockets all aimed at Israel and hidden in an agricultural school. He was instructed to record the rockets, their launchers and their demolition. In the midst of war he described this surreal experience, "24 rockets... record this like a TV show host to show what is happening!"

However it was this recording that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon witnessed while visiting Israel to investigate war crimes and that led to reports that the UN Secretary General had backed away from anti-Israeli sentiment.

Major G concluded his recount of the war

saying he was very proud to be an IDF soldier and that each soldier was aware he was fighting for the survival of the free state of Israel. He said "We felt a bond with all Jews".

A respectful silence followed as the photos and names of all soldiers killed in *Operation Protective Edge* were shown. *Charmaine Ryan*



WHAT'S ON

15, 16 & 23 November

Jewish International Film Festival
Event Cinemas, 57 Liege Street, Innaloo.

Sunday, 16 November

Mitzvah Day. P9

Maccabi WA Special General Meeting. GBH. 10.15am.

JewishCare Afternoon of music for Seniors.

Jewish Centre. 2.15pm. P6 & 9

Monday, 17 November

Maccabi Bridge Club AGM.

Jewish Centre. 10.45am. P13

Tuesday, 18 November

Living in Retirement. Café 61. 10am. P15

Wednesday, 19 November

Australian Friends of the Hebrew Uni Cocktail Party.

Royal Perth Golf Club. 6.30pm.

Sunday, 23 November

Maccabi Junior Carnival. Game Vault Party.

Maccabi Grounds. 6pm. P13

Sunday, 30 November

Café 61's School's Out Party. GBH.

FOIWA Address by Jonathan Spyer.

Victory Life Centre, Osborne Park. 2pm. P8

NCJWA Women Achievers 2014. 7pm. P3

Sunday, 7 December

Holocaust Institute AGM. Jewish Centre. 10am. P7

Welcome To Perth!

November Meeting

NCJWA Shalom group invited Gila Cohen, the wife of Rabbi Adi Cohen, from Temple David, to be the guest speaker at their November meeting. Gila was born and raised in Israel. She qualified as a social worker, and has also taught children with special needs. Warm, frank, vivacious and very responsive to other people, they found her a delight. We wish Gila and her family a wonderful stay in Perth.



Out & About



In conversation with Allison at Chabad

On Thursday, 6 November, Chabad WA hosted a meet-and-greet with Allison Speiser, one of JNF's guest speakers who lives in Merchav Am in the Negev, a community adopted and supported by JNF WA.

Down South

Albany's Great War First Fleet Commemoration – the Jewish involvement

On the weekend of 31 October to 2 November, a commemoration was held in Albany, Western Australia, to acknowledge exactly 100 years since the first Australian and New Zealand contingent left for the Great War of 1914-18 in a convoy of 36 ships. This convoy is believed to be the largest convoy ever to assemble in one place. The troop ships at anchor in King George's Sound, plus the warship escorts from Australia, New Zealand and Japan, was written up as a magnificent sight. For almost a third of the troops, Albany was their last sight of Australia. It is estimated that 200 Jewish volunteer soldiers were among the 27,000 troops in that first convoy.

The commemoration service in Albany was attended by the Governor-General and the prime ministers of both Australia and New Zealand. The presence of the Jewish soldiers sailing in that convoy was acknowledged during the commemoration service. Warren Austin, President of the Western Australian Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women's Association and also the General Sir John Monash RSL Sub-Branch and Charles Matheson, the secretary, laid wreaths on behalf of WAJEX and the national Federation of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women respectively.

An additional convoy of 1,600 troops from Western Australia and South Australia left Fremantle at the same time and joined up with the main fleet in the Indian Ocean. Among this contingent were a number of Jewish soldiers from Perth. Altogether approximately 2,500 Australian Jewish soldiers volunteered and served with the Australian forces in the war, sustaining a documented inordinately high casualty rate of death and wounded. One of these Jewish soldiers, Leonard Keysor, was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry "in the face of the enemy" while serving at Gallipoli.

Prior to the wreath laying ceremony during the Commemorative Service at the Albany Peace Park, Warren Austin and Charles Matheson marched in the parade as members of their Vietnam War military service units.



Wreaths on the ANZAC Peace Park in Albany



Warren Austin and Charlie Matheson

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Attorney-General shoots down comparison between IDF and Islamic State terrorists

George Brandis, Australia's Attorney-General, roundly rejected the comparison between Australian Jews volunteering for the Israeli Defence Forces and Australian Muslims joining Middle Eastern terrorist groups like the Islamic State.

Speaking on ABC's Q&A, Brandis emphasised that there was no legal basis for such a comparison.

"There is no equivalence between the standing army of a friendly foreign state like Israel and a terrorist insurgency like ISIL," Brandis declared. "I am not aware of a single instance of a Jewish man or woman who has seen service in the IDF, has come back to Australia, and has perpetrated a terrorist crime."

Brandis was answering a question from Dr Mohamad Abdalla, a professor in the city of Brisbane and a Muslim community leader, who spoke of "a double standard... how do you respond to the fact that is often raised by young Australian Muslims that there are other non-Muslim Australian citizens who fight in other countries that are committing war crimes?"

Though Abdalla did not mention Israel explicitly, presenter Tony Jones interjected to say, "I suspect you are talking about Israel and young Australians fighting for the IDF."

Brandis' response did not appear to persuade the majority of the audience, who made their scepticism heard as the Attorney General answered Abdalla's point.



Algemeiner

Bob Carr describes it as an "epiphany," this pivot to be Patron of the Friends of Palestine.

He is "deeply offended by Israel's use of settlements to wreck any peace deal."

He takes no offence, though, to the Palestinian Authority hailing terrorists as heroes, praising them as martyrs. He is not in the least disturbed by a leadership that incites its people to violence.

When Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khomeini repeats his call to annihilate Israel and arm the Palestinians in the West Bank, what really gets Bob Carr riled are the settlers and his claims of "apartheid Israel."

He's despondent that "up to 60 per cent of the Israeli cabinet is on record as opposing a two-state solution." But he's happy to be Patron of an organisation whose rally cry is "Palestine will be free, from the river to the sea."

They're calling for a one-state solution, Mr Carr. And Israel is not part of it!

He says, "In 1977 the Palestine Liberation Organisation was blowing up planes. Now, for 25 years Palestinians have been committed to a negotiated solution."

So intifadas, autofadas, suicide bombers, rock throwers, knife attacks, missiles, terror tunnels clearly indicate a commitment to peace!

This was *not* an epiphany.

Mr Carr showed his hand to 'us people' a long time ago.

Letter to the Editor

Let us not forget them

On Sunday, 9 November, I attended the AGM of the General Sir John Monash RSL Sub-Branch of the RSL incorporating the WA Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women.

After the President's welcome, the agenda read: "Stand and one minute silence for the fallen. This year we especially remember our former members WX35266 Capt Simon Holman; WX41251 Sapper John Kooperman; WX25433 Sgt Solomon Krasnostein; 70686076BV Colonel Errol Kristal; WX41321 Sapper Sam Raiter."

Our numbers are dwindling. I call on members of the community to join us to preserve the memory and to honour those who fought for our freedom. All ex-servicemen and women of Commonwealth countries and Australian allies are eligible to join – including the United Kingdom, South Africa, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Israel, Canada and the USA.

As I write, today is Remembrance Day. More than 200 Jewish boys were among the first Australians who left for Gallipoli from Albany and Fremantle in 1914 – many of them are remembered on the honour board at the Perth Hebrew Congregation and at the Jewish war Memorial in Kings Park, together with so many who perished fighting for Australia during World War II.

The ode of the RSL is "They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn; At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember them."

Let us not forget them.

Cpl SM ("Lemmy") Hadassin 67249375N
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Lessons

On Kristallnacht Anniversary

On the anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (The Night of Broken Glass in Nazi Germany in 1938) it is appropriate for leaders to remember that when tyrants threaten, the world should listen. The world wouldn't take Hitler's threats seriously in the 1930s and the Nazi Holocaust and WWII were soon unleashed.

With the release of the Ayatollah's genocidal calls for the destruction of the Jewish State, (first posted in July 2014 and reposted on November 9th), Israel is right to take the Ayatollah at his word. Americans have every right to ask: Is this a leader who can be trusted in any negotiations whether over nuclear centrifuges or fighting ISIS?

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is urging President Obama to denounce the Ayatollah's continuing genocidal calls for the destruction of the Jewish State. "The only true path to change Iran's behaviour short of regime change is the re-imposing of tough sanctions and the demand that its nuclearisation program be dismantled," said Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper, Dean and Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

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Obummer: Pro-Israel Republicans take over US Congress



For the first time in eight years, Republican lawmakers control both houses of Congress, giving Israel a foothold when it comes to bolstering support for Israel among American lawmakers.

Elie Pieprz, the Director of External Affairs for the Yesha Council and a former DC lobbyist, said, "The Democrats are trying to

differentiate themselves from Obama, who has been radioactive to Israel and the Democratic Party as a whole.

"When it comes to Israel, the Senate has more responsibility and authority in regards to foreign affairs," Pieprz explained. "Now we have a number of Republican senators who are fairly strong in foreign policy and very pro-Israel."

BIN



Graham: Senate will block bad Iran deal

The US Senate has the right and duty to examine any nuclear deal reached with Iran, Republican Senator Lindsey Graham said, vowing that the Senate would block a "bad deal" with Iran — any agreement that permits Iran to enrich uranium would be unacceptable to the Senate.

"Today, there are new bosses in Washington," Graham said. "The biggest losers are Hamas, Hezbollah and the Iranian nuclear program."

Israel Hayom

Iran quietly fearful of Republican takeover of Congress

Iranian leaders are quietly expressing fear about the Republican takeover of Congress, with many concerned that Tehran has lost a key bloc of US Democrats who wanted to roll back economic sanctions and hand Iran a favourable nuclear deal.

The election results prompted many Iranian commentators and officials to express concern that years of US capitulation to Iranian demands might soon come to an end.

Republican gains in Congress appear to have motivated Iran to work harder toward inking a nuclear deal with the Obama administration before the lame duck legislative session concludes.



Washington FB

Top legal scholar blasts UN's Schabas for bias

The latest scholar of international law to call out the bias of William Schabas, chair of the UN commission of inquiry on Gaza, is Joseph Weiler, president of the European University Institute in Florence, the European Union Jean Monnet Chair at NYU law school, and Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of International Law.

"It is hard for me to accept that his pronouncement on Netanyahu as being his favourite to be in the dock of the ICC is consistent with ensuring 'the appearance of impartiality'," wrote Weiler.

UN Watch

Cerna: UNHRC 'killed my candidacy' for not being 'partial' like Schabas

Georgetown University law professor Christina Cerna said the UN's highest human rights body "killed" her candidacy as its expert on Palestine — despite her selection by a 5-member vetting committee — on account of her not being "partial" like William Schabas.

"Impartiality is not a requirement sought by the Council for the appointment of experts when it comes to Israel."

Cerna now joins numerous legal scholars and human rights activists who believe Schabas' tenure is inconsistent with the impartiality principle.



Czech FM: No intention to change policies toward Israel

Czech Foreign Minister Lubomír Zaorálek has assured Israel that the Czech Republic does not intend to make any strategic change in its policies toward Israel. With respect to a debate in several EU member states about the recognition of Palestinian statehood, Zaorálek said unilateral steps were not helpful for the peace process. He also stressed that Prague remained "committed to Israel's right to self-defence."

Zaorálek said relations between the Czech Republic and Israel were "excellent and will remain so." "The Czech Republic continues to support the two-state solution in which Israel and a Palestinian state exist side by side in peace and cooperation with each other," he said.

WJC

UK's Miliband loses Jewish donors over pro-Palestinian stance

The UK's Labour leader Ed Miliband is reportedly losing the support of Jewish donors due to his pro-Palestinian stance.

Jewish supporters of the British opposition party leader — who is himself Jewish — were irked by his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As a result, fundraising dinners have been cancelled as many traditional Labour Party backers have criticised Miliband for failing to offer a balanced perspective on the thorny issue.

i24

Amnesty: Israel committed war crimes in Gaza war

Amnesty International has accused Israel of committing war crimes during the recent war in Gaza, saying Israel displayed "callous indifference" in attacks on family homes in the densely populated coastal strip. Amnesty stated, "Israeli forces killed scores of Palestinian civilians in attacks targeting houses full of families, which in some cases have amounted to war crimes."

Israel's foreign ministry rejected the report's findings, saying Amnesty "ignores documented war crimes perpetrated by Hamas."

"The report does not mention the word terror in relation to Hamas or other armed Palestinian groups, nor mentions tunnels built by Hamas to infiltrate Israel and perpetrate terror attacks," the ministry said.

Gerald Steinberg, president of NGO Monitor, said that Amnesty holds a documented bias against Israel. "Amnesty's claims had no validity when they were first made, without evidence, during the fighting, and they have no more credibility now, despite the facade of 'research' and 'investigations.'"

Ynet

Arsonist in kosher Paris supermarket gets 4 years in jail

The four-year prison sentence given to the man who torched a kosher supermarket in suburban Paris in July "sent an important message," the chief rabbi of France said.

The 27-year-old ambulance driver was sentenced for setting fire to the Naouri kosher supermarket in Sarcelles, a heavily Jewish suburb.

The driver was given a longer term than the 26 months sought by the prosecutor. "This sentence reflects the determination of the judiciary to fight antisemitic crimes," Rabbi Haim Korsia said.

Korsia added that the French government under President Francois Hollande and Prime Minister Manuel Valls also was "vigilant and firm" in dealing with antisemitism.

JTA

Netanyahu: No Jewish prayers to be allowed on Temple Mount

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected calls from right-wing lawmakers and ministers to lift restrictions on Jews praying on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, insisting there would be no change in its status quo. Netanyahu spokesman Mark Regev said that anyone expressing a different opinion is presenting a personal view and not the policy of the government.

These comments were echoed by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, who denounced Knesset members and ministers visiting the site for their "idiocy", which he said was being driven by "cheap headline seeking".

"If you have paid attention, neither I nor members of my party have gone up to the Temple Mount. We have not issued calls for Israel to exercise sovereignty there," Lieberman told Israeli public radio. "What needs to happen now is for calm to be restored in Jerusalem."

The site – which includes the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, both also revered by Muslims – is the historic site of the two ancient Jewish temples. Jews and Christians are allowed to visit under longstanding arrangements for its administration but not to pray.

Demands for greater access have been blamed by Israelis and Palestinians for a recent increase in violent confrontations and terror attacks in Jerusalem. *WJC*

Left and right hold Abbas responsible for Jerusalem terror wave

Israeli officials have condemned Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for what they charged was his direct and indirect incitement leading to a string of terror attacks, including lethal vehicular assaults in Jerusalem.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called the terror attack "the direct outcome of incitement by Abbas, and his Hamas partners."

A Hamas member used a van to mow down pedestrians at two points along the capital's light rail line, killing one and wounding some 14 others, several critically. Cap. Jidan Assad, 38, a Border Police officer from the Druze village of Beit Jaan, was killed when he and other pedestrians were hit by the speeding vehicle. Assad is survived by a pregnant wife and a three-year-old son.

Only hours later, a second vehicle deliberately targeted three Israel soldiers in the West Bank area of Gush Etzion. Three soldiers were injured, one seriously. Hamas took credit for Jerusalem attack.

Deadly terror attacks in Israel

Shalom Aharon Baadani was laid to rest last Friday at Jerusalem's Givat Shaul cemetery. The 17-year-old, who was critically injured in a terror attack at the Jerusalem light rail last week, succumbed to his wounds on Friday.

A young woman, Dalia Lemkos, was killed and two others were injured in a stabbing attack at the Alon Shvut junction in the Gush Etzion bloc of settlements in the West Bank. The Monday evening attack occurred, where the three Israelis were waiting for rides.

IDF soldier, Sgt. Almog Shiloni, 20, died of wounds sustained in a terror stabbing attack on Monday morning in Tel Aviv. *Algemeiner*



UNRWA school logos erase Israel

There are many examples of the logos of UNRWA schools in Gaza that apparently demonstrate UNRWA's official view of Israel – that it doesn't exist.

It is not a big leap to go from that position to the idea that rockets and terror are justifiable means to gain that which UNRWA obviously thinks was stolen by an illegitimate entity. Do UNRWA's European donors know this?

This is yet more proof that UNRWA does not subscribe to the UN's principles and that the institution is a massive waste of money that is dedicated not to peace but to hate. *EofZ*



PM: Strip citizenship from anyone calling to destroy Israel

Following the police shooting incident in Kafr Kanna last Friday and the ensuing riots, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has taken a tough stance on Israelis calling for the destruction of the state.

"Israel is a country of law and order. We will not tolerate disturbances and riots. We will act against stone throwers and those who block roads and call for the establishment of a Palestinian state in place of Israel," the prime minister's statement said. "I will instruct the Interior Minister to examine the option of revoking the citizenship of those calling for the destruction of Israel."

The statement accompanies a set of tough rules established to keep rioters in line, including the demolition of terrorists' homes and outlawing an extremist Islamic women's group. *Israel Hayom*



Hamas video game teaches children to become terrorists

In yet another endeavour to hamper peace between the Palestinians and Israel, Hamas has created a new video game for children called 'The Liberation of Palestine.' The goal of which is to foster armed resistance against Israel.

The object of the game, according to Hamas' *Falesteen* newspaper, is to "get rid of the Israeli settlements, buy weapons and to implement prisoner exchanges." Players can purchase a variety of weapons such as suicide belts, AK-47s, grenade launchers and rockets to use against Israel and Jews.

According to one of the developers, the game teaches players that "negotiations can never bring to any positive result" and that "the language of weapons is the most effective with the Israelis." *BIN*



Ahead of nuclear deadline, Iran threatens to attack US Navy

Iran has renewed militant threats against the United States and its allies.

Admiral Ali Fadavi, commander of the naval force of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, made a further clear and explicit threat to the US, promising to destroy its fleet in the Persian Gulf waters if the US refuses to withdraw from the area.

Fadavi stressed, "Americans removal from the Gulf is one of the basic tasks of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards," threatening that his forces could destroy and sink the US fleet "in 50 seconds."

In May Fadavi announced, "The Americans and the entire world know that one of our operational goals is destroying US Navy Forces."

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister and senior negotiator Seyyed Abbas Arakchi described the removal of all sanctions against Tehran as a precondition for a comprehensive deal with the world powers, and said Iran will not retreat even a millimetre from its nuclear rights. *The Tower*



Bob Carr's ludicrous epiphany

Former foreign minister Bob Carr has just become patron of Labor Friends of Palestine.

Mr Carr revealed he'd had an epiphany on Israel. He argued that the nation had "gone from secular to religious". As well, Mr Carr claimed that fanatics in Israel's government were promoting "apartheid", fostering one set of racially based laws for the Jewish minority and an inferior set for the Palestinian majority. As pleas for attention go, this was both spectacular and pitiful. For someone who has had an abiding interest in international affairs, is a boastful student of history and, with Bob Hawke, launched Labor Friends of Israel in 1977, something is seriously out of kilter.

If this were only a random display of relevance deprivation syndrome by Mr Carr it would be sad. But the one-time premier of NSW is a consummate operator. We cannot say what is in his heart, but his analysis is deeply flawed and deserves to be exposed. In some ways Mr Carr is falling into the Left's posture trap of late that has seen Labor MP Melissa Parke in lock-step with the ratbags of the sorry boycott, divestment

and sanctions cavalcade that lays the blame for the ills of the Middle East on Israel. On the other flank, of course, are the rabid Holocaust deniers. It's an ugly pincer movement that is trying to assault not just a vibrant democracy but the only functioning one in that troubled region.

Far from being a polity of fanatics, Israel is a pluralist state that does not discriminate against Palestinians; its laws are ethnically blind. An incendiary term such as apartheid does Mr Carr no credit, drawing a parallel between two systems, histories and struggles that are unrelated. Palestinians have lived well in Israel and have enjoyed all the rights of normal citizenship. Some have pointed to the dividing wall on the West Bank as an act of hostility, but Israel has an obligation to protect its children from the threat of attack. No one wants to see atrocities such as car bombs at school bus stops, but this is the grim reality for Israelis.

Mr Carr wrote that the kibbutz was once the symbol of Israel, now it is the settlement. He will recall that in good faith Israel withdrew from some settlements in 2005, handing Gaza

to the Palestinians. This did not improve life for Palestinians. Rather, it gave Hamas a handy site to launch its rockets at Israel. Like our major political parties, *The Australian* supports a two-state solution in the Middle East. But it is not going to happen when one side works in tandem with a terrorist group that wants to wipe Israel from the face of the planet.

It is a matter of deep shame that the Palestinian people have been used by militants as human shields and are seen as expendable for an extremist cause; ordinary Palestinians, too, have been poorly served by their politicians. In truth, their cause has gone backwards. They have been on the cusp of progress often, only for hope to be extinguished. In the first Oslo Accord in 1993, Israel offered Palestinians a generous deal; this was repeated, in various forms, in 2000, 2005 and 2008. Foolishly, these olive branches were rejected or met with hostility. A homeland has slipped beyond the reach of Palestinians. Mr Carr is not naive; he knows history and politics. Once a prominent friend, he has done Israel – and the cause of lasting peace – a disservice.

The Australian

Legal

With Marmara case closed, Ramallah learns going to ICC not easy as ABC

Israelis officials didn't break out the champagne after the International Criminal Court announced last week that it would not probe the 2010 flotilla incident, during which pro-Palestinian activists and IDF troops clashed aboard the Gaza-bound *Mavi Marmara* ship. Ramallah didn't celebrate either.

From an Israeli perspective, the report in which ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda explained why she was not opening a full investigation, was not ideal. Bensouda said the incident, which resulted in the deaths of nine Turkish citizens

during a melee aboard a ship trying to break the Gaza blockade, lacked "sufficient gravity."

While noting that war crimes could have been committed, she said she would not delve into whether the soldiers acted in self-defence, drawing a lukewarm response from Israel.

The flotilla 'does not appear to reasonably fall within the humanitarian assistance paradigm,' the ICC prosecutor found

But Jerusalem is likely satisfied that Israel will not stand in the dock for war crimes for the episode.

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, however, will have to do some serious thinking. He soon intends to present the United Nations Security Council with a draft resolution calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank within two years.

If the Americans use their veto and block the resolution, the Palestinians have threatened to join the Rome Statute – in other words, sue Israel for war crimes at the ICC.

But Bensouda's *Marmara* decision suggests that the court is not out to get Israel. Getting Israeli convicted at The Hague will not be as easy as some in Ramallah hope, and could easily boomerang.

Once the Palestinians join the Rome Statute and the court, they themselves will be exposed to accusations of war crimes and crimes against humanity – and politicians in Ramallah are aware that the prosecutors would quickly discover multiple violations, in the West Bank and especially in Gaza, from which Hamas fires rockets indiscriminately into Israel.

But the *Marmara* decision does show that taking Israel down in the ICC is not as simple as it seems.

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Footage from the *Mavi Marmara* security cameras shows the activists on board as they prepare to attack incoming IDF soldiers on 31 May 2010.

Australian Jews remember tumultuous relationship with late former PM Whitlam

Dan Goldberg

The reaction of Jewish community leaders to the death of former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam was telling – not so much for what they said but for what they didn't say.

Whitlam's tenure marked the nadir in relations between the government and the Jewish community in the period since 1948.

Robert Goot, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, said: "On matters relating to Israel, including the introduction of the so-called 'even-handed' policy, the Jewish community was rightly disappointed with, if not hostile to, Whitlam's attitude and actions."

Dr Colin Rubenstein, executive director of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, said: "He had what was at times a tumultuous, disappointing relationship with the Jewish community, with his somewhat cynical and indifferent 'even-handed' approach when the survival of Israel was at stake during the difficult period of the 1973 Yom Kippur War."

According to Sydney-based historian Dr Suzanne Rutland, "Whitlam sought to completely change the direction of Australia's foreign policy, moving from the US orbit towards that of the Communist and Third World powers..." "This change of direction affected his policies... seen most clearly in his constant criticism of the Jewish lobby and his strong support for the Arab lobby."

As a result, under Whitlam, Australia's voting patterns at the UN changed, he moved to establish an Arab League office in Australia, and developed contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

But it was Whitlam's failure to condemn Egyptian and Syrian strikes on Israel during the Yom Kippur War that infuriated Jewish leaders, prompting a delegation to arrange a meeting in Canberra.

"At first he refused," one of the delegation recalled. "We were outraged." Whitlam then agreed, and a 10-strong team went to Canberra.

But the PM "point blank" refused to meet all the delegates. Isi Leibler, then a Jewish leader in Melbourne who now lives in Israel, "had a stroke, virtually on the spot."

Two or three members eventually met with the PM, but relations remained lukewarm at best.

In 1974, Whitlam was invited to a pre-election breakfast in Melbourne that was "supposed to be a rapprochement," according to Isi's brother Mark Leibler, a veteran Zionist leader.

Question time was a heated affair, which has since become infamous in the annals of Australian Jewish history.

"Why is it that during the Yom Kippur War you said nothing until the Americans started rearming the Israelis," Mark Leibler recalled a colleague asking the PM.

Famous for his abrasive style, Whitlam reportedly retorted: "You people have to realise there's also a big Arab Christian community here too." *Haaretz*

US military chief: Israel tried to limit civilian casualties in Gaza

The highest-ranking US military officer said last Thursday that Israel went to "extraordinary lengths" to limit civilian casualties in the recent war in Gaza and that the Pentagon had sent a team to see what lessons could be learned from the operation.

Army General Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged recent reports criticising civilian deaths during the 50-day Gaza war this year but told an audience in New York he thought the Israel Defence Forces "did what they could" to avoid civilian casualties.

Israel was criticised for civilian deaths during the conflict, including by the White House. More than 2,100 Palestinians were killed during the fighting, most of them civilians and many of them children, according to UN and Palestinian figures.

A Human Rights Watch report in September accused Israel of committing war crimes by attacking three UN-run schools in the enclave, while Amnesty International said that Israel showed "callous indifference" to the carnage caused by attacks on civilian targets.

Dempsey was asked about the ethical implications of Israel's handling of the Gaza war, during an appearance in New York at the Carnegie

Council for Ethics in International Affairs.

"I actually do think that Israel went to extraordinary lengths to limit collateral damage and civilian casualties," Dempsey told the group. In this kind of conflict, where you are held to a standard that your enemy is not held to, you're going to be criticised for civilian casualties," he added.

Dempsey said Hamas had turned Gaza into "very nearly a subterranean society" with tunneling throughout the coastal enclave.

"That caused the IDF some significant challenges. But they did some extraordinary things to try and limit civilian casualties, to include making it known that they were going to destroy a particular structure," Dempsey said.

The general said civilian casualties during the conflict were "tragic, but I think the IDF did what they could" to avoid them.

"The IDF is not interested in creating civilian casualties. They're interested in stopping the shooting of rockets and missiles out of the Gaza Strip and into Israel," Dempsey said. *Reuters*



Has the "Auto-fada" begun?

Palestinian press, social media, urging drivers to perpetrate 'martyrdom operations'

Official Palestinian Authority (PA) social media sites and press are awash with photos and images encouraging drivers to use their cars as terror weapons against Israelis, similar to ramming attacks carried out in Jerusalem in the past two weeks.

Last Thursday, Fatah, led by PA President Mahmoud Abbas, posted a cartoon on one of their official Facebook pages, encouraging drivers to run down Israelis. The cartoon urges people to "Hit the gas at 199 for Al-Aqsa." Another post instructs: "Run over, friend, run over the foreign settler!"

Another Fatah Facebook page, The National Liberation Movement – Fatah, posted a cartoon showing a car trying to ram into three fleeing Jews. *Algemeiner*



HOLOCAUST INSTITUTE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the HOLOCAUST INSTITUTE
The Jewish Centre – Sunday, 7 December 2014 at 10am

- To receive and consider the reports and financial statements of the Institute for the year ended 30 September 2014
- To elect the following office bearers: Two committee members
- Other general business

Nominations for election to the Board shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the AGM. Telephone: 9276 8730. Email info@hiwa.org.au

Leading Israeli biblical scholar lectures in Perth

One of Israel's leading biblical scholars, Rabbi Amnon Bazak, recently visited Perth as part of an Australia-wide lecture tour. Rabbi Bazak is a senior faculty member at the famed "Gush" Yeshivah and its affiliated institution of higher Jewish studies, Herzog College. He was in Australia as the inaugural guest of Melbourne Mizrahi's scholar-in-residence program.

Rabbi Bazak spent the day at Carmel School where he conducted a lesson with a select group of High School students in the advanced Tanach stream and conducted a professional development session in the teaching of Tanach with staff. He then conducted sessions with the bachurim of the Perth Yeshivah and the whole Torah Mitzion tzevet including the Bnei Akiva bachurot in co-ordination with Rabbi Avi Lifshitz.

In the evening, he delivered a lecture in Hebrew, which was attended by some 35 local Hebrew speakers. Rabbi Bazak focused his lecture on the prophet, Elisha, and the famous incident of the Shunamite woman. He analysed the text drawing important lessons about the limits of the power of prophecy in Jewish theology.

Later in the evening, he delivered the annual memorial lecture in memory of the late Geoffrey Solomon z"l and Vivian Goodman z"l to an audience of over 100 people at Dianella Shule. He analysed the text of the story of the binding of Isaac and the important lessons about parenting that emerge from a close consideration of the text and its comparison with the story of the expulsion of Yishmael.

Perth was privileged to enjoy the presence and scholarship of a scholar of such international repute.



Rabbi Bazak, Dr Marcel Goodman & Dr Julia Solomon



Friends of Israel (WA)

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Mr Jonathan Spyer

Analyst, Author, Researcher, Columnist

Jonathan Spyer's book *The Transforming Fire* is the story of the rise of revolutionary Islamism, and the struggle against it – this is the most important issue in the Middle East and very possibly the world! This issue does not just affect Israel and Jews, but all people, all over the world – even here in Perth!

Jonathan Spyer's articles and analysis of the current political situation in the Middle East have been published in a number of important journals, including the Guardian, Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post, MERIA, the Forward and others.

Mr Spyer will be in Perth for ONE PRESENTATION ONLY!

When: Sunday 30 November 2014, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Where: Victory Life Centre, 1 Neil St, Osborne Park

Entry: Donations to help us cover the cost of bringing Mr Spyer to Perth will be gratefully accepted



Mr Jonathan Spyer

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Wacky, weird and wonderful

I had heard about it and read many hostile art critic reviews: *Audacious, vulgar, obscene*. Indeed some of the exhibits are confronting and bizarre. Yet, what an unexpected, refreshing delight. A world-class art museum on the continent of Australia (okay, just off the continent).

Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is adventurous, extravagant, and definitely wacky. It has put Tasmania on the art world map and is a tourist magnet. It helps that Hobart presents a wonderful backdrop with its lush green landscape, its earthy bakeries and organic farmers markets.

David Walsh, the Tasmanian gambling millionaire who conceived of and built MONA, has described it as his 'subversive adult Disneyland'. I had the good fortune to spend last weekend in Hobart and to visit MONA no less than three times in thirty hours! The first was a traipse through the cavernous spaces exploring the many exhibits, the second as a destination point for a long bike ride, and a rest on the outdoor beanbags, and the third was attending the medical conference function in the hall housing Sidney Nolan's huge Snake mural.

Art experts call this muddle of art works heaped together a *Wunderkammer* – a Viennese concept virulently attacked in the late 1,700s and disappearing for more than two centuries. Most art collections conform to lining the pictures up in chronological order, grouping them according to schools and providing each with an informative label. MONA crams everything together. Sacred ancient pieces alongside mostly irreverent and bizarre modern exhibits. A sarcophagus from 1,000 BCE in the same space as a digestive machine propelling wastes (smell and all!).

From the moment you descend the spiral

staircase into the bowels of its underground caverns, MONA envelops you. A huge work of art in its own right, with the exhibits serving merely as its component parts.

I agree, MONA is subversive. It is the expression of one man's personal taste, the plaything of a rich and gifted individual, unrestrained by any committees or policies. "MONA's subversiveness lies not with the art, but with the fact that it gives the finger to the pretensions upon which the contemporary art world is built," explains art critic Peter Timms.

Heading towards the exit, I caught a glimpse of a huge artwork housed in its own glass building (which is locked at present due to new exhibitions). I couldn't help being drawn by this massive sculpture even from outdoors – something familiar, eerie and weirdly Jewish. An enormous metal bookcase with huge tumblings of books of metal, surrounded by masses of smashed glass. With no labels, artist's name or information, I was guessing *Kristallnacht?* Destruction? Creation? I spotted some pencil markings '*Shevirat Hakeilim*.' I know this to be a kabbalistic concept describing a "shattering of the vessels" with creation.

It took a few hours of internet search to find the artist to be none other than renowned German sculptor Anselm Kiefer. He has created a similar piece in the Tel Aviv museum. I was glad I had stumbled upon this piece. Without any prior information, it had really resonated with me.

Kiefer's works are characterised by an unflinching willingness to confront his culture's dark past, with themes of German history and the horror of the Holocaust, as well as the spiritual concepts of Kabbalah.



Mainland critics have tended to be dismissive about MONA. David Marr couldn't wait to get out. Christopher Allen dismissed it as 'a mixture of egotism and smugness'. Perhaps the fact that MONA has popped up in Hobart and not in a cultural hub such as Melbourne or Sydney has made it more controversial. Yet it could be argued that Hobart is the perfect setting, because peripheries are the natural home of eccentricity. Hobart, on the other hand, presents a rebellious individual such as David Walsh with a blank canvas. There are no parameters, no precedents and no established patterns of thought.

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Sunday 16 November 2014

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Organisation	Project	Time
Australian Friends of Hebrew University – WA Division	Blood Drive – Red Cross Morley	Morning time slots available
Bnei Akiva and Menora Charity Fund	Attending a local swap meet to sell secondhand items to raise funds for Menora Charity Fund.	7.30-10.00am
Carmel School	Sorting Geniza from all the local shules	Sunday
Gaby Reubenson	Mug Full of Mitzvahs. Each resident at the Maurice Zeffert Home will receive a mug with some biscuits and a message in it. Please come along and purchase a mug and write a message to brighten someone's day!	9.30am
Perth Kids Can	Working bee at a local childcare centre to assist them with cleaning and sorting their outdoor toys.	10.30am-2pm
Perth Yeshiva	Variety and talent show for the residents of the Maurice Zeffert Home. All welcome to join in!	10.30am
Temple David Congregation	Blood Drive – Red Cross Morley and Perth City	Morning time slots available
The Perth Hebrew School	Collectathon for toys and non perishable food items to donate to Menora Charity Fund	Please bring any donations prior to 14th Nov to PHC Office
Chabad WA	Preparing Shabbat candle packs – Noranda Chabad	Sunday



JewishCare WA

An afternoon of music

Save the afternoon of Sunday, 16 November for a special musical get together.

As part of Seniors Week, *The Silvertones'* upbeat repertoire will awaken old memories of fun and happy times.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served during intermission.

Entry Gold coin donation
(see 'Applause' ad on page 6).

For more information, please visit our website or get in touch with our team.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date on our activities, like our Facebook page or send us your email address to receive our monthly newsletter.

Event proudly presented by JewishCare WA with support from COTA, Lotterywest and the Dept of Local Government and Communities.



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Our new Playground

Excited Year 1s had the opportunity to explore the new playground last week and they thought of interesting ways in which they could use the different areas. They each decided which was their favourite part.



Year 8 authors and illustrators

This term Year 8s have been focusing on the idea of an author and how we define what an author is. We combined this idea with an examination of a group of texts called illustrated texts. Our initial investigation was based on the differences between two types of illustrated texts – the graphic novel and the picture book. This led us to all sorts of observations about the role of the audience and how to tell a story using both visual and prose elements. Our workshop, with renowned author and illustrator James Foley, helped cement some of these ideas as well as provide inspiration for their final productions. The end result was a 'live' reading session at the primary school to test out their final products.



Matan Vilnai visits

By Cassidy and Mikayla

Last Wednesday morning Years 9, 10 and 11 were privileged to have hero and legend Matan Vilnai, an Israeli politician and a former Major General in the Israel Defence Force, join us and speak to us.

Matan Vilnai was born in 1944 in Jerusalem and served as a career officer in the IDF, attaining the rank of Major-General. He spoke to us about his involvement in the Entebbe raid. He was a deputy commander of the assault force in Operation Thunderbolt, more commonly known as "The Raid of Entebbe".

Matan spoke to us about his friend, the late Yitzchak Rabin, the brave man who kick-started the peace process with the Palestinians, and also gave the orders for the Entebbe raid as Prime Minister. Matan is a true admirer of Rabin and has followed in his footsteps and adopted his philosophies. His positive and honest approach – the way he has contributed to life in Israel – is truly to be admired. Matan was a Knesset member and has been an active member of several governments of Israel. Since 2012 he has been the Israeli Ambassador to China.



SUN (Students Uniting Nations) Summit

Carmel School was delighted to host the SUN Summit last Tuesday. Year 6 students from our neighbouring schools – Sutherland-Dianella Primary School, Yokine Primary School, the Australian Islamic College, St Andrews Grammar School and St Kierans Catholic College – joined Carmel students to participate in a full day program to foster an understanding and awareness of our distinctive traditions and cultures and of the diversity of our broader community. Students began the day with a formal flag ceremony and a welcome from Ms Eleni Evangel MLA, Member for Perth. They embraced the opportunity for some icebreaker activities and student interviews with Mrs Fisher.

This was followed by a panel of speakers from the Jewish, Islamic, Christian and Bahai faiths who spoke about key elements of their religions. Students enjoyed the presentations and obviously listened carefully as they asked numerous interesting, insightful questions of all the speakers. As well as many opportunities to interact with each other, students worked in collaborative groups to identify shared local, national and global concerns and suggested possible solutions to issues such as graffiti, pollution, cyber-safety, drugs, racism, wars and destructive ecological footprints.

The Summit concluded with a symbolic candle lighting ceremony to symbolise the unity and commonality that exists between the individuals who make up different groups and cultures in Australia.

Youth

Helllloooo everyboooddddaay!

How about those meetings and that Yom Rabin peula eh? Pretty fun I thought.

There are **four** exciting things I have to tell you all about. If you guess what they are with your eyes closed, I'll give you a marble!

First on the agenda is **MACHANE TUVAL!**

If you're in **Years 3-8** and want to have the **best time** these **summer** holidays, sign up for **MACHANE NOW!** Camp will be held from **19-23 November**, so visit **hdoz.com** to sign up!

If you have any questions/queries/jokes/riddles, contact **Kate Goldberg** on 0481 300 390.

Secondly, next up is **FED15!**

Sign-ups are still open for all seniors, so head over to **hdoz.com** and sign up now!

Fed will be from **8-19 January** next year!

Thirdly – weekly meetings are on again, and they're coming at you with a **BANG!** this Sunday.

Juniors – meeting from **3.30-5.30pm** and

Seniors – meeting from **6-8pm**

Fourthly – is your car dirty? Would you like it washed? HERE IS THE PERFECT SOLUTION!!

Habonim Dror and the Menora Charity Fund are running a car wash on **23 November** from **9am-12pm** at the **Maccabi Oval**.



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- 9am-10am
- 10am-11am
- 11am-12pm

We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support!

DETAILS

Price	\$20 per car
Location	Maccabi Oval, Woodrow Ave, Yokine
Date	23 November

See you all soon!

xoxo Habo boy

Rabin Exhibit



Exhibition marks 19th anniversary of assassination

November 4 marked 19 years since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated. The State Zionist Council marked the occasion with a commemorative exhibition at the Jewish Centre in Rabin's honour.

The exhibition was up last Thursday and Friday, and was visited by over 200 guests of all ages of the community. From Carmel students, to teachers, youth movement leaders and the 'older' generation, a wide range of people came to learn about Rabin's legacy, as well as the environment of violence and incitement that surrounded the tragic assassination.

It was an interesting tour for all who came along, and we hope to be back next year to mark the 20th anniversary of this tragic event in Israeli history.

Leon Schneider



Google Doodle

Jewish polio vaccine inventor gets Google Doodle for 100th birthday



The Google Doodle honouring Jonas Salk.

The late Jewish American researcher Jonas Salk, who discovered the polio vaccine, was honoured on 28 October with a 'Google Doodle' for what would have been his 100th birthday. Before the polio vaccine was introduced in 1957, many children became paralysed as a result of the illness.

Google is known for creatively revising its search engine doodle to match current events. In the Salk image, the researcher is seen surrounded by happy children holding a poster with the wording 'Thank you, Dr. Salk!'

Salk famously chose not to patent his vaccine, saying, "Could you patent the sun?" Before he died in 1995 at the age of 80, he had been working on a cure for HIV.

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Zachary Solomon

Meet Saul Kripke, the smartest Jew in philosophy

The philosopher and logician Saul Kripke is a pretty smart guy, though you'd probably have to be if you taught yourself ancient Hebrew by six, read all of Shakespeare by nine, and mastered the complexities of Descartes before finishing elementary school.

The son of a rabbi and an educational Jewish children's book author, Kripke underscored the concept of "prodigy" in every way. As only a teenager, Kripke wrote several papers that transformed the study of modal logic – the philosophical study of possibility and contingency, among others – one of which, the story goes, got him an invitation to teach in Harvard's mathematics department. Kripke declined, saying, "My mother said I should finish high school and go to college first."

Though publishing two of the most important philosophy books of the last century – *Naming and Necessity* and a book-length interpretation of Wittgenstein so essential that philosophers occasionally reference the two of them together as "Kripenstein" – Kripke prefers not write.

The observant Jew and current Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the CUNY (City University of New York) Graduate Centre simply reviews his notes a few times before taking the lectern and speaking off the cuff at a seminar. His talks are recorded, transcribed, and published – no editing needed.



Community Groups



NCJWA Women Achievers 2014

We are delighted to let you know that our bi-annual Achievers Evening will be held on **30 November 2014** at 7pm.

Jackie Jarvis, one of our Achievers, is the RIRDC* 2014 WA Rural Woman of the year and the National Runner-up.

Jackie and her husband Matt reside in Margaret River with their three daughters. They own a commercial vineyard and wine production company where they live. In 2004, Jackie was awarded an International Business Council (WA) Award for the best Home Based Export Business, recognising the successful export of their emerging wine brand to a number of overseas markets.

In 2013, Jackie developed a pilot program which assisted resettled humanitarian refugees find employment in WA Agriculture.

NCJWA looks forward to your presence at this special event – don't miss out! Phone the NCJWA office 9276 8040, call Noreen Sher 9370 3756 or email wa@ncjwa.org.au. See ad on page 3

RIRDC* (Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation)

Natanya Group

Natanya's next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday, 17 November 2014 at the home of Gina Fraser, 2 Hull Street, Dianella. Our Guest Speaker will be Dan Dowsett, the "Honey Man," who will speak about the numerous health benefits of honey, among which is boosting the immune system.

All visitors are welcome, and there will be a \$5 charge which covers the talk and supper. We look forward to seeing everyone.



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WIZO Ilana

Our 2014 Melbourne Cup Bridge and Mahjong Luncheon was a huge success with a fantastic crowd coming to enjoy the glamour of the race that stops the nation.



Shirley Masel, Barbara Kaye and Julia Odes

Bridge & Mahjong Results

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E/W Shira Shilbury & Brian Jones

MAHJONG

Helen Korman & Shirley Rintoul



Fay Hyman, Heather Kur, Freda Gunzburg and Judith Hirschfield

A huge thanks to all who were involved in putting together this highlight of the WIZO Ilana calendar.

WIZO Ilana

Our AGM will be held in the All Purpose Room on Tuesday, 2 December at 9.45am. Looking forward to seeing all our members.

Outreach

NCJWA HAIFA UNIVERSITY ETHIOPIAN WOMEN'S FUND

In memory of Dr Geulah Solomon OAM z"l

The University of Haifa was established in 1972. Today it has some 20,000 students, 7,500 of whom are graduates. Excellence in social responsibility has accompanied academic prowess, and this has been expressed through programs promoting accessibility to the University for all sectors of Israeli society, fighting poverty, absorbing new immigrants and striving to bridge social gaps.

With this spirit, some 20 years ago Geulah Solomon, then President of NCJWA, visited Haifa University and concluded an agreement with Professor Ada Spitzer, then Vice President External Relations University of Haifa. They agreed that their organisations would assist Ethiopian women students at the University via the Ethiopian Women's Scholarship. NCJWA would raise the funds in Australia to assist this very underprivileged section of Israeli society.

A rewarding and close relationship has built up between NCJWA and Haifa University. In 2003, Ethiopian social work student, Yaffa Trumash Tarkay, came to Australia as scholar in residence. Funds were used to enable Ethiopian women students to take part in empowerment courses offered by Kidma, the only community-oriented program established for the sole purpose of advancing women in an Israeli society.

In 2011, the name of the project was changed to its current one, to reflect the changing nature of the use of raised funds. The money is now mainly used to purchase laptop computers and books for students, for travel purposes and for special support for the students not otherwise funded by the University. Discussions are in progress to expand the project to provide assistance to older Ethiopian women who did not have the opportunity to realise an education.

Funds raised by the Women Achievers function to be held at the Jewish Centre on 30 November will go to support this project. You are encouraged to purchase tickets from the NCJWA office at the Centre. Funds can also be contributed to this project by purchasing certificates in lieu of gifts from the NCJWA office.

Noreen Sher – Co-Chair
Haifa University Ethiopian Women's Fund Portfolio



Dear Donors

My name is Adisalm Adi Aharon. I am 25 years old.

I was born in Ethiopia. I came to Israel in 1990 following a vision of my parents about the holy land. I am the second of five children and the first one to study at the university. My parents cannot support me financially. So I want to thank you for the scholarship you gave and continue to give me and others. Giving me the opportunity to live in the dorms at the university allows me access to computers and printers all the time, it also gives me the option to concentrate in school.

The scholarship is not just the transfer of money, but it gives me the thought that someone believe in me. This feeling of having someone support and trust you give me the strength and desire to do better and reach higher achievements and for that I want to say thank you very much for your support and generous donations, I hope that I can do it for someone else in the future.

Thank you so much.

Invitation

In honour of Rabbi Shalom Coleman's 96th Birthday

On Friday evening of Shabbat Chanukah, 19 December, a Choral Service under the baton of Anthony Gordon and the Perth Jewish Male Choir will mark the 96th birthday of Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman CBE AM HON LLD (UWA) Hon Life Governor and Honorary Rabbi of the Maurice Zeffert Home.

Members of the community with family and friends are invited to attend and share the *simchah*.

Minchah at 6.15pm
followed by 4th Ner Chanukah
and Kabbalat Shabbat.

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Tennis Alan Paiker 0402 880 553 alanpaiks@hotmail.com

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We bring the party to you

Calling all Junior Carnival kids registered and non registered kids to come play in the Game Vault & try on your carnival uniforms.

Parents please come at 7.15pm to the Gordon Bloomfield Hall for a quick Q and A session

Date: Sunday 23rd of November

Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Place: Maccabi Grounds, 61 Woodrow Avenue Yokine
look for the vault !!!

RSVP: By Wednesday the 19th of November
to teamwa33@maccabi.com.au

\$20 for registered kids and \$25 for non registered kids includes dinner of a hot dog and a drink.

Further inquiries please email Team WA on teamwa33@maccabi.com.au



Maccabi Tennis Open Day

The Maccabi Tennis Club held an open day last Sunday. With temperatures in the high 30s, the turnout (as could be expected) was pretty ordinary. The kids who did attend had lots of fun and were presented with trophies, certificates and chocolates. Three professional tennis coaches were on hand to give the kids a few pointers. Some adults braved the heat, playing a few sets. The cold beers and hot dogs went down well at the end of a very hot day. Hopefully the turnout will be better next year. It will be in June and a lot cooler!



Alan Paiker, Alan Shear and Charles Kur

Charles Kur and David Altmuner were made honorary life members of the Maccabi Tennis Club WA. Charles has been an active member of the club for the past 35 years, both as treasurer and president. He spent many a day on both the administration and running of the club as well as acting as club referee for pennant teams. We are extremely thankful to Charles for his continued hard work over many years. A big thank you from the present club members.



David Altmuner

Dave Altmuner has always been a dedicated member of the club, and the fact that he has given his time to attend our open days means a lot. Dave's warm and caring nature has always been appreciated by members.

We welcome back Don Hughes to the club. Don has been an active member and coach for many years. Don and Steve Matz will run a Junior Club, which includes group coaching and playing sets on Sunday mornings. For further enquiries please call Don on 0439 527 972 or Steve Matz on 0412 111 090.

We have fantastic facilities and encourage new members to join the club. For further enquiries please call Club President Alan Paiker on 0402 880 553.



SUMMER IS HERE AND SO IS MACCABI JUNIOR TENNIS

**GROUP LESSONS WITH
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Sundays 9.00am—9.45am for ages 6 yrs—8 yrs

Skills, Drills and loads of fun

Sundays 10.00am—11.00 am for ages 9 yrs—12 yrs

Skills, Drills and mini tournaments.

\$10 per session per child plus \$55 Maccabi membership

Please bring drink, hat and own racquet
(if you don't have one they can be borrowed initially).

Don and Stephen have over 20 years experience teaching kids to play tennis and are excited to be back to help grow our Maccabi Junior Tennis Club.

**First lessons will be Sunday 16th November
Come for a trial and see if your kids like it.**

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MACCABI BRIDGE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Maccabi Bridge Club will be held at 10.45am on 17 November at the Jewish Centre

Maccabi Bridge Results

Monday, 3 November 2014

Side Movement Winners

N/S Alan Berman & Rivka Gabbay

E/W Esther Schenberg & Freda Gunzburg

Wednesday Evening, 5 November 2014

Winners Tony Sander & Terri Same

Second Luba Klein & Noreen Sher



Honouring the memory of Sagitte Yom-Tov

Sagitte Yom-Tov was a Carmel student who, sadly, passed away at a young age two years ago. Her dear parents, Carmela and Zvi have donated a substantial amount of money to the Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Library to purchase Hebrew books every year in her memory. Since then, our Hebrew library has grown to 500 books making it the biggest Hebrew library in Perth! Last Friday, we honoured Sagitte's memory in the presence of her parents at the high school assembly.

The Jewish people have been known as the people of the book "am hasefer". The importance of reading books is integral to who we are as a nation. We greatly thank the Yom-Tov family for ensuring that this continues to remain part of our heritage. We hope and pray that the books that are read *bizchoot zichrona shel Sagitte*, in merit of the memory of Sagitte, will provide them with some comfort and that her memory will continue to be a source of inspiration to them.

Thanks to Mrs Colleen Hopkins, Mrs Lea Greenfeld and to Morah Gunders-Hunt for their enthusiasm and passion for the Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Library and for this Hebrew book project which has encouraged students from several year groups to enjoy these books.

Several students, wishing to express their gratitude, spoke at the assembly.

Roi Kagan (Year 11) said: "It is enjoyable books like these that change Hebrew from being a school subject to being a pleasurable activity."

Natalie Parry (Year 10) said: "The 500 books donated perpetuate the impact of Sagitte. The impact she is having can be seen in every Hebrew student who has had the opportunity to read one of the books. It's the struggle to finish the book and the sense of achievement when we do that is truly incredible. Thank you!"



Hadassah Solomon and Shiran Vider (Year 9) said: "The Year 9s were taken to the library to choose a book each to read for the term. Both last year and this year we read our books in and out of class, building up our vocab and improving our Hebrew reading skills. We all thoroughly enjoyed this challenging experience."

Brad Hershowitz and Dean Kezurer (Year 8) said: "The books have provided Carmel students with the ability to learn about Jewish History, improve our Hebrew vocabulary and overall has enhanced our learning experience."

This part of the assembly ended with a special announcement – the school has decided that, from now on, the Year 10 Hebrew Prize will be named the Sagitte Yom-Tov Memorial Prize.

Subsequent to the assembly, Mr and Mrs Yom-Tov kindly offered to sponsor the prize in memory of their daughter. We wish them only inspirational memories of their dear daughter.

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THIS SHABBAT

Friday 14 November

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday 15 November

8:50am Temple David Religion School

10:15am Shabbat Morning Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Friday 14 November

10:30am Mums & Bubs Group

Come and meet with other mums for a coffee and a schmooze, and make some new friends

Monday 17 November

10.30am to 11.30am "Food for Thought"

Discussion Group

Wednesday 19 November

5:45pm Israeli dancing—all welcome!

From 7pm Adult Education classes

for all levels of learner

7pm Hebrew classes & 8pm Judaic studies

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Dianella Shule

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SHABBAT PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH

14-15 NOVEMBER 2014

Shabbat

Candlelighting..... 6.34pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 6.35pm
Shacharit 9.00am
Shabbat Mincha..... 6.25pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat..... 7.34pm

Sunday 16th November

Shacharit 7.00am & 8.00am
Mincha 6.00pm
Maariv 7.15pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.15am
Mincha/Maariv 6.40pm



Kol Sasson Congregation

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SHABBAT TIMES

PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH

Candle Lighting..... 6.34pm
Mincha 6.35pm
Followed by
Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit
Shacharit Saturday Morning 9.00am
Followed by
Torah reading, Musaf and Kiddush

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SHABBAT

Friday 14 November

Erev Shabbat 6.30pm

Saturday 15 November

Shabbat 9.00am

Bnei Mincha 4.30pm

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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Raising the Bar for Barmitzvah at Perth Shule

Yesterday I was instructing a few barmitzvah boys down in the shule beit midrash, and we talking about receptions for their barmitzvah. Two of them told me that they did not intend having a big reception but were going to make a Kiddush at the shule. Any money that would have been spent on a big party, they are going to give to Tzedaka (some charitable cause). This is truly in the spirit of barmitzvah.

Another one told me that his parents felt that they should have a big reception, which of course is also fine, because it does show that they wish to celebrate an important event in the life of their son. But then, the barmitzvah pupil told me that one needs to have a reception because it is traditional to get drunk at a barmitzvah! (Obviously he sees the spirit of a barmitzvah in a different light!) It's the first I have heard of this custom, but it does reinforce one thing I have always said, and that is for this important occasion the "bar" seems more important than the mitzvah to many.

Of course, we know what the barmitzvah is all about. It is not even about how well the bar/batmitzvah "performs" in shule on the occasion of the simcha. It is all about how the bar/batmitzvah conducts themselves from that time onwards, for the rest of their lives, ie whether or not their lives will be dedicated to mitzvot (good and worthy deeds, rather than spending one's life at the bar, and I don't mean the legal system!).

We are in the process of raising the bar for bar/batmitzvah candidates at Perth Hebrew Congregation. Our shule now wishes to up-grade the standard of the bar/batmitzvah courses. It is wonderful that those becoming bar/batmitzvah celebrate the occasion by reciting their various portions or Divrei Torah in the synagogue, but the bar/batmitzvah experience should be far deeper than this. The goal of a bar/batmitzvah course is to give encouragement to those who are celebrating this simcha to want to continue to be involved as committed members of the Jewish community for the rest of their lives. Parroting a parsha and haftarah does not achieve this!

I am therefore taking responsibility, despite a heavy rabbinic schedule, to supervise or personally teach, when available, our bar/batmitzvah candidates. We rely upon these young boys and girls for the future of our shule and community.

Syd Berinson has, for many years, dedicated himself to painstakingly teaching barmitzvah boys, by rote, their parsha and haftarah and has done a fine job, "PG", he will continue to be involved in this capacity. However, much more needs to be covered in preparation for bar/batmitzvah. Therefore I, together with Jarred and Dean Wainstein and Ariella Ellert, will conduct these classes. These will be in addition to Syd's classes, in order to fully prepare these young candidates of our shule. I will continue to have an input and supervise the teaching of these classes after we procure the services of a dedicated, dynamic youth director who will take on my teaching load.

A proper bar/batmitzvah syllabus will be drawn up by me and given to each parent over the next few weeks. Bar/batmitvah is not just simply a matter of sending our children to a teacher – it is also about parental involvement as there is no substitute for parental input and example. I will expect that parents of bar/batmitzvah candidates make every effort to ensure that they and their sons or daughters

attend shule weekly on Shabbat a year prior to the simcha, as well as participate in some of the weekday minyonim, particularly on Sunday mornings, where the wearing of teffilin will be practised.

Yes, barmitzvah is definitely more about the mitzvah then the bar, but at our shule we are raising the bar for barmitzvah! *Dovid Freilich*



PHC WEEKLY TIMETABLE OF SERVICES (TEFILLAH)

SHABBAT CHEVRA KADDISHA

SIDRA CHAYA SARAH
HAPTORAH..... 1 KINGS 1

**EREV SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING
NOT LATER THAN 6.36PM**

Friday 14 November

Mincha 6.15pm
Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv 6.30pm

Saturday 15 November

Shacharit 9.00am
Mincha 6.30pm
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat 7.34pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.30am
Mincha / Ma'ariv 6.00pm

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Mincha / Shiur / Ma'ariv 6.00pm

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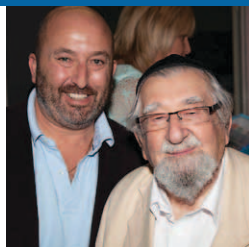
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