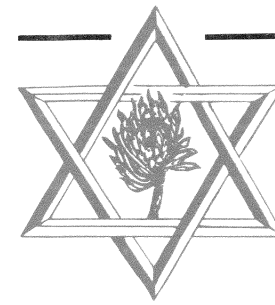


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Upcoming events ...

SAJAC - AIPAC Evening

December 13th - Time and venue to be announced.

An Evening of Integration

All American Party - Food, Music, Fun & Games.

Date to be announced shortly.

Informal Party for Seniors

Thursday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Henry Schwartz of the Jewish Times will speak on the history of the Jews in San Diego. Call Rene Frank at 546-0614 for details.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Linda and Colin Bernstein on the birth of their son.

Condolences to Errol and Karen Marcus on the passing of his mother.

Due to the constant need for babysitters, Pam Berman would like to hear from sitters, so that a pool can be formed. Call her at 450-1643.

CREDITS: Lucy Sacks Levin wrote the article on the newcomers tea in the previous issue. We apologize for the omission.

NEWCOMERS: If you know of a new arrival, please call Merle Datnow at 456-1046 or Beulah Koz at 450-3297.

EXHIBITION: Grace Phillips has recently completed an exhibit of her painting at the Benjamin Library. She was one of the artists participating in the "Studio Tour" which was organized by the San Diego Water Color Society and demonstrated her calligraphy.

MOVED: Please give us your new address. Call Leah Levin 459-1222.

HOSPITALITY: If you will not be with family or friends for Yom Tov call Rene Frank at 546-0614 or Leah Levin 459-1222.

Rosh Hashanah is almost upon us and with it comes a time for reflection. It is a time to remember the journey we have taken since the year began and to recall our achievements.

For SAJAC it is a time to reflect on the events of the past seven months. We have created an organization intent on providing a warm and comfortable atmosphere for newcomers and for South Africans already established here. We have provided social and educational functions; we are constantly welcoming new arrivals; we have an informal network and support system engaged in constant efforts to offer assistance.

Now it is time to move on. We must focus on the need to integrate and to link ourselves with the community at large in a more positive way. This can be achieved with your enthusiastic support of future programs that will be open to the entire Jewish community.

While SAJAC can provide the vehicle for integration, it cannot ensure that everyone becomes integrated. That

responsibility lies with each individual. If one can view the transition process objectively and master it in the right spirit, if one has the right mental attitude towards the people and the country of adoption, then one can become a successful and involved member of the American community.

For many, Rosh Hashanah will be spent away from family and close friends. In true SAJAC spirit, let us provide hospitality and goodwill by offering a place at our table to anyone who may be alone.

May you draw renewed energy and strength from the inspiration of the High Holy days.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu. May you be blessed with health and strength, with wisdom and love, with joy and peace.

Leah Levin
President, SAJAC

The Board of SAJAC wishes each and everyone in the community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and well over the fast

PIETER DIRK UYS COMES TO SAN DIEGO

SAJAC is pleased to invite you to a special screening of the powerfully moving and unusual new film by Pieter Dirk Uys, "Across the Rubicon".

The screening will be held at Beth El Social Hall, Saturday, September 26th at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6.00.

ACROSS THE RUBICON features top South African satirist and stage personality, Pieter-Dirk Uys, who takes the viewer on an unusual and fascinating voyage of discovery through the labyrinth of apartheid.

NEWCOMERS CORNER

by Pam Nathan

SAJAC has developed such a good reputation amongst the newcomers that there is even talk about us in South Africa! Rumor accurately has it that there is this new organization in San Diego that is providing a fantastic service, helping newcomers settle in. One of the most recent arrivals, **Helene Bortz**, has even suggested compiling a short practical guide of helpful hints that would include everything from how to open a bank account and where to buy discount appliances, to mundane information like trash requirements.

How many newcomers know that for the trash to be picked up, it needs to be put on the street. No! they don't pick it up from your back yard! Helene has sketched an outline, now we just have to fill in the details and any assistance is welcome!

Simeon and **Myeva Brett** have recently arrived in San Diego after spending 2 years in L.A. ... they didn't like LA at all! Simeon is a systems analyst and Myeva is an RN, working in labor and delivery at Grossmont Hospital. They enjoy art and travelling, particularly hiking and they are very interested in meeting other South Africans with similar interests. They are also interested in participating in temple activities.

When I spoke to **Claire Ellman**, she, **David** and their 3 kids had just returned from the SAJAC picnic and said they had a wonderful afternoon. Claire shared their experience that day of being 'parked in' by a 'bakkie'. They wanted to have it announced over the loudspeaker but didn't know the "Americanese" pick-up truck equivalent! It took them a while to make themselves understood and the bakkie was finally moved. Since then, they have new American terminology etched into their vocabulary! Claire feels very lucky to come to a strong support system. She loves having friends around. She remarked on how different it was to be taking the kids with her everywhere. Immigration certainly does provoke many life style changes.



The Slavin Family - All aboard.

Helene Bortz is actually French and met her husband, **David**, in Israel. They spent the past 9 years in Cape Town. David is a physician and Helene was involved with commercial property development in South Africa. They have two children, Pascal 3, and Daniel 16 months. Helene expressed how heartwarming it was to have SAJAC welcome them, it evoked a sense of belonging, she said.



The **Weinberg family** have spend the past 6 months in Irvine. **Errol** is involved in precast concrete walling and **Cynthia** is assisting their family, Steve 19, Elisa 17, Mark 15, and Alan 12, in settling down. They are looking for a temple where the services are similar to Sydenham/Highland North shul. Any suggestions?

Glenda Sacks lived in Sea Point till a month ago. She is an elementary school teacher, aged 28 and interested in belonging to a young singles group. Her interests are theatre, art, going to the beach and sightseeing.

Roy and **Carol Slavin** told me that "the SAJAC braai" was the talk of South Africa. Roy finds our publication interesting and informative. He suggested including tips relating to financial matters, i.e. bank references etc. Roy is in real estate. They used to live in Morningside Manor, JHB. They have three children: Jackie 14, Bradley 13 and Wayne 4.

Paul and **Ruth Tessel** have recently arrived from Sandton. They have an 11 year old daughter, Miriam. Paul is eager to find a suitable, responsible position in management. He owned a plastics company in South Africa that dealt with mining and industrial materials. He welcomes any leads.

Sephanie & Addison Schonland are originally from Cape Town. They are very appreciative of the help they have received from family and friends. Addison is an avid sailor.

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SAJAC/BETH EL SHABBAT - A GREAT SUCCESS

Three hundred people filled the Social Hall of Beth El on Friday, July 24th, to join in celebrating a traditional South African Shabbat service.

Rabbi Martin Levin, spiritual leader of Beth El, a conservative congregation in La Jolla, led the service together with David Levy, who acted as cantorial soloist. David, a recent arrival, was instrumental in organizing the entire service and for arranging the "choir" at very short notice. Chalky Samson, Harry Rutenberg, Ed Laser, Milton Krasner and David Monk - the men in the choir - performed magnificently and added to the atmosphere of a beautiful service.

The nostalgic service filled the community with a sense of pride as they remembered the traditions distinctive to S.A. Jewry. Rabbi Levin addressed the congregation, lauding the values and strong sense of community of the South Africans and hoped that these attributes would be transposed into the community in San Diego.

Two hundred people stayed to enjoy a lovely Shabbat dinner. Leah Levin welcomed those present, and, in particular, the newest arrivals. She emphasized the importance of learning about and participating in the community in which we have come to live, whilst retaining the values and traditions of our heritage. She thanked Rabbi Levin and Congregation Beth El for sharing concern, reaching out and extending a hand to SAJAC and the South African community, thereby assisting in the integration process and showing that family is family wherever one may be.

A special vote of thanks was extended to Glenda Kacev, Pam Berman and Felicia Mandelbaum for assisting with the dinner arrangements. Julian Josephson, Vice-President of Beth El brought greetings. After dinner, Barry Kassar, Rabbi Levin and Rabbi Kopikis lead the diners in the Grace after Meals, thereby concluding a most memorable and wonderful Shabbat evening.



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WELKOM TO THE LATEST RAVE!

by Dalia Jacobs

With the surge of immigration of many South African teenagers, we thought it was a great idea to help encourage social interaction by having gatherings periodically where each South African teenager would bring an American friend.

Our first "get together" was held on June 7, 1987. Thanks to Pam Nathan's assistance in organization and the Frank family for the use of their home, it was a great success. Even at very short notice, we had thirty people attend. The sun was shining, graze plenty, music jammin ... provided by Warren Frank, our local DJ ... and a good time was had by all. We spoke of our diverse experiences of immigration and shared feelings about issues of lifestyle change and other important topics. Our American friends were very communicative and extremely supportive. They expressed very positive emotions about their recently, or not so recently, acquired, South African friends. They assured us that we were very welcome in our new environment!

Our next get together is gonna be a load of fun! ... a Toga Party around the pool at Greg Silverman's house on Sunday, September 20, 1987 from 2-5 p.m. So if you feel a "lag", having a swank, meeting some new people and having a "lekka rave", please join us! For more information and final plans call: Dalia Jacobs 459-3075, 459-3154 or Romi Nathan 450-9045. Thoughts about future parties include rugby, braaivleis, and beachparty. We welcome any other suggestions.



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COMPUTERS Are Not Just For Someone Else Any More!

by Jeff Chalmers

Living in the United States, I am constantly astounded by the almost unlimited use of computers. One only has to venture to the local supermarket or gas station to see computers at work. Remember how they used to check groceries at Pick 'n Pay or Checkers, and you always wondered how many mistakes they made. Didn't it amaze you when you first saw a college student check your whole shopping trolley in a fraction of the time using the bar code reader?

Well computers are leading the way into the 21st century and if you're not computer literate, you'll start to feel like illiterate people feel today. Kids are starting to learn how to operate and program computers from a very early age, and don't you feel helpless and confused when surrounded by computers or computer talk.

You may ask, "Why do I need a computer?" or "Can't I do it quicker by hand?" I respond by asking whether you remember how banks operated before the advent of computers and ATM machines. Remember waiting in line for a teller to make withdrawal or a deposit, or getting a speeding or parking ticket, just because you had to get to the bank before it closed on Friday afternoon. What about those long 3-10 day holds that banks used to put on out-of-town checks?

Again you may ask "How can I use a computer in my day to day life?"

Currently there are thousands of software programs available to make your life easier. Imagine a computerized telephone directory which lists your friends and business associates telephone numbers, and calls anyone at the touch of a button. What about being able to plan the next weeks menu in advance, getting a printout of the meals, a list of all recipes to prepare the food, a shopping list of the ingredients, and an analysis of the nutritional content.

Have you ever thought of going on a diet? You would pay a dietician hundreds of dollars to prescribe a diet for

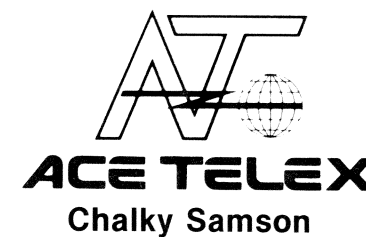
you. There are currently computer programs which analyze your desired reduction goal and the time frame in which you want to reduce, and recommends a diet, printing out weekly meal menus. You would reject any foods you do not eat, and the computer selects alternative foods with comparable nutritional value.

Most parents thinking of buying computers for their kids have the dreaded fear that all their kids will do is play computer games. I cannot deny that the first reaction that most children (and even some adults) have to a computer is "Where are the games?" Interest in games does not last long, and the educational value of a computer is incredible. Whether it be utilizing programs to read, write or do math problems, or programming the computer for other items such as mom's shopping list, dad's car consumption or my baseball card collection, the educational value of a computer in the house is well worth the investment.

If you are seriously thinking of buying a computer, your next question will be "What computer should I buy? I've heard of Apple, MacIntosh, IBM, Compatible, Clone, DOS or Fixed Disk. One can go crazy deciding on what to buy!"

Deciding on a computer is not easy. Basically there are 2 types of PC's (Personal Computers) on the market, Apple and IBM. The Apple Computer range consists of Apple II in various forms, and the MacIntosh. The Apple II range is probably the most used educational computer in the world. It is reasonably priced and has an abundance of educational software available. The MacIntosh, with it's unique operating system is more pricy, but is the most user friendly computer available today. IBM, compatibles and clones are the most commonly used business computers on the market. A word of caution to anyone buying a clone, that is an IBM compatible computer not made by a recognized company such as Compaq, AT&T or Radio Shack to mention a few. If you are going to use the computer as a business tool, I would suggest that you buy a hard disk with your machine. This will save you having to use hundreds of floppy disks, and save you substantial time by not having to change disks every 2 minutes. Good luck with your computers!

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A Rosh Hashana Message From Rabbi Jeff Wohlgernter

As the High Holiday Season approaches, our thoughts are turned inward in introspection. Another year has come to a close, and once again we are blessed with a new beginning. We have a chance to assess our actions, measured against our potential, and to correct whatever needs correcting. As comforting as it may be to know that we can eradicate a year's worth of mistakes, it is equally frightening to ask ourselves the question: How do we start again? What role does the past play in the future? Where do we begin? Won't next Yom Kippur see us standing in the very same place, pleading for mercy for the very same actions?

In the Bible there is a story of two relatives, Abraham and Lot, who were faced with a challenge. Abraham was commanded to leave his land, his birth place and his father's house, to follow G-D to an undefined destination in order to reestablish his life. What faith it took for Abraham to unquestioningly follow his G-D! As great as Abraham's challenge was, Lot's was greater, for he hadn't spoken to G-D. He was placing his faith in Abraham who had placed it in his G-D. Yet as the Bible relates, Abraham became the father of our nation, steeped in righteousness, whereas Lot become the mayor of Sodom, a town renowned for its wickedness. The question arises as to why two men faced with the same challenge, both starting afresh from the same point, should have ended up having two diametrically opposed lifestyles?

The answer lies in the manner in which each left their homes. The Torah tells us that Abraham left his land, birthplace, and his fathers house behind him. Whereas in Lot's case, it merely states that he went along with Abraham. There is no mention of what Lot left behind. Abraham embarked on his journey leaving behind him all of his past activities. He intended to build a completely new life for himself. Lot, on the other hand, brought his past with him, and merely reshaped his old values and ideas to conform with his new life. This can be compared to writing on a sheet of paper. For the words to be seen clearly, one needs a clean page. To write on paper which was previously written upon, even though the writing was erased, would result in a blurred, sloppy, unclear composition. Abraham chose a clean sheet. Lot merely erased what he had written before, and re-used the same piece of paper. Hence Abraham rebuilt his life and gave it a clear and clean beginning. While Lot, who merely reshaped a previous lifestyle, ended up with a sketchy unclear revision.

On Yom Kippur, when we repent completely and wholeheartedly, our sins are eradicated as if they had never existed, and we are given a new lease on life. The question however, is how we will proceed in the future. If we take the past and merely modify it, we will end up in a similar or worse situation next year. But if we rewrite our

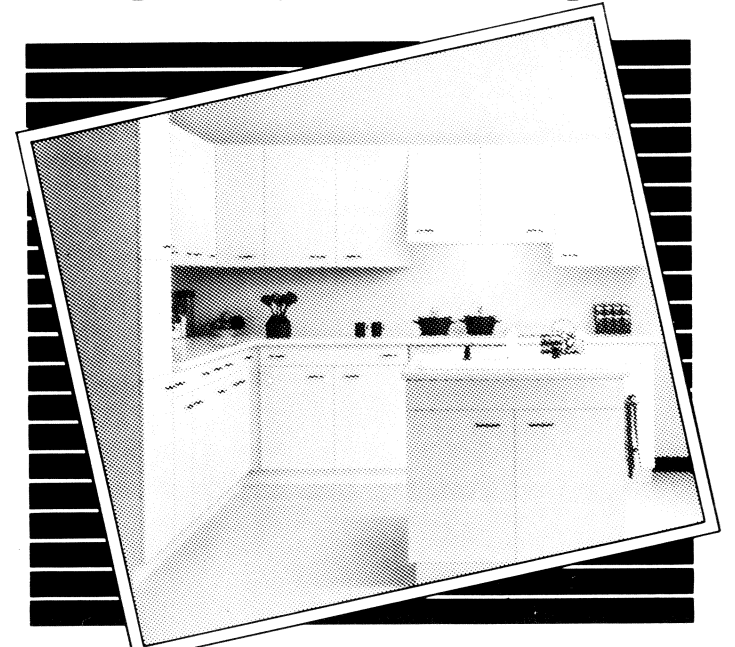
lives on a 'new sheet' and completely remodel our goals and values, then next Yom Kippur will see us standing at a much higher life station.

This idea holds true in every aspect of our lives. Whenever we start something new, when we begin again, we must realize that the past has brought us to the future, but the future will be different. If we do this we will eliminate our feelings of dissatisfaction. Past experiences help shape our lives and guide our decisions, but they will never return. Feelings and thoughts such as "it used to be" or "back home we did" should give strength rather than remorse. The past should be a pleasant memory that brings a smile to our lips. Our lives can be very rich and fulfilling, even when we have to live them in a different way. If we come to terms with this we will be able to find satisfaction in our new lives and grow in a positive direction.

May the almighty bless our new year, our new beginning, and give us the strength to draw from the past in order to build a firmer future. Amen

Rabbi Jeff Wohlgernter is Rabbi of Congregation Adat Yeshurun, the new orthodox Synagogue in La Jolla. He was ordained at Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, Maryland, and Mishkan Hatorah Talmudical College in Jerusalem. Adat Yeshurun in a fast growing orthodox congregation dedicated to education and the furtherance of Jewish values and ideals.

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TWO DOGS AND FREEDOM

Last year Ravan Press, and The Open School, published a collection of writings of black township children.

Two Dogs and Freedom is what happens when children are asked to describe in words and pictures the issues affecting their lives in South Africa today.

One finds here honest answers and the refreshing absence of ideological bias inevitable in adult interpretations of the same issues.

On the fringes of the world the children depict, and in the words they use, one detects the presence of the adults who (in many ways) influence and control their perceptions. But this does not diminish the brightness of a future in which eight-year old Moagi 'would like to have a wife and two children, a boy and a girl, and a big house and two dogs and freedom'.

The following have been reproduce exactly as they appear in the text.

What's happening in the townships

In Soweto there are a lot of boycotts, children boycotts because they say they want freedom. They say they want equal rights between whites and blacks.

They don't want the S.A.B.F. in the townships. They say when they are boycotting all the children must be in the struggle and when you are not in the struggle they trash you.

And they don't want our parents to buy in town because that money wasted in town is the one that buys the guns that kill the children in Soweto. And when you disobey they make you drink fish oil that you have bought by force or they burn you alive.

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Mokgethi (13 years)

JURING JANUARY UNTILL JUNE SOUTH AFRICA HAS SPENDED SOMETHING LIKE 500 000 IN BUYING WEAPONS FOR KILLING AND INJURING BLACKS

PRESIDENT BOTHA IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT US. ACCORDING TO WHAT JR TREUNANT HAS SAID, HE SAID RUBBER BULLETS AND TEARGAS ARE NOT THE BEST WEAPONS TO BE USED. HE SAID WE NEEDED SOMETHING STRONGER.

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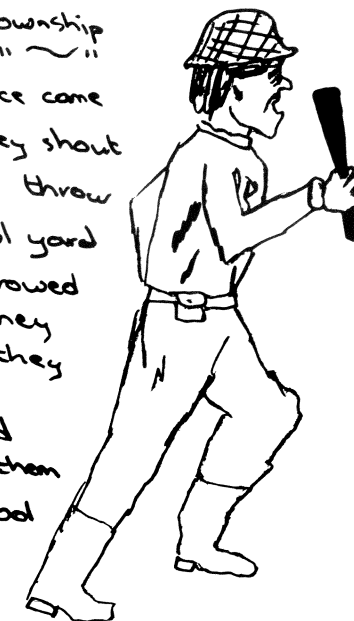
WE MUST NOT BURN SCHOOLS THAT IS ONLY WHERE WE GO WORKING WE CANNOT BE ILLUMINATE LEADERS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS HAVING MONEY PROBLEMS. IT IS BORROWING FROM A LOT OF MONEY. NOT TO SAY

PRESIDENT BOTHA DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING WRONG THE FACT IS THAT IS NOT THE REAL CHRISTIAN AS HE SAID IN DURBAN WHEN WAS SPEAKING. THE REASON WHY I SAY HE IS NOT A CHRISTIAN IS HE ALLOW SOLDIERS TO KILL US BUT HE SAYS HE BELIEVE IN GIVE Y GOD

Shoitto (13 years)

What going on the Township

On Tuesday the police came to our school and they shout two times and they throw teargases in the school yard and the children throwed stones to them and they left the school and they call hippos and they surround our school and the principal talked to them and they left the school angry



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ANOTHER ELECTION, THE SAME RESULTS

by Darryl Gordon

The much publicised South African election has come and gone. Four months later we can now assess the results and changes that have occurred since then.

Has the PFP lost its political power? The PFP lost 8 of its constituencies in the election (Albany, Walmer, Wynberg, Maritzburg South, Maritzburg North, Bezuidenhout, Edenvale and Hillbrow). This loss meant that it has reduced its seats in Parliament to 19.

The Conservative Party has taken over as the official opposition party, with its 20 seats, as opposed to the National party 115.

The results of the election were regarded as a setback to S.A. progress. The reaction of the rest of the world was one of disappointment and regarded as a further "spanner in the works."

Immediately after the election, the National Party, in an attempt to confirm its majority win, clamped down on the Group Areas Act.

Does the NP intend to procede with proposed reforms? In the eyes of many, the government is stalling for time and will not make any commitment to positive reform. The only piece of major legislation that has been reversed was the mixed marriages act.

This appears to be the time for opposition to stand up

and be noticed. Prof. F van Zyl's visit to Dakar received world-wide coverage and interest, but little arose from it. The Government "mentioned" that this would be the last visit with the ANC that they would allow.

Radical moves by students at such prominent universities, such as Cape Town, have made front-page news world-wide. Who can forget the scenes we have seen of police clamping down on UCT students?

And now, in the latest controversial incident at UCT, a police spy has been identified as being a student on the campus for two years. He passed as an extreme left-wing radical, while informing on left-wing student movements.

In another incident, a group of students was expelled, so 700 other students marched down to Bremmer Administration Building and demanded to be expelled.

The resignation of Rev. A. Hendrikse is another example of opposition demanding that the Government listen to their pleas and react to them.

What does the future hold for SA? Will strikes and trade union activities start to dictate to the Government? When will a peaceful settlement be reached? We wait patiently for the answers.

P.S. The Maties beat the Ikeys once again at this years intervarsity. The score is too embarrassing to print.

SAJAC OF SAN DIEGO HOSTS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

by Natie Levy & Martin Shandling

"The judge's decision is final. I am the judge. I take bribes." And with those words, Natie Levy opened SAJAC's first annual (?) tennis tournament, held at the San Diego Princess Hotel.

The afternoon could not have been more beautiful. As the shadows began to lengthen on a summery San Diego Sunday afternoon, over 40 eager competitors, having ranked themselves from A (excellent) to F (frot), took to the courts with a vengeance.

We were delighted to welcome Martin Shandling, President of SAJAC Los Angeles, who came down especially to play in the event - what a fine gesture - thanks.

With the wide variance in standards of play, the draw was done with an effort to balance the sections and the players. The result was a little better than congress has in balancing the budget, but at least here everybody was kind, co-operative and tolerant.

How good it was to see so many non playing family members and friends present. There is little doubt that the next such event must include children below 18 years as well - boy, can you imagine the numbers and range of players for that episode.

The tournament was a throwback to the old days. No demonstrating with the umpires - (there were none). No

center court tantrums. No histrionics. Only an occasional apology perhaps for an overhead lob hit a little too vigorously, or an insistence that the other side take the point over, as they had been distracted by a spare ball on the court.

And then came the goodies: assorted sandwiches, all dairy, coffee and beer, and all provided by the hotel - except of course for the savories prepared by some of the SAJAC ladies, and smuggled in - no questions asked!

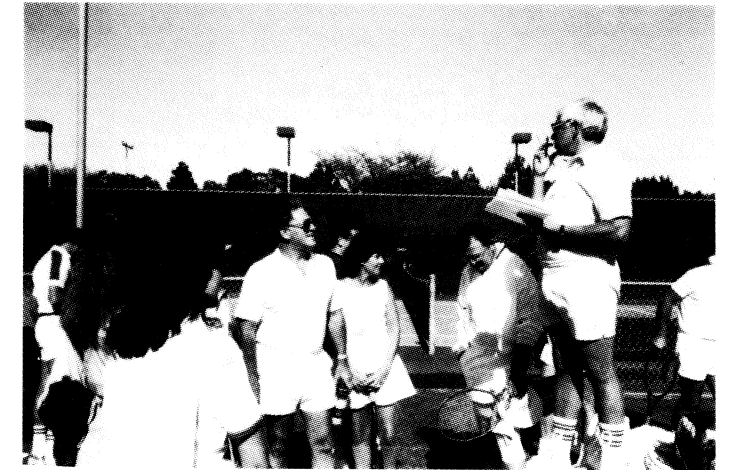
There were three groups, and at the end, the winners of each group were handed their prizes. They were:

Alan Sudar & Errol Marcus

Alan Sarkin & Jackie Amato

Julian Lichter & Barbara Wapnick

However, the clear winners were the participants, who had a great afternoon of tennis. This event was organized by Celia Levy, Ronnie Diamond, and Natie Levy, match organizer, scorekeeper and person-keeping-moving! Right now, Natie is being bribed to do it again next year!



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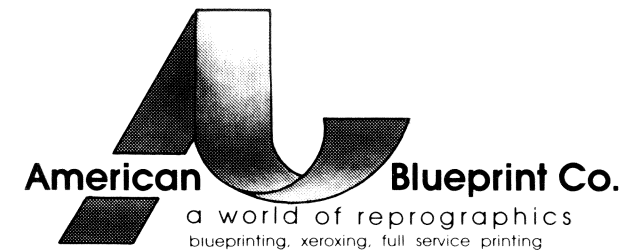
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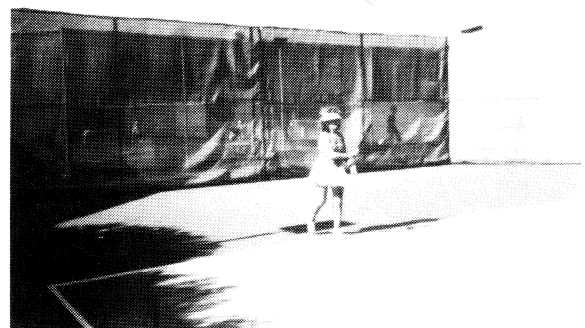
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IMPRESSIONS

by Lynne Ross

"The times they are changing ..." At the *Market Theatre* in Johannesburg. Mbogeni Ngema's *Sarafina* is playing and everyone's talking about this Soweto musical which is to open in New York some time next year.

The musical celebrates Mbaquanga, (South African township music) and "the power of the children". The action takes place in a high-school in Soweto. The good guys are the pupils, particularly the brave young *Sarafina*. The bad guys are the police, the army, P.W. Botha and the Afrikaans language. None of this is merely implied, it is all sung out as directly and powerfully as a kick in the solar plexus ... which is exactly how it feels to me and my friends who left before such things were ever said in public.

The audience lap it up. At least 50% are black. "It's R16:00 a ticket," says my friend. "Do they get cheaper seats?" Our host snickers, "What do you think it's like 3rd class on the train?" She is embarrassed ... but she has been away a long time.

At interval we talk in whispers. We are outsiders afraid to make fools of ourselves by saying something about Soweto that would make us look silly in front of these people who live there. "Who's bloody *Market theatre* is this anyway?" says my friend. "They are making me feel like an intruder."

After the show we go across to "The Warehouse", where Jonny Clegg and his band *Savuka* are belting out *THIRD WORLD CHILD*. He is pleading for peace and equality in the land of his birth. Shades of Bruce Springsteen, same basic sweaty honesty. He's all the rage. A sleeveless T-shirt shows up his white skin in contrast to *Savuka* who are mainly black. The place is full. People have been lining up since 3 p.m. ... luckily our host had influence.

Sandton City

Many of the shop assistants are black. Some of the white shoppers have difficulty with this. In smart boutiques conversations like this are heard.

Sales Clerk: May I help you?

Customer: I need this in a 34.

Clerk: We don't have any 34's left.

Customer: But I phoned and asked. This morning they said you had them. Please check.

Clerk: I don't have to check. I know. We sold a lot of them today.

Customer: You couldn't have sold all in one day.

Clerk: We did.

Stalemate. She looks around for some one who knows what's going on, some one reliable, helpful, white. She sees the manager in a corner.

Customer: Listen I need a 34 in this and the girl won't even look to see if you have one. Please can you help me?

Manager: I'm sorry but we've had a run on those shirts today and I have no 34's left. I actually looked for one just now. Sorry.

Customer: Oh. Well I don't know why she just didn't tell me that. Thank you.

She glares at the sales assistant who smirks.

At Home

The son of my mothers maid, rejects the suit I give him ... because it's out of style. His mother just shakes her head. "It is the time of the children" she says. "Now we listen to them. We must."

Downtown

A by-election in Hillbrow. Only 19% vote. The students don't vote, no-one knows exactly why. The Nats get another seat in The Jhb City Council.

Powerful businessmen discuss what's happening on the Johannesburg Stock exchange. However, every now and then they drop hints about trade unions in their factories: not sure how seriously to take them, they try and find out what the others are doing.

A Wimpy Bar in town, half the customers are black. I feel unsure of myself. Is this their place or ours. The black waitress calls me "Mama" not "Madam". I like that.

There is a third world feel in the air. Subtle, but unmistakable, it is difficult to describe ... "but the times they are a changing."

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by Karen Marcus

Visas to Freedom ...

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The global movement of Jews who leave their homelands not from choice, but of necessity, is a very old story. Between 1968 and 1982 HIAS helped more than 100,000 Russian emigres start anew in the West. In early 1984 HIAS played a significant role in the airlift of 8,000 Ethiopian Jews from the Sudan to Israel and the organization continues to urge the government of Ethiopia to release the remaining 10,000 Jews still in captivity. In Iran the situation for Jews has deteriorated since the Islamic fundamentalist take-over. In the neighboring countries to which these persecuted Jews are able to escape, they turn to HIAS for help in resettling in Western Europe and America.

And what of tomorrow? The Soviet gates may once again open (there are 400,000 Jews awaiting permission to leave); the tinderbox in South Africa may ignite into full-fledged conflict; anyone of a dozen Latin American or Central American "hot-spots" may explode.

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HIAS currently operates via a global network in 47 countries on 6 continents. HIAS receives financial support from United Jewish Appeal, various private funds, the South African Jewish Appeal, the US government and from membership dues.

HIAS is the real story of Jews helping Jews.

S.A.A. ... AN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

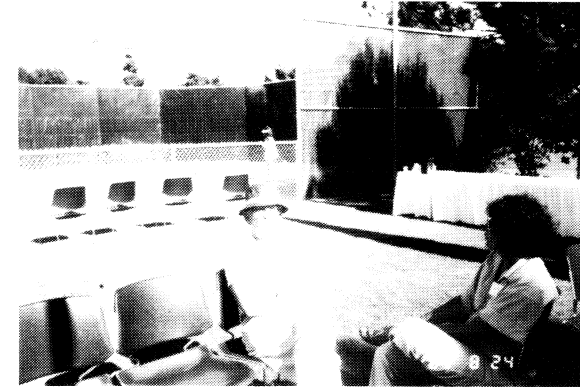
by Richard Bottfeld

The opportunity to interact with a number of South African Americans has afforded me a rare insight into another culture. Whether in the social service area or, in the financial community, this is an industrious group of people, working to assist one another in their integration into the American lifestyle.

Desires and dreams are given a chance to come to fruition - and that "is" the American Dream! I am learning what is considered important, hard, serious and fun to South Africans!

Welcome to all you S.A.A.'s! ... and that's not South African Airlines but South African Americans.

P.S. I used to think my 'china' was a teacup! I also thought he wanted to see La Jolla but all he wanted to do was go for a 'jol'!



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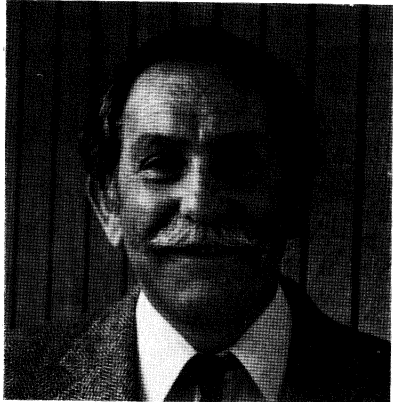
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE

by Michael Rudnick

I have never peered down the ten loaded barrels of a firing squad; I have, however, been a contestant on the 'Wheel of Fortune' game show.

The Contestant Search in San Diego should have forewarned me. It's only a stupid game show, I kept reminding myself. So why did I feel as if I was writing the most important exam of life? Why were my palms so sweaty? Why had my brain turned to mush? What was I doing here, anyway? — I should've been at home in the safety of the lounge watching the darn thing on T.V.

A week later an innocent-looking letter arrived in the mail. Congratulations, it read, you have been selected to .. "I'm on! I'm on!" I shrieked. "I've been picked!"

"I want the car," my wife stated flatly, biting into a Weight Watcher's chocolate chip cookie.

"Oh yes?" I inquired sarcastically. "Anything else?"

"Just the car?" She snapped her jaws on another cookie.

"And if I don't win it?"

"Don't bother," she said mildly, "to come home"

"Not even to pack?" I asked. I felt incurably sorry for myself.

In the following weeks I practiced hard, driving myself mercilessly. Instead of singing in the shower I said, "I'd like to buy a vowel, Pat," over and over. I wanted it to sound perfect. "I'd like to solve the puzzle, Pat," I informed my car's steering wheel repeatedly. "And for three million four hundred thousand dollars, I'll have the house on Whale Watch Way," I told the bedroom mirror.

"I'd be terrified," commented a woman at work. "I'd be a wreck."

"Why's that?" I asked.

"Imagine making a fool of yourself in front of forty million people," she suggested, her eyes wide. "I think you're very brave," she added admiringly.

"Bravery has nothing to do with it," I retorted huffily. "If forty million couch potatoes watch a stupid show, that's their problem. Anyway, when you live in a free country, every individual has the democratic right to make a fool of his or herself. It's in the constitution!"

The TV studio was hellishly hot. Glaring banks of arc lights scorched my eyes. A make-up girl bounded onstage to assault me with a foul-smelling ointment and powder-puff. "Your nose is shining," she hissed in accusatory tones that suggested I was guilty of some hideously vile crime.

"Thirty seconds," cackled a megaphone menacingly. A small army of studio technicians scampered around in a purposeful panic. A tide of sweat cascaded into my eyes causing me to see three of everything. Unfortunately, Vanna White had not yet appeared.

"Twenty seconds," the megaphone shrilled.

Across the studio some stage-hand ominously waved a placard at me; it bore the legend 'SMILE' in bold

letters. I tried to comply but my brain and jaw got their signals crossed and I bared my teeth in a savage grimace instead.

"Ten seconds," The megaphone was positively frantic.

About a thousand butterflies were desperately searching for a way out of my stomach. A procession of lizards was clawing its way up my gullet. My tongue had swollen to the size of a slipper; it lolled about uselessly in my furry mouth.

"We're on!" screamed the maniacal megaphone! "Camera One!"

The rest is something of a blur. I do recall, however, that when I solved the puzzle to win the car, my wife ran onstage and tried to throttle me. Pat Sajak helped me peel her off and Vanna pacified her by whispering soothing consonants in her ear. "She does tend to get over-excited," I explained as the security guards frog-marched her back to her seat.

At home, later that night, she had the audacity to ask if I had been nervous.

"Nervous? Who, me?" I snatched away the Weight Watchers chocolate chip cookie she was about to pop into her mouth and popped it into mine. "It was a piece of cake," I said smugly.

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We hope that many more such smaller gatherings will be held as it provides a good opportunity for new arrivals to get acquainted.



Time to eat ...



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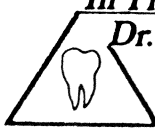


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A LOOK AT JEWISH EDUCATION

Things are happening in the Community High School of Jewish Studies. The new principal, Ruth Levy, came to San Diego two months ago after nine years in Los Angeles. She has been involved in education as a teacher, curriculum writer, consultant and resource center person for the past twenty years. Ruth has been working with faculty members and others in order to create a program which will respond to the shared concerns, wishes, and ideas of students and parents about the High School. Many of the comments and suggestions that were collected are becoming realities.

The concept of a community school is important at the High School of Jewish Studies. It is especially meaningful in San Diego where Jewish students from South Africa, Mexico, Israel, and the United States are able to interact. The school provides opportunities for these youngsters to meet and become familiar with the many faces of Judasim, to be comfortable with their Jewishness and explore it in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere.

The High School of Jewish Studies has a special program for incoming 8th grade students. Realizing how important it is to give first year students a strong feeling of caring and belonging, topics will be geared to their special interests. Students will have a teacher-leader who will be with them for the two hours on Tuesday nights, and who will work with them on building a sense of community within their group.

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The 10th grade core class will be taught by Todd Kobernick, who will bring his legal expertise, in addition to his experience in working with high school students, to each session. Todd's class will look at different legal issues, touching upon bio-ethics, current events, personal relationships and more. His course will develop a heightened awareness and sensitivity to crucial problems facing young Jewish adults today.

Many other teachers at the High School of Jewish Studies have been on its staff for years and are familiar with many of the students from different local synagogues. Through their work at the High School of Jewish Studies, these teachers are making a very important statement: Jewish education does not end with a child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The obligation and joy of "and you shall teach them to your children" is an ongoing process, enriching both the students and the teacher.

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Jeepers Creepers Where'd you Get Those Sneakers

by Brian Marks

America is sneaker heaven.

You don't have to take my word for it. Go ahead and ask any South African tackie, English tennis shoe or Australian high top where they would like to live and the answer will be a unanimous "U.S. of A."

But it goes further than just a friendly environment. Sneakers are like fingerprints. No two people wear them quite the same way, and the well schooled eye will scan the floor or any room and tell everything about the people you meet.

For instance, Pro Wings are a dead give-away. There's no Cuthberts here and so the person is an immigrant or went to visit mom recently. Just remember, the life of a sneaker is 12 months and anyone wearing Pro Wings is pretty fresh off the boat. So get ready to tell them all about Sea World, credit checks, the high cost of insurance and how much you miss biltong.

Reebok wearers are a different story. Any woman wearing high top Reeboks doesn't do much exercise but wants you to think they do. Especially the lime greens, pinks and mauves. Black is reserved for punkers and usually matches the color of their eyes. Low toppers are harder to read. They might go to aerobics now and then, but be careful of anyone wearing Reeboks and clean, sweat-free leotards designed by Gilda. They are on their way to bridge class, not to the Y.

You can always tell the true health nut, because they wouldn't wear anything but Avia. From the double cushioned shock absorbing insole to the double stitched low impact uppers, they are either on their way to Family Fitness ... or on their way back. And they never wear Velcro.

As for men! Real men, don't wear Reeboks.

No. Real men wear Converse leather high tops with tattered laces and brown court stains on the sides. Or old Adidas, Old Stan Smith leathers, old Nike, old Pro Keds or old Pumas. But never Reeboks. Any man who wears sneakers that don't carry the signature of a sports hero, or a brand advertised on ESPN, probably bought them at K. Mart, Marshalls or Kinney. Avoid at all costs. How can you trust anyone who is not a sucker for a Michael Jordan ad. Some people have no heart at all.

Real surfers go bare foot. Boogie Boarders wear purple high tops to match their purple Gotcha long jams. Japs wear L.A. Gear or some have graduated to Snakers, but they're another story altogether.

Which brings us to FILA. Anyone in East San Diego with a pair of Fila's is either a great tennis player or bought the copy-cat model in Tijuana. But in La Jolla, you can be pretty sure that all Fila wearers look good, but don't know a backhand from a bowling ball. They somehow always seem to go best with brown velveteen sweats and a double Haagen Daz chocolate chocolate chip cone. To spot a Fila wearer, park yourself outside the La Valencia on any Sunday at noon and you will be able to see a brand new pair slipping into a Porsche Carrera or Mercedes station wagon.

But it doesn't stop there. Paranoids wear them backwards. Schitzos wear two different shoes. Basketball players wear the boxes.

There's a whole world going on below the knees and you don't have to be a sicko to get shivery and excited about sneakers. But don't ask me, ask Dr. Ruth.

THE FIVE BEHRS

Stanley, Margo, Douglas, Barry and Carol went to Israel in 1977, en route to the U.S.A. Like all good South Africans they made their home in Rananafontein, where Afrikaans is more common than Hebrew. In 1979 they made their way to the United States, and arrived in San Diego that same year. They have never looked back.

Stanley and Margo are warm, friendly, down to earth people. They are both from the Platteland; Stanley from Bredasdorp, and Margo from George. But they met in Cape Town where Stanley handled Margo's father's insurance. We can immediately see that Stanley never mixes business with pleasure!

In South Africa Stanley was in the insurance business from the day he left school. He was a very successful Lloyds broker, and spent his non working hours with his hobbies — dabbling in real estate, collecting antique silver, and gathering together a collection of old Persian rugs. On arrival in the US, he turned his hobby into his profession and became a realtor. He is today one of the top producers at Grubb & Ellis.

Margo is a special ed teacher. To obtain her American credentials, she went back to university and read for her B.A. degree. She will graduate with her M.A. in special education in December. She teaches handicapped children and adults in community colleges.

Two of their three children have left home to make their own lives in the States. Douglas, the eldest, is 31 and lives in L.A. He is involved in manufacturing shop fittings for the jewelry trade and in distributing merchandise to jewellers. He is single, and as his dad says, "a good gup". Those of you with eligible daughters can send a stamped self addressed envelope with photo to him care of SAJAC.

Barry is 25 and is married to an American. He lives in Reno where he is doing his Masters in reproductive physiology. He works in a fertility clinic, and we can vouch for the fact that he is an expert in his field by letting you into a little secret ... His wife is pregnant.

Carol is 23 and is studying psychology as SDSU. She lives at home which is a tribute to her parents in this day and age. She too like her mother is involved with the underprivileged and teaches dancing and exercises in places of safety. She looks like her mother! Thank goodness.

A little known fact about the Behr family is that they are and have always been committed Jews. Stanley was a member of Betar and gave up a year of his life to Israel in 1948. Both he and Margo serve on the Senior Service Committee at Temple Beth El. Although there is no Bikkur Cholim here, Stanley and Margo make it their business to visit the sick and the elderly on a regular basis. They also bring music and happiness into the lives of the elderly by playing the guitar, mandolin and piano for

them, Stanley and Margo are often found on a Shabbath morning driving the shuttle for the elderly up the Beth El hill.

Margo is a keen tennis and bridge player, while Stanley prefers the more intellectual game of poker. He is a member of the South African Poker School which meets every two weeks and is always looking for new players.

The Behr's are very happy in San Diego and have been happy since the day they arrived. They look upon San Diego as their home, and experienced no traumas of immigration. They came here because they wanted to, and they strive to make every day meaningful. Their house is like a hotel and is always filled with visitors. They have made many friends here both of South African and American extract, and thank G-d for every day that they are privileged to spend in this wonderful city that we have all made our home.



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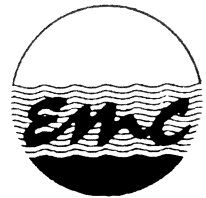
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