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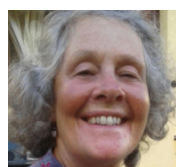
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LECHAIM!

Life in South Africa

With
 Ruth Carneson



I hear someone knocking at my gate but I am not expecting anybody. I am distrustful of strangers at my gate. It's probably someone down and out who wants something from me. Perhaps if I ignore them long enough they will go away. But let me check just in case it is someone I know. And it is, it's Richard, who I haven't seen for a very long time, since before lockdown. I didn't know if he was alive or dead. But here he is at the gate, very much alive and I am so happy to see him and to know that he has survived.

Richard's life hasn't been easy. He is a gentle soul and there is an air of vulnerability about him. He was a very competent gardener and handyman, always pleasant and smiling. He took great pride in his work and enjoyed working in the gardening. But then a series of disasters sent him on a downward spiral. First he lost his full time job and then his wife died. His house burnt down. He was in and out of homeless shelters or sleeping on the streets.

He would turn up out of the blue looking for work. We couldn't turn him away. If he didn't work he didn't eat. What once took him an hour to do now took him all day. We bought him a phone so we could contact him but he soon lost the phone or it was stolen.

He told me he was now living with his family in Khayalitsha. He said it was difficult, that Khayalitsha was too big. "I can imagine," I said but then hastily added, "No, I can't imagine what it must be like, I have never lived there." And the truth is I can't possibly imagine.

I guess that Richard is most likely to be living in an informal settlement. What must it be like to live in a small, cramped space with thin walls made out of corrugated iron? With no privacy, sharing a pit toilet with your neighbours. Queueing at a tap for water. Not having enough food to eat. My own problems fade into insignificance. Really I have nothing to complain about in my warm house with a full stomach. But survival for many people is a lot more precarious than for those of us living in solid houses with full stomachs and that is why I was so delighted to see Richard standing at my gate alive and well.

Shabbes times

Times for Cape Town
 From Hebcal.com

Fri 02 Jul	5:30pm	Candle lighting
Sat 03 Jul		Shabbat Mevarchim Cl
Sat 03 Jul		Parashat Pinchas
Sat 03 Jul	6:30pm	Havdalah
Fri 09 Jul	5:34pm	Candle lighting
Sat 10 Jul		Rosh Chodesh Av
Sat 10 Jul		Parashat Matot-Masei
Sat 10 Jul	6:33pm	Havdalah
Fri 16 Jul	5:38pm	Candle lighting
Sat 17 Jul		Shabbat Chazon
Sat 17 Jul	5:57pm	Fast begins
Sat 17 Jul		Erev Tish'a B'Av
Sat 17 Jul		Parashat Devarim
Sat 17 Jul	6:37pm	Havdalah
Sun 18 Jul		Tish'a B'Av
Sun 18 Jul	6:30pm	Fast ends
Fri 23 Jul	5:42pm	Candle lighting
Sat 24 Jul		Tu B'Av
Sat 24 Jul		Shabbat Nachamu
Sat 24 Jul		Parashat Vaetchanan
Sat 24 Jul	6:41pm	Havdalah
Fri 30 Jul	5:47pm	Candle lighting
Sat 31 Jul		Parashat Eikev

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 obituary dedication or a guest
 column, please email
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SIMEHA JOKES by Abe Casper

Two Animal Stories The Shetland Pony

A Shetland pony walks into a bar and coarsely says,
"Can I have beer?"

The bartender says, "Can you speak up?"

The Shetland Pony again coarsely says, "Can I have a beer?"

The bartender still can't hear.

The Shetland pony coughs, clears his throat and says,
"Sorry I'm just a little horse."

The Coolest Pet

A man goes into a pet shop and says he doesn't care what the price is, but he wants the coolest pet in the shop.

The pet shop owner tells him he has a centipede that can talk and that also likes to drink beer. The man says, "Say no more, I'll take it."

He takes the centipede home and after a few minutes he says, "Hey centipede, I'm going upstairs to finish some work, but when I'm done, I'm going to the pub – you want to go with me?"

The centipede doesn't respond.

An hour later the man says, "Hey centipede, I've nearly finished my work, do you want to come to the pub with me?"

The centipede still doesn't say anything.

Finally, another hour goes by and the guy comes down stairs and shouts out: "Hey centipede, I'm going to the bar! Are you coming with me, yes or no?"

The centipede looks up at him and says, "Yeah, yeah, I heard you the first time! I'm just putting my shoes on."

Gentile Jokes

Gentile Jokes? Well, believe it or not, they do exist. Here are three choice examples:

Two Gentile businessmen meet in the street.

1 st Businessman: How's business?

2 nd Businessman: Great! Terrific!

A Gentile man goes into a clothing store and says:

"That's a beautiful sports jacket. How much is it?"

The man behind the counter says, "A thousand Rand."
"Great. I'll take it."

And finally la crème de la crème:

A Gentile man phones his mother, "Mom, I know you've gone to all the trouble to make my favourite dish for tonight, but something has come up so I won't be able to make it."

His mother says, "All right dear, never mind."

SEICHEL Reflections with Rabbi Ryan



As a surfer I generally love waves. One of my surf gurus (initials SW) keeps telling me not to take the first wave of the set, as the second or third waves are always better. "Be Patient" he says. The next one will be even better.

We wait long periods for that perfect crystal like "glassy" wave, that throws us across a wall of water while the swell slaps us gently across our cheeks. The feeling of gliding on that perfect wave is elevating. The board feels like peanut butter spreading on bread with no resistance. The scenery is serene like an artwork, and the moment is spiritual because one is in the moment of one of God's glorious natural phenomena.

Unfortunately, not all waves are joyous. The Covid second and third waves arrived and brought devastation. These waves have not been better than the first like the ocean waves. We all must be vigilant to stay safe in a world of anxious souls.

Destructive waves have been happening for many years. In the first century CE, there was a wave of Roman legions arriving in Jerusalem to lay a siege on our ancestors. It took the Romans 3 weeks to destroy Jerusalem once the city walls collapsed, and the Jewish people would remain in exile for the next 2000 years. These Roman waves would be replaced by other waves of armies - Byzantine, Persian, Muslim, Mamluk, Mongol, Turkish and British. We still remember these waves by thinking of them over the 3 weeks that lead to Tisha Beav, the day that both Jewish temples were destroyed.

"Remember - be patient - the next one will be better". The surf guru knows the truth. All these bad waves would be replaced by a last wave. This last wave would be one of rejoicing. After millennia in exile, Jewish children would once again be playing in the streets of Jerusalem waving flags at independence, waving victory at the first country in the world to vaccinate, and also waving hope at a new government in Israel.

All wild ocean waves will eventually lead to glassy conditions. The waves of Covid will be replaced by more appreciating years. A more considerate world that has realized the power we all have on each other through the realization of a pandemic that even the air itself connects us, which means we are connected in every way possible. Be patient - the perfect wave will come eventually. Stay out of the water until then. But when it comes and it will come, we need to make sure we are there to surf it. Stay safe. God help us during these times.



ORCHIM - GUEST COLUMN with permission from Brian Brooks

From an email to Rabbi Ryan from Brian Brooks - Muizenberg all night card playing and Kosher weddings in the Church



Hello Rabbi,

Spoke to you earlier on. My name is Brian Brooks and we moved to Muizenberg in 1959 when I was in std 3 from Clifton. Went to Muizenberg Junior and High. We lived in Atlantic rd just the other side of the bridge with Subway motors on the left and the Electricity dept on the right. You no doubt walk past to go to surf. My father worked below and we stayed upstairs in a large flat. Looks a lot different now to those days.

Many Friday afternoons I would also be in your synagogue with my friends.

Stayed in Muizenberg until I was 27 when we got married.

Opposite was the Kingsbury hotel of Jack and Sandra Sack. I was employed there as a hands on man in std 6 for R10.00 a week, and on the corner was the Marine hotel of Bertha and Harry Daitsch and children.

Brian was at school with me, it was a great place to be especially around supper time.

No doubt most of my friends came from the local community, lived through all those amazing years there.



This a small part of my enjoyment growing up there. When in std 9 my Jewish friends taught me to play clubijas and then poker. In those days our stakes were 8,16,32,64 cents and after some 15 years of playing it was 8,16,32,64 rand a hand.

When we got married in the small stone church on the main road, we wanted to have our reception in the Herzel hall , Wherry road, so we had to go and visit the Rabbi and explain to him why we wanted to use the hall. We had to take our menu with so he could explain what we could eat and how the food table would be laid out. We could only use it on Monday September 16,1974 which was a public holiday, and yes he visited the hall in the morning to check that all the food was kosher. I remember the chickens had to have a ring stapled into their wings. All was good.

Getting back to cards - cards were played on Sunday night 1900 to 2400 before you could leave. Then there were the diehards - 3 of us. With stripped pack we would play on till 0400 / 0500 Monday morning. There was no excuse for not playing, you were there regardless. And if it was a public holiday we started 1900 and played through the night to 0700. It was a serious game with a 15 minute break for snacks and cool drink, no booze. We bought news cards every game , +- 65c a pack, there were enough used cards to wall paper a large room.

Our playing group consisted of 6 Jews and 1 Christian, Me , playing for many years.

Here are the players I spent 100's of hours with: Mrs Katz, Hymie Eckowitz, Harrold Miller, Alex Weise,

Richard Davidson, Jeff Schneider and Michael Liebrecht. The 3 diehards were me, Richard and Jeff ,

Those were the days. Every time we go past Muizenberg, I have to make a turn to check out the hood. It was a good place to grow up

**Gesund
recipes**
Joan

Sarembock's

Savoury Quiche

Crust

350 ml flour
110 ml butter
2 egg yolks
45 ml iced water
squeeze of lemon juice
salt to taste

Filling

2 packets baby spinach
250 ml cream
1 large onion, garlic
salt and pepper to taste
half a teaspoon mixed herbs
2 eggs
cheddar cheese and feta

Fry onion until soft, add garlic, salt and pepper and herbs. Chop up spinach and add to onions. Cook until spinach has halved it's size. Remove from heat, add half the beaten eggs and cream. Roll out dough thinly, line large greased quiche dish with the dough overlapping the sides. Bake until pale. Grate cheddar at the base of the quiche and add spinach mixture. Sprinkle chopped feta over spinach. Pour remaining beaten eggs and cream over the top. Sprinkle grated cheddar on top and bake at 180 degrees until the cheese is melted and browned slightly. About 30 minutes. When done trim the overlapping dough from the sides. Decorate with a few olives, a sprig of parsley or some slices of tomatoes.

"Geshmagt" from Muizenberg Shul Kitchen.





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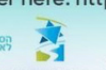
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THE FOOD BANK.

We are appealing to the community to donate non-perishable items, toiletries or cleaning materials to the Foodbank so that we can continue to FILL UP our monthly food parcels. The items include:

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Macaroni, Spaghetti, Rice, Peanut butter, Fish Paste, Jam, Chutney, Mayonnaise, Tomato Sauce, Pasta Sauce, Soya Mince, Margarine, Eggs, Tuna, Oil, Long life Milk, Baked Beans, Peas, Sweetcorn, Chopped and peeled tomatoes, Tomato and onion mix, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Provita, Salticrax, Jungle Oats, Weetbix, Corn Flakes, Sugar, Black bags, Tin Foil, Cling wrap

LUNCH BOX ITEMS

Packets of chips, Mini biscuit packs, Fruit rolls, Popcorn, 250ml still water, 250ml juice box

TOILETRIES

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The financial and socio-economic strain associated with the COVID-19 pandemic has presented an enormous economic challenge to many previously financially sound and viable businesses. This has led to significant financial pressure for many individuals and families in the Cape Town Jewish Community.

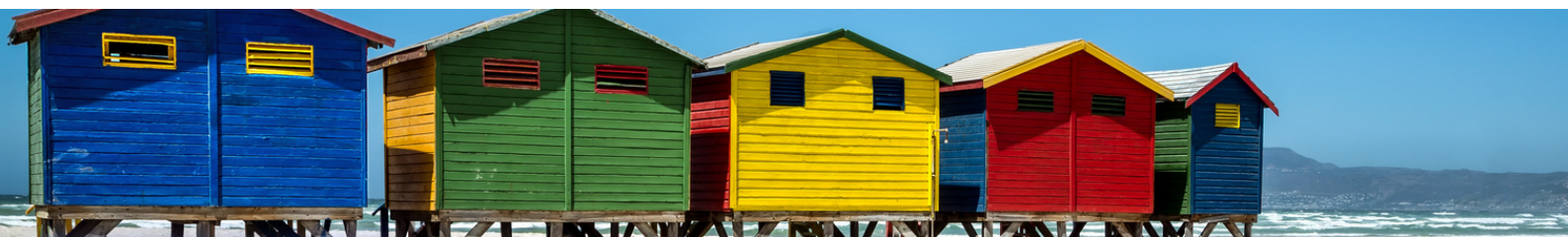
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SCHMOOZE INTERVIEWS

by Abe Casper



Interview with
Peter Sossen from
Fish Hoek

Tell me about your background.

My parents and grandparents were born in S.A. I'm from Pretoria. I studied law and practised as an attorney there.

Then twenty years ago you moved to Cape Town with your wife. Why?

I had had enough of the law. Our two children were born here. They attend Herzlia.

What do you do professionally now?

We have a hardware business in Ottery. Nuts and bolts, that kind of thing.

And you love the outdoor life.

Yes, we often go camping. Last weekend was spent in the Cederburg.

What's your connection with Muizenberg Shul?

Our son, Samuel, had his Bar Mitzvah there. I met Rabbi Ryan, recently. We did a few shiurim together.

Are you proudly South African?

Yes. We love the way of life here. Sport, the outdoor life. Our children have grown up with the feeling that life can be an adventure. We have never as a family discussed the possibility of emigrating. Our former president getting a jail sentence is a step in the right direction.

What do you like about living in Fish Hoek?

Beautiful walks. The mountain and the sea. The small town atmosphere.

How do you see yourselves as Jews?

Definitely traditional.

In the early days of the New South Africa, Madiba bestrode the landscape like a colossus. But we had Mendel. Few could doubt his statesman like qualities. Every year, in Muizenberg, during the season when the Joburgers were down, everyone would look forward to his "State of the Nation Address."

This usually took place on the first Shabbat of the (secular) New Year. Mendel would draw on his vast knowledge of Israeli and South African affairs to report on the year that had passed and to sketch likely developments in the year to come. Afterwards, you usually felt better than you had felt before. Things may have not been as bad as we thought.

Mendel was a regular not only during the summer season. He could pop up at any time of the year. He might be visiting Cape town on business or in need of a break. On Shabbat he would walk to shul from his house in St. James. (Appropriately named "Dayenu") He was not only our most illustrious country member but also an invaluable source of advice and practical help.

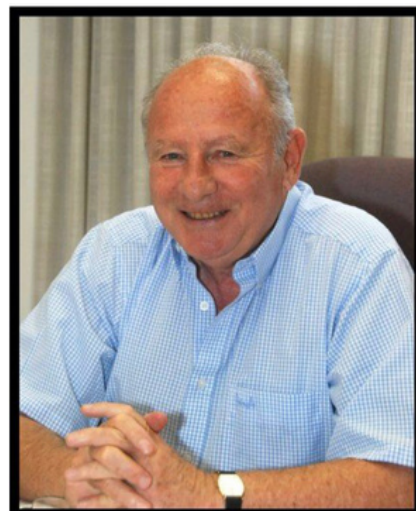
Mendel was known as an industrialist, philanthropist and activist. The late Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks said that of all the Jewish leaders he had met in the course of his career, Mendel was the one he liked best.

Born in 1937, he matriculated from Wynberg Boy's High. He received a law degree from UCT in 1958. A billionaire and philanthropist Mendel made his fortune in the South African Steel Industry. Mendel served as chairman of the board of the Jewish Agency from 1987-1995. At this time, he was instrumental in bringing about the Great Russian Aliya. He was chairman of Keren Hayesod's World Board of Trustees from 1983-1987 and honorary president of Keren Hayesod from 1995 until his death.

He was known in the Jewish organizational world as a donor to the poor who did not seek reward for his donations. He was a committed Jew who continued to study Judaism until his last day. He would learn Mishna with the late Rabbi Tanzer on a regular basis. He financed a new edition of the Mishna edited by Kehati. He stressed the necessity of proper Jewish education for he knew that "without Jewish education at its centre there will not be a Jewish People."

He was a great Zionist with a house in Jerusalem's Yemin Moshe neighbourhood and a house in Caesaria. He was an Israeli citizen and the last official ceremony he attended within the context of a Jewish organization was a Kotel event in which South African olim received Israeli identity cards. He wrote several books including From Shtetl to Steelmaking and Jewish Roots of the South African Economy. A great lover of archaeology he was and one of the first funders of the City of David Excavation. He was involved in social projects in Israel and South Africa. We will never see his like again.

Mendel Kaplan 1936-2009



Yizkor – we remember

THE MEMORIES ALWAYS LIVE WITH US

Written by Abe Casper. Dedicated
for his efforts and work for the
Muizenberg
community



JULY 2021 ALMOST A CENTURY OF MEMORIES - WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE PRESENT



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