



Rosh Hashanah

*1 - 2 Tishrei 5779
10 - 11 September 2018*

*We wish all our brethren
and their families
Shanah Tova
uMetukah*

HERZL HERALD

AUGUST 2018

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Hebrew Order of David INTERNATIONAL

Mission Statement

The Hebrew Order of David International is a forum for an ever growing number of Jewish adult males, operating as a cohesive fraternal unit supporting its members and serving the community, applying Jewish ideals and values while providing its members with the opportunity for personal development.

Ve-ahavtah Le-arechah Kamoachah
Love thy neighbour as thyself

*Upholding the principles of
unity, fraternity, love and peace*



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DR HERZL LODGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August 2018

Dear Worthy Brethren and Brethren,

July was the month that the Grand President, Worthy Brother Alan Rubenstein, paid us a visit. He visited Sir Harry Grauman lodge on the 26th and a dinner was held in his honour on the 29 July. This was a very well catered and enjoyable evening. At this function Worthy Brother Avron Krasner was awarded the order of merit. This is a rare and prestigious honour and Dr. Herzl Lodge is proud to have him in our ranks. We offer our warm congratulations for an accolade richly deserved. The Grand President visited Lodge Jaffa in Durban, Lodge Hillel-Menorah in Port Elizabeth and Lodge Golan in Cape Town. Worthy Brother Avron Krasner attended in his capacity as Deputy Grand President, Worthy Brother Ian Ralph as Governing Lodge President and Brother Neville Kahn represented Dr. Herzl Lodge.

In the news, Limmud was forced to cancel invitations to Jewish academics who identify with anti-Israel groups. The stated aim of these entities and their backers is the destruction of the state of Israel and the Jewish people. To quote Geoff Sifrin, hostile groups are responsible for "distortions and spectacular exaggerations." So why do these highly qualified academics align themselves with hostile organizations like BDS and events like Israel apartheid week?

Psychologists have identified a condition called Stockholm Syndrome where a captive identifies with his captors and their agenda as a survival instinct. This also results in a negative attitude to anyone threatening the bond between captive and captor. The definition goes beyond hostage situations and includes situations where people are under pressure and their survival instinct clicks in. Anti-Israel sentiment is rife in South African universities and it is understandable that academics feel intimidated. Constant populist propaganda and aggressive rhetoric can create pressure and trigger the survival instinct.

Due to the Yontavim in September we will have to reschedule meetings. For this reason I may not get another opportunity so I wish all Brethren of Dr. Herzl Lodge and members of the order a Shana Tova and may you and your families be inscribed for a year of health, prosperity and happiness



Bro Jeff Sulski
President, Dr Herzl Lodge

Installation of Lodge Golan Office-Bearers, 5th August 2018

The Installation of the **Lodge Golan** Office Bearers took place in Cape Town on Sunday 5th August 2018. The following delegates were in attendance:

Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein: Grand Lodge (in his capacity as Grand President)
Wor Bro Avron Krasner: Grand Lodge
Wor Bro Stan Klaff: Grand Lodge
Wor Bro Ian Ralph: SA Governing Lodge
Wor Bro Mike Krasner: SA Governing Lodge
Bro Neville Kahn: Dr Herzl Lodge
Bro Allen Selesnik: Sir Harry Graumann Lodge
Wor Bro Myron Robinson: Reverend Chaim Katz Lodge.
Wor Bro Allen Frank: Lodge Jerusalem
Wor Bro Barry Alice: Lodge Jaffa
Wor Bro Eddie Cohen: Lodge Jaffa.

The programme of events for the weekend was as follows:

A Friday night shul service was held at the Marais Street Shul in Seapoint. This was followed by a magnificent shabbat dinner at the Premier Hotel where many of the brethren had booked in for the weekend. This gave us an opportunity to re-kindle old friendships with Lodge Golan brethren who went out of their way to ensure their hospitality. Apart from the Installation, the delicious dinner and chavershaft was one of the highlights of the weekend. And Grand President Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein made it very clear from the start that one of his strong points is his uncanny ability to tell a good joke!

On Saturday night, at the Cape Jewish Seniors in Seapoint, Wor Bro Professor David Scher treated us to another one of his famous quiz evenings, leaving many of us scratching our heads in frustration! Yasher Koach to Wor Bro David Scher, Wor Bro Con Travis and the Cape Town brethren and their wives for providing the delicious soup and bagels, and for going out of their way to ensure an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday 5th August at 11.00am, the Lodge Golan Installation took place in the Lodge Golan temple at the Claremont-Wynberg Shul, under the gavel of Grand President Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein. The following Brethren were installed:

President	Wor Bro Con Travis	Trustees	Wor Bro Milton Gerdis
Vice President	Wor Bro Ronald Gerdis		Wor Bro Robert Levin
Secretary	Wor Bro David Scher		Wor Bro Stan Ziman
Treasurer	Wor Bro Con Travis		
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Inner Guard	Wor Bro Colin Goldberg		
Registrar	Wor Bro Robert Levin		

*Mazeltov to the incoming
office-bearers of
Lodge Golan*

The Installation was followed by yet another delicious meal in the hall of the Claremont-Wynberg Shul. Toasts to South Africa and the State of Israel were proposed by Wor Bro Ivor Jacobson followed by speeches by Grand President Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein, Wor Bro Con Travis, Wor Bro Ronald Gerdis, Wor Bro Ian Ralph and Wor Bro Stan Klaff. And again, our master entertainer Grand President Alan Rubenstein did not fail to remind us one last time of his ability to tell a good joke!

As was expected the Lodge Golan Installation was a huge success. On behalf of Dr Herzl Lodge no1, we wish the incoming Officers a Yasher Koach on their election, and a productive and successful term of office. Taking into account that no less than seventeen of the nineteen brethren of Lodge Golan were in attendance (let that serve as a shining example to all other lodges) I am sure that Lodge Golan, under the sterling leadership and guidance of its never-say-die President Wor Bro Con Travis, will only grow from strength to strength.

We take this opportunity to thank our Grand President Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein and his wife Joan for making the effort to travel all the way from the USA to pay a visit to the Gauteng and coastal lodges. Wor Bro Alan's sense of humour and warm personality made a lasting impression on us all.

Fraternally,

Bro Neville Kahn

Vice-President, Dr Herzl Lodge

Baruch Dayam Ha-emet

It is with sadness that we were informed of the passing of Bro Hershell Nowosenetz.

Bro Hershell was initiated into The Order on 13 April 1946 and was a member of the Hebrew Order of David for the last 72 years.

On behalf of the Hebrew Order of David we wish the respective family a Long and Healthy Life

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wishing the following Brethren who have, or will be celebrating their BIRTHDAYS during August

- 10** Bro Charles Eppel
- 10** Bro Martin Greenberg
- 27** Bro Michael Pimstein



Wishing the following Brethren who have, or will be celebrating their ANNIVERSARIES during August

No anniversaries to report for August



MAZELTOV!

During June 2018, one of our most senior Brethren, Wor Bro Joe Yudelowitz, completed 23000km in his on-going Walk-for-Life programme.

This is certainly no small feat and we join in wishing Bro Joe a HEARTY MAZELTOV

Dr Herzl Lodge No 1

NOTICE BOARD

20 August 2018

LAUNCHING SOON!!

Dr Herzl Website

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**Watch
this
space!!**

What else is there..... that is JEWISH..... to enjoy?

Monday 10 September 2018 ROSH HASHANAH <i>Day 1</i>	Tuesday 11 September 2018 ROSH HASHANAH <i>Day 2</i>	Wednesday 12 September 2018 FAST OF GEDALIAH	Tuesday 18 September 2018 EREV YOM KIPPUR	Wednesday 19 September 2018 YOM KIPPUR <i>(Fast)</i>
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ROSH HASHANAH 5779

*The Brethren of
Dr Herzl Lodge
wish all their fellow
Brethren and their families*

Shana Tova uMetukah

*May the coming year be filled
with health and happiness and
may you all be inscribed in the
Book of Life
for a blessed and prosperous future.*



South African cricket in the 1960's

In 1968 Bobby Simpson brought out the Australian team here. Vice-Captain was Bill Lawrie. Star batsmen were Ian Redpath at no.3 and Ian Chappell at no.4. Also good was a man named Cowper. Their wicket-keeper may well have been a Mr. Taber who played on Australia's return match in 1970, with Bill Lawrie as captain.

In 1968, during a match at the Wanderers, I will never forget the climax of what I think was day two. Peter van der Merwe had declared our first innings with a high tally shortly before sundown. His tactic was to put Australia in to bat just before day's end and nip a wicket. And it happened! Bobby Simpson paced first ball. His opposite number was Vice-Captain Bill Lawrie. I cannot forget the delivery by a young ex-Rhodesian named Mike Proctor. Clean bowled! Lawrie went out for two runs. Then an unusual event occurred. The scoreboard showed Ian Redpath to come in to bat. But it was not to be. They put in 6th drop Taber to bat, lest they lose a second top run-scorer. South Africa won the series. At the prize-giving ceremony Bobby Simpson had to admit to Peter van der Merwe that our locals were just too good!

On to 1970. The return of Australia's team with Bill Lawrie as captain. Our captain was Ali Bacher. Unless I remember incorrectly (and not confusing with the 1968 tour) the fourth test at the Wanderers must have been the saddest day in South African sport. I was sitting at the cricket seats myself. England were an absolute packet of runs down in their second innings. It was day five. They had literally no chance of catching it up. They were 8 wickets down. The light was fading fast, and lo and behold - down comes a thunderstorm. Match over. Game drawn. I saw the dejected spirit of the S.A. team going back to the pavilion. They were as drenched as all the spectators were. We were served our justice. In the fifth test we won convincingly. The final six runs were hit by batsman number 5 Tiger Lance, partnering 4th batsman Graeme Pollock. There on the front page of The Star newspaper the next day was a full-size photo of Lance and Pollock striding off the field.

I must add a point of interest here. Australia possessed two of the finest test bowlers ever, namely Graeme Mackenzie and a chap called Renneberg. Both experts and critics alike had agreed that if there were two Graeme Mackenzies in Australia's team instead of only one, then South Africa may not have won the 1970 series. Such is how magnificent a bowler was Graeme Mackenzie!

And now my opinion to say who won the tests for us in 1968 and 1970 and even our good performance in 1966. I reckon that it was chiefly Eddie Barlow as our number one contributor. At place two on the batting order, he consistently scored centuries. I even remember the occasion when he notched up 99 and out. Next up we have wicket-keeper batsman Dennis Lindsay. As a Benoni boy he was also a football player as goalkeeper. With his ability to dive for the ball, he made a magnificent wicket-keeper for us. Maybe I am unsure as to which of three series it was but I do remember that Dennis Lindsay scored no less than five centuries and a tally of over 600 runs. How magnificent!

Apart from my choice of Eddie Barlow at no1 and Dennis Lindsay at no2, my next choice for Ali Bacher's team is Graeme Pollock. A world record was broken. It took place at Kingsmead in April 1970 (or so I think). Star batsman Barry Richards had scored a massive 140 runs. But that's not all. Graeme came to the crease and beat Donald Bradman's long-standing record of 255 not out. Pollock notched up 276 runs.

To be continued next month...

Bro David Mendelson
Scribe

This Month in History - AUGUST

- 11 Aug 1897** Birth of best-selling children's writer Enid Blyton, whose books have been among the world's best-sellers since the 1930s, with more than 600 million sold.
- 4 Aug 1914** Britain declared war on Germany in support of Belgium and France, and on Turkey because of her alliance with Germany
- 15 Aug 1914** Panama Canal opens
- 6 Aug 1945** First atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima (See 'Amazing Facts', page 12)
- 14 Aug 1945** Japan surrenders to the Allies, ending the Second World War
- 5 Aug 1962** Nelson Mandela imprisoned for attempting to overthrow South Africa's apartheid rule.
- 8 Aug 1963** Britain's Great Train Robbery – £2.6 M stolen from Royal Mail
- 16 Aug 1977** Elvis Presley dies

KING of Kings

Parshat Shoftim tells how a Jewish king had to keep a Torah scroll by his side at all times. This scroll was actually written in miniature, and attached to the king's arm. What was the purpose of keeping this special scroll?

A king has tremendous power: He can collect taxes, confiscate land, and even order executions. This scroll serves as a safeguard against arrogance and abuse of that power. It's a constant reminder that G-d provides the source of the mortal king's power - and that G-d is the true King above all.

Further, by keeping the Torah always by his side, the king can use every spare minute to learn from its teachings. In fact, King David awoke every night at midnight to study Torah.

We can apply this to our own lives as well. We all hold some position of power - whether at work, in social circles, or even in the family structure. And it's important to guard against abuse of that power. The Almighty wants a world where people care for each other - and that's why we are put in this position. Power is never for the sake of our own personal gain; rather, it's the means by which the Almighty empowers us to help make this world a better place.

This power stems from prejudice, ignorance and the inability to control one's desires. "Since I want to do it, it must be justified and correct" is the mantra that creates such an insidious form of self-corruption. The Torah therefore sets standards as to behavior and actions. Following and adhering to those standards minimizes our penchant for self-corruption. It does not however remove it completely from our lives.

Only continual self-analysis of one's behavior and motives can effectively combat self-corruption in its minutest form. One can therefore never rely upon one's previous acts of piety or goodness to be a guarantee against self-corruption. Every day is a new battle and every choice in life is a new challenge to our innate integrity and holiness of purpose. Corruption blinds the wise and skews the righteous. Recognizing its omnipresent dangers and being aware of its challenges is the beginning of our battle against self-corruption and its delusions.

We should always try to keep in mind the ultimate Source of our power. It's a lesson that's particularly appropriate as we approach Rosh Hashana - when we blow the shofar to coronate the King of Kings.

Bro Martin Greenberg
Chaplain

The hypocrisy in opposing Israel's Nationality Law

Israel is the “freest Arab nation” in the world, the only country where an Arab spring really succeeded, and without bloodshed - but it is the Jewish State.

Giulio Meotti
22 July 2018

In May 2004 Salim Joubran, an Arab-Israeli, was appointed permanent judge of the Supreme Court. The independence of which Joubran enjoys in Israel as an Arab judge was demonstrated in March 2012 at the ceremony of inauguration of the president of the Supreme Court, when Joubran chose not to sing the Israeli national anthem, the Hatikvah. This is an image unthinkable in any other country from Morocco to Iran. Perhaps even in many Western democracies. Israel has just approved the law on the “state of the Jewish nation”. Critics in global circles and the media have been spouting forth on the “attack on pluralism and democracy”.

After 70 years, Israel lacks a constitution. It is a quite a unique anomaly among Western countries, because constitutions are the cornerstone of democracies, they define their identity and purpose. Israel has “basic laws” on individual rights (in that sense, Israel is as liberal as New Jersey) and the separation of powers, but not a fundamental law that defines the identity and purpose of the state. The new law is approved in order to fill the void.

Without a Nationality Law, the “law of return” (a tenet of Zionism which guarantees automatic immigration rights to Jews, for example to the French Jews now under Islamist attack) could one day be overthrown as “discriminatory”, as well as the anthem of Israel (which expresses the faithfulness of two millennia of Jews to their land), the flag (another Jewish symbol with the Star of David) could be challenged in court for ignoring the rights of the Arab minority and the Menorah (the Knesset symbol also engraved on the Arch of Titus in Rome) could be considered “racist”. The law protects all these.

Opponents argue that declaring Hebrew to be the official language of Israel, while guaranteeing a “special status” to Arabic, is detrimental and racist toward the Arab minority. But even the Constitution of France states that “the language of the Republic is French” (article 2) while recognizing the “regional languages” as part of the “French heritage” (article 75). Has anyone ever attacked France for this, despite its having a large Arab minority from its former colonies? Every road sign and recorded announcement in Israel is in both Hebrew and Arabic (English as well, and sometimes recordings have a Russian option)

The Arabs in Israel have equal voting rights. Not only that, but Israel is one of the few places in the Middle East where Arab women have always been able to vote. The Arabs hold numerous seats in the Knesset and the only party ever banned by Israel is a Jewish one (Kach). Israeli Arabs have also held various government positions. At the time of the foundation of Israel, only one Arab high school was open, today there are hundreds of Arab schools. The only legal distinction between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel is that they are not required to serve in the Israeli army. In 1999, Abdel Rahman Zuabi was the first Arab-Israeli to enter the Israeli Supreme Court.

As I wrote in my last book, Israel is the “freest Arab nation” in the world, the only country where an Arab spring really succeeded, and without bloodshed.. The law approved by the Knesset puts a bank on the thundering, satanic campaign of international delegitimization that, even after 70 years, calls into question the right of Israel to define itself as the nation-state of the Jewish people. The Irish Senate just approved an anti-Semitic law banning the selling of Israeli goods produced beyond the 1967 line. Those who today are shouting at the “attack on Israeli democracy” - where are they when in European squares “death to the Jews” is heard, when Iran calls for the destruction of Israel, when a UN agency is born to bring the grandchildren of the 1948 refugees to Israel to destroy it demographically, when Unesco cancels the Jewish history of Jerusalem and when the world does not recognize Israel's right to have its capital in Jerusalem? Hypocrites, all.



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A man came home from work one day to find his wife sitting on the front porch with her bags packed. He asked her where she was going and she replied: "I'm going to Las Vegas." He asked her why she was going. She told him: "I just found out that as a woman I can make \$400 a night doing what I give you for free."

He went into the house, packed his bags and returned to the porch. His wife said: "And just where do you think you are going?" "I'm going too!" he replied. "Why?" she asked. "I want to see how you are going to live on \$800 a year!"

Public toilets.

Bloomberg, on a business trip, found himself using a public toilet. He had just made himself comfortable when he noticed that the toilet paper roll was empty. He called out to the next stall, "Excuse me, friend, but do you have any toilet paper in there?"

"No, there doesn't seem to be any here either."

Bloomberg paused for a moment. "Listen, he said, do you happen to have a newspaper or a magazine with you?"

"Sorry, I don't."

Bloomberg paused again, and then said, "How about two fives for a ten?"

34 Years

I've been married for 34 years, and I'm still in love with the same woman.

If my wife ever finds out, I'll be in big trouble!

My doctor said now that I'm older I need to install a bar in the shower



Richest Man in Town

At the funeral of the richest man in town, a stranger saw a woman crying very loudly. The stranger said, "Are you a relative of the deceased?"

"No."

"Then why are you crying?"

"That's why!"

Charity

The rabbi was angry about the amount of money his congregants were giving to charity. He prayed that the rich should give more charity to the poor.

"And has your prayer been answered?" asked his wife.

"Half of it was," replied the rabbi. "The poor are willing to accept the money."

The Million-Dollar Question

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to G-d to ask, "G-d, what is a million years to you?" G-d replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me."

The man asks, "G-d, what is a million dollars to you?" G-d replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means nothing to me."

The man asks, "So G-d, can I have a million dollars?" And G-d replies, "In a second."



The Atomic Bombs (August 1945)

The two bombs that were dropped on Japan just days apart were actually very different in terms of design. The Hiroshima bomb, nicknamed Little Boy, used enriched Uranium-235 whereas Nagasaki's Fat Man used 8kg of Plutonium-239, which was refined through a more complex process. The US was able to use the bombings to test which was more effective.

At 7.00am on 6 Aug 1945, just over an hour before Hiroshima was bombed, Japanese radar operators detected a small number of incoming US planes, and issued an air-raid warning in many cities, including Hiroshima. But it was decided not to intercept them as the small number of planes were not seen as a threat, and at 8.00am the air-raid warning was lifted. At 8.15am, "Little Boy" detonated over Hiroshima.

The bombings led to the death of 90,000 – 166,000 people in Hiroshima and 60,000 – 80,000 in Nagasaki with nearly half of these casualties occurring on the days of the bombing. Although the bomb dropped on Nagasaki was more powerful, less people died there. Due to bad weather 'Fat Man' missed its intended target location in Nagasaki by 3 kilometers and the effect of the bombing was confined by hillsides to the narrow Urakami Valley.

Only 3 of the 12 people on board the Enola Gay actually knew the real purpose of their mission to Hiroshima.

After the first Hiroshima atomic bombing in Japan, one Hiroshima policeman went to Nagasaki to teach police about ducking after the atomic flash. – known as "duck and cover". As a result of this timely warning, not a single Nagasaki policeman died in Nagasaki's atomic blast three days later.

It took Tokyo 3 hours to realise that Hiroshima had been bombed, as many lines of communication had been destroyed.

The closest known survivor of the Hiroshima atomic bomb was in a basement only 170m (560 ft) from ground zero.

Tsutomu Yamaguchi survived the atomic blast at Hiroshima on 6th August. He dragged himself into an air-raid shelter and spent the night there. In the morning he caught a train to Nagasaki where he survived the second atomic blast on 9th Aug. Yamaguchi was the first officially recognized survivor of both the bombings. He died on January 4, 2010 in Nagasaki at the age of 93. It is documented that there are 165 double survivors.

The Oleander is the official flower of Hiroshima because it was the first thing to bloom again after the explosion of the atomic bomb.

An American made bank vault installed in Teikoku Bank saved the contents from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. After reconstruction of the bank the new manager sent a congratulatory letter to the vault's manufacturer, the Mosler Safe Company, who promptly used it for promotional purposes.

The Ginkgo Biloba species of tree is 270 million years old. It rarely suffers disease or insect attack and was one of the only living things to survive the Hiroshima nuclear bombing. The trees healed quickly and are still alive today.

The most destructive bombing event of WWII was neither Hiroshima nor Nagasaki. It was the Operation Meetinghouse, the American firebombing of Tokyo.

"Hiroshima shadows": When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the intensity of the blast was of such intensity that it permanently burned shadows of people and objects into the ground.

13 year-old Shigeki Tanaka was 20 miles away from the blast when he saw and heard 'Little Boy' explode above Hiroshima. Six years later he won the Boston Marathon in the USA, completing the course in 2 hours 27 minutes and 45 seconds. The win was not just seen as a personal victory, but also helped restore Japanese pride and honour following the war.

Next Open Lodge Meeting:

Monday 17th September 2018, 7.30pm sharp

We urge all Brethren to make every effort to attend

