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DISCLAIMER. This article has been written from my memories of S.Africa from 48 years ago, and if A Shul, or Hotel, or a Club is not mentioned, it doesn't mean that they didn't exist, it means, simply, that I don't remember them. I can't add them in, either, because then the article would not be "My Memories" any more.

MEMORIES OF JOHANNESBURG, CITY OF GOLD

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Morningside, Sandton, S.Africa**

On the 4th February 1961, when I was 14 years old, and my brother Robert was 11, our family came to live in Jhb.

We had left Ireland, land of our birth, leaving behind our beloved Grandparents, family, friends, and a very special and never-to-be-forgotten little furry friend, to start a new life in South Africa, land of Sunshine and Golden opportunity..... **The Goldenh Medina.....**

We came out on the "**Edinburgh Castle**", arriving Cape Town 2nd Feb 1961. We did a day tour of Chapmans Peak Drive, Muizenberg, went to somewhere called the "Red Sails" and visited our **Sakinofsky/Yodaiken** family in Tamboerskloof.

We arrived at Park Station (4th Feb 1961), Jhb, hot and dishevelled after a nightmarish train ride, breaking down in De Aar and dying of heat.

We lived in **Becker Street, Yeoville**, Robert went to **K.E.S** and I went to **Barnato Park** (aka Johannesburg Girls' High) in Berea. Robert was in Cadets, I played hockey, and bunked school (with Gilda Goldblatt!!)

Our nextdoor neighbours were Michael and Sandra **Golding**, Zena and Teddy **Cohen** lived in Becker Street also and Ronnie and Nigel **Baskin** lived in Yeo Street near the **Richters** - Selma and Charles **Richter**.

Girls at Barnato Park lived in mainly **Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville, Bellevue, Houghton, Orchards, Melrose** and **Dunkeld**. After school, many of us would catch the 19 bus from Tudhope Avenue Berea to Raleigh Street, Yeoville, but many girls were collected by beautifully coiffed and bee-hived mothers with long painted nails, arriving

to collect them in huge fancy Chevrolets, with big cats' eye tail-lights.

ONLY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Oi, but I had to get used to so many new expressions

" See you this arvy, Hey? " and "See you just now, Annie" (I learnt the hard way that "Just Now" didn't mean immediately)

"There's the new girl in Form 3, Shame!!" **"My sister's baby is so cute, Shame!**

People would give me directions and tell me to turn at the **robot**.

Can I **Lend** your book?

Whatever I said, the girls would answer **"Is it"** ?

The shul is full of **KUGELS**.....

Why did the bus-conductor call us all **"Donkey"** when he collected our tickets???? **"Thank you,... Donkey"** and the **Klippies** would say it in a high-pitched voice. **"Thank you, donkeeeeeeeeeeyyyyyyyyyyyy"**

You **MUST** come visit **this arvy, see?** You **MUST** go and see Cliff Richard at the Collosseum. You **MUST** buy the latest Elvis Presley record. **MUST, MUST, MUST** (only in South Africa! Say that "MUST" to people overseas, they think you are a control-freak). (took me a while to get used to it!!)

G.C. EMMMMM

Girls would talk about great **talent** at a party, and they talked about **Chracks** , boys talked about **"good stock"** .

It's a **blerry gemors!!** **Stoep.** **Goeie Môre ,** **Lekker Bly,**

My skat. **Klop Dissel Boom gaan!** **Klappies.** **Lappies.**

Wag 'n bietjie. **I'm Gatvol !!!!** **Deurmekaar.**

Yislaaik! Herrrrrrre ! (Yurrah) **Magtig!!Maggggggtiggggggg !!!** **Vragtig!**
.....Vraggggggtiggggggg !!!!!

Where's the **jol tonight, hey?** **Do youse know?**

Don't tune me kak, hey? **Ag! Yes no fine.** **Stovies.** **He's fab - such a doll !!!,** He thinks he's
such a **big Bok.** It's not so **lekker.**

Howzzit, my China. **I smaak you.**

Don't **chaaf my cherry, hey!** Don't **grip my cherry...**

Who do you think you're looking at, China?

Don't **tune me grief, ek sê.** **Voetsak!** **Sies!** **Ag! Siestog, Jong!**

My bike is **buggered**.

Bugger off !

He **donnered** her.

She **Bliksemed** him

They're **Revolting!**

Sommer so

Don't talk to them, they are all such **Rubbishes**.

Stiffies.

It's **Kwaai**.....

Well, yes , no fine, Those were the days my friend we thought they'd never end

SUBURBS

In those days a majority of the Jewish community seemed to be living in [Hillbrow](#), [Berea](#), [Bellevue](#), [Yeoville](#), [Cyrildene](#), [Observatory](#), [Dewetshof](#), [Judith's Paarl](#), [Highlands North](#), [Houghton](#), [Dunkeld](#), [Melrose](#), [Hyde Park](#).

Suburbs where a lot of Jews also lived were [Kensington](#), [Emmarentia](#), [Greenside](#), [Doornfontein](#), [Mayfair](#).
Remember [Fordsburg](#) (Fitas). Also a Jewish area once upon a time.

Robert and I went to **Yeoville Chader** (The Bernard Patley), - Mr. **SHATCHAN** was the headmaster, and teachers I remember were Miss AARONS (Bella Golubchick) , Mr. Solly **GOLDBERG**, Rev. **HIMMELSTEIN**, and the Shammas was a Mr. **CHAZEN** (His daughters, Gertie and Hannah both went to Barnato park) and Mrs. **MAGID**

Chader Children I can remember the names of some of the " Chader children". Colin **Koransky**, Dorian **Hersch** (Shear), Terroll **Hersch** (Z"l), Gilda **Goldblatt** (Galvad), Brenda **Goldblatt** (Spitz) (O'h) Frances **Taylor**, and her older sister, Sharon (now in Israel), Carmella **Shapiro**, Marsha **Furman**, Gerald **Pokroy**, Philip **Eliason**, Harry **Sacks**, Alan **Kaye**, Susan **Kaye**, Dorothy **Lewis**, Harry **Sacks**, Philip **Sacks**, Ada **Freedman**, Ilanah **Himmelstein**, Julian (Julie) **Kaplan**, Meyer **Kaplan**, Brian (now in Oz) and his sister Jewel **Rosenthal**, Eugene **Klatzko**, Martin **Chaitowitz**, Hymie **Symanowitz**(Z"l), **Ruth Seeff**, Sandra **Katzen** (Pokroy) Robert **Hershfield**, Mervyn **Gerszt**, Bernard **Kromelick**, Derek **Hammerschlag** (I think that was his name) Wolfie **Tepper**, Marlene **Tepper**, Stanley **Chitiz**, Manny **Magid**, Melanie & Beverley **Segal**.

I must have been a real "chrack" in those days, coming from Ireland, funny clothes, and even funnier out-of-control curly hair, and an accent nobody could understand. I found it hard to make friends, but I eventually palled up with Gilda **Goldblatt** (now Galvad) , (daughter of Leslie (Z"l) and Mona Voloshen **Goldblatt** (O'h), from Webb Street. Leslie (Z"l) was a Choirester in Wolmarans Street Shul) and Gilda and I have remained friends to this day.

Girls at Barnato Park whom I remember offhand, Pam **Ginsberg** (Melzter) Pam **Gladstone** (Nathan), Denise **Seeff**, **Ruth Seeff**, Susan **Simon**, Molly **Robinson**, Rhona **Shroder** (aka Rhondie Shrondie) (Ullman), Phyliss **Goldblatt** (Rubin), Geraldine **Blumberg**, Debbie **Rabinowitz**, **Jacqui Hotz**, Sharon

Rafel (Rubin), Leah **Smith**, Ann **Kaiser**, Ann **Moscow**, Barbara Diane **Levy**, Barbara **Levy**, Lynette and Jennifer **Margolis**, Carol and Margaret **Kowarsky**, Gloria (Gola) **Levine** (Ash), Gilda and Brenda **Goldblatt**, Eugene **Klatzko**, René **Mazelle**, Jill **Gonski**, Felicity **Nathanson**, Avril **Kaye**, Jackie **Susman** (Woolf) (her sisters Helen and Andy went to Athlone). Pam **Kohn**, Lydia **Burstein**, Ada **Folb**, Sharon **Cooperman** (Fehrer) Beryl **Andrews**, Heather **Round** (Levy), Joan Gracie, Merriel Pratt, Hilda and Charlotte Brinkman, Ann **Mullins**, Susan **Simon**, Doreen **Simon**, Marilyn **Silansky**, Carole **Silansky** (Sands) Verite **Hirshowitz**, Ruth **Samuel** (Segal), Vivien **Alexander**, Renée **Kunz**, Lorraine **Goldberg**, Marilyn **Silansky** and her sister Carol **Silansky**, Yvonne **Shochet**, Janet **King**, Pam **Kewley**, Adah **Ben Yehuda**, Roslyn **Abramovitz**, Joan **Cooper**, Bernice **Frid** (Vunck), Suzanne **Lutrin** (Resnick) (O'h), Helen **Rothschild**, Joyce **Tischauer**, Helen **Leftin**, Maureen **Nagel** (Ruskin), Gabriella **Albrecht**, Sharon **Smith** (Munitz), Pam **Levy**, Deborah Ann **Fanaroff**, Jacky **Centner** (Cannon), Lydia **Burstein**, Ronelle **Shepherd**, Cynthia **Muller**, Marsha **Sosnovick**, (Jansen) Karen **Israelsohn**, Joan **David** (Elkon), Sheina & BatSheva **Romm**, Lorraine **Nussbaum** (Silver), Susan **Hommell**, Diane **Levy**, Diane B. **Levy** Kela **Saltzer**, Barbara **Beira**, Shoshanna **Kaplan** (Kaplan), Myrna **Katz**, Isobel **Strasbourg** (Mehl), Isobel **Thomson**, Vivienne **Lee**, Meryl **Michaelmore**, Vivienne **Fritz**, (Head Girl) Patsy **Coetzee**, (Vice Head Girl) Philla **Moller**, Gillian **Coleman**, Sheena **Haarhof**, Glen **Marshall**, Naomi **Tabachowich**, Adah **Ben Yehuda**, Ailsa **Bowley**, Sheena **Hayworth**, And some girls from Mrs. Oppenheimers extra Afrikaans lessons class were, **Vasiliky** someone from Greece, **Daria** someone from Italy, Jean **Smith** (?) from Rhodesia, **Jacqueline** someone from England, Marily Patricia **Myers** from England, and teachers, Miss **Todd**, Roberta **Evans**, Miss **Cohen** (later Mrs. Gevisser), Miss **Miles** with DOG - George, Miss **Langley** (head), Miss **Rosewarne**, Miss **Walmsely**, Miss **Hodkin**, Miss **Jones** (Vice Head), Miss **Horn**, Miss **Dankwerths**, Miss **Martin**, (later Mrs. Gold), Mrs **Morrison**, and one or two Barnato Park Dogs, who came along to school with teachers. I think Miss Evans had a little Muttie trouping along next to her?

SCHOOLS Athlone Girls, Athlone Boys, Waverly girls, Highland's North, Parktown Girls and Parktown Boys, Northview, Greenside High, King David Linksfield (King David Victory Park was to follow later on) Yeshiva College, Rodean, Brescia House, St. Vincents (for the hard of hearing). Helpmekaar, Damelin College, Yale College (Marcus (Marky) **Luntz**), Regis College, Princeton College. Yeoville Boys, Observatory Girls,, Hyde Park, The Tech. K.E.S (King Edward School) St. Johns, Redhill, St. Stithians, Marist brothers, Yeoville Convent, Hirsch Lyons, Yiddish folk, Jeppe Boys, Jeppe Girls. HA Jack, Jewish Government.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS. Mc Cullogh @ Bothwell.

Remember Yeoville? The Yeoville **Post Office** in Raleigh Street, **C.N.A**, the **Picadilly Bioscope** the **Bug House** (Oi) next door to **Yeoville Home Industries** (owned by Simon and Leah Kaufman), **Kenmere Pharmacy** (owned by the **Marams**) (next to the fruit shop in Kenmere Rd) and Yeoville Pharmacy (owned by the **Joffes**) (diagonally opposite the Yeoville Baths in Raleigh St.,) **Yeoville Fruit and Flowers** (**Jorge** aka **George**), **Hill Fisheries**, **Crystals**, **Yeoville Baths**, (and a swimming coach there called **Bernard Green**) and the **Apollo Café** across the road where they played pinball and the ducktails always hung around there with their chains, and motor bikes, all the **Brekers**. **Theo Hommel** (fabrics), **Fitz Bakery** where the OK Bazaars in Yeoville built their new shop, corner Raleigh and Bedford, diagonally opposite the Yeoville Library. And opposite where the 19 bus went into Berea and town), **Hub Stores**, **Emdins – Haberdashery** – (one or two shops down from the Apollo Café,) **Denbo Jewish Bookstore**, **Scotch Corner!** **Billy's Hairdresser** in Rockey Street (near Raymond St) **Faigels** and the **Dae-nite Pharmacy** Rockey Street, cor. Bezuidenhout, **Squire** (clothing, school uniforms/shoes)

Portuguese Fish and Chip shop in Rockey Street, all the **Tailor shops** going down into **Rockey Street**, and **Jekisons Tailors**, and a guy called Bokkie **Jekison** who was the Tailor there (great looking bloke, with a great looking brother, both so easy on the eye!). Bokkie recently told someone that on the 7th April he will have been at the shop for 55 years **California Tailors**, and the Yeoville Recreation Center in Raleigh St, where **Sandra Stei**

won the "Miss Yeoville" competition in about 1962 .(*Bokkie Jekison died before the 7th April, suddenly, whilst out on a walk*)

Water Polo at the **Yeoville Baths**. Richard **LEE** was a water-polo player, he lived in Yeo Street, Yeoville, I think. Had a brother Eric **LEE**. They were Highlands North school boys. Lionel **GILINSKY**, another water-polo player.

And does anyone remember the **Purdy Boys**, Neville and Leonard?

Some MORE of the YEOVILLE, CYRILDENE, OBSERVATORY people **Jeff Wittles** , **Linda Shapiro**, **Rex Schwartz**, **Sharon Schwartz** , **Ivan Sabbath**, **Arnold Messias**, **Ivan Sandler**, **Louise Lazersohn** , **Barry Sacks**, **Barry Bloch**, **Barry Black**, **Michael Walldorf** (Vorsie), **Sonia Barsol** **Gerald (Jake) Fox (Z"l)** **Jonny Grossmark**, **Vivian Stillerman**, **Charmian Clayton**, **Max Gur**, **Ruth Margolis**, **Elaine Margolis**, **Heather Garrun**, **Yvette, Esther & Naomi Sofer**. **Sharna & Nadja Isaacs (aka Lerman)**, **Colin Opwald**, **Frances Siegenberg**, **Nicky & Costa Kapitanopoulos**, **Alfie Wood** and his sister **Margie Wood** (now Horn), **Locky Lockstone**, **Shirley Shtub** (probably **Sztub**), **Reuel Kaplan**, **Geoff (Geoffrey) Landsman (Z"l)** , **Reina Cohen** (O'h), **Sandra Stein** (Ezra) , **Nola Stein** (Fox), **Charmion Clayton**, **Ivor Cohen**, **Sandra Deitz** , **Spencer Hodgson**, **Heather Garrun**, **Linda Chitiz** or **Chitters** , **Marlene Teper**, **Leonard Kahn** & his sister **Maureen Kahn**. (now Puterman) Maureen and her husband were one of the first people to move into a new block of flats called "**La Contessa**", (Yeo & Bedford St. Yeoville) **Arnie (?) Jones**, **Jennifer Jones**, **Bernard James**, **Abel de Freitas**, **Sandra Tucker**. **The Griffith Girls** (Virg, Bernice (Bunny) and Diane –still great friends of mine) and their brother Cedric) **The Matthews Girls** Hazel, and Norma, there were more sisters but I can't remember the names) .

GREENSIDE/EMMARENTIA People, - **Clifford Price**, **Howard Price**, **Brian Ruskin**, and I think **Barry Pillemar** , **Gaby Henshal**, (de Groen), **June** and **Yalta Gervis**, **Suzanne & Linda Myers**, **Aubrey Gams** **Ada Gamsu**, **Maurice Hockman**,

HOUGHTON people. **Michael**, **Brian & Jennifer Lever**, **Molly Robinson**, **Harry & Philip Sacks**, **Sharor Smith** (Munitz)

HIGHLANDS NORTH People. - **Brian, Stanley & Karen Feinstein** (Joseph), **Max Schiff** (Z'I)

WHO REMEMBERS - **Hymie Brest**, (Mayfair/ Kensington) and his friend (to this day) **Alec Ross** (Bez Valley). Certainly part of the "Main Manne" crowd.

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Where're you **okes jolling to?** **Jollers**. **Lekker Jol**.

Where are your **folks** tonight.

Volkspeeler. The **Sakkie sakkie**

I'm only **chaafing, man?** **Sweet Obeet**!! **Lekker soos 'n krekker (cracker)**

Wat 's goedkoop is duur koop. **Stille water – Diepe grond**,

Eina! Skyfies. Veldskoene. Breekers.

Don't tune me Chandies

Check that little lightie, he's two bricks and a tickey high

Ever since Pa fell off the bus.

Give me a bell, hey? Bell me. Love you stax. I'll fetch you just now

African women sitting on the street corners calling out **HEY Mielieeeeeee - Tickey Mielieeeeeeeeeee.**

Vrystaat!

Vat hom Fluffy.

I've got Sut.

They're so larnie!

My ou' man is giving me uphill

My Skattebol.

I feel up to Paw-Paw. I feel up to Maggots.

'Strue's Bob...?? **No..... You LIE !!!**

SHOT !!!!!!! (SHOTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT)

Skit 'n donner (donder) (the movies)

And **Observatory café** where boys played pinball and they had '**Pennyline Sweets**' where you could buy 2 for a penny and cafés had Jukeboxes . Remember the old **78 records** (those were in the fifties though) and then the **LPs** - wow, and when those came out we thought we'd died and gone to Heaven, and the **45 speed records**. **Cassettes**, and **tape recorders**, **reel-to-reel tape-recorders** (I still have one).

Boys had a way of walking, hands in pockets, only the thumbs visible and rolled from side to side with a sort **of rolling gait**, and the more they rolled as they walked, the more macho they felt!

Who remembers ????..... **Debras** (Schmaltz), and when a tub of **Yoghurt** cost **8c**, and an **Appeltizer** cost **the same**, a bar of **Cadburys chocolate** cost **5c** and there was a chocolate bar called "**Honeycrisp**" also for **5c**, and you could get a **Toasted Cheese** for **15c**. **Stamps** cost **2½ cents** . If you left the envelope open, it was cheaper... **Airletter forms in green**, **airmail writing paper**, **airmail envelopes** and **Basildon Bond** writing paper.

STREETS in **Yeoville/ Bellevue**, - **Raleigh**, **Rockey St**, **Bezuidenhout St** , **Isipingo St.**, **Raymond St** , **Hopkins St**, **Yeo St**, **Kenmere Rd**, **Fortèsque Rd**, **Becker St**, **Cavendish**, **Bedford Rd**, **Webb St**, **Natal St**, **Isipingo**, **St. Georges Rd**, **Ellis St.**,

YEOVILLE BOXING CLUB - **Sammy Samson** and his son **Cedric** who sang as a child, and he had a group at some stage called "**the FireFlies**" I think **Alan Goldstein** who was also a child singer may well have been part of that band (later known as Alan **Gold**) .

How many people remember..... The **Black Steer** in Yeoville - fab apple crumble and double thick cream and in the 1960s the price of a Steerburger, with Pickled Cucumber, fried onions and salad was 45cbut at the **Golden Spur**, the Burger would cost you 50c and the **Yeoville** crowd felt that was too expensive!)
Norman's Grill (for Prawns!) in the Jeppe Hotel. **East Africa Pavilion** (well known for it's curries, where the waiters wore a red "fez", **The 252 Tavern**. **His Majesty's Cellars**, **69 Grill**.

and **Kosher** - **Connoisseur Hotel**, (Gloria Rootshtain)

And remember- **The Rosenkowitz 6** from Cape Town, first surviving Sextuplets in the World

And when Arcadia (Jewish Orphanage and Home for Jewish children) was in Forestown

DAENITE Pharmacy, Orange Grove. Owned by **Chookie BRENNER** . and the okses that worked there, **Mervin Rappoport**, **Issy Peimer**, **Cecil Chweidan** (O'h), **Ivan Dorff**, **Solly Branstein**, and a girl called **Lola** but I can't remember her surname.

And **Dr. Chris Barnard**, (**Heart Transplants Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town**)

And the the motor racing at **Kyalami Race Track**

And the Motor Rallys? Anyone remember **Lionel Gilinsky?** He raced something called "Production cars" in "Endurance Races" at Old Grand Central Circuit (Halfway House, now called **Midrand**) in the late 60's and 70's and later "Historic" Cars at Kyalami Race Track. He was known to be amongst South Africa's Top 3 Racing and Motor rally drivers in the 60's, 70's and 80's. Not bad for a boy from Welkom!!

Attorneys. - **Moss Morris & Ettlinger**, (Lennie Ettlinger, Max Levenberg, Selwyn Cohen, Hilliard Gordon, articled clerks then - Rodney Berman and John Gilbert, Also a Selwyn someone articled clerk). **Routledge Douglas Wilson** **Auret & Wimble**, **Wides, Chain & Berman** (Cyril **Wides**, Inky (Ian) **Chain** and Rodney **Berman**), **Edward Nathan**. **Israel, During & Kossuth**

Tour Operators - **Springbok (Atlas) Safaris**, (Julie **Lapedus**).

Accountants. **Sussman and Lange** (Trevor **Sussman** and David **Lange**) (cousin of **Myron Lange**, the Surgeon) later known as **Sussman Goddard**.

HILLBROW. We always went to The **Curzon** and **Clarendon** for 7/6- , (later 75c,) and then a Bioscope called the **International** (owned by Herman and Maxwell **Youngelson**) was opened at the top of Pretoria Street and there it would cost you between 90c and R1.00, but the seats were so comfy and the whole bioscope was so plush, that the Yeovillites felt it was well worth the extra.

Anyone remember **The French Hairdressing Saloon** (a Mrs. Sher was the manageress) and the **OK Bazaars** and **Carnival Novelty**.

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I'm going for a goof this arvy. 'Scopes, Flicks, Flik, What's the "Aggie"?

Hy het haar uitgeskop, verstaan jy my?

Check my new jammy!

We going to Durbs with the car, probably see lots of 'Vaalies there, all the ou toppies, tannies and ooms,
nie waar nie?

My ol' lady! My ol' man.

My broer ! My sussie. My Ouma, My Oupa

Knobkerrie. Sjambok

It's so hot, I'm vrekking off here.

D'is Baie Mooi

He lives in the Gramadoelas....

She lives in the Bundu...

The Dingas

I was with Ruth, Heather and them

Drink your SUP !! there's a plate on the Zinc

Let's make a plan.....

Cows give us MULK!

My one aunt My one leg, My one arm, My one finger My one toe

Broekies

The word "**THE**". " I learned in school that before a consonant we say "**THE**". "**THE**" bed, "**THE**" table, "**THE**" book. And before a vowel the have to prounce the "the" as "**THEE**"..... "**THEE**" Apple, "**THEE**" elephant, "**THEE**" egg.

So why then, do we hear (only in South Africa) people saying "**THUH**" apple, "**THUH**" Elephant, "**THUH**" egg. Please hold for "**THUH**" Operator. And why do some of us say "the **PHOTA**" when it is clearly "**PHOTO**".

FOLKSINGING Era . Who remembers the **Nite beat**, run by Abe (who ran the tuck shop at the Yeoville Swimming Pool), and the folk-singers **Ian & Ritchie** (Ian Lawrence and Ritchie Morris), **Des and Dawn** (Lindberg)("And the Seagull's name was Nelson") (Dawn wore her hair in two pigtails then) **Colin Shamley**, **Dave Marks** ("Mountains of Men" and "Master Jack") **Cornelia**, And **The Troubador**, **The College Set** - Andy Levy, Hugh Solomon, Norman Cohen) **Keith Blundell and the Baladeers**, **Aubrey and Beryl Ellis**. **Mervyn and Jocelyn Miller** (from Potch). **Mel, Mel and Julian** (Mel Miller, Mel Green, and Julian Laxton).

BIKERS and the Hell's Angels, wearing black leather jackets, chains and the peace sign often around their necks, roaring down **Pretoria St** and **Kotze St** on Harley Davidsons making a helluva racket, some of the more nervous Biker girls precariously hanging onto their boyfriend's backs, but "the in girls" didn't hold on, they somehow balanced themselves by placing their hands nonchalantly behind the seat, looking around, throwing their hair back, with a "don't- sig-with- me" look, lazer- beam- eyes, -looking-out- through- thick- black- fringes, and a tattoo here and there.

And nobody did "sig" with them, either.

The **FLYING SAUCER** is where they all met. Pretoria Street, Hillbrow.

Hillbrow's Eateries and Coffee Bars **Doney's coffee** bar for the best cappuccino in town (who remembers **Jeftah** and George, the **Duke**) **Café Wien** (later on), with the most comfortable seats, it was like sitting in your own lounge, **Café Krantzler**, **Dunk-a-donut**, The **Milky Lane**, the **Florian** (where the bus turned to go down Twist street to Town). **Mi Vami**, **Lucky Luke** (Steak House in the 70s), **Fontana**, open 24 hours a day, (famous for their chickens roasted on a spit,) **Pikin-a-chicken**, **Porter House** (Frulatto and the best Pink Sauce in town) not to mention the steaks (not that I ate them being one of the Kosher Kids, but I was sorely tempted, HA HA HA) and the **German Beer Keller**, **The Hamburger Hut**, **Golden Egg**, **Bella Napoli**. **Kiss-Kiss**.

The CHEZA in Jeppe Street. Famous for **Muesli**.

HAIR STYLES and fashion. We dyed our hair black with **Palette** where you dropped a white tablet into some black gunky muck and we all had pitch black hair. The Blacker your hair, the more "**sharp**" you were. We tease it and wore it in Wings, and the bigger the **Wings** were, the more "with it" you were. And remember the **stiff petticoats** under your many **Flared skirts**, and **cat-eye glasses**? **Helanca stove-pipes**, in all colours. **Studded Belts**, **Box Pleated skirts**, and **ID Bracelets** (with your boyfriend's name engraved on the inside), **Plaid pinafores** came later on, and a ridiculous little narrow **velvet bow** on a clip or hairgrip which we found a space for in the teased bird's nest, usually just to the back of the fringe. And also a thin **chiffon scarf** tied around the hair. **White high-heeled shoes** (I wouldn't be seen dead in half the things we wore then)

My Mom always said that my hair was like **a Bird's Nest** at the back, but then I didn't have eyes at the back of my head, (just as well). Boys wore their hair sleeked back with **Brylcream** and **Vitalis** and all bought their t-shirts from the Skipper Bar. (Arnie, Mervyn, Earle and Barry Sacks) Black t-shirts with thin white and red stripes around the neck. And a corresponding white tee-shirt, with black and red stripes. If you didn't have one of those, you were not one of the "**in**" boys!!!!

And then girls started to **iron** their hair. I remember my Mother used to plonk my head onto the ironing board, and put a brown paper bag on top of it, and iron away until I had sleek straight hair, but then the minute it rained, I looked at though someone has plugged me into an **electric socket**.... Durbs did the same to all those who had out-of-control hair - **Frizzed** them out in 2 mns flat, in fact as soon as you got to **Van Reenen's Pass** into Natal, you knew you were there because your hair suddenly was on its own mission.....

and who **Whirled** their hair????? Oi, a bittereh gelechter.... We whirled it One way, then the other way, and you had dead straight hair (until you hit the 505 Club and the first thing you'd notice is that your fringe was just "not there" anymore) and the rest of your poor hair style was all moving in different directions. If it was raining, and you opened your front door, bang went the straight hair.

Remember those little **DOEKs** we wore on our head when we went to Durbs. I have a photo of myself wearing one.

COME ON GIRLS - who used to sleep with **curlers/rollers** in their hair!! and who remembers using the inside of a **TOILET ROLL** as an emergency roller??????? And all this lot would be covered over by a hairnet. Of course morning brought a splitter- of- a- headache from the curlers digging into your head. Anyone remember? Bet you do!!! I DO!! There you are, the big ADMIT..... What on EARTH did we look like? I don't even want to think about it

I always say that if I have to come back in another life, I want to come back as ME but with dead straight hair. Second choice, I wouldn't mind coming back as one of my spoilt-out-of-control **Dachshunds** either (but the straight haired type, not the wiry haired) (ha ha)

GYM: Bodybuilders, weight-lifters and wannabes came strutting out of Gyms such as **Sam Busa** and **Monte Osher** all fit and glistening, with huge shoulder muscles, and killer smiles - carrying black gym bags. And **Reg Park's Gym**, ALSO somewhere in Hillbrow.

YOGA: **Mannie and Alan FINGER**, **Nina OBEL**

MODEL AGENCIES: . **Stella Grove** and **Gianna Pizanello**

DANCING STUDIOS and DANCERS: **Natalie Stern** the late **Mercedes Molina**, **Jeffrey Nieman** (Enrique Segovia) & **Rhoda Rifkin**, **Bernice Hotz**, **Gitanella** (Spanish, Ballet,) **Shirley Klitzner** (O'h) (later in the 70s **Hilary Etkind** - taught with Rhoda and Jeffrey)

(anyone who ever loved Spanish dancing, will remember **Mercedes Molina/ Jeffrey Nieman** as a brilliant dance duo) (and will remember the very sad passing away of **Shirley Klitzner** (O'h) when she was barely into her twenties).

PHOTOGRAPHERS. **Maurice**, **Kurt Slesinger**, **Karklin**, when it was fashionable to stand your wedding photo on a small easel on the floor. Either carpet or parquet flooring. **Stella Nova** .

RUGBY. **Alan MENTER** Springbok Flyhalf, and **Sid NOMIS** Springbok - Center, and later Wing), **Alan is married to Pam (ex Pretoria) and his Brothers are Brian, Robert (Robbie) and Mandy (Malcolm (Z'I)) Menter.** Their Mom Esme (O'h) grew up with mine, in Dublin. Syd is married to Ann.

CRICKET. **Dr. Ali BACHER** former South African cricket captain and one of **the greastet cricketers in South Africa**. Ali BACHER received South Africa's Sports Merit Award, the country's HIGHEST athletics honour. Ali is married to Shira (I am friendly with Shira's sister Marsha KARKLIN,) and I remember their daughter Ann being a Tennis champion when she was just a little kid of 11 in the days of the "Jewish Guild" Other well known South African Jewish cricketers came later on, Mandy **YACHAD** , and later Adam **BACHER**, nephew of Dr. Ali Bacher

TYPEWRITERS. My first memory of a type writer was that old black thing with with a keyboard with round circular lettering and a typewriter ribbon. My Mom used one in Dublin, Then I remember the Olivetti and also a swiss typewriter, but the ones where you would have to bash a silver thing on the upper right to go to a new line. I remember electric typewriters, and using a white powdery **Tippex** thing for covering up mistakes, except that they never quite covered them up, particularly on the carbon copies. And remember the **carbon copies**.. HA HA and when I worked for lawyers, they didn't allow those tippex rub-outs, so one little mistake and you had to start all over again. Remember **STENCILS** and **Roneo-ing** various blurb. I can remember using a bright shocking pink liquid with the stencils, I think.

We wrote to "**Messers**. So and so", and we'd end off with " **I remain, Yours Faithfully**"

WEDDINGS and when the Bride/Kallah would change into her "**going away outfit**" and the blissful couple would leave the wedding to go off on their **honeymoon**. When Bride's kept their **vails** on the entire night. When there

were only 4 pole-holders and the Bride's parents paid for the entire wedding, and the Groom/Chosen's parents would pay for the booze, the photographer and the flowers.

THE CIRCUS Boswell-Wilkie. I hated the circus, terrified of the animals and sorry for them at the same time, a hypnotized crocodile once got out- of- control and started climbing out of the ring into the screaming audience. Clowns clowning around were never my scene, and when the trapeze artists or the tight-rope walkers did their act, my heart was always in my mouth, terrified they would fall or something. One did once, I can never get that memory out of my mind.

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I dopped my exams and my **folks** are having a **cadenza** - ***Snot 'n trana** all round (***Yiddish** Equivalent is **Vainin 'n Kloggin**, well, that is the Yiddish we used in Ireland).

Chips, here comes the Teacher.

I'll have a **dop** of brandy.

Ops me a pencil.

Baie Dankie..... hoor! Aseblieftog!

Plaasjapie.

Safe my mate !!!! (and the hand movement – very important) - forefinger/little finger **pointed up** while thumb was holding **middle/ ring finger down**) - done with a wag-type-movement, like fast- mode windscreen wipers.

We're **Chommies !**

Cheers!

There's a **Miggie** in my room.

Kyk daai (Daardie) Goggoh (as in insect, not as in "GOGO" - Zulu for Granny)

Boeremeisie. Mevrouw, Mejuffrou/Juffrou, Meneer

Kyk na daardie lelike ding.....

Kombi

Gooi

Waneer u die syn hoor, is dit agtien uur, twee en vyftig minute en dertig sekondes.....

Around 1964 came the **Beatles**, ("8 days a week", "Love Love me do" and later, "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Heart's club Band" "Hey Jude") The **Rolling Stones**, (Angie) the **Mini Skirt** era and **Mary Quant** and the birth of the **Discothèque** . Op Art earrings in gaudy colours and the skirts continued to get shorter. Girls wore double breasted Pin stripe suits which made a come back. The **Boutiques** were born. I remember the **BENATER** family had a great boutique "**Carnabies**", at the top of **Rissik Street**, or near there. It was, I think, the first shop of it's

kind. Very modern, trendy and for the young (20s and 30s). And the **Pink Panther** was in Hillbrow - Also very trendy gear.

Remember Twiggy?..... She was on every Magazine cover, often holding her Teddy Bear, feet pidgeon-toed, with beautiful big brown eyes, and a body so thin, she could fit through a crack in the wall. She started a trend, her, and "**the Shrimp**" - (**Jean Shrimpton**), and **Mary Quant**.

AND Op Art Earrings in strange shapes and gaudy colours, shorter skirts, and flattie shoes.

The **First Disco** was at the Summit Club, **Marrakech**, (around 1966) with Go-Go dancers Dixie, Felicity Fouché, and Christine all dancing away in the micro-est of Mini-Skirts. **Johnny Martin** (previously known as Martin Raff) was the owner, and I heard he also owned a club called 007.

Someone called **Neville Peacock** was the **Marrakech DJ** and there were psychedelic and ultra violet lights and if you stood under the latter, all your "klein-goed" shone like a beacon for all to see.

And the 505 also in Hillbrow. **Eddie Eckstein** and **Paul Ditchfield** - **The Bats** played there on a Sunday), and the **Diamonds** and **Gene Rockwell** (Heart!) as did **the Basemen** (**Ronnie Cline** on Keyboard, **Ralph Simon** – Singer, **Rodney Caines** – Bass Guitar, **Leon Bilewitz** – drummer and **Irwin Kalis** – Lead Guitar) and **Clive Calder**, (**Les Markowitz** on drums) also played at "**Club-a-go-go**" and also they toured around the countryside and played at various venues.

Also **Johnny Congos** ("Sealed with a Kiss"), **Johnny and the G-Men**, and **Johnny Sharp**, **4 Jacks and a Jill**. **The Staccatos**. Did I mention **Manfred Mann?** ("pretty Flamingo")

MORE CLUBS - **TJ's** (town) and The **Yellow Submarine** (Hillbrow) (owned by Martin HART) and the **Boat** (Buccleuch) were in the latter part of the sixties and the **Downstairs** later called **The Purple Marmalade** somewhere in Hillbrow. Another Disco was owned by **George McCauley**, brother of **Ray**, opposite Joubert Par (**Club-A-Go-Go**). His Granny worked in the tuckshop and was always so nice to everyone. The Band there was the "**Falling Leaves**" and George was in the Band. **The Electric Circus**, And **Raffles**, a very fancy disco/restaurant but that was in the late 70s. Owned by Dave Kerney. (I think). **The Stable** in Jan Smuts Avenue. **The Out of Town Club**

And who remembers the other Bioscopes - The **Colosseum** with the twinkling lights, **Cliff Richard** sang there once, and a few girls from **Barnato Park** were expelled for bunking school and going to his concerts. **His Majestys**, **Monte Carlo** (French Movies), The **Empire**, **20th Cen. Fox** - Pritchard Street, **Cinerama** (Clair and Noord) In those days there was an interval after the News and the Cartoons, and Usherettes would be standing at each exit with a tray with all the Munchies and Chocolates, cold-drinks, etc. The **Apollo** in Doornfontein. I've already mentioned the **Yeoville Bioscopes** earlier on. Who remembers the "**Midnight Shows**" the **Astra** and the **Victory** in Orange Grove, The **Rex** in Greenside. The **Plaza**, the **Bijou** in town and some flea bitten run down Café Bio which no decent self-respecting girl would touch with a barge-pole, but I can't remember it. A lot of the Yale College boys went there. But not the girls!!!!

People smoked in the bioscopes ("scopes") then and when you looked up, you saw it all swirling around in smoke from the projector. **Nice and healthy!!** but nobody ever noticed it. It was just a part of life in the sixties.

REMEMBER WHEN we went to Bioscope on a Saturday night, dressed up in your **A-line dress**, or a **Box-Pleated skirt**, or **tiny hound's-tooth straight skirt** in black/white and your **black patent high-heeled shoes**, with a **Black Patent leather bag** to match, and your **gloves** (which you carried in your hand). And later you wore **your Dress with the shorter hemline**, **Mini-Skirts**, and your "**A-line evening coat**" (Jackie Kennedy), just on the knee, and your flattie shoes, the hair teased up to the high heavens and lacquered so heavily that if it rained, you looked like **glue**. (Boys hated teased and lacquered hair)

And the boys wore **jarmins** and **Elvis Presley hair-styles** with thin ties made of nylon or similar in a machine-crochet style. (Later when the Beatles came in, boys' hairstyles changed forever, and no boy would be seen dead with Brylcreem or Vitalis plastered on his head). Boys would never previously been seen in pastel colours, but the Beatles changed all those dark shirts for pink, mauve and lemon, with a pin collar near the tie.

Boys would buy you a 75c box of **Black Magic** chocolate at Interval. If you put it into your black patent leather handbag and never offered him one, then your name was mud, and girls judged boys by whether they opened the car door for you or not!

AND SOME OF THE MOVIE STARS Natalie Wood, Kathryn Hepburn, Rock Hudson, Doris Day, Steve McQueen, Sohia Loren, Alain Delon (the heart-throb of the 60's) (who remembers him in "Purple Noon") Gina Lollobrigida, Raquel Welsh, Bridgitte Bardot, Ursula Andress, Warren Beatty, Jack Nicholson (One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest), Shirley McLaine, Julie Christie, Michael Caine, Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Paul Newman, Sal Mineo, Suzanne Pleshette, Richard Burton, Sean Connery, Omar Sharif, Charlton Heston, Gregory Peck (to die for?) James Dean

Popular Movies and Musicals. **West side story**, **King Kong**, **Gone with the Wind**, **Exodus**, **Dr. No**, ***From Russia with Love**, ***** (Remember in that movie, the **Russian woman** (was her name someone KREBBS?) who had a knife come out of her boot and it shot straight into poor Sean Connery's shin bone. EINA! Just thinking about it, hurts me) **Bridge on the River Kwai**, **Dr. Zhivago**, **Goldfinger**, (it had a great theme song in it by I think Shirley Bassey) **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers**, **Annie Get your Gun**, **Dingaka**.

And the **DRIVE INs** **Old Pta Road** - **Jhb Drive in**, **The 5-Star** (Eloff St.Ext), **The Velskoen** (If a girl was seen at the drive in with a boy, she got a "bad name" and the same for the Café Bio's. It was just not for a nice Jewish girl!!

REMEMBER WHEN there was NO Bioscope on Sunday nights

THEATRES. **Alhambra** (Doornfontein) , **Brian Brooke** (Braamfontein), **Market Theatre** (Newtown), **Alexander theater** , **Jacques Brel**, **Apollo** (Doornfontein).

Remember the **Adverts** for all the Cigarettes, **Players**, **Craven "A"**, **Dunhill** (remember the maroon Rolls Royce?) **Benson & Hedges (Gold)** , **Lexington** (That's the one!), **Gunston** (remember him on a raft, all macho,manly, unshaven and rough and ready tumbling through impossible rivers?) **Horseshoe Tobacco**, **Gold Dollar**, **Texan**, (which the boys would hold between their thumb and middle finger) **Lucky Strike**, **Gauloise** and **Peter Stuyvesant** (for the fun lovers, remember the wonderful places they went to and the great clothes they wore, swimming in glorious lagoons, skiing down snow-capped mountains, all the beautiful people, all having wonderful fun?) I never smoked,(well, I have to say that, in case my family read this article, ha ha) but after I watched the **Peter Stuyvesant** adverts, I really felt like buying a packet , so that I too, could go to all those magical places, and I'd look glamorous too, HA HA - (the power of advertising!) (A Bittereh Gelechter!!)

But it just looked so **"in"** to see people smoking, and girls would hold the cigarettes at the tips of their fingers, and waved their hands for effect as they spoke, shaking their fringes out of their eyes. People who didn't smoke, were "squares".

I remember **Celeste GREENBLATT**, (later Berks) and **Nola STEIN** (later Fox), taught me how to apply black pencil inside my eyelids, and 'base' onto my face and to wear white lipstick and I taught **Sandra STEIN** (later Ezra) to **dye her hair black, and the blacker the better, (her Mother had a FIT) - Golda (née Kaufman) (O'h whom I saw yearly in LA and she never failed to remind me !**

FLORA and FAUNA in South Africa. I remember once being enthralled by the most magnificent yellow creeper we had growing on the fence in Becker Street. I took photos of it, and sent it to my friends in Dublin to show the exotic flora and fauna is this beautiful sunny South Africa, until Michael **GOLDING** next door, laughed his head off and said "but that's only **Canary Creeper**, it's not much better than a common garden weed"!! **African Violets, Jasmin, Golden Shower, Begonia Sherera, Bougainvillea, Pointsettia, Birds of Paradise Cycads?** Maybe they do grow overseas too.

PARTIES in **Observatory, Cyrildene and Dewetshof**. We rock 'n rolled to **Elvis Presley's "Jail house rock"** & **"Don't step on my blue suede shoes"**, **"Rock around the Clock"** in our flared skirts with stiff petticoats underneath, the more the better, and huge belts around our waists, and we wore flat shoes (75c at Maram's chemist, and 95c for the leopard skin ones). And later we twisted with **Chubby Checker (Let's Twist again, like we did last summer**) We also did a dance called the **Shake** – anyone remember the song **"I'll do the Shake, the hippy- hippy shake"** and also a dance called the **Madison**.

The Bez Valley Ou's, on a Sat night Jol, and the **Lebs** would sometimes gatecrash. Usually a Scuffle and the girl's father would have to ask them to leave. Sometimes, in stubborn cases the police would have to be called in to skop them all out. And then the party continued on, **Little Richard, Cliff Richard**, - sometimes a few of the kids would have a bit of **"dagga"**, (a **zol**), on the **stoep** or in the back garden when they thought nobody was looking, and the only way anyone kopped on was because they would come back to the party with a manic laugh, and red eyes. (and of course the smell, but if you admitted to knowing the smell, then it meant you were a dagga smoker yourself!) **Trini Lopez**. "If I had a hammer"

SOCIALS at **Oxford Shul, The Vrede Hall, Yeoville Recreation Center, Temple Shalom**, and **Bands** like **"Dinkie and the Deans" - Jake (Gerald) Fox (Z"l) (rhythm Guitar), Barry Sacks (Lead Guitar), Spencer Hodgson (Bass guitar) and Errol Sack on the drums**, would play, they also played at the **Club 505** in "the Brow". **Peter Lotus** well known Jhb Disc Jockey, I think he sang as well. Lots of singers used to go to Margo's on a Sunday Afternoon, and the crowd would all hot-foot it out there after them to hear music. I think it was Bapsfontein, or near there). There was little else to do on a Sunday, so many places were closed. Just remembered another band, **Dave Levine and the Swinging Angels. Les Gutfreund** was one of the band and made a name for himself as **Les Goode. "Dickie Loader and the Blue Jeans" Gene Rockwell – Heart**

NIGHT CLUBS and Bands. Bennie Michaels, Archie Silansky and his daughter Carole Sands The Coconut Grove at the Orange Grove Hotel, **Dan Hill (Ichilchik), The Colony** at the Hyde Park Hotel, **Sardi's, The Mediteranean (I Cinque di Roma), Diamond Horseshoe, The Greek Taverna, Ciro's (Kruis Street)**

STORES. John Orrs, The Belfast, Gretermans, ABC Shoes, Dodo's, Barnes Shoes, Ackermans Ansteys later Garlics, Katz & Lourie, Mr. Man, Man about Town, Stuttafords, Woolworths Deans Mans' shop, Skipper Bar, O.K Bazaars, Cuthberts, Markhams, Millews, K. Marks (curtains), Juta's, Bothner & Polliack (records, Henri Lidji Gallery, Derbers Furs, FDF (Fruit & Dried Fruits) Vanité (Ladies clothes) Bradlows, Geen & Richards, Shepherd & Barker (Furniture), CAN, Jaffs (Fabrics), Mosenthals, Dicks (Sweets) - Rissik Street, and later on Morkels, your two year guarantee store! Putzys. McCulloch & Bothwell (School Uniforms).

REMEMBER WHEN we would get all dressed up to go to town, to have tea at **Ansteys** sitting alongside Ladies in beautiful outfits, white gloves, smart, elegant, men in suits, with white shirts and ties

MUSIC Soul music was popular in the 60s, **Aretha Franklin, Jimi Hendrix, Carla Thomas, Otis Redding** ("sitting on the Dock of the Bay"), **Percy Sledge** (" Midnight Hour", and Music from Brasil, **Sérgio Mendes, Herb Alpert and the Tijuana brass**.

And of course, **Johnny Mathis, Charles Aznavour, Simon and Garfunkel, José Feliciano**

And REMEMBER WHEN, our Mothers would ring a little bell at suppertime, and the "servant" (oi, how COULD we have??) would come in with the next course. And when your "boy" did the garden and the "girl" cooked.

SHULS **Lions Shul** (Doornfontein), **Wolmarans street** (Rabbi Rabinowitz 50's and 60's, then Chief Rabbi Casper) **Yeoville Shul** (Rabbi Lapin), **Adas Yeshuran** (Yeoville) , **The Bnei Akiva Shul** (Raleigh Street), **Greenside Shul**, **Emmerentia**, **Fordsburg**, **Sydenham Highlands North**, **Mayfair** (Rabbi Zagenov) , **Kensington Shul** (Rabbi Rabinowitz), **The Curve** (Observatory), **Berea Shul** (Rabbi Bender and Rabbi Aloy), **Oxford Shul** (Rabbi Bernhard), **Chassidic Shul** (Rabbi Lipskar) **Cyrlidene**, **Temple Emanuel** (and Rabbi Assabi), **Temple Israel** (Rabbi Super), **Temple Shalom**, **Temple Beth-El** (Rabbi Ben Isaacson) **Sandton Shul** (BHH) Rabbi ZS Suchard (but that was in the 70's) **Yeo Street Shul**.

Reverend Symanovitz from **Yeoville Beth Din**.

The **Beth Din** was in Raleigh Street then.

CHAZONIM. Chazen **Hass**, Chazen **Bagley**, Chazen **Dudu Fisher** (1970s early 80's), Chazen Johnny **Glück** (Wolmarans) in the eighties (Choirmaster Prof. **David Cohen**). **Chazen Hasdan**, (Warmbaths) Chazen **Badash** (Yeoville, Choirmaster ***Malovany**) Chazan **Mandel** (Berea Shul) – **Gus Levy** choirmaster. (*** a world reknowned Chazen** - I did attend a concert of his here in Jhb a number of years ago), Chazen **Berele Chagy**

Yeoville Shul Choir, Lionel **Levin**, Kenny and Colin **Koransky** and their father, Natie **Koransky**, Martin **Harris**, Len **Bobroff**, Stanley **Feinstein**, Brian **Feinstein**, Robert **Lapedus**, David **Shapiro**. The Choirmaster was Mr. **Himmelstein**, I think his son **Lior**, was in the Choir too. Colin **Opwald**. Benny **Lipchick** (Z"l)

KIDS at the Yeoville Shul.... Percy **Suntup**, Fivie (Phillip) and Hymie (Z"l) **Symanowitz**, Olga **Berelowitz**, Joan **Morris**, Karen **Feinstein**, Linda and Stanley **Chitiz**, Wolfie and Marlene **Teper**, **me** and my Boet, Robert **Lapedus**, Gillian **Erster** and her brother Moishe **Erster**, Naomi **Shapiro**, Marilyn & Sheila **Atkins**, David **Shapiro**, Rhoda **Shapiro**, Jenny **Winnick**, Alan **Kaye**, Philip **Eliason**, Sheila **Hahn** and Irma **Keife** I remember **David** and **Daniel Lapin**, (Rabbi Lapin's sons) being at the Shul .

Beni Akiva and Habonim Camps. Betar. Hashomer Ha'tza-ir (spelling, whoops!!)

AND REMEMBER WHEN the **only children at a barmitzvah function** were the **Barmitzvah boy and his siblings**, who were allowed to stay up for the night. The entire Simcha was for **adults** and the only time you heard the Barmi boy, was when he made his speech. Robert's Barmitzvah was a **Kiddush** at home after Shul, and a **"tea"** that evening for a few friends of my Parents. Many kids had that kind of Barmi. Who knew then from **Theme Barmitzvahs**.

AndWhen Children were children, and played snakes and ladders, and ludo, dominoes, monopoly, yo-yo's, and they read out of the Local Libraries and they played Cowboys and Indians, (just entertained themselves. No Video games, computers, cell phones, I-pods, Electronic everything... and No TV then either.

BANKS and **Building Societies**. **Barclays**, **Volkskas Bank**, **Allied Building Society**, **SA Perm(inent)** Th **UBS** (United Building Society) **SA Perm**, **NBS** (Natal Building Society) **Trust Bank**

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J""enesburg!

Ag Shame, man, were you home stokkies aleen??

Wikkel. Sikkell. I've got no tom, hey?

Koeksusters. Konfyt. Biltong. Vet-koek. Braaivleis.

Boerevors en Pap. Poitjiekos. Mielie. Rooibos Tea.

Grondboontjebotter

Ouma se Rusks. Fanny Farmers

"Hau"

The Tokoloshe is coming... Dorp ! Pandotjie!

He rocked up in an old Skedonk.

Question. Hallo Meneer..... Hoe Gaan Dit met jou vandag?.

Answer. Ag , No..... FineJaaaaa,..... Kan nie Klaar Nie !

My Oom se Bakkie

My Gran did the "Charlston", but that was back in Nineteen voetsak

Why are you still Gaan-ing on? you Poepal !! (Spelling?)

He is so Grotty..... A real DweetA Drip.

It's ...Kwaai. It's Skarm.

HOTELS : **The Carlton** (original Carlton) , **Moulin Rouge, The Chelsea Hotel** (Hillbrow) (I think this is where the Jacques BREL theatre was) **Casa Mia, Langham , Gresham, the Jeppe Hotel** (Norman's Grill) **Victoria** (Plein Street near Station), **Criterion , Landrost hotel** (Anabelles nightclub). **Tollman Towers** (next to Jeppe Street Post Office), **The President Hotel** (Eloff Street), **Anlar Hotel** (Hillbrow), **Courtleigh Hotel** (Berea), **Jocelyn Residential Hotel** (Claim Street Joubert Park), **the Quirinal, Waldorf ,** and **Balalaika** which was then way out in the "country" - Sandown, which is today, a hub of activity. **The Skyline, The Capri** and **The Park Royal**

SQUAD CARS. HOT RODS and the name **Buddy Fuller** comes into my head for some reason.

MOTORTOWN. Remember when all the motor dealerships were in **Eloff Street, Ext.** Motortown. And names like **Rillstone Motors** (Agents for the Simca), **Lawson Motors,** (Agents for Volvo), **Lucy's Motors** (Katz) (Agents for Fiat), **Curries Motors, Grosvenor Motors** (Agents for Ford), **Sydney Clow** (Agents for Peugeot), and a dealership in Anderson Street called **T.A.K. Motors,** (Agents for Lancia and Ferrari), **Ronnie Bass,** (Sigma)

and then Main Street became the **used car center** for Jhb. **Austin** , **Chevrolet**, **Mercury**, **Buick**, **Dodge**, **Morris Minor**, **Mini Minor**, **Hillman Minx**, **Ford Fairlane**, **Vauxhall Victor**, **Ford Cortina**, (Ford) **Zeyphyr**, **Sunbeam**.

Killarney Toyota. Lionel Gilinsky (Pilot, Motor Rally Driver/Racer)
Brenner Toyota in Braamfontein **Chookie Brenner**

PETROL **Shell**, **BP**, **Mobil (Engen)**, **Sasol**, **Trek**, **Caltex**, **Total**,

REMEMBER WHEN Milk was delivered to the house????, in proper Milkbottles with red tinfoil caps, and the cream would be all at the top of the bottle? And Nel's Rust Dairy in Victory Park.

DOORNFONTEIN. – **Apollo Cinema** near Crystals, **Crystals**, Beit Street (who later moved to Yeoville) **Wachenheimers**, **Goldenbergs**, and **Nussbaums**, all in Beit Street, and **Dairy Alhambra** (Zama Levine) - opposite the Alhambra Theatre in Beit Street. Zama Levine had the shop for about 40 years (according to his daughter Gloria Levine Ash). Gloria's mom was from the **ICHILCHIK** family (Dan Hill and Gloria's Mom, Emma Ichilchik Levine (a cellist) were siblings. **Dembo's** in Beit Street. The famous sculptor **Anton Von Wouw** lived next door to the **Alhambra** and opposite Gloria **Levine's** (Ash) Grandfather, **Mr. Ichilchik** in Doornfontein. **American Café** for ice-cream, Sour Kraut, Hot Dogs, **Millers Antiques** on Siemert Road. **Campbells**. **Cohen's Café**. And **Ellis Park**.

Doornfontein Streets Beit Street, Siemert Road, Siveright Avenue.

And Segall's Sausages (Alf Segall) (*spelling?*). Kerk Street, York House.

ROADHOUSES. **Dolls House** (Highlands North), **Casablanca** (Nugget Hill) **Dakota** (Crown Mines), and **Uncle Charlies**.

Ice CREAM. **Papagallo**.

WITS RAG Down Eloff Street, with the floats, remember? and the Rag Queens and Princesses. I remember one particular Jewish Rag Princess of 1971, and still a beautiful girl to this day - Blond hair, gorgeous and looks like she just stepped out of vogue magazine - June Gervis (- two sons, Grant and Richard **Reichlin**, both of whom were at school with my children, Angela and Gregory **Brest**)

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"She took me around" Around where?

And what about **"See that ou?? - he threw me with (wif) a stone"**

The **Spanspek** is **Vrot!**

Takkies.

Ag Dame!

Listen, Lady

And how many South.Africans when they first arrived in America, England, Australia, Israel etc talked about taking their "**costume**" or "**Cozzie**" to the Beach.

She's the **most prettiest** girl.

My ou' man caught me smoking **dagga**, hey, and I got such a **SKRIK**.

I **bumped** her on the corner of Cavendish and Becker Streets.

I didn't **scale** anything

***Spek and Eiers** (*Just because I know the name, doesn't mean I've eaten it, see !)

Ek is a Ware Suid Afrikaaner.

Melkert! Guavas, Grenadilsh!! Marmite, Anchovette Paste, Jungle Oats.

Comment - That bike is Kwaai, so lekker.... Answering comment - MOH-SELFFFFFFFF

YIDDISH/Jewish sayings - In alle Schvartze Yohren, He lives in **Alle Drerderin, Meerskeit, Fahrpackt, Fahrkakte, Fahrkrimpt, Fahrbrempt, Fahrshtunkender, Farrible** (Litvak word, in other countries they talk about a "**Broigas**") He's a **Shlemazzel**, He's a **Hundt**, He's a **Chaleria**, He's a **Peruvian**, He's a **Shlemiel**, ... a **Chazzer a Mamzer**, She's a **plapper.... a Yenta, Gei n Drerd, Vos Macht Tzu?, Shreklich, Chader** (not the Chader where we learned Hebrew or Barmitzvahs) , **Kitke, Lax (lox in the USA)** I need that aggravation **like a loch in kop? I'm chalishing** for some **Petzah** (In Dublin, we called it "Calves Foot Jelly") **Alter Kakkers , Bobbe Meises, Ebberbottled.** She's such a **kochelefel.**

Question - How are you today Bobba `Chuma ???

Bobba's answer - Nu, does it do any good to complain???

RADIO. LM Radio who remembers the signature, "**Aqui Portugal Moçambique, fala-voz do Radio club em Lourenço Marques, transmitindo ondas curtas e médias**

(This is (here is) Portugal, Moçambique, the voice of the Radio club in Lourenço Marques, transmitting i short and medium wave) with Evelyn Martin (**Martins**) . **David Davies** and the **LM Hit Parade** and was it a little prayer ending off at midnight ? With a sort of mournful depressing music to accompany it. **Peter de Nobrega...** not sure which station..

Bob Courtney **Eric Egen** Springbok Radio , **Paddy O'Byrne, David Gresham** (Gruesome Gresh) **and Clark MacKay** (Clackie MacKay) and **Esmé Euverard** (not sure if she was Springok Radio or what) **Charles Fortune** (Cricket commentator) Programmes like "**Pets' Parade**", and "the **Creaking Door**" **—skriklig !!!!**

David Gresham - Gruesome Gresh - (keep your feet on the ground ,and reach for the Stars)

Everyone remembers "JOHN BERKS" !! - "Long John Berks" - I always listened to the Talk shows and one show in particular has stayed in my mind. The **Jhb Station Master**, complete with an Afrikaans accent, (guess

who) called a Yiddishe guy living somewhere in Killarney, to tell him that his **consignment of chickens** were on their way over. You could hear what sounded like a **few thousand chickens all clucking their heads off** and the poor fellow was **protesting**, saying that it was **the wrong number**, it wasn't **him, some mistake** and besides, he had a **small balcony**, and he didn't have room for crates of chickens, but The "**Station Master**" kept on saying that he has nowhere for them either, the fellows' name and address were on the crates and the chickens were going to be on their way, shortly.. What a "lag" that was.

Although this article is about the 60s, I can't help but mention my fellow countryman, **John Robbie**, and John, if you ever get to read this "**Go mbeanna Dia Duit**" and enjoy **Lá na Pádraig**.

AND the Requests – I think It might have been **Esmé Euverard** who ran a programme, was it called "**Forces Favourites**"? with Messages from girlfriends to their ou's in the army, with requests like this

" **Poppie, het jy 'n boodskap**"??? **Poppy, are you there? Speak up Poppie....., Poppie??**

Crackle, crackle.....

Hallo, crackle crackle Hallo, ja, D'is Poppie wat praat, Ag, man, I'd like to send a message to my boyfriend at Voortrekker Hoogte????? Daw-ling, I love you Verry much????????, ek het jou lief, my skat??? I hope you are orite and I cawnt wait til you are home again awready, Vasbyt en Baie Liefde, van Poppie, hoor? En Frikkie says howwzit.

LOURENÇO MARQUES. Polana Hotel, Avenida 24 Julho (July), o Zambi, o Cisno Negro (Black Swan), Xai Xai, S. Martinho de Bilene (aka San Martino) wonderful beaches, prawns to die for (*just because I said that, doesn't mean I ate them!!!) "Cerveja" at sidewalk cafés, Caldo Verde (soup), wonderful buildings, Pregos.

BUILDINGS such as **Palace Buildings, Rand Club, Old Arcade, Markhams Technical College, Manners Mansions. Broadcast House, Essanby House, Ponte - Harrow Road, Rissik Street Post Office, Union Grounds – Twist and Claim, Joubert Park. The City Hall - Rissik Street. And in Jeppe Street the Medical buildings ... Jenner Chambers, Lister Buildings, * Drs. Jacobson, Broer and Smith, later "and Barnard", and later still, "and Kaplan", Pasteur Chambers, Medical Centre,**

*** Archie Jacobson, Ivor Broer, Mervyn Smith. Michael Barnard and Neville Kaplan (not all at the same time.)**

HOSPITALS: the Lady Dudley, Florence Nightingale, Princess, Marymount, Franklin, Queen Victoria, Garden City Clinic Parklane Clinic. Fever Hospital, Jhb Gen. (General Hospital) The Childrens' Hospital, Baragwanath. The Frangwyn –(Maternity)

ARMY. The **Drill Hall** in Joubert Park! **Voortrekker Hoogte** (Pretoria) The first 3 months you were a **rookie**, and after you got out 9 months down the drag, you went to Camps for about 3 weeks a few years later. Boys went meshugah when their hair was cut so short.

And Polio – two major epidemics in **1947** and **1954/55**, when schools were closed, and public swimming pools too, children in iron lungs and leg braces. Infantile Paralysis, they called it. (I wasn't here then but I know about it)

Around the **late fifties**, a movie came out with Danny KAYE and Barbara Bel GEDDES (Miss Ellie in Dallas) , called the "**FIVE PENNIES**". Story of Red Nichols, and his young daughter (played by both Susan Gordon and Tuesday Weld) who contracted polio. .

And **"Interrupted Melody"** Another polio movie about the Opera singer, Eleanor PARKER. Terrible epidemic, wipe out today, as far as I know . And then they found an immunization against Polio.

WHO REMEMBERS Gilooly's farm, Boksburg Lake, Zoo Lake, Florida Lake, Wemmer Pan - Wembly stadium Ice rink , The Wilds, The Snake Park, Melville swimming Pool, Hillbrow Indoor Pool (at the Summit Club), and the Squash courts there, Brixton Swimming Pool, Rand Show/Skou, Milner Park, Tower of Life.

THE ELLERINE brothers, Sidney (O'h) and Eric

RESORTS. Lover's Rock in the Magaliesberg, Little Roseneath (Ndaba, Fourways). Margo's (where the bands all played on a Sunday afternoon. I think it was near Bapsfontein). And lazy days sitting on top of **the Wilds**, admiring the Flora and Fauna and watching the world go by (not today!) **Linksfield Ridge.**

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NAMES CHANGES Jan Smuts Airport – **O.R Tambo** , Halfway House - **Midrand**, Verwoerdburg – **Centurion**,. Hendrik Verwoerd Drive - **Bram Fischer Drive**, Hans Strydom Drive **Malibongwe**, DF Malan - **Beyers Naudé**, Harrow Rd - **Joe Slovo Drive** - , Sandown Square - **Nelson Mandela Square.** Transvaal – **Gauteng**, Eastern Transvaal – **Mapumelanga.** Warmbaths - **Bela Bela**, Pietersburg - **Polakwane**

NEWSPAPERS/magazines **Rand Daily Mail. Die Vaderland, Die Beeld, The Star** (still going strong) **Sunday Express, Sunday Times** AND **Back Page of the Sunday Times... Scope Magazine**

I thought I'd end off with a little song **anyone want to sing along?** You all know Sarie Marais?
Here we go. Een, twee, drie.....

***My Sarie Marais is so ver van my hart,
Maar'k hoop om haar weer te sien,
Sy het in die wyk die Mooirivier gewoon,
Nog voor die oorlog het begin.***

***O bring my t'rug na die ou Transvaal,
daar waar my Sarie woon
daar onder in die mielies by die groen doringboom
Daar woon my Sarie Marais.***

Lekker Bly Skatties, and Alles van die Beste.

Anne Lapedus (Brest). one of the "SIXTIES ROCKERS" ... still ROCKING ON !!!!

Uitlander, no more!!!!

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PS. Any mistakes I have made, I will amend **IF YOU NOTIFY ME** at my contact details below. I have only written about places **I remember**, so if anyone had to add in, or take out, my article would not be authentic, so I would be really, really happy to hear from everyone with corrections rather than for anyone to change it themselves. Yeah?

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DISCLAIMER. This article has been written from my memories of S.Africa from 48 years ago, and if a Shul, or Hotel, or a Club is not mentioned, it doesn't mean that they didn't exist, it means, simply, that I don't remember them. I can't add them in, either, because then the article would not be "My Memories" any more.
