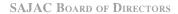
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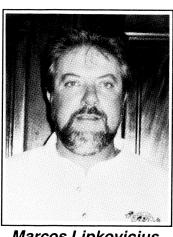
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Starve the body so that I put in less calories". You murmur as you take another bite of that lekker chocolate log.

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Now believe it or not, the essence of life giving nutrition is not chocolate, ketchup, salad dressina. Big Mac's, soda's, cookies and all those other high fat, high sugar, high salt foods that you keep pushing down your throat.

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You must take in calories throughout the day. For example:-

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Snack 10:00 am eat some fruit or vegetable

Lunch time have a sandwich. Hold back on the mayonnaise. You don't need it. All foods have their own taste. Acquire the taste for good nutritious food.

Snack 3:00 pm eat some fruit or vegetable

Dinner Whatever you eat. Just hold back on the ketchup, butter and oil

Your dinner should be no later than 3 hours before you go to sleep. If you must still snack before going to sleep ... munch a carrot.

And drink lots of water throughout the day.

That's it for today folks. Just a simple step to help you on your way to achieving total good health.

Bychangingour attitudes, we can overcome our bad eating habits once and for all ... and remember ...

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President's Address

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From my earliest childhood memo- By Pam Nathan ries until this present time, I strongly associate Rosh Hashanah with celebrating with family and loved ones. And this doesn't undermine the religious importance of this significant date in our Jewish calendar. Rather, it us? I treasure memories of Yom Tavim spent at one of the long trestle tables set up in my aunt's lounge, crushed uncles and other significant members of our lives. The warmth (literal and figurative) of those occasions nourishes me still.

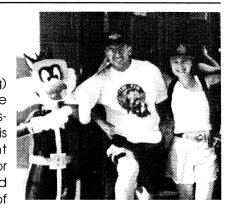
But, like all things we value, family relationships? There are very few labels to a variety of retail stores. among us that haven't had the experience of being angered, hurt or frustrated by a family member or close friend (usually about some trivial incident when viewed in the big picture of our lives). So I find especially helpful at this time of the year, when I am asking G-d for forgiveness, to contemplate how I can be more for aiving of those around me. I believe that if we can simply practice acceptance, we're almost there. By this I mean the acceptance of the other person for who they are, what they believe, what they do - whether I agree or not. Of course, this isn't easy, but it seems fair since isn't this what I implicitly ask of those around me: simply to love me while freeing me to be my own per-

In addition to acceptance, no small measure of forgiving is needed. This is a tall order: a large dose of acceptance and forgiving. It will require a lot of work from me in the year ahead. But I can think of no better place to invest my efforts than in my wonderful and special family members and dear friends, the true riches of my life.

May you and your families all be blessed with peace, good health, abundant love and joy throughout this New Year and well over the Fast.

SAJAC New Comers

Wayne and Haley Henson (nee Cimring) arrived in San Diego in June 1997. They are originally from Johannesburg and presently living in the UTC area. Wayne is highlights it. For what imbues an event employed by Appleone Employment in our lives with more meaning than Agency specializing in job recruitment for sharing it with those near and dear to the technology market. Haley, a qualified dietitian in South Africa, is in the process of registering with the American Dietetic Association. They immigrated to the US after



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into a small space by cousins, aunts, Wayne was fortunate enough to have been a lucky winner in the 1995 'green card lottery'. They can be reached at 784-0269.

Dave and Liz Lieb have arrived in San Diego from Cape Town. Actually, Liz, who was born in New York, met Dave in Israel and they fell in love. She went back to finish school and once she graduated went to meet Dave in South takes effort. We all think about that Africa where they married and now have 3 children. Laurie (10), Mati (7) and which they can or "should" give us but Abigail (3). Lizis a Spanish Teacher having spent many years in Puerto Rico. She how often do we think about how is currently recovering from back surgery. Dave is president of a cosmetic much of ourselves we invest in these company whose offices are on Madison Avenue, NY. They supply private



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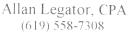
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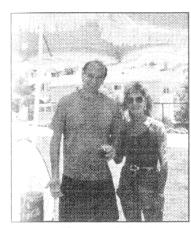
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"Can I see your boerewors?"

A report back on a recent young families barbecue By Steven L. Schraibman



On a balmy Sunday in late May more that a dozen 'young families' got together at Carmel Creek Park in Del mar, to celebrate the age old art of braaing American style.

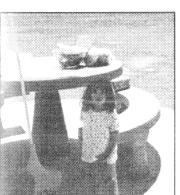
Families arrived and after a brief chitchat, the serious task of getting the food out and preparing the braai began.

Everyone knows that the first challenge is to get a decent fire started, well in anticipation of the sacrificial lamb (and other animals) that were about to be offered. This is a task which usually separates the 'wanna be's" from the real crafts-

men. This time, however, a team effort prevailed and soon two roaring fires heralded the triumphant "teamsters"

Another brief chance to chat and then onto the serious task of braaina the franks, with Basil, Mark and Steven competing for 'top dog' honors! Mean-

while Evelyn, Michelle and Rachel amonast others laid out the salads and sodas.



Joanne Edelstein

Michele Abramowitz

All too soon the familiar Jewish war cry of "come and get while it's still here" was heard. All thoughts of breaking out into chorus singing "Die Stem" "Nkosi" and other stirring songs were abandoned to the wind, while the aroma of cooked wafted franks through the air.



Oh, what a lovely picnic - Basil Abramowitz, Gary Levinson, Rache Rosin, Beverly Burland, Shelley Sass, Steven Sass, & Jody Levinson.

The familiar sounds of South Africans enjoying the sunshine, sausages and reminiscing could be heard. And for a brief moment in time, Carmel Creek Park could have been a walled fortress in Sandton, or "Plett" in December (or even Del Mar Beach for that matter).

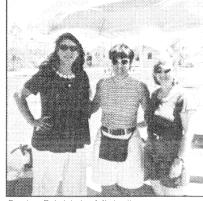
For many of the parents it was a chance to reconnect, pick up on yesterday's conversation or revive long lost friendships, from a different time and place. For the kids, many of whom were meeting for the first time, less complex, but no less meaningful connections were made.

With the last frank finding a happy home, it was soon time to pack up and leave. Several young families had now shared a common activity in their new homeland. So it really doesn't matter whether you call it a bragi or a barbecue, boerewors or Steve Schraibman & franks - as long as you're there.



Sydney Rosin





Evelyn Edelstein, Michelle Abramowitz & Rochelle Rosin

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BBYO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AUGUST 1997

Wavne Sneaa

As this journey began, I learned the privilege of independence. As soon as the flight took off headed to Dallas/Fort Worth, myself and my traveling companions, Dave Feldman and Sam Orlansky, exchanged Marc Chagall AZA trivia. We discussed the upcoming adventure. We were headed to International Convention, which was to take place at the BBYO Perlman Camp



in Starlight, Pennsylvania and we were to spend a week together with delegates from all over the world and the rest of the United States.

For me, this was the first time I had undertaken a journey across the country without a family member. BBYO, and especially AZA has given me the opportunity to experience life as a young adult, making my own decisions without adults continuously down my back.

We traveled by bus from La Guardia Airport to the camp in Starlight. On the bus there were people from all over the world, the United States and Canada. We were all from different regions and chapters, but we

all got along surprisingly well. The surprising thing was that we all seemed to have the same taste in music. The usual "ska" or Dave Matthew's Band. We traveled past some "famous" sights on our way to the camparound like the Yankee Stadium, the Empire State Building and the project

When we arrived at camp, we saw all the AZA'ers and BBG'ers (the girls group) from all over the world. Some were sleeping, while others had more energy than you could imagine. One thing that amazed me was the beautiful scenery. The endless greenery and occasional streams flowing through the camp.

We were to sleep in dorms on bunk beds. We had meals in a huge dining room and went to business meetings and discussed issues and voted on them. Everybody was involved in some way or another.

It rained for a couple of days, and although it was wet and muddy, it didn't really spoil any of the activities. They had arranged dances and there was a "shuk" where you could purchase all kinds of BBYO gear like T-shirts, pins from the different chapters and also food and candy. We all had duties to perform, like getting the dining room ready for meals, clearing the tables, keeping our own dorms clean, and all the kind of stuff our mothers want us to know for when we go to college!!

There were over 800 delegates and the spirit was fantastic. I hope to be able to go on this adventure again next year and begin to cement relationships with wonderful people from all over the world and my own country.

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SOUTH AFRICA - OF OLD???

By Sharon Segal

What is the concern of man?

A big house that shadows his conscience

With walls that enclose and separate

him from reality.

Or is it a burning police station,

A tin shack bath.

Or the bruised neck of one

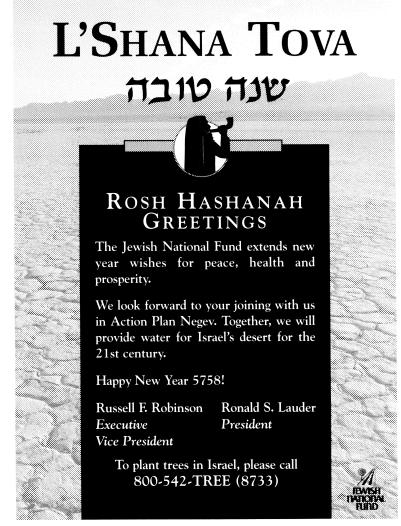
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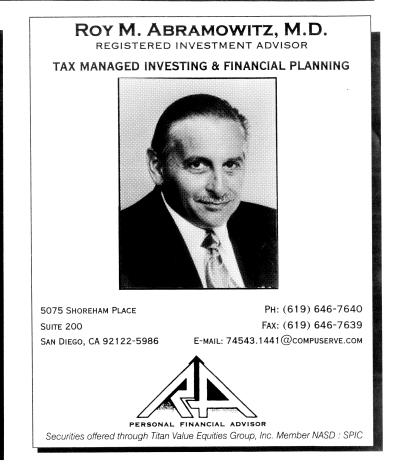
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New Beginnings

By Marlene Hyde

M.A. (Clinical Psychology)

"Why do you have to postpone moving to a warmer climate where you can swim all year until you are so old that you're afraid of water?"

David Vispott

Obviously, as SAJAC members, we all took the plunge, leaving our familiar shores and we came to a place where swimming is possible all year! However, our story is not quire as flippant as that. Like their forefathers, the South African Jews have had to become a nomadic people, again-leaving their



origins and their loved ones and journeying to distant lands across the seas. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, with its promise of a new year and new beginnings, we look both behind us to recall where we came from and also ahead of us to the hopes of the future. For many, this is a bittersweet time of year, as we remember other Rosh Hashanah's around a large table with all the family and special friends present. We recall most of these relationships with warmth and pleasure. However, some of our relationships are remembered with pain. We may also be living on a day to day basis with a situation that causes pain. We recall again and again how someone did something to hurt us or to make us anary. We let bad feelings get in the way of the relationship. This time of the year offers us a special opportunity to look at that hurt and to consider letting go of those feelings instead of nurturing the grievances. All humans want to feel understood and cared for but we lose our connectedness to each other when we allow these disruptive emotions to come between us.

How can we let go of these feelings? It takes courage to face the anger and the pain within us. Release from this situation often follows when we are able to forgive the other person instead of harboring destructive feelings. This is sometimes difficult to do and in that case, counseling or other methods may be used to re-process emotions and to change our responses. We can choose to remain injured or to resolve the issue and to live more joyously. Often forgiveness does not start out as a feeling but as a decision. We decide to commit ourselves to the forgiving process.

Forgiving is not a selfless and self-sacrificing act. Paradoxically, it is quite a selfish act. Using our energy to maintain emotional baggage blocks us off from ourselves and from others. It affects our own quality of life. By re-processing these wounds, we are not only doing it "for" someone else - we are liberating ourselves to walk more freely in the world too.

We owe it to ourselves to examine the part that we have played in causing the damage to that relationship also. It is often helpful to emotionally walk in the shoes of the other person and to experience the situation from their perspective. We may find that we too have wounded another. It then becomes as important for us to be able to forgive ourselves also.

To feel forgiven - by another or by ourselves - is to feel free to step into the future uncontaminated by the mistakes of the past, encouraged by the knowledge that we can grow and change and need not repeat the same mistakes again.

As we dip the apple in the honey, we pray for a good and sweet year. Satisfying relationships add to that sweetness.

Temple Israel in Paul Nel Street, Hillbrow has em-

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From S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies

TEMPLE ISRAEL REACHES OUT

barked on an inner-city development project. Solly Rametsi advises the Jewish umbrella organization for community upliftment, Tikkun, on the needs of residents. And the well-qualified hand of Louise Ntsudisane guards over the pre-school children in the crèche they set up. Louise says: "These children are wonderfully well-fed, because Score Supermarket is owned by a congregant of Temple Israel, and they donate all the crèche's food." The crèche receives a further subsidy from Temple Israel Tikkun, and that enables single parents to afford to send their children to a crèche of good quality. Louise is well-qualified. "Temple Israel has a congregation of mostly elderly Jewish people from the inner city. We are determined to stay and help the people around us", says Reeva Forman, chairperson of Temple Israel Tikkun, "because we believe that is what religion is about." "Our next project is to offer extra lessons to matriculants in Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville, Parktown and Killarney on Sunday mornings. The SA Union of Jewish Students have offered their help, says Stan Forman, of Tikkun. "Interested schools can contact David Biltchitz at 786-9938". The beautiful synagogue of Temple Israel dates back from 1936. Says Reeva: "In our hall, we will also offer skills training that can be translated into jobs. We want Hillbrow residents to have pride in their community. Our vision is of a friendly Hillbrow".

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LINDY: A HIT AT THE MACCABIAH GAMES

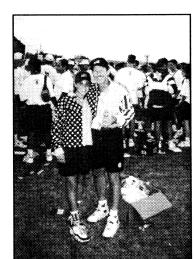
By Lindy First

My name is Lindy First and I am 14 ½ years old. I have just come back from the Maccabiah Games in Israel where I played tennis for the USA. I played in the Junior Maccabiah section which included kids from 14-17 years old. There were kids from Canada, Holland, Argentina, England, South Africa, Brazil, Australia and, of course, Israel.

I had the best time of my life playing in the Maccabian Games and going



Lindy and her partner Ross on the podium after receiving the Gold Medals for Mixed Doubles.



Uncle & Niece both representing the U.S.A. at the Maccabiah Games, Harold Krasner & Lindy

to Israel. My trip first started out in New York where I stayed with a fellow team mate. The rest of the American team all came to New York where we practiced at Flushing Meadows. The team consisted of 4 boys and 4



The First and Krasner families at the Opening Ceremony.



Lindy First with her racquets.

AL plane and after 10 hours, we finally arrived in Israel.

We then went to Kfar Maccabiah (Maccabiah Village), where all the US juniors stayed during Pre-camp. For a week, before the Games started, we were taken to various places in Israel, starting with Jerusalem and ending with the Golan Heights. It was amazing! On the 13th July we moved to Zichron Yaakov in a hotel called Havat Habaron. This is where all the

Juniors of all the different sports stayed -

soccer players, track, swimmers, volley ball,

water polo and so on all stayed together.

What an atmosphere!

girls and, of course, our coach Ben Lobe. After a few days of practice, we were on

our way to Israel with the rest of the USA

team. We got on the specially charted EL

On July 14th, an exciting day turned into a tragedy. The opening ceremonies were ruined by the falling of a bridge that killed 4 Australians and injured 47 people. After a day of mourning, the Games carried on. Everyday, all the Junior Tennis players from all over the world would get on a bus and travel 1 ½ hours to the Jaffa Tennis Center to play tennis.

The tennis was extremely competitive and of a very high standard. I got to the semi-finals of the singles and won a gold medal in the mixed doubles. Throughout the Games, I met tons of amazing people from all over the world. We became so close and had so much fun together. We would have parties and dances and sing along just about every night, but when the competition was underway during the

Games, the competition was intense.

The last day of the Games ended with a triumphant march through the streets of Jerusalem. I felt so proud to have been at the Maccabiah Games representing America and being in Israel. I had an amazing time with memories I will cherish for ever and ever.

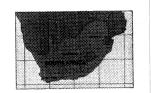
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Letting Go - It's a Natural Transition for Parents

By Sandy Braff, MFCC

Rona, a 35-year old mother of a 5-year old daughter, Gabi, and Julie a 46-year old mother of an 18-year old son, Alan, discovered how much they had in common during a conversation over coffee. They were discussing their mixed emotions as they prepared to launch their kids off to school. Gabi was off to kindergarten and Alan was preparing to en-



ter his first year of college out-of-state. Natural transitions for both parents and children - yes, and often a time of both joy and sorrow. In this article, I would like to address the issue of LETTING GO as it relates to how we as parents adjust to our children's need and striving for independence.

"The work of adult life is not easy. As in childhood, each step presents not only new tasks of development but requires LETTING GO of techniques that worked before leading to greater expansion of one's own distinctiveness." (Gail Sheehy in her book "Passages").

TRANSITIONS

We are constantly facing crises, challenges or transitions. They begin the moment we are born and continue until the day we die. As adults/parents some familiar challenges that many of us face, include: school, college, marriage, childbirth, parenting, divorce, as well as helping children move through their developmental stages. I'd like to focus on how we handle the parent-child relationship - in particular, when our child matures and leaves the nest. Rudolf Drikurs, MD, says in his book, The Challenges of Parenthood, that "the loosening of the ties between child and parent is a natural and gradual process that begins very early, really with the weaning of the baby". As our children "slip away" and become involved with their peers, new activities, and individual interests, we may experience ourselves as becoming superfluous. This may be experienced as a crisis for some parents who may respond by becoming overbearing, overprotective and more controlling. It is difficult for some of us to accept the idea that our child is developing his/her own personality, values and requirements, and that this is a natural and desirable course of events. Establishing and maintaining a friendly relationship with our children based on mutual trust and respect will ensure healthy bonds as they become adults. It is as Rudolf Dreikers says: "For the child does not "grow up" at a fixed date; he begins to grow away from his parents in his earliest infancy ..."

COPING

So, how do we cope with this bittersweet experience of letting go of our children, and also maintain a strong connection? We must begin to redefine our attitudes and beliefs about the present task of parenthood, and recognize our feelings of vulnerability and loss. During these continuing transitions we can consciously choose to enter a stage of unique creativity. Initially we will feel disoriented and off balance. However, this can become a time when we search for replenishment, redirect our energies, redefine who we are and how we now function both within and outside of the family. For some people, this may involve changing careers, or entering the work force for the first time, or "stretching" ourselves in other areas that are rewarding. For many parents, it can become a time to redefine and even reinvent the marital relationship now that the children are no longer helpless and dependent. Remember that the task of parenthood is to raise self-sufficient children who will become contributing members of society. In other words, it is our function to do ourselves out of a job, to raise healthy, independent children and to develop a mutually respectful relationship with our children. This does take time, so be patient with your-

I would like to share a story about a client I worked with that may illustrate some of the ideas presented in this article. (Many details have been changed to protect confidentiality and this story is told with the client's permission). A single mother in her 40's had one son attending his first year at college and a daughter of 16 with whom she was having a difficult time. She had spent hours typing up agreements and tasks that her "rebellious" daughter was to perform and a curfew that she was to keep. All her attempts to control her daughter were unsuccessful. As we talked, it became obvious that this mother had few interests in her life other than her mothering role, so that the idea of her daughter "leaving the nest" was a painful experience for her. We explored interests that she had, ideas about who she wanted to be in her life, both as mother to her children and as a woman entering a transition in her life. She began to focus on her feelings, values, goals, expectations and the meaning of participating in life in a different way. She invited her daughter to be a part of discussions about chores, curfews and her role in the house. She found a job. As her focus changed so too, did her relationship with her daughter and her view of herself. Sounds easy, but it was a challenging experience that took her about 9 - 12 months to "complete". I say "complete" because, as Gail Sheehy says: "The whole idea about developmental change is that things can never be settled once and for all."

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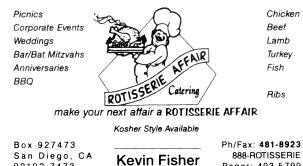


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Triumphant Tennis Trip

Bv Marae Kalmanson

I was privileged to be one of 5,300 competitors from about 50 countries to compete in the Maccabiah Games, the Jewish Olympics in Israel.

There is an air of excitement in donning the uniform for the USA and marching under the American flag. In this case it was marred by the collapse of a bridge leading into the stadium, killing 3 people and injuring 60 of the Australian contingent. The following day and night was declared a Day of Mourning and everything was canceled. Sad to say there have been more deaths recently.

The Maccabian Policy is

"The Games must go on" and so they did.

At the 1993 Games, I played in the Masters tennis and won two Bronze medals. This time, four years later, like wine and cheese, the more it matures the better it gets, I was able to get to all three finals and won a Gold and two Silvers.

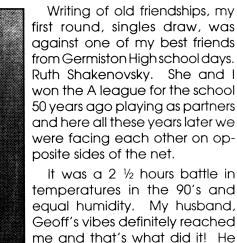
Aside from the competition, there is a wonderful spirit of camaraderie and Jewish geography was practiced by all.

Tova Epstein (Israel) and Marge Kalmanson Singles Final. Marge won a Silver Medal.

Old school friends and forgotten relatives surfaced in every meeting place. The S.A. contingent were in the hotel next to ours, where one only heard the old familiar accent everywhere, especially as a large percentage of Australians and Canadians were ex-South African participants.

Trading T-shirts, pins, hats is always a lot of fun. A special trading party was held for all the tennis players and fun, food and trading were the high-

lights. The Australian uniforms are always the hottest tickets and are needed to trade on a two for one basis to obtain anything Aussie.



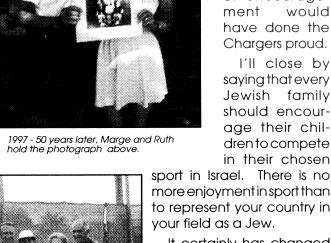
ever played!!!

Another highlight was the finals of the Rugby. Since its inception as a Maccabiah sport,

said it was the hardest match he

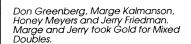
South Africa has always won the gold in Rugby. This year was the first time for the US. The US won by 1 point. The screams and yells of encouragement would have done the

I'll close by saying that every Jewish family should encourage their children to compete in their chosen





It certainly has changed the lives of many young firsttime competitors for the bet-

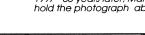




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1947 - 50 Years ago, Kalmanson (seated right) and best

friend Ruth Shakenofsky (seated left) in the Germiston High



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What a Wonderful World. What a Wonderful Evening

By Sandy Kodesh

The last time I saw my seniors was at the Chanukah party, so for me, it was a great treat to attend the Yiddish entertainment evening for SAJAC seniors held at the JCC. Whenever the seniors get together, there is a hubbub of chatter and



Gerald Solomon, Bertha Levinsohn and Diane Solomon enjoying yiddishe

excitement. They love to see each other, be it close friends, or acquaintances that they only see at these



Anne Sable and Judy Cohen eniov the evening

They come in little groups, always with an air of expectancy - "what will this evening bring"? I am not biased when I say that to attend a seniorevent, is always a thrilling experience. Our seniors are a very special

group of people quietly who struggle with their settling own down process. Although they have don't young children to organize, or businesses to establish, we tend to overlook what



Time to chat - Sylvia Schmaman, Lorna Swartz and Naomi Aires.

obstacles they have in their own lives.



Lilv Drujan and Elsie Roth

This evening was organized by Renee Frank, Sarah Trocki, and Sylvia & Gerald Kane. They did a wonderful job as always, organizing rides for those who needed them, deserts and coffee, plus first class entertainment.

Yiddish is really a dying language among us Jewish people. How many people do you know who can converse, speak, or understand Yiddish?

Well, here was a group of entertainers who sang and told jokes in Yiddish. Lorraine Hertzberg and her troupe were wonderful. Their jokes had genuine Yiddish humor in genuine Yiddish accents. The singers had strong melodious voices, recalling those old Yiddish songs that takes my heart back to my Bubba and my mother, who used to sing the same songs. I always remember as a child hearing my mother's clear, sweet voice singing these expressive songs about such emotional issues. found a tear welling up in my eye and my memories going back to when I was a little girl. The evening ended with song sheets and everyone joining in a sing-a-long. As my eyes glanced around the room, I could see these people singing the songs of remembrances, each with their own private memories. It was a wonderful evening.

Siz geven zair a freilige ovend. Alle hoben varbracht.

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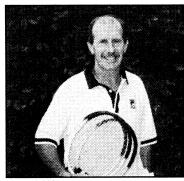
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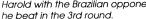
By Harold Krasner

Having returned home safely from a trip of a lifetime to Israel and Spain, my mind is still filled with very mixed feelings of sadness and exuberance. Over the years I had watched Olympic opening ceremonies and had this dream of Harold Krasne marching for my country



at the opening ceremony of the Maccabiah Games in

July 15th, Monday evening at 8 pm, the stadium at



Ramat Gan was filled with 50,000 people including my wife, son, mother, sister and her husband, nieces and many dear friends of ours, all awaiting our entrance into the stadium. My heart was pounding, proudly dressed in the American colors. The enthusiasm and spirit of the athletes was buzzing with areat anticipation. All these fellow Jews who had the same dream. The announcement is made to get into our respective

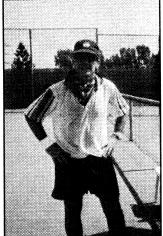
teams and prepare to move towards the stadium.

We all start moving towards the 'bridge' when unex-

pectedly we are told to go back to our holding area. At first we were surprised, because none of us were aware of the senseless tragedy that had just taken place. We waited with great uncertainty and concern. I was distraught not only because of the tragic loss of life, but that all of us



First and Joy Krasner.



Right — Who's next? Harold Krasner on the tennis court waiting for his next

with a very loud bang. Unknown to the athletes was that the opening ceremony did go on but, of course, the spirit and atmosphere was very mixed, especially since the 550 athletes were outside the stadium. After a 24 hour delay, the

would not be part of the

march. My balloon had burst

Australian delegation insisted the games continue in honor of the athletes who had died. My first match in the Men's 45 Masters tennis happened to be against an Australian who

had been quite a hero the night of the accident. I really felt for the guy, but also knew that the competition had begun and I had worked and trained awfully hard to get to Israel. After shaking off the early nerves, I won comfortably and, after a few more rounds, was one of two Americans to reach the quarterfinals.

Host a heartwrenching match to the #1 Israeli in a 3rd set tie breaker.

Talk about frustration - no opening ceremony and a loss like that, I have to go back in 4 years time.

A South African, Alan Saul, eventually won the singles in my division. The level of the competition was very high in the later round and most of the participants were in superb condition, especially dealing with the heat and humidity of Tel Aviv.

The Rugby final was played in Herzeliah between the USA and South Africa. I have lived in the States for 20 years, so who would you have cheered for?

> In the presence of the Prime Minister, the closing ceremony was a great event. Singing and dancing were interspersed with videos of children, new immigrants, who spoke of their absorption into the country. The music, laser show, fireworks and wonderful atmosphere helped ease the painful open-

> The unbridled enthusiasm of the athletes, their pride of being part of the Zionist movement, the hard work of the organizers over the past 4 years, culminated into the reality of the Games and this is what gives the Maccabiah its intrinsic soul. I will be back!!

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Theater, of course, was excellent. The most outstanding productions of the season were "The Herbal Bed" and "Amy's View".

Last, but not least, was a visit to Buckingham Palace on opening day. The two hour queue was exhausting, but once we were inside, we just could not believe the overwhelming grandeur of it all. We took our time examining everything meticulously, as we slowly wandered through all the Royal State Apartments - it almost felt like a private 'State Visit'. The imposing dining room, the Green Room, the Main Picture Gallery and the East Picture Gallery housing Van Dyk, Vermeer and Rubens were magnificent; I counted some 20 rooms that we visited.



Audrey enjoying a drink with friends at the Royal London Yacht Club during Cowes Week

I was struck by the beautiful proportions created by John Nash, the Grand Staircase and the presence of white and gold leaf embellishments on the ceilings, columns and doorways. We also visited the Throne Room and the Music Room. My favorite was the White Drawing Room. It was indeed a rare and special privilege to have experienced this famous treasure. Exhausted as we were, we sat on a bench overlooking the huge expanse of lawns, ponds and gardens. The gift shop offered an unusual choice of fine china, silver and expensive souve-

Lexpect to be in London until September 9th. The rain has been replaced with searing heat and temperatures of 88 degrees and 100% humidity. There is very little relief! Britain is definitely not equipped for this kind of weather and it is beginning to feel more like Bombay, these days A little rain wouldn't be so bad after all!!!.

*****September 10, 1997

On the 31st of August, 1997, the world was in a state of shock over the untimely death of Princess Diana and her companion who were killed in a fatal car crash in the early hours of the morning in Paris. The enormity of the event shattered everyone. I was unexpectedly in England that week to experience a week of grief not seen



Dame Barbara Cartland, flanked by Audrey and Jonathan.

since the death of JFK. On Tuesday evening we walked from St. James' Palace to Buckingham Palace to see the hundreds of thousands of bouquets, scented candles, messages of sympathy, letters, photographs, teddy bears, and even a pair of ballet slippers tied to a tree, showing love -- so much love -- for a princess who had touched the lives of so many ordinary people. The outpouring of grief continued as people waited 12 hours in a queue to show their respect. Diana, overnight, became the 'People's Princess', and was ultimately crowned 'The Queen of People's Hearts' in death. It was hard to contain the tears just looking at the expressions of sympathy and love.

Princess Diana was a curious mixture of emotion and controversy. She dared to confront the Royal Family, whose flat had been unchallenged in its history. She enjoyed the fast track, star status and its trappings of luxury that were unaffordable and unavailable to most She was young and beautiful and Royal. Yet she had the common touch and could communicate sympathy and caring to the homeless, dispossessed and disenfranchised.

I was privileged to witness the funeral from the Balcony of the Royal Thames Club which overlooks Hyde Park. The simple cortege procession passed us slowly and silently -- It was so elegant and dignified as it made its way to Buckingham Palace. The precision was perfect all the way until Big Ben struck 11 o'clock and the cortege entered the Abbey. It was a breathtaking moment. The pallbearers were heaving under the weight of 560 lbs. to carry the lead-lined coffin to its resting place. The service was exquisite, as perfect as it could be -- as only the British can put together. The tributes were brief and memorable. The lasting and most poignant moment was Diana's last journey to Althorp. The Royal Family, and the young Princes were exemplary in their conduct. It was a sad farewell! In the same week, there were two other deaths -- notably Mother Theresa, the ultimate, selfless Saint of charity and caring for the sick; and Sir Georg Solti, one of the greatest conductors of this century. These all paled insignificant in contrast to the news of Diana's death.

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HONOR BESTOWED ON SMIEDT & JOSEPHSON FAMILIES

By Ruth Schorr

FALL 1997

The anti-Defamation League will bestow its Distinguished Community Service Award on the families of Mal & Stan Smiedt & Jenny & Julian Josephson at a gala dinner on September 25, 1997 at the San Diego Hyatt Regency. This prestigious award is in recognition of their ongoing civic and charitable contributions to a



The Josephson family - Jenny and Julian Josephson with son Anthony and daughter Heidi

large number of agencies throughout San Diego and the West.

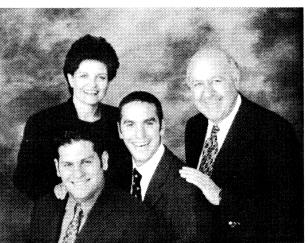
Mal & Stan Smiedt have been working in and contributing to the San Diego Jewish community since their arrival in 1978. Stan has served on the boards of the M. Larry Lawrence JCC and Congregation Beth El. Mal has served on the boards of the United Jewish Federation Women's Division, its Executive Board, the San Diego Jewish Academy, the Resettlement Task Force of the UJF and the Board of Trustees of the La Jolla High School Foundation. She is currently on the board of the Agency for Jewish Education, national Board of the Israel Tennis Centers, the Hillel Foundation and the Anti-Defamation League. She has also served on the PTA of the San Diego Jewish Academy and La Jolla High School. Stan & Mal

have been major financial supporters of a large number of local and national Jewish organizations and those in Israel. Their son Brad is a senior at Stanford University and their younger son, Evan, is a freshman at Washington University in Saint Louis.

Julian Josephson, Mal Smiedt's brother, and his wife, Jenny may be characterized by their commitment to the local Jewish community where they live. Having been extremely active in the South African Jewish community since their arrival in 1978, they continued their efforts in the American Jewish community. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Jenny has held high office including Hadassah Young Women's Chapter President, Hadassah San Diego Regional Executive

board member, Hadassah California Regional Conference Chairperson. She has held a number of positions at the San Diego Jewish Academy: board member, PTA President, Junior High School fundraising Chairperson

and Executive board member, Fundraising VP./ Other committees on which she has also served include the Congregation Beth Am Women's Retreat, JCC Book Fair, La Jolla High School PTA, Jewish Family Services Meals on Wheels and the ADL "A World of Difference" Student Conference. Julian has assumed a leadership position in our Jewish community; as a United Jewish Federation board member he led 2 missions to Washington DC, board member of the Agency for Jewish Education, Congregation Beth El board member and Executive Vice President. He has also contributed much to the San Diego Jewish Academy, having been a board member, President and spearheaded the capital campaign for the Junior High School Building



The Smiedt Family - Marilyn and Stan with sons Brad

Their daughter, Heidi, has graduated from UCLA and Anthony has araduated from La Jolla High School and will be attending Duke University this fall.

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Letter from London

by Audrey Hutchinson

Chelsea, August 18, 1997

June 1997 will be remembered as the month of drenching rain and excessive disruption.

For me, too, it was disruptive having to fight off a drastic dose of the 'flu acquired somewhere, somehow!' In between social events, time was spent at Boots pharmacy stocking up on cough mixtures and at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. As the flu intensified and I was grounded, I comfortably watched the excitement of Wimbledon from my bed; a current and former champion, and a young Swiss girl, Martina Hinais who made her mark forever with her enchanting performance on Center Court.



After a tour of Bukingham Palace, Audrey and Jonathan, Lord Triermaine.

Dressed up for tea at the House of Commons.

A special event making history, was the hand-over of Hong Kong to China - the coverage was in-depth and memorable, especially when Prince Charles, accompanied by the Patten family, after the last British flag was removed, sailed away on Brittania on perhaps "her" last voyage.

A tour and visit of the House of Commons' Gallery followed. It was very interesting to observe the discussions live. The tea, afterwards, was sumptuous and we all enjoyed the spectacular view from the balcony.

Ladies' Day at Ascot was drenched in heavy rain as the royal procession rode down the center course in open carriages, surrounded by huge umbrellas. Fashion

agzina was borina, as people waded knee deep in mud and shivered in the Enclosure. It was a areat shame!

A huge celebration was planned for the Queen's Golden Wedding Anniversary at Windsor with some 20,000 people in attendance. That too, had to be canceled, because of the mud.

Despite all of the above, one just had to keep a "stiff upper lip" and carry on as normal.

There were a lot of beautiful country house visits and picnics,

including Clivedon, which was simply exquisite, surrounded by lovely gardens that extended for miles. Besides being a country home open to the public, it is also a very exclusive hotel.

Lunch at Broughton Castle with Lord and Lady Saye and Sele, sponsored by the Irish Peers, was quite special. The Castle, medieval in architecture, dates back to 1300, and is surrounded by a moat and three streams. The Castle has been in the family for over 600 years, and Lord

and Lady Saye and Sele actually live there. After lunch, Lord Save and Sele gave us a tour. The great hall and picture gallery were particularly impressive. Afterwards we strolled through the exquisite gardens and admired the topiary in the formal gardens.

Iwas brought together with Dame Barbara Cartland

through our mutual love of animals. She entertained us at Camfield Place. Her larger-thanlife personality exuded warmth and charm and a 'joie d'vivre'. I hadn't realized that she had written over 650 books and sold a staggering 650 million copies. She was delighted with her designer chocolates that we brought from Harrods!

We enjoyed her drawing room where she was surrounded by her exquisite treasures, numerous paintings, flowers everywhere and photographs of Roy-

alty, including the Queen Mother, who is a great friend. She was elegantly attired in pink and received us graciously. We were later joined for tea by her son, Glen, and favorite black lab, 'Dickie' (named after Lord Mountbatten). The dining room was quite beautiful with a huge painting of a hunting scene. Her favorite pets were also treated to tea in their favorite bone ching bowls. Both of them scoffed down most of the delicious home made biscuits and tea cakes. looking very smug, before we had a chance!

Dame Barbara's contributions during the war were amazing. She was made a Dame of the Order of the British Empire in 1992 in addition to many other deco-

rations. After a brief photo session, we left with a handful of books tied in pink bows and memories of a very special encounter.

The newspapers and tabloids were once again exploding with news that prince Charles was giving a lavish 50th birthday party for his mistress, Camilla Parker-Bowles. There was also serious conjecture about the Prince's future if he contemplated marriage with a "divorced" woman.

Cowes week followed, Brittania was conspicuous by her absence.

However, Prince Phillip made do with John Paul Getty's 215ft yacht, "Talitha". It was the first time Prince Phillip had not sailed in 50 years. The scene was breathtaking as 900 sailboats competed at one time or another. The elegant Royal Thames Yacht Club cocktail party was visited by Prince Phillip and Prince Michael of Kent, both avid vachtsmen. We were introduced and enioved a lively 10 minute chat. Prince Michael really enjoys visiting Hermanus and stays there quite fre-

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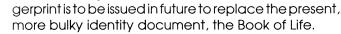


The SA Scene

by Sarah Trocki

 Meyer Kahn, ex-chief of SA Breweries, started his job as Head of the SA Police Force on August 1, in an effort to curb the mounting crime and lawlessness prevailing in SA.





- The Hani family, the Communist party and the ANC are fiercely opposed to amnesty being granted to either Clive Derby-Lewis, or his accomplice, Janusz Walus for the 1993 Easter slaying of Chris Hani.
- Archeologists are excited about the find of ancient footprints, believed to be 117,000 years old, making the footprints the oldest ever, found of an anatomically modern human. The footprints, discovered by a geologist, were preserved in a ledge of sandstone at the edge of Langebaan Lagoon, 60 miles north of Cape Town.
- Gerald Ryan, a Briton on a drug charge is being sought, after jailers misread his bail as R500 instead of R500000 and freed him on payment.
- The Mopani worm, long regarded as a delicacy amongst Blacks, has now found its way into fashionable SA restaurants, where it appears as an item on many menus. Blacks now fear that over-harvesting of the worms may completely deplete supplies.
- Gary Player, scored his ninth major and 162nd victory when he edged out fellow countryman, John Bland, to win the Senior British Open Championship in Scotland in July.
- Reolf Meyer and Bantu Holumisa's attempt to launch a new political party in September met with little success. Only 100 people attended their first rally, some busses arriving with only 2 passengers per bus.
- Virile former Minister Koornhof's long-standing girlfriend, Marcelle Adams, recently gave birth to twin boys
- Andrew Harper's Hideawary Report, a very upscale newsletter, reporting on the very best places to stay and visit, came up with these results, based on their reader's survey:

First: San Francisco Second: Vancouver Third: Cape Town Fourth: Sydney Fifth: Jerusalem

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

by Stephen Sass

It was not so long ago that South African rugby was at its best. Winners of the last world cup, and at least for the next 4 years "world champions". It's hard to believe that 2 years later, South African rugby is at



an all time low, and, after being beaten at home by the British "Lions," our once beloved Bokke salvaged a little pride by beating Australia 61-22 in the final game of the Tri-Nations to avoid finishing last and receiving the wooden spoon. New Zealand were the runaway winners of the three country tournament. Without Francois Piennar and Joel Stransky, both lured by the almighty pound, the Springboks have not been the same. I've lost track of how many coaches have come and gone since then and even the players are mostly unrecognizable.

Looking on the bright side, at least they won't have to qualify for Wales in 1999.

Bafana Bafana, thank you! Once again we have something to shout about. France 1998 here we come!! Last Sunday, August 17, needing only a draw, South Africa beat Congo 1-0 to win their group and therefore qualify for the World Cup in France next year. South Africa joins Nigeria, Tunisia, Cameroon and Morocco as the 5 qualifying nations from the 36 that attempted to qualify from Africa.

Bafana Bafana central defender, Mark Fish, became the third South African international player to join clubs in the English Premier Division. He signed a 4 year deal to join Bolton Wanderers for a fee of about R19 million. The other two players are Lucas-Radebe (Leeds) and Eric Tinkler (Barnsley).

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Jenifer - An Accomplished Artist

Jenifer Broomberg will exhibit a sculpture and watercolor in the "Art Prospect 1997 Top 100 Artists Art competition and Exhibition" from September 1 to October 1, at La Jolla Gallery and Café on Girard Avenue, Jenifer has been chosen to participate in the "Top 100 Artists" competition for the past three years, taking 2nd place in 1995 for her watercolor "The Jazz Player". She is currently represented by La Jolla Gallery where you can view her work.

Her work has been in many exhibitions including sev-



Jenifer Broombera at work in her studio.

eral woman shows. She has juried art competitions, including the 1989 Conaressional Caucus for Congressman Bill Lowry. She has been acknowl-

edged by several publications and her work has been on the cover of San Diego Woman's Magazine. She has

had many commissions, including three large paintings

for the Villa Sereno for Mary Borbo Parente, who hosted a party for Senator Diane Feinstein, where the paintinas were on display. She has also done work for Congregation Beth El and Jenifer & student.

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for Rabbi Fradkin of Chabad and is currently involved in a major project for Beth El.

In addition, Jenifer has had many private commissions. Jenifer is a painter, sculptor and ceramic artist. Her subject matter is varied but mainly figurative. She strives to portray emotion and movement, power and beauty.

Jenifer has taught art for thirteen years and was Director of Art at the Rathfon School of Music and Art for several years. She studied Fine Arts at the University of Houston and the Glassel School of Art, as well as privately under teachers such as Bill Ainslee in South Africa. Texan watercolor artist Marge Brichler, sculptor Allen Wasil and ceramic artist, Yoon Chung Kim.

Jenifer is married with two daughters and a son and is currently working and teaching from her studio at her home in North Pacific Beach.

The Shofar's Message

From: Chabad Writers' Circle

"Our Father, Our King - Avinu Malkeinu." The theme of G-d as Parent and Ruler dominates Rosh Hashanah.

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The Baal Shem Tov taught that the love G-d has for each one of us is analogous to and surpasses the love a father has for an only child born in his old age.

Rosh Hashanah is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve. Thus, it corresponds to the rebirth of humanity and we reestablish our relationship as children of G-d on this day.

The sounding of the shofar is connected to this central motif of Rosh Hashanah, that of G-d as our Divine Parent. To better understand this, we look to another parable of the Baal Shem Tov: An errant prince, an only son, traveled far from the palace. After many years had passed, the prince yearned to be reunited with his father, the king. However, by the time he returned to his native land, he had forgotten his mother tongue. From deep within his soul a cry emerged, a cry that - no matter how estranged the child - a father could understand. This fervent broken-hearted plea, of "Father, it is I, your only son, help me!" broke through the barriers separating father and son more eloquently than any words the prince might have uttered. At this moment, the king embraced the errant son.

For thousands of years the Jewish people have wandered in exile. At times, we even seem to have lost our means of communicating with our Father. We are very much like the proverbial prince, who when facing his father, the king, could only cry. We are in pain not only because our self-created barriers separate us from G-d. But also because even when we wish to return, we encounter all-sorts of seemingly insurmountable obstacles born of the national and spiritual exile of our people.

The shofar represents the wordless cry of the only child within each of us. Chosen because of its simplicity, it symbolizes the incorruptible nature of the sound connected to the essence of G-d, Himself. Transcending the conventional modes of communication, the shofar's haltering wail arouses in us an awareness of the most powerful bond uniting Father and child. No matter how far we may feel we've strayed throughout the year, no matter how muted or inadequate our ability to communicate with G-d, the shofar of Rosh Hashanah enables us to reconnect in a more fundamental and powerful way than previously envisioned.

The "Great Shofar" sounded by G-d signaling the Messianic Age, will pierce all barriers and penetrate beneath the surface of our very beings. When G-d sounds the Great Shofar we will be able to express, completely and openly, the fundamental child/parent relationship we intrinsically have with G-d. The shofar of Redemption will usher in a time when the love between G-d and the Jewish people - concealed throughout our trial-ridden exile - will be fully revealed.

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet year.

But even before the New Year, may we all find ourselves in the Holv Temple in Jerusalem with revelation of our righteous Moshiach, and He will redeem us.

By Gary S. Rotto

It seems that each week, there are new and ever more troubling revelations concerning the Holocaust: Gold looted by the Nazis ending up in Swiss banks, the Swiss government profiting from the arms trade with Germany during World War II, and 50,000 former members of Hitler's elite SS receiving "war victims" pensions, while Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe get nothing.

Money can not adequately compensate Holocaust victims and their families for the atrocities endured during the Nazi regime. But the German government itself

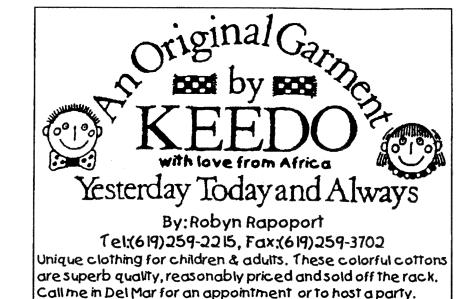
has recognized that reparations are a just and moral act to help assist many survivors in their struggle to live out their lives with some minimal degree of comfort.

Whilst Holocaust survivors in other parts of the world are eliaible to receive German pensions, the dwindling number of survivors living in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union have never received such a pension from Germany. Many Waffen-SS veterans in the Baltic states and elsewhere in Eastern Europe discovered that their injuries, or even mild, chronic ailments made them eligible to receive generous monthly "war victims pensions" from Germany. In the United States, alone, there are 3,377 pensions sent each month to veterans of the armies of the Third Reich or their dependents.

The American Jewish Committee has worked behind the scenes to help the German Government locate those individuals who should be receiving pensions. Two years ago, the AJC compiled and sent to Bonn a list, country by country, of individual ahetto and concentration camp survivors living in the Baltic states and in countries of the former Warsaw Pact. Inexplicably, no action has been taken by the German government to date.

As a result, the AJC has now waged a public campaign to help achieve justice for the real victims of the Holocaust. That they continue to suffer in silence while many of their former tormentors have been allowed to profit from their deeds is a grievous wrong that must one and for all, be made right.

Gary S. Rotto is the Executive Director of the American Jewish Committee, San Diego area office.



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Kenny G's Sax Appeal at Hospitality Point

By Craig Glasser

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When next visiting Hospitality Point, you should make a point of arriving two hours before the concert is scheduled to begin! Unfortunately, this was not the case for us and many others who failed to predict the traffic delay in getting to the concert on time. We arrived almost an hour late, due to a frustrating wait in two hour congested traffic lanes, backed up from Sea World Drive Exit on 1-5 South all the way to Hospitality Point.

After finally finding a parking spot in a restricted parking zone almost a mile from the concert site - we speedily made our way to the show, annoyed by the fact that we had missed most of the opening

performance. As we made our way around the marina pathway towards the concert site, we could hear the



Guild, Anne and Harvey Lyons.

tail end of an hour long set by long-time acclaimed jazz artist, George Benson. We were able to hear two of his old-time favorites, "Give me the night", and "Turn your love around". According to others that arrived on time, the majority of his performance focused on favorite pop-soul tunes of the past decade.

We arrived just in time for the feature performance of pop-fun saxophonist, Kenny G.



lawn could be seen amongst the sea of fans anxiously awaiting the G-man (as he is known to many).

Family Fun - The Kodesh Family - Woolfie, Sandy,

Enjoying a snack, Dana and Craig Glasser.

conga player, Ron Powell.

Mervyn and Rose.

After a drink and a good home-made sandwich, we could finally relax to the soothing sounds of Kenny G on sax.

His music was a predictably relaxing aural tonic for the overstressed in the audience. G performed some rapid fire lines and an

extended wavered note for almost two minutes. And whether he

Laid back and relaxed - Michele Storms, Allan and Marcia Legator

was playing on stage, in the aisles or on small platforms in the middle of the open-air venue, he received multiple ovations from the crowd of over 5,000 which cheered his every move.

The performance also featured G's 3 ½ year old son, Max Gorelick. Seven songs into the performance, Max bounded on stage to lend

percussion assistance to the five man band of first rate instrumentalists. According to his dad, he doesn't care much for the sax ophone, but wants to be a percussion



The concert also featured a soulful quintet, "To win your love", with George Benson on vocals and Kenny G on sax. This added a special flavor to G's spirited sax performance.

The evening was undoubtedly one to remember, and needless to say, Having fun - Steve and Ruth Schorr. Kenny G's performance outweighed the ordeal of arriving late for the event.



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How to Increase your Power And Improve your game.

By Dean Brittenham

The outstanding performers in all sports are invariably the "best athletes" playing the game. These superior athletes have refined the characteristics often associated with athletic ability.

Typical athletic skills would include speed, quickness, strength, power, agility, coordination, and mental toughness, to name a few. However, most athletes and coaches spend the majority of their practice time training sport specific skills. Skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting are specific to the sport of basketball. Setting, spiking, and serving are specific to volleyball. Forehands, backhands, and volley are unique to tennis, and so on. The level at which you perform your sport specific skills is directly related to your present level of athletic ability. Therefore, if you want to improve your "game" you need to improve your athleticism.

Improved athleticism can be developed by practicing specific drills designed to enhance whose variables mentioned above. Once you begin to improve your athletic ability, you'll notice a definite change in things like body control, jumping for height and distance, greater power in hitting, kicking, and throwing, improved reaction times and much more.

Michael Jordan's basketballs skills are no better than everyone else in the NBA, it's just that he is performing those same skills on a higher level. He jumps higher, quicker, and farther than the rest of the players. In other words, Jordan is the best athlete in the game.

The top performers in every sport share a common trait - the ability to generate explosive power. Bo Jackson was unquestionably one of the more powerful athletes in the sports world. Jackson's unique abilities allowed him to excel in two sports - baseball and football. He would probably have been equally successful in any sport he chose. Pete Sampras, Steffi Graf, Andre Agassi, Tony Gwynn, Jerry Rice and Shaquille O'Neal are all outstanding performers of their respective sports and all possess high levels of power.

What is power? Power is force (strength) combined with time (speed). The faster you exert your strength, the more powerful you will be. A third factor that plays a role in your potential power output is your flexibility. The distance over which you exert strength rapidly, in most instances, can generate greater power. Therefore, in addition to developing strength and speed, you should also incorporate a total body stretching program into your training regimen.

Push-ups, pull-ups, dips, abdominal exercises, and lifting weights are common methods of developing the strength component of power. Plyometric training is the best way to add speed to your strength. Basically, plyometrics are a series of jumps, hops, skips, bounds over barriers, off of boxes, and utilizing medicine balls and other appropriate gadgets. A plyometric exercise is an activity that creates a rapid stretch of a specific muscle or group of muscles, followed by a more forceful contraction of the same muscles(s).

In short, plyometric drills teach you how to contract a muscle with greater force and incorporate more muscle fibers in that contraction. If you use more muscle to execute a task, then it stands to reason that the task will be performed more explosively.

In addition to strength, plyometric, and flexibility training, you need to perform a variety of drills that will enhance your timing.

Activities that start with one part of the body and eventually "flow" to another part of the body is typically referred to as coordination. For example, look at all of the body parts involved when you execute a simple task such as throwing a ball. There are numerous body parts involved and the greater the timing of the legs, hips, torso, shoulder and arm, the faster and more accurate the throw.

Challenging activities that involve lots of body parts would certainly help to develop your coordination. Skipping, shuffling, pivoting, jumping, throwing and catching a variety of objects, juggling, hacky sack, and many more hand-eye/hand-foot activities will affect coordination.

This results in power - combining strength, speed, and flexibility into coordinated, properly timed sequences of movement. Remember all things being equal, the most powerful athlete will always prevail.

Dean Brittenham is the director of the Athletic Excellence Program at Scripps Clinic in La Jolla. He and his staff have consulted with athletes from the New York Knicks to the Olympic bobsled team.

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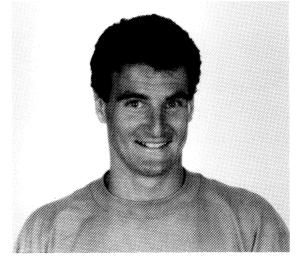


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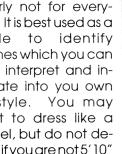
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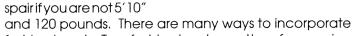
With the warmth of summer days in sunny San Diego, it takes a lot of imagination to begin thinking about fall. In the fashion world however, preparation for each season begins months ahead of the actual season change. Putting together a fall wardrobe takes planning and that is why it is important to begin early.

The trends for this season are striking. They are lean, short, crisp, and defined. Shape, fit, definition and structure are key themes. If you glance through Vogue or Elle magazine, you will see stiletto heels, micro-minis, leather and fur. You will see very long leas, accentuated by a 4-5 inch stiletto heel. If you are a fashion conscious woman, with some sophistication and savvy, you will very likely sigh and declare high fashion is not for

you. You may chuckle as you envision yourself tottering through an active day on your ultra-high heels and clutching at your thighhigh skirt to reassure vourself that it is still covering the essentials.

Fashion, as shown in these magazines, is clearly not for everyone. It is best used as a guide to identify themes which you can then interpret and integrate into you own life-style. You may want to dress like a model, but do not despairifyou are not 5'10"





fashion trends. True fashion is not a matter of squeezing your way into the latest trend, but rather of finding what is right for you and adapting it for a contemporary, upto-date look.

Definition is a key for Fall 97. This season offers a fresh interpretation of the androgynous look. Men's wear inspired pant suits are feminized by combining them with soft, sexy fabrics. A low cut sequin top is paired up with a pin-stripped pant suit. The pants are cut low on the hip and have wide legs that softly drape. A high heel, with a pointed toe, provides a point of contrast, definition and a sense of elegance. This combination of both the masculine and feminine suggests a new balance for women. We are becoming more confident and are willing to let it show. We can express ourselves in both the man's world, (business suits with sophisticated tailoring) and the woman's world (luxury, elegance and impracticality.) We can take the best from both worlds. We can be sexy, yet serious.

If you want something really special that says, "Fall, 1997", look for leather. Leather dresses are one of the season's hottest styles. Short, tight and shoulder-baring, they are dramatic. Consider a leather suit jacket paired with a short skirt. What about a narrow, knee length leather coat? No fabric can handle form, fit and structure the way leather does. Leather says it all when it comes to the essence of Fall 97. It is sturdy and sleek, structured vet soft, and bold as well as sensual.

In the world of sophisticated fashion, Paris is still a cut above other cities. Europeans have a very strong sense of style whereas Americans are more sensitive to energy and ease. Practically speaking, I notice this difference in several ways. European women do not expect

> fashion to be comfortable - they insist that it looks good. Americans, on the other hand, demand comfort. They will wear a sweat suit just about anywhere. I like to help fashion conscious women find a balance between these two extremes.

Fashion should reflect the essence, the spirit of the woman. A great outfit is contem-



Fall 1997 is an exciting season. The stiletto heel brings the focus onto legs. Legs can be shown off dramatically in a long skirt with mid-thigh slit. The combination of definite shape with sensual, feminine accessories offers the opportunity to combine these elements of style in a way that is uniquely suited to your personality and life style. As you prepare your wardrobe for the up-coming season, remember fashion is a way to enjoy your creative femininity.

priced, actually incorporates these design fundamen-

tals. Quality garments last. Buying quality is never a

mistake, whereas buying without quality usually is.



Hélène in her shop, Always Fabulous

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It's a Dog's Life

By Brian Marks

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For as long as I can remember, I have always been worried by pet people.

Oh, I am not talking about your common garden variety of pet lover who walks their dog, cuddles their kitten or ogles their goldfish. No! I am talking about the kind of people who become surrogate parents to the furry beasts and call them their babies or their children.

You can always recognize them. They're the ones with the family portraits of their cats on the baby grand piano, the ones who cancel their vacation because they cannot find a suitable pet sitter and who, at the drop of a hat, will pull out their wallets and produce a plastic coated cascade of photos that show the cute things at their birthday party, on vacation and with their kids, er.... I mean litter.

Now before you call the humane society, I must confess, I love pets. In fact some of my best friends are pets. But there is something just a little unbalanced when we regard the critters with such reverence that they demand the same rights as you and I. And you know as well as I do, that many people treat their pets with more adoration than real people.

I remember, long ago, when my children were small and (if I say so myself, pretty cute too) I visited the local mall. As we walked hand in hand past the Foot Lockers and Tinder Boxes, the odd person would look my way and say, "Oh, he's so cute." But walk through that same route with a Spaniel puppy or a Dalmatian just earning their spots, and you cannot walk more than a few feet

without some adoring person stopping in their tracks to pet and touch and coo with delight.

Yup! Pets have got it made and the pride on the faces of the adoring parents is something you won't even find on graduation day. But it doesn't stop there.

I have always been amazed when, by some misfortunate circumstance, my remote control clicker finger somehow finds Cops or LAPD on the tube. Some bad boy, without a shirt, is always getting arrested—and there, in the background, are their pathetic, emaciated children looking like they haven't had a bath or a meal for weeks. But as the camera pans the sorry situation, it invariably comes to rest on the pet pooch. And you guessed it. The mutt is looking like he just dined on organic kibbles and their coats carry that healthy sheen you only find in the Clairol commercials.

Yes, don't be surprised to find the people at dog beach talking to their pets. Or that today there are homeopathic vets, natural pet medications and pet cemeteries. Almost half of Beverly Hills is splitting time between their own psychologist and the hyperactive pooch's shrink.

Is this the end of the world? Well, I don't think so, but I have the distinct feeling that it is the beginning of the end. You may very well ask, "What am I going to do about it?"

As always I have a plan. Yesterday I bought a dog collar and it fits very well. Right now I am curled up on the end of my bed and am whimpering for someone to tickle my tummy. It sure is a dog's life, and I love it. Woof. Woof.



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