



Yom Kippur

10th Tishrei 5779

19th September 2018

*We wish all our brethren
and their families*

Well Over The Fast

Table Lodge

Screening of

FIRES of KUWAIT

HERZL HERALD

SEPTEMBER 2018



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 Adoption of the minutes
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Love thy neighbour as thyself

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



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DR HERZL LODGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2018

On the 29th of August, Lodge Jerusalem hosted a combined lodge meeting. The guest speaker was David Cohen who is the son of Charles Cohen, past chairman of Yad Vashem SA. He spoke about his recent trip to Poland to explore and gain insight into the Holocaust. His talk was informative and emotional and he highlighted the fact that the existence of the state of Israel and the IDF ensures that Jews are protected. With this in mind it is clear that being anti-Israel, as a Jewish state, is anti-Semitic. The existence of the Jewish state is a necessity for the survival of the Jewish people and has nothing to do with apartheid. Those who wish to destroy Israel have an anti-Semitic agenda. David also spoke about the deliberate distortion of historical facts in order to minimize the participation of the Polish people in the mass murder of Jews.

Dr. Efraim Zuroff, the chief Nazi-hunter of the Simon Wiesenthal center, explains that distortion is a more recent version of Holocaust denial. He says that in Lithuania, from where most South African Jews can trace their heritage, Holocaust distortion is a dangerous and prevalent trend. Lithuanians participated in the systematic mass murder of Jews. Jews in that country had the highest percentage of fatalities and were not murdered in Nazi death camps but near their own homes and in many cases by their Lithuanian neighbours. Jews were deported from other countries to be murdered in Lithuania and a Lithuanian unit was sent to Belarus to murder a further 20,000 Jews. There are 227 mass Holocaust graves in Lithuania making Holocaust denial impossible, yet Lithuanian leaders will not admit that Lithuanians were complicit in the annihilation or that local collaboration was central to the murder of 212,000 of the 220,000 Jews who lived in the country under Nazi occupation. This cover up makes it impossible for the Wiesenthal institute to prosecute Lithuanian Nazi war criminals. Besides the cover up of local complicity there is an attempt to distort the history of World War II by undermining the uniqueness of the Shoa, as an attempt to wipe a people off the face of the earth. There is no other example of industrialized mass murder.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Brethren of the order and their families a healthy and prosperous New Year. To the Brethren of Dr. Herzl Lodge may we continue to cooperate in the spirit of brotherhood in the new year. Shana Tova.



Bro Jeff Sulski
President, Dr Herzl Lodge



Report of my trip to South Africa, 25th July to 7th August 2018

My wife Joan and I arrived in Johannesburg on Wednesday evening July 25th and were met at the airport by Wor Bro Stan Klaff who accompanied us on the Gautrain to the Sandton train station. On Thursday evening I was very pleased to attend an Open Lodge meeting of Sir Harry Graumann Lodge held at the HOD Centre. President Bro Allen Selesnick conducted the meeting without a hitch and the projects and issues discussed gave me a good feeling about the workings of this small but vibrant Lodge. I am always so impressed and privileged to attend the events at our HOD facility. This building is without doubt one of the most important and valuable assets owned by the Hebrew Order of David International. The temple is fabulous, the meeting rooms, the foyer and the pictures and regalia all around make this facility a joy to see and be in.

On Friday afternoon Wor Bro Stan and I went for an interview with Chai FM, a local radio station. We discussed the Hebrew Order of David and how we are growing worldwide. I got some good feedback from the interview from some people I met during the weekend.

Sunday morning we met with the Worthy Brethren of the SA governing Lodge and some members of the senate. This was a most encouraging meeting where we reached an understanding of how we all felt about the future of our organization and our aims going forward. We discussed how funding of new Lodges will be handled and what was needed to do regarding the stability and growth of our order.

Sunday night, a dinner was held in the social hall for about 50 brethren and their wives. Wor Bro Avron Krasner was presented with the Order of Merit. Wor Bro Stan Klaff acted as MC, Wor Bro Ian Ralph gave a short address and Wor Bro Avron spoke most eloquently about his award and his enthusiasm about the direction the order was going. I tried to give an overview of the situation in each country that we have Lodges and gave praise to the SA Lodges from where our roots began. I gave the audience a picture of what was happening in North America and outlined our future aims.

Monday evening, I went to Durban accompanied by Wor Bros Stan, Ian and Avron. We met with the members of Lodge Jaffa at the home of Wor Bro Josh Oshry. Present among others were Wor Bro Barry Alice, Wor Bro Les Levin (President), Wor Bro Josh Oshry (VP) Wor Bro Eddie Cohen. I heard the challenges facing this Lodge and how they are struggling to maintain membership and trying to grow with a Jewish population that is shrinking. They are a close-knit group of brethren determined to succeed.

On Tuesday we proceeded to Port Elizabeth. Tuesday evening we met with the Brethren of Lodge Hillel Menorah at the home of Wor Bro Jonathan Rubin's mother who provided us with a table full of scrumptious goodies. Present were Wor Bro Stan, Wor Bro Ian, Wor Bro Solly Baskin from Johannesburg plus the Lodge members including Wor Bro Doron Blackman and about 8 other members. Once again, we heard the challenges facing this small Lodge. They are not in a good financial position and requested assistance. I told them all I could about how the Lodges were progressing worldwide and obviously they were very much impressed as to what is happening overseas.

We then travelled to Cape town. Friday night attended the Friday night shul service with brethren and their wives/ significant others. Wor Bro Stan, Wor Bro Avron, Wor Bro Ian Ralph, Wor Bro Con Travis, and most of the brethren of Lodge Golan. This was followed by a kosher dinner at the Premier Hotel for about 22 brethren and wives. Wor Bro Con was most pleased and enthusiastic to receive us as guests and proceeded to name all the people sitting around the table not missing one single name. What a great memory for 92 years young.

Sunday morning we gathered at the Shul in Clairmont for the installation of the new slate of officers of Lodge Golan. Wor Bro Con was installed as president (although he had been serving as such for the past few months after the passing of Wor Bro Michael Sandler who was the president. Wor Bro Ronnie Gerdis was installed as VP. The installation went very well, and all positions were filled.

A luncheon was served in the Shul Hall for all members and their wives. I once again gave my report on the situation of the Lodges in other countries and thanked the Brethren of Lodge Golan for being the roots of our order and giving us the basis for growing this Order worldwide. Wor Bro Con Travis was presented with his 50 year Medal. Mazaltov Wor Bro Con.

Fraternally

Wor Bro Alan Rubenstein

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

- 7** *Wor Bro Gershon Stein*
- 16** *Bro Mannie Gien*
- 23** *Bro Jeff Sulski*



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

- 6** *Bro Hillel Shevel and Yael*
- 28** *Bro Jeff Lipschitz and Charmaine*



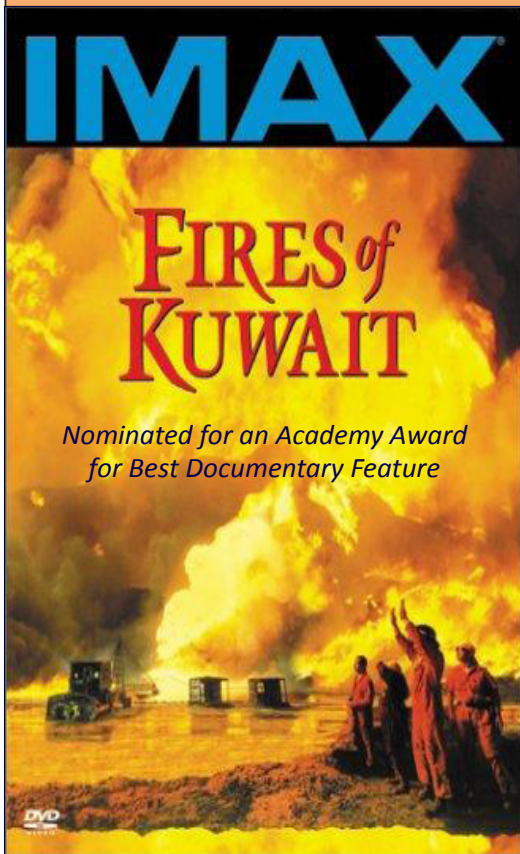
This Month in History - SEPTEMBER

- 13 Sept 1788** New York City becomes the capitol of the United States
- 23 Sept 1846** The planet Neptune is first discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle
- 16 Sept 1908** General Motors was founded by entrepreneur William Crapo "Billy" Durant in Michigan..
- 1 Sept 1939** At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.
- 14 Sept 1960** The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was formed by representatives of oil-producing countries meeting in Baghdad.
- 5-6 Sept 1972** Eleven members of the Israeli Olympic Team were killed during an attack on the Olympic Village in Munich by members of the Black September faction of the PLO
- 12 Sept 1977** Steve Biko, a South African black civil rights leader, died while he was in police detention.
- 11 Sept 2001** The worse terrorist attacks in US history claims the live of 3000 victims in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania (See AMAZING FACTS, page 12)

NOTICE BOARD

16 September 2018

Monday 17 September - TABLE LODGE



After Saddam Hussein set 700 Kuwaiti oil fields alight in 1991, over 10000 firefighters from 40 different countries converged on the region and fought the blazes for months. Their goal was to save the precious oil reserves as well as to reduce the devastating air pollution, and was the largest non-military mobilisation in history. These teams developed various techniques of extinguishing the devastating fires. From TNT-shockwaves to tank-mounted twin MIG jet engines blasting away the flames, man's emergency creativity can be seen at it's very best.

FIRES OF KUWAIT is a 1992 American documentary film on the Kuwaiti oil fires. It was filmed for viewing in IMAX dome theatres

Dr Herzl Open Lodge Meeting

17 September 2018, 7.30pm

FIRES of KUWAIT will be screened at Table Lodge

Please make every effort to attend

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

Tuesday 18 September 9 Tishrei <i>Erev YOM KIPPUR</i>	Wednesday 19 September 10 Tishrei <i>YOM KIPPUR</i>	Monday 24 September 15 Tishrei <i>SUKKOT Day 1</i>	Tuesday 25 September 16 Tishrei <i>SUKKOT Day 2</i>	Monday 1 October 22 Tishrei <i>SHMINI ATZERET</i>	Tuesday 2 October 23 Tishrei <i>SIMCHAT TORAH</i>
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Wishing all our brethren Well Over the Fast

South African cricket in the 1960's

Final first innings tally was over 600 runs. Australia came in to bat. So intimidating was this 600 – odd score that it was not long before they were 48 for 4 close to the end of that day's play. Australia had to follow on. The combined tally was 323 runs behind South Africa. So South Africa won by an innings and 323 runs.

Going further into the 1970's our sports isolation hit us hard. It all began in 1968. A player from Cape Town named Basil d ' Oliviera had left South Africa with his family at an early age in order to pursue his career in England. He was chosen to represent England in a tour to South Africa that year (1968) . Politics intervened. Our leaders in Cape Town would not allow d ' Oliviera to play here. A huge furore exploded. The match was cancelled. Picketing took place outside South Africa House in London. The boycott was made particularly difficult for us by one man called Peter Haine.

So after 1970 our sports isolation was nearly complete. Dr. Ali Bacher tried for all he could to arrange rebel tours. It happened , but only 7 years later. In 1977 a rebel tour captained by Graeme Gooch came here from England. I cannot remember the result. Another rebel tour captained by Mike Gatting came in 1982. There was a third , which I cannot recall. The first name of that captain was Darryl (I think) but no recollection of his surname.

I know a few names from cricket in the 1970's and onwards. I remember our wicket – keeper Rupert Hanley (known as Spook Hanley) and also wicket – keeper Ray Jennings. Two world – class batsmen are Jimmy Cook and Clive Rice. There is also our best ever (possibly) captain Peter Kirsten. Then we have opening batsman at number 2 Henry Fotheringham and spin bowler Alan Khoury. Both played for Southern Transvaal . In Natal we had bowler Darryl Bester and , I think from Natal, Merrick Pringle.

So who do I choose for opinion of South Africa's best cricketers ever ? As merely a spectator and not an authority , I say it this way : -

- (1) Peter Kirsten , for leadership and magnificent batting .
- (2) Jonty Rhodes , for magnificent batting , excellent fielding and charisma.
- (3) Eddie Barlow , for batting at opening order.
- (4) Jimmy Cook , in his day the world's best opening batsman.
- (5) Graeme Pollock , also a magnificent run–scorer in his day.
- (6) Clive Rice , captain and all–rounder with a long–spanning career.
- (7) Dr. Ali Bacher , for captaining one of our best triumphs in cricket, the 1970 series, and also for decades of administrative services to Cricket South Africa.

So be it for my cricketing memories of my childhood days and my youth. If this commentary meets with your approval at this HOD meeting, then I am quite willing to relate my memories of football , tennis , chess and entertainment in South Africa and abroad in approximately the same era as above.

Fraternally yours,

Bro David Mendelson
Scribe

DISCOVERING OURSELVES

The Talmud says that Moshe, before his death, wrote 13 Torah scrolls - one was kept in the Holy Ark, and the remainder was distributed one to each of the 12 tribes. This was an ingenious way to safeguard the integrity of the Torah text, so that all future copies could be checked against the original scrolls written by Moshe.

It's interesting that this parsha lists the final of the 613 mitzvot - that everyone is obligated to write their own copy of the Torah. Even if someone inherited a scroll, he must still write his own. The commentators explain that, today, we fulfil this mitzvah by amassing a library of Torah books - to create an environment with the resources conducive to Torah study.

Yet there's a deeper idea here. The mitzvah to write your own Torah scroll means that we have to internalize the Torah. To get an emotional relationship with Torah, so that our thoughts and actions are always filtered through the prism of Torah. The Torah has always provided Jews with an approach, an outlook, on everything from business to marriage, from tragedy to celebration.

As Rabbi Emanuel Feldman writes:

"Beyond all the good, rational reasons, Torah is the mysterious bridge which connects the Jew and G-d, across which they interact and communicate, and by means of which G-d fulfils His covenant with His people to sustain them and protect them.

"When we study Torah, we are not studying an abstract and arcane text of the ancient world. We are studying the way in which G-d wants us to live on this earth... (We) are in fact engaged in discovering the essence of Judaism, which is to say, the essence of ourselves..."

Before Yom Kippur, it is customary to introspect. Let us ask ourselves if the example we set is one which we would be proud to see in the next generation. What should we continue doing? What should we eliminate? What is the approach to take to self-improve?

Bro Martin Greenberg
Chaplain

Mr. Corbyn, pay homage to Israel's Munich victims

Giulio Meotti,
15/08/18

The British Labour party is probably lost in the avalanche of Judeophobia, but a little decency might help matters.

In Munich in 1972, Palestinian Liberation Organization terrorists killed **Moshe Weinberg**, who had the joy of life on his face.

They killed **Amitzur Shapira**, the father of four beautiful children and a teacher in Herzliya.

They killed **Yossef Romano**, a Jew of Libyan origin and a father of three.

They killed **Mark Slavin**, who kissed the ground of Israel upon his arrival from the Soviet Union.

They killed **Zeev Friedman**, born in Siberia and whose father was deported to a labor camp on the Vistula. He spoke a wonderful mixture of Yiddish and Russian. His mother lost all her relatives in Treblinka.

They killed **Kehat Shorr**, who came from Romania where he had fought against Nazi troops in the Carpathians.

They killed **Yaacov Springer**, one of the few survivors of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

They killed **Andrej Spitzer**, married to a woman converted to Judaism, living in a suburb of Tel Aviv.

They killed **Eliezer Halfin**, the son of Lithuanian Jews who lost everyone in the Holocaust.

And they also killed **Yossef Gutfreund**, he too had left Romania after spending several months in prison on charges of "Zionist propaganda".

So, let me understand this better. How come Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of the UK Labour party, paid homage to the grave not of these 11 Israeli heroes, but of a Palestinian terrorist who had taken their beautiful lives? The West is sick with anti-Semitism once again.

Probably the British Labour party is lost in this avalanche of Judeophobia. Too many statements against "the Zionists", too much malice against the Jews, too many attacks on Israel, too many meetings with Hamas and Hezbollah. Probably things are rotten in Corbyn's party. But since he might win the next British general elections, considering the bad state of the Tories, it might be helpful suggesting a reparation measure Mr. Corbyn should take after this new affair. The British opposition leader should immediately get on a flight for Tel Aviv and pay a humble visit to the graves of the Israeli victims of that assault in Munich.

The day after the massacre of the athletes, all the Israelis present in Germany wore a kippah to mourn the dead. The ignoble, satanic decision not to stop everything was one proving the bankruptcy of any moral sense, the green signal light for future massacres.

After Munich, the Olympic Games began to distribute gold and silver medals smeared with blood. The party was dead, but we kept running and running and running. The Israeli rabbis came to wrap the coffins in the flag with the Star of David. That night in Frankfurt about fifty Jewish graves were destroyed.

No Arab delegate offered his condolences to Israel. Nobody. The day of the arrival of the bodies at the airport of Lod there was no fanfare to welcome their bodies. Only silence and a proud pain. After reciting the Hebrew kaddish at the tombs, the People of the Book returned home. The day after that was the Hebrew New Year, but there was no place for joy. That new year opened with the collective thought addressed to the children of the 11 victims: Those children were, they are, the why of Israel.

After visiting the graves, Mr. Corbyn should offer his condolences to these children. Otherwise, he should expect the worst possible reaction from those who care about Israel, truth and decency.



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Three Reform rabbis were bragging over whose temple was the most progressive.
 "In our temple," bragged the first, "we have ashtrays in the pews so that our congregants can smoke during the Torah reading."
 "That's nothing," commented the second rabbi.
 "In our temple we serve a special snack during Yom Kippur—ham sandwiches."
 "Not bad," said the third rabbi dismissively,
 "but in our temple, when Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur come around, we simply announce in our bulletin and display a sign:
'Closed for the Holidays.'"

On the morning of Rosh Hashanah, Rivka went into the bedroom to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready to go to the synagogue [Shul], to which he replied in a dull voice, 'I'm not going.'
 'Why not?' Rivka demanded.
 'I'll give you two good reasons Mother,' he said.
 'One, they don't like me, and two, I don't like them.'
 Rivka replied in an exasperated voice, 'I'll give you two good reasons why you must go to the synagogue. 'One, you're 54 years old, and two, you're the Rabbi.'



There is a big controversy on the Jewish view of when life begins. In Jewish tradition, the foetus is not considered viable until it graduates from medical school.

A Catholic, a Protestant, a Muslim and a Jew were discussing business during a dinner.
 Catholic: "I have a large fortune... I am going to buy CITIBANK!"
 Protestant: "I am very wealthy and will buy GENERAL MOTORS!"
 Muslim: "I am a fabulously rich prince... I intend to purchase SHELL!"
 They then all wait for the Jew to speak...



The Jew stirs his coffee, places the spoon neatly on the table, takes a sip of his coffee, looks at them and casually says:
"I'M NOT SELLING!"



911

This month marks the 17th anniversary of the worst terror attacks perpetrated against America. Here are some little known facts about these dramatic events in history.



Firefighter Daniel Suhr was hit by a woman who fell from one of the destroyed towers. When medics arrived they were unable to detect vital signs and noted he had "catastrophic injuries." All efforts to resuscitate Daniel Suhr were in vain.



The company that owned the World Trade Center had planned a meeting on the 88th floor of one of the towers to discuss options for possible terrorist attacks. When it was discovered one participant was unable to attend, the meeting, which was to have taken place the morning of 9/11, was canceled.



One of the unsung heroes of 9/11 was a guide dog named Roselle, a yellow Labrador who led her blind owner, Michael Hingson, down 78 stories of the North Tower and safely to the home of a friend.



The **top four** search topics on Google during the week of 9/11 were, in descending order: Nostradamus, CNN, The World Trade Center, Osama bin Laden.



While video accounts of the WTC attack aired immediately, no video footage of the Pentagon attack was publicly released until 2006.



18 people were rescued alive from the rubble of the World Trade Center site.

Next Open Lodge Meeting:

Monday 22nd October 2018, 7.30pm sharp

We urge all Brethren to make every effort to attend

