

## Chief Rabbi connects in Perth

Newly appointed Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the Commonwealth, Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, gave his inaugural Australian address to Perth's Jewish community at the PHC on 19 November.

The Chief Rabbi was humble, approachable, candid and exuded warmth and humour as he proposed a Jewish community with an enhanced focus on connectivity.

After his address he answered questions on the role of women in synagogue, interfaith dialogue with Muslims, *The Shabbos Project* and more.

Using the example of the successful Shabbos UK project, he said one of the ways to connect with the community is to "engage with Shabbat, not just keep Shabbat". He asked everyone to do 'one more thing', something extra and different to connect with others.

He explained, "Tens of thousands of people kept Shabbat (many for the first time) because



they did not want to miss out... People deciding, 'We want it'... is an essential element of my idea how to teach people Judaism."

He did not shy away from difficult issues giving examples of his own battles, however, he consistently addressed connectivity.

"I am Hebrew, I am Jewish and I'm proud of it... we blend in with others but we need to know sometimes that we are different... (however) the image of God is in every human being... and every individual is deserving of our loving kindness."

"Torah is amazing... never changing but we need to present things in a new way depending

on the circumstances in which we live... without breaking halacha."

"The Jewish people are the greatest proof of the existence of God and is why our very existence angers and challenges some... somehow some people view us as a threat to the comfort zone in which they exist... this is the basis of antisemitism."

Perth was the first of 19 communities to be visited by Rabbi and Rabbanit Mirvis during their two-week tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Charmaine Ryan



Rabbis Coleman, Mirvis and Freilich

## Guests of Honour at WA Friends of Hebrew University dinner to welcome Professor Ronnie Friedman

(see page 11)



Sylvia Hoffman, Peter Winterton, Harry Hoffman and Ronnie Friedman



Julian Sher, Rabbis Freilich, Mirvis and White in prayer for the Har Nof terror victims



Rabbis Mirvis and Freilich with Rabbanot Valerie and Aviva



## WHAT'S ON

### Sunday, 30 November

Café 61's School's Out Party. GBH.

MZH Tupperware Party Fundraiser.

MZH Hall. 10.30am-12.30pm. P15

FOIWA Address by Dr Jonathan Spyer.

Victory Life Centre, Osborne Park. 2pm. P9

NCJWA Women Achievers 2014. 7pm.

### Tuesday, 2 December

Living in Retirement. Café 61. 10am. P18

### Sunday, 7 December

JHGSWA Heritage Walk Fremantle Jewish Cemetery.

10am. P6

Maccabi Men's Pro-Am Classic. P16

Holocaust Institute AGM. Jewish Centre. 10am. P15

Maccabi MS National Swimathon.

Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. P2

HABO Car Rally. Jewish Centre. 12.30pm. P12

Book Launch: Marvin Cohen's *My Salvation*.

Breckler Troy Hall, Carmel School. 11.15am. P9

### Friday, 19 December

MZH Shabbat to honour Rabbi Coleman.

### Sunday, 21 December

Chanukah Celebration. P13

## Out & About

# Connectivity with the Chief Rabbi



Rabbi Mirvis with Herzlia High School 'old boys' Daniel Oblowitz, Ivor Kosowitz and Julian Todres



Jenna, Kiara and Bram Beinart (also an old schoolmate) with Rabbi Mirvis



Eli Rabinowitz, Rabbi Mirvis, Bram Beinart



Sas Saddick and Rabbi Mirvis



Abe and Lottie Sher with Rabbi Mirvis



A standing ovation from an appreciative audience



Sue Margolis, Felicia Schwartz, Rabbanit Valerie Mirvis and Melanie Schwartz

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## South African BDS campaigners target David Jones

David Jones is to become the first major retail chain targeted by the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, with protesters angry at the company's new South African parent seeking to export the campaign to Australia.

Two campaigners from BDS South Africa are planning to fly to Australia to launch the boycott against David Jones, which was acquired this year by Cape Town-based Woolworths Holdings in a \$2.1 billion takeover.

Woolworths in South Africa — a food, clothing and home merchandise chain that has no connection to Woolworths in Australia — has been the subject of a BDS campaign because it imports some products from Israel. The pro-Palestinian BDS campaign in South Africa is larger and far more aggressive than the BDS movement in Australia.

"BDS South Africa has been in conversation with our Australian partners and we are about to roll out the BDS #BoycottWoolworths campaign in Australia, but of course, targeting David Jones," BDS South Africa national coordinator Muhammed Desai said.



*The Australian*

## Active Diplomacy

## Har Nof: Australian ambassador donates blood

Following the Synagogue terrorist attack during morning prayers in Har Nof, Jerusalem last Tuesday, some diplomats stationed in Israel expressed their countries' condemnation. None of them however acted as quickly or as decisively as Dave Sharma, the Australian Ambassador.

Wasting no time after the murders, he issued a strong statement deploring the terror outrage and then decided that something more than mere expressions of regret were called for on this occasion. The Ambassador swiftly arranged to make the one hour trip from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and visit the wounded at Hadassah University, Ein Karem Campus in order to not only show solidarity with the wounded but to also express Australia's outrage at this latest manifestation of irrational hatred against Israelis.

Given the serious condition of the wounded, he was only able to visit with one of them and briefly talk with the family. He then went to the blood bank of the hospital, not only helping to provide badly needed blood but showing in practical ways that diplomacy can be more than just empty gestures.

Having received first class emergency treatment at Hadassah himself on a previous occasion when he had fallen off a bike in Jerusalem, he felt this was a good way to thank those who had helped him. More importantly, however, it gave him the opportunity to do something positive and practical in the face of fanatical evil.

Sharma said, "I never expected when taking up my position to confront a situation like this but, despite everything, my family and I love this country and its people. My daughters can already speak some Hebrew sentences and enjoy Jewish Festivals and Israeli food. We are very much at home here."

Groups of haredi young men waiting to donate blood showered the ambassador with blessings and encouragement for being there.



*JWire*

## Soon in Perth

## PJMC to help celebrate 96!

One of the pleasures of Rabbi Coleman's 96th birthday celebrations will be having the Perth Jewish Male Choir (PJMC) lead the service at the Maurice Zeffert Home on Friday evening 19 December and assist with the service on Shabbat morning as well.

Over the last number of years, the choir has formed quite a bond with the Rabbi and, in fact, lead the service on the first Friday of each month. On the last Friday of each month, you'll find them leading the Shabbat service Chabad Northern Suburbs.

They have also, over the last few years, conducted services for Kol Nidre and the various Chagim and additionally, organise two concerts each year for the residents of the home in association with Carmel School youth as part of Carmel's intergenerational program that benefits both young and old alike.

Attendances on the Friday with the choir are gradually increasing as people hear about the beautiful singing, which truly uplifts the service.

We are indeed fortunate to have such a professional group in our community led by the very talented Anthony Gordon, with the magnificent voice of Brian Nathanson, supported by a quality, dedicated choir. On request, and if available, the choir also sings at weddings.

There are some PJMC fans who hate to miss a service. You should join them sometime.

## From the Editor

Debbie Myerson

So the 24 November deadline came and went and it's 'no deal' with Iran for now. Which is good, because as Netanyahu has repeatedly said, "No deal is better than a bad deal." Except Iran gets seven more months to build a bomb and erode sanctions.

"We'll keep doing what we're doing and we'll show you what we want you to see — now let's negotiate."

Welcome to negotiations Middle East style.

In their enthusiasm to reach an agreement, the Obama Administration was reportedly prepared to allow Iran to preserve much of its nuclear infrastructure, including over 4,000 centrifuges! Fortunately, the US Congress didn't think that was very sensible.

A *Washington Post* editorial makes the point that Iran will come under increasing pressure with the collapse of global oil prices. "Iran's budget depends on an oil price of \$140 a barrel, but prices have fallen to below \$80."

Isn't that the time to get tough, not soft? To work towards eliminating, not enabling Iran's nuclear capability? Evidently not... welcome to negotiations Western style.

And somehow Obama still insists the US has Israel's back.

John Hagee, chairman of the largest Christian Zionist group in the US, joked about Obama having previously called US-Israeli relations unbreakable.

"He knows it's unbreakable," he said. "Because he's been trying to break it for the last five years."

## Letter to the Editor

### Friday night at MZH

Full marks to Asael Greenfeld for suggesting that Year 9 students would like to conduct the Friday evening Shabbat service at the MZH Shul last week.

It was a delight to listen to Aaron Kavalsky and Josh Raiter both intoning Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv respectively with a confidence which spells out a secure future for the supply of *baalei tephillah* for the Jewish community.

My congratulations and delight to see so many of the girls along with others in support. With blessings.

*Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman*

## UCLA students pass Israel divestment resolution

The student government at UCLA has, last week, passed a divestment resolution by a vote of 8 to 2, with two abstentions.

The passing vote came nine months after the student government rejected a similar resolution by a vote of 7-5, amid threats to student representatives and accusations that the campus Jewish community was not consulted on the resolution.

Brought by Students for Justice in Palestine, the resolution called for divestment from Caterpillar, General Electric, Hewlett-Packard, Cemex and Cement Roadstone Holdings – companies that divestment backers said were used by the Israeli military to violate Palestinian human rights in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

About 250 students attended the Undergraduate Students Association Council meeting, during which only students who supported the proposal spoke. *Times of Israel*



## EU: Sanctions against Israel under consideration

The European Union is considering imposing sanctions on Israel for continued settlement building, according to a leaked document. An internal document discussed the possibility of recalling European diplomats from Israel and cutting ties with Israeli leaders, including senior Cabinet members, who openly oppose a two-state solution.

The document also looks at reassessing the EU's commitment not to participate in anti-Israel sessions at the United Nations Human Rights Council and taking actions to support the Palestinians' statehood bid.

The document does not state official policy and is merely meant as a basis for future discussions. EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini called it a "hypothetical working paper." *JTA*



## Madoff: \$10.3 billion going back to investors

Victims of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme will split another \$500 million, bringing the total recovered to \$10.3 billion.

Trustee Irving Picard announced a settlement with two "feeder funds" that are being liquidated in the Cayman Islands. The funds had invested with Madoff but had withdrawn their profits from Madoff's firm in the six years before it collapsed. Investors in those funds are also entitled to recoup some of their losses.

Madoff, 70, is serving a 150-year sentence at a medium-security federal prison for a scheme believed to be the largest of its kind in US history. He pleaded guilty in March 2009.

The scheme affected a disproportionate number of Jewish individuals and organisations. *JTA*

## "Unjust denial of parole" for Pollard



Eight former senior US officials have written a letter to President Barack Obama that strongly protests the "unjust denial of parole" for Jonathan Pollard, an American citizen convicted of spying for Israel in 1985. The officials called the US government's contention that Pollard's espionage "was the greatest compromise of US security to that date" a "patently false claim."

The letter was signed by individuals with extensive first-hand knowledge of the Pollard case, including R. James Woolsey, former director of the CIA; Dennis DeConcini and David F. Durenburger, both former chairs of the Senate Intelligence Committee. *JNS.org*

## Tel Aviv wins World Smart Cities Award

Tel Aviv has received international recognition taking first prize in the World Smart Cities Award at the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona. 250 cities competed in the competition.

The Smart City Expo World Congress is considered the leading conference in the world of city innovation. Tel Aviv hosted an extraordinary booth displaying the city's smart technologies.

Tel Aviv, the startup city, has embarked on a strategy to leverage the city's high-tech ecosystem to facilitate its transformation into a smart city. Tel Aviv was ranked one of the most innovative cities in the world by Citibank and the *Wall Street Journal*, and as such, is leading the world in innovative technologies.

Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, Ron Huldai, expressed his gratitude towards the recognition that the municipality received for its use of technology and for the creativity that exists in the city.

The technological and social tools available to the city enable better use of information and communication technologies to streamline the management of existing resources, save energy costs, provide improved service, enhance the quality of life, and fulfil the 'sustainable city' concept. *MFA*



## Israel's ambassador to return to Sweden on symbolic date

Israel will return its ambassador to Sweden on 29 November, the date the UN voted for partition 67 years ago, to underline the fact that the Jews accepted a two state solution, while the Arabs rejected it.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nachshon said the date for Bachman's return sends a message that Israel – in contrast to the Palestinians – has always been open to compromise. "We say yes to peace, as we have always done, and the Palestinians say no, as they have always done."

Nachshon said that recalling the ambassador was meant to send a strong message that Sweden's assisting unilateral steps to Palestinian statehood does not really contribute to peace.

Israel has not received any indication from key actors in Europe that the Swedish move will lead to a flood of similar steps by other European governments. *JPost*

## Norway's last 819 Jews are NOT leaving the country

The story that Norway's last 819 Jews are leaving the country due to rising antisemitism is incorrect.

The rumour has been circulating via email for over 18 months.

The email cites a litany of attacks by Muslims against Jewish communities in Norway and elsewhere in Europe, and warns that "history is repeating itself."

Much of the information in this email message is alarmist and outright false.

The Anti Defamation League is in close contact with the leadership of the Norwegian Jewish community, which has assured them that the Jewish population of Norway is approximately 1,700 and there has not been any significant emigration.

There are antisemitic undercurrents and actions in Norwegian society, and a study in 2010 found antisemitism among the country's Muslim community. But the Jewish community there does not see these as representative of Norway as a whole, or as portending greater danger. *Jewish Journal*

# Cabinet okays controversial 'Jewish state' bill

(See page 10)

The Israeli Cabinet has voted 14-6 to allow the government to draft a basic law that would formally define Israel as the Jewish national home and to anchor the values of the state of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state in the spirit of the principles of the Declaration of the Independence.

The new Basic Law would enshrine many of the defining characteristics of the Jewish state in a constitutional framework, asserting "the right to express national self-determination within the State of Israel is reserved only to the Jewish people."

According to Netanyahu, the law would also affirm Israel's democratic nature, stipulating equality in civic and personal rights for all its citizens, including affirming a right to "the preservation of one's culture, heritage, language and identity" for "every resident of Israel, irrespective of their religion, race or ethnicity."

Israel "has equal individual rights for every citizen and we insist on this. But only the Jewish people have national rights: a flag, anthem, the right of every Jew to immigrate to the country, and other national symbols. These are granted only to our people, in its one and only state." *Times of Israel*

## Jordanian PM sends condolences to families of Har Nof terrorists

The Jordanian Prime Minister, Abdullah Ensour, sent a condolence letter to the families of the two Palestinian terrorists who killed five Israelis in a terror attack at a synagogue in Jerusalem last Tuesday.

"I ask God to envelope them with mercy and to grant you with patience, comfort and recovery from your grief," Ensour wrote.

The Jordanian parliament members held a moment of silence and read Koran verses aloud in their memory, "to glorify their pure souls and the souls of all the martyrs in the Arab and Muslim nations," an unnamed MP said.



*Times of Israel*

## UNRWA employees praise Jerusalem synagogue atrocity

Among the many Palestinians who openly celebrated last week's terrorist atrocity at a synagogue in Jerusalem were several employees of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA.)

An UNRWA teacher in Syria prayed for the two terrorists to be accepted in "paradise" as "martyrs." A teacher based in Hebron published a poem praising the terrorists, and a Syrian-based teacher posted a celebratory picture of Adolf Hitler on his Facebook page.

The UN Security Council condemned the Jerusalem atrocity as a "despicable terrorist attack." On the ground, however, it is clear that many of the international organisation's employees have a very different interpretation of the slaughter, and are not afraid to say so. *Algemeiner*

## Shipment of weapons bound for eastern Jerusalem intercepted

A shipment of weapons bound for eastern Jerusalem has been intercepted by Israel Police. Police seized the two containers labelled as Christmas decorations. Three Israeli Arabs picked up the containers. They were arrested, along with their two drivers.

The containers held 18,000 fireworks of a calibre that is restricted in Israel; 5,200 commando knives; 4,300 flashlights that can be used as Tasers; 5,500 Tasers; and 1,000 swords.

Rioters in eastern Jerusalem have caused serious injuries with fireworks fired at police and security forces. Last week the Knesset Economics Committee approved a three-month ban on the import of fireworks due to their use as weapons. *JTA*



## Palestinian Coroner: Arab bus driver committed suicide

The death of bus driver Yusuf Hassan al-Ramouni, who was found hanged in Jerusalem last Sunday, has been treated in the Palestinian media as a murder perpetrated by Jews. However, the Palestinian coroner present during the autopsy who was appointed by the man's family concurred that the cause of death was suicide.

Dr Chen Kogel, director of Israel's Abu Kabir Institute of Forensic Medicine said, "We did not find anything at all to indicate any foul play and all the findings are compatible with suicide." *Ha'aretz*



## Thousands attend Druze policeman's funeral

The Druze and Jewish communities in Israel honoured Master-Sergeant Zidan Saif, the Druze policeman who died from wounds sustained in last Tuesday's synagogue terror attack. President Reuven Rivlin and Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch were among those present at the funeral.

"Your son did not hesitate. He stood fearlessly against the terrorists and risked his life to protect the people of Jerusalem," Rivlin said. A religious ruling by the late Rabbi Ovadia Yosef said a prayer for the dead must be recited in a synagogue for a Druze fighter who gives his life to protect Israel.

Aharonovitch said, "We are burying a hero of the Israel Police... Zidan is a source of pride for his family, for the Druze community and for the police and the people of Israel."

Spiritual leader of the Druze community in Israel Sheikh Moafaq Tarif said the Druze "pay a heavy price in the blood of our sons but we will continue to defend our country."

He called on the politicians, police and well-wishers present to work to calm tensions in Jerusalem and that "we cannot allow extremists to overcome reason and tolerance."

The funeral was also attended by *haredim* from Jerusalem and beyond who organised buses to take them to the Galilee village to pay their respect. *JPost*

## Israel foils Palestinian plan to assassinate Lieberman



The Shin Bet said it had foiled a plot to assassinate Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman with a rocket-propelled grenade during last summer's

Gaza conflict. Four Palestinians were arrested over the plot.

The cell had the minister's convoy under surveillance. They are said to have timed and measured different sections of the convoy's journey to calculate the most effective point for the attack.

According to Shin Bet, the men said they had hoped that killing Lieberman "would relay a message to the State of Israel that would bring about an end to the Gaza war". *WJC*

## A path to defusing tensions in Jerusalem

Dennis Ross

Washington should help Netanyahu and Abbas formulate a code of conduct for preventing an explosion that would imperil both leaders politically.

No one knows whether the increasing acts of terror taking place in Jerusalem herald a third intifada. Neither the first nor second intifada were predicted; in November 1987, a traffic accident in Gaza triggered the first. In late September 2000, violent demonstrations the day after Ariel Sharon visited the Temple Mount took on a life of their own and produced the second. The murderous assault on a synagogue in Jerusalem's Har Nof neighbourhood has escalated the violence and threatens to give it a religious character.

The first two intifadas were national in character. Is the recent violence a sign of global jihad inspired by Islamic State? Or are we seeing what happens when the status quo of Temple Mount/Haram is altered in real or imagined ways? Whatever the answer, the last thing the region needs is for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to be transformed from a national conflict into a religious one.

The first order of business should be to defuse the situation. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas may distrust each other deeply, but this is not a moment for peace-making and historic concessions where trust must be the currency. Rather, it is a time to prevent an explosion that would imperil both.

Recently, Secretary of State John Kerry met with Mr Abbas and had another meeting with Mr Netanyahu and Jordan's King Abdullah. He seemed to have forged some understandings that led to the Israelis lifting the age restrictions on who could attend Friday prayers on the Temple Mount.

One option would be for Kerry to engage those three leaders again on a code of conduct to help avoid provocative acts. Israelis could not just talk about preserving the status quo but, citing security needs, would prevent groups from going to the Temple Mount. Israel could also avoid announcements on new settlement activity – which makes Palestinians feel powerless and feeds the impulse to try to impose on Israel. For their part, Palestinians would not just avoid provocative statements but would also call for calm and declare that violence and terror are undercutting their positions internationally. Without stating it, they would put on hold their plans to push a United Nations resolution mandating Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank in three years.

If successful, this initial code of conduct could subsequently be bolstered by Israel declaring that it would make its settlement policy consistent with its two-state approach – meaning that until there is an agreed border, Israel would build only in places it believes would be part of Israel and not in areas it expects to be the Palestinian state. In return, Palestinians could formally acknowledge the principle of settlement blocs for swaps and state that those Israelis living outside the blocs could remain in the Palestinian state under Palestinian sovereignty.

While these or similar parallel steps would cost each leader politically, the cost is likely to be far lower than the risks of letting today's volatile situation spin out of control.

*Wall Street Journal*

## Terror: the enemy of Palestinian statehood

Shmuel Ben-Shmuel

Israel sits at the frontline of the terrorists' threat and to curtail their radical dystopia from consuming the civilised world, a strong and prosperous Israel is vital. This is why free and democratic countries, like Australia, should forge a strong alternative narrative of their own that can counter the narrative of violence stoked by militant Palestinians and Islamic State. To recognise that an attack on Israeli citizens is an attack on the same fundamental ideals upon which countries like Australia were built: this is the narrative that will demonstrate to Islamic extremists that when they attack Israel – when they desecrate peaceful faith – they attack a camaraderie of nations that will not tolerate violence as a political tool.

We rely on your friendship. This year's violence has not defeated us, but the people of Israel need to be consoled by solidarity from abroad so that they can trust in the international system to help protect them. Israelis need the international community to be emphatic in condemning the incitement of violence and to encourage Palestinian leadership to curtail

violent extremism in their own ranks. The cause of Israel should be the cause of every peace-loving democracy.

Also, Muslims that desire a sustainable statehood for Palestinians should loathe and abhor the recent murder of Israelis as much as anyone else, for, in addition to being an affront to our common humanity, it only damages their aspirations.

Make no mistake; those that employ terrorism as a means of furthering political Islam are the greatest enemies of Palestinian statehood.

The people who live among this conflict need to be able to give their leaders the space to lead. That bands of disgruntled and radicalised Palestinians continue to take matters into their own hands, motivated by blind hatred and anger, only impedes the ability of our leaders to act with the measured clarity that is required.

*The Australian*

*Shmuel Ben-Shmuel is the Israeli Ambassador to Canberra.*

## US should cut aid to Palestinians for supporting terrorists

David Pollock

Last week's synagogue massacre by Palestinian terrorists in Jerusalem was an act of premeditated murder in cold blood, not part of some "cycle of violence." That three of these entirely innocent victims were also US citizens does not make the crime any worse, but it does provide an extra reason for the US to respond in the right way. The US government should now act to hold to account those responsible for this horror.

While Abbas personally condemned this terrorist attack, at the same time he allows his advisers, his ruling Fatah political party, and his official media to praise and glorify these terrorists as heroes, martyrs and more. His government pays convicted terrorists and their families regular salaries. And Abbas himself just wrote a formal letter of condolence to the family of the Palestinian terrorist who shot and almost killed Rabbi Yehudah Glick.

This means that the US should, in line with existing US law, move immediately to cut some of its very substantial aid to the Palestinian Authority – unless Abbas publicly repudiates and unequivocally ends this practice of hypocrisy and deception about incitement to murder.

*New York Daily News*

*The writer is a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.*



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# Brit at Har Nof Synagogue

It was business as usual at the Jerusalem synagogue last Wednesday morning following the devastating Palestinian terror attack that left four rabbis and a Druze policeman dead the previous day. The morning *Shacharit* prayer services were full of worshipers and men studying Torah, as security guards and border police milled around the area.

But the Haredi community of Jerusalem's Har Nof community was still reeling. Brachi, 19, said it was horrifying to wake up and hear the attack.

"The men who were murdered didn't do anything bad – they were just praying to God," she said. "I couldn't wait for yesterday to end and to see the sun rise again today – just to be able to start over."

But even with the cloud of sadness that descended on Jerusalem's Har Nof neighbourhood, there was a spark of happiness felt in the synagogue itself.

Shula and Dov Sorotzkin, Haredi residents of Har Nof, decided to hold the brit mila of their son, Eliyahu Meir, at the Kehillat Bnei Torah synagogue, where the attack took place 24 hours earlier.

The couple, who live right next to the synagogue, decided that their synagogue was the best place to perform the brit mila of their newborn son.

"We chose to do the brit here today because of the symbolism that this place holds, especially in light of this important religious ceremony for our people. The brit mila is about the covenant and connection between God and the Jewish people," Sorotzkin said.

"The rabbis who were here yesterday were killed in the middle of a conversation with God, but we are here today, continuing that connection," said Sorotzkin.

Dov, the youngest in a family of nine children, decided to name his son, Eliyahu Meir after his great-grandfather Rabbi Eliyahu Meir Bloch who fled Lithuania after his famous Telshe Yeshiva, founded in 1875, was destroyed in the Holocaust. The yeshiva was re-established near Cleveland, Ohio after many of the students and faculty members had fled Lithuania.

For Sorotzkin's father, Yosef, the brit mila of his grandson is a sign of faith. "We are doing what the Jewish people have done throughout history; every time there has been death and destruction, we keep moving and creating," he said.



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## Media

### Dershowitz rips into CNN anchor for 'parroting' Hamas claim that all Israelis legitimate targets

Professor Alan Dershowitz, one of the most prominent advocates for Israel in the US, as well as a leading light of Harvard University's law school until his retirement last year, has blasted broadcaster *CNN* for its "determination" to "show that there is a moral equivalence between terrorists and Israel's proportionate responses."

Professor Dershowitz appeared on a segment with *CNN* anchor Ashleigh Banfield to discuss last Tuesday's Har Nof terrorist atrocity. "Soldiers come in all forms," Banfield told Dershowitz. "And when you have mandatory conscription and service in Israel, effectively the Palestinians will say it's war against everyone, because everyone is a soldier."

Dershowitz responded, "Well, that's just racism and bigotry. Not everybody is. The law of war is very clear. You can't kill a two year-old child claiming, 'he's going to be a soldier.'"

Dershowitz said that Banfield had "parroted Hamas' outrageous claim that every 2 year old and 90 year old in Israel is a soldier. It's particularly ironic in the context of the attack on the synagogue, because the people killed were beyond military age."

Dershowitz pointed out that *CNN* does not make similar claims of moral equivalence in its coverage of the US-led war against the Islamic State terrorist organisation. "No *CNN* anchor says that there's another side to the story with ISIS – but you hear that all the time with regard to Israel," he said.

Dershowitz argued that *CNN* was much more "dangerous" than, for example, Britain's left-wing *Guardian* newspaper.

"Everyone knows *The Guardian* is anti-Israel, but you watch *CNN* and you see moral equivalence presented as balanced news. Describing an imbalanced situation as balanced is mendacious and misleading," Dershowitz said.



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**Time:** 4.30-7.30pm (time slots will be allocated once nominations are in)

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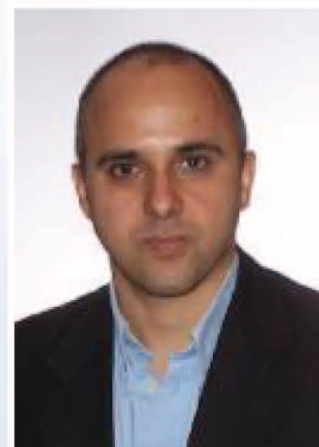
Jonathan Spyer's articles and analysis of the current political situation in the Middle East have been published in a number of important journals, including the Guardian, Haaretz, the Jerusalem Post, MERIA, the Forward and others.

**Dr 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 Dr Spyer to Perth will be gratefully accepted



Dr Jonathan Spyer

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# Why we need the Jewish State law

Yoram Hazony

As civil war rages in Syria-Iraq, Libya and Yemen, and tensions between Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem reach levels not seen in more than a decade, the Israeli government has approved a 'Jewish State Law' that will confirm Israel's constitutional standing as "the nation-state of the Jewish people."

Some on the Israeli left, backed by prominent voices in the American media, say the law is an unneeded provocation, if not simply racist. However, the Jewish State law is much needed at this time – not only to assure Israel's long-term viability, but also as the harbinger of a future solution to the broader crisis of legitimacy that has crippled the entire state system in the Middle East.

Israel should not need a Jewish State Law. Until recently, Israel's status as the state of the Jewish people had never been seriously questioned. The idea of Israel as a "Jewish State" has a continuous history going back to Theodor Herzl, father of modern Zionism, who had given this title to his 1896 tract calling for Jewish national independence. In proposals submitted to the British government, Herzl asked the empire's assistance in establishing a territory "which shall be Jewish in character," "founded under laws and regulations adopted for the well-being of the Jewish people," with a Jewish name and a Jewish flag.

This concept was later incorporated into British and UN proposals for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, culminating in the partition plan adopted by the UN in 1947. Among Jews, support for such a state became virtually universal during the Holocaust – as it became clear that neither the US nor Britain would act to save the Jews of Europe. (In fact, Britain used force to prevent Jews from escaping to Palestine throughout the war.) In 1948, Israel's Declaration of Independence, drafted under David Ben-Gurion, used the term "Jewish State" repeatedly. Much of Israeli legislation, including the Law of Return offering automatic citizenship to Jews of all lands, was based on Herzl's view of Israel's purpose, which was embraced alongside a firm commitment to equal civil rights for non-Jewish citizens.

But a new disdain for the principle of national self-determination has proved devastating for Israel. Both in America and Europe, the movement to brand Zionism a form of racism gathers steam. In Israel, too, "post-Zionism" became the buzzword of fashionable opinion in the 1990s. In this context, Israel's Chief Justice declared the country's Jewish character to be "in tension" with democracy, and the Court embarked on a series of decisions aimed at gradually eroding Israel's legal status as a Jewish State. This process reached a climax in the 2000 Ka'dan decision, which declared policies by the Israeli government and the Jewish Agency to be illegal if not in conformity with the principle of equality.

Of course, equality has always been a crucial value in Israel. But the disappearance of Jewish national self-determination from the Court's list of the legitimate aims of Israeli policy called into question many of the most basic aims for which the state had been founded. Would it soon be illegal to send Israel's security services to protect Jewish communities in other countries? To maintain a Law of Return offering automatic citizenship to Jews from other lands? To teach

Judaism in the public schools? These and similar concerns are what stand behind Netanyahu's present "Jewish State Law" – whose purpose is to re-establish the previous status quo on issues of Jewish national self-determination.

But there are deeper reasons for adopting the proposed Jewish State Law. The Herzlian political model has been a dramatic success. As the Jewish State, Israel has absorbed millions of destitute Jewish refugees from Arab lands and the former Soviet Union, offering them freedom from persecution, economic opportunity, and public schools where their children can learn Hebrew, Jewish History, and Bible. Far from creating a xenophobic and racist regime, the Jewish State has blossomed into a raucous liberal democracy – the only country in the Middle East in which Christians, Druze and other minorities enjoy free worship and need not fear for their lives.

This success has not been in spite of Israel's character as the state of the Jewish people, but because of it. Just compare Israel's trajectory to that of other states established in the region at around the same time, but based on a "multi-national" model: Syria (independent 1946) was assembled by the French by forcing together Alawite, Druze, Kurd, Assyrian Christian and Sunni Arab peoples – wilfully ignoring national and religious boundaries, and demands by some of these peoples to be granted independent states of their own. Iraq (independent 1932) was a similar British construct, imposing a single state

on radically disparate Kurdish, Assyrian, Sunni and Shia Arab peoples. Most states in the Middle East – "Pan-Arab" in name only – were built by the Western powers in just this way.

Israel built around a cohesive and overwhelming Jewish majority, was able to establish internal stability without repression, and quickly developed into a fully functioning democracy. Whereas the other states of the region have been able to retain their integrity only through brutality and state terror.

There will not be peace in Syria-Iraq until the borders are redrawn along ethnic and religious lines. In the end, Kurds, Alawites, Christians, Druze, Sunni Arabs and Shiite Arabs must each have their own nation-state, each devoted to the wellbeing and interests of one people. And each must have its own "Law of Return" for their own people.

This is a distinctly Israeli vision, emerging from the Jews' experience of suffering and redemption in the last century. It is also a humane vision that offers hope to the devastated peoples of our region. The proposed Jewish State Law reaffirms Israel's commitment to the political principle of national self-determination, which made the existence of a free Jewish nation a reality in our time. And it holds up this concept as a model for persecuted peoples across the Middle East, who yearn to achieve for their own children what our grandparents achieved for us in bringing Israel into being.

*Times of Israel*

## Prosor accuses global community of 'hypocrisy'

Addressing diplomats and dignitaries, Israeli ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor took a page from Emile Zola's 'J'accuse' to respond to the anti-Israel declarations at a special session of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, also attended by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

"To the nations that continue to allow prejudice to prevail over truth, I say 'J'accuse.' I accuse you of hypocrisy. I accuse you of demanding concessions from Israel, but asking nothing of the Palestinians."

In a soaring attack on world powers at an event for the UN's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Israeli ambassador railed at the insincerity of global support for Jerusalem's security.

"I accuse you of speaking about Israel's right of self-defence in theory, but denying it in practice. I accuse you of lending legitimacy to those who seek to destroy our state," said Prosor, adding, "Our conflict has never been about the establishment of a Palestinian state. It has always been about the existence of the Jewish state."

Prosor attacked European governments, in general, and Sweden, in particular, saying they are "failing us again" and their recognition of a Palestinian state was an "historic mistake."

The Israeli ambassador said such votes and declarations are "giving the Palestinians exactly what they want – statehood without peace. You are rewarding unilateral actions and taking away any incentive for the Palestinians to negotiate or compromise or renounce violence."

Prosor noted that, unlike Europe, the United States supported Israel throughout its history and emphasised that "among 193 flags at the UN there is one flag with a Jewish Star of David. There is just one small nation state for the Jewish people, and for some people, that is one too many."

He said the event to mark International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was "not about speaking for peace or speaking for the Palestinian people – it is about speaking against Israel."

*Ynet*

## 18-20 NOVEMBER: Three packed days with Prof Ronnie Friedman

The visit by Professor Ronnie Friedman, Vice-President (External Relations) of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, enabled many new links to be established and old relationships to be fortified.

Professor Friedman addressed a small but dedicated group at a celebratory cocktail party about the achievements and aspirations of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ). Prof Friedman, a leading expert in his own right in the field of animal immunology, explained that the HUJ was originally founded with the aim of delivering knowledge in Hebrew. Today however, the HUJ is a "pluralistic" institution that teaches many courses in English to students of all religions, based on academic merit.

Some old and new friends welcomed Prof Friedman at a dinner on 18 November. Dr Harry Hoffman OAM and Mrs Sylvia Hoffman, who have been long-standing benefactors, were guests of honour.

Prof Friedman kept up a blistering pace, meeting scholars from the disciplines of Agriculture, Plant Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at UWA. A special thanks goes to Dr Judith Berman for organising so many meetings at short notice.

Prof Friedman also addressed the International Centre at UWA about the HUJ and what students from WA could expect if they were to attend the HUJ.

A special lunch on Wednesday 19 November with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof Kent Anderson, and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (international) Iain Watt, was held at University House to commemorate the signing of the Student-Exchange agreement between UWA and HUJ. Both parties acknowledged that this agreement can be extended to include post graduates and academic staff from all disciplines. Sourcing financial support in Perth will be essential for the continued funding of this exchange program.

The focus for the WA Friends of the Hebrew University (WAFHU) over the next few years will be to establish a viable fund for this exchange to continue in perpetuity.

Finally a working breakfast allowed Prof Friedman to meet with community supporters and to establish links with possible student sponsors in the future.

The WAFHU would like to welcome Martin and Barbara Brezger to the WAFHU. Martin was until recently the treasurer of the German Friends in Berlin.

The success of Prof Friedman's visit is largely due to the tireless and dedicated work of Yael Jacobson, the public relations officer of the WAFHU.

We are putting together an interesting program for 2015 and look forward to Prof Friedman visiting us in Perth again.

*Clinical A/Prof Peter Winterton AM, State President of WAFHU*



*Ronnie Friedman, Judy Berman, Peter Winterton, Graham Martin and Lex Cohen*

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#### About the role

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a highly skilled and knowledgeable Care Admin Assistant to take the next step in their career on a permanent part-time basis. The successful applicant being an important part of the Maurice Zeffert Home community, will work to:

- Participate in the compilation and preparation of relevant documentation
- Promote and support Aged Care Standards and the Accreditation process
- Facilitate the preparation and collection of relevant documentation to meet legislative and internal needs
- Participate in the development and update of charts and lists
- Conduct informal and formal reviews, inspections and audits
- Ensure effective and economic use of all resources and equipment
- Understand policies and procedures relating to security and emergency such as fire and evacuation and assume responsibility when required
- Embrace change and provide leadership support in the implementation of an ongoing change management strategy.
- Contribute to the achievement of internal and external goals and objectives.

#### Knowledge, skills and abilities

To be successful you will need to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and experience working with computers.
- Flexibility to respond to the changing needs of residents.
- Respect and compassion towards older Australians.
- Team building and creating positive workplace morale.
- Current national police clearance or in the process of acquiring.
- Be flexible, approachable, confident and a resourceful individual.
- Previous experience desirable.
- Knowledge of Aged care and Accreditation standards desirable.

#### Benefits

Maurice Zeffert Home provides a friendly and supportive working environment, work/life balance, excellent salary package as well as ongoing training and support. Located within the heart of Dianella, Maurice Zeffert Home (Inc.) offers free on-site parking as well as being close to public transport.

#### How to apply

To be considered for this position please send a Resume and Cover Letter to Jacob Niazov at [Jniazov@mzh.org.au](mailto:Jniazov@mzh.org.au)



*Ronnie Friedman and Henry Steingieser*



*Ronnie Friedman and Ionat Zurr*



*Ronnie Friedman and Nadia Valentini*

# The Green Prince

This real life thriller tells the story of one of Israel's prized intelligence sources, the son of a top Hamas leader. Under the code name 'The Green Prince,' he is recruited to spy on his own people. Focusing on his complex relationship with his handler, this is a gripping account of terror, betrayal, and impossible choices – and of a friendship that defies all boundaries.

Mosab Hassan Yousef is considered a traitor by his family and his people. He is alone – his only friend a former enemy.

His father is Sheikh Hassan Yousef, one of the seven founding members of Hamas and one of its most popular leaders. For over a decade Mosab was the number one source for the Shin Bet. Recruited at 17, he went on to spy for his former enemy in the heart of his father's organisation.

His Shin Bet handler, Gonen Ben Yitzhak, once

considered one of the rising stars of the service, risked everything – including treason – to save him.

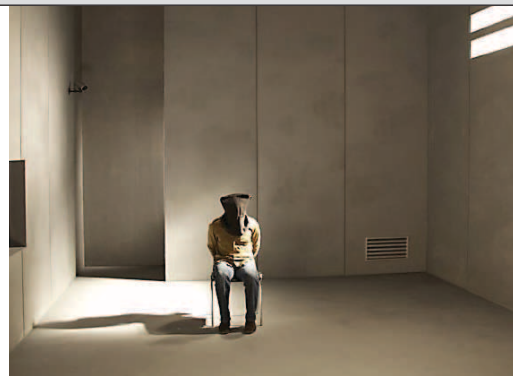
The special bond between Mosab and Gonen made for one of the most unlikely but effective partnerships in the history of Israeli intelligence. It led to the arrest of top terrorist masterminds, prevented multiple suicide bombings and revealed crucial secrets that would have a direct impact on major political events.

In a world of lies and deceit they learned to trust one another. Ultimately, though, they had to turn against their own in order to save themselves.

Combining exclusive first person testimony, dramatic action sequences and never-before-seen archive footage, this is a powerful cinematic experience.

Asked in an interview what motivated him to make this film, filmmaker Nadav Schirman responded:

"When I heard Mosab's story I was immediately taken by his insider's depiction of Hamas. It's an organisation that is obscure to the world, its inner mechanism never revealed until then. Then I met Gonen, his Israeli handler – and when I understood the unique nature of their relationship, then and today, I was so moved, I had to channel this into a film. Both protagonists have dared to put their lives at risk to do what's right. They each have a very strong moral compass and they are



not afraid to go against the tide in order to do what's right. I found their connection so full of hope, in the sense of "see what happens when people dare trust one another and go against pre-conceived notions". And of course their story had all the elements of a high-octane thriller, which I wanted to do in the documentary form.

Producer Simon Chinn believes the film offers remarkable insight into the inner workings of Israel's secret security service and Hamas. Because they operate on the front lines of a brutal and ongoing conflict, the Shin Bet have become one of the most effective and intelligence agencies in the world – and this film lays bare its processes and philosophy like nothing he's ever seen before, he says.



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## Quote of the Day

A loud voice cannot compete with a clear voice, even if it's a whisper.  
 ~ Barry Neil Kaufman



## Bnei and the Chief Rabbi



Last week, as part of our fortnightly *Food for Thought* learning program, Bnei Akiva madrichim and chanichim were fortunate enough to have a session with the Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.

The Rabbi discussed the importance and challenges of living a committed Jewish life in the Diaspora, shared some words of Torah with us and spoke of his own deep connection with Bnei Akiva. It truly was an incredible opportunity for Bnei Akiva to be exposed to a personality of such distinguished calibre and all present certainly gained a lot.

A big thank you to Rabbi Freilich and the PHC for hosting the event and allowing us the opportunity.

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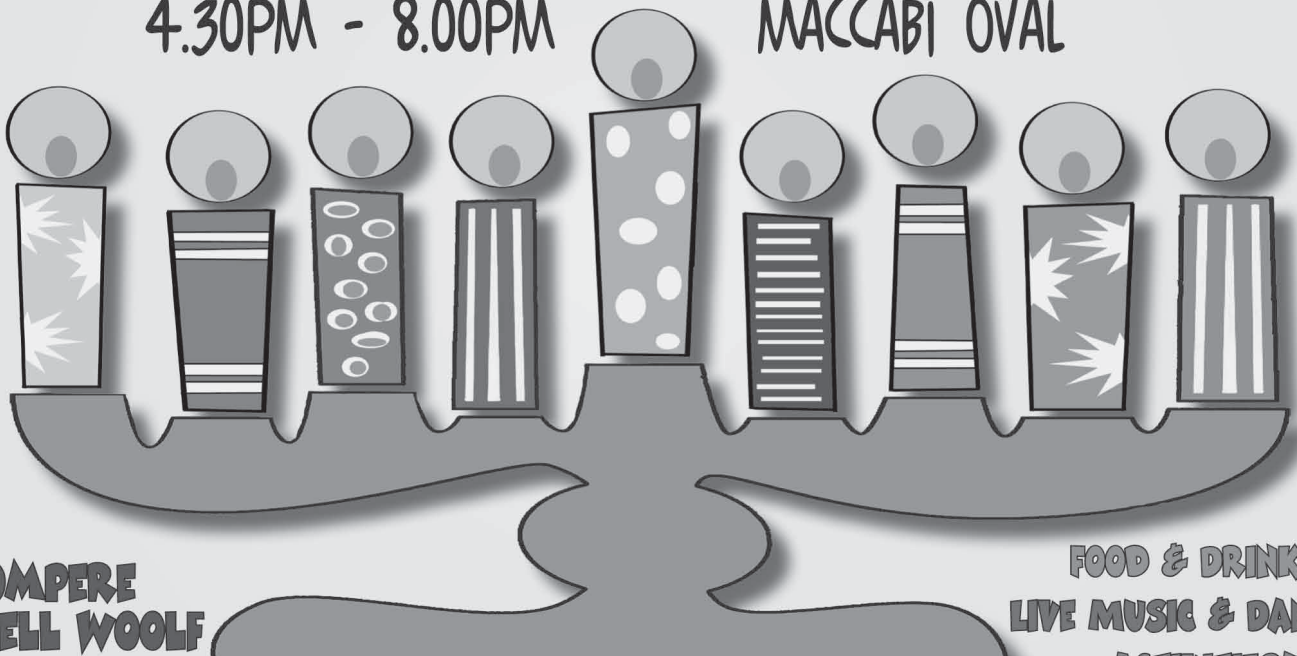
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ACTIVITIES!  
GAMES!**



## Year 8 Outdoor Education Camp

Year 8 students recently completed their annual Outdoor Education Camp at Dwellingup. This exciting adventure encompassed a number of challenging activities including abseiling, rock climbing, rafting, mountain biking and orienteering. Students were also presented with an informative and, at times, 'hands on' session looking at reptiles found in Western Australia. Six Year 10 students took charge control of leading the activities around the camp site and their efforts were warmly appreciated by Year 8 students. We also had an impromptu visit from the Tzevet which added to the camp *Ruach*.



## Living Historians Project

Year 10s recently enjoyed the experience of participating in our Living Historians project. It is an event on the school calendar that we waited for in anticipation until we were able to experience it. The experience was definitely worth the wait. Each group had the opportunity to interview a survivor of the Holocaust and then used the information they gathered to create a presentation. Through the project we were able to really get a sense of who our survivors were and that despite the fact they survived, it doesn't at all mean that the Holocaust is over for them. Personally, the experience enabled me to have a personal connection to the Holocaust and put a name and a face to the horrible statistics. Thanks you very much to our survivor Heiny Ellert and the other survivors for sharing their stories with us and Morah Shirley for guiding us along the path.

*Natalie Parry*



## Kindy

### 'Muddy Guddy' & delicious chocolate cakes

The Early Learning Centre's outside space is surrounded by bush and the children are very lucky to have a playground with mature trees, grass trees and other native flora. A special area has been named 'Muddy Guddy' and is the scene of delicious chocolate sand which, mixed with water, makes gooey mud. Kindy children love baking cakes in their outside mud kitchen and you might want to ask them the recipe for these delicious chocolate cakes.



## Intergenerational Program

Year 6s spent their last Wednesday with the residents at the Maurice Zeffert home. They played games, shared afternoon tea with their partners and told the group about their resident. Students received certificates from the home for which we are really grateful. We hope that many of the children will continue to visit their residents in their own time. Many thanks to Maurice Zeffert for running the program and giving students this wonderful opportunity to interact with our senior citizens.





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## HELP!!!

### The washing machine's died...

How many of us have had the dilemma of a broken washing machine and a mound of dirty washing for four or five people waiting in the laundry? And having to wait a few days for the repairman, or to buy a new machine... an impossible inconvenience.

Think then for a moment about having no operational washing machine and dirty washing for over a 100 kids – many of whom wet their bedding at night. This was the situation earlier this year at Ahuzat Yeladim, WIZO's therapeutic school in Haifa.

The school receives limited assistance from the Government, but replacing the washing machines was not considered to be essential... not essential when you're washing for 100 kids?! So Ahuzat Yeladim turned to WIZO Australia, and WIZO Australia put out the word to its members that new washing machines were urgently needed... and WIZO members fundraised and donated – and replaced several industrial sized washing machines in a matter of months. However, if you would still like to make a donation, please contact the WIZO office.

This is an example of how WIZO meets a need when it arises – with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency and generosity. How do we do it? We can do it because of you, and you and you, who support WIZO here in Australia. Thank you from all the kids at Ahuzat Yeladim!

## WIZO Aviva

### New date for our AGM

**Please note that we are changing our day and date** to avoid school and ballet concerts

**The new date is Wednesday, 3 December** at the home of Renee Rosenberg, Florence Way, Dianella.

As it is a light meal (bring a plate style), we will start at 6.30pm and a number of members will be asked to make a dish. Please join us to wrap up this amazing year – bring a friend and let's have some social chatter and fun

The work of WIZO never diminishes and we should be immensely proud of our ongoing commitment

## 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.



**JewishCare WA**

## JewishCare WA entertains the Seniors

More than fifty Jewish seniors enjoyed a special musical get together at the Jewish Centre last Sunday. As part of Seniors Week, the *Silvertones*, entertained the audience with hits from the 50s and 60s. There was plenty of smiles and toe tapping as the audience enjoyed the upbeat tempo and sang along with the specially selected repertoire.

Grateful appreciation is extended to Melanie Green, JewishCare's Project Officer who painstakingly organised the event. Thanks also to Committee members who helped out on the afternoon. Also, to COTA, Lotterywest and the Dept of Local Government and Communities for their invaluable support.

Light refreshments were enjoyed at the half-time intermission. Thank you to MZH and Café 61 for their contributions.



*The Silvertones with Phil Samuell*

## 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](mailto:info@hiwa.org.au)

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***Help us to brighten the lives of the MZH residents***

## Just a Thought

If you can't learn to do something well, learn to enjoy doing it poorly.

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# Maccabi WA Men's Pro-Am Classic 2014

**Sunday the 7th of December**

Start 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Final 5.00pm - 6.30pm

8 players will be divided into 2 pools. Each player plays everyone in their pool. First to 6 games with a tie-break at 5 games.

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**maccabi soccer club**



## 2015 Registration

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## Maccabi Bridge Results

**Monday Afternoon, 17 November 2014**

Winners

Simultaneous Pairs Debbie Frankel & Debra Majteles  
Side Movement Gloria Herman & Morrie Herman

**Wednesday Evening, 19 November 2014**

Tony Sander & Terri Same

In the side movement

N/S Gloria Herman & Morrie Herman  
E/W Esther Schenberg & Freda Gunzburg

**Monday, 24 November 2014**

Winners:

Gold Section

N/S Terri Same & Tony Sander  
E/W Shira Shilbury & Esther Finkelstein

Purple Section

N/S Pam Galanti & Rose Kessell  
E/W Ateda Same & Rose Sharp



## Women in Judaism

Last Wednesday evening, during the Q&A with visiting Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, PHC's President Julian Sher posed a question about young girls, pre-Batmitzvah, being able to sing *Anim Zmirot* (the Song of Glory) from the *bimah*. Rabbi Mirvis answered that he would not like to build girls up for future disappointment, as once they were past Batmitzvah age, they were halachically prohibited from doing so. Tuvia Book recently addressed this subject in an opinion piece.

### Spectator sport for women

Tuvia Book

One of the questions Modern-Orthodox communities grapple with on Simchat Torah is whether or not to allow a Torah scroll to be taken by the women and danced with.

Last Simchat Torah my eleven-year-old daughter asked me why only the men were allowed to dance with the Torah scroll whilst the women just watched at our Modern-Orthodox synagogue. Similarly, my Birthright participants on the prerequisite visit to Judaism's holiest site, the Kotel, on Friday nights routinely question the minuscule size of the women's section and the passive behaviour of the women.

Indeed, the women attendees have absolutely no public role whatsoever in the Orthodox service. The whole spectacle is viewed as if one is at a play, that is – passively. The women can watch as men receive honours and lead the service and read from the Torah. Women in most Orthodox Batei Knesset are not even allowed to deliver a D'var Torah (even if the women have a PhD in Talmud), or open the Holy Ark, which is a non-vocal honour. One rarely finds women in lay leadership roles even in the Modern-Orthodox world. There seems to be a dissonance between Modern-Orthodoxy's claims of inclusion and its actual practices and attitudes.

This is clearly at variance with the rise of the professional woman in the contemporary period. Women are now astronauts, doctors, lawyers, Talmud scholars, Maharot and heads of State. In the twenty-first century there is a growing need of many religious women and men to readdress the role of women in Judaism. The gap between our social and ethical values and our synagogue lives is something that we should see as compromising our religious integrity.

As Yoni Rosensweig candidly observed:

For me the driving force behind women dancing with the Torah is the ability for all members of the

community to be able to maximise spiritually their involvement in and enjoyment of Simchat Torah. Simchat Torah has been traditionally a spectator-sport for women, and perhaps throughout history they have been mostly happy with that role. However, as times change, women (and men too!) do not see a point in standing around and watching other people dance, and if they get bored they will simply go home."

It is time for us in the Modern-Orthodox world to allow women to take as active a part as possible (halachically and communally) on Simchat Torah, and throughout the year, so that the Chag, and indeed all the holidays, can be claimed as their own, as well. *Times of Israel*

## Dianella Shule

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### SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

28-29 NOVEMBER 2014

#### Shabbat

Candlelighting.....	6.47pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat .....	6.45pm
Shacharit .....	9.00am
Shabbat Mincha.....	6.35pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat.....	7.48pm

#### Sunday 30th November

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

#### Weekdays

Shacharit .....	6.15am
Mincha/Maariv .....	6.55pm



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Friday Night .....	6.15pm
Saturday Morning .....	9.30am
Sunday Morning .....	7.30am

**Weekdays:**..... 6.15am & 7pm



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#### SHABBAT

#### Friday 28 November

Erev Shabbat .....	6.30pm
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#### Saturday 29 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.

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#### Friday 28 November

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Special Netzer Service

Followed by a bring-and-share Oneg.

#### Saturday 29 November

8:50am Temple David Religion School

10:15am Shabbat Morning Service

#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Friday 28 November

10:30am Mums & Bubs Group

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#### Monday 1 December

10.30am to 11.30am "Food for Thought"

Discussion Group

#### Tuesday 2 December

9:30am Torah Text & Tea

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10am to 11.30am "JutstJewit" Discussion Group

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### Kol Sasson Congregation

Services at the PHC Beit Midrash

#### SHABBAT TIMES

#### PARSHAT VAYEITZEI

Candle Lighting.....	6.47pm
Mincha .....	6.30pm
Followed by Kabbalat Shabbat and Arvit	
Shacharit Saturday Morning .....	9.00am
Followed by Torah reading, Musaf and Kiddush	



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## Necessary nit-picking!

I often understand why Moshe Rabeynu would beg Hashem for mercy! The poor man – he was spiritually in charge of some three million Jews – what a job!

We as Jewish people can be very analytical, very particular, and are usually not backward in coming forward to express what we think or what we want. Even though the Torah describes us as a stiff-necked people, which can be interpreted in a derogatory sense, it does have advantages. I feel that this stiff-neckedness has been positive in that it has enabled us to survive as a people despite our tribulations throughout history. But in a Jewish organisation with over eight hundred members, it can sometimes get crazy!



Let me give you an example. For a number of years the shule sent out yahrzeit letters to our members, which I personally signed. A number of well-meaning congregants approached me and asked me why the shule was wasting money by sending out such letters, as it cost a fortune. Some people suggested that perhaps membership fees could be reduced if we didn't have the unnecessary expense and pointed out that these days most shule members have computers, so the yahrzeit letters could be emailed out, at little or no expense at all. Those few members who didn't have an email could be sent a letter. Our shule administration took up the

suggestion and what happened? Complaints! Why had our shule now decided to email yahrzeit letters when it was so impersonal? What if people don't have email?

Complaints if you do and complaints if you don't! I can only imagine how challenging it would have been for poor Moshe – with feedback and input from three million potential complainants!

The world is changing! Technology, communication, culture and traditions are changing. Although our wonderful Torah remains as relevant and important as it has been for thousands of years, the wrappings should be in the fashion of 2014 and beyond. Whether we keep on with timeless traditions or bring in the new – we need to focus on what is necessary rather than nit-picking. Nit-picking sadly demotivates and delays growth and improvement, but constructive feedback and open, honest conversation is necessary to facilitate progress (even though it might not feel like progress initially).

I often count my blessings as a rabbi that my responsibility is not as fraught with difficulties as that of Moshe Rabeynu and I thank Hashem for the support and encouragement of our PHC community – the feedback and input that you share with me and your shule – as we change and grow to fulfil our commitment to meet the needs of our entire congregation today and in the future!



### Israel Through Chinese Eyes

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**Time:** 6.30pm

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## SHABBAT

SIDRA ..... VAYETZE  
HAPTORAH..... HOSEA 11

### EREV SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING NOT LATER THAN 6.50PM

#### Friday 28 November

Mincha ..... 6.15pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv ..... 6.30pm

#### Saturday 29 November

Shacharit ..... 9.00am  
Mincha ..... 6.50pm  
Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat ..... 7.50 pm

#### Weekdays

Shacharit ..... 6.30am  
Mincha / Ma'ariv ..... 6.00pm

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## Food for Chagim

### Get set for Chanukah with fritters from Yotam Ottolenghi



### Cauliflower and cumin fritters SERVES 4

#### Ingredients

1 small cauliflower (about 320g),  
trimmed and cut into small florets  
120 g plain or gluten free flour  
3 tbsp chopped fresh coriander,  
plus a few extra leaves to garnish  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
2 shallots, finely chopped  
1-2 medium chillies, seeds removed and chopped finely  
4 free-range eggs  
1½ teaspoons ground cumin  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon ground turmeric  
1½ teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
500 ml sunflower oil for frying

#### Method

Put the cauliflower in a pan of boiling salted water and cook for about 15 minutes. You want it really soft so that it falls apart when you add it to the batter later.

In a bowl whisk together the flour, coriander, garlic, shallots, chillies, eggs, cumin, cinnamon and turmeric until you have a well combined and smooth thick batter.

Once the cauliflower is cooked, drain it and add it to the batter. Stir with a fork until the florets have broken up into small pieces and everything is well combined.

Heat some olive oil in a large frying pan. Spoon in the batter with a large serving spoon (about three tbsp per fritter).

Keep checking the temperature of the oil. You don't want it too hot, or the fritters will burn.

Fry for around 3-4 minutes on each side, until golden. Remove and drain on kitchen paper. Serve with yoghurt sauce (see below).

### Yoghurt sauce for serving:

#### Ingredients

300g Greek yoghurt  
2 tbsp finely chopped fresh coriander  
grated zest of one lime  
2 tbsp lime juice  
2 tbsp olive oil  
salt and pepper

#### Method

Place ingredients in a medium sized bowl and whisk until smooth. Adjust seasoning. Allow flavours to develop.

## Personals

### Death

A funeral was held on 26 November 2014 for the late Mrs Gertrude (Jill) Millman at 3pm at Karrakatta Cemetery where a huge crowd gathered to say goodbye. A Minyan followed at Maurice Zeffert Home at 7pm and a wake then held at the Mighty Quinn Tavern in Tuart Hill at 8pm.

She will be remembered by son David, Regina, grandchildren Simon, Bradley, Kylie and Ashley, great grandchildren Kaitlyn, Burton, Hayley, Paige and baby Lennox (Jill), granddaughters-in-law Lisa and Tracey and grandson-in-law Travis.

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