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Rabbi Adi Cohen

Temple David's new Rabbi predicted to "shine"

Perth Progressive Jewish community Temple David officially installed Rabbi Adi Cohen as its new Rabbi at a vibrant ceremony attended by more than 230 distinguished guests, including Temple members, leaders from many faith groups, Members of Parliament, and guests from the wider community.

Israeli-born Rabbi Cohen, his wife, Gila, and three sons, come to Perth following three years in Wellington, New Zealand where Rabbi Cohen served as the congregational Rabbi for Temple Sinai. The Rabbi is also a leading member of the Union of Progressive Judaism's (UPJ) Rabbinic Council.

Addressing the guests, UPJ Executive Director Steve Denenberg said they were "delighted" by the appointment of the "outstanding Rabbi" predicting he would "...shine as a leader at the welcoming Temple David congregation."

He said for those looking to practise egalitarian and inclusive Judaism, the "dynamic partnership of Rabbi Cohen and the leadership of the congregation will make them realise what opportunities exist for them to celebrate their Judaism in a way that respects our traditions and expresses them in ways that are relevant to the contemporary world."

The incoming Rabbi spoke thoughtfully and eloquently of the important role Progressive Judaism has to play in the Jewish and wider community and of his vision for Temple David.

"Thank you for your trust and support by appointing me to be your Rabbi," he said, beaming from the Bimah, "I consider it not as a job but as a privilege, an honour and a mutual commitment.

"My vision, my hope and my prayer is that together we will lead Temple David to transform it from a functioning synagogue into a vibrant, innovative congregation; that each of us will find in our synagogue something that we never knew was here; that we will share the best of what our Jewish identity has to offer with the wonderful people of Perth."

Jane Figgis (cont page 8)



Steve Denenberg



Pink Sunday inspires hope

The Maccabi Grounds looked pretty pink last Sunday morning when around one hundred people – men, women and children – came together on Pink Sunday, a collaboration between National Council of Jewish Women and Maccabi WA, to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

The day started with an early cycling group pedalling their way in the fight against Breast Cancer.

In her welcome, Jillian Green, State Secretary of NCJWA, presented the sobering fact that approximately 15,000 people will have been diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone. Before introducing Special Guest Speaker, Ron Gordon, Maccabi President Alan Shear thanked Jillian, Ester Steingisser, Joan Hillman, Michael Gomer, Michael Borosh, David Adonis and Shayna Slotar for their invaluable input.

Ron is a keen photographer who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. He shared his story, 'One Man's Journey Through Breast Cancer', by linking the various stages he went

through with magnificent photos he had taken – a series of photos of the extraordinary courage and strength of a warthog successfully defending his youngster from a leopard, was titled *Collision with Mortality*. Others were *Gathering Storm*, *Journey Through*, *Not Alone* (although Ron had felt very alone in the beginning), *A Will to Survive*, and *The Gift of Each Day*. These are all captured in his book that powerfully tells the story of 'One Man's Journey...'

There are 125 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and 125 women every three days! Women are encouraged to check their breasts, have mammograms, but men are not used to doing this, with the result that the mortality rate for men with breast cancer is much higher. Ron's story was one of hope, healing and inspiration.

Rabbi White recited prayers for those who are ill and their carers.

Everyone present then took part in a silent walk on the oval, which finished with the planting of pink silhouettes that people had dedicated to someone, living or deceased, who had had breast cancer.

The whole experience was solemn, but hopeful and inspiring. As several of the speakers said, may each annual Pink Sunday be bigger and better than the last! *Kol Hakavod* to all!

Valerie Frank



Ron Gordon and Renicia Vilensky



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WHAT'S ON

Thursday, 7 / Friday 8 November

SZC. Yitzhak Rabin: A Life and a Legacy.
Guided Tours by arrangement. Jewish Centre.

Sunday, 9 November

Monash RSL & WAJEX AGM. MZH Lounge. 10.30am.
Maccabi Tennis Open Day. 2pm. P13
Commemoration of Kristallnacht. Temple David. 3pm.
JNF Annual Event. Jewish Centre. 5.30pm. P9

Thursday, 13 November

MZH Art Exhibition. 10 -11.30am. MZH. P7

15, 16 & 23 November

Jewish International Film Festival
Event Cinemas, 57 Liege Street, Innaloo. P16

Sunday, 16 November

Mitzvah Day. P2
Maccabi WA Special General Meeting. GBH. 10.15am.
JewishCare Afternoon of music for Seniors.
Jewish Centre. 2.15pm. P8&12

Monday, 17 November

Maccabi Bridge Club AGM. Jewish Centre. 10.45am. P13

Wednesday, 19 November

Australian Friends of the Hebrew Uni Cocktail Party.
Royal Perth Golf Club. 6.30pm.

Sunday, 30 November

Cafe 61's School's Out Party. GBH. P11
NCJWA Women Achievers 2014. 7pm. P12

Sunday, 7 December

Holocaust Institute AGM. Jewish Centre. 10am. P8

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Out & About

In memory of Neanie

Before sunrise on Sunday, 12 October, Jodi Kirstein and Matti Garb were carrying out final preparations for the challenge ahead – the Melbourne Half Marathon – fuelling their bodies, hydrating well and getting into matching running gear, donated by Lululemon.

Jodi and Matti entered the grueling 21.1km Melbourne Half Marathon to raise funds for the *Cancer Council Australia*, contributing toward cancer research in memory of Jeanine (Neanie) Schneider, who passed away recently. 'Team Neanie' had set their donation goal and began training three to four times a week. The girls were overwhelmed by the immediate support as generous donations from friends and family around the globe poured in, quickly surpassing their target.

The girls raised over \$8,000, making them the Cancer Council's highest fundraisers, which meant the funds could be directed to their research of choice.

"The race was tough but we really enjoyed running through the city of Melbourne, finishing at the famous MCG. The incredible support we felt most definitely gave us strength to push harder and keep going during the tougher moments of the race.

"Having completed a half marathon is a great achievement, but to do it in honour of this fundraiser made the event so meaningful," the girls said.

Donations can still be made to the Cancer Council as part of Jodi and Matti's fundraiser, online via this link: <http://melbournemarathon2014.gofundraise.com.au/page/Theneanies148>



Exhibition

Richard Avedon People

Richard Avedon was born in New York City in 1923, the son of Russian Jewish immigrants, Jacob and Anna, who were in the fashion retail industry. His interest in photography emerged when, at age 12, he joined the Young Men's Hebrew Association Camera Club. He would use his family's Kodak Box Brownie not only to feed his curiosity about the world, but also to retreat from his personal life. The early influences of fashion and family would shape his life and career and is often expressed in his desire to capture tragic beauty in photos.

Avedon was one of the giants of twentieth century photography. At the core of his artistic work was a profound concern with the emotional and social freedom of the individual in society. *Richard Avedon People* showing at the Art Gallery of WA explores his iconic portrait making practice.

Don't miss this stunning exhibit – on until 17 November.



*Richard Avedon, photographer,
New York, July 23, 1969
Photograph by Richard Avedon ©
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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

Sporting Achievements

Debra Majteles earns sporting recognition

On 22 October Debra Majteles was inducted into the WA Squash Hall of Fame. She was part of a team of four in the WA women's team that won the Australian Women's Team Titles five times between 1981 and 1987 at a time recognised as the golden era of Australian women's squash.

During this period Debra represented Australia in squash at Maccabiah in 1981, 1985 and 1989 winning individual gold each time. She was runner up for the State Open Squash title in 1983 and the Israel Women's Open Squash title in 1986. She won the Australian Over-35 Women's Squash title in 1989.

Debra has been one of WA's best and most decorated Jewish sportspersons winning the George Cohen Memorial Trophy for the WA Jewish Sportsperson of the Year five times and also a four times winner of the Australian Jewish Sportswoman of the Year. In 2009 she was one of the inaugural inductees into the Maccabi WA Hall of Fame.

Being inducted into the Hall of Fame is further well-earned recognition of her stellar career in women's squash.

David Adonis



Torchbearer David Urban wins gold!

David Urban has won a gold medal at the tenth Special Olympics Australian National Games held recently in Melbourne. The 25-year-old was a member of the successful softball team, which competed against teams from across the country. The Games attracted more than 1,200 athletes, competing across 16 Olympic-type sports, in the same world-class venues as their sporting heroes.

David Urban has competed four times in interstate tournaments in tenpin bowling but this was his first softball event.

The Special Olympics Australian National Games are an annual event with an international meet every four years. The National Games also serve as a platform for athletes to compete at the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2015 to be held in Los Angeles. For David, the Games provided a double thrill. As well as being the first medal he has won, he was also chosen as one of the torchbearers at the opening ceremony – the only Jewish member representing his State.

The Torch Run and the lighting of the Cauldron are two of the most iconic moments of a National Games. Athletes are given the opportunity to run with the Flame of Hope in the lead up to the Opening Ceremony.

In the crowd supporting David, who has competed in the Special Olympics since he was 14, were his parents Michelle and John Urban. *Kol hakavod*, David!

Outreach

Hadassah Australia launches appeal to help injured Gazan children

In a landmark outreach project, Hadassah Australia has joined forces with St John Ambulance Australia to organise for Gazan children injured in this year's war between Israel and Hamas to be treated at two Israeli hospitals. The Gaza Children's Emergency Appeal will raise funds to treat young Gaza victims at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and at the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. Children were among the many human shields cynically used by Hamas.

Identifying children and transferring them from Gaza to Jerusalem will be coordinated by St John with the support of members of Project Rozana, an initiative of Hadassah Australia, to fund the cost of treating critically ill and injured Palestinian children in Jerusalem. Project Rozana also enables the training of Palestinian health professionals at Hadassah Hospital.

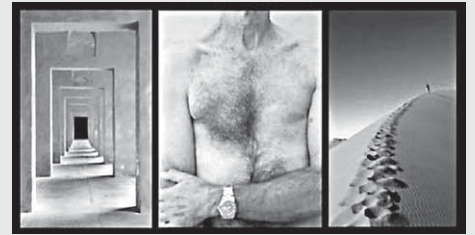
Hadassah Australia president Ron Finkel said the joint appeal has two major goals. "The first is to raise \$250,000 and ensure that it is transferred as quickly as possible to the participating hospitals, and the second is to build bridges to peace and better understanding between communities." Finkel said the \$60,000 already committed is "a promising start to the campaign."

St John Ambulance Australia CEO Peter LeCornu said his organisation and Hadassah Australia share the common objective of providing charitable and humanitarian services "regardless of race, colour or creed." They are calling on the Australian community to help raise funds to ensure these two hospitals can continue their vital work. *Donations can be made at www.stjohn.org.au*

AJN

From the Editor

Debbie Myerson



Pink Sunday is a very personal kind of event, with people having their own reasons for being there.

The pink is very pink. For some it is full of hope. For others, it can be confronting. It is a day charged with emotion.

Ron Gordon shared his story, spoken through a series of images.

'One Man's Journey Through Breast Cancer' was simply told with huge impact – each photograph framing a time or state of mind as he *journeyed through*.

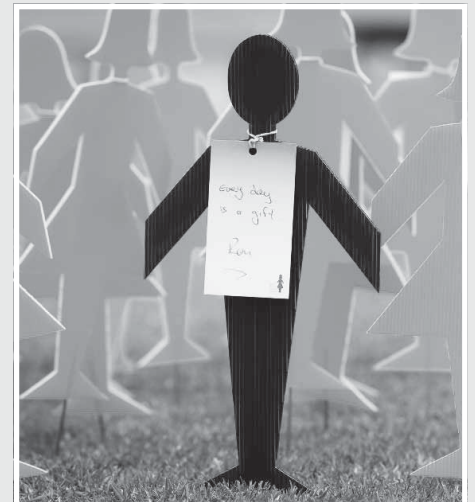
The titles alone express the shock, the fear, the turmoil, the support, the comfort, the strength, the healing, the hope.

Titles like *Gathering storm*, *Collision with mortality*, *Journey through*, *Not alone*, *The gift of each day*.

Ron's photographs speak volumes more.

They are all beautifully compiled in a special exhibition book with all sale proceeds going to the Breast Cancer Network Australia.

Kol Hakavod to NCJWA and Maccabi for hosting so special a day.



Iran blocks inspections, hobbling nuclear deal

Iran's government continues to stonewall UN weapons inspectors, complicating the Obama administration's effort to forge a nuclear agreement with Tehran by a 24 November deadline. The US and EU have said Iran's cooperation with the UN in addressing evidence that Tehran conducted studies in the past on the development of atomic weapons is crucial to reaching a broader accord on the future of the Iranian nuclear program. Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said there has been almost no progress in resolving the outstanding allegations of weapons development, despite a year of negotiations.

Wall Street Journal



Iran on threshold of nuclear weapons – not a good deal

Israel's ambassador to Washington, Ron Dermer, said: "It's one thing when fanatics are armed with axes, but it's quite another when they are armed with a nuclear bomb, and this danger is approaching as the world approaches the agreement with Iran."

"Israel is very concerned because a year ago some hoped that the tough sanctions regime on Iran would be dismantled only if Iran's nuclear weapons program were dismantled. Today, the international community is prepared to make a deal that would suspend and ultimately lift the sanctions. But no one is talking about dismantling Iran's nuclear weapons program anymore."

"You don't have to be a nuclear expert to understand that reducing pressure on the world's most dangerous regime and leaving it on the threshold of developing the world's most dangerous weapons is not a good deal. The international community is prepared to leave Iran with thousands of centrifuges to enrich uranium – when Iran doesn't even need a single centrifuge to have peaceful nuclear energy."

Algemeiner



While threats to Israel surge, so does Christian Zionism

While antisemitism in Europe and anti-Zionism on US college campuses are on the upswing, American Christian support for Israel is stronger than ever, says the founder of the country's largest pro-Israel organisation.

"I can assure you that the evangelical Christians of America support Israel right now in a more aggressive mood than at any time in my lifetime," said Pastor John Hagee, national chairman of the 1.8-million member Christians United for Israel (CUFI).

Hagee's assessment of the pulse of Christian Zionism came one day after 5,000 people attended the 33rd annual "A Night to Honour Israel" at Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, TX. CUFI's goal is to facilitate that same program in every major US city.

"We want to send the message to the world and to the Jewish people that Christians are standing up for the state of Israel and the Jewish people at home and abroad," Hagee said. "It's not conversation. It's action."

Algemeiner

Anti-Israel restaurant receives funding from John Kerry's wife's foundation

A foundation chaired by Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of Secretary of State John Kerry, is funding a radical anti-Israel, anti-American snack bar near the Carnegie Mellon and Pittsburgh University campuses.

Conflict Kitchen, a pop-up restaurant located at the intersection of Carnegie Mellon University and Pittsburgh University, seeks to use food to educate locals and college students about countries that are allegedly in conflict with the United States.

Lately, the restaurant has been serving its hummus and baba ghanoush sandwiches in anti-Israel propaganda wrappers that carry quotes from Palestinians defending terrorism and opposing the existence of the state of Israel.

The restaurant has hosted panel discussions featuring pro-Palestinian speakers, in which supporters of the Jewish community and Israel have not been allowed to participate by the restaurant's owners.

FreeBeacon.com



Israel's UN Ambassador: The people of Israel are not occupiers in Jerusalem

Israel's UN ambassador Ron Prosor defended construction in Jerusalem, telling an emergency Security Council session that "the people of Israel are not occupiers and we are not settlers. Israel is our home and Jerusalem is our eternal capital."

"There are many threats in the Middle East, but the presence of Jewish homes in the Jewish homeland has never been one of them," Prosor emphasised. "Jerusalem had a Jewish character long before most cities in the world had any character." He also blasted the Palestinian Authority for objecting to Jews visiting the Temple Mount. "You don't have to be Catholic to visit the Vatican. You don't have to be Jewish to visit the Western Wall. But the Palestinians would like to see the day when the Temple Mount is only open to Muslims."

"Let me tell you just how much the PA cares about holy sites: In Nablus, which has been under the control of the PA since 1995, the grave of the biblical patriarch Joseph was reduced to rubble. In Bethlehem, also under PA control, violent extremists have looted and desecrated the Church of the Nativity."

Times of Israel

Jewish organisations demand apology for PM insult

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations has joined a growing wave of American Jewish groups demanding an apology from the Obama administration after an official defamed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The official, who was quoted referring to Netanyahu as "chickensh*t," has thus far not been named, and the administration has expressed some regret for the defamation, but no formal apology has been made.

WJD

Peru arrests Hezbollah member for terror plot against Jewish targets

A Lebanese national, Mohammad Amadar, was arrested in Lima last week. Explosives and a detonator were found in his apartment. Amadar had collected intelligence on targets in the country and was planning to attack the Israeli embassy in Lima, local Jewish community institutions as well as "locations popular among Israeli backpackers."

Peru has increased security around potential targets, including the Israeli embassy.

It was reported last year that Hezbollah had set up indoctrination camps throughout South America in order to build up its presence in the continent.

The Tower

Thousands attend Rabin memorial in Tel Aviv

Thousands of people gathered in Tel Aviv last Saturday night for the memorial event marking the 19th anniversary (Hebrew calendar) of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The ceremony, titled 'Returning to the square, restoring hope,' was held where Rabin was shot dead by right-wing extremist Yigal Amir on 4 November 1995. Among the speakers were President Reuven Rivlin, former president Shimon Peres and Rabin's son Yuval Rabin.

The underlying message at the rally was a call to the Netanyahu government to lead Israel to a peace initiative. *Times of Israel*



Abbas calls would-be Palestinian assassin a 'martyr'



Rabbi Yehuda Glick

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has called the alleged shooter of a Temple Mount activist a "martyr."

Muataz Hijazi "will go to heaven as a martyr defending the rights of our people and its holy places," Abbas wrote in a condolence letter sent to Hijazi's family.

Hijazi is alleged to have shot American-born Yehuda Glick three times outside the Begin Centre in Jerusalem after Rabbi Glick addressed a conference on Jewish rights on the Temple Mount. Hijazi was killed in a shootout with Israel Police.

Glick remains in serious condition, having undergone further surgery this week.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the letter. "When we are trying to calm the situation, Abu Mazen sends condolences over the death of one who tried to perpetrate a reprehensible murder. Abbas encourages continued incitement, rioting and violence. The time has come for the international community to condemn him for such actions." *JTA*

New children's intifada against Israel

Hamas, Fatah and other Palestinian groups are using children from east Jerusalem and the West Bank in what appears to be a new intifada against Israel. These children are being sent to throw stones and firebombs, and launch fireworks at policemen and IDF soldiers, as well as at Israeli civilians and vehicles, including buses and the light rail in Jerusalem.

Human rights groups and UN institutions have chosen to turn a blind eye to the exploitation of children in the fight against Israel. These children are victims of a campaign of indoctrination and incitement being waged by Hamas and Fatah. There are also reports that Fatah and Hamas activists in Jerusalem have been paying children to throw stones and firebombs at Israelis. *Gatestone Institute*

Rock throwers in Israel can now be sentenced to 20 years

An amendment to Israel's penal code will allow for sentences of up to 20 years for throwing stones or other objects at vehicles.

"Israel is taking vigorous action against terrorists and those who throw stones, firebombs and fireworks," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the weekly cabinet meeting.

"All of this is in order to restore quiet and security throughout Jerusalem. I have ordered that massive reinforcements be brought in and that additional means be used in order to ensure law and order in Israel's capital."

In recent months, rocks thrown by Palestinians have damaged the Jerusalem light rail. The rock throwers also have targeted buses and private cars.

Rock throwing now carries an average penalty of two years in jail. The legislation does not cover the West Bank, where offenders are tried in military court. *JTA*

Israeli Islamist leader: Jerusalem will be caliphate capital

In an interview with official PA TV last month, Sheik Kamal Khatib, deputy leader of the Islamic Movement in Israel, said: "Jerusalem will not be only the capital of the Palestinian state, but also the capital of the coming righteous Islamic caliphate."

The interviewer stated: But throughout the history of Islam, Jerusalem has never been the centre or capital of any Islamic caliphate. Cairo, Baghdad, Damascus, and other cities were caliphate capitals, but not Jerusalem.

To which Khatib replied: "Its time will come. The Prophet Muhammad said the whole world will become subordinated to the Islamic caliphate one day." *MEMRI*



Egyptian army demolishes homes along Gaza border

With dynamite and bulldozers, Egypt's army demolished dozens of homes along its border with Gaza last week, after the military ordered residents out to make way for a planned buffer zone meant to stop extremists and smugglers.

The move came after extremists attacked an army checkpoint near Sheikh Zuweyid town, killing 31 soldiers.

Tanks and armoured vehicles sealed off the Egyptian border town of Rafah as thick gray smoke rose in the sky each time demolition charges went off and another house was toppled. *AP*

Egypt's crackdown in Sinai exposes double standards

Khaled Abu Toameh

While it is fine for Egypt to demolish hundreds of houses and forcibly transfer thousands of people in the name of the war on terrorism, Israel is not allowed to fire back at those who launch rockets and missiles at its civilians.

The Egyptians have finally realised that the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip has become one of the region's main exporters of terrorism.

What is perhaps more worrying is the fear that the security clampdown in Egypt will drive Hamas and other terror groups in the Gaza Strip to resume their attacks on Israel.

Needless to say, the international community will continue to ignore Egypt's bulldozing hundreds of houses and the forcible eviction of hundreds of people in Sinai. *Gatestone Institute*



Hamas recruits youth for weapons training

Photos published in Hamas-affiliated media in the Gaza Strip showed activists from the organisation's military wing teaching dozens of Palestinian children how to use weapons.

Hamas's determined use of child soldiers not only violates international law, it complicates the efforts of watchdog groups to assess the group's conflicts with Israel. Human rights groups have been criticised for inflating Palestinian civilian deaths by recording teenage male combatants killed in action as civilian deaths, despite Hamas's open training of teenagers for combat and the group's boasting that it uses children as jihadists. *The Tower*

Assassination attempt in Jerusalem – standing up to intimidation

When violence is used to terrorise and bully a group into abdicating basic human rights, it becomes a threat to the foundations of democracy. Last week, Mu'taz Hijazi, who is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad terrorist group, tried to assassinate Rabbi Yehuda Glick. This was an horrific act of violence directed at a man who was singled out for his religious and political beliefs.

What makes this crime all the more tragic was the fact that Glick, who is a vocal activist for the right of Jews to pray on the Temple Mount, is also a strong defender of Muslims' right to freedom of religious expression on what they call Haram a-Sharif.

We must disabuse ourselves of the idea that innocuous acts such as Jewish prayers on the Temple Mount are the trigger for Muslim rioting, stone-throwing, destruction and murder. Rather the Arabs who commit these offences choose to lash out against Jews in order to intimidate them into ceding their rights.

Permitting Jews – or members of any other religion – to visit the Temple Mount and even pray there should be a religious freedom that is carefully protected by a democracy. Caving in to the demands of militant Muslims out of a desire to avoid "escalation" is capitulating to extremism and betraying the ideals of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. *JPost*

UNRWA Goes to War UNRWA-Hamas symbiosis detailed in new film



In a new documentary video titled *UNRWA Goes to War*, journalist David Bedein builds a seemingly incontestable case against United Nations Rellief and Works Agency, showing the close symbiotic relations between it and the terror group Hamas and how UNRWA schools serve the interests of Hamas.

The video shows that not only did UNRWA schools serve as repositories for rockets in the last Gaza war, and not only were rockets launched from places adjacent to UNRWA institutions – the students at the schools are themselves educated to hate Israel and aspire to destroy it.

Bedein launched a scathing attack on UNRWA in a video he produced and published three years ago, earning a furious rebuttal from the UN group.

"While the UNRWA slogan is 'Peace Starts Here,' a more appropriate slogan would be 'War Starts with UNRWA,'" the film charges. It shows footage of what it says are UNRWA elementary school students participating in military-style displays in plain sight of their teachers, in afterschool activities organised by Hamas.

As usual, the question is – is anyone listening?

Arutz Sheva

To watch the 15-minute video, Search UNRWA goes to war

Reaction

Jewish actress scorns Miliband over Palestine vote

One of Britain's most popular actresses and comediennes, Maureen Lipman, has told opposition leader Ed Miliband that after five decades of being a socialist and voting for the Labour Party, she will no longer support his party "until it is once more led by mensches."

In an article for *Standpoint* magazine, Lipman launched a typically humorous but strong attack on the increasingly hapless Labour leader.

Miliband, Lipman said, "comes from a family of secular Jews, but his need for union approval is much greater than his need for Jewish support." Noting that Jews make less than 1 per cent of the UK population, she pondered, "Why should we care if we vote for him or not?" She disclosed that at a recent gathering Miliband asked her whether she was a "practising Jew." Lipman replied that she was "constantly practising, but seldom achieving," before adding that she did "her best."

The Labour leader then enquired whether she "did Shabbat dinners." Lipman told him she did when she could and they spoke about arranging a convenient date

But, Lipman noted, "Two days later, he was all over the papers knocking back a bacon sandwich" and while she accepted there was "nothing intrinsically wrong with a secular Jew chomping a thinly sliced pan-fried pig rump," that was "his choice."

That issue aside, she revealed she had delayed sending an invitation to Miliband, because since then he had got "something else between his teeth" – Israel.

"Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse," Lipman noted, antisemitism was "mounting savagely" across several countries in Europe. "Just when cemeteries, synagogues, and shops were once again under threat" and when "virulence against a country defending itself against 4,000 rockets and 32 tunnels inside its borders, in steps Mr Miliband to demand that the government recognise the "State of Palestine" alongside the State of Israel."

She catalogued the inevitable reaction to the vote as "applause from the unions, smiles of approbation from the far Left, and shock and horror from the Jewish Board of Deputies" and asked, why did he do this and why now? She attacked Miliband, reminding him that as an actress she is often commended for her timing, and asserting, "Frankly, my dear, yours sucks!" She reminded him that the world is "exploding around us," Islamic State is beheading civilians while raping and pillaging across Syria and Iraq, Hong Kong might see a replay of Tiananmen Square, and there is Islamist terrorism "in every spot of the globe."

"If one Jew had been responsible for any of these bombings, there would, I am afraid to



say, have been another *Kristallnacht* and at this point in our history, you choose to back these footling backbenchers in this ludicrous piece of propaganda."

Lipman asked Miliband to explain where were the photographs of the civilian dead from the allied bombing of Iraq, or the daily count of dead and maimed babies and the howling mothers and screaming old women from Gaza" a reference to the Labour Party's support for UK air strikes on ISIS in Iraq while registering strong opposition to Israeli air strikes on Gaza in response to rocket fire into Israel.

"May I remind you that no one is tunneling into Dover or sending rockets into Coventry, yet we seem to have every right to bomb the living daylight out of Iraq... Conclusion: one law for the Israelis, another law for the rest of the world," she said.

In conclusion, Lipman said she would vote for "almost any other party" until Labour is once again led by "mensches," which one UK newspaper explained to its non-Jewish readership as meaning people with integrity and honour. *JPost*



Commemorating 100 years – Sir John Monash

On 26 October at the JHGSWA meeting at Noranda Chabad Shul, a packed house gave their rapt attention to a documentary film and subsequent discussion facilitated by Eli Rabinowitz, on the truly remarkable life of Sir John Monash. This film, titled *Sir John Monash GCMG KCB! AUSTRALIA IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR!*

Commemorating 100 years! is an excellent history of a remarkable man who deserves credit for shortening the war by many months through his brilliant tactical planning. A skilful blend of original footage and cleverly re-enacted scenes showed the true colours of all the protagonists in Monash's part in the war.

Sir John showed exceptional ability, as a first rate scholar at Scotch College, Melbourne, where he became Dux of the School. After studies at Melbourne University, he built a successful business as a civil engineer, pioneering the manufacture of reinforced concrete. But it was his success as a soldier in World War I that was to make him famous.

Here was a Jew born in 1865, whose Prussian parents had arrived in Australia scarcely two years earlier, a man who spoke fluent German, yet he had no hesitation in playing a vital role in the Great War against Germany which he perceived as a barbaric nation under the Kaiser.

Monash had joined the militia at university in 1884 and continuing as a part-time soldier by the outbreak of war in 1914, he had risen through the senior ranks to become a general. He was at the Gallipoli disaster in 1915 in charge of Australian troops and was horrified to see firsthand how bad planning wasted the lives of brave soldiers. He determined that it should never be tolerated. He became the foremost military commander to meticulously plan the detail of each coming battle, which commitment he was to put into effect in early 1916 at Passchendaele where he was in charge of the Australian 3rd Division. At the battle of Hamel in July 1916 he commanded a corps of soldiers and, in an unprecedented piece of coordinated planning, he organised the advance of

tanks and planes with artillery and infantry support to great advantage. In his last campaign at the Battle of Amiens in October 1918, his victory broke the will of the Germans to continue fighting and perhaps shortened the war by several months. So renowned did he become that he was the first general in 200 years to be knighted by a British monarch on a field of battle.

Sir John's career in the military was shadowed by antisemitism yet his abilities at time of War could not be denied and he won out against the opposition of key detractors, notably the official Australian war correspondent Charles Bean – who plainly disliked all Jews – and the influential journalist Keith Murdoch (the father of the media magnate Rupert Murdoch) because he could not manipulate him. Sir John always wanted his men to be recognised for their bravery and sacrifice and this at times gave the impression of self-promotion, which ruffled the feathers of his military superiors and the politicians in Australian government including the war-time Prime Minister, "Billy" Hughes.

At the close of the war he was given the challenging task of keeping occupied the very many thousands of Australian soldiers in Britain by training and entertainments until they could be sent home.

Monash's final triumph came about when he used his persistence to have the Shrine of Remembrance built in Melbourne as a memorial to all those, including 19,000 Australians, who lost their lives fighting in the Great War, and as a tribute to those who stayed behind and waited for them.

300,000 people attended Sir John's funeral in 1931. It has been suggested that the prestige of this Jewish commander could be a reason why Jews in Australia were to experience comparatively less antisemitism than became the case in Europe. Despite his success as a soldier, Sir John was never made a Field Marshal. Was this because he was Jewish or that he had been too much a thorn in the side of the Australian political establishment in pressing constantly for better conditions for his men? Perhaps both were equally important factors. Whatever the reason, it is truly remarkable that Sir John Monash remains the only Jew outside Israel to have his face on a bank note! *Michael Anderson*

MZH

Connecting the community through music

Monday Morning Concerts at the Maurice Zeffert Home have become a regular feature. On 27 October, the residents were treated to a special concert given by singer Estee Todres, and pianist Adam Phillimore.

The concert opened with the enchanting Chopin Nocturne in C# Minor (posthumous) played by Adam, followed by three Brahms' Lieder by Estee. Amongst the well-chosen program was an aria from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, a piano sonata by Mozart, Debussy's *Golliwog's Cakewalk*, and a poignant Yiddish song entitled *Zait gesunter haite meine liebe elstern* by M. Persin. The latter is about a young soldier saying goodbye to his parents.

Estee and Adam also sang a Samuel Barber song, entitled *Sure on this Shining Night*, harmonising beautifully together. Adam simultaneously provided the piano accompaniment.

Proud grandparents of Adam, Lita and Leo Goldflam, and mother Barbara, were in attendance. Leo, who is a resident of the Home, was elegantly dressed for the occasion, resplendent in a red tie. Equally proud were Estee's parents, Penelope and Julian Todres.

There may be many amateur or professional musicians in the community who would like to share their musical talents with residents of the Home. Not only do the residents benefit from the performances, but young performers (and older) also gain practice and confidence in appearing before an appreciative audience.

Margaret Helfgott



Lita and Leo Goldflam, grandparents of Adam



Adam Phillimore, pianist



Estee Todres, singer

Monash's papers have been digitised by the Australian War Museum and are online. Search 'John Monash wartime records.' To browse, click on Series 1 and Series 3 in the last paragraph to access the files.



Maurice Zeffert Home (Inc)

ART EXHIBITION

**Thursday, 13 November 2014
between 10 and 11.30am**

Maurice Zeffert Home will be hosting an Art Exhibition as part of National Seniors Week.

The exhibits on show have been done by seniors from the Home and the Community.

Some of the works will be available for sale.

***The community is encouraged
to attend and enjoy morning tea.***

Installation of Rabbi Adi Cohen

In between passages of upbeat Hebrew music sung by the congregation's choir, a tribute from Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky, of Adelaide's Beit Shalom Synagogue, was read out. "At every encounter I have been impressed with his insight, his passion, and his extraordinary integrity. He has much to contribute to your community. He and Gila bring with them their great love for the Jewish tradition and the Jewish people, and I have no question they will share generously of this love with the Temple David community."

Enthusiastic young Temple David member Nathan Angert, gave a moving presentation, written by him, fellow member Jacob McDonald and Temple David Vice Presidents Ute Leedman and Amanda Mace of what Temple David means to them and what the Rabbi's installation means to the Temple David community.

The Rabbi, who was originally ordained at Jerusalem's Hebrew Union College, was honoured with the presentation of a tallit that was symbolically knotted to represent the four aspects of the Progressive Jewish community, namely the UPJ, represented by Steve Denenberg, the Temple David Board represented by Joel Mendelsohn and Madeleine McCreanor, the Temple David Congregation and educators represented by Helen Bryant and Joan Romick and the proud family represented by Gila Cohen with sons Shaked, Tommer and Yoav.

Together they helped wrap Rabbi Cohen in the ceremonial tallit to symbolise Temple David truly embracing the Rabbi and his family into its fold.

Temple David President Joel Mendelson said the Rabbi's installation marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Temple David. "His abundant warmth, humour, energy, knowledge and love of Progressive Judaism and Jewish life, underscoring his creative leadership, make him an ideal candidate to help us build on the foundations and traditions of this community."

Douglas Asher Mace expressed what all felt: "What an honour it was to be present at Temple David for the official installation of our new rockin' Rabbi. The ceremony and symbolism were magnificent. Amanda and I couldn't be prouder of all involved at TD. Officially, welcome and thank you for being our Rabbi."



Nathan Angert

Maccabi



New Archery Club

Excited? An understatement! Mikey had been counting down the number of sleeps. Maccabi Archery Club began its six-week beginners' course on Sunday, 2 November. Chris Binyon and Lynda Strawbridge were our instructors. Noam Goldberg, Ethan Lemer, Mikey, Sam and Yoni Zulberg, and Jeremy, Joshua and Daniel Raiter listened intently. A number of keen onlookers would have to wait until the new year to join the next beginners' course, which is already partially filled.

Chris Binyon was a runner-up in the World Master's Archery Championship. Lynda Strawbridge is a judge with Archery Australia and has been a National champion. We were indeed privileged to have people with such experience and expertise. After the 'Safety and Archery Etiquette' talk, Chris walked us through the history of the bow through the ages. This included viewing models of the Crossbow, Mongol, Long bow and the Recurve. The correct technique for shooting arrows was taught. We took it in turn to step up to the 10-metre line. Several students hit bulls eyes! Next week scoring will be incorporated.

For members of the general public, we will arrange a one-off introductory session so that people can experience archery without committing to a 6-week course. Please register interest via our email waarchery@maccabi.com.au. To book a place in the next beginners' course please also register at waarchery@maccabi.com.au. Be quick ... there are limited places! Photos Donnay Zulberg



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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

Have you booked for JNF's Event this Sunday, 9 November 2014?

We have three amazing guests of honour

MAJOR G: He will give a personal account of Operation Protective Edge.

OFIR FISHER: A dynamic speaker. Born in South Africa to Tova and Broadway Star Dudu Fisher. He is co-founder and currently Vice President of the OR Movement.

ALLISON SPEISER: Resident of Merchav Am.

"I want to tell you a little about Merchav Am. We are a yishuv – a town, a little village, in the middle of the Negev Desert. You drive past Be'ersheva and then keep going and going and going... we are near a few more places also located in the middle of nowhere, but for all intents and purposes, we are pretty isolated.

When we moved from the Jerusalem area to Merchav Am about a year-and-a-half ago, we were family number 46. In the next few weeks, we will hit 63 families – a huge growth in percentage over a short time, and a real sign of the amazing momentum happening in Merchav Am and in the Negev as a whole. For years, the Negev was all but ignored. Sure there were a few cities and development towns, but few people were making an active decision to build their lives there. But things have been changing in the past few years, and the energy here is palpable. People are looking for good educational opportunities for their kids, jobs, affordable housing, and a general better quality of life – and a chance to get away from the densely populated central part of the country. We are, believe it or not, finding it here

in the Negev. Merchav Am was started aiming to meet these objectives, and with the goal in mind of being a religious yet open minded yishuv.

We don't have much here yet – most of our families still live in caravans – temporary housing, though more and more are building permanent homes. We still don't have a grocery store, no medical clinic, no bank or pharmacy, and sparse public transportation. But we have an amazing and much used community centre, a synagogue, day care centre and kindergarten, a small playground, and sunsets that are like spilled paint boxes on the hills.

We have great friends who are like family, and joyful, driven families who work together towards community building here in our little corner of the desert. Ben Gurion believed that we could make the desert bloom and we are getting there – slowly but surely – we are building Israel's future in the Negev."

Ladies

You are invited to a Ladies Only Seudah, kindly hosted by Rabbani Aviva Freilich at PHC on Shabbat afternoon, 8 November 2014 from 5pm to 6pm when Allison Speiser will talk of the challenges of living Ben Gurion's Dream.

The Shabbos Project

Linda Friedland

Avraham's Angels, the Carmel kids and The Shabbos Project

Our 'Shabbos Project' experience was simple in plan and execution. A class of kids spending shabbos in a family home, wholly organised by a fifteen year old. It can claim none of the headlines of the amazing programs from the 460 participating cities. No thousands of people in streets of beautifully decked tables under the stars of Africa or North America. No huge marquees with hundreds of guests as in Hendon or Golders Green. No themed dinners in the gorgeous shul halls of Sydney, San Diego or São Paulo. No celebrity guests or musicians.

Simply a long table, clamouring with song, food and a diverse group of twenty five fifteen-year-olds (almost all non-observant), three wise and winsome young *bachurim* with 12 years *Hesder* Yeshiva and *Tzahal* service under their belts, a gorgeous vibrant Habonim Madricha, a Danish gentleman recently converted with his two young gentile sons and three Israeli travellers, fresh from the Aussie outback with no intention of staying for Shabbat.

Sunday morning a week prior, the last of the *chagim* are over as youngest son reluctantly does his designated chore of dismantling the succah. He asks if it would be okay to invite the entire Year 10 class for the whole of shabbat as it is *The Shabbos Project* and there's not much happening for his friends. Only three classmates are *shomrei shabbat* and although many of his peers are at first reluctant, together with a great class organiser, they mobilise the group, and by late Friday afternoon, almost the entire class has signed up.

Thursday night 8pm, I race through the supermarket filling up a trolley, anxious to get home to cook, move furniture, set tables and



help young son clean his messy room to set up mattresses and bedding for the big shabbos sleepover. He calls me urgently – an Israeli who has been travelling the outback for six months has arrived in Perth and needs to sleep over. Young son's newest friend, an Israeli soldier who sojourned in Perth and joined our family for some of the Chagim after crossing Australia on a motorbike, has called from Sydney to ask this favour. This new visitor was commander of his unit in *Tzahal*. Ten minutes later he calls again. It's three guys and they're on their way. I say, "No way! Are you crazy?!"

After setting up mattresses, showering off red dust of the North West, wolfing down bowls of pasta and sharing with the family snippets of info on the army, work with special needs kids and on farms, the study of evolutionary biology and the trauma of a spinal injury and life in a wheelchair, I am also told, "No way, Are you crazy?!" to my invitation to join us in a 'keeping it together' shabbat. Hours later I find one visitor sniffing the freshly baked challot with tears in

his eyes, recalling the last time, so many years ago, he saw challot. I contemplate the words of one of my children earlier in the day: "Mom, just like Avraham, you opened the corner of your tent and three dusty people arrived. They turned out to be angels." The first thing Abraham did was to open his house; in fact he took away the doors. Everybody was welcome. He just took them in and told them, "This is my house and this is your house too."

A few hours after the last crumbs had been vacuumed, fragments of the day swirled through my mind. The melody of *Shalom Aleichim* booming out from our home as the group beat rhythmically on the long wooden tables. Eldest son reading the prayer for IDF soldiers, which we do every week, but this week we have six *chayalim* at our table. Some with several years' yeshiva learning under their belt, others from the elite *Shaldag* unit many years ago, and one fresh out of the trauma of the Gaza war.

I contemplate some of the remarkable moments – The Habonim madricha running a program engaging the teens in a deep discussion on the parsha: Was Noah a real leader like Moshe or Avraham? Secular and observant kids singing together. A recent convert laughing with an eighth-generation Yerushalmi. Left and right wing politics flowing freely between the different youth movements. *Chiloni* (secular) and *Dati* (religious) Israelis sharing army memories into the early hours. Spicy aromas, sweet hot challah. Thirty teenagers (*sans* screens and smartphones) having face-to-face conversations.

A sublime twenty-four hours of being graced with sweet resonance, unity and goodness.



Beach Lightning Carnival

Students from Years 6 to 11 attended the 'outstanding' House Beach Carnival on last Monday. The Year 6 students were welcomed into their High School House/Mentor groups for next year and the Year 11 students had an early taste of the leadership expectations we have for them in 2015, as they organised events, umpired fixtures and joined in wherever possible. After a morning of awesome beach activities including cricket, netball, touch rugby and volleyball – the students enjoyed the opportunity to 'tuck in' to a gourmet burger and a drink around lunch. This was followed by some impromptu games between the staff and students and, naturally, a swim.



Spelling Bee

Lynda Fisher and
Anabel Whyte

Last Tuesday evening students from Years 3, 4 and 5 participated in the Intra-school Spelling Bee Competition held in the Ashley Schaffer Early Learning Centre. All the students competed skilfully and in the spirit of the spirit of the evening. This was a voluntary competition and the participants are to be congratulated for putting themselves forward and taking the risk of participating in a competition. They also demonstrated that they had put great effort into learning these challenging words. The winners in each year level will go through to the Interschool Spelling Bee Competition to be held at Perth College on 18 November. A delicious supper followed the competition.



Tracking along

The bike and scooter track has been laid in the Adventure Playground and has been given the 'thumbs up' by some enthusiastic Prep students and Mrs Bolton. The area is really taking shape and we look forward to seeing the result of the placement of the rocks and the creation of the dry creek bed.



JNF Grant

Our school has been the welcome recipient of a generous \$3,000 grant from JNF.

This grant will be used to develop the Eco Centre further and fund our ongoing commitment to raising the awareness environmental issues. We greatly appreciate the financial support JNF has offered to ensure Carmel School continues to provide a range of initiatives that highlight the importance of maintaining a sustainable approach to living.



Hebrew Club

Primary School Hebrew Club began with a blast as 22 students came for an afternoon of games and speaking Hebrew. With the energy of Amichai and Leora, there was never a dull moment, for a fun Hebrew speaking experience. For the high school Hebrew Club, it was an afternoon at the movies at Hebrew Club this week with students ordering tickets and concessions at the "Cinema" at the Israel Room in the high school... all in Hebrew!



A BIG THANK YOU! P&F support the Year 1-3 Playground

A significant donation from the P&F to fund the new cycle track bordering the new Year 1-3 playground has literally framed our Nature/Adventure Playground. The excitement is building as the School completes the final detailing of the playground. The P&F need to be congratulated on their efforts. Thank you also to the parents for supporting the chocolate drive, the Quiz Night and the many other P&F initiatives – your support benefits every child at Carmel School.



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Carmel School

Carmel Year 10 unity for The Shabbat Project

It was a Shabbat to remember for our Year 10 class, filled with meaning, laughter, prayer, connections, songs and most of all, unity, as we embraced this opportunity to keep Shabbat together.

The beautiful thing about our Shabbos was the coming together of all the different elements of our community: Habo and Bnei, religious and secular, young and old. We attended Kabbalat Shabbat at the various Shules and then all walked to the Friedlands for dinner. Our year was joined by the *Bachurim* from the *Tzevet* and Cassie Oblowitz from Habo, together with some interesting, unexpected Friedland guests. After a delicious dinner, Cassie ran an incredible *tochnit* on *Parshat Noach* addressing Noach's righteousness, but his incapacity to lead and influence others. We agreed that our good deeds are not exclusive, but should be shared with others. What a profound message to learn especially on this Shabbas Project!

We were pleased as we walked to different houses for the sleepover that there was still a full day of Shabbos ahead. We got a good night's sleep (at least our parents think so) ready for the day to come. For Shabbat lunch we headed back to Benji's place, where we now felt fully at home. Throughout the day, disconnected from technology, we immersed ourselves in board games, sang, relaxed and chatted face to face at the Steinbergs. We realised that we CAN really enjoy a day without a smart phones and TV. We also realised we can all drop our differences and find unity. The end of the day included a walk in the rain to the Parrys for *Seuda Shlishit* where Liron Van Heerden ran a great program.

An interesting phenomenon occurred towards the end of Shabbat. Many of the boys started feeling low in spirit. Was it digital detox or lack of sleep? Consensus – most likely due to the concept of the *Neshama Yeteira* (the additional soul of Shabbat) departing from us.

This special day of meaningful connections and enlightening experiences was a highlight for us all! We're already planning the next Shabbat we can do as a year group!

Benji Friedland and Gina Steinberg

School's Out Party

Sunday 30 November

Kindy to Year 3: 4pm - 5.45pm

Years 4 to 6: 6pm - 8.00pm

61 Woodrow Avenue Yokine (Gordon Bloomfield Hall)

Under strict adult supervision (parents are welcome to stay)

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NCJWA Women Achievers 2014

On **Sunday, 30 November**, three women achievers will be honoured by the NCJWA (WA) at a special function. One of them is **Alecia Benzie**.

Alecia is currently the Executive Manager, Philanthropy at the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO), developing a community of supporters deeply engaged with WASO. Alecia started her career as a Graduate with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and had a diplomatic posting as a political officer in Thailand reporting on South-East Asia.

Alecia is passionate about philanthropy and the development of a philanthropic culture in Western Australia.

NCJWA looks forward to host this special event, so don't miss out. Phone NCJWA office on 9276 8040, Noreen Sher on 9370 3756 or email wa@ncjwa.org.au

Natanya Group

Natanya's next meeting will take place on Monday, 17 November 2014 commencing at 7.30pm 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.



WIZO

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WIZO Aviva AGM

Our last meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 2 December at Renee Rosenberg's home. There will be a light dinner starting at 6.30pm.

Let's have fun, celebrate the year and look forward to 2015. The work of WIZO never diminishes and we should be immensely proud of our ongoing commitment.

WIZO Ilana

Our Melbourne Cup lunch was another very successful celebration of the big race. Thanks to everyone who contributed the delicious food and a big thank you to all who helped. Congratulations to the lucky winners of the sweeps.

ORA WA CULTURAL GROUP

Our next meeting will take place at the Jewish Community Centre
61 Woodrow Avenue, Yokine

11 NOVEMBER 10AM SHARP

Before speaker Joe Hallis from Israel

All apologies to Diane Cohen 9375 1919

AUJS

AUJS represented at the Colour Run 2014!

Numerous AUJS members entered this year's Colour Run, which was enjoyed by all participants! AUJS will be donating part proceeds to an Israeli charity of their choice on behalf of those participants who ran under the AUJS banner at this annual event. Hopefully next year, we can get more runners to join this amazing event.



AUJS Social Extravaganza!

On 19 October, AUJS ran their official second semester social event. With over 100 attendees, the weather didn't stop anyone from enjoying the night! There was true Oktoberfest theming thanks to the amazing set up of decorations by Aimee Bricker and Tali Myers. The 2014 social calendar featured three big, successful events, and with the help of our amazing event coordinators Shane Fisher and Zac Sharp, who put in many hours, there should even more things happening next year!



JewishCare WA

An afternoon of music

Save the afternoon of Sunday, 16 November for a special musical get-together at the Jewish Centre.

As part of Seniors Week, a musical quartet will entertain our seniors with hits from the 50s and 60s. *The Silvertones'* style of music is described as upbeat with a repertoire designed to awaken old memories of fun and happy times from the past. Light refreshments and snacks will be served during intermission. See 'Applause' ad on page 8.

For more information, 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.



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ATHLETE NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR:

- Swimming
- Football
- Tennis
- Golf
- Karate
- Half marathon
- 10k run
- Basketball
- Squash

Note: other sports may be offered if enough interest
Athlete nominations close in Feb 2015; teams to be selected by March 2015.

MANAGEMENT NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR:

- Team Managers for above teams (close 7 Nov)
- Team Doctor (close 15 Nov)
- Team Security (close 15 Nov)
- Team Treasurer (close 15 Nov)
- Coaches for above teams (close 15 Jan)
- Team Physiotherapists (close 15 Jan)
- Team Journalist (close 15 Feb)

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING:

Melbourne: 23 Nov, Maccabi office, 5.30pm
Sydney: 25 Nov, White City, 8.00pm

For more information and to nominate:
www.maccabi.com.au/panam

Or contact:
Lauren Ehrlich, Head of Delegation, 0410 550 384
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European Maccabi Games

Open and Masters

Berlin, Germany
Games Dates:
27 July – 5 August 2015
(Likely departure date 23 July 2015)

The Futsal Team will be returning to defend their 2011 Gold Medal and we are looking for other teams and individuals who would like to attend. The following teams are those which we are seeking specific nominations but check out the website for the complete list of sports available

ATHLETE, MANAGER AND COACH NOMINATIONS

NOW OPEN FOR:

- Futsal – men's open
- Hockey – men's open

If you are looking to attend the Games as an individual in a sport such as swimming, golf or tennis for example, we would love to see you there, so please nominate now.

If you believe you have a team interested in attending these Games please contact Ellana via the number below.

All nominations close 30 November 2014

For more information and to nominate:
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Ellana Aarons, MA Executive Director, (03) 9563 5865

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Juniors, 13 – 16 as at 1 July 2015

Dallas, Texas and Fort Lauderdale, Florida USA
Dates of Travel: 30 July – 17 August 2015

ATHLETE NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR:

- Soccer – boys & girls under 16
- Basketball – boys & girls under 16
- Swimming

Nominations close 19 December, 2014
Selections to take place Australia Day long weekend in either Melbourne or Sydney (subject to nominations)

MANAGEMENT NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR:

- Social Media Officer (close 14 Nov)
- Team Managers for above teams (close 14 Nov)
- Coaches for above teams (close 28 Nov)
- Team Welfare Officer (close 28 Nov)

ATTEND AN INFORMATION EVENING:

Melbourne: 20 Nov, Bullick College, 7.30pm
Sydney: 25 Nov, White City, 7.00pm

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Home 9335 3138

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This Sunday afternoon
9 November at 2pm

Come down to the courts for an afternoon of tennis, court games for kids, some coaching, some catching up, and a generally good, fun time for all! **Kids 2-3pm – Adults 3-5.30pm**

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For more info, email Alan Paiker alanpaiks@hotmail.com

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, 27 October 2014

N/S field Hymie Touyz & Joan Touyz

E/W field Gail Fogelman & Christine Ross

Wednesday, 29 October 2014

1st Hymie Touyz & Joan Touyz

2nd Ester Finkelstein & Elizabeth Bennett



Aspergery

My grandson suffers from Asperger's, a form of autism that is characterised by significant difficulties in social interaction and nonverbal communication, as well as restricted and repetitive patterns of behaviour and interests. It's a substantial disability. Life is hard for my grandson and perhaps even more in a sense for his parents who have had to deal with raising someone who has extreme difficulty fitting in, making friends and coping with everyday trials.

As a family, we've been tested. But I'm proud to say we've never been guilty of one kind of inexcusable response. As you can see from the way I'm sharing this information, we've never been ashamed. It would be heartless beyond words to make our child who has Asperger's feel that his illness warrants embarrassment, that an affliction beyond his control deserves humiliation.

Which is why I am so disturbed by what just recently passed as civil and permissible discourse in the inner sanctum of America's White House. Jeffrey Goldberg, prominent journalist and close friend of the President, in a recent piece in the *Atlantic magazine* titled 'The Crisis In US-Israel Relations Is Officially Here', revealed that unnamed Obama administration officials have described the Israeli Prime Minister as recalcitrant, myopic, reactionary, obtuse, blustering, pompous and a slang word unfit to be reprinted – as well as "Aspergery."

I leave it to others to react to the insulting personal remarks directed towards the head of a government ostensibly a close friend and ally of the United States – the kind of invectives I do not recall ever being uttered against leaders of any other country, no matter how unfriendly to America and its interests. The word *diplomatic* somehow seems to be forgotten in dealings with Israel. But I do not write this from a political perspective. My concern is prompted by something personal. And it shocks me that while there has been outrage to the highly irregular slighting of a Prime Minister there wasn't an equally formidable response to the disgraceful slur that identified a medical disability as a grave personal failing.

To use Aspergery as insult is as offensive as condemning someone with cerebral palsy or mocking someone with Down's syndrome.

As a society we have thankfully learned that certain abuses are simply too inflammatory. Not too long ago the wealthy titleholder of a basketball

Rabbi Benjamin Blech

team in Los Angeles was forced to give up his ownership because he had used the "N-word," mind you not in a public forum but in private telephone conversation. It is clear that racism will not in any form be tolerated.

What shall we say then about the kind of insensitivity that hurts those most in need of our compassion and understanding? How much understanding does it take to grasp that we don't make sport of sickness nor do we ever shame its victims?

As the grandfather of a child whose condition is shared by countless other innocent victims, I pray that Aspergery and its like will be seen as contemptible a pejorative as the racist and antisemitic invectives we so mightily strive to remove from our society – and will never again make its appearance in civilised dialogue. *Aish.com*

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THIS SHABBAT

Friday 7 November

6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

Followed by a bring-and-share Oneg.

Saturday 8 November

8:50am Temple David Religion School

10:15am Shabbat Morning Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Friday 7 November

10:30am **Mums & Bubs Group**

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

Monday 10 November

10.30am to 11.30am **"Food for Thought"**
Discussion Group

Wednesday 12 November

10am to 11.30am **"JustJewit"** Discussion Group

5:45pm **Israeli dancing**—all welcome!

From 7pm Adult Education classes

for all levels of learner

7pm **Hebrew classes** & 8pm **Judaic studies**

SPECIAL EVENT

3.00pm Sunday 9 November

Commemoration of Kristallnacht

in conjunction with the Council of Christian & Jews Western Australia Inc

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SHABBAT PARSHAT VAYERA

7-8 NOVEMBER 2014

Shabbat

Candlelighting.....	6.28pm
Mincha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	6.30pm
Shacharit	9.00am
Shabbat Mincha.....	6.20pm
Maariv Motzei Shabbat.....	7.27pm

Sunday 9th November

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

Weekdays

Shacharit	6.15am
Mincha/Maariv	6.35pm

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SHABBAT

Friday 7 November

Erev Shabbat.....6.30pm

Saturday 8 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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Services at the PHC Beit Midrash

SHABBAT TIMES

PARSHAT VAYERA

Candle Lighting.....	6.28pm
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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A divine contract for a divine life!

A couple of weeks ago, the chaplaincy of St John's Hospital Subiaco, invited me to talk to them about my spiritual journey. This event was to mark Chaplaincy Week all around Australia.

I recounted to them, amongst many other things, my first experience at pastoral care when I visited patients in hospital as a student rabbi. I used to return home to Sydney from studies in England, during the summer vacation in the northern hemisphere and invariably the Great Synagogue would give me pastoral duties while Rev Gluck, their usual chaplain was away. My first experience at visiting Wolper Jewish Hospital in Sydney was the one that set the tone for all my pastoral visits as a rabbi. I recall being dropped off at the hospital by my mother and grandmother. Being in my very early 20s and having to bring comfort to patients much older than myself, my grandmother noticed that I was uneasy. She said to me, "Go into each room with your warm smile and sense of optimism and treat each patient as part of your family, because they are. We are all the family of G-d..." These words I carry with me to this day, whenever I am performing the mitzvah of giving comfort as a rabbi. Everybody is like family and I try, to the best of my ability to make every patient feel this familial bond. Sometimes it evokes a deep personal emotional feeling in me towards any member of "my family's" suffering. But if this were not the case and I felt, G- forbid, blasé about such visits, the mitzvah would be worthless.

When I came to Perth twenty-six years ago and the congregation offered me a rabbinic contract, I told the executive of our shule at the time, which consisted of Albert Saddik, Prof Max Walters, Dr John Rosenthal and Prof Keith Shilkin that I did not want a contract. The relationship between congregation and its rabbi has to be one which is based on goodwill and respect for each other. If one has to start looking at contracts during the relationship, then the partnership is in deep trouble. One of the main reasons that I did not want to sign a rabbinic contract was because rabbinic contracts often state that the rabbi is required "to visit the sick, comfort the mourners, come to synagogue services etc etc"... Such a contract every Jew made with the Almighty at Mt Sinai some 3,500 years ago. Seeing that the contract has already been made, it made no sense signing another one. If any rabbi has to be reminded in a legal document that he should visit the sick, or comfort the mourner, then he shouldn't have been a rabbi in the first place! Helping your fellow human being is not a job. It is a Divine responsibility for each and every one of us, as a member of "God's family" and therefore it should be known that when I participate in a simcha or l'havdil comfort any mourner in our congregation or visit the sick, I am not doing it as a rabbinical job, because I have no contract. I would do it whether I was your rabbi or not (if I hear about it), because each and every one of you is, in the words of my grandmother, a member of "G-d's family". This is why I always feel uncomfortable when I am thanked for doing these mitzvahs, because I don't regard them as anything out of the ordinary. Every Jewish person is expected to treat Jew and non-Jew with compassion and kindness. May I remind each and every one of us that we should do our best to fulfil our Divine Contract in visiting the sick, comforting the mourners, helping the poor and extending hospitality to those in need. Hashem did not only make this contract with the rabbis at Mt Sinai, but with all of us.

So let's fulfil our Divine contract for a Divine life! *Shabbat Shalom*

Dovid Freilich

Living in Retirement

Tuesday, 11 November **Guest Speaker – Simon Lawrence**
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 Morning Coffee \$5

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SHABBAT

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Friday 7 November

Mincha6.15pm
 Kabbalat Shabbat / Ma'ariv6.30pm

Saturday 8 November

Shacharit 9.00am
 Mincha6.25pm
 Ma-ariv & Termination of Shabbat7.25pm

Weekdays

Shacharit 6.30am
 Mincha / Ma'ariv6.00pm

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 Mincha / Shiur / Ma'ariv6.00pm



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Pink Sunday inspires...

Ester Steingieser, on behalf of NCJWA, thanks Team Maccabi for a great partnership; the NCJWA committee for their work and support, Sue Levy, who initiated the Pink Sunday event last year, and Jillian Green, who did an amazing job this year; Donnay Zulberg, for her wonderful photos; and Café 61 for nourishing the cyclists with pink cupcakes. To purchase photographic prints or a copy of Ron's book, email gordonron@icloud.com

Photos Donnay Zulberg



Jill and Katie Green



Felicia Schwartz, Rynette Gomer and Renicia Vilensky



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Rabbi Shalom and Rabbanit Odeya White with family and friends



Lara and Shayna Slotar

Sport



Indoor Soccer Triumphant Turtles

Congratulations to Turtles FC on winning the Loftus Recreation Centre Monday Night Indoor Soccer League, Division C.

The Turtles were heavy underdogs against a strong opposition rarely defeated in the regular season. They put in a stunning performance to take out the final with a 4-2 victory.

Pictured: Daniel Keyser, Jamie Leedman, Stan Keyser, Shrest Jottee, Adam Leedman, Mark Van Proctor and Lee Robinson.

Personals

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