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Notice Board

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Under Fire



Editor David Kaplan, pointing out an Israeli retaliatory attack on Beit Hanoun in Gaza minutes after a Kassam was fired at Sderot

“**M**ake no mistake we won this war,” said **Professor**

Asher Susser, Director of the Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern Studies at Telfed’s Netanya Regional Committee inaugural lecture. Referring to the three week offensive against Hamas, he inferred too that we simultaneously won the Second Lebanese War. Hezbollah had the opportunity and the incentive to open a second front and chose not to do so. “There were a lot of *fiery* speeches from Nasrallah but no *firing* of rockets.” The immense might and the political will of Israel to defend its people had sunk in.

The hope now is that it will bring some level of calm and tranquillity to our southern region that has endured eight years of constant rocket attacks. Amongst the brave and long suffering residents of the south, are many former Southern Africans. “Every day I went to work I felt I might never see my family again,” expressed 21 year old **Dana Bar-On** from Kibbutz Nir Am. In our **Cover Story** we tap into the lives of our community and hear about their experiences.

We also cover the response of **Telfed’s** volunteers. It was gratifying to hear that a soldier of Southern African parentage had

received near Gaza, a parcel packed by his aunt at the *Table to Table* warehouse the previous day in Raanana. Like the military operation, the ‘Home Front’ too was working like clockwork.

While **Telfed** is an organisation that cares and acts, it requires the wherewithal to do so. In the wake of the global financial crisis, ‘our Fed’ has been beset by decreasing income coupled with increasing demands. Today your community needs your help. See report and appeal in the **Focus on Telfed** on page 4.

All said and done, while the world economy is on the *down*, aliya from South Africa is on the *up*. If 2008 was a busy year, **Telfed’s** staff and volunteers have their sleeves rolled up for an even busier one in 2009.

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Focus On Telfed

Compiled by **Telfed Staff**



Now More Than Ever

Keren Telfed needs your support.

Telfed was founded with the State of Israel in 1948 to assist in the absorption of Southern Africans making Aliya and to encourage members of the Southern African community to fulfill the Zionist dream of Aliya. Today Telfed provides a full spectrum of advisory and support services in these areas.

What is far less known about **Telfed** is our dedication to supporting the welfare of Southern Africans in Israel with critical financial and other needs.

Today, **Keren Telfed** works tirelessly to support 159 needy families. We are a lean organization, keeping our administration costs to a minimum so that over 92% of the funds donated to us, reach our recipients. We are proud of this fact as not many organizations can claim such a high ratio.

To date, **Keren Telfed** has been able care for our needy with support from the Jewish Agency, interest income from Telfed-administered endowments and trust funds, and your generous donations.

Regrettably, the situation has now dramatically changed. As of last year, the Jewish Agency no longer supports us financially. Endowments and trusts that provided for our needy are not providing enough income to cover all our allocations and the number of people requesting our assistance is growing at an unprecedented rate, especially as a result of the global financial crisis.

We are receiving increasing requests from the elderly, as our community ages and income shrink.

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There are many single mothers who receive help from us, *inter alia*, child care subsidies that enable them to go out and work. In addition, numerous sick people receive financial support for vital medical treatment. The story goes on....

We are blessed with a small but wonderful professional staff, including a full-time social worker, as well as many dedicated volunteers all of whom selflessly give of themselves to take care of the less fortunate amongst us.

None of us should be penalized for having come from Southern Africa and making aliyah. The road has been difficult for many of us and our lives might have been easier had we immigrated to the US, the UK or to Australia. Yet we chose Israel where we give as best as we can to our homeland and to our fellow Jews, hoping that we will be able to make a positive difference to the communities living in Israel.

We have all made a difference.

We have watched Israel develop into the vibrant advanced country it is today. We are at the forefront of many industries including life-sciences and software development. We have been part of building a successful, prosperous country we can all be proud of. Still, we can never turn our backs on the less fortunate amongst us – not only in the greater Israeli community, but in our own back-yard.

I left South Africa in February 1978 having lived both in the US and Israel. I am proud to have been brought up in South Africa with values I hope I can imbue in my children and the community around me. Included in these values are *caring* and *giving*, the core of Telfed's



Chairman of the Fundraising Committee, Neil Kaye (right) with Telfed Chair Maish Isaacson and Vice-Chair Dave Bloom

philosophy and the cornerstones of the Jewish Southern African experience.

Please take these values to heart in these difficult financial times and help us to embrace and take care of our Southern Africans who have given of themselves to immigrate to Eretz Yisrael and are experiencing financial difficulties at this stage of their lives. Assist us in being community-minded in the way we know so well, and in stretching out a helping hand to those who are in need, as we continue our Jewish Southern African legacy of caring and giving within our communities.

I appeal to you to please give generously according to your means. I know that times are tough for you too, but those who turn to us for help are far worse off.

I decided to dedicate myself and donate my resources to our needy. Not long ago I learned how dire the situation is for many members of our community. I decided to give far more, both of myself and of my resources.

I hope that you will join me in doing the same.

Thank you.

Neil Kaye, *Chairman*
Fundraising Committee

by David Kaplan

Aliya Update

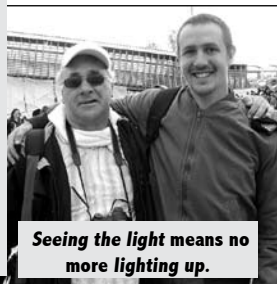
“There’s no emotion or excitement that compares with finally arriving home,” proclaimed **Telfed Chairman Maish Isaacson** at the welcoming ceremony at the Kotel for the new planeload of Southern African olim. Following on from the inaugural mass flight last July, December’s “Aliyah Bet” was no less emotionally charged having the Western Wall as a backdrop to



Anne Brown from Johannesburg, with two of her kids at the welcoming ceremony at the Kotel, reveals, “It’s a miracle that we are here,” referring to surviving the 2005 Tsunami in East Asia. Although receiving Visas for Australia, “We felt as Jews, Israel was the only country to bring up a family.”

Revelations & Resolutions at the Kotel:

Simon Herz from Namibia, seen here with his son Emile, who made aliya in 2008 and is serving in the IDF. Simon took his last puff of a cigarette on 1st of January before coming to the Kotel, as he resolved to “give it up.”



Seeing the light means no more lighting up.

the proceedings.

“Everyone cares for you, whether they know you or not and in spite of the situation, (a reference to Operation Cast Lead) this is a country where your children will feel safe walking in our streets.” Referring to Telfed as “the Israel network with a South African heart”, Maish assured “our doors are open to you, so take advantage of our

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reports **Dorron Klein**

RISHON LEZION/RECHOVOT

Over 40 people attended a Hannuka party at the home of **Harriet and Hilton Bark** in Rehovot last

Hannuka party at the Bark household in Rehovot. Standing on th right, new-co-chairman, Jonathan Sacho



December organized by the newly formed Telfed-Rishon Lezion, Rehovot and surrounding areas committee. A very moving presentation was

given by **Yoram Zafrani**, the director of “Nitzanei Rishon, an organization dedicated to the advancement of handicapped children. The committee plans to expand its activities and invites all ex-South Africans to contact **Beryl Schmidt** (052)6182577 or **Jonathan Sacho** (050)7600729.

BEIT SHEMESH

Over 100 people attended the Chanukah *Out of Africa* party at the Menorat HaMaor Shul. Following a welcome by **Jonny Klompas** and a Dvar Torah by **Rav Danny Myers**, **Ari Birnbaum** gave a talk on the Jewish

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knowledge and experience gathered over 60 years of caring for the Southern African community.”

‘Don’t be worried’ was the message from the Minister of Absorption, **Eli Aflalo** who said, “I came on aliyah 45 years ago and I still feel like an *oleh Chadash*. Why? Because I’m constantly facing new challenges and devising ways to overcome them. Israel is an exciting country, full of challenges offering opportunities to shape your own destiny, while at the same time, that of the Jewish People.”

A resonating reassurance of the success of South African integration in Israeli society was the revelations by the two other main Israeli speak-

ers, Chairman of the Jewish Agency, **Zeev Bielski** and the new mayor of Jerusalem, **Nir Barkat** who disclosed that they were very selective in their marriage partners, both opting for ‘*Joburg girls*’.

Barry Kornel, chairman of the Telfed Klita Committee, (2nd from right), visiting olim on the Bayit Rishon Be’Moledet Kibbutz absorption programme on Kibbutz Afikim in the Galilee. This 6 month to 1 year absorption programme for new Olim families, was implemented by Telfed in cooperation with the Jewish Agency and the Ministry of Absorption.



Some 370 people made aliyah last year “representing a cross section of religious and secular, families as well as young singles. And while many gravitated to Raanana, Jerusalem, Modi’in and Beit Shemesh, others spread their wings from

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At the Beit Shemesh Out of Africa party: Shaun Kahn and kids, Saul Glasser with daughter.

‘Contribution to African Art’. Dorrn Kline spoke on the ‘*Miracle*’ of Chanuka and presented an update on Telfed’s activities.

The evening also served as an AGM, where the 2009 committee was voted in. Live Jewish and African Music was provided by

Ariel Isaacson on keyboard and **Darryl Mordecai** on bass guitar. Juluka classics blended in well with the African art works on display.

NETANYA

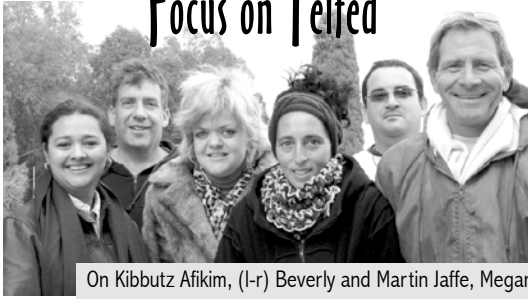
Some 110 people attended the newly elected regional committee’s inaugural annual lecture. **Prof. Asher Susser, Director the Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern Studies**, spoke on “Riots in Acre & Rockets from Gaza - Israel and the Palestinians”. So riveting was the presentation, people were clamoring, “Can’t you give us a series of lectures.” Part of the proceeds collected were

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the north to Eilat,” said **Susan Sharon**, in charge of the Aliya & Absorption Desk at Telfed.

It’s been a busy year. Following the success of an Aliya Expo early on in 2008, over 500 people attended the second one in November held in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Over 25 experts from Israel in the fields of aliya planning, entrepreneurship, employment, tax and investment, national and health insurance, education, pensions and property were on hand to counsel



On Kibbutz Afikim, (l-r) Beverly and Martin Jaffe, Megan Klein, Michelle Parkin, Paul Klein and Albert Parkin.

their children.” He found that although “crime, a f f i r m a t i v e action and political uncertainty were certainly ‘push factors’,”

and answer questions.

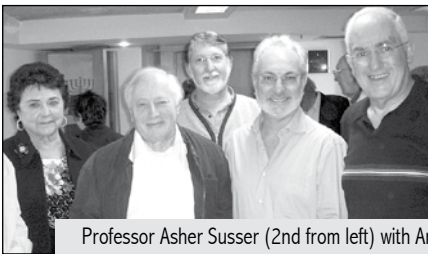
Dorron Kline, Telfed’s Director of Projects, interviewed over 110 potential olim in South Africa. “It was clear that so many parents were re-defining the meaning of ‘*quality of life*.’ From what they were telling me they were looking for a better, safer and Jewish future for

he was heartened to hear how many “were making aliya for Zionist reasons.” Interestingly, he reveals that “the vast majority were choosing Direct Absorption - moving into pre-rented or bought apartments.”

Still, a significant number of applicants were attracted

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Professor Asher Sussner (2nd from left) with Annette Milliner, Sidney Shapiro, Maish Isaacson and Cecil Shevil.

donated to Keren Telfed and **Cecil Shevil** was elected Chairman.

KARMIEL

Chairman of the Absorption Committee, **Barry Kornel** together

with Telfed Projects Director, **Dorron Kline** met recently with former Southern Africans in Karmiel. “Aliya to the north should be encouraged,” was the message they heard. **Sheila Zetler** from nearby Manof: “Karmiel and the Misgav region are ideal for olim from South Africa. Today, there are an increasing number of jobs in Haifa and with the dramatic



Telfed Karmiel Regional Committee: Meeting; standing: Ziona Schaffer, Nate Levinthal, Carol Aviv, Rochie Chrysler, Sandy Orelowitz, Simon Herz, Bella Ben Yehudah, Zvi Ben Yehudah, Ivan Reznick, Sheila Zetler; Kneeling: Dorron Kline, Barry Kornel

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to the absorption programmes of **Bayit Rishon Be'Moledet** on Kibbutz as well as the Absorption Centres in Ra'anana and Jerusalem and "Community Absorption" in the cities Modi'in and Haifa.

Dorron has a clear message. "Although making Aliya may appear as daunting as crossing the Himalayas, once the process begins, mountains can turn into mole-hills."

Telfed Scholarships

Telfed recently awarded 25 scholarships to Southern African olim at the IDC,

Three of the twenty-five who received Telfed Scholarships at a ceremony at the IDC, Herzliya. (l-r) Yoni Forman, Ronit Raier and Jeremy Lipshitz, all graduates of Yeshiva Collage in Johannesburg.



Herzliya. **Jonathan Davis**, Vice President for External Relations and Head of the Raphael Recanati International School welcomed the students and the representatives from Telfed. He was followed by **Chairman Maish Isaacson**, who spoke of the enriching relationship between the IDC,

Herzliya and Telfed and congratulated the IDC for its success in recruiting over 50 Southern African students to its International School.

The awards were presented on behalf of Telfed's Endowments & Scholarships Chairperson by committee

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improvement in transport infrastructure, the North has a promising and exciting future."

Carol Aviv, a resident of Karmiel for over 30 years and Sheila Zetler were voted in as co-chairpersons of the local Telfed committee.

KFAR SABA & BEIT SHEMESH

Both these communities were active in collecting, packing and delivering parcels to the soldiers in the south during the war. They were supported by the regional committees of Haifa and Rishon LeZion/Rehovot. (*See side bar in Cover Story.*)

JERUSALEM

"After our last successful braai, many eagerly awaited our next event," says Chairman Dori Braudi. "This time, we organised a Shabbat dinner for some forty people including our newest immigrants that arrived on Aliya Bet. It was an excellent opportunity for them to meet our Southern African community in walking distance of the Rechavia shul, which really lent itself to the occasion. There was such a warm and relaxed atmosphere as everyone sang, chatted and connected long after the dinner ended." **Alan Shapiro** and **Ayelet Penkower** offered interesting insights into the weekly portion.

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member **Philip Chazen** and **Stephanie Miller** of the IDC. Scholarship recipient and co-chair of Telfed's Young Olim Committee **Jeremy Lipshitz**, thanked Telfed on behalf of the students.

Farewell to Naomi Heim



Naomi Heim

Telfed bids farewell to its Professional Services Director, **Naomi Heim**, who for seven years, oversaw the Aliya, Klita, Employment and Social Services of **Telfed**. During her tenure, Telfed saw a streamlining of procedures, ensuring the smooth integration of new Olim into Israeli society.

Under Naomi's guidance, the Modi'in Klita Kehilatit project was established in conjunction with the Modi'in municipality, the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency. Today, South African immigrants to Modi'in are

directly absorbed utilizing the Telfed "Dirat Kelet" absorption apartment. Spearheaded by Naomi, this project has been emulated by other immigrant communities, notably from the USA and UK.

Naomi also left her mark on Telfed's revised employment and social services divisions. The Telfed staff, directorate and lay leaders wish Naomi the very best in her future endeavors, knowing that Israeli society can only greatly benefit from whatever path she pursues.

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HAIFA

"Looking to the future," a gathering was held recently at the home of **Diane** and **Harry Shaer**, which included the new olim - **Riva** and **Robert Selesnick**, **Vivian** and **Yossi Cohen** and **Casandra Levin**. Yolyn Goldberg from the Haifa Municipality attended the meeting and a Telfed committee was reestablished. Meetings have been held between Telfed and the Haifa municipality for the purpose of encouraging South African olim to Haifa.

HOD HASHARON

It must be worrying for parents when their kids are studying away from home! Step in the Hod Hasharon Telfed

regional committee which has adopted the Southern African Na'aleh kids at the Mossensohn

Haifa gearing Up: Noga Lewis, Yolyn Goldberg (Iriyat Haifa), Gillian Feinberg (in front), Bruria Shadel, Harry Shaer, Diane Shaer, Cyril Feinberg.



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Web Update

Telfed recently launched its 'new look' website known to all as **Telfed Online** (www.telfed.org.il) introducing a number of features and benefits. The infrastructure enables better use of video clips, picture galleries, online forum, advertising, online polls, social and professional networking enables visitors to add their own comments and stories.

The website's editor and webmaster **Dave Bloom** explains, "Visitors to the site can now create their own

'accounts' and contribute to the forums. For example, Telfed's Regional Committees will now be able to post material of interest to their own communities advising of forthcoming events and then reporting on them thereafter."

The website has become a vital tool of communicating with olim in Israel and those planning aliya.

The popular **Telfed Online Email Newsletter** goes out to some 3,000 addressees advising of the websites' up-to-date postings. This impacts significantly on the number of

visitors to the site.

You want to keep up with events in the Southern African community in Israel? Visit **Telfed Online** and tell your family and friends about it.

Book Launch

Organized by the National Events Committee, some 400 Southern Africans attended the Israel launch of the book 'The Jews in South Africa' at the Open University in Raanana. The authors, **Professors Richard Mendelsohn and Milton Shain** flew in from

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School in Hod Hasharon. A gathering was held recently for the youngsters to meet the community. "They know they have fellow South Africans in the area that are only a phone call away," said



Telfed staff and lay leadership meet with Naaleh students and Telfed Regional committee members in the home of Paul Roberts (front rt.)

Chairperson **Nechama Keynan**.

The Na'aleh programme brings 10th grade South African pupils from Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. They complete their schooling in Israel with a full Israeli matriculation certificate and then officially make Aliya. Na'aleh is an acronym for "Youth making Aliya before their parents". There are currently 10 South African pupils studying in both religious and non-religious schools in Hod Hasharon, Haifa and Be'er Sheva. •

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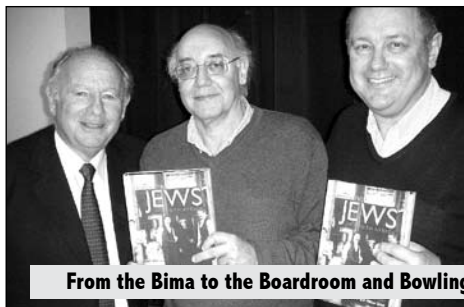
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From the Bima to the Boardroom and Bowling Green

Mendel Kaplan at the Book Launch with authors, Professors Milton Shain and Richard Mendelsohn.

by the Telfed National Events Committee. **Wally Katz** and **Issy Lotz** (a former Chairman of the Netanya Telfed Regional Committee) were co-recipients of the award sponsored by **Barney Mark** and family for those who had performed outstanding volunteer work in the greater community in Israel.

Issy Lotz's 'special projects' were the second hand shop, catering to the mass Russian and Ethiopian immigrants to Netanya during the 1990s and his involvement in the

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South Africa for the event.

Mendel Kaplan, a former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, introduced the speakers, followed by **Professor Gidi Shimoni** who critiqued the book.

Beginning with the earliest Jewish immigrants to South Africa, the book traces the turbulent journey of this mainly Litvak community.

Asked to comment on where the Jewish community - now numbering some 65,000 - would be in 20 year's time, Shain replied, "I am a his-

torian, not a prophet." The audience he said would have to wait for our "second edition in 20 years time."

Honouring Volunteers

Over 150 people attended the annual Telfed Volunteer Awards ceremony held during Chanuka at Beth Protea and organized



Volunteer Awards Ceremony: (l-r) Issy Lotz, Sidney Shapiro, Wally Katz, Dave Bloom, Maish Isaacson, Jonathan Levy and Yardena Ellis.

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MAZAL TOV

- + Mazal tov to **Pinchas** and **Batya Melchior** on the safe arrival of a grandson.
- + Kol Hakavod to Telfed Executive member **Annette Milliner**, who was recently honoured in Cape Town by the Broth Zion for a lifetime of service to the Jewish people both in South Africa and Israel. She received the Certificate of Recognition from **Jill Kaplan**, wife of **Mendel** who was also the guest speaker at the event.



Annette Milliner(right) with Mendel and Jill Kaplan in Cape Town.

successful in recruiting for the KIDS4FOOD club and calls monthly meetings, where she talks on topics related to helping the needy.

Telfed's Food Project

University, volunteers for the Latet organization, where he distributes food parcels, as well

Several Raanana schools, both religious and secular, have joined Telfed's Lev Lara'ev project, founded by Chairman **Maish Isaacson** and coordinated by **Max Grunberg**. To motivate young volunteers, a ceremony is held each month at a different participating school where a certificate is presented by Raanana's mayor, Nachum Hofri. (see photo below)

Looking for Work?

Sharon Bernstein, who heads the Telfed job-matching

summer camp programme for under-privileged youngsters. Issy also volunteered for the Netanya tourist police

A founding member of Cape Town's Herzlia School, Wally Katz would become a founding member of the committee to establish Bet Protea. Having been a member of Magen David Adom in South Africa for nearly 40 years, Wally represents MDA South Africa in Israel.

Jonathan Levy (son of **Philip** and **Rochelle** of Kochav Yair) received the new Telfed Young Adult Award, sponsored by the family of the late **Blanche Isaacson**. Jonathan, a student at Ben Gurion

as projects with Ethiopians and Darfur refugees in Beer Sheva.

The new **Lev Lara'ev Award** was awarded to 12 year old **Yardena Ellis** (daughter of **Martin** and **Glenda**) for her volunteer work in Telfed's food project. Yardena has been

(l-r): Ziva Hadri- from "Chevrat Hayeladim", Ayellet Dalijot – Coordinator of Educational Empowerment in the Department of Elementary Education, Oren Osovitzky of the Hadar Student Council, Mayor Nachum Hofri, Max Grunberg and Yona Rosenberg- Principal of Hadar School.)



Focus on Telfed

service, assists new olim and vatikim to find employment through networking with the Southern African community, employment agencies and the internet. In addition, should the need arise, olim are offered one consultation with **Danny Blumberg**, a human resources professional, at no charge to themselves.

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The organizers and participants of Telfed's most recent course to train companions for the elderly, which took place in the Telfed Moadon and at Beth Protea. Said Carmel Scop: "We were all enriched by the knowledge and experience of Cecily Hack and Harriet Unruth and their invited speakers and will take with us the caring and sharing to pass unto others. I came away exhilarated." Back (l-r): Carmel Scop, Yosef Haas, Ghita Silberstein, Yvonne Liebowitz, Cecily Hack, Harriet Unruh, Max Liebowitz. Front (l-r): Gordon Silberstein, Ora Shtabel, Franklin Plein, Tuffy Druian. The participants are available to work as companions to elderly Southern Africans in the Sharon area. For further information, contact Sharon Bernstein at 09-7907 801

Employment opportunities are sought for people in such varied fields as hi-tech, caregiving, sales, bookkeeping, office administration, interior design, human resources and communications.

"Finding work for jobseekers is extremely difficult at present due to the layoffs

happening all over Israel," says Sharon and "therefore the assistance of our community is more important than ever."

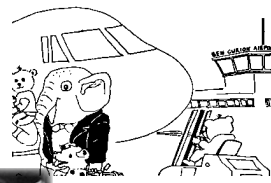
Sharon appeals to all Southern Africans who may have or hear of a job vacancy to contact her: info@telfed.org.il or (09)7907 801.

Visiting Groups



Sixty schoolkids from South Africa participating in the Encounter programme following a session with Telfed, visited the IDC campus to learn about higher education options in Israel. Over 60 percent indicated that they intend to study overseas when they complete high school. *Will we see any of these youngsters studying in Israel?*

New Arrivals



Johannesburg

Alter, Shad
Aronowsky, Roy
Bailey, Megan
Batzofin, Mandy
Brown, Andrew, Joanne, Frankie,
Geogia and James
Chrysler, Rochie, Dovid, Shira and Tova
Coetzee, Neville
de Figueredo, Angeline Louise
de Villiers, Robin
Dinkelspiel, Daniel
Garfinkel, Melanie
Genislaw, Dana
Gerber, Byron
Goldberger, Sybil
Hyman, Nicole
Immerman, Eli
Iozzo, Salvatore and Irene
Isaacs, Harris and Gillian
Joffe, Isaac and Salome
Kauman, Israel
Kleinman, Anthony, Bonnie,
Rachel, Ashira and Jonathan
Kohll, Len
Levenstein, Brian, Nicky, Joshua,
Hannah and Rachel
Lichtenstein, Carin
Lipchick, Saul
Lipschitz, Cynthia
Lubotzky, Brian
Makor, Meir Yehonatan
Rogalsky, Daniel



Shapiro, Ivan, Tracy, Eitan, Alon and Ariella
Shisler, Tzvi and Amy
Suchard, Shira
Weinberg, Michael, Nicola
Wolpe, Rivka
Zadok, Geora

Durban

Lazarus, Bernhard and Pearl
Nelson, Brett

Namibia

Herz, Simon

Cape Town

Babus, Jody
Chai, Wayne, Haley, Hanna and Raella
Diamond, Michael
Gordon, Benjamin
Gordon, Marc
Helman, Debbie
Jacobson, Lauren
Lotter, Salome
Schaffer, Dale and Batya
Shaff, Trevor, Susan, Daniel, Sarah and Jason
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BRUSHING UP ON ISRAEL



Never too young to appreciate art: Ziporah Segal, (2nd from left), with a family at the exhibition. Jewish Agency Chairman Zeev Bielski opened the retrospective at the Weill Centre, Kfar Shmaryahu.

An exhibition of 56 paintings was held recently at the Weill Centre in Kfar Shmaryahu marking the same number of years since artist Ziporah Segal, made aliya from Johannesburg. The retrospective, a colourful tapestry of life in Israel, also celebrated a family's return to Zion.

"My Dad one was of the Jewish boys Trumpeldore weeded out after the Russian Revolution and brought to Palestine." He joined a *Kvutzah* (group) settling on the Kinneret "where he met and married my mother."

With a baby on the way, they had to leave as there were no facilities for bringing up children. Resettling in Jerusalem hardly eased the situation. "Times were tough and my father ventured to South Africa to seek work. An ardent Zionist, he planned to return soon."

The Arab Revolt in 1929 changed those plans.

Fearful of having to look after three

young children in turbulent Jerusalem, Ziporah's mother booked a passage on a cargo boat to South Africa. "So afraid that we might fall overboard, we were all tied together by rope for the entire voyage."

"Was Dad happy to see us when we arrived? Of course, but also sad. "Now we will never return to Palestine," he lamented." He needn't have worried. *Love would intervene.*

Years later, while studying art at university, Ziporah was infatuated by a young man from the Zionist Federation who visited the campus to address the Jewish students. **Zundel Segal** soon proposed. "If you marry me, I will take you back to Palestine."

In 1952 the young couple made aliya, followed two years later by Ziporah's parents.

There is nothing abstract about Ziporah's art or her views on Israel. "I paint what I see and what I feel. Israel inspires me." Her paintings of people, flowers, horses, boats and Jerusalem convey movement and colour. This too is a reflection of her life - one of movement and full of colour.

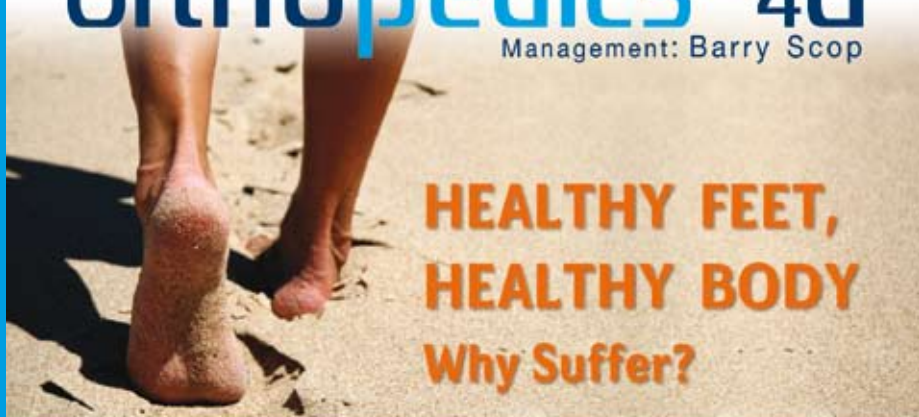
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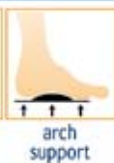


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Marking 30 years since the premature passing of Bulawayo abstract artist Marshall Baron, sisters Merle Guttman and Beverly Caplan recently held a retrospective exhibition of his work at the Gebo Art Space in Tel Aviv. The curator was the gallery's co-owner, former South African Marlene Ferrer.



MARSHALL ART

Practising lawyer, esteemed music critic, lover of the African bush and a product of a Zionist upbringing were all components of this versatile and complex personality that found their way onto canvas. Estimates put the number of works at some 400, mainly in private collections.

And while a delight to the eye because of their sheer size and enriching use of colour, to settle purely on the visual would be akin to alighting from a train too soon. The journey would still have some way to go.

Each work invites the viewer to explore. The paintings, with their curious titles, intriguing motifs and use of newspaper cuttings are signposts, a pictorial roadmap of 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man' to quote Joyce. Marshall passed away at age 43. His earliest painting on exhibit was of a Cape Dutch house, executed when he

was a teenager.

Where was he coming from? Where was he heading? And if one settles at the end with more questions than answers, so be it. The exhibition had shades of *The Da Vinci Code* about it. Not sure if I was on track, but it made no difference, it was exciting and pleasurable.

Africa - its complexities and beauty - are projected in lyrical abstraction under

such titles as "*Summer Exposure*", "*Is April the Cruellest Month*", and "*Counterpoint*". While Africa appears imbedded in his canvasses, Jewish themes abound in such works as "*In the Beginning*", "*The Seder Table*" and "*Chassidic Rites*".

There is a timeless quality about Marshall's art. Israeli artist **Pamela Silver** (formerly of Bulawayo) speaks of the Motoba Hills as Marshall's "inspiration; a place untouched to this day, and I hope for time immemorial." If so, there is something contemporary about his 1976 painting '*In the Beginning*', plastered with a newspaper heading, "*No Change in Middle East Policy*". What does one read into this in 2009?

Marshall never signed his paintings. No matter. All his work carries his signature in style, energy and sensitivity. It was also said that he never painted without listening to music. This too is apparent. As one critic implied - you listen to his paintings as much as you view them.



Merle Guttman (left) with Marlene Ferrer, curator of the exhibition and co-owner of Gebo Art Space.