



A Brief History



Dedicated to Jeffrey Wolf
and all those who strode the corridors of
King David Victory Park High School

1963 - 2000

"You do not pass through King David; King David passes through you"

Ryan Rudolph



Vignette by Christine Beetge

“A historian ought to be exact, sincere and impartial; free from passion, unbiased by interest, fear, resentment or affection; and faithful to the truth, which is the mother of history, the preserver of great actions, the enemy of oblivion, **the witness of the past**, the director of the future.”

Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.

As witness of the past I have been as exact and sincere as possible, but I cannot say, in all sincerity, that I have been free from passion or unbiased by interest and affection because I have been tasked with writing about the history of a school that became my husband's 'magnum opus' and of my yesterdays which walk with me and beat inside of me. As I wrote of each event and peered into the faces on each photograph, I came to the realisation that when we leave a place, we stay there, even though we go away. For me the past will never be past as those 31 years at King David Victory Park High School will always illuminate my soul, and the faces of my colleagues and students are faces that will peer over my shoulder forever.

This task would have been impossible without the assistance of a great number of people:

Jeffrey Wolf who conscientiously recorded every Friday morning assembly, Annual General Meeting and PTA report and kept a record of all correspondence he received in praise of his students, his staff or his school.; Carly [Lurie] Mervis who determinedly searched the high school until she discovered some of the 'lost' photographs; the heads of the English Department over the years who compiled the school magazines from which I could record some of the thoughts of the students themselves and scan photographs that sadly have been lost; Michael Block, Mannie and Marilyn Chaimowitz, Jessamy [Glass] Cooperman, Peta [Cline] Feigin, Jonathan Gordon, Lisa [Horwitz] Schewitz, Caryn [Davidoff] Katz, Tony Lange, the Lissoos family, Lynton Lurie, David Machet, Beth [Abrahamson] Matisson, Angela [Wood] Myers, Paulette Rothstein and Brian Slon who dug deep to find photographs or helped to put names to faces that were hidden in the recesses of my mind.

A special thank you to former pupils, Fiona Brook, Doron Grossman, Lisa Horwitz, Harry Joffe and Brandon Sieff for their personal contributions.

Finally I thank Hanna Ben Moshe, who set me the challenge of recording 36 years of history, Rabbi Craig Kacev, Director of the SABJE, who embraced the idea so enthusiastically, and most importantly Hayley Jasven who so willingly and graciously undertook the task of designing this document.

Barbara Wolf

Some historians hold the view that history 'is just one damned thing after another' but the history of King David High School Victory Park is far more than that. It is rather the epic tale of a small family-oriented school that grew from very humble beginnings to 'the best little Jewish Day School in Johannesburg.' But let us start from the very beginning, for, to quote the words of a well-known song, it's 'the very best place to start'.

In 1958, at the request of both the Greenside and Emmarentia Hebrew Congregations, the South African Board of Jewish Education [SABJE] agreed to build a second Jewish Day School to accommodate the large and growing Jewish population in the north-western suburbs.

A site of 20 acres in size – originally a peach farm – was purchased from Mr Bailey Bekker for the princely sum of £35,000, the equivalent then of R70,000! This site already had an existing house which could easily be converted into a junior school and an adjoining site on which a high school could eventually be built.

King David Primary School, Victory Park, opened its doors to its first 109 pupils on the 14 January 1960. Mrs Queenie Sive steered the school until the following year when Mr Con Pakter was appointed principal. By 1961 the enrolment had grown to 270 and the school went up to Grade 6 [Std 4]. By 1962 the primary school had reached Grade 7 [Std 5].

HOW KING DAVID SCHOOLS GOT THEIR NAME

The first Jewish Day School was called the Linksfield Junior School but there was great confusion when the Transvaal Education Department built a school in the same area and gave it the same name. At a board meeting to discuss an appropriate name for the school, Mr Philip Froman, whose children at the time were at King Edward School, suggested that the obvious parallel for a school rooted in Jewish tradition would be 'King David'. All the Day Schools would be called King David with the addition of the relevant suburb to indicate the locality of the school.

In **1963**, there was now one Grade 8 [Std 6] class, and a decision was taken to house that single high school class of twenty boys and four girls at the primary school – a decision that did not altogether please the parents as they felt that high school pupils should have their own campus and principal. Their curriculum consisted of English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Arithmetic, General Science, History and Mathematics. A choice of Latin or French was offered, these subjects being taught by teachers on the staff of the primary school during their 'free' periods. Physical training and swimming instruction were given by the primary school's gym mistress and the 1963 Grade 8's competed in the primary school's annual sports Day. An extra-mural programme of tennis, soccer, cricket, hockey and netball was also offered to these first high school pupils.

By January 1964 there were now fifty pupils in three high school classes, one Grade 9 and two Grade 8's, but still being housed in a small block at the primary school.

Mr Edward [Eddie] Tannenbaum, vice-principal at King David High Linksfield was appointed principal of King David High School Victory Park and in this small block at the primary school he occupied an office in which it was reputed that there was hardly room to swing a cane!

Despite having few amenities, education was not restricted to the classroom. In March 1965 an inter-house gala took place; there were inter-house cricket matches; two athletic records were broken by Julian Lichter and more than a third of the school belonged to the chess club. **Julian Lichter** was also the winner of the Afrikaans section of the Bible Essay competition

In **1966** an amount of R164,633 was received by the Kuper Foundation Trust. With the help of these funds the SABJE was able to build the Victory Park High School at a cost of R100,000..





1964 -The Whole School



The First School Uniform



Expansion Plans for High School in the New Year

Tannenbaum New Head of K.D.H.S. Victory Park

22/11/63

By a Staff Reporter

South African Board of Jewish Education has announced that Mr. Edward Tannenbaum, formerly Vice-Principal of the King David High School at Linksfield, has been appointed as Head of King David High School, Victory Park.



MR. EDDIE TANNENBAUM

Mr. Tannenbaum is a well-known educationist and during his seven years of service at Linksfield, won the affection of his pupils and proved himself to be an outstanding teacher. During Mr. Sandler's leave of absence he acted as principal.

He obtained his B.Sc. Eng. degree at the University of the Witwatersrand and won a scholarship for further study to Loughborough College, England. Before taking up his teaching appointment, Mr. Tannenbaum practised as an Engineer.

TURNING POINT

The appointment of Mr. Tannenbaum marks the turning point in the development of the King David High School at Victory Park. As at the beginning of 1964, the

school will consist of 3 classes: 2 Forms 1 and 1 Form 2.

The further expansion of the school will follow the pattern of the King David Linksfield by the addition of one form each year until the full matriculation standard is established.

THE SAME WAY

The new high school will be registered with the Transvaal Education Department in the same way as the other King David Schools and will follow the curriculum and write the examinations set down by the Education Department.

All preliminary arrangements for the opening of the 1964 school year are well in hand and competent and qualified Hebrew and secular staffs have been engaged.



1965 Under 13 Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: Brian Gnesin, Johnny Myers, Geoffrey Kay, Bernard Kampel

Second Row [L-R]: Steven Edelmuth, Michael Penn, Hedley Gordon, Lawrence Hoffman

Front Row [L-R]: Manfred Chaimowitz, Michael Strachan, Jeffrey Blend, Mr Morrie Skikne, Max Abramowitz, David Teeger

Floor [L-R]: Joseph Tanne, Alan Levitt, Brian Gutkin

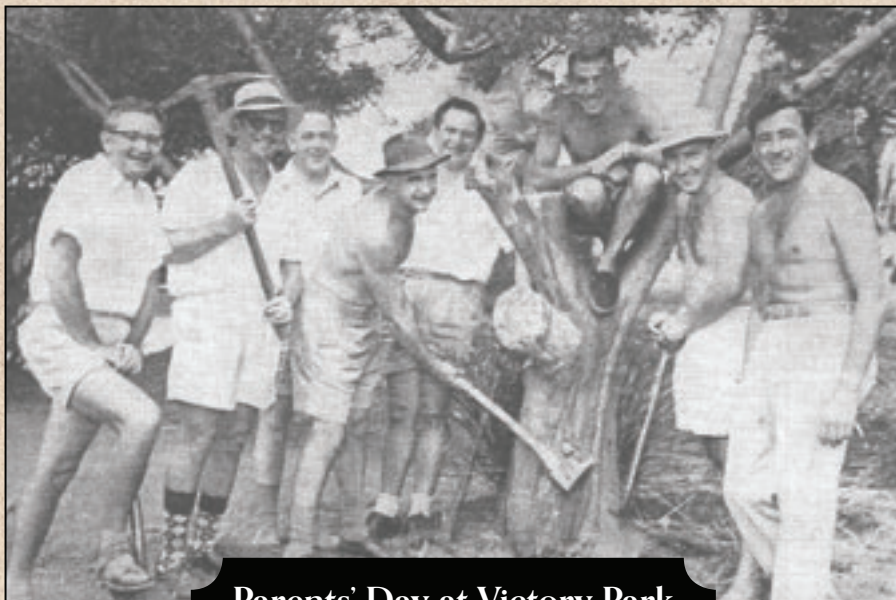
In **1966** the building of the high school campus - designed by the architect, Monty Simon - began in earnest and by **1968** the main classroom block and the administration section - comprising the staffroom and the secretary's and headmaster's offices - were completed. Mr Tannenbaum's wife, **Mrs Hettie Tannenbaum**, was appointed as secretary.

In **January 1968** approximately two hundred and fifty high school pupils moved into this complex amidst much building activity and with very few amenities.

THE PARENTS GET STUCK IN

Instead of playing bowls, golf or tennis or spending time with their families, the pioneer parents and pupils of King David Victory Park devoted an entire Sunday to improving the school grounds. Aware that school funds were limited but wanting the best for their children, these men and women - most of them professional people more used to drilling teeth, delivering babies or defending clients in court - toiled in the fields from 7h30 till sunset. The inspiration for this mass work-day came from Dr Jack Flaks, one of the parents who, while visiting Italy, saw how a small rustic community had, on their own initiative, constructed a complete village. A giant bulldozer was lent to the school free of charge and, together with two experts in landscape architecture, the men mixed concrete, levelled playing fields and planted trees and shrubs while the women ensured that they were well fed!

We pay tribute to these hard-working and dedicated pioneers amongst whom were Roma Bak, Josie Barnes, Leila Barrett, the Biderman family, Audrey and Jack Flaks, the Florence family, Barney and Vanessa Glass, Abe and Zena Grabman, the Joseph family, Daphne Josman, Sonia and Mannie Levin, Julius Levy, Selma and Barney Lichter, Ada Lurie, Bennie and Andy Lurie, Sid and Lorna Ossip, Eddy and Ann Magid, Rhona Maisels, the Maister family, Bob and Phyllis Metter, Lamyce Nafte, Allan and Ellen Price, Bill and Ann Rosin, Joe and Rose Rosen, the Talpert family, Blanche Tuch and Maisie Zar.



Parents' Day at Victory Park

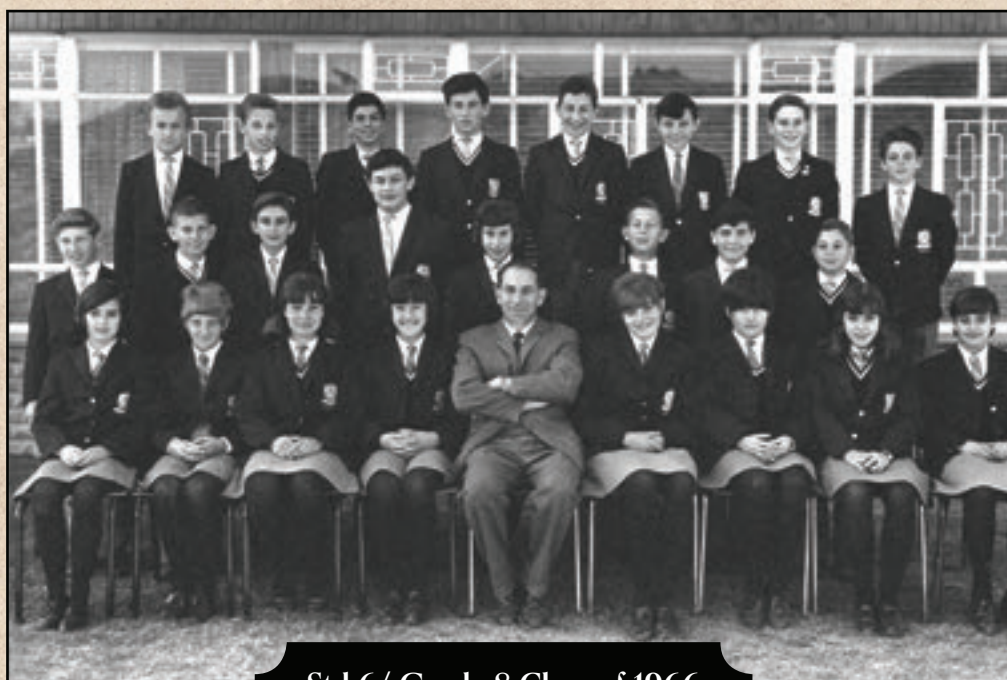
In 1965, **Mr A J Rosin**, the chairman of the Victory Park High School PTA, commented, *"We think with Voltaire who said that perfection walks slowly and requires the hand of time. The Victory Park High School is the baby of the family. It happily shows every characteristic any parent could wish for from a healthy baby. It cries the loudest, needs the most, is small and nearly helpless, but holds wonderful and unlimited*

hope and promise."

How prophetic have his words been! For over time, over fifty years to be precise, King David Victory Park High School has matured into one of the most formidable Jewish Day Schools in South Africa whose graduates have excelled in their chosen fields in all corners of the world.



Staff of King David High School Victory Park 1966
Mr Eddie Tannenbaum, Principal [front row] 1964 - 1968



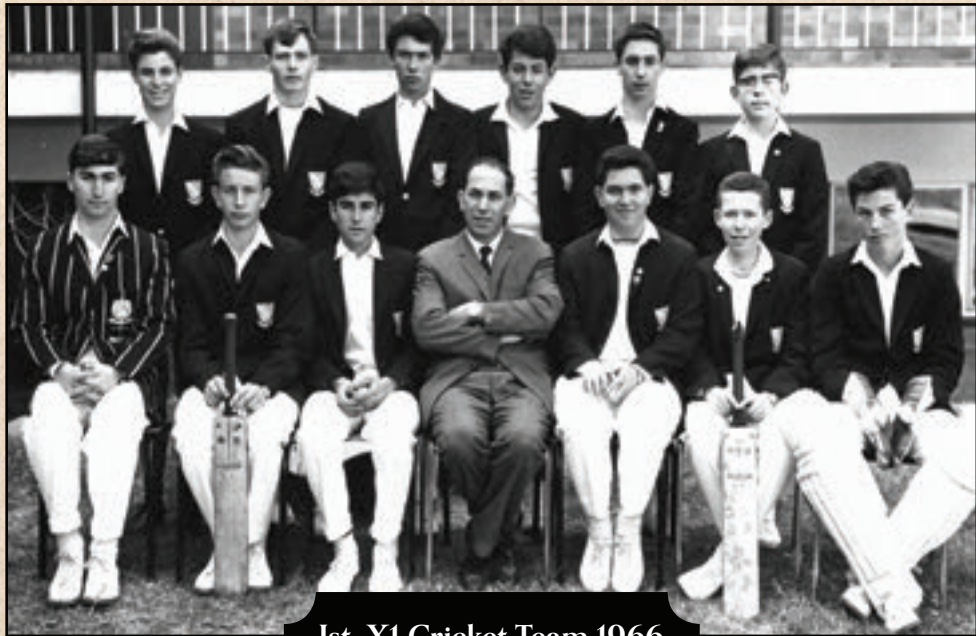
Std 6/ Grade 8 Class of 1966

Back Row [L-R]: Kenny Joseph, Ian Kangisser, Howard Levin, Jonathan Feinstein, Bernard Chaitowitz, Ian Fuhr, Ronald Cohen, Jeffrey Davis

Middle Row [L-R]: Solly Celender, Peter Sarnak, Roy Gershow, David Cohen, Irene Grinker, David Crombein, Kevin Tatz, Steve Lazarus

Front Row [L-R]: Geraldine Fiansky, Joan Wolf, ---, Pamela Zuk, Mr Eddie Tannenbaum, Sharon Levitt, Gail Sopher, June Klugman, Eleanor Sacks





Ist XI Cricket Team 1966

Back Row [L-R]: Leslie Davis, Hedley Gordon, Aaron Reichlin, Owen Lewis, George Cohen, Alan Levitt

Front Row [L-R]: Julian Lichter, Max Abramowitz, Lawrence Hoffman, Mr Eddie Tannenbaum, Tony Sacks, Brian Gnesin, Steven Edelmuth



1967 Std 9/ Grade 11



Julian Lichter Senior Victor Ludorum



First Matriculation Group - 1967

Back Row [L-R]: Joseph Tanne, Tony Sacks, Vivienne Newmann, Geoffrey Schneider, Lee Biderman,

Brian Gnesin, **Lynette Shamos [Head Girl]**, Lawrence Hoffman

Middle Row [L-R]: Mr Walter Hess, Mr Morrie Skikne, Steven Edelmuth, Brian Lain, Adrian Grek,

Manfred Chaimowitz, **Julian Lichter [Head Boy]**, Aaron Reichlin, Hedley Gordon, Ms. Lynette Sacks,

Mr Andre Vorster, Mr Brian Epstein,

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs H. Tannenbaum, Mr Bernard Cohen - - Mr Eddie Tannenbaum, - - Rabbi Rudy,

It is with a feeling of sadness that we will part from our matriculants at the end of this year. We have watched them grow from children to young men and women. Although we naturally hope to see good academic results, we hope too that we have imbued them with a sense of responsibility and decency, with pride in their Jewish heritage and with a feeling of belonging. If we have succeeded, this will be our reward.

Mr Eddie Tannenbaum

May 9 1969 was one of the most memorable days in the history of the school. Together with all the King David students, the school assembled on the fields of King David, Linksfield where they were addressed by David Ben Gurion. The students began to sing Avenu Shalom Aleichem but, as Ben Gurion approached, a hush fell over the crowd of 3000 students. Ben Gurion was overjoyed to see so many students at a Jewish Day School and he encouraged Aliyah by saying that unless the majority of Jewish people came to live in Israel, the building of the State of Israel would never be complete.

Mr Tannenbaum resigned from his position at the end of 1968. Some years later he and his family emigrated to Perth, Australia, where he passed away in 2016.

Mr Jeffrey Wolf, who had joined King David High Linksfield at the beginning of 1968 as head of the English department, was appointed acting principal. **Mrs Deanna Novick** replaced Mrs Tannenbaum as secretary.

If V is Equal to N – THEN PARALLEL LINES CAN MEET

(Q.E.D. K.D.H.S.)

EVERY schoolboy knows that parallel lines never meet. Yet when the King David Schools announced the appointments of the deputy-headmasters at Linksfield and Victory Park, it seemed that they were out to disprove the age-old mathematical law. Metaphorically speaking — of course: It became a case of parallel lives meeting—and after all the difference is only a single letter.

The new deputy headmasters are in fact twin brothers and as their story unfolds it becomes apparent that the wheel of chance has once again turned a full circle to complete yet another chapter in the amazingly similar lives of the two brothers.

Born in Johannesburg 32 years ago, Jeffrey and Elliot Wolf, exhibited amazingly similar traits. Not only did they look alike, but they seemed to think alike as well.

TEACHING

Having finished their schooling, both decided to make teaching their vocation and entered the University of



Jeffrey and Elliot Wolf—teach languages not mathematics!

the Witwatersrand, where they enrolled for identical courses. Throughout their schooling as well as during their university careers, the brother's marks differed little. Having a bent for languages, they graduated with English, Latin and Hebrew as Major subjects.

After graduating the twins split up. Jeffrey joined the staff of the Highlands North High School, while Elliot began his career at the Parktown Boys High School. During this period, in addition to their normal teaching duties the brothers coached tennis at their respective schools.

In The
SPOTLIGHT
By Our Roaming
Reporter

The head boy and head girl of 1968 were **Dennis Tannenbaum** and **Tessa Milwicki**.

David Teeger and **Beverley Newman** were head boy and head girl in 1969

Mr Jeffrey Wolf was appointed deputy-principal in **1969** and the Jewish newspapers at that time made much of the fact that Jeffrey and Elliot Wolf's lives had followed 'parallel paths'. They had made the same career choices and both had favoured the study of languages. In 1968 Mr Norman Sandler, principal of King David High School Linksfield had persuaded both the brothers to join his school – providing double trouble for their pupils!



King David Victory Park Staff 1969

Later that year **Mr Mike Rubinowitz**, a Hebrew scholar and head of Herzlia Primary School in Cape Town, was appointed principal. Like Mr Barney Meyers, who had been appointed principal at the primary school in 1966, Mr Rubinowitz too was an old Arcadian. **Mrs Barbara Wolf** was appointed in 1970.

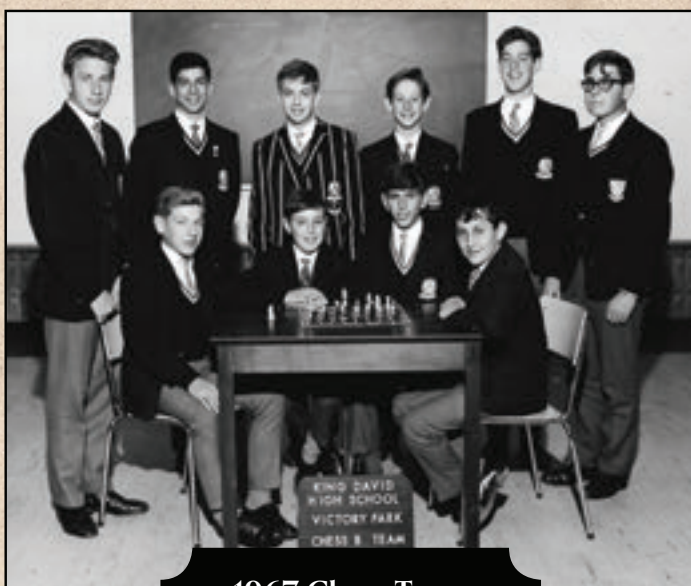
Activities in the 1960's



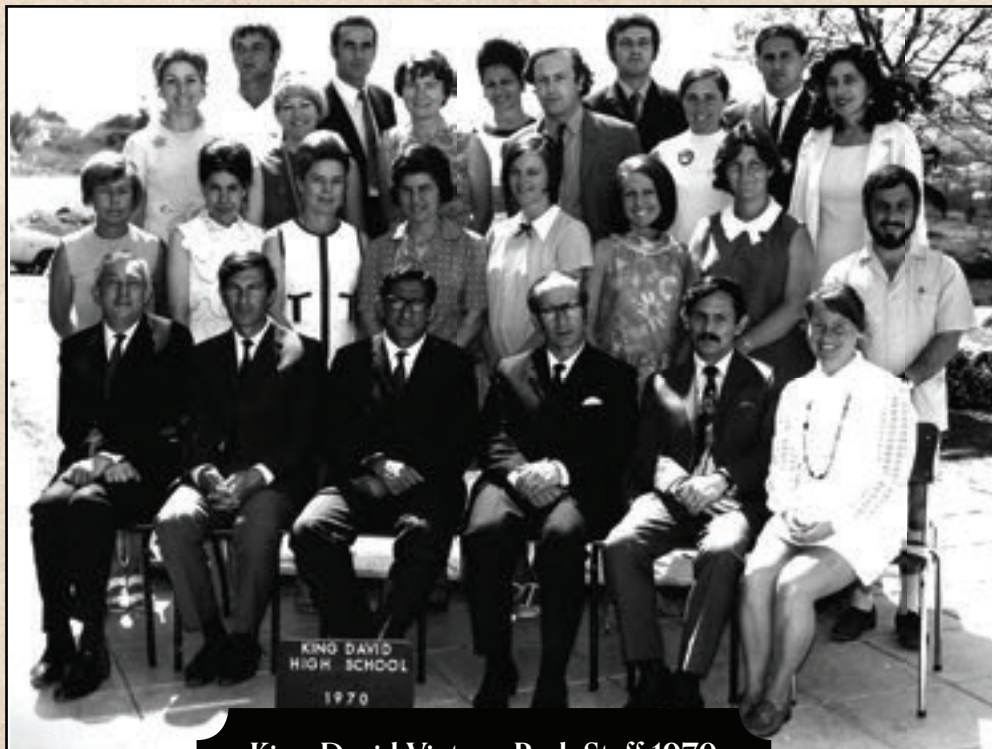
1966 Netball Team



1968 U13 Rugby Team



1967 Chess Team



King David Victory Park Staff 1970

Back Row [L-R]: | Mrs Barbara Wolf, Mr Maree, Ms Janet Kark, Mr Yigal Arica,
Mrs Shirley Irish, Mrs Nitzchia Rosenberg, Mr James McDonald, Mr Moti Ainhorn,
Mrs Trish Hellig, Mr Paul Port, Mrs Riva Borowsky

Middle Row [L-R]: Mrs Nancy Paton, --, Mrs Ilse Morgan, --, --, Mrs Doria Van Dellen,
Mrs Margaret Glover, Mr Brian Epstein

Seated [L-R]: Mr Bernard Cohen, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mr Mike Rubinowitz, Rabbi Rudy,
Mr Andre Vorster, Mrs Ella Bargai



1970 Matriculation Group

Kevin Tatz | Head Boy], Maxine Sidelsky |Head Girl]



The Head Boy of 1970 was **Kevin Tatz** [seated next to Mr Wolf] who, has distinguished himself world-wide as **Rabbi Akiva Tatz**. Rabbi Tatz graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School. He then spent a year in St. Louis, as an American Field Service Scholar. He served as a medical officer in the South African Defence Forces and served in the Angolan Bush War. After

practising in both South Africa and the United States, he moved to Israel, and worked both in private practice as well as in a hospital setting in Jerusalem.

Although not raised as a strictly observant Jew, Rabbi Tatz rediscovered Judaism and became a baal teshuva, or returnee. He is currently on the staff at the Jewish Learning Exchange and Ohr Somayach. Rabbi Tatz gives lectures to Jewish student groups and organisations across the United Kingdom, including an annual medical ethics lecture. He has become a recognized expert in matters of Jewish thought and philosophy and has published numerous books which have been translated into several languages. He is both the founder and director of the Jerusalem Medical Ethics Forum, whose purpose is to promote knowledge of Jewish medical ethics internationally, giving lectures worldwide in Jewish thought and medical ethics, as well as on modern applications in medicine. He currently resides in London, England.

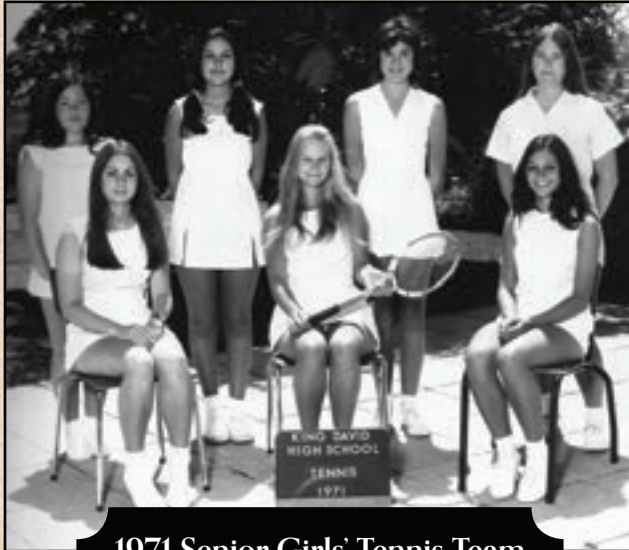
In February 1985 **Peter Sarnak**, who matriculated from King David Victory Park in 1970, was selected as a Presidential Young Investigator by President Ronald Reagan. He was selected from 1,089 nominees by a committee which had high regard for his potential as a researcher and teacher. At that time Peter was in the Department of Mathematics at Stanford University



The Prestigious Wolf Prize

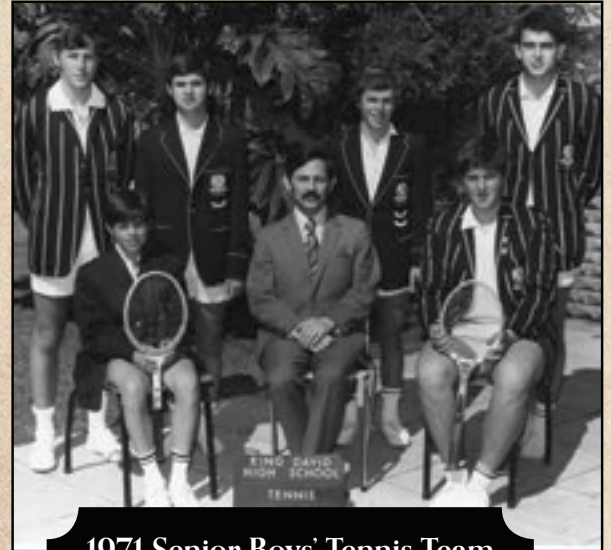
In June 2014 the then Israeli President, Shimon Peres, congratulated the recipients of the Wolf Prize, an Israeli award that highlights achievements in science, mathematics, medicine, the arts and agriculture. The awards rival or anticipate the Nobel Prizes. **Peter, on the left**, who is the Eugene Higgins Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University, won the award for his achievements in number theory, *"uncovering deep and unsuspected connections among various mathematical fields."*

"The dictum 'mens sana in corpore sano', a healthy mind in a healthy body, has always been of great importance at the Day Schools, so from the beginning, provision was made for sporting activities even though the school initially had few amenities. Fortunately, Beaconsfield Club was willing to allow the school to use their sporting facilities, particularly its swimming pool. Between 1971 and 1976 the school experienced tremendous growth. Playing fields were laid out and tennis courts were built as well as a new wing of classrooms. An auditorium too was generously donated by **Mr and Mrs Meyer Hurwitz**.



1971 Senior Girls' Tennis Team

Back Row [L-R]: Lorraine Lurie, Michelle Marcus, Merle Berkowitz, Mickey Goldstein
Front Row [L-R]: Sharon Wies, Sheryl Lurie, Rosanna Klatzko



1971 Senior Boys' Tennis Team

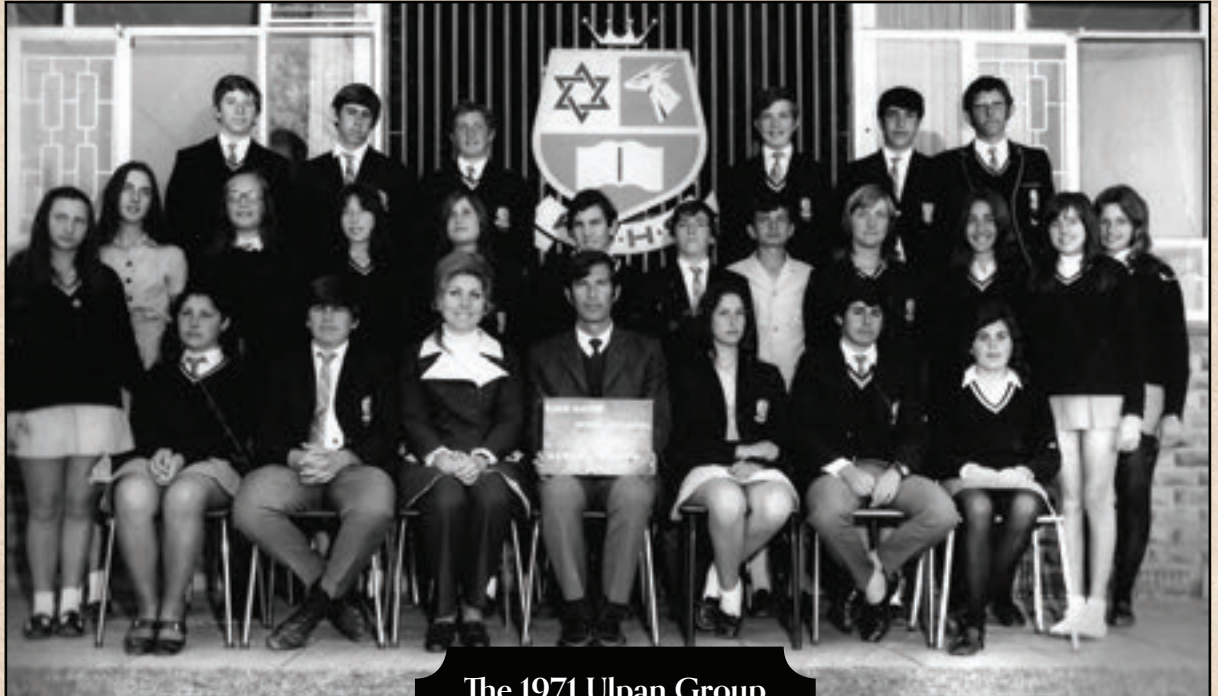
Back Row [L-R]: Stanley Levy, Stephen Rosen, Alan Ossip, Brian Zuk
Front Row [L-R]: Kevin Ossip, Mr Andre Vorster, Philip Tuch



1972 1st XI Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Alan Goldman, -, Mark Edinburg, Stanley Levy, Jeffrey Hurwitz, Steven Rosen, Barry Zar
Seated [L-R]: Colin Steingold, Brian Zuk, Mr David Bernstein, David Treisman, Alan Ossip

An important early development in the Day Schools was the introduction of the 3-4 month Ulpan study course in Israel. This course was introduced in 1963 and by 1966 /1967 pupils from King David Victory Park were included in this activity. This highly stimulating experience not only built a strong identification with Israel but also enriched their Hebrew and made them aware of the complex problems facing the country. For many of the students, fortunate enough to participate in the Ulpan, it remained the highlight of their high school experience. Unfortunately, owing to the high costs involved, the King David Ulpan ceased to exist after 2000 and shorter programmes were introduced.



The 1971 Ulpan Group

This Ulpan was housed both at the youth village, Meier Shefaya, in the lower Galil and at Sde Boker in the Negev but it later found a permanent home at Kiryat Moriah in Jerusalem.

Sunday 7 October

On Yom Kippur I went to a religious family in Jerusalem. Kol Nidre was quite an experience. In an Israeli shul. Can you believe it? There is no paid chazan and no paid choir and in Israel you pray – you do not have a concert. We went to shul on Saturday morning hearing planes in supersonic flight at a very low altitude over Jerusalem....Already we knew there was trouble as people were being called up to the army.

We went home to sleep and at about 2.15 I was woken up, "the air raid siren has gone – we must go down to the shelter". We learnt that the entire army was being mobilised and our host had to leave to go to his unit. There are police blockades everywhere and hundreds of army vehicles on the road. Otherwise everything is normal and we are really very safe.

Tuesday 9 October

..... it seems to be slowly coming into the hands of Israel BUT there are very heavy casualties and they think it is much worse than '67. I say 'think' as Zahal does not release figures until the absolute end of the war. Ironically Jerusalem is untouched with the exception of blackout at night – which is a nuisance. We have got to sleep in clothes and have sleeping bags at the ready in case the siren goes off at night

Jonathan Lewis –at Kiryat Moriah during the Yom Kippur War 1973

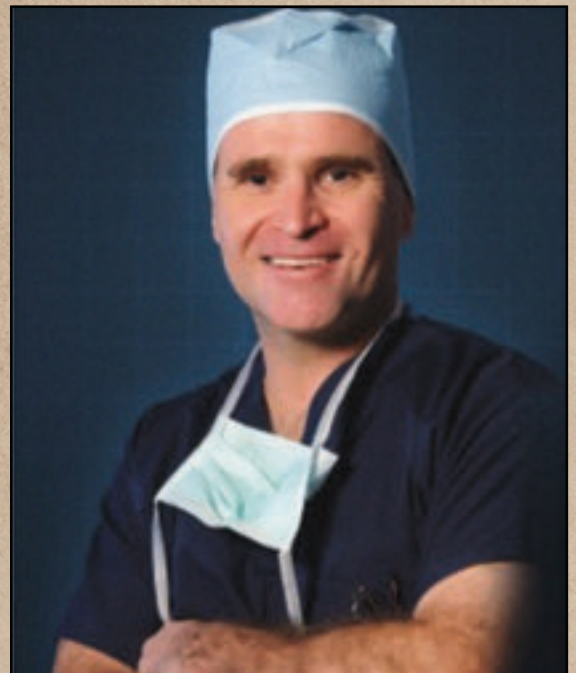


1971 Matriculation Group

Philip Tuch [Head Boy] and Rosanna Klatzkow [Head Girl]

Dr. Jeffrey Hartog Joins Okyanos Medical Team as Cell Therapy Surgeon

Freeport, Grand Bahama (October 6, 2015) – Okyanos, the leader in cell therapy, announced the addition of Dr. Jeffrey Hartog to its prestigious medical team to accommodate the growing demand for adult stem cell treatment. Dr. Hartog, a recognized expert in the field of cell-assisted cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, brings considerable experience to Okyanos. With over 10,000 surgical procedures performed and over 20 years of practice, Dr. Hartog performed his first cell-assisted breast reconstruction in 2010, putting him at the forefront of cell therapy as the next phase in the evolution of medicine.



Jeffrey Hartog - 1971 Matriculant





By **1972** the gardens, which the parents had so lovingly planted, were flourishing as was the school which now had pupils in all five high school standards/grades.

The school magazine edited by the pupils themselves made its debut in 1972 reporting on the many activities of the school, and showcasing some of the pupils' excellent writing and their art work

Being editor of the first official school magazine I can truthfully say that I have an unprecedented privilege. This privilege has been, to say the least, stimulating and exciting... I hope that this is the forerunner of many more King David magazines and that the magazines will become our school's tradition of which we will be justly proud.

To Mrs Hill and the editorial board I extend my most sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely,

KAREN RUDICK 1972

This annual high school magazine edited by the pupils themselves became a tradition in the school. As the school grew in numbers and in stature, so too did the magazine which reflected both school life and the creativity of the pupils.. It grew from just thirty black and white pages in 1973 to 150 full colour pages in 2000 and was judged the runner-up in the National School Magazine competition in South Africa on several occasions. What impressed

the judges the most was the excellent standard of the creative writing in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, French, and, on the rare occasion, even Latin!

After 2000 the format was changed to that of a yearbook covering the activities of all three schools on the Victory Park campus- the pre-primary, primary and high school.



Ronald Moskovich, Head Boy of 1972, reacts to the massacre of the Israeli Olympic team in the first edition of the King David High School Magazine

MUNICH

On Wednesday the 6th of September, 1972, the most macabre ceremony ever held on Olympic terrain took place. The memorial service for the 9 Jews, slain by the Black September terrorists was taking place. And less than 24 hours after, the dead had been commemorated in the Munich Olympic stadium, the 20th Summer Olympics went ahead.

The programme was hastily moved a day back — the show must go on; "Ordnung muss sein." The security measures were tightened up, of course. The Palestinian guerillas do not have a monopoly on terrorism, so what if the Frelimo terrorists should decide to plant a bomb in the quarters of the Portuguese team. They would do it with the support of the bible-thumping World Council of Churches.

The Olympic ideal is dead — murdered by the political games that took place before the Olympics; by the terrorism that took place during the Games. The people responsible are the members of the International Olympic Committee, who did not protest when the Olympics were turned into a political battleground. The guilty are not only to be found in Damascus or in Beirut, they are to be found among all the sympathisers of terrorism in the Free West. These champions of tolerance have created a nightmare by their support of brutal murderers.

Eighty thousand people attended the memorial ceremony, and the following day those same people were cheering on their heroes in an unprecedented show of insensitivity — the most superlative circus of them all.

But as all shows must go on to the end, the Olympics drew to a close. The shame will soon be forgotten. Thousands forgot only the day after the massacre took place. It will not be long before the Kennedies, the Fullbrights, the Willy Brandts and the World Council of Churches, will once again be urging us to be compassionate and to lend support for terrorists elsewhere.

One can only hope that "Munich" will have woken the world. It is late . . . possibly almost too late.

RONALD MOSKOVICH.



From the magazine

*Ebony is his colour,
And his race is 'black'
He lives in the slime
But he works in the marble
He has a pass
And they know him by number.
He lives in Hell and maybe he dies in Hell
And he cries
'Black is beautiful brother!'
Will it be evolution
Or revolution?*

by Pnina Fenster - Std 6 [Grade 8] 1973

**Former Editor of
Marie Claire South Africa
Glamour Magazine**



1972 1st Tennis Team

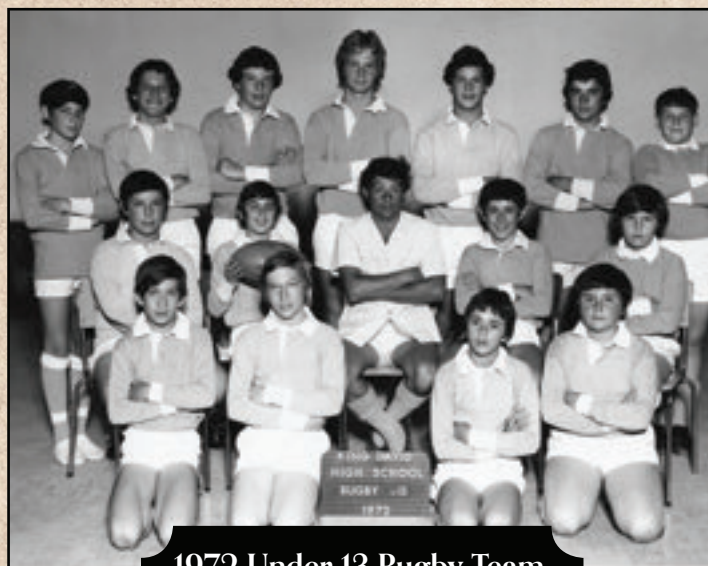
Standing [L-R]: Barry Zar, Colin Steingold, Kevin Ossip, Alan Ossip

Seated [L-R]: Steven Rosen, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Stanley Levy

Back row [L-R]: Ansel Krut, David Gnesin, Howard Talpert, Andrew Metter, Anthony Gerson, Hilton Subel, Jonathan Laxton

Middle row [L-R]: Steven Abramowitz, Stanley Moffson, Mr Dave Bernstein, Natan Feigin, Steven Kofsky

Kneeling [L-R]: Adrian Falkov, Geoffrey Levy, Alan Hurwitz, Norman Rosenfeld



1972 Under 13 Rugby Team

A number of cultural activities also had their beginnings – a dramatic society, a choir, public speaking, representation on the Junior City Council and the Business Game.

The 1972/73 representatives on the Junior City Council were **Rose Lubinsky** and **Michael Pakter**.

The first winner of the Senior Public Speaking Competition was **Melinda Silverman** while **Debbie Zuk** won the junior section.



Melinda Silverman



The 1972 Business Game Team

Back Row [L-R]: Harold Nafte, Barry Zar, Ronald Moskovich, Brian Zuk, Stanley Levy, Max Price
Front Row [L-R]: Alan Ossip, Robyn Blankfield, Mr James Mc Donald, Ethne Grevler, Steven Rosen



1972 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Max Price, Brian Zuk, Seymour Talpert, Malcolm Berger, Stephen Gottlich
Middle Row [L-R]: Steven Rosen, Rene Florence, Susan Klugman, Melissa Rubin, Maurica Gordon
Seated [L-R]: Jean Epstein [Deputy Head Girl], **Ronald Moskovich [Head Boy]**,
 Mr Mike Rubinowitz, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, **Jennifer Maisels [Head Girl]**, Stanley Levy [Deputy Head]





1972 Matriculation Group

Back Row [L-R]: S. Rieback, I. Osrin, S. Gottlich, M. Segal, B. Zar, A. Stein, S. Talpert, B. Zuk, S. Levy, M. Berger, D. Treisman, B. Sacks, J. Tuch, I. Peltz

Third Row [L-R]: R. Gordon, M. Gordon, J. Levine, D. Katz, G. Myers, E. Beder, R. Blankfield, M. Rothschild, R. Shein, J. Epstein, C. Kangkisser, C. Hyman, M. Moskowitz, M. Rubin, S. Magidson, M. Levinson

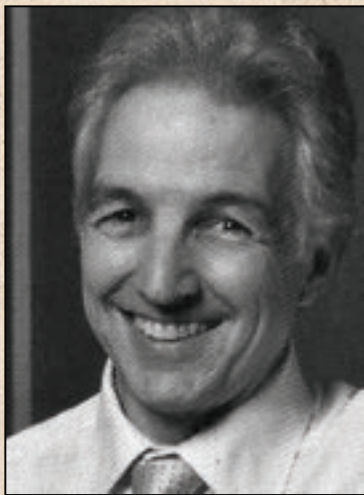
Second Row [L-R]: S. Klugman, Z. Jacobson, J. Glass, M. Goldstein, R. Moskovich [Head Boy] Mr. M. Rubinowitz, Mr. J. Wolf, J. Maisels [Head Girl] P. Epstein, S. Gordon, J. Shoolman, I. Kornowaloff

Floor [L-R]: R. Florence, L. Sacks, P. Kramer, M. Price, M. Biderman, C. Steingold, S. Rosen, A. Ossip, H. Jacobs, L. Sacher



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT KING DAVID SCHOOL: General and Mrs. Gazit visited the King David Schools last weekend and were given an enthusiastic reception. Our photo shows, l. to r.: Mr. Jeffrey Wolf, vice-principal, King David High School, Victory Park; Mr. Ronnie Misheiker, general secretary of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education; Mrs. Shlomo Gazit, Brigadier-General Shlomo Gazit, Rabbi Isaac Goss, director of the S.A. Board of Jewish Education, and Mr. Mike Rubinowitz, headmaster of King David High School, Victory Park.

Sadly towards the end of the year the school mourned the loss of **Anthony Greenberg**, a matric pupil, who lost his battle against cancer.



Max Price

Dr Max Price who matriculated from King David Victory Park in 1972 graduated as a medical doctor from The University of the Witwatersrand. He was awarded a prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, the first ever offered to a King David graduate, which enabled him to study politics and economics at Oxford University from 1980 to 1983. He went on to do a Masters degree at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. From 1996-2006 Dr Price was Dean at the Faculty of Health Sciences [Medicine] at the University of the Witwatersrand and in July 2008 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town. Dr Price's brothers, Derek, Lawrence and Colin were also educated at the school as were Dr Price's son and daughter, **Jessica and Ilan**.

Colin Price who graduated from the school in 1979 obtained his BSc and MSc degrees in at Tel Aviv University and his PhD at Columbia University. He is a Full Professor of Atmospheric Physics at Tel Aviv University. *"KDHS definitely influenced the direction of my professional life and particularly Ms Prudence [Pru] Goodwin, our amazing Geography teacher. It is primarily due to her that I chose to continue my studies in Earth Sciences and Geophysics"*



Colin Price

The first Head of the Hebrew Department was **Rabbi Samuel Rudy** who was seconded from King David Linksfield to Victory Park in January 1964. From, 1964-1966 he held this position in a part-time capacity and thereafter was engaged in a full-time capacity as a teacher of Hebrew and Jewish Studies. Rabbi Rudy, fondly known as 'Rab', resigned in 1978. He and his wife Sarah emigrated to the United States of America to join their children and grandchildren.



Rabbi Rudy At Shachrit Prayers 1971

In 1973 Rabbi Rudy was succeeded as Head of the Hebrew Department by Mr Yitzchak Winkler, a shaliach whom the SABJE brought from Israel to head this important department. Mrs Chana Winkler also joined the Hebrew department and the Winkler children were enrolled at the school.



Mr Yitzchak Winkler - Head of Hebrew and Jewish Studies 1973-1977

Back Row [L-R]: L Swilling, E. Grauman, M Albert, D Fenster, J Barrett, B Milner, Y. Winkler

Seated [L-R]: J Maselle, N Beck, Mrs M Canes, Mr Y Winkler, D Berg, G Elias

Front [L-R]: L Levin, R Gishen

This energetic, extremely charismatic and very musical teacher inspired the students with a love both of Israel and the Hebrew language. After four years of loyal and dedicated service to the school, he returned to Israel in September 1977. His resounding voice, indefatigable energy and widespread involvement in the school have not been forgotten by the many students whom he taught. Yitzchak and Chana Winkler now live in Modi'in in Israel.

An extract from a tribute to Mr Yitzchak Winkler

His spirit and tireless energy and original ideas have manifested themselves in the Torah reading group, the Boys' Choir, the Bible Quiz, morning prayers and the classroom itself. He has been the source of inspiration for many school festivals and outings.

The loud noise of the accordion drifting through the corridors and walls of the classroom will form part of our memories of this talented and colourful character.....We will never forget that fat Austrian or the fuzzy brown bear on Purim!

Mr Winkler, behatslacha in Eretz Israel! You have done a remarkable job at King David and you will be sadly missed. We are all sorry to see you leave and appreciate everything you have done for us! Totsiens! Shalom! Ve'lehitraot!

Marcelle Paslovsky Head Girl [1977]



1973 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Hilliard Cohen, Julian Bassin, Michael Pakter, Steven Metter, Keith Levin, Selwyn Sarkin

Middle Row [L-R]: Robyn Bacher, Melanie Nathan, Linda Fluxman, Tessa Gishen, Cheryl Gnesin, Zelda Levy, Karen Rudick, Glynis Bak

Front Row [L-R]: Hilary Shapiro, Mr Mike Rubinowitz, **Mark Edinburg [Head Boy]**,

Simone Weinstein [Head Girl], Jeffrey Wolf, Alan Goldman

1973 was a year of consolidation. The first tennis team maintained its position in the first league; the debating society underwent a complete revitalisation; the chess teams had a successful season under the captaincy of **Jeffrey Brown**; **Hilary Joffe**, **Caryn Hoffman** and **Simon Levy** won through to the finals of the Bible Quiz (in which Hilary came a close third) and the school hosted its first American Field Service [AFS] scholar, **Marcia Skolnik**, who said that her AFS experience had made her aware of the 'oneness of mankind' and that King David had given her the most exciting, most challenging and most rewarding year of her life.



Mr M Rubinowitz and Rabbi Rudy

The six subject matric was introduced with Hebrew being given pride of place as one of the six subjects. Although this decision resulted in a number of pupils leaving the school, Mr Rubinowitz stated categorically,

"We make no apology for the emphasis given to prayers, the Hebrew language and literature, Bible, Jewish History, Jewish Life and Thought and everything that goes into making our school a Jewish one."



King David Victory Park Staff 1973

Back Row [L-R]: Mr D Bernstein, Mrs E Ferreira, Mr D Evans, Mrs Ben-Vered, Mr M. Ainhorn, Mr M Pincus, Mr. A Tshisaphungo

Fourth Row [L-R]: Mrs N Rosenberg, Mrs M Hein, Mrs I Baum, Mrs N Coudek

Third Row [L-R]: Mrs R Segall, Mrs J Morris, Mrs A Rosenthal, Mrs G Ashton, Mrs I King, Mrs B Wolf, Mrs L Corder

Second Row [L-R]: Mrs D Novick, Ms A Erster, Ms J Shlayer, Mrs S Irish, Mrs L Hellig, Mrs N Paton, Mrs G Hill, Mrs R Borowsky

Front Row [L-R]: Mr J MacDonald, Mr Y Winkler, Mr M Rubinowitz, Mr J Wolf, Rabbi S Rudy, Mr T Oliver

Memories of the Staff of 1973

Mrs Ferreira: *Ek is siek en ek is oud.....*

Mrs Hill: *This is not an illusion that you see before you! IT IS !!*

Mrs Irish: *Funny - she teaches English!*

Mrs Keague: *I'm glad to see all the boys have got short back and tops*

Mr MacDonald: *Clear as mud?*

Mrs Rosenberg: *I teach Hebrew in Hebrew*

Mr Wolf: *[During Vergil] Pay attention - if you ever get to the underworld you'll know your way around!*

Mr Oliver: *Girls don't have to do maths - rather learn to bake a cheese cake*

Mrs Shirley Irish resigned from her position as Head of the English Department and became Dean of Sunnyside Residence at the University of the Witwatersrand from 1975 to 1996. She passed away in 2004 after a long battle with cancer.



1973 Swimming Team

Back Row [L-R]: E. Gottlich, M. Bloom, D. Metter, A. Metter Mr Tom Oliver, M. Stein, A. Gerson, D. Kingsbury, S Sacks

Middle Row [L-R]: M Sidel, I Zar, H. Sacks, T. Barrow, R. Greenman, M Barnett, S. Lipshitz, S. Levin, D. Israelstam, J. Liknaitsky

Second Row [L-R]: G. Glass, C.Bloom, S. Tabak, R Traub, E. Bowman, C.Nafte, N Michel, A Borsuk, A. Penn, S.Tuch, T. Rootenberg

Front Row [L-R]: D Jacobson, N. Herson, C Lazarus, Mrs Van Zelm, M Nathan, L Price, M. Blecher

Floor: I Hirschowitz

Andrew Metter was selected to swim for Transvaal Schools



1973 Chess Team

Back Row [L-R]: --, Mark Blecher, David Lubinsky, Jonathan Lipschitz, Bernard Kalvin, Darrel Hotz, David Machet

Front Row [L-R]: Jonathan Lax, Simon Levy, Mr M Rubinowitz, Jeffrey Brown, Cecil Wulfsohn



[L-R]: Alan Goldman, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mr Mike.Rubinowitz, Professor Marcus Arkin, Simone Weinstein

Professor Marcus Arkin, director general of the South African Zionist Federation, handed over the commorative scroll which all pupils were asked to sign to mark Israel's 25th year of Independence.



1973 Matriculation Group

Back Row [L-R]: M. Marcus, K.Levin, H.Borowsky, P. Levin, S. Metter, D.Harrisberg,R. Kampel, J. Hurwitz, R. Safro

Middle Row [L-R]: Z. Levy, D. Bloomberg, T. Kretzmer, M.Lampert, M.Pakter, A. Goldman, I.Den, S. Sarkin, A. Widgerow, H. Cohen, H. Bernitz, M. Nathan, S. Grant.

Second Row [L-R]: M. Shoolman, B. Kantor, C. Sacks, M. Herson, M. Marcus, T. Gishen, B. Oskowitz, A. Beder, S. Cohen, C. Gnesin, R. Lubinsky, G. Lubowitz, L. Fluxman, R. Klass

Front Row [L-R]: R. Miller, M. Skolnik, K. Rudick, M. Edinburg, Mr M. Rubinowitz, S. Weinstein Mr J. Wolf, H. Shapiro, G. Bak

As the school grew in numbers, so too were there many additions to the school buildings. The library had been moving from place to place but in 1974/75, owing to the generosity once again of Mr and Mrs Meyer Hurwitz, the foyer of the administration block was converted into a permanent, large and spacious library.



Mrs Joyce Morris and her librarians

[L-R]: Mark Yachad, Jeffrey Sher, Jeff Beder, Rhoann Joffe, Tessa Torch, Caryn Hoffman

THE LIBRARY

When I came to the school in Form 1, it took me several weeks to discover where the library was. It was hidden in Mr. Wolf's present office. Eventually, someone realised that the "Library" was not serving its purpose and it was moved into a prefabricated building. With the move Mrs. Morris moved in and drastic changes occurred.

In fact, this room which at first seemed like a palace (the books got lost on the ample shelving space) became too small and this year, the library made its last move into the renovated vestibule.

The change in the library is more than just phenomenal — it is fantastic! At last, the library has assumed its rightful place in the school. It is right in the centre of all the normal schoolday activities.

It is extremely encouraging to walk in to the library and find that there are always people using it. (Is this only because of the bean bags?) Even more pleasing to look at, is Jeffrey Sher's graph book. He has completed the statistics for the number of books borrowed in 1975 and 1974. This year's curve has gone right off the page!

When one sees that the library has become such an integral part of our school life, one can only be delighted because this is what a library should be.

Caryn Hoffman Std 10



1974 Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: Elon Winkler, David Gnesin, Mark Bloom, Roy Lotkin, Howard Talpert, Andrew Metter, Frank Lax, Barry Lampert, Peter Hough, Adrian Falkov

Front Row [L-R]: Derek Lichter, Mark Stein, Lynton Lurie, Mr M Pincus, Jonathan Lax, Neil Sarnak, Michael Revow, Daniel Metter



1974 Debating Society



Members of the 1974 Matriculation Group

Back Row [L-R]: Colin Fisher, David Kohn, Michael Zagnoev, Simon Levy, Mark Stein

Third Row [L-R]: Cecil Wulfsohn, Jonathan Lax, Jeffrey Brown, Pierre Lotzoff, Stephen Bloom

Second Row [L-R]: Barbara Wulfsohn, David Machet, Michael Moffson, **Lynton Lurie [Head Boy]**, Derek Lichter, Vivienne Goldberg

Front Row [L-R]: Hadassah Jacobson, Melinda Silverman, **Hilary Joffe [Head Girl]**, Myra Glajchen, Wendy Abramowitz

As Mr Rubinowitz had accompanied the Ulpan group to Israel in the last term of 1974, Mr Wolf, in his capacity as acting principal, delivered the farewell speech to the 1974 matriculants.



1974 Matriculation Group

Victory Park K.D.H.S. pupils round-off their "emergency" effort



The pupils of the King David High School, Victory Park, Johannesburg rounded off their 'emergency' effort at an assembly last week.

Mr. Yehuda Yallon, education officer of the Keren Hayesod who was present to receive the substantial sum they had raised, had himself just returned to South Africa from Israel.

"I saw young people of your

age there, replacing adults who have gone to the front," he told them, "so I'm very pleased that young South African Jews are also trying to do their bit."

He spoke to them about the ideology of the Keren Hayesod and said that while their effort was splendid they should all remember the identification that giving represented was not only for war time, but for all time.

Our picture shows, from the left: Head boy Lynton Lurie, head-girl, Hilary Joffe; Mr. J. Wolf deputy headmaster of the King David High School, Linksfield; Headmaster of Victory Park High School Mr. Rubinowitz and Mr. L. Winkler, head of its Hebrew Department.

Mr Yehuda Yallon, education officer of the Keren Hayesod, received a sum of money the school had raised to assist soldiers after the Yom Kippur War



Mr Chaim Segall national secretary of the JNF Dr G Sivan of the SA Zionist Federation

TU B'SHVAT SCROLL

Seen here, with the special JNF Tu B' Shvat scroll at King David High School, Victory Park, Johannesburg, are left to right: Dr. G. Sivan, new education officer and director of the information department of the S.A. Zionist Federation, Mr. M. Rabinowitz, principal, Mr. Chaim Segall, national secretary JNF; Deborah Zuck, head girl, Doran Grossman, head boy, Mr. Woolf, deputy principal and Mr. L. Winkler, head of the school's Hebrew department.

The school collected a large sum for JNF South Africa's newest project the S.A. forest at Tsommet Golani, on the road between Tiberias and Nazareth. The idea of the scroll; a JNF first, came from Mr. A. Elbow, a King David teacher, and was realised by Mr. L. Winkler.



Mr Mike Rubinowitz bids farewell to the school on Speech Night 1975

[With him are the Head Girl, Debbie Zuk and Head Boy, Doron Grossman] 1975]

Tributes to Mr Mike Rubinowitz

Is it necessary for me to point out that in Mr Rubinowitz the school was fortunate in having at its helm the complete teacher. One whose sincere convictions could not help but rub off on those who were privileged to work with him; whose tolerance, consideration and positive regard for the staff and pupils of his school engendered an ambience of harmony and constructive freedom; whose sensitive understanding and tactful handling of matters revealed the man of refinement and compassion that he is. It was my pleasure to work under him as Deputy-Principal and I honestly feel all the richer for our happy association over the last six years

Jeffrey Wolf

To those pupils who have known him for the past four or five years he has been much more than a stern figure reprimanding pupils for their conduct or for the length of their hair. He was a teacher who offered us a vast wealth of knowledge and as he taught us Hebrew he instilled in us a great love of the Hebrew language and its culture.

He was also a friend and storyteller whose Hebrew lessons were often spent recounting anecdotes about his own schooldays at Parktown Boys' High.

We wish Mr Rubinowitz health, happiness and success in his new post and may our school, of which he is so proud, grow from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr Wolf.

Judith Amoils Grade 12

Some years later Mr Mike Rubinowitz and his wife, Tilly, joined their daughters Pam and Aileen in Baltimore, USA. Mike passed away in September 2016, just a few years after Tilly. Sadly Aileen also lost her life to cancer while still in the prime of her life.



After serving as deputy principal for 6 years, in **September 1975** the reins of King David High School Victory Park, which now had an enrolment of 388 pupils, were handed over to **Mr Jeffrey Wolf**. He was appointed principal, a position he held for 24 years until his retirement in 1998. *The corridors now reverberated to the sound of 'Veni, Vidi, Vici' as Mr Wolf, a graduate in the humanities, had majored in English, Latin and Hebrew at the University of the Witwatersrand.*[Mr R Bilchitz]. It was under his leadership that the school entered an era of great stability, growth and excellence.

The King David High Schools were now in the unique position of having twin principals - Jeffrey Wolf at King David Victory Park and his twin brother, Elliot Wolf, principal at King David Linksfield following the resignation of Mr Norman Sandler, the first principal of King David High School, Linksfield.

Mr Sandler was appointed Director of General Studies at the SABJE



Elliot Wolf, Norman Sandler and Jeffrey Wolf

Picture from the RAND DAILY MAIL



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10th February, 1975.

Mr. J. Wolf,
King David High School,
Craigshall Road,
(off Rustenberg Road),
VICTORY PARK.
JOHANNESBURG.
2001

Dear Mr. Wolf,

I have just read in the Jewish Herald of your appointment to the Headship of your School and I am writing to express the good wishes of all your friends at Herzlia and my own warm personal mazeltov to you on your well deserved promotion.

Welcome to the select band of Headmasters of Jewish Schools !

With kind regards to your wife.

Yours sincerely,

M. E. KATZ
HEADMASTER.

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A Slice of History - The Telegram !



Mr Sandy Rabinowitz was appointed vice-principal and head of English in 1975 but left shortly afterwards to take up a position as principal at Hillel School in Benoni. A few years later he emigrated with his family to Toronto where he continued his work in Jewish education.



1975 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: George Souris, Jonathan Lewis, Leonard Fluxman

Middle Row [L-R]: Beverley Rappoport, Coline Twersky, Stephanie Levin, Heather Sacks, Gary Bassin, Merlyn Glass, Shira Lipschitz, Kevin Ossip

Front Row [L-R]: Caryn Hoffman, Teresa Cohen, **Debbie Zuk [Head Girl]**, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mr Sandy Rabinowitz, **Doron Grossman [Head Boy]**, Barry Lampert, Judith Amoils



Monday 16 June 1975

Mr Meyer Hurwitz turns the first clod of soil to begin the building of a much needed hall

Dr Alan Price, Chairman of the 1972 PTA had embarked on a drive to make the building of a hall their No 1 project. **Mr Meyer Hurwitz**, having heard of their needs, was instrumental in diverting a large legacy from the **Samuel Freed Estate** for the building of the hall. The entire school witnessed the ceremony during which the head prefects, Doron Grossman and Debbie Zuk, read Psalm 127 in both Hebrew and English. Teresa Cohen, the Deputy-Head Girl, read the same psalm in Afrikaans. Also present were Mr Jeffrey Wolf, the Deputy-Principal, Dr Alan Price, Mr Norman Sandler, Mr Louis Druker and Mr Robbie Stone from the SABJE, Mr Barney Meyers, principal of the Primary School, and the architect, Mr M Simon. A small number of parents also attended the ceremony.



1975 1st XI Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Stanley Moffson, Elon Winkler, Bernard Kalvin, Jonathan Lipschitz, Natan Feigin, Adrian Falkov

Middle Row [L-R]: Daniel Rosensweig, Geoffrey Levy, Alan Hurwitz, Gary Bassin, Eric Barlin

Front Row [L-R]: Jonathan Lewis, Mr D Bernstein, Barry Lampert [Captain], Mr Nick Taylor, Jeffrey Sher

Three junior pupils, **Alan Fedler, Gary Wulfohn and Murray Lang** were chosen for the Area Soccer Trials and **Alan Fedler** was chosen to represent Johannesburg Schools.



1975 Girls' Tennis Team

Back Row [L-R]: Beverley Brown, Heather Sacks, Theresa Cohen, Debbie Israelstam

Front Row [L-R]: Margot Seidle, Mrs Arlene Copans [coach], Stephanie Levin

Mrs Marcia Valkin replaced Mrs Wolf who was on maternity leave.

Mr Michael Pincus resigned from his position at the end of the first term to take up the position of Vice-Principal at Carmel School in Pretoria.

Ms Tamar Gelman, who later married and became Mrs Olswang, was appointed as secretary to the Hebrew Department in May 1975.

Mrs Bedell was appointed the resident school counsellor. The former headmaster's office was sub-divided to provide an office for her.

Mrs Deanna Novick resigned from her position as personal assistant/secretary and was replaced by **Mrs Eida Schneiderman** who very soon became personal assistant not just to Mr Wolf but to the entire school as she dispensed tea, sympathy and Panado to staff, pupils and parents alike. She served the school with total commitment, loyalty and devotion far beyond the call of duty until her retirement in 2012. Her husband, **Mr Stan Schneiderman** was also employed by the Board of Education as manager of the school bus system.

*An Extract from Jeffrey Wolf's
Farewell to Eida Schneiderman
[2012]*

The word "schneider" in Yiddish means tailor. How apt a name for Eida who was clearly tailor-made to fit every dimension of this school!

Eida worked with me for 25 years, a quarter of a century, as my Secretary and Personal Assistant. In having Eida as my P.A. I understood that I had to share her with the staff, parent body and students of the school. I shared her willingly for Eida's charming personality and charisma have made her the darling of all who have had the pleasure of interacting with her. As a people's person to the core, her public relations skills and persona have made her an unrivalled asset to the school for nearly 40 years.

Eida is perhaps the very antithesis of the conventional stereotype of a school secretary, who so often, being power-drunk, is authoritarian and impersonal. For her the students of the school came first, their needs were her priority: an endearment, an encouragement, a sympathetic word, a warm smile, a shared joke.

So I was destined to share MY Eida but I did so gladly even in the annual celebration of our birthdays, just two days apart, together with the students and staff of the school.



Mrs Eida Schneiderman
[Personal Assistant 1975 - 2012]

So often first to arrive and among the last to leave her desk, Eida's schedule had no set hours or time limits. She too had extra-mural duties: every play, musical production or speech night and prizegiving were enhanced by her behind-the-scenes and front-of-house organizational skills. She even learnt some Latin by typing innumerable examinations for me! She was a part of the running of the school in all its minutiae for me and my successors and her impeccable service stands unique in the annals of KDHS, VP.

The theme for the Junior City Council for 1975-1976 was 'Tomorrow's Citizens care for Yesterday's Citizens' and the councillors undertook to visit many of the homes for the aged in Johannesburg. Another of its aims was to encourage greater co-operation between the English and Afrikaans speaking youth of Johannesburg and to make the youth more aware of civic affairs and their responsibilities as citizens of the country.



Junior City Councillors

Left: Darrel Hotz, Beverley Coleman 1975-76

Right: David Lubinsky, Karen Yachad 1976-77



1975 Matriculation Group

Back Row [L-R]: R. Liknaitsky, L. Sklaar, A. Bak, G. Souris, M. Bloom, J. Lewis, L. Fluxman, R. Joffe, K. Ossip, J. Seehoff, J. Den, N. Michel, J. Dreier, A. Falkov, B. Tanner, D. Ben-Dror, J. Sher, G. Berman

Second Row [L-R]: B. Rappoport, D. Zuk [Head Girl], C. Hoffman, C. Twersky, H. Sacks, S. Levin, G. Bassin, T. Cohen, P. Hough, D. Grossman [Head Boy], M. Glass, S. Lipschitz, E. Lidchi, J. Amoils, L. Gitlin, R. Smith, T. Schneider, J. Kingsbury, B. Lampert

Third Row [L-R]: Mr T. Oliver, Mr A. Elbaum, Mrs E. Ferreira, Mr D. Evans, Mrs P. Keague, Mrs C. Cohen, Mr S. Rabinowitz, Mr J. Wolf [Headmaster], Mrs P. Paxton, Rabbi S. Rudy, Mrs I. Baum, Mr Y. Winkler, Mrs A. Rosenthal, Mrs P. Constanti

Front Row [L-R]: L. Dreisenstock, E. Maister, A. Wainstein, C. Florence, R. Miller, S. Klass, A. Kuperman, T. Torch

Absent: Lea Feigin, Louis Wald and Denise Milwicki.

A Slice of Nostalgia from Doron Grosman - 1975 Headboy

'My memories of the years at KDVP primary and high schools are filled with happiness and admiration. Happiness because the school environment provided me with a robust community, exceptional lifelong friends, competitive sports and growth for my Jewish soul. Admiration because of the confidence, critical thinking, derech eretz and sense of nurturing that was imparted on me. I matriculated in 1975 and had the privilege of serving as Head Boy under the

leadership of Jeffrey Wolf. This cumulative foundation enabled my subsequent success in SA and the USA, where I have lived since 1984. My daughter, Shira, is a graduate of the Solomon Schechter School in New Jersey which provided her the same experience as KDVP gave me. Mazal tov to KDVP for its meteoric success in the past 50 years. The school has had a profoundly positive impact on the minds and hearts of its alumni. Chazak, chazak!'



Doron.....then



Doron.....now



Jonathan, a 1975 matriculant, has been honoured by the King David Foundation as a Dynamic Davidian.

Jonathan Lewis, M.D., Ph.D is the chief executive officer and a director of ZIOPHARM Oncology. He served as Professor of Surgery and Medicine at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He has been actively involved in leading clinical research in cancer and has helped develop several drugs in the treatment of cancer. He has received numerous honors and awards in medicine and science, including the ASCO Young Investigator Award, the Kristen Carr Fellowship, the Yale University Ohse Award, the Royal College of Surgeons Trubshaw Medal, and the Sarcoma Foundation of America Hope and Vision Award. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Hope Funds for Cancer Research and as Board Trustee for the Kate McGarrigle Foundation. He is on the Medical Advisory Board of the Sarcoma Foundation of America.

ALIYAH - A DESTINATION FOR SOME



1975 Squash Team



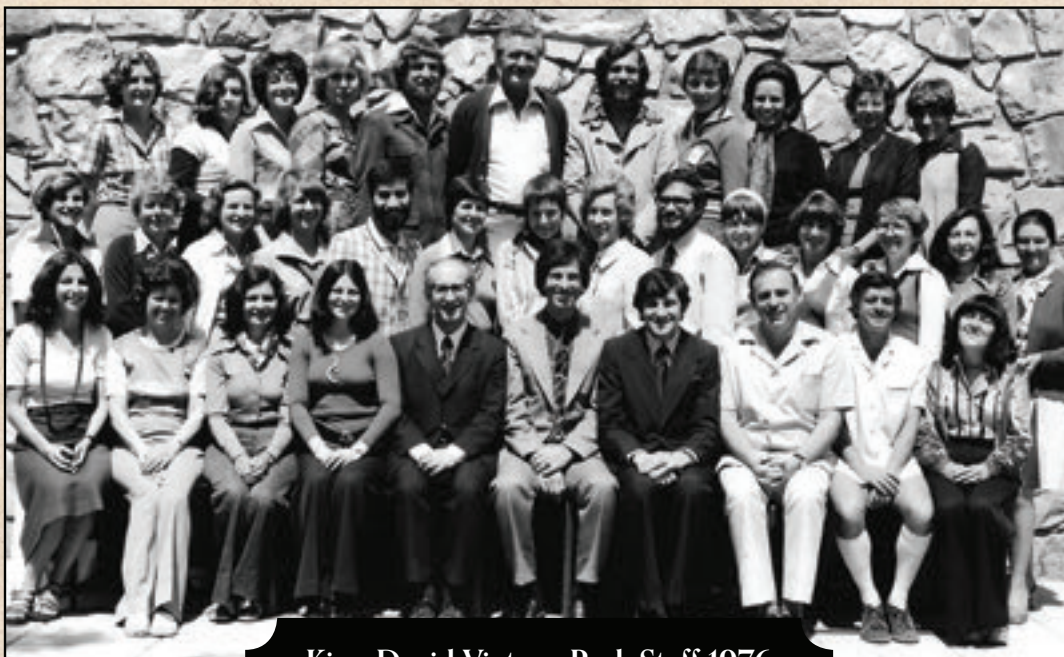
King David Victory Park 1970's Alumni in Israel

Back Row [L-R]: Gaby Glass, Nadine Herson, Debbie Israelstam, Larry Levin, Sheryl Matuson, Ilana Zar, Rochelle Greenman

Seated [L-R]: Leslie Moskowitz, Beverley Coleman, Alan Hurwitz, Fiona Schneider-Kuper

In 1975 the enrolment was 388 pupils but by **1976** the number had increased by 18 pupils to 406

In 1976 Mr **Roger Reid** joined the Science department and **Ms Pru[dence] Goodwin** the Geography department. **Ms Moira Canes** joined the English department and **Mrs Susan Hepker** became head of that department. New members of the Hebrew department were **Mrs Elbaum** and **Ms Lindsay Bacharach[Krawitz]**. **Ms Sharon Hersch** joined the French department. **Mr Joseph Sherman** was appointed vice-principal.



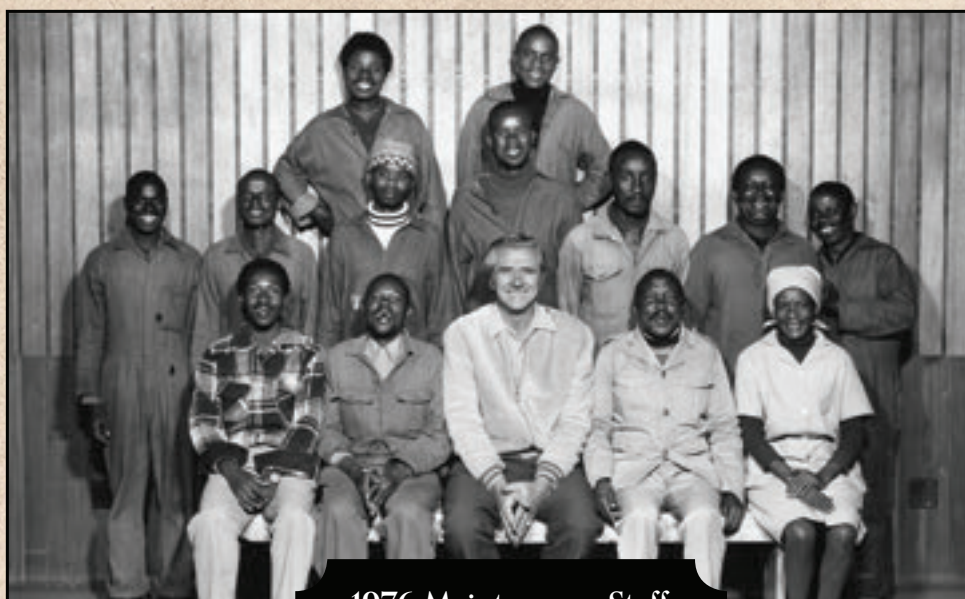
King David Victory Park Staff 1976

Back Row [L-R]: P Goodwin, Mrs E Ferreira, Mrs E Schneiderman, Mrs B Wolf., Mr R Reid, Mr J McLean, Mr N Taylor, Mrs P Michael, Mrs P Keague, Mrs L Corder, Ms J Smidt

Middle Row [L-R]: Mrs K Durbach, Mrs N Paton, Mrs J Orton, Mrs S Beal, Rabbi Y Levy, Mrs P Constanti, Mrs P Paxton, Mrs M Hoffman, Mr C Bar-On, Mrs P Bar-On, Ms E Clymer, Mrs P French, Ms T Gelman, Mrs I Bothma.

Front Row [L-R]: Ms S Hersch, Mrs J Morris, Mrs N Rosenberg, Mrs M Canes, Rabbi S Rudy, Mr J Wolf [Headmaster], Mr J Sherman [Vice-Principal], Mr I Winkler [Head of Hebrew], Mr D Bernstein, Mrs L Krawitz

The school welcomed a new and highly efficient groundsman, **Mr J Mclean**, who together with the maintenance staff saw to the buildings, the grounds and even the running of the school!



1976 Maintenance Staff

Back Row [L-R]: Jan Mafunisa, Hendrik Mataboge

Middle Row [L-R]: Edward Sironi, Tom Tshiambwa, Silas Soke, Lucas Molwantwa, Joseph Ndlovu, William Tshiambwa, Robert Mhlanga

Front Row [L-R]: Johannes Dladla, Wilson Monyelegao, Mr J Mclean, Andries Tshisaphungo, Joyce Taune

Who can forget **Andries** in charge of the duplicating room - and everything else - or **Wilson** as he patiently brought the daily register to each classroom!

ANDRIES



Isolated in a room shelved from floor to ceiling, wearing his authoritative khaki uniform he stands alone. This is his kingdom, here we are all subject to his moods, whims and desires. We often have to resort to chocolates, tears and occasionally bribes (especially during exam-time) to get satisfaction.

He has a superior air about him, not unattractive quite cute in fact, from a simple gardner he has been promoted to the man who controls our futures, yours and mine, as he has access to exam-papers long before we even acknowledge their existence. Throughout the year he keeps us educated and informed not to mention over laden with work.

He expertly guides the sheet of paper through the photo-stat machine. Click! the light goes on and off and from the other end a grey smelly paper is emitted. Popping five cents into his hand, we breathe a sigh of relief grin slightly and leave him to wallow in pride as he realizes how essential he is to us all.

Michelle Blou, 10

WILSON

Is it a wonder to me? That unrelenting patience; refusing to anger? Yet always I must allow myself to picture total frustration behind the blockness of his tranquil expression, as the day drags on. He knocks, knocks, knocks.....

"Come in, Come in!" Sharp-tongued, quick, school-teacherly words.

He strolls into the room, handing a book to its irate recipient. He is easily deterred from the large, black, hard-worn look and irritation. The messenger gazes contentedly around the class with those liquid brown eyes. In sign-language, a youngster urges him to wink his left eye. It is surprising that the teacher does not hear him straining, tensing, as he contorts his facial muscles. We watch an occasional white tooth appearing through chapped lips as the slightly age-corroded face struggles to wink, to please. I again imagine that under the contortion lies a further spontaneous expression — a smile, now! It hides to please a teasing crowd: to entertain them, finally the face relaxes, defeatedly returning to former tranquility.

His short little blue-uniformed body, with its rather rounded tummy and jovial stroll, leaves one black door's inside.....

to encounter the outside of another.....
and knock with the book in hand.

And perform his routinely task.



Helene Joffe, 10

1976 was the year in which an Air France plane en route from Tel Aviv to Paris was hijacked and flown to Uganda with 248 passengers on board. The Israeli passengers who were held hostage at Entebbe Airport were rescued by a daring mission undertaken by the Israeli Defence Force. Mr Julius Weinstein, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, addressed the school at a special assembly which was held to pay tribute to the bravery of the Israeli Soldiers.

In 1976 **Mr Joseph Sherman**, a graduate of King David High School, Linksfield, was appointed vice-principal and head of the English Department. He resigned from his position in 1979 to lecture in the English Department at the University of the Witwatersrand. He made a great impact on his pupils who continue to remember him with much affection and admiration.



"Stupid, stupid boy!" said Mr Sherman. "I've told you before that if anything annoys me more than your face, it's your voice!"

Two years ago this apparently mortal insult would have been greeted with stony-faced disapproval and indignant hisses. Now it is greeted with

laughter. The 'psycopath on the loose' has not only been tamed, he has been mellowed. We regard him affectionately now.

Orenna Krut 1977

Whenever I think of Mr Sherman's lessons, I think of all his witty sayings and expressions, which of course reflect various facets of his character. We remember his great humility - "Once again the brilliance of the teacher is lost in the ineptitude of the scholars".....his unparalleled generosity in giving compliments "Onder die blindes is een oog koning" or "With hair like David Kahn's, baldness is a blessing" It was his perfectionist attitude and pride in his work that made everything he did most successful: his English lessons, the annual school play, the Kolbe debating and public speaking. Goodbye, Mr Sherman

Howard Treisman and David Kahn 1977

Mr Sherman, according to Kahil Gibran, you have proved to be a true teacher and have not bidden us enter your house of wisdom, but rather have led us to the thresholds of our own minds

Ilana Hurwitz 1977

Mr Sherman married another much admired teacher, **Mrs Karen Durbach**, who had joined the staff in 1975 to head the French Department on the retirement of Mrs Riva Borowsky. Sadly Mr Sherman passed away in 2009 in England where he had been appointed Woolf Corob Fellow in Yiddish Studies at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Oxford University.

Until 1977 the weekly school assembly was held each Friday in the quadrangle around which the school was built. However, once the **Samuel Morris Freed Hall** was officially opened by his nephews, Meyer and Solly Hurwitz, on the 8 August 1978, all assemblies were held in the hall. The small accountancy room was forfeited to form a tunnel through the building which became the main route to the front of the hall.



Eighteen months later we found ourselves sitting in our own school hall. This foreign civilised method of running assemblies shocked us all. Laws were made concerning the hall. Both feet were to be kept on the ground at all times. No chewing. No screaming. No eating. However we were allowed to breathe quietly.

Sheryl Tuch and Gina Benjamin [Grade 12]

Mr Barney Meyers, headmaster of the Primary School, had always been more than willing to lend us 'his' hall when necessary, but the acquisition of the long promised school hall in mid-1976 provided a great boon. Endowed with sophisticated equipment and a stage, it was used extensively and added a whole new dimension educationally, administratively and socially. In addition to its use for the Friday morning assembly, for matric dances and lectures and for the matric examinations, it was also used to celebrate or commemorate each 'chag'



With every promise that the Hall would be ready by the end of the term, the time seemed ripe for the establishment of a dramatic society at the school which would launch both itself and the new hall with a production of Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town'.

Auditions were held and after several cast changes, the producers, Mr Sherman and Mrs Wolf, were able to begin rehearsals. At first progress was slow but as the set date drew near, the play began to take shape.

The production was hampered by many delays in completing the building of the hall, so that rehearsals could not be held in it until the last week. Lighting problems, no covered floor, and plumbing which did not work were not resolved until the morning of the opening night. But the play got on the boards.

Caron Burland 1976



Cover by Janice Liknaitsky



Jon Barrett, Lesley Katz, Caron Burland



Terry Shakinovsky, Sheryl Matuson

This production was followed by *Dark of the Moon* in 1977, *Noah* in 1978 and *Rashomon* in 1979.

KING DAVID HIGH SCHOOL, VICTORY PARK

presents

DARK OF THE MOON

by

Howard Richardson and William Berney

THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

John Jon Barrett
 Conjur Man Neil Port
 Conjur Woman Merle-Anne Josman
 The Dark Witch Fiona Fedler
 The Fair Witch Caron Burland

THE VALLEY PEOPLE

Uncle Smellicue Martin Rosenzweig
 Mr Atkins Lewis Levin
 Hank Gudger Colin Price
 Miss Metcalf Helen Souris
 Mr Summey Lawrence Haefer
 Mrs Summey Gina Benjamin
 Edna Summey Ilana Hurwitz
 Mr Bergen Graham Sher
 Mrs Bergen Jackie Willson-Rymer
 Ella Bergen Jo-Ann Melman
 Greeny Gorman Ruth Galgut
 Hattie Hefner Ricki Haden
 Mr Allen Wilfred Lax
 Mrs Allen Dena Lotkin
 Floyd Allen Stewart Penn
 Barbara Allen Lauren Gering



LAUREN GERING and Jon Barrett in a scene from "Dark of the Moon."

**HIGH STANDARD
OF K.D.S. PLAY**

"DARK OF THE MOON" a play in which moral values provide a defence against evil and where only love gives meaning to life, written by Howard Richardson and William Berney was recently put on by the King David High School Victory Park under the supervision of producer Joseph Sherman the Vice-Principal of the school.

The presentation which ran at the school for a week was highly commendable and the cast of 23 children between the ages of 15 and 17 held the audience spellbound throughout the duration of the play. The standard of acting was high throughout.

Even the deep Southern accents adopted by the cast, never faltered once throughout the play.

Particular mention must be given to Lauren Gering and Jon Barrett who excelled in their roles as Barbara Allen and the witch boy John, respectively, as well as to American field scholar Stephen Hartman who in his part as Preacher Haggler gave everyone a good laugh.

Technically too, the play was well up to scratch. The costumes and decor were ably handled by the teaching staff of the school as was the choreography done by school pupil Fiona Fedler. Scene changes were executed efficiently and quickly and the lighting was used to the brilliant advantage of the play as a whole.



Standing: Steve Hartman [as Preacher Haggler]

Seated Front [L-R]: Ilana Hurwitz, Gina Benjamin

Seated Back [L-R]: Helen Souris, Jo-Ann Melman



Stewart Penn

In addition to the prefect body a school council was established with representatives from each class.



1976 Swimming Team

The 1976 swimming team made the school proud by winning a number of galas and gaining 4th place out of twelve schools in the Inter-High Swimming Gala. **Lauren Shear, Jody Maselle, and the Kahn brothers, David and Leonard,** were particularly successful and history was made by **Andrew Metter** who won the Boys' Freestyle 100 metres and the Boys' Individual Medley for the fifth successive year.



The Rosh Minyan for 1976 was **Anthony Gerson**, who is today the very respected Rabbi of Pine Street Synagogue. **Rochelle Greenman**, the Head Girl, took charge of the girls' prayers.

During the 1970's, '80's and '90's King David Victory Park produced a number of winners of the Bible Quiz, the Zionist Quiz and the Pillar of Fire Quiz, the first winner being **Darrel Hotz** who won the National Bible Quiz in 1976 and was rewarded with a two week trip to Israel to participate in the World Bible Quiz.

On Purim **Rabbi Lipskar** addressed the school on the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot and at Pesach

Dr Leila Bronner spoke on 'The Jewish Concept of Freedom'.

The school was honoured by a number of visitors including the memorable visit of Rabbi Jacobowitz, **Chief Rabbi of Great Britain** who had recently returned from the USSR and gave a moving account of the conditions under which Russian Jewry was living. The school was also very happy to welcome **Mr Teddy Kollek**, the mayor of Jerusalem.



In March 2007 **Debbie Israelstam**, a matriculant of 1976, passed away in Israel in the prime of her life.

Gaby Glass, a lifelong school friend of Debbie's gave a eulogy at the funeral which she agreed to share with all Debbie's 1976 school friends.

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Sent: 20 March 2007 04:32 PM
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Deb, our friendship began in the King David primary school yard, when we were 8 or 9 and you were the new girl with the enchanting English accent. Your accent soon faded, but not our friendship, which remained a constant throughout my life. Memories – of a midnight feast in Leighton Gardens, of a complicated invented game involving a computer company, of you dressed as Humpty Dumpty at my birthday party..... later during high school your home in Victory Park became the popular choice for hanging out. Ros and Len never seemed to mind the raided fridge and the noise, even when the Matric dance after party continued till dawn. We went to Habonim Camp together, afterwards joining my family in Plett where we slept most of the week, exhausted after camp.

We came on Aliyah. Your family became my second home in Israel, and later my family became yours during the years you spent in South Africa. Over the years each of us became busy with her own life but whenever we met it was as if no time at all had passed. We never missed each other's children's barmitzvahs.

Last year, beginning with the class of '76 reunion preparations and continuing through the war, we spent a great deal of time together, in fact my family practically moved in. I can't begin to describe your incredible and unending hospitality. The one good thing to come of the war, we decided, was that we had rekindled our friendship, and we determined to see each other more often.

I saw you most recently in November, Deb, when you hosted a riotous and joyful party for Sheryl.

Moshe and I were planning to come and see you this coming weekend. Just yesterday morning you sent an e-mail clip which emphasized that motherhood is the strongest instinct of all.

I hope that your lovely boys will be able to find strength and some comfort in knowing that they had the most wonderful, caring and special woman as their mother. For me and for so many of us here, Debby will be remembered as that rare being – a true friend. Eyal, Guy and Dan, Ros and Len, Brian and Michael and your families, we are all here for you

...
We'll miss you Deb...



The very early days of Operation Snowball

King David Reunion in Neot Kedumim, Israel - July 1998

A reunion was organised in Israel in 1998 to celebrate both the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel and the 50th anniversary of the King David Schools. Chief among the organisers was **Marcelle Nochumsohn [Marcelle Paslovsky - Head Girl 1977]** who made Aliyah in 1990 - one of the ultimate goals of a King David education. Among the guests at the reunion were two other former Victory Park Head Girls, both of whom had also made aliyah - **Jennifer Hurwitz [Jennifer Maisels - Head Girl 1972]** and **Rochelle Zelichover [Rochelle Greenman - Head Girl 1976]** and **Derek Price**, the brother of Max and Colin, who had also made Aliyah.



Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Rochelle Zelichover,
Mr Zelichover



Jennifer Hurwitz, Mrs Wolf,
Derek Price

1976 ended on a very sad note as a sixteen year old, very talented **Nadav Beck [1960 -1976]** passed away very suddenly while on holiday in Durban.



We remember Nadav for his many fine attributes. Here was a young man whose every act was marked by a devout sincerity and honesty; whose integrity and strength of character won him respect, friendship and popularity, both among his peer group and the teachers of the school.....As innocently and blamelessly as he lived so he passed away in the prime of his youth.

Jeffrey Wolf

My first reaction was total shock, but as time passed and when I returned to school and I could feel his absence, it felt like part of me had been removed.

Rael Morris

1977 was a year of steady progress rather than one of spectacular development.

In keeping with a new policy of the Transvaal Education Department, which grouped Standard 5, 6 & 7 [Grade 7, 8 & 9] together, the Standard 5's became part of the high school boosting the enrolment to 411.

First Grade 7s [at the high school]



1977 Grade 7 Netball Team

Back Row [L-R]: P. Penn, L Jacobson, H Greenman, Mrs P Michael, H Hodes, L Landau

Front Row [L-R]: L Traub, M Woolf, P Metter, D Serebro

Coaches offering excellent tuition in a wide range of sporting activities were employed by the school and, in addition to the matches played against schools in the various high school leagues, sports tours were undertaken annually either to Carmel College in Durban or Herzlia High School in Cape Town.



The Victory Park Synagogue, which would serve both the community and the school, was built on the school grounds and was consecrated by the Chief Rabbi, **Rabbi Bernard Casper**, on the 7 August 1977. This was used on a daily basis by a senior minyan and each Thursday, Rosh Chodesh and every chag by the entire school.



Mrs Dalia Levin [left] and the 1977 Batmitzvah Girls in the new Synagogue



Mr Yitzchak Winkler and the 1977 Bible League

Back Row [L-R]: Michael Nochumowitz, Hilton Wainstein, Dan Berkowitz, Neville Glajchen, Mendel Rabinowitz, Alan Glass, Philip Sacks

Front Row [L-R]: Larry Kaplan, Justin Joffe, Mr Y. Winkler, Simon Gavronsky, Darren Wilson-Rymer

Rosh Hashanah 1977 was a special one for Mr Winkler. After four years of loyal service to the school he, his wife Chana, Mrs Winkler [snr] and the Winkler children, Yael, Elon and Amnon returned to their home in Israel.



Mr Yerachmiel Munitz arrived from Israel on schlichut to replace Mr Winkler as Head of the Hebrew department. His wife, Sara, was also appointed as a teacher in the Hebrew department while their two daughters, Tali and Yael, were enrolled as pupils of the school. The intensification of education in Hebrew and Jewish Studies was largely due to the various shlichim who took charge of those departments and whose initiative and efforts brought a vigorous spirit to the school.



Mr Yerachmiel Munitz



Yerachmiel and Sara Munitz



Reverend Mirkin [seated right] and the 1974 Torah Readers

Reverend Mirkin who for many years had taught all the barmitzvah boys also retired at the end of 1977

The school was also sad to bid farewell to **Mr Nick Taylor** who had involved himself in so many activities in the school, other than the Maths and Science departments. Happily Mr Taylor reappeared in 1979 but left us permanently at the end of 1984. Fortunately Mr Taylor was not lost to education. After leaving the school he worked for the Star School and involved himself in helping to improve black education.



In addition to the annual school production the school entered the RAPS play festival for the first time in 1977 with productions of Tennessee Williams' play, *This Property is Condemned* and a Kyogen comedy from the traditional Japanese Kabuki theatre, *The Substitute*, which was placed third in the finals.



Dark of the Moon
Lauren Gering and Jon Barrett

The leading roles in *Dark of the Moon* were played by **Jon Barrett** [John] and **Lauren Gering** [Barbara Allen]. Not too many years later they were married and today they live with their family in Toronto.

Ilana Fluxman was a member of the cast of both *The Substitute* and *Rashomon*. Both her son and her daughter have been educated at King David Victory Park where they too have appeared, very successfully, in several school productions.



The Substitute
Lauren Gering, Ilana Fluxman, Dena Lotkin

The leading role in *Rashomon* was played by **Howard Desatnik** who married **Cheryl Kuming**, one of his fellow pupils from King David Victory Park. Their romance began while they were on Ulpan in 1978. They made aliyah soon after they were married and live in Bnei Brak with their family. They are now the grandparents of two baby girls.

The leading role in *Noah* was played by **Lewis Levin**. Lewis was the architect of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Museum.



The Substitute
Neil Port and Chorus

The school also held an inter-house play festival which included a staff play, *Temptation Sordid* or *Virtue Rewarded*, a Victorian melodrama which, naturally, the pupils found highly amusing. It was produced by the highly talented **Mr Rohan Quince**, a member of the English department who later became a staff member at King David Linksfield.

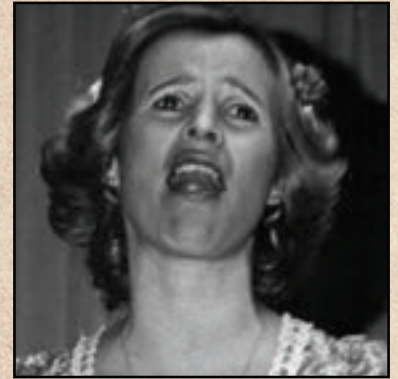
The school tuckshop which was originally situated beneath the staircase in the middle of the lower corridor was moved to a brand-new building approximately half-way between the primary and high schools. This new tuckshop was run by **Mrs Maisie Zar** who, unable to drive, faithfully took a bus each morning from her home in Emmarentia! She was ably assisted by **Mrs Lamyce Nafte** and a band of very willing and dedicated mothers.



Mr Rohan Quince



Mrs Barbara Wolf



Mrs Karen Durbach

In 1976 both the school and the city were shaken by the tragic passing of Councillor Emmanuel [Mannie] Gerson, father of Anthony and Richard and one of the most valued, respected and esteemed members of the PTA. In 1977 the school was deeply honoured to accept a tribute to his memory in the form of a beautiful silver trophy for the Senior Best Speaker. This was endowed by Mrs Joyce Gerson in memory of her late husband. The first recipient of this trophy was **Gina Benjamin**.



1977 Debating Team

Back Row [L-R]: Mark Bryer, Martin Klein, Graham Sher, Wilfred Lax, Leonard Kahn, Laurence Haefner, Howard Desatnik

Middle Row [L-R]: Mark Gevisser, Martin Rosenzweig, Terri Shakinovsky, Gina Benjamin, Ricky Haden, Steve Hartman, Justin Joffe

Front Row [L-R]: Melissa Elion, Ilana Hurwitz, David Lubinsky, Caron Burland, Dana Labe

The Synagogue



Mr Ian Mann instituted a Junior Philosophy Group for pupils in Grades 7-9 in addition to the senior group which was already flourishing under his care. Unfortunately at the end of 1977 he decided to pursue the whys and wherefores of all beings and so left the small universe of King David High School Victory Park.



1977 Philosophy Group

Back Row [L-R]: Wilfred Lax, Lewis Levin, Laurence Price, Barry Simson

Front Row [L-R]: Martin Klein, David Lubinsky, Mr Ian Mann, Lawrence Haefner, Roland Levy

The 1977 Chess team had a very successful season in this their first year in the A league. The team was bolstered by two juniors, **Glyn Hotz** and **Selwyn Wies** both standard 6 [grade 8] pupils. Both Glyn and Selwyn were chosen for the Southern Transvaal High Schools' team.



1977 Chess Team

Back Row [L-R]: Gary Weisz, David Lubinsky, Jonny Joseph, Tony Lange, Lawrence Haefner

Front Row [L-R]: Glyn Hotz, Laurence Price, Mrs Patsy Paxton, Selwyn Wies

Stephen Finger and **Lauren Landau** were chosen for the Southern Transvaal Swimming Team



One of the most noteworthy events in the history of modern Israel took place in 1977 and the King David pupils who were fortunate enough to be on Ulpan at that time were able to witness and experience the excitement of the historic meeting in Israel of the Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin.

Ulpan 1977 Kiryat Moriah Jerusalem

It's hard to imagine the total euphoria that existed when it was announced that Sadat would be arriving. Two things will always remain in mind. First the excitement: we were in town on a free afternoon and from shop to shop, in the buses, on the streets, on the radio, all you could hear was, "Sadat's coming!" Then as we sat in the cafeteria at Kiryat Moriah crowded to capacity, all eyes glued to the TV. As Arab Republic Airlines circled and landed, we saw Sadat step out and shake the hand of Mr Begin.

Heide Block Grade 10

1977 was also the year that the school hosted a second American Field Service scholar, **Stephen Jay Hartman**, who wrote:



It is amazing that last year this time words like Price, Craighall, Victory Park, 10M, Preacher Haggler, Kugel and Bunking Prayers had no meaning for me while today they are an integral part of my life. To my family, the Prices, I owe much more than I can say. They have given me endless love and have guided me through the most successful year any AFS scholar could ask for.

Sometimes I used to think that Mr Wolf must have seen me as a constant haunter outside his office but he always treated me with the utmost concern.....his advice still helps me every day.

My friends.... Well no one could ask for better ones. Although our matric group is only 27 in number, I've never felt such warmth and friendship from my American form of over 600.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Pearlman U of T's Trevor Lawrence Pearlman listed in Who's Who Among Students

Trevor Lawrence Pearlman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Pearlman of Houston, formerly of Johannesburg, South Africa, will be listed in the 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Trevor graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on May 19 with a undergraduate degree in psychology and government. He was vice president of the Student Council at UT, where he won an Outstanding Student Award. Trevor will attend a law school in California.

In being selected as one of the

country's most outstanding campus leaders, Trevor joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,600 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the name of the student based on his academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. □

While Trevor Pearlman did not matriculate at the school as he emigrated to the United States with his family during the late 1970s, the school was proud to learn that he was selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders at the University of Texas and was to be listed in the 1984 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

- From an article in May 1984

Some of the important visitors to the school in 1977 were the artist, Ms. Judith Mason, Mr Mendel Kaplan, Mr Jack Shapiro from Selwyn Segal, Rabbi Kurtstag, Rabbi Yossi Goldman, Mr Norman Sandler and Mr Meish Zimmerman.

Squash was introduced into the school's sporting activities and Beaconsfield Club generously allowed the use of their courts. The 'A' team was entered into the second league and the 'B' team into the 4th. While one of the incentives to introduce squash had been that it is an inexpensive sport. *"to some, squash proves to be more expensive than to others....A member of the A team went through three racquets in four successive matches!"* wrote **Laurence Kaye**, the captain of the first team.



1977 First Squash Team

Standing [L-R]: Dan Berkowitz, Saul Levy
Seated [L-R]: Laurence Kaye, Roland Levy



JOHANNESBURG — Left is King David High, Victory Park, sportsman of the year, Roy Lotkin. This outstanding sportsman captained the school's senior rugby and swimming teams and was King David's victor ludorum at the inter-house swimming gala.
 The school's head boy, Martin Klein, right, gained the Good Fellowship Award for 1977. Martin is a fine athlete and represented the King David Tennis team.

1977 Speech Night Awards

[L]: Roy Lotkin - Sportsman of the Year
[R]: Martin Klein - Good Fellowship



1977 Matriculation Group

Sadly **Gina Benjamin**, who was living in Australia, passed away from a long illness in 2006.

Roy is the fastest 3km man over 50 in the water



Roy Lotkin Sportsman of the Year - 1977



Alan Hurwitz & Adrian Falkov 1976



Leonard Fluxman 30 hours of practice a week has placed him amongst South Africa's best gymnasts.

K.D.S. Gymnast is 2nd in S.A. Champs.

LEONARD FLUXMAN a seventeen year old matric pupil from King David High School (Victory Park) was the runner up in this year's South African Senior Gymnastics championships held last Saturday night at the Portuguese Hall Tuckahoe.

Leonard Fluxman
Springbok gymnast



Marcelle Paslovsky
Head Girl 1977



David Kahn
Head Boy 1979

1978 was an extremely full year for the school which now had an enrolment of 416 pupils. The school gained much acclaim from Mr Joseph Sherman's production of Andre Obey's play, Noah"



Lewis Levin- Noah



Carmit Ben Dror - Mrs Noah

NOAH by Noah

When first asked to appear at an audition which started within two days of my matric year, I consented with a heavy heart - having already played a Kabuki musician with no lines, a religious Christian guitarist with three lines and a gollitvog with four lines. The prospect of a role as a fish or a frog in "Noah" by Andre Obey dashed my ambitions of taking the King David stage by storm overboard. When I was finally cast as Noah himself I could hardly complain!

NOAH by Mrs Noah

"if you don't get on stage now we can cancel the play, you know."

Not a genuine threat evidently! Other methods used by the director to try and get us into shape went as follows:

On good days: Come on, Swilling, do it just like a movie star"

On bad days: "This goddam play is never going to be ready! You are all going to make clots of yourselves!"

But ultimately things worked out with the aid of all-day rehearsals which we were all pleased to leave for fear of finally being assaulted.

Carmit Ben-Dror

As the juniors were incensed at having been relegated to playing the parts of animals without any lines to speak, Mr Quince produced a junior one-act play for the Randburg Schools' one-act play festival. Although the play was only moderately successful it did appease the aspirant actors and actresses!

Mrs **Joy Orton**, the extremely creative art teacher who had designed and decorated all the sets for *Our Town*, *Dark of the Moon* and *Noah* returned to her home in England as the curtain came down on *Noah*. She was replaced by **Mrs Diedie Marais** but returned to the school in the 1980s.

The Hebrew department was boosted by the appointment of **Mrs Hanna Ben-Moshe** and **Ms Ella Sandler**. Mr Norman Sandler's niece, was appointed to teach Home Economics.

The school proved successful once again in the National Olympiads. **Diane Levy** was placed in the top fifteen in the English Olympiad, **Errol Sacks** was a finalist and **Rael Morris**, the 1978 Head Boy, reached the top ten in the Maths Olympiad.



Rael Morris



Diane Levy

The Chess team continued its successful run and **Mark Sarnak** in Grade 7 was selected for the Southern Transvaal Primary Schools' Team.

Larry Kaye was selected to play squash for a Transvaal Invitation team against a visiting junior British team.

The Junior City Council representatives were **Rael Morris** and **Jackie Willson-Rymer**.

David Berg was the Rosh Minyan while **Diane Ossip**, the Head Girl, took charge of the girls' prayer groups.

The standard of sport generally continued to improve. At the annual athletics day one relay record and ten individual records were broken while both the A and B squash teams won their respective leagues. The A team won promotion into the top league but sadly **Mr Roger Reid**, who had taken charge of this team as well as the boys' tennis, and had endeared himself to both his pupils and colleagues, left the school in 1978 to return to a career in engineering.



1977 Tennis Team

Back Row [L-R]: Martin Klein, Barry Simson, Neville Glajchen, Mr Roger Reid

Seated [L-R]: Gary Weisz, Jeffrey Levin, Darryl Weisz, Howard Desatnik





Junior Rugby 1978

The South African Bridge association approached the school to find out if there was any interest and were overwhelmed by the positive response. Within a few weeks lessons began under the expert tuition of Mr Neville Eber. **Mrs Nancy Paton**, a bridge enthusiast, supervised this activity.

King David did not forget those less fortunate and the girls spent many hours crocheting squares which were sewn into blankets and donated to Operation Snowball. Thereafter, this became an annual tradition.

2 June 1978

Dear Diane, Aldine, Jody,
Denise, Lauren, Sharon and Robyn

The Editor and staff of the Rand
Daily Mail wish to thank you most
sincerely for your efforts in knitting
and crocheting such fine blankets for
Operation Snowball this year. You have
shown great school spirit and will make
many of the under privileged of our
townships warmer this winter because
of your goodwill.

Kind regards

Linda Cooke [Miss]

Operation Snowball 1978

P.S. Look out for your beautiful faces in
the Daily Mail



Photograph in the Rand Daily Mail

Back Row [L-R]: Robyn Gishen, Eida Schneiderman,
Sharon Herson

Front Row [L-R]: Lauren Rappoport, Denise Klein,
Jody Landau, Aldine Friedman, Diane Ossip



Grade 7 Batmitzvah Girls 1978

Alon Panovka won the regional final of the Zionist Quiz while Susan Haden and Michelle Blou were placed second and third respectively. Jonathan Blou Std 5 [Gr 7] wrote the winning essay in his age group in the S.A.C.E.E Writing Competition.

Yellow star a reminder

By MARILYN COHEN

ALTHOUGH it is almost 36 years since the Second World War came to an end the memory of the horror of the Nazi terror still lives on. Yesterday was a special day of significance for Jews all over the world — it was Yom Hazikaron, the day of remembrance for the six million Jews who perished in the Nazi holocaust.

At the King David School in Victory Park, Johannesburg, all the pupils wore yellow stars, the sign all Jews in Nazi-occupied countries were forced to wear.

"We decided to wear the stars as a gesture of solidarity and as a reminder that the yellow star was a passport to humiliation and death," said Louise Bethlehem, a matric pupil at King David, who had initiated the idea of all wearing the star for a day.

A special service in memory of holocaust victims will be held at the Wespark Cemetery at 10:30 am tomorrow.

Wearing yellow stars as a gesture of remembrance to the Jews who suffered and died during the Nazi holocaust are King David School (Victory Park) matric pupils (from left): JOANNE MELMAN, LARA SACKSTEIN, SUSAN HADEN, LOUISE BETHLEHEM and DEBBIE FACTOR and (front): Standard Five pupil JOEL ABRAHAMSON.

YELLOW STAR A REMINDER

By Marilyn Cohen [The Rand Daily Mail]

Wearing yellow stars as a gesture of remembrance of the Jews who suffered and died in the Nazi Holocaust are King David Victory Park pupils [from left] **Jo-Ann Melman, Lara Sackstein, Susan Haden, Louise Bethlehem** and **Debbie Factor** and [front] Standard Five [grade 7] pupil, **Joel Abrahamson**.

In August 1978 the school also bid a sad farewell to **Mrs Daphne Josman** at a special assembly in the hall. It was farewell to a parent who had worked tirelessly for both the primary and the high school from its inception in 1960. For eighteen years Mrs Josman served on the PTA's and Ladies Committees and in his tribute to her Jeffrey Wolf said that there was hardly an aspect of the school that did not bear the mark of her efforts. Mr and Mrs Josman and their family made aliyah a short while later.



[L to R]: Mrs Vanessa Glass, Mrs Maisie Zar, Mrs Daphne Josman, Mrs Evelyn Klein

As Mr and Mrs Wolf had accompanied the King David pupils to Israel on Ulpan in the last term of 1978, Mr Sherman was appointed acting headmaster and it was he who delivered the address to the matriculants on Speech Night



1978 Matriculation Group

Rael Morris [Head Boy] and Diane Ossip [Head Girl]

1978 was the year in which another tragedy struck one of the King David Victory Park families – the **Revow** family lost three family members in an accident on the Vaal River.



"On the first day of the year it is inscribed and on the Day of Atonement it is sealed, how many shall pass away and how many shall be born; who shall live and who shall die.....When we read this famous prayer last year none of us realised that before the year was out, one of us, our friend and fellow student Howard Revow, would be one of those for whom the decree was sealed.

Howard was a person we all liked. He was friendly and kind and always willing to be helpful.....It is difficult for us in his class to get used to the idea that he will never be back at his desk. We shall miss him.

Suzanne Rubenstein and Tandi Falkov

Between 1977 and 1978 the school lost thirty- nine pupils to emigration but, despite this loss, 1979 opened with the very healthy enrolment of 460 pupils, an acknowledgement that parents had begun to recognise the merits of both the secular and Jewish education offered by the school.

In their editorial of the **1979** school magazine **Heide Block, David Kahn, and Tony Lange** wrote, *"This year the minds of many pupils, matured by the encouraging staff in the fertile environment of the school, have led to the harvesting of great success throughout the year....It came not as one achievement but as a whole string of them"*

The first term saw Joseph Sherman's very successful production of *Rashomon*.



"I submit to you his record, a list of the crimes absolutely known to have been committed by him"

Thus I began my twenty-one-line part in 'Rashomon'. After two years of unwilling absence from school plays I had finally been given a part! Little did I know that although there was little I had to say, there was much I had to do. One of my most famous duties was conveying endless spilling cups of tea across the stage to an indignant-looking producer sitting lower down on floor level in clouds of belligerent smoke. Since I only had a small part [affectionately called a 'cameo' I was taken advantage of to provide refreshment, find clips and props and sometimes even to sweep the floor before rehearsals.

Brian Slon

Steve Abel, Victory Park's third American Field Service scholar, who had arrived too late to audition for *Rashomon*, directed the school's entry in the annual RAPS play festival. Steve's fear that he might bring disgrace to the school was totally unfounded, for the play, *Welcome to Andromeda*, was judged the National Winner of the festival and both Steve and **Raella Abel** [no relation to Steve] received the awards for Best Actor and Best Actress.

In May when talk of something called RAPS started spreading round the school, I took on the role of producer. I was told that to win there was a need for large casts, flowing movements and brilliant costumes. Well, despite this, I chose a play with just two characters, one being quadriplegic and the other wearing as exciting a nurse's uniform as I could find.

Steve Abel AFS scholar 1979



The Kolbe Debating Team of **Howard Desatnik**, **Terry Shakinovsky** and **Brian Slon** were able to convince the adjudicators that 'Man IS an Island' and were awarded the much-prized Kolbe cup - the first time it had been awarded to a Jewish day School since its inception in 1958!

No debating article would be complete without mention of the outstanding floor who shlepped loyally from debate to debate, glared at any member of the opposition who dared speak, hotly defended our side of the motion and clapped loud and long for all who spoke for King David!

Terry Shakinovsky Std 10 [Grade 12]

Mark Gevisser won the Junior Best Speaker Competition for the third successive year - an achievement only matched once more - by **Graham Wolf**.

For the first time ever **Amanda Krause** and **Graham Sher**, the '79 contestants in the annual 'Rand Daily Mail News Quiz' reached the finals of the Quiz.



Amanda Krause and Graham Sher



1979 Business Game

The Business Game Team of **David Kahn, Jonathan Kaye, Tony Lange, Alan Panovka** and **Howard Treisman** won the third round of the competition making them the top team in Johannesburg. In the National Finals which were held in the Carlton Hotel they were placed 5th out of 235 teams

[L-R]: Tony Lange, Jonathan Kaye, Colin Price, David Kahn, Alon Panovka, Howard Treisman

Lauren Rappoport in Standard 9 [Grade 11] tied for first place in The Zionist Quiz while **Louise Bethlehem** in Standard 8 [Grade 10] was the winner of the National Bible Quiz. Both Lauren and Louise were rewarded with trips to Israel where Louise competed in the International Bible Quiz and came ninth overall. Both Lauren and Louise generously ascribed much of their success to the hard work of Mr Munitz



Lauren Rappoport



Louise Bethlehem with President Navon

The Rosh Minyan for 1979 was **Hilton Wainstein** who is today a Rabbi In Jerusalem

The Junior City Council representatives in 1979 were **David Kahn** and **Ilana Hurwitz** the headboy and head girl.

There is something that pervades at King David. I can't put my finger on it but it's there. King David pupils know it, feel it but can't describe it.

The vibe pulsates throughout the school and provides all of us with a sense of belonging, a unity without losing our individuality and identity

Ilana Hurwitz



Ilana Hurwitz - 1979 Head Girl



The 1979 chess team won the Premier 'A' Chess League; **Harry Joffe** in Standard 5 [Grade 7] won the Southern Transvaal Primary Schools Tournament while **Selwyn Wies** and **Mark Sarnak** tied for third place in the High Schools section of the tournament. Selwyn, Mark and **Ian Shneier** represented Southern Transvaal in the South African High Schools' Tournament while Harry represented Southern Transvaal Primary Schools.



The 1979 Chess Team

Back Row [L-R]: Harry Joffe, Leon Izerel, Joel Amoils, David Levy, Mark Sarnak, Ilan Rabiner, Ian Schneier
Seated [L-R]: Tony Lange, Jonny Joseph, Selwyn Wies

The first ever Outreach Programme was started at the school in 1979 when Mr **Rohan Quince** took a number of pupils to Orange Farm in Witkoppen to assist disadvantaged pupils with some of their school subjects. A few pupils were also invited to join 'Kenmekaar' an organisation of young people of every race and religion where they were able to get to know one another on a social level and so form a better understanding of each other.

The Standard 10 [Grade 12] Geography Group undertook a hike along the very strenuous Otter trail while the Standard 9 [Grade 11] History group accompanied Mrs Paton on a history tour to Volksrust and Vryheid.

The first place we visited in Vryheid was the cemetery where in the Jewish section we saw many familiar names. It seems as if there was an exodus from Vryheid to Victory Park..... After lunch we packed the combi and were off to Volksrust. ...It was the last episode of 'Dallas' so Steve turned on his flashing smile and American - tinged Afrikaans and wangled everyone an invitation from some caravaners to watch the TV.

Lauren Rappoport Std 9 [Grade 11]



Athene Sirkin - Best Actress

House Plays 1978



Back Row [L-R]: Andrea Greenstein, Athene
Front Row [L-R]: Helene Joffe, Helen Souris



**Donation of 20 hand- knitted and crocheted blankets to
Operation Snowball**

[L-R]: Mr J. Wolf, Rochelle Greenman, Claudia Nafte, Geoffrey Levy, Jonathan Joffe



**Tom Oliver fires his famous gun at an
Athletics Meeting**

Mr Tom Oliver who had joined the school in 1973 and had involved himself in many areas of the school other than the Mathematics Department was promoted to the position of Deputy Principal, a position he held until 1985.

Tom's favourite festival was Purim when he, together with a few other members of staff, enjoyed a whiskey or two. In 1979 'the best dressed teacher' was 'Ollie' who created the original costume of a 'Bagel' by using an enormous rubber tyre around his middle!





The first ever **Book Fair** in Johannesburg was held in the school hall from the 18 -23 February 1979. This was the brainchild of the librarian, **Mrs Joyce Morris** who was assisted by **Mrs Evelyn Klein** and the library prefects

At the end of 1979 **Rabbi Isaac Goss**, who had been appointed Director-General of the South African Board of Jewish Education in 1949, retired and an assembly was held at which Mr Jeffrey Wolf paid tribute to him .

With selfless devotion he has dedicated his life to the education of both the young and the old in the Jewish community in order to ensure its spiritual growth and creative survival. His attitude at all times has been both realistic and visionary and the synthesis of these qualities has made him a leader of extraordinary commonsense and inspiration. Steeped in religion, Jewish thought and values, Rabbi Goss has also made the wealth of Western culture...part of his thinking and life. He represents the harmony of two cultures -Jewish and Universal- and has brought to his position of Director-General a perspective of the widest culture and a dimension of the greatest intellect and learning

Jeffrey Wolf



1979 Matriculation Group

ACTIVITIES IN THE 1970s



1975 Debating Society

Back Row [L-R]: Martin Rosenzweig, Lewis Levin, Darrel Hotz, Oded Klinger, David Fenster, Lauren Gering
Middle Row [L-R]: Ilana Hurwitz, Arlene Widman, Pnina Fenster, Lesley Katz, Terry Shakinovsky, Tanya Mendelsohn
Front Row [L-R]: Coline Twersky, Beverley Rappoport, Mrs M Immerman, Caryn Hoffman, Mrs J Emdon, Eric Barlin, Ansel Krut

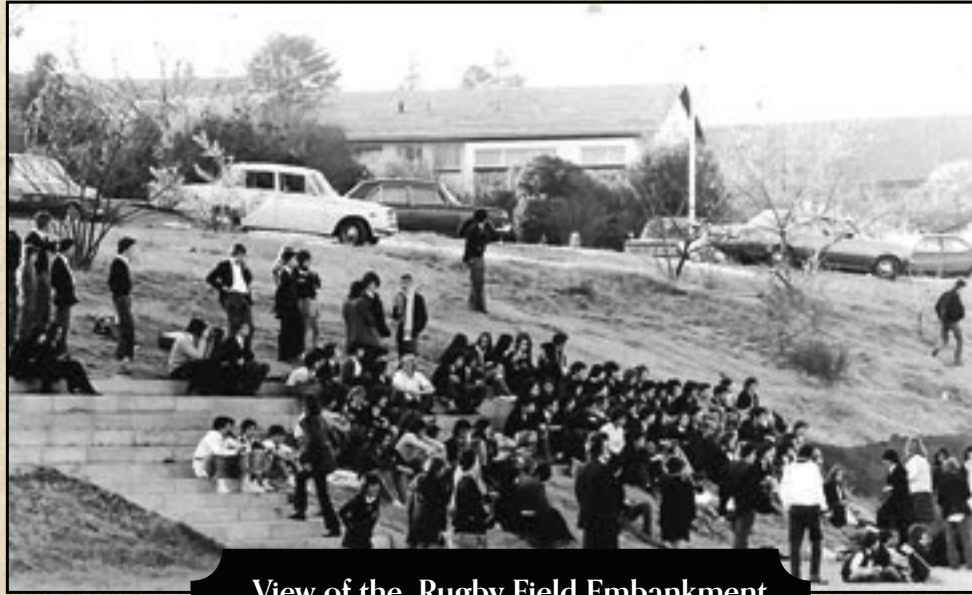


**1979 Geography Tour
[The Otter Trail]**



**1979 Senior
Rugby Team**

ACTIVITIES IN THE 1970s



View of the Rugby Field Embankment

Cars parked in Pentrich Road

1972 Open
Netball Team



1978 Sports Tour
to Port Elizabeth

An eagerly awaited annual event that helped to swell the coffers of both King David Schools was the King David Fete, organised by the fete convenors from both King David Linksfield and Victory Park. This was held on the grounds of the high school in Linksfield and provided great fun for the entire King David community..

In his message in the fete brochure of 1979 the chairman of the South African Board of Jewish Education and a parent at Victory Park, **Mr Isaac Joffe**, wrote:

For over three decades the King David School Fetes have raised funds painlessly [almost!] for amenities for their 3,500 pupils in those areas of playing fields, sports equipment, swimming pools, school libraries, teaching aids, all of which have afforded those additional dimensions for which our schools are renowned. They have too, in some small measure, relieved the Board's massive money migraine. Our fetes reputedly surpass any other in the Republic for we have developed a streamlined expertise over the years, put into effect by the vast experience of the veteran parents aided by the incredible enthusiasm of the younger parents many of whom are inspired by their children 'to give till it hurts', to work like proverbial Trojans for the cause so dear to all of us.



For the many years that Isaac was a parent, the chairman of the SABJE and a personal friend his overriding trait was his consistency and his unwavering support, laced always by erudite charm. He was the rock on whom one could always depend. His untimely passing was a loss felt by the entire Jewish community of Johannesburg

Jeffrey Wolf



Fete Conveners

[L-R]: Dr Barney Glass [Fete convener 1968 -1981]
Mr Max Schneider, Dr Sid Ossip



Fete Brochure



1980 was a spectacular year and in his farewell address to the matriculants of 1980 Mr Wolf reminded the group that their association with the high school had been for a year longer than any previous group, not because they had had to repeat a year of study but because they had been the first Grade 7 [Std 5] group to be part of the high school campus.

Despite continued emigration, the enrolment now had grown to a little over 500 pupils – necessitating an additional two classrooms which were added to the auditorium wing.

The school's many successes that year belied its still relatively small size.

The Business Game team of **David Levy**, **Guy Jacobson**, **Jonny Joseph**, **Alan Jacobson** and **Graham Sher** were placed third; in the English Olympiad the school was placed fourth in the country and **Alan Jacobson** reached the finals of the National Maths Olympiad and was presented with a certificate from Old Mutual for attaining a position in the top one hundred competitors. He, together with **Dana Labe** and **Graham Sher**, also received a certificate from Rank Xerox for winning a place in the National English Olympiad. **Jonathan Pillemer** was selected for the Southern Transvaal U13 soccer team and **Selwyn Wies** became the South African National High Schools Chess Champion.

The debating team of **Howard Desatnik**, **Brian Slon** and **Graham Sher**, trained by the new Head of English, **Ms Leslie Hall**, reached the final of the Kolbe Debating League.



1980 Debating Society

Back Row [L-R]: Ruth Galgut, Louise Bethlehem, Lynne Sperber, Kim Fabian, Jonny Joseph, Alan Jacobson, Joel Amoils, Bethea Lewis, Amanda Krause, Jo-Ann Melman

Second Row [L-R]: Peter Rosendorf, Howard Desatnik, Mrs Leslie Hall, Graham Sher, Brian Slon

Front Row [L-R]: Raela Abel, Ashley Desatnik, Susan Haden, Dana Labe.

Brian Slon amused the audience and impressed the adjudicator who awarded him the trophy for the Senior Best Speaker competition - his topic, 'I am willing to love all mankind - except an American!' Brian was also involved in the school production of that year, *The Diary of Anne Frank*. In addition to all the credit that it brought to the school, it was also responsible for teaching the aspiring thespians one of the most important lessons in show business!

On Wednesday night, the only night in that week on which the actors were given a chance to relax, a disaster occurred: no less than three hundred chairs, all the props, costumes and most of our confidence vanished in one fell swoop. Upon hearing the news on Thursday morning, I eagerly searched for Rohan [Quince] among the arriving teachers. When I found him at last and described what had happened and that EVERYTHING WAS GONE and that the audience would have nowhere to sit, he calmly smiled and said, "Well, well! We shall just have to find new costumes and props and whatever is needed to go on tonight. THE SHOW MUST GO ON". And it did.

Brian Slon

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK	
by Frances Goodrich & Albert Hackett	
CAST (in order of their appearance)	
MR FRANK	Brian Slon
MIEP GIES	Yasmin Ben Dorr
MRS VAN DAAN	Diane Silverstone
MR VAN DAAN	Alan Glass
PETER VAN DAAN	Gregory Spino
MRS FRANK	Dana Labe
MARGOT FRANK	Joanne Melman
ANNE FRANK	Lynne Jacobs
MR KRALER	Peter Rosendorff
MR DUSSEL	Gregory Blecher

Both **Kim Fabian** and **David Nossel**, coached by Mr Birnbaum, won through to the finals of the International Bible Quiz in Israel while **Louise Bethlehem**, **Michelle Blou** and **Helene Joffe** clinched first, second and third place in the Zionist Quiz.

Louise was rewarded once again with a trip to Israel.



An important visitor to the school in 1980 was **Mr Harry Hurwitz**, a former editor of the South African Jewish Herald, who now held the position of advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Menachem Begin.

Each year the Grade 11 [Std 9] Dance committee raised funds for the annual and eagerly-awaited Matric Dance. In 1980 the committee introduced what became an annual tradition, **Yom Perach** [the day of flowers], a day on which the pupils were able to send flowers to one another.

The Junior City Councillors in 1980 were **Jo-Ann Melman** and **Helene Joffe**.

The Rosh Minyan was a young man from Krugersdorp, **Mendel Rabinowitz**, who today is the esteemed Rabbi at Greenside Synagogue and the campus rabbi at his Alma Mater. **Cheryl Kuming** was in charge of the girls' prayers

The 1980 school magazine was runner-up in the National School Magazine competition

Jo-Ann Melman and **Joanne Fedler** were runners-up in an inter-school Art Competition

In 1980 the British Lions Rugby Union Team visited South Africa. As Mrs Wolf had met Noel Murphy, the manager of the team, while on a visit to Ireland she arranged for the team to visit the school and address the pupils. They were happy to sign autographs and presented the school with an autographed rugby ball.



1980 'A' Chess Team

Back Row [L-R]: Leon Izerel, Ilan Rabiner, Mark Sarnak, David Levy, Harry Joffe, Ian Schneier
Seated [L-R]: Selwyn Wies, Jonny Joseph [Captain 1978 -1980], Joel Amoils

The 'A' chess team continued its winning ways, beating ALL the Jewish Day Schools in the country and ending the year at the top of the strongest league in the country. In addition to **Selwyn Wies, Mark Sarnak, Ian Shneier and Harry Joffe, Ilan Rabiner** was also selected for the Southern Transvaal Team.

Throughout high school one of my closest friends was Joel A. In most years we sat in opposite corners at the back of the classroom exchanging comments and verbal abuse. During one Afrikaans lesson he had been particularly disruptive and had been moved to the front desk in my row, right by the door. When I happened to commit a transgression and was being chastised for it he could not resist turning round to face me and put in a few choice words himself: "That's right, Joseph, just listen now etc. etc." He could not fathom why everyone had become so still and quiet until he turned around to face the front, only to see The Boss standing in the doorway right over him! Needless to say Mr Wolf was not very impressed.

Jonny Joseph - King David North American Reunion 1999

After much nagging and a great deal of red tape, basketball was introduced for boys, both senior and junior – on the netball courts.

The greatest inspiration for this sport was undoubtedly the visit of Israel's superstar and no. 1 basketball player, Tal Brodie. He spoke to the school about his experience and became the school's no. 1 superstar! I'll always remember the highlight of the first basketball season as the first home match ever to be played at the school against Carmel Pretoria on Yom Ha'atzmaut. A large section of the school saw our team emerge proud winners by 40-2.

Oren Nauman [captain]

Oren Nauman was selected for the Transvaal High School team in Inter-provincial Basketball. Squash too was introduced for the girls who were coached by **Mrs Hilda Segal**, a Victory Park parent. The reputation of the school was enhanced by **Talya Gardi**, who was selected for the Transvaal under 15 squash team and **Paul Chimes** who played tennis for Southern Transvaal was a finalist in the Southern Transvaal Boys under 14 Tennis Championship.



1980 Boys A Tennis Team

Back Row [L-R]: Mark Bryer, Howard Desatnik, Mr H Ulfan [coach], David Sall, Gavin Kotkis
Kneeling [L-R]: Ashley Desatnik, Paul Chimes



1980 1st XV Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: David Brouze, Dani Nathanson, Joel Amoils, Laurence Lange, Jonny Datt, Mr D Bernstein, Michael Block, David Lipschitz, Michael Schreiber, Johannes Mynhardt, Howard Kerzner
Front Row [L-R]: Martin Furman, Gary Wolfson, David Cohen [captain], Jonathan Feigin, Steven Cohen

What the rugby team lacked in ability, they certainly made up for in enthusiasm. Though not quite as good as the larger Johannesburg schools in 1980, they lost only two of their eight league matches.

Ms. Heather Sacks, an ex-pupil who had joined the staff, married in 1980 and became **Mrs Heather Bank**. Nancy Paton remarried and became Mrs Nancy Fraser. **Mrs Rene Milner** was employed to assist Mrs Morris in the library. 1980 was also the year in which four long-serving staff members joined the permanent staff of the school – **Ms Marilyn Dunn, Mr Garrie Brown, Mr Nick Taylor** and **Mrs Bernice Goldstein** who replaced Mr Rohan Quince who had decided to spend time in the United States

The school bade a final adieu to three long-serving staff members – **Mrs Nancy Fraser [Paton]**, who had been the head of the History Department for thirteen years, **Mrs Nitzchia Rosenberg** who worked in the Hebrew Department for many years and **Mr Dave Bernstein**, the sportsmaster, who left to take up a post at Herzlia High School in Cape Town. Mrs Nancy Fraser, who had been the head of the History Department for thirteen years worked a further year before she decided to retire at the end of 1981.

On the 4 December 1981 it will be a final adieu to Nancy Paton who became Mrs Fraser on 8 October. It has been a long stay – she has been with us for 13 years. Mrs Paton certainly ranks in the forefront of what a first-rate teacher should be. She challenges her pupils, makes them think independently and at the same time instils an enquiring mind and a love for History... Many of us had known or heard about Mrs Paton from our pre-Victory Park days. Barbara Wolf was first her pupil and later her colleague [at Roosevelt High School] and many years back Nancy was also my teacher at Roosevelt High School. Heather Bank too has been both a pupil and is now a member of Nancy's department. She leaves behind an impeccable reputation and warm feelings as a teacher and a lady.

Goodbye Nancy – we shall all miss you.

Karen-Anne Durbach [on behalf of the staff]



1980 Matriculation Group

Howard Desatnik [Head Boy] & Robyn Kussman [Head Girl]

Alan makes it a clean sweep

A MATRIC student of King David High School, Victory Park, Alan Jacobson, made a clean sweep of academic awards at a prize giving held at the school recently.

Alan was presented with a certificate and a cheque, from the Old Mutual, for attaining a position in the first 100 competitors in the National

Maths Olympiad. Almost 4½ thousand entries were received for this competition.

He also received a certificate from Rank Xerox for winning a place in the National English Olympiad. Two other pupils at the school received the same award and in so doing, placed King David fourth in English,

throughout the country. The other winners were Graham Sher and Dana Labe.

Alan received prizes for achieving the highest standard in all six of his matric subjects. "When I leave school, I would like to study either accountancy or actuarial science," said Alan.



Alan Jacobson - 1980
Top 100 in National Mathematics and English Olympiads

Two of the school's 1980 matriculants distinguished themselves in their first year at the University of the Witwatersrand --- **Alan Jacobson** was the top student in the faculty of commerce while **Amanda Krause**, was awarded the Alan Rubensohn Memorial Prize for the most distinguished first year medical student.

Today Amanda is a medical practitioner specialising in the field of human genetics.



In 1981, the year of the Rubic Cube, the school had grown to 585 pupils, which to some extent, changed the character and the very close intimacy of the school. The matriculants of that year had a refreshing joie de vivre, exuberance and confidence which led to both increased achievements of the school as a whole as well as individuals within the school.

It was the year too in which Jeffrey Wolf underwent major surgery, depriving his Latin students of coffee, a heated office and comfortable chairs. Mr Tom Oliver was acting headmaster for that term

My image of Mr Wolf is no longer one of the remote Headmaster but one of a friendly, enthusiastic man who is always willing to listen, give advice and offer aid in all matters. To be honest Kim [Fabian] and I did have an unfair advantage over previous headprefects. After all, which other headprefect had the opportunity to be entertained at the Wolf house with the Headmaster dressed in his pyjamas. We were all sorry about the major surgery he had to undergo but it was nevertheless a valuable experience to relate to him in the comfort of his home and not only on official duties on the other side of a desk.

David Brouze [Head Boy 1981]

Gillian Schneiderman and Darren Willson-Rymer represented the school on the Junior City Council.

Kim Fabian was placed in the top 100 in the English Olympiad and **Louise Bethlehem**, 'the young whizz-of-the-quiz', as runner-up in the National Holocaust Essay competition, won a third trip to Israel, to the Holocaust Memorial Gathering.

Shelly to represent S.A. in international

Shelley Damelin won the National Bible Quiz, the **third successive** year that the school had won this Quiz.

Much of the success in the Bible and Zionist quiz can be attributed to the enthusiasm and excellent coaching that the pupils received from **Mr Yerachmiel Munitz**.

Between 1979 and 1981 King David Victory Park pupils won no fewer than seven tickets to Israel!

The highlight of the trip was of course the Quiz itself. The questions were exciting and in-depth. The atmosphere was tense. The Quiz was broadcast live on Israeli T.V. which made us all more nervous. In the middle of the Quiz, Prime Minister Menachem Begin arrived. Although this seemed like the culmination of our trip there was more to come. We were given a reception by President Navon at his home. We were also interviewed by radio and newspaper reporters. It was all very exciting.

Shelley Damelin Std 9 [Grade 11]



Shelly Damelin — S.A. Bible Quiz Champion.

The Zionist Quiz, which this year focused on the life of Jabotinsky, to commemorate his centenary, was won by **Alan Brook**. Second, third, fourth and fifth places went to **Jonathan Gordon, Sara Froman, Andrea Kopelowitz and Shana Mink** – all Victory Park pupils

Eric Fisher was Rosh Minyan while **Nadine Burland** took charge of the girls' prayers

Mrs Ben Moshe was determined to prove against all odds that King David 'kugels' **can** dance and with great enthusiasm she undertook the training of twelve girls to dance at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration held at Balfour Park.

Just when we thought that our final rehearsal would be a simple run through, Morah Ben Moshe decided to change some steps.

"Turn right! No right is the other side! Keep 'cloth' [close] together. Don't laugh! Don't talk! Head lema'alah!

Who would have thought that such a small lady could have so much bounce!

Anthea Lichter and Susan Haden Std 10 [Grade 12]



Mark Sarnak tied for first place in the Southern Transvaal High School Chess Tournament and won R1000 for the school. By beating his computer opponent in 22 minutes - less than half the allotted playing time - **Selwyn Wies** won the Hypertronics Computer Chess championship AND a public-address system for the school. The chess team also won the five-a-side knockout tournament and were runners-up in the premier league.

Alan Glass brought credit to the school by being chosen to play the lead in the Jewish Youth Production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also undertook the production of *Picnic on the battlefield*, a one-act play, which reached the semi-finals of the Raps Play Festival. Alan is perhaps best known today for his magical well-loved children's series, *Beautiful Creatures*.

Despite reaching the quarter-finals, the school resigned from the Kolbe Debating League because of certain irregularities. The debating team later joined the Helen Suzman Debating League which was established by Brian Slon and Graham Sher, former Victory Park matriculants, with the permission of Mrs Suzman herself.

The first fashion show at the school was organised by **Karyn Rappoport** to raise funds for the Matric Dance. This later became an annual tradition at the school and the money raised was used to subsidise the cost of the matric dance ticket which each year became increasingly more expensive.

On the sports scene the school was able to field three open netball teams and worked well under the supervision of an excellent coach, **Mrs Mick Brown**, the wife of Mr. Garrie Brown. Both **Lynda Brown** and **Denise Klein** were quarter-finalists in the Southern Transvaal trials and Lynda was chosen for the Southern Transvaal Netball team.

Hylton Cohen won a place in the Southern Transvaal Junior Maccabi golf team..

A number of eminent personalities, both local and from abroad, visited the school and addressed the pupils. Foremost among these visitors was **Yosef Mendelowich**, a former prisoner of Zion, who shared some of his experiences with them. His moving words were most inspirational.

PORTRAIT IN 1981 Today, a religious Jew lives in Israel a free man. Eleven years prior, the same man, locked up in a tiny, Russian prison cell obeyed all laws of Judaism, fought for his survival. Food and books — smuggled in kept him alive. He fought, and won his battle. A man, now proud to own a passport, proud to be who he is — Joseph Mendelowich. Karen Tabak, 8.	DIE HELD aan YOSEF MENDELEWICH Daar Staen hy Sterk en regop Ongelooftik! Hy wou vry wees om te bid om te praai om te leef soos 'n Jood. Josef — die Joodse held van Rusland vertel sy storie en ons luister ons leer ons is vry om te bid, praai en leef ons moet sterk en regopstaan ons is Jode! Susan Franks.
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The outstanding cricketer of the year was undoubtedly **Neil Kalvin**, the captain of the 1st Cricket Team who took 33 wickets in 6 games. His best performance was 9 for 8 against King David Linksfield

Mr Nick Taylor and the 1981 Cricket Team



1981 Donation to Operation Snowball

A formal Welfare Society was established by **Debbie Factor**. Thus began the school's long association with many Johannesburg Jewish institutions among which were the Selwyn Segal Home, Our Parents' Home and Sandringham Gardens.

They also continued to support the less fortunate in other sections of the community



1981 Staff

Mr Garrie Brown and **Mr Nick Taylor** were promoted to the position of vice-principal.

Mrs Sandra Reynolds joined the English Department while **Ms Elize Cronje** [who later became **Mrs Elize Spangenberg**] left King David Linksfield where she had been teaching and joined the Afrikaans department. **Mrs Susan Flaum** was appointed to teach Accountancy and **Mr Philip Snipelisky**, a graduate from King David Linksfield and one of Mr and Mrs Wolf's 1971 Ulpaniks, joined the Hebrew Department.

In April 1981 **Mrs Miriam Levy** was appointed to assist **Mrs Schneiderman** in the office. Mrs Levy served the school until 2013



Mrs Leonie Corder



Mrs Miriam Levy

The school bade farewell to three Heads of Department: **Mrs Leonie Corder**, who had been in charge of the Afrikaans Department for ten years; **Mrs Leslie Hall**, who had been Head of the English Department for just two years and **Mrs Diedie Marais**, an artist supreme, who had been the Head of the Art department. **Mrs Roni Witkin**, who had been appointed school counsellor in 1979, left to await the birth of her first baby and **Mr and Mrs Birnbaum** returned to Israel.

Mr & Mrs Munitz, together with their three children, Tali, Yael and Ariel, also returned to Israel after a very successful three years at the school, during which he not only coached many Bible and Zionist quiz winners but also undertook to train the newly formed boys' basketball team. They were succeeded by another husband and wife team from Israel, **Rachel and Ya'acov Ginou**.

It seems that we should say to all this "Dayenu" – it would have sufficed" but Mr Munitz combined all of his other attributes with that of solid teacher. His insistence on accuracy and exactness in Hebrew is responsible for the large number of pupils who obtained Hebrew distinctions last year. It is almost impossible to fully repay the debt of gratitude we owe the Munitzes. They have left their mark on the school and their achievements will grow to be legends. To Sara and Yerachmiel – thank you!

Louise Bethlehem [Grade 12]



1981 Matric Group

Bright Louise looks forward to a challenging future . . .

By Kate McKinnell
People who look down on BA degrees probably haven't done one, says Miss Louise Bethlehem, this year's top graduate in the arts faculty and top woman graduate overall at the University of the Witwatersrand.

With six matric distinctions, some people took it for granted Miss Bethlehem would do medicine or some other scientific degree, but she found the challenge she was looking for in a BA.

She is open about her achievements, but without a hint of bravado.

Out of 11 university courses, she obtained 10 first class passes – she missed a first in the eleventh course by 2 percent.

These results won her the award for the most distinguished academic record this year in a Wits arts degree, as well as the South African Association of University Women's prize for the most distinguished woman graduate at Wits in 1985.

"In the arts you are not just learning someone else's theories and formulas – you have to think and form your own ideas," says Miss Bethlehem.

Her original aim at university was to study psychology.

But she took English, Hebrew and French as her other courses – and became fascinated by comparative literature, the study of literary criticism and the forces governing it.

"Legal, social and political factors all affect the evaluation of literature – what writing is to be acclaimed and which works are to be studied in schools and universities. I am particularly interested in comparative African and Jewish literatures," says Miss Bethlehem.

But her work in just one aspect of a full life.

"I need to premature myself to do well – it was never the teachers or my parents."

But I think meeting my boyfriend helped me to move my focus from achieving academically to a more balanced attitude to life," says Miss Bethlehem.

She says her school, King David High, Victory Park, also stressed the importance of participation in other aspects of life, although she was encouraged to do well academically.

At school she played in the first tennis team, following after her mother who has played at Wimbledon. Miss Bethlehem also took part in public speaking, and won three trips to Israel in various competitions.

In 1981 a poem and essay she wrote on educating children about the Jewish holocaust won her a trip to the International World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors.

"As a pupil of a Jewish school I had always been encouraged to think about the Jewish identity and that has stayed with me to quite a strong degree," she says.

At school she worked in various youth organisations and continued this at university – directing a Zionist youth group and working with the Jewish Student's Union at Wits.

Soon she will be travelling to Israel to further her studies on comparative literature at Tel Aviv University.

Louise says she is looking forward to the excitement and challenge of the Israeli environment, where there is freedom to debate and express any viewpoint.

LOUISE BETHLEHEM: "Nobody ever presented me to do well."

In 1985 Louise won the award for the most distinguished academic record ever in a Wits Arts Degree as she obtained 10 first class passes and missed the eleventh by just 2%. She also won the South African Association of University Women's prize for the most distinguished woman graduate at Wits.

Louise continued her studies at Tel Aviv University and today Dr Louise Bethlehem is an Associate Professor of English and Cultural Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She has been honoured as a Dynamic Davidian.



Death of Butch Kerzner leaves a deep void

The 1981 matriculants mourned the death of **Howard [Butch] Kerzner**, a fellow pupil and a well-loved graduate, who lost his life in a helicopter crash in the Bahamas in October 2006

Butch Kerzner, 42 when he died in a helicopter crash in the Dominican Republic late last year, was one of life's golden boys. Funny, handsome and driven but twinkle-eyed, he was the popular head of Kerzner International. Although Sol Kerzner was still very much a player in the company, it was Butch who was running the show, making sure his father's dreams were implemented. But now the crown prince is dead, and there is no obvious contender to take his place.



The year **1982** was remarkable for a number of reasons but perhaps the most conspicuous characteristic was that of growth for, despite an increase in fees, the pupil enrolment grew to 610 pupils and the school was forced to use make-shift classrooms such as the foyer and gallery of the hall until four prefabricated classrooms were built.

The number of staff members swelled proportionately to the pupil explosion. Many subjects boasted new Heads of Department: **Mrs Gerry Hill**, a former teacher at the school, returned to lead the English department; **Ms Renette Rossouw**, who had joined the Afrikaans Department in 1981, changed her status to become Mrs Renette Van Zyl, and took charge of the Afrikaans Department; **Mr Ya'akov Ginou** was now firmly installed as Head of Hebrew while science and maths welcomed **Mr Sam Sinoff**, **Mr P W Pearce**, fondly known as 'Peewee' and **Mrs Ruth Friedland**. **Mrs Arlene Lipschitz**, who later became Director of Secular Studies at the SABJE, joined the Afrikaans department as did **Mrs Ona du Preez**. **Mrs Joy Orton** returned from England to head the Art department and **Mrs Lydia Dembo** was appointed to teach home economics.



1982 Head Prefects

[L-R]: Ashley Desatnik [Deputy], David Nossel [Head Boy]
Sue Saevitzon [Deputy], Gillian Schneiderman [Head Girl]

On the cultural side it was another extremely successful year for the school with **Shelley Damelin** again bringing honour both to herself and the school by being placed in the top fifteen in the English Olympiad. **Sara Froman** too was placed in the top one hundred.



Shelley Damelin
English Olympiad Top 15



1982 English Olympiad

Shelley generously attributed her success to the hard work of both Mrs Hill and Mrs Durbach *'who spent endless hours preparing and interpreting the different stories for our discussion. Together we explored the different aspects of life presented to us by these stories and together we reasoned our certain aspects of human thought and behaviour'*

After withdrawing from the Kolbe Debating League, as mentioned earlier, the school joined the newly formed Helen Suzman Debating League. The 1982 Debating Team, **David Nossel**, **Howard Kantor** and **Trevor Slom** made it through to the bitter end -the finals.

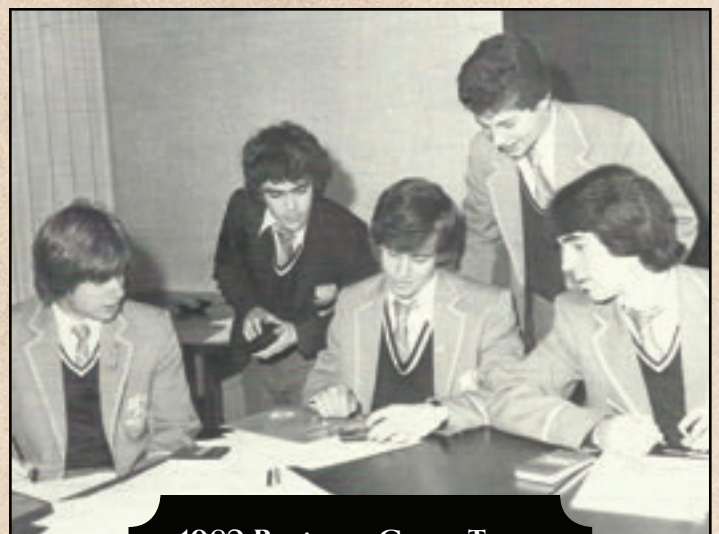
Unfortunately the finals were just that - a bitter end. Our opponents were St Johns College, the venue was St Johns College and the winners were St Johns College. It was an all St Johns evening. We had sadly lost the league which we had been chiefly responsible in forming by one solitary point - to many of us a very sore point indeed.

David Nossel Std 10 [Grade 12]

The Business Game team of **Howard Kantor**, **David Nossel**, **Ian Shneier**, **Martin Somers** and **Carl Sachs** spent the year attempting to simulate the complexities of the business world.

Unfortunately, in the final, they had to settle for second place in this nationwide contest.

[L-R]: A Martin Somers, Howard Kantor, Carl Sachs, David Nossel, Ian Shneier.



1982 Business Game Team

Ms Dunn organised the first Young Scientist Competition 'to make pupils more aware of their changing world'. First prize was won by **Reny Segal** while **Darren Margolias** and **Anthony Berkow** won second place. All three pupils were chosen to enter the finals of Expo 82 at Pretoria University. Both Reny and Darren were awarded silver medallions.

***Mrs Durbach:** So Brooks and Gordon, the quiz is this week. Are you actually planning on doing any work?*

***Us [meekly]:** Yes, Mrs Durbach*

Consequently we ...buried ourselves in our newspapers. We had to learn everything from...

*The events down in the Pacific
to whom was starring at the Civic.
The evacuation of the Sinai Desert,
and the famous tennis star, Chris Evert.
What the President's Council had to say,
and who'd become Miss USA.
From murders to movies, from ballet to ball,
about singers, about soccer stars -
we learnt it all.*

Alan Brook and Jonathan Gordon



Alan Brook, Mrs K Durbach, Jonathan Gordon



Relieved smiles as Jocelyn Smith and David Hertz (centre) of Northview High, winners of the 1982 Rand Daily Mail Redhill News Quiz, are congratulated by runners-up Alan Brook and Jonathan Gordon of King David High, Victory Park.

**Alan Brook and Jonathan Gordon
Runners-up in the 1982 Rand Daily Mail News Quiz**

Another innovation in July 1982 was the 'Career Week' where personnel from numerous universities and colleges were invited to assist matric students to choose a field of study.

Mark Sher was the Rosh Minyan and **Nina Fisher** took care of the girls' prayer groups.

1982 saw the first musical production, *The Fantasticks*, in which the leading roles were played by a young and very talented **Lisa Melman** and **Lawrence Olwyn**. The play was produced by Mr Bruce Hay, a staff member at King David Victory Park Primary School.



Lisa Melman & Daryn Wilson- Rymer



Lisa Melman 1966 - 2011

Lisa continued to enthral audiences with her amazing voice and South Africa lost a great musical talent when she passed away aged just 45 in December 2011

'A benefit concert was organised by the impresario, Richard Loring, to raise funds for cancer treatment in Germany. At the show Lisa herself sang her heart-rending interpretation of the song, 'This is my life' a powerful testament to both her talent and her courage. She spoke from the heart and told the audience, in self-deprecating tones something about herself and her experiences since becoming ill. There were few dry eyes in the theatre that night.'

-Peter Feldman [Theater Critic]

In the hope of emulating the 1979 production which had won the RAPS Play Festival, **Susan Benjamin** directed **Ilana Funk**, **Nicky Porter**, **Trevor Slom** and **Lara Sackstein** in Thornton Wilder's play, *Childhood*. The play, a most suitable one for high school pupils, as it illustrated the lack of understanding and communication between parent and child was well received but did not make the finals.



Candy Nathan and **Jonathan** Gordon represented the school on the Junior City Council. Candy held the position of Public Relations Officer for the council

Among the distinguished visitors to the school was **Dr Joseph Burg**, the Israeli Minister of the Interior who reminisced about his youth in Germany and shared with the audience his involvement in the Camp David peace agreement. Mrs Rachel Rappoport made her mark when she addressed the assembly on the release of the Russian dissident, Ida Nudel.



Jonathan Gordon and Candy Nathan

A large number of individuals were selected for trials or school provincial teams.

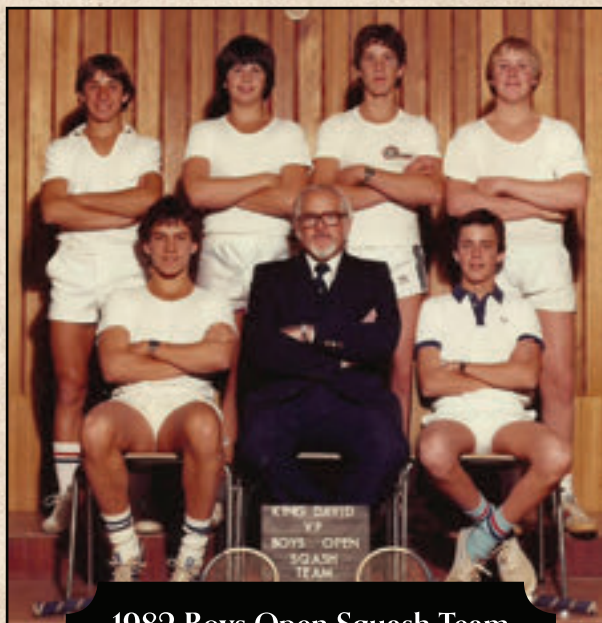
Mark Sarnak, Ilan Rabiner and Harry Joffe were selected once again for the Southern Transvaal Chess Team; **Graham Meyerowitz** was selected for the Southern Transvaal Basketball Colts ; **Mark Woolfson** was selected for the International Club Football Tournament in Sao Paulo; **Russel Pillemer** was chosen

for the Southern Transvaal Soccer Squad while **Ian Paikin** was selected for the Johannesburg Schools Soccer team; **Tracey Joffe** was selected for Southern Transvaal Swimming and both **Russel Koton** and **Craig Simson** were chosen for South African Junior Karate.

Paul Chimes remained the number one tennis player for the third consecutive year and in 1982 was the very able captain of the first tennis team.

A player who showed great promise was **Michael Mayers** who was selected for Southern Transvaal Primary School Tennis.

Belinda and Michelle Tankin represented Transvaal in inter-provincial squash for the second year running and the girls' under 15 squash team, captained by Belinda, had the honour of becoming the first Victory Park girls' team to win an inter-schools league trophy!



1982 Boys Open Squash Team

Back Row [L-R]: Charles Kramer, Laurence Gottlieb, Stuart Wolf, Evan Nathanson

Front Row [L-R]: Carl Sachs, Trevor Heyman

Back Row [L-R]: David Fihrer, Lyle Hurwitz, - , Gary Aaron, Anthony Bonert, Jonathan Blou

Front Row [L-R]: Seth Hirschowitz, Ilan Rabiner, Ms M. Dunn, Graham Meyerowitz, Danny Schreiber



1982 Basketball Team



One of the best sportswomen ever to grace the fields of the school was **Lynda Brown**, the daughter of Garrie Brown, the Deputy-Head of the school. Lynda was captain of the senior 'A' netball team and was chosen as wing attack for the Senior Southern Transvaal 'A' team. At the 1982 Speech Night she shared the award of Sportsman of the Year with two other outstanding sportsmen, **Marc Kahlberg** and **Mark Woolfson**.



1982 Athletics Team



1982 First XV Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: Kevin Factor, Anthony Bonert, Lance Mayers, Michael Treisman, Mark Sher, Mark Rosenberg, David Forman, Larry Paslovsky

Second Row [L-R]:

Danny Schreiber, Steven Fisher, Gary Aaron, Mr Leon Posner, Marc Kahlberg, Mark Woolfson

Front Row [L-R]: Lyle Hurwitz, Russel Pokroy, Seth Hirschowitz, Carl Linde, Mark Sarnak, Gary Nathan

In the hands of Mrs Ben- Moshe the Israeli Dance Group flourished, prompting the head boy, **David Nossel**, to comment that on Yom Hatzmaut *'the complete absence of any boos and hisses during the Israeli dancing says a lot for the high quality of the girls' talents.'*



The 1982 Israeli Dance Group

The Honourable **Mr Justice Richard Goldstone** was guest speaker at Speech Night where, in addition to addressing the matriculants, Mr Wolf bade farewell to **Mr Norman Sandler**.



**Mr Norman Sandler &
Mr Jeffrey Wolf
Speech Night 1982**

He became part of the Jewish day school movement in its infancy and it was the bold thinking, enterprise and drive of men like Mr Sandler which ensured the development and growth of our schools and earned for them the very fine reputation that we enjoy today. He was the innovator of so much that we take for granted in our schools today – the open exchange and rapport between pupil and teacher, bold experimentation in new teaching methodology, the Standard 8 Ulpan scheme, the occasional half-holiday when Linksfield triumphed in rugby or South Africa played a cricket test at the Wanderers! I shall miss Mr Sandler. Always only a call away when I needed advice, support or a friendly chat. I shall miss his paternal concern and interest in my welfare, exemplified by the many enjoyable walks we shared during my convalescence last year.

Over the years the school was fortunate to have a very devoted and active Parents Teachers Association with a highly efficient Ladies Committee. The primary task of these parent bodies was to assist in the raising of funds to provide amenities for their children – something which was difficult in those years for the Board of Education. They did this by means of very successful golf days, art exhibitions and sales, bingo evenings, fashion shows, cookery demonstrations and movie and theater premieres

These committees were chaired over the years by many men and women who were dedicated to the ideals of the school.

Among the chairpersons of the Parents Teachers Association were men and women like Dr Sid Ossip, Dr Alan Price, Mr Isaac Lax, Norman Berg, Harold Smith, Des Garb, Des Novick, Lolly Lotzoff, Yvonne Plit, Balfour Valkin, Colin Horwitz, Denise Goldin, Colin Gamsu, Mannie and Marilyn Chaimowitz, Anthony Jossel and Sharon Barnett.



The Barbara Bortz Garden

Among the women who chaired the Ladies Committee were Daphne Josman, Vanessa Glass, Mankie Fedler, Lorna Ossip, Sandra Sher, Paulette Rothstein, Barbara Bortz, Irene Salomon, Judy Burstein, Carol Lipman, Maxine Mincer and Barbara Gordon.

The school bookshop, run by mothers like Rosalie Serebro, Beulah Kaye, Evelyn Klein, Jean Brook and Maxine Abratt and the second-hand uniform shop run by Marcelle Zar also brought in much needed funds for the school. During this period the Ladies Committee, assisted by other mothers, also took care of the tuckshop which brought in much needed funds.

A garden in memory of Barbara Bortz was donated to the school by her husband, Jeffrey, and her daughters Tamara and Delicia



1982 King David Victory Park Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Alan Glass, Marc Kahlberg, Mark Sher, Carl Linde, Colin Sachs

Third Row [L-R]: Martin Somers, Terry Saffer, Jenny Kahn, Lauren Bacher, Darren Wilson-Rymer, Linda Jacobson, Susan Benjamin, Karen Rappoport, Ian Shneier

Second Row [L-R]: Sue Saevitzon, David Nossel, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Gillian Schneiderman, Ashley Desatnik

Front Row [L-R]: Debbie Serebro, Marilyn Herson, Lynda Brown, Shelley Damelin

At the end of the first term of 1982 the school said goodbye to one of its favourite teachers - **Mrs Petra Keague**. After many years of loyal service Mrs Keague left the school to take up a position at the Hotel School.



*Mrs Keague has been an excellent teacher and friend. Even though we started off four years ago as **Liabilities** where many of us had to be written off as **Bad Debts** we hope we are now **Assets** to her teaching and that at the end of the year the final **Balance Sheet** will show a **Profit** and not a **Loss** which will prove a **Credit** to her achievements*

Debbie Kramer Std 10 [Grade 12]

During the December holidays of 1982 a very courageous, fifteen year old **Shana Levy**, sadly lost her battle against cancer.

The school was extremely sad to hear that **Debbie[Levy] Sive**, who was a pupil at King David Victory Park from nursery school until she matriculated in 1982, had passed away in Toronto in 2002.



1982 Matriculation Group

REMEMBER WHEN.....

Mr Wolf called Michael [Treisman] to his office and Gavin said, "Please bring me back a biscuit!"

A teacher asked Mark Rohald to tuck his safari suit into his trousers

Neil Wainstein failed his driver's licenceagain.

Yo-Yo's weren't taboo

We asked Mrs McAtee to say, "Much more munch."

WAVERLEY'S RABBI NOSSEL LOOKS AFTER BODY AS WELL AS SOUL

**Rabbi
David Nossel
Head Boy 1982**

SUZANNE BELLING

The Waverley Hebrew Congregation has welcomed a home-grown product, Rabbi Dr David Nossel, as its spiritual leader - a return to the shul where he had his barmitzvah.

Healing both the body and soul, he leads the services in Waverley's main shul, while by day he practises medicine at the Chiawelo Clinic in Soweto.

This versatile rabbi/doctor has also written a book on Hebrew and another on marriage.

Former head prefect at King David Victory Park, he was brought up in a traditional home.

"I lived equidistant between the Parkwood and Oxford Synagogues and went to neither. My parents, Harvey Nossel, (of "Talking Law" at ChaiFM) and mother Iris, a speech therapist, ran a proud Jewish home.

"When I was at Wits medical school, my grandfather passed away and I accompanied my father to the daily minyanim when he was saying Kaddish."



Rabbi
Dr David
Nossel

Photo: Michelle Rosen

In the editorial of the **1983** school magazine, the editors, **Alan Brook**, **Sara Froman** and **Andy Suskin** wrote, *'Many cynics pose the question whether or not school prepares one for life. The education that we have received at King David Victory Park renders the question superfluous. The value of what has been gained through formal and informal education cannot be gauged in terms of symbols or figures.We have been presented with a philosophy of life along with other criteria on which to base our future lives removed from the protective sphere of King David.'* It was perhaps for this reason that parents felt confident about entrusting their children to the King David school system which now had an awesome reputation world-wide. Despite the political instability, the international isolation, the continued emigration and the large scale of unrest in the country the schools continued to thrive and the enrolment at Victory Park High in **1983** stood at a record number of 645 pupils!

The debating team of **Alan Brook**, **Jonathan Blou** and **Jonathan Gordon** won the newly formed Helen Suzman Debating League

Back Row [L-R]: Sara Froman,
Russel Pokroy, Lyle Hurwitz,
Michael Treisman,
Alan Brook, Jonathan Blou,
Desi Rosenfeld

Front Row [L-R]: Marc Segal,
Mrs Sandra Reynolds,
Jonathan Gordon, Mrs Gerry Hill,
Ilan Rabiner

Seated Row [L-R]: Nadine Glasser,
Trevor Slon



1983 Debating Group

Guided by Ms Marilyn Dunn all five entries in the Young Scientists Expo '83 qualified for the finals. **Reny Segal**, who won a silver medal in '82, and his partner, **Darren Margolias**, won gold medals as did **Marc Joffe** and **Gary Herbert** who created waves in the school by their project on Maths teaching and Maths teachers!

[L-R]: Ms Marilyn Dunn,
Reny Segal, Gary Herbert,
Marc Joffe, Darren Margolias



1983 Young Scientists

Although it was still a relatively small size when compared to most high schools, the school continued to retain its position as one of the top schools in Southern Transvaal chess. **Mark Sarnak**, the king of chess both at the school and on a national level, was presented with an honours blazer for his achievements. **Harry Joffe** also brought credit to the school by winning the Southern Transvaal High School Championships.

The other members of the 'Quattuor Honorati' who received white honours blazers were **Paul Chimes** for his outstanding ability in tennis, **Graham Meyerowitz** who earned Southern Transvaal colours for his superb basketball skills and **Trevor Slom** who represented Southern Transvaal at the National finals of the High Schools' Public Speaking competition

The RAPS play festival provided the thespians with a stage on which to demonstrate their talents and in 1983 King David Victory Park's entry, *Behind the Beyond*, was awarded 2nd place out of thirty three entries. **Michael Segerman** won the award for Best Comedy Actor and both **Carolyn Hurwitz** and **Lara Sackstein** won acting awards. The production also won an award for décor and **Mandy Lazersohn**, **Michelle Emdin** and **Sara Froman** received a merit award for the play's poster.



Back Row [L-R]: Carolyn Hurwitz, Jonathan Altman, Gary Herbert, Neil Lampert
Front Row [L-R]: Gaby Rajak, Michael Segerman, Lara Sackstein, Daniella Slon



Despite the ultimate success of the Raps play, we were beset by hitches along the way. Our first problem was to get the entire cast together in the same place and at the same time for rehearsals. After the first four rehearsals we also had some difficulty in getting Mrs Durbach to rehearsals as she was busy touring France and England. Mrs Wolf was left to handle the mammoth task on her own.....Then in accordance with all the best traditions of the theatre we followed the well-meant advice of our well-wishers---we did break a leg-- the leg of the valuable antique sofa, trustingly lent to us by Miller's Antiques. Thanks to Mr Wolf's invaluable medical experience, the offending leg was temporarily repaired with a roll of band-aid borrowed from the first-aid box!

Beth Porter, Carolyn Hurwitz Std 9 [Grade 11]



1983 Raps Play Cast, Lighting Crew and Backstage Workers

Back Row [L-R]: Berenice Garb, Beverley Silverman, Natalie Block, David Lipshitz, Mrs K Durbach, Gaby Rajak, Tracey Kaye, Michelle Lisssoos, Lara Sackstein

Middle Row [L-R]: Stuart Wolf, Carolyn Hurwitz, Mrs B Wolf, Beth Porter, Michael Segerman

Front Row [L-R]: Jonathan Altman, Daniella Slon, Lorien Bernstein, Neil Lampert

Taddy Blecher and **Beth Porter** reached the finals of the Rand Daily Mail Quiz

Lael Bethlehem was runner-up in the Zionist Quiz

A number of excursions were organised for students

'When I was given the application form for Mountain Leadership, all I remember seeing was 'Price R50'. It seemed so much money!' said **Debbie Waller** who was one of the standard five [grade 7] pupils who went on a Mountain Leadership excursion to Venterskroon, a small town on the Vaal.

The art students accompanied **Mrs Joy Orton** on a tour to London and various European cities. They were able to visit many famous museums, marvel at the artworks and enjoy all that these cities had to offer.

A large group of students had the privilege of being part of the annual three month Ulpan to Israel at Kiryat Moriah in Jerusalem



I remember the total emptiness I felt being torn away from the burning ashes of Ulpan '83 on our last night at Kiryat Moriah.....I sat in my chair on the plane and in front of me I saw a sign which said "in case of emergency the life jacket is under your seat." This is an emergency I thought. This is the time to gasp for breath and clutch at one's throat and reach for the life jacket But do you really think it can safeguard and restore the wonderful moments of ulpan ? Can it restore the unbelievable memories of the magnificent view from Masada - the reward after hiking for endless hours to see the sunrise in all its beauty? The tired aching bodies after having tied vertical pear branches horizontal for six hours on Kibbutz? Can this jacket under my seat give me this?

Debbie Sundy Std 8 [Grade 10]



1983 Senior Public Speakers

Back Row [L-R]: Nadine Glasser, Carolyn Hurwitz, Beth Porter, Trevor Slom, Beverley Silverman, Gaby Rajak, Berenice Garb

Front Row [L-R]: Lara Sackstein, Michael Treisman, [Headboy], Mrs B Wolf, Jonathan Gordon, Jodi Dove

Floor [L-R]: Michael Segerman

Trevor Slom, the deputy headboy, won the Shell Trophy for the Best Individual Speaker in the Public Speaking competition for Transvaal High Schools with a wickedly-witty speech entitled, *'I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin deep-that's deep enough! What do you want - an adorable pancreas?'* By winning the provincial finals he represented Southern Transvaal in the National finals where he was awarded second place. Trevor was one of four students awarded an honours blazer in recognition of his achievement. The school also won the junior section of the competition

'To a few knowing Matrics and one or two Standard Nines, 'Shell' was not only the name of a particular brand of petrol. To us wise souls it meant Public Speaking. Mrs Wolf informed me that I was to be this year's competitor and because any expression of dismay and hesitation would have been totally ignored I accepted eagerly. And so, afternoon after afternoon, the two of us with the helpful Beth Porter, alias Cicero, planned the metamorphosis of my deliciously malicious topic into a coherent speech'

Trevor Slom Std 10 [Grade 12]



Sara Froman was placed in the top 100 in the English Olympiad for the second consecutive year.

In many ways 1983 was a year of firsts for not only was it the first time the school had won both the debating league and the Individual Best Speaker competition but it was also the year that the school was first introduced to the world of computers. Ms Dunn gave the very first lesson to the standard fives using the primary school's media centre. As **Debbie Friedland**, a standard five pupil [grade 7] wrote, *"It is a small step for Miss Dunn, but a great step for me."*

Another new event that year was the discorama where the pupils danced continuously from 10am to 10pm. This was an event organised by the parents - especially Mrs Eve Plit and Mrs Ethne Altman - to raise money for the PTA. **Ari Paikin** won a windsurfer for raising the most money.

For the first time too, golf was recognised as a school sport. The team members, **Martin Lowenthal**, **Mark Nossel** and **Allan Levin** came third in their first inter-school competition - The Standard Bank Cup Challenge - while **Allan Levin** won the school championship and Martin Lowenthal won the Stableford Section.

I would like to thank our only supporter, Carl Sachs, who followed us around on his tricycle, although he did keep his distance for fear of being asked to carry Martin's bag. Carl's arrival proved an immediate inspiration to Martin who responded almost immediately by sinking a crucial 30 metre putt without actually looking up to find out where the hole was. This uplifting of Martin's game can be attributed to the fact that it was the first time anyone had come to watch him play!

Trevor Heymann Std 10 [Grade 12]

- **Golf Captain**

Mr Ginou's Bible League team of **Judith Brittan**, **Colin Blou**, **Leandra Freedman** and **Ilana Galgut** reached the finals of the Bible League Quiz. On the final evening they competed against three teams from Cape Town and two from Johannesburg and their hard work was well rewarded when they were declared the winners and presented with a magnificent trophy

Not for the first time but for the fifth time King David Victory Park was the winner of the National Bible

Quiz. **Barry Burland**, a Standard 7 [Grade 9] student and **Nicole Wittert** in Standard 8 [Grade 10] came first and second respectively and both won tickets to Israel to compete in the International Bible Quiz.

Both students acquitted themselves admirably in the international competition - out of 85 contestants Nicole was placed ninth and Barry twelfth.

The plight of Russian Jewry was brought home to the school by **Professor Irwin Cotler**, an American human rights lawyer who visited the school. In his address to the pupils he succeeded in painting the tragic picture of the oppressed lives of Russian Jewry. He spoke of how Anatoly Shiransky had been arrested for teaching Hebrew and Ida Nudel for hanging a banner outside her window which read 'K.G.B. Give me a visa'. He impressed upon the pupils that it was up to them, as the future leaders of the community, to continue the battle for the freedom and dignity of Russian Jewry



The highlight of Purim was the standard eight play in which a young **Neil Lampert**, a master at impersonation, with the assistance of a very unruly 'class', gave dazzling portrayals of Mr Ainhorn and Mr Wolf.



Neil's opening line of "Good morning my beloved pupils – please take out your text books and copy books" already had the audience smiling and by the time he insisted that our punishment be done on "foolscape, skip, skup or scape", the entire hall was filled with shrieks of laughter. But the greatest surprise was to hear the shouts and guffaws from somebody in the front row – Moti Ainhorn himself!!!

From the takkies on David Shochot's feet to the coloured jersey on Keith Israelstam, to the nail polish on Jenny Myers' nails – the students were reprimanded in the famous, firm, quiet Wolf voice: "Do you think this is Clifton beach? Take the multi-coloured rubbish off!"

Jenny Myers Std8 [Grade 10]

Several Japanese children whose parents were in South Africa on contract, were enrolled in the school. Among these pupils was **Taeko Yatabe** who was the first Japanese student to obtain matric with full exemption, despite having arrived in South Africa just a few years previously – with no knowledge of English other than a few words of greeting.

A personal victory for Taeko

1983 Education Reporter



Taeko Yatabe (left) believes she is the first Japanese to obtain a South African matric with exemption – and is still basking in her personal victory.

For 17-year-old Taeko it was no easy feat. When she left Japan five years ago her English vocabulary consisted of a few words of greeting.

Her father's company transferred the family to Johannesburg and Taeko was faced with the challenge of writing matric in English.

"I knew if I failed the English exam I failed everything. I was terrified," said this bright pupil of King David High School, Victory Park.

Taeko's fears were unfounded. Not only did she pass matric but she did so with first-class results – and sailed through English with a C.

She and her family are preparing to return to Japan at the end of the year where Taeko plans to study mathematics and science at university. Once again she will have to prepare for examinations – but this time, at least, they will be in Japanese.

Junior Provincial awards in sport were made to **Ian Meltzer** for athletics, **Gary Abrahams** for swimming, **Mark Sarnak**, **Harry Joffe** and **Ilan Rabiner** for chess and the three **Tankin Sisters** for squash. Johnny Pillemer was chosen for Maccabi soccer and, for sport which was not offered by the school, **Cy Jacobs** was awarded for ten-pin bowling and **Michael Lazarus** for bare-foot water-skiing.

Mrs Margaret Solomons joined the Mathematics Department in a full time capacity and **Mr Patrick Nduli** was appointed to assist in the science laboratory and the library.

But as the year drew to a close the school bade farewell to several staff members. **Mr Maclean**, the maintenance manager, retired to Port Shepstone and was replaced by the super-efficient and extremely energetic **Mr Bannon**; **Mrs Evelyn Klein** left owing to ill health while **Mrs Heather Bank** left to start a family.

Mrs Gerry Hill, the very able and popular Head of the English Department left 'with sincere regret' as her husband had been transferred to Cape Town.



Mrs Hill has been our English teacher for the past two years. When she first entered our classroom she began with a speech on 'perspiration' and 'perseverance' at which Nadine [Glasser] sat with a baffled expression which she has maintained over the past two years while the rest of us took out our dictionaries [which have proved to be essential to understand English]. We had been under the 'delusion' that English was our 'native' language and therefore one which we could all speak and understand. How wrong we were proved to be! Although Mrs Hill has greatly improved our English ability we are still unable to do justice to all that she has done for us and for the school as a whole. We therefore simply say thank you and we will miss you as an outstanding teacher and a great friend.

Alan Brook and Sara Froman Std 10 [Grade 12]



1983 Prefects



1983 Matriculation Group

In 1989 eight pupils who had matriculated together in 1983 graduated together with an MB.Bch degree from the University of the Witwatersrand. For five of them it was the end of a very long road together - 19 years in the same nursery school, primary school, high school and the University of the Witwatersrand Medical School.



Top [L-R]: Kevin Lotzof, Gary Aaron, Trevor Slom, Michael Treisman, Neale Lange
Front [L-R]: Stacey Abrahams [Kretzmer], Guy Widrich, Alan Brook

Mr Jeffrey Wolf, their proud King David principal



1984, the twentieth anniversary of the school, held somewhat unpleasant connotations for both pupils and teachers. The film, *Class of 84*, conjured up visions of violent, bloodthirsty pupils while George Orwell's book, *1984*, in which Orwell imagined a wholly totalitarian society, sent shivers down the spine. But the school, the staff and the pupils held firm under 'the barrage of grim predictions', and grew, achieved and aspired to still greater heights.

The standard fives moved back to the primary school as it was felt that many children were not emotionally ready for high school, nor were the standard four group emotionally ready to lead the primary school. The high school, moreover, was at its largest and accommodation had become a problem. There were now 540 pupils at the high school and 1376 pupils on the Victory Park campus.



1984 Staff

Mrs Karen Durbach was promoted to Head of the English Department.

Other long-serving members of staff who were appointed in 1984 were **Mrs Joan Orkin**, who was first appointed in a part-time and later in a full-time capacity in the English department and **Mrs Ricka Taitz** who joined the Afrikaans Department.

Mr **Andries Tshisaphungo**, completed twenty years of service at King David High School Victory Park.



Andries Tshisaphungo

The year 1984 was both the tenth year of Mr Wolf's headmastership of King David Victory Park and also the year in which the matriculation group included his elder son, Stuart.



Jeffrey Wolf - Speech Night 1984

"This personal association with our 1984 matriculants has enabled me to watch the progress of many of them, not only in the high school but also from their first day at nursery school. My clear memory of those days and the photographs taken at school, at birthday parties and in my home trace the development of a group which for me has always been so familiar, even familial."

An extract from Jeffrey Wolf's speech at Speech Night 1984



**Russell Pillemer and Beth Porter
1984 Head Boy and Head Girl**

I have my own personal problem insofar as Mr Wolf is concerned. My parents have known him and Mrs Wolf since childhood and I grew up knowing him as my Uncle Jeffrey. And then all of a sudden he was my headmaster and I couldn't understand how I could ever have called him anything but Mr Wolf. But now I am leaving school. Now I am an adult and I have decided to take the bull by the horns and from today I am going to call him Uncle Mr Wolf.

Russell Pillemer [Head Boy 1984]

School is a family affair



Headmaster Jeffrey Wolf and Stuart

To swim the tides of life with one's son takes both courage and confidence. An example of how this can be successfully achieved was set by Mr. Jeffrey Wolf, headmaster of King David High School, Victory Park and his son Stuart, who has just completed his matriculation with distinctions in English, Hebrew, Mathematics and Science.

King David School was chosen after careful consideration because not only was his father the headmaster, but his mother, too, was a teacher at the school!

"Nevertheless", says Stuart, "integration into the situation held little problem, because ever since I can recall that is how it was". Stuart, like his younger brother and sister, started at Nursery School level at Victory Park, and in their home, school is a family affair.

On the surface, in the tranquillity of their peaceful home, it seemed a simple matter. But it was not always easy when pals arrived in the middle of an

argument — the sort indigenous to every family. Also, when on a family outing, the headmaster spots a scholar not attired as he should be and he stops to reprove him, it's tough to discover that he is a close friend of the kids.

"Yes", says Mr. Wolf, tongue in cheek, "it can be quite embarrassing".

Embarrassing also is to find that one has to act as chauffeur to one's son and partner to the school dance. But imagine what it must feel like to be in the girl's shoes! Nor does one envy the head who on another occasion had to punish his son with severe censure for disobedient school behaviour.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, however, have taken it all in their stride. Stuart's school record, both in the classroom and on the sports field, enables him to enter his chosen faculty, Engineering, with every assurance of success. At the valedictory service, Mr. Wolf felt completely natural and at ease in paying his respects to his own son as he did to the other pupils in the school.

Early in the year the school mourned the passing of two very special people.

Mrs Evelyn Klein who had been very actively involved in the school, first as a parent and very energetic member of the PTA, and later as a member of staff.

She was an example and an inspiration to us all. Her dedication and devotion to her work and her exceptional patience and caring attitude to you, her pupils, won our admiration and love. Though ill for so long, she continued her work with such courage and commitment that few realised her real predicament. In her passing the school has lost an outstanding supporter and friend.

Jeffrey Wolf



King David also lost its own 'Leonardo Da Vinci' when twenty year old Gidon Elias lost the battle he had so courageously fought against cancer.

'Gidon was one of our most outstanding graduates, a young man who showed a marvellous talent and strength in both humanistic and scientific disciplines. He was a gifted musician, a very talented artist, a scholar of tremendous calibre and ingenuity whose achievements in languages, science and mathematics were exceptional' -

Jeffrey Wolf



Gidon Elias 1964 - 1984



A Self -Portrait

And God Created Man in his own image

I very much doubt whether this is an applicable description for all of mankind - rather it is symbolic of man's striving for perfection. Gidon Elias was one of the few people who actually came close to attaining that ultimate goal

Gregory Spiro

On behalf of Gidon's friends, the matrics of 1981, **Gregory Spiro** presented the school with a trophy in Gidon's memory. The Gidon Elias trophy is awarded each year to a matric pupil who shows outstanding creativity in the arts and sciences. The first recipient of this trophy was a very deserving **Taddy [Adam] Blecher**.

In 1984 success was achieved in almost every sphere.

Thanks to Mazlow, Freud, Sartre and Camus - with not a little assistance from Mrs Durbach, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Miller- the debating team of **Ilana Shein**, **Rael Sundy** and **Beth Porter** won the Helen Suzman Debating League. This meant that the school had won the trophy for two successive years.

The gentleman took off his silken top hat, adjusted his silk tie and diamond tie pin, straightened his waistcoat.....and strutted into the room, twirling his ebony cane. Just then the most beautiful woman he had ever seen walked into the room. Unable to contain himself, he shouted to the gentleman next to him, "Jislaaik, but that's a lekker chick hey!"

With these opening words of a highly cynical speech, **Beth Porter** won through to the finals of the High Schools' Public Speaking Competition which took place at the Linder Auditorium. She was narrowly beaten into second place.

The school won the Junior Section of the competition for the second consecutive year.

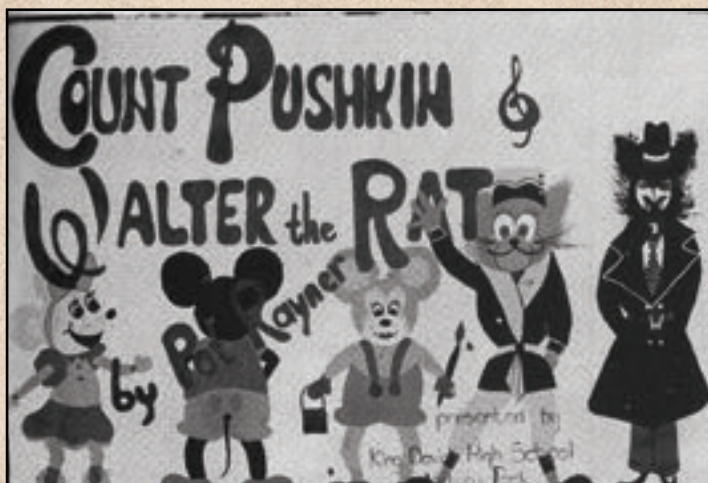


Don't try and challenge these pupils to an argument. They are the first King David Victory Park High School debaters, whose arguments triumphed during the Helen Suzman Debating League Finals at Redhill School last Monday. Holding the trophy are, from left, Ilana Shein, Rael Sundy and Beth Porter. The school has won this trophy two years in succession and three years ago it made it to the finals of the league.

RAPS, the Repertory Amateur Player's Society, or as the actors call it Ready and Prepared to Sweat [until you reach perfection]. This year we embarked on an unusual project, a children's theatre fantasy about cats, rats and mice. These were in real life a bunch of noisy and unruly scholars. That, of course, would be Mrs Wolf's and Mrs Durbach's opinions, after weeks of sweating to get us to concentrate, work and act as a bunch of Disneyland characters. We soon began noticing nervous behaviour patterns in the teachers. Mrs Durbach loved crawling on her knees to find the warmest spot on the floor [of the hall] while Mrs Wolf sat in her chair and subconsciously mouthed the whole play better than any mouse ever could

Anthony Krawitz Std 9 [Grade 11] - Count Pushkin

Count Pushkin and Walter the Rat, a children's fantasy involving eight little mice, a 'goody' cat and a 'baddy' rat, gave the junior pupils an opportunity to take part in a production for the Raps Inter- School Play Festival, an activity usually reserved for the more mature senior pupils. The adjudicators found it a 'highly successful performance of an enchanting piece' and in the final, King David tied for second place. - for the second consecutive year.



Much of the charm was created by **Mrs Joy Orton** who, with her artistic skill, created giant dice and cotton reels and lovingly made every costume for the cast members - **Anthony Krawitz [Count Pushkin]**, **Graham Wolf**, **Marc Loon**, **Alon Shein**, **Martin Kahn**, **Michael Wohlman**, **Lara Hirschowitz**, **Dani Wittert**, **Lara Rubin**, **Phillipa Ernst** and **Neil Lampert**, who worked his magic on the piano for all the musical numbers.

The poster was created by Lisa Fedler.



**The Mice - Marc Loon, Michael Wohlman,
Alon Shein, Martin Kahn**



The Rat - Graham Wolf

Beverley Silverman reached the Old Mutual Maths Olympiad finals. As Beverley herself wrote, the response from some to this achievement was not very encouraging!

Mr Oliver: "Not only is she a girl but a blonde as well"

My grandmother: "Remember that boys don't like girls who are too intelligent. Act dumb"

The boys in 10K: "It's a women's lib scam!"

Mr Wolf: "The school is very proud of you, Beverley"

Me: "There must be some mistake!"

Beverley Silverman Std 10 [Grade 12]



1984 Maths Olympiad

The school entered the age of technology in 1984 when fifteen Apple computers were installed in a classroom which had to be extended to accommodate them. The windows too had to be barred and a security gate installed at the entrance. Such was the excitement, especially among the juniors, that **Nicci Stein** in Std 6 [Grade 8] was inspired to write the following: .

*There is this new computer class
that makes Ms Dunn feel like a brass
At a computer we sit in twos
don't bump the plug with your shoes!
Ms Dunn is our computer pro
who always keeps us on the go
Load Dos, master system 3*3 and
make sure you press the capslock key
Take your disc, get ready to load
and type in it 'Hello.'
We learn to write -my name is 'Nicci'
but then we find it's very tricky.
So come on kids lets go for a run
to the wonderful computer land of fun*



At the Young Scientists Expo '84 **Trevor Slabe, Anton Klein, Tamarah Arons, Marc Joffe, Stephen Buskin, Jonathan Staskin and Gary Herbert** all won through to the semi-finals of the competition, but it was Trevor and Anton with their project on *Nuclear Fusion used in the Plasma Machine* and Marc Joffe and Stephen Buskin with their research on *Vivisection and use of Laboratory Animals in Experimentation* who reached the National Finals in Pretoria. Trevor and Anton won silver medallions while Marc and Stephen were awarded gold.



1984 Young Scientists

Back Row [L-R]: Anton Klein, Marc Joffe, Gary Herbert, Jonathan Staskin, Trevor Slabe
Front [L-R]: Stephen Buskin, Ms Marilyn Dunn, Tamarah Arons

Judith Brittan, runner-up in the National Bible Quiz, acquitted herself extremely admirably by achieving twelfth place in the **International Quiz** in Israel.

The Rand Daily Mail Quiz team of **Charmaine Touyz** and **Allen Milner**, encouraged by Mrs Reynolds, won their section of the quiz for which they received three books for the school library.

A new wing was added to the library as more space was needed in which to house the many tables that had been squeezed into the main section, as well as a new audio-visual and computer section.



1984 Library Prefects



Junior City Council Members



1984 Welfare Society

Both the Junior City Council and the members of the school's Welfare Society helped to raise money for various charities. Through the school the members of the Junior City Council, **Shelley Altman** and **Lael Bethlehem**, collected a large sum of money for the Johannesburg Children's Home while the Welfare Society collected funds for POWA, and for Tape-Aids for the Blind. They also donated a sum of money to a black school for the handicapped and bought heaters for the common room of the school's support staff.

On Yom Hashoah Mrs Miriam Lazarus, the mother of Graham and Michael Lazarus and a survivor of the Holocaust, gave a heartfelt and moving address on what she had experienced and seen as a young child in Nazi Europe.

For many years the school had been recognised as one of the top schools in chess in South Africa and certainly in the Southern Transvaal. In 1984 the team was left without its many senior top players and without the previous year's captain and chess champion, Mark Sarnak. Nevertheless, the team consisting of mostly junior players still managed to reach the semi-finals of both the 5-a-side and 10-a-side competitions.

Harry Joffe was the overall winner of the Barclays South African Schools Chess Championship. He led his Southern Transvaal squad to victory against eleven teams from around the country.

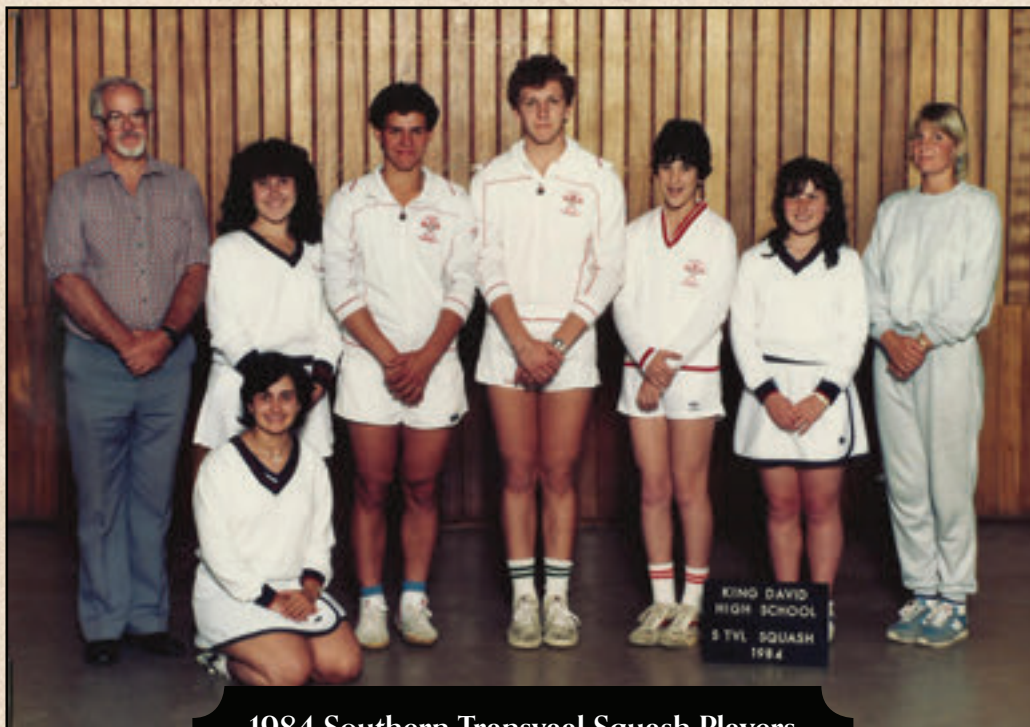
By 1984 the interest in and standard of sport had improved a great deal.

Athletes like **Lisa Berkowitz** who was placed 1st in many inter-school athletics meetings, **Marc Hirschberg**, **Ian Cohen**, **Alan Blank**, **Dunn Hirschowitz** and **Joanne Gerber** all brought credit to the school; nine members of the 1st XV rugby team were selected for the area Craven Week trials; **Yoram Tal** and **Darian Bregman** were chosen for the Junior Southern Transvaal basketball trials while **Reny Segal**, **Dunn Hirschowitz** and **Russel Pillemer** were chosen for the senior trials. Johnny Pillemer was selected to attend a soccer clinic in Britain for a month and **Russel Koton** won two gold medals in the South African Junior Karate championship.



The under 15 girls' squash team of **Tanya Tankin**, **Joanne Gerber**, **Leandra Friedman** and **Michelle Tankin** achieved honour for the school by scoring 47 out of a possible 48 points and thus winning the under 15 inter-school A team League Trophy

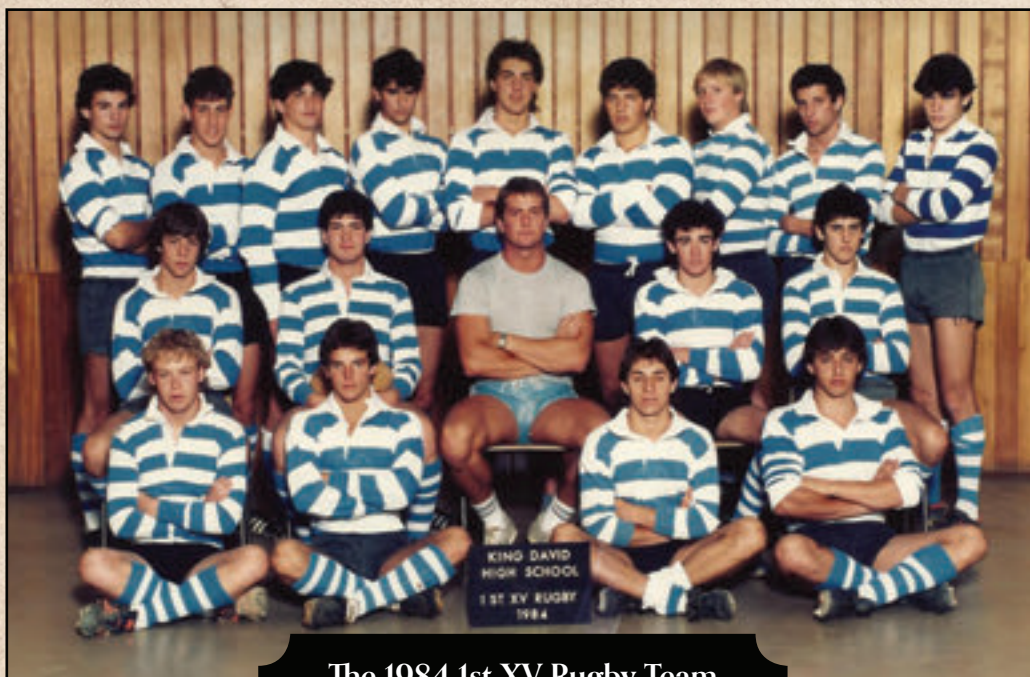
The Tankin Triumverate, Belinda, Michelle and Tanya were superb squash players and brought honour to the school by bolstering the strength of the school teams and by winning many individual championships.



1984 Southern Transvaal Squash Players

Standing [L-R]: Mr Pearce, Belinda Tankin, Jan Sachs, Hilton Lipkin, Peter Katz, Tanya Tankin, Mrs Gott
Kneeling [L-R]: Michelle Tankin

The swimming team too were particularly successful, winning all five of their inter-school galas. By winning the Inter-High Swimming Gala which was swum at Greenside High School the school won promotion into a higher swimming league.



The 1984 1st XV Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: David Basson, Laurence Morris, Keith Israelstam, Dunn Hirschowitz, Bruce Zeff, Ashley Farber, Evan Nathanson Alan Blank, Rael Lissoos

Middle Row [L-R]: David Shochet, Shaun Nathan, Mr N Davis, Darren Weinstein, Ilan Zimerman

Front Row [L-R]: Laurence Sulman, Russel Pillemer, Charles Kramer, David Lipschitz



1984 Open Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Paul Bacher, Ashley Farber, George Sitsakis, Jonathan Greenhill, Graeme Sperber, Gary Herbert, Stephen Buskin, Craig Schneiderman, Alan Blank

Middle Row [L-R]: Rosh Segal, Darren Weinstein, Mr Pearce, Larry Franks, Glen Segell

Floor [L-R]: Colin Blou, Ari Paiken

Important visitors to the school in June 1984 were **Eddie and Ann Magid**, the mayor and mayoress of Johannesburg and parents of Harold and Steven, former pupils of the school. The PTA had organised a fair called the Multi Metal Mart and Mr and Mrs Magid graced the school with their presence at the opening of the exhibition



Mr and Mrs Eddie Magid at the opening of the Multi Metal Mart



**Mr Philip Snipelisky, Rabbi Fachler,
Mr J Wolf**

After a very successful three year tenure at Victory Park, during which the school won both the Bible League and the National Bible Quiz, **Mr and Mrs Ginou** returned to Israel.

The responsibility of heading the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Departments from 1985 was placed in the hands of a very young but very able **Mr Philip Snipelisky**. He headed this department exceptionally well until 1993 when he emigrated with his young family to Perth, Australia. Mr Snipelisky now lives in Sydney.

The school bade a very fond and final farewell to the vice-principal, **Mr Nick Taylor**.

As inexperienced pupils in Standard 6 [Grade 8] we first encountered the likes of Mr Taylor when he stormed into the classroom to punish us. Without any introduction he dealt out piles of punishment to every 'innocent' pupil and calmly informed us that anyone failing to do this would be chucked out of the windows - 'while they are still closed!' Mr Taylor, over the years we have come to realise that you are actually a unique man in every way - a brilliant science teacher, an involved vice-principal, and a trusted friend..... We cherish the education that we received from you, wish you all success and just want you to know that we shall always remember you

Ilana Shein and Leora Rajak Std 9 [Grade 11]



1984 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Jonathan Suttner, David Basson, Stuart Wolf, Dunn Hirschowitz, Shaun Nathan, Rael Lissoos, Michael Segerman

Middle Row [L-R]: Jodi Dove, Carolyn Hurwitz, Melanie Serebro, Beverley Silverman, Avi Kaplan, Gaby Rajak, Mandy Cohen, Lara Sackstein, Hayley Brenner

Seated [L-R]: Rael Sundy, Beth Porter [Head Girl], Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Russel Pillemer [Head Boy]
Berenice Garb



1984 Matriculation Group



Rael Lissos and Zibi did not bury their heads in the sand!
[1984 Clean-up campaign at KDVP]



The G -A- Y Team: Reichman, Farber and Kramer





1984 Dux Award

[L-R]: Rael Sundy, Beth Porter, Stuart Wolf

MY appointment to meet Beth Porter, the Head Girl of King David School, Victory Park, was for 4 p.m. at the "Health Kick" in Sandton. There she was deftly delivering a tray of fruit drinks and milkshakes to customers and enjoying every second of her working day. I could not but surmise that had her employer known the standard of her impending matric results, he might have considered her overqualified for the job in hand.

Enjoyed

Beth attained four distinctions, in Mathematics, Hebrew, English and French. She had not found her task as Head Girl detrimental to her studies. In fact, the manifold duties and experiences lent an

The road ahead



Beth Porter... full confidence for the road ahead.

said that the only Jewish Porters I knew had come from Port-Elizabeth. "Well," she said, "that's where my family originated". Her paternal grandfather, I discovered, was the late Maurice Porter, a Past

emotionally saddened at leaving King David, she was looking forward to the challenge of new experiences at University.

Asset

The road ahead is getting tougher every year and preparation for it ever costlier. The most precious asset of the South African Jewish community is its investment in Jewish education. What has been achieved in the past, plus this year's vintage crop or university passes and multiple distinctions, underscores the need for further maintenance and extension to ensure a smooth passage for future travellers on that road ahead.

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added dimension which helped to stimulate her work efforts. She had enjoyed all aspects of her school education and was grateful for the team spirit prevalent among the Headmaster and teachers, which, she said, engendered a feeling of shared responsibility and set an excellent example to the prefects. "Discipline at the school was never superimposed, but rather the result of a free exchange of opinion".

Her confidence for the road ahead, which would lead to a Bachelor of Commerce degree and then an LLB, was firmly nourished in both home and school. In true Jewish-grandmother style, I

President of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, and she was surprised to learn that he had taught me at the Hebrew High School, Johannesburg's first Hebrew Day-School. We spoke of his educational background and I sensed in her a deep attachment to Jewish traditions and its national expression. The Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah in Jerusalem had been one of the highlights of her school career. "These few months in Israel developed the self-confidence and maturity of all the participants". Self-identification was needed, she felt, for establishing healthy relationships with others, and although she was

Sadly **Beth** was unable to reach her full potential for, after many years of suffering from a dreadful illness, she passed away in September 2006.

Another member of the 1984 group, **Laurence Sulman**, lost his life tragically when the boat, on which he was celebrating the completion of a project for an international construction company in Bahrain, capsized. Lawrence is buried on Kibbutz Hanita in Israel where he had spent some years.

In 2008 through the altruism, selfless commitment and sensitivity of a fellow matriculant, **Harry Joffe**, their names were commemorated by a Memorial Honours Board in Beth's name and the annual award of a rugby ball to the most passionate player of the game in Laurence's name.

Through the overwhelming generosity of the **Porter family** and this special 1984 group, scattered all over the world, two bursaries for university study were awarded to two of the 2008 matric group. Harry Joffe, in his inimitable way, was single-handedly the initiator of this generous gesture.



Dr Taddy Blecher, a 1984 matriculant and the first recipient of the Gidon Elias Trophy for creativity in the arts and sciences, graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with a BSc Honours in Actuarial Science. He was the top student in South Africa in the final examinations. On the verge of emigrating, he decided instead to stay and do something meaningful in the field of education to help build South Africa. By obtaining sponsorships from many large organisations, in 2000 he founded the CIDA City Campus which offers a virtually free four-year Bachelor of Business Administration degree to students who are selected from impoverished schools country-wide. Among the many awards that Taddy has received is that of 'Global Leader of Tomorrow' which was bestowed upon him by the World Economic Forum in 2002 and again in 2005. Taddy, who is truly a Dynamic Davidian, is inspired by the motto - There is always a place for optimists who want to change the world.



Dr Taddy Blecher

Another slice of Nostalgia - from Harry Joffe, a 1984 Matriculant



My favourite memory is the school sports day, the 1500m for matrics. The first three finishers went into the school athletics team which no one wanted to do, as we always finished last when going against other schools. That meant, apart from Darren Wainstein, who was a great runner - the rest of us schleppers made sure to hang back and run slowly. Given that we were not good anyway, it made our time absolutely horrible. I remember Mr Brown stopping the race half-way and saying that if we did not run faster we would all get detention! Anyway I settled into a comfortable 4th spot, behind Rael Lissos. We were way ahead of the rest but I knew I just had to stay behind him to finish 4th and just miss selection to the dreaded athletics team. We came round the final bend and I was most proud of my tactical planning to finish 4th. Just then Rael dropped to the ground clutching his ankle. He said he could not move it and had to withdraw. I had no choice but to finish 3rd. I went to speak to him later to see how he was only to learn that he had faked the injury to avoid 3rd place!

I had the last laugh because, as captain of the school chess team - the one school team that actually won most of its matches - I made sure to schedule chess practice at the same time as athletics practice and so I was dropped from the team!

One admission I have to make is that when I left school I 'forgot' to hand back my green school running vest and so it still sits in my cupboard as a proud reminder of our athletics team and the events that surrounded it.

Harry Joffe - Head of Legal Services at Discovery Life



The South African at the cutting edge of x-ray vision

A Johannesburg-born businessman living in Israel is part of a duo that has produced an augmented reality device which allows surgeons to see a patient's anatomy through skin and tissue as if they have x-ray vision. While it may sound like science fiction, it's definitely science fact.

by TALI FEINBERG | Jan 23, 2020

The duo is made up of South African Stuart Wolf and Israeli Nissan Elimelech of Augmedics.

Augmedics was founded by Elimelech, the current chief executive. "I joined him mid-2015. It was his idea, but he originates from the business and marketing side and he needed someone to work with on the technological aspects. We joined forces and began building the company, raising funds and developing the technology.

"The xvision is the first augmented reality device approved for surgery. The system provides the surgeon with all the information required, including an x-ray-like view of the patient. Using the xvision, the surgeon is able to navigate instrumentation used in surgery precisely," says Wolf, who attended King David Victory Park, and went on to study a BSc Electrical Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand. He made aliyah in 1989, and started graduate studies at the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) where he graduated with an MSc in Electrical Engineering specialising in signal and image processing.

"In one and a half years, we had grown from two to five people, running on seed funding and then we raised a further \$8.5 million (R123.2 million) in a round of funding led by the AO Foundation [a non-profit organisation dedicated to improving the care of people with musculoskeletal injuries]. We then grew quickly to about 25 employees and then to our current size of about 40 people both in Israel and in the United States.

Following the successful launch of the xvision-spine, we will branch into other medical applications where there is a great need for minimally invasive and guided procedures."

His ultimate vision - no pun intended - is to continue to grow Augmedics into a world leader for surgical augmented reality applications, and to turn the start-up into a successful large company which "improves the health of as many people as possible and provides employment for as many people as possible".

By 1985 the school stood firmly entrenched, confident and mature, in the family of Jewish Day Schools and the wider community of local high schools. Adolescence was left behind and 'adulthood' brought with it several successes in the fields of academics, cultural activities and sport as well as inspired leadership from the class of '85.

The pupil enrolment was approximately 590 and even the gallery of the hall had to be used as a classroom.

Extensions were made to the existing administration block. New offices were built for the vice-principals and school councillor as well as a new staffroom and an adjoining kitchen for the ever-increasing staff. The old staffroom now became the marking room. The new staffroom required new furniture and this was acquired through Mrs Pam Shuster, an interior decorator and parent at the school.

Mrs Anne McAtee joined the Accountancy department in a full-time capacity; **Mr Brown** was promoted to the position of Deputy Principal; **Mrs Durbach** who had assumed the position of Head of the English department in 1984 was promoted to vice-principal; **Ms Dunn and Mrs Wolf** became form supervisors. **Rabbi Barry Goldstuck**, a graduate of the school, joined the Hebrew department in a part-time capacity as did Rabbi Warshawsky.



The 1985 Debating Society

Standing [L-R]: Jody Kruger, Colin Blou, Gary Herbert, Barry Burland, Marc Joffe, Trevor Waller, Lael Bethlehem

Seated [L-R]: Mrs Karen Durbach, Leora Rajak, Joanne Fedler, Anthony Krawitz, Ilana Shein, Mrs Michelle Miller

Front [L-R]: Tanya Rosenthal, Joel Abrahamson, Jonathan Rosenthal

The number 3 seemed to be the school's lucky number.

By beating their arch rivals, King David Linksfield, in the final of the Helen Suzman debating league, it was victory for Victory Park.. By winning both the prepared and the impromptu debates which had been introduced into the competition, the debating team of **Ilana Shein, Joanne Fedler** and **Anthony Krawitz** brought the trophy 'home' for the **third successive year**.

In the internal public speaking competitions **Graham Wolf** won the Junior Best Speaker competition for the **third successive year**.

The Shell Trophy Team of **Ilana Shein, Shelley Altman/ Joanne Fedler and Johnny Pillemer** reached the final of the High Schools Public Speaking Competition with their topic 'The Modern Child' but had to settle for second place..

However, the school won the Junior Section of the competition for the **third successive year**.



The Shell Trophy Team

[L-R]: Shelley Altman, Joanne Fedler, Mrs B. Wolf, Ilana Shein Michelle Lissoos [Best Individual Speaker]
Kneeling: Johnny Pillemer

*Having never acted in a play at the high school, I decided to participate in this year's production of **Our Town**. The only previous experience I could count on was when I portrayed one of the carrots in the fable of **'Brer Rabbit'** at the age of 7 in Grade 2!*

Colin Blou [Head Boy]



The Cast & Crew of *Our Town*

Three months of preparation were required to launch a very successful Science/Computer Week in which there were activities not only for pupils but also for teachers and parents.

On a Tuesday afternoon at the newly established Computer Club Ms Dunn offered pupils the opportunity to learn to use computers. This paid off handsomely in the regional finals of the Young Scientists Expo when the school won most of the prizes in the computer application section. Winners in this section were **Adam Rosendorff, Uri Estrin, Jonathan Levy, Jonathan Kristeller, Alan Levin** and **Wayne Berzack** who went on to win a gold medal in the national final. **Stephen Buskin** also won gold in the National Final for his book on animal experimentation in the cosmetic industry.



1985 English Olympiad

It was a pleasant surprise when Mr Wolf informed me that the Anglo-De Beers English Olympiad had written to say that I had come in the top 15 in the country. But I never believed what an honour it was until Mr Wolf, in his state of euphoria, kissed me!

Joanne Fedler Std 10 [Grade 12]

Approximately twenty talented senior pupils who had studied two plays by Athol Fugard and had been fortunate to have had excellent coaching by Dr Martin Orkin together with Mrs Orkin, wrote the English Olympiad, an examination which encourages the English scholar to think critically. Joanne Fedler brought great honour to herself but also to the school by reaching the top 15 in the country and at the final in Grahamstown it was announced that she had achieved 9th place.

Gary Herbert and Barry Burland who were chosen as the school's representatives on the Junior City Council were both chosen to sit on the executive of the council.

Gary was chosen as Public Relations Officer and **Barry was inducted as the Junior Mayor for 1985, Johannesburg's Centenary Year.**



[L-R]: Gary Herbert and Barry Burland



The first-aid team, of **Gavin Garb, Jonathan Greenhill, Julia Silberman** and **Charmaine Touyz**, supervised by Mrs Morris, assisted at the various sports matches, both at the school and away. In 1985 the team entered the First Aid competition for the very first time. They emerged victorious against a team from KES who were incredulous that two girls should know anything about first-aid!

We met every Monday afternoon and between giggles, bashing our patient, Joel Abrahamson, and making Mrs Morris wonder just what she had let herself in for, we did manage to learn to diagnose quickly and correctly and to tie our bandages without bows!

Charmaine Touyz Std 10 [Grade 12]

The Welfare Society continued to work for the less fortunate and disadvantaged in the community. They visited Baragwanath Hospital and donated the murals from the Matric Dance to brighten the children's ward. They also raised a large sum of money for Operation Hunger and joined forces with the primary school to knit blankets and collect warm clothes for Operation Snowball.

[L-R]: Adi Lissoos, Karen Garb, Aviva Altschuler Jonathan Felsher, Sharon Bonert, Perry Segal



The Rosh Minyanim for 1985 were **Errol Oscherowitz, Neil Lampert, Lael Bethlehem** and **Beverley Ossip**.

Purim '85 lived up to all expectations. The choir could faintly be heard practising every few breaks. On Thursday morning, despite the rest of the school's efforts to drown them when Haman's name was read, they sang superbly but we did feel giddy after their bouncing version of 'Mi Ze Melech Hakavod' and nearly forgot we were in a shul during Adon Olam. After shul we laughed our way into the hall. As usual the teachers lost all their inhibitions. The girls will never forget Mr Eysel's chest nor the boys Miss Dunn's movements. Patrick swooned the whole school with 'Endless Love' and the school erupted at Bruce Springsteen's [alias Justin Cohen] rendition of 'Born in the U.S.A.'....

I'm sure the sixes will never forget their first Purim nor the matrics their last.

Barry Burland Std 9 [Grade 11]

During the week before Pesach, the festival of freedom, the pupils organised a 'Soviet Jewry Week' and expressed their solidarity with the Russian Jews, the so-called 'Jews Of Silence' by wearing a blue and white Magen David on which was written the motto, 'Let My People Go'

Visiting dignitaries to the school that year were the Chief Rabbi Casper, Mr Shlomo Mayer who was retiring as the Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education and Rabbi Goss who, on this, the 850th anniversary of the birth of the Rambam, urged the senior pupils to take pride in their heritage. The mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr Shlomo Rabat, also visited the school and appealed to the pupils to learn Hebrew which he said was the strongest connection the Jews of the Diaspora had to Israel.

Sport at the school had gone from strength to strength. Ms Cronje's [Mrs Spangenberg] boys' A tennis team of **Ryan Bacher, Howard Joffe**, [both Std 6 / Grade 8], **Johnny Pillemer, Marc Joffe, Yonatan Rom** and **Gary Salomon** was particularly strong as it included four ranked South African juniors. It succeeded in defeating all its opponents - including King David Linksfield - and was promoted to a higher league. By winning the South African High Schools Championship, Howard Joffe won R1000 for the school.



1985 Swimming Team

The swimming team, which had won promotion to the C league and now faced much stiffer competition as well as the much larger Ellis Park pool, still managed to finish 2nd in the Inter-High Co-Ed Swimming Gala

Every year among the many talented people in our school there is always one who is more prominent in a particular field than others are in theirs. This year that person must surely be Ilana Shein, our vice-head girl. Ilana is a swimmer who has excelled herself both against our own schools' swimmers and against the tough A and B league swimmers against whom we have been swimming this season.

Ilana first made an impression at the high school in 1980, the year she entered Standard 5. That year she won the Open Medley and the Junior Victrix Ludorum – a stunning achievement when one remembers she was swimming against the experience and the strength of the matrices and was better overall than swimmers three or more years older than herself. Ilana has repeated this feat every year since then.



Barry Burland Std 9 [Grade 11]



1985 Athletics Team

The athletics team, captained by **Alan Blank**, won their league and was also promoted to a higher one. Success at the Inter-High ensured that the school was well represented at the Prestige Athletics Meeting where the winners of the individual races from each league compete against one another.

The 1st XI cricket team ensured that King David Linksfield went home with bowed heads after losing to Victory Park - by just one run. **Alan Gorley** was chosen to play cricket in the Ken Viljoen week

The senior girls' squash team was promoted to the A league and rugby and netball had their best seasons ever. **Alvin Flaum** was selected to play in the Craven trials for rugby

Rugby standard at KDHS Victory Park is encouraging

By Mark Seidel

George Sitakids did not take long to vindicate the premise the King David Victory Park High School rugby selectors had in him when he switched from fullback to flyhalf against La Salle recently.

Sitakids turned in a highly competent all-round performance in the 33-6 triumph, scoring 17 of his team's points.

One of the first team's three coaches, Norman Davis sang the praises of Sitakids.

"Staggering" was the description of the fly-half's display.

"He was totally in command and tactically he kicked very well."

Sitakids game is not devoid of its flaws. He ten-

ded to overdo the individual stuff and was castigated after the game.

"He tended to be greedy, but we grilled him after the game. We expect him to be more disciplined in the future," said Davis, who coaches the forwards in an advisory capacity after he broke his leg in a friendly soccer match recently.

Davis hails from England and has turned out for Coventry. He went down to Pirates to try his luck, but that stretched soccer injury saw to it that rugby and any other sport became a no-no for a year.

So Davis tragically sits it out on the sidelines "where he has lots of time to

analyse.

And - his analysis of what he has seen at King David is encouraging.

"The junior standard is comparable with most schools," stated Davis. "Size of our tight forwards is a drawback although there are some bigger boys among the under 15 A's."

Davis also stressed the need for a scrummaging machine. However with the present plight facing the Jewish schools, this may not be forthcoming for some time.

Referring back to the encouraging display against La Salle, Davis commended the loose-forwards - James Souris, the captain David Shochot

and Alvin Slaum.

One would have thought that soccer would be the more popular sport at the school, but this is not the case.

Davis notes that the school struggles to get two soccer teams together.

Meanwhile a pointer to the popularity of the sport is the fact that the first team practices three times a week under the watchful eyes of Grant Ambrose, who is in charge of the pack, Mark Boetswick, who handles the backs, and Davis.

Is rugby not being overdone?

"No," replies Davis, "the boys can't seem to get enough, they even practise line-outs and scrums at break."

Not all practice time is devoted to sweating it out on a rugby field.

On the Thursday after the match against La Salle the coaching staff and the team had a think-tank in which various aspects of the game were discussed.

"It took the form of a question and answer session," explained Davis, and we got some tremendous feedback from the boys.

The sport appears to be professionally run at the school and can only go from strength to strength at this rate.

Results: King David Victory Park High School first rugby team: lost 3-8 to Northview; beat Linnemeyer 28-12; lost to Edenville 6-36; beat La Salle 33-6.



1985 Junior Maccabi

[L-R]: Russell Koton, Yonatan Rom, Gary Salomon, Tanya Tankin

Four pupils were selected as juniors to represent South Africa in the Maccabi Games in Israel - **Gary Salomon** and **Yonatan Rom** [tennis], **Russell Koton** [karate] and **Tanya Tankin** [squash]. This was the first year that juniors had been included.



1985 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Alon Bernstein, Errol Osherowitz, Ian Meltzer, Anthony Krawitz, Alan Levin, Alan Blank, Neil Lampert

Middle Row [L-R]: Lisa Fedler, Beverley Ossip, Charmaine Touyz, Leora Rajak, Joanne Fedler, Shelley Altman, Lisa Berkowitz, Deborah Sundy, Lael Bethlehem, Lauren Kussel

Seated [L-R]: Jonathan Pillemer, Michelle Lissos, Keith Israelstam, Ilana Shein, Clive Rohald



1985 Matriculation Group

In October 1985 the school learned of the death of twenty- two year old **Shirlaine Wohlman**, who lost her life in a tragic car accident.

In 1981 Shirlaine matriculated, confident and successful. The petite blonde teenager who first entered my class in 1977 was still petite and blonde; a young lady with an indefatigable joie-de-vivre, ready to face new challenges. Thus it was a tremendous shock to hear of her sudden death. We wish the Wohlman family strength and courage in the face of this bitter tragedy

Karen-Anne Durbach

In memory of Shirlaine Mr and Mrs Wohlman donated a trophy to the school which is awarded each year at the Valedictory evening to the pupil who demonstrates the most social awareness.



1985 King David Victory Park Staff

The New Revised King David Bible

In the beginning there was chaos and the spirit of King David floated on the face of the waters at seven in the morning. And the Boss said, "Let there be light", and the lights came on in the shul. And the boss saw that it was good

On the second day the Boss separated the teachers from the pupils. And the teachers were placed in the staffroom above the pupils

On the third day the Boss tried to separate the dry land from the water but the pupils were thrown into the water anyway.

On the fourth day the Boss created salads in the tuckshop

On the fifth day the Boss created tuna rolls in the tuckshop - and chicks

On the sixth day the boss created the beasts of the earth and the manne. And the manne called the beasts of the earth ----- teachers

And on the seventh day the boss rested but the pupils did not need to rest because they had slept for the first five days!

Anonymous

After twelve years as Head of the Mathematics Department, the vice-principal, **Mr Tom Oliver**, resigned from his position. He continued to teach elsewhere and returned to do a locum at the school some years later. Sadly he passed away in the early 2000's.

From our first lesson it was obvious that Mr Oliver was no ordinary maths teacher. Nobody will ever forget that to illustrate that a part of a sum was unnecessary, he took a piece of white chalk, told us to 'charf' it was red and then proceeded to draw a fish. When we enquired as to what it was, he answered, "Fools, can't you see it's a red herring!"

However, there is more to Mr Oliver. The whole school knows that during Friday second period Mr Oliver will come round to somehow coax as much charity as possible from you. His classes know that there will be no homework on 'erev shabbos' except 'be kind to your parents. Every sports team, tour group or debating supporter knows he will drop you at your front door at eleven at night.

Mr Oliver, we will miss your legs protruding from soccer shorts on Purim, that sexy tire-tube for the teachers' race at the gala and most of all your unique way of making us think for ourselves and consider others. No pupil who has ever been touched by your magic will ever forget, "X for Xerxes, Y for Yisroel and O for Oliver."

Barry Burland Std 9 [Grade 11]



The school also bade farewell to **Mrs Joy Orton** who had been an inspirational art teacher and had assisted greatly with the décor and costumes for the various school productions. She and her husband, John, returned to England to be with their two daughters and their grandchildren.

In the 1970's and 80's the staff enjoyed a farewell tea given each year by the matric group. This tradition did not endure after the 1980's.

The Matric Results of 1985 were superb – the best the school had ever had! The school received a 100% pass rate from the 89 pupils who wrote matric and between them they received a record number of distinctions – 93 in all. Female brain power dominated with all three six distinction and five distinction winners being girls! One of the six distinction winners, Ilana Galgut, lost her mother, Sylvia, just three weeks before the final examinations and though she could have passed on her school record mark, she bravely went ahead and wrote the examinations.

These six 1985 Matriculants achieved 32 distinctions between them

Seated [L-R]: Michelle Lisssoos, Lauren Kussel, Beverley Ossip, Ilana Galgut

Standing [L-R]: Ilana Shein and Lauren Rome

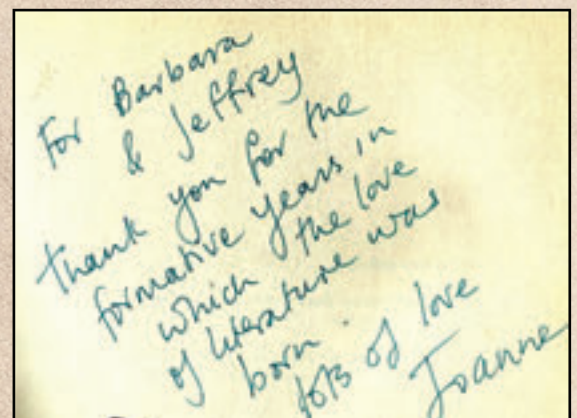


From The Star newspaper



Jill and Jack Kussel celebrate Lauren's excellent Matric results

Joanne Fedler, who also achieved six distinctions in the matriculation exam, studied law at the University of the Witwatersrand and then at Yale University. Before emigrating to Australia she was a women's rights advocate but later her deep love of literature prevailed. Today she is the author of several novels which have been published in the UK, Australia, Europe and South Africa. She also teaches life-writing classes and is a motivational speaker. In 2015 Joanne was honoured by the King David Foundation as a Dynamic Davidian.





Forestry boss Bethlehem chops out the deadwood

LAEL BETHLEHEM

- ▲ TITLE: Chief director, forestry, in the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
- ▲ AGE: 30
- ▲ EDUCATION: King David Victory Park; MA in industrial sociology, Wits University
- ▲ QUALITY TIME: Yoga, hiking, SA art and SA history

Lael Bethlehem, a Junior City Councillor in 1984 and a distinguished matriculant of 1985, attended the University of the Witwatersrand where she obtained a Masters degree in Industrial Sociology. She first worked as Chief Director of Forestry in the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry where she led South Africa's forestry programme and represented the country in international forestry negotiations. She was later appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Johannesburg Development Agency and from 2005 to 2010 she put all her energy into the regeneration of the Johannesburg Central Business District. One of her biggest projects was the development of the Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit system and the preparation of the key precincts for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. In recognition of her expertise Lael was invited to London as part of a panel of experts to review preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games. In 2009 she was nominated by the Business Women's Association of South Africa in the corporate category of Business Woman of the year. Today Lael is an investment executive at Hosken Consolidated Investments and a Non-Executive Director of The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa, where she chairs the Investment Committee. She has also served as a Board Member of the International Institute for Environment and Development and as a Board Member of the Hans Merensky Foundation.

Michelle has spent the last 18 years specialising in the integration of ICT into teaching and learning, first as Managing Director of Learnthings Africa and now as Managing Director of Think Ahead, and Director of iSchoolAfrica.

Michelle has been closely involved in the integration of digital curriculum into schools, teacher training, consultation on ICT policy and deployment within the education sector.

Through her experience - she realised there was a huge need for more focused creative, project based learning- Michelle started Think Ahead in 2009 with this mission in mind.



Michelle Lisoos

TEACHERS AT WORK

The internal school sports days, both athletics meetings, the cross-country and the swimming galas, were exciting competitions between the three houses into which the pupils were divided. The names of the houses were chosen to represent three important and prominent figures in modern Israel; **Bialik**, one of the pioneers of Modern Hebrew poetry who ultimately came to be recognised as Israel's national poet; **Herzl**, the first president of the World Zionist Organisation; **Weizman**, the first president of Israel. While the pupils were involved in the actual competitions, the administration was in the hands of their teachers!



TEACHERS AT WORK



In 1986 Barry Burland, editor of the school magazine and one of two deputy- headboys wrote, *'King David has taught us to be individuals - but individuals that never forget that they are part of a group, individuals who never forget that they are part of the world.'* The 1980's was a period of great political and social upheaval not only in the world but especially in South Africa - the world in which the pupils were living. This was reflected in much of their creative writing. In 1986 **Laura Fedler** described South Africa

as having 'a heart of ugliness which pulses with prejudice and apartheid'; **Rosalynne Goldin** felt 'very helpless and confused' as she watched 'childhood structures breaking up as family and friends emigrate to distant lands'. In 1989 **Jonathan Rosenthal**, who had involved himself wholeheartedly in Kenmekaar and proclaimed himself 'a liberal and a pacifist', in an essay entitled *Nkosi Sikele Afrika* wrote of his fright when his black friend informed him that 'whites had no claim to the land in Africa and told him to, "Go back to Holland or wherever you came from!"



1986 Staff Photo

Mr Reuben Bilchitz joined the school as Vice-Principal and Head of the History Department; **Mr Pearce** was promoted to Head of the Mathematics Department; **Mrs Diane [nee Ossip] Berkowitz**, a former head girl at the school who had married Dan Berkowitz, also a graduate of the school, joined the Biology and Science Departments. **Mr Les Sacks** was appointed to the Jewish Studies Department in a full-time capacity.

For the first time ever the school appointed TWO deputy head boys - **Barry Burland**, the Junior Mayor of 1985, and **Gary Herbert** to assist the head boy, **Colin Blou** and head girl, **Sharon Bonert**.

The debating team of **Marc Joffe**, **Barry** and **Gary** reached the semi-final of the Helen Suzman Debating League but had to concede defeat to King David Linksfield.

In the English Olympiad, which required the pupils to study Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, the triumvirate of **Barry Burland**, **Gary Herbert** and **Marc Joffe** were placed in the top 100.

In the High Schools Public Speaking competition, **Barry Burland**, our entrant in the category, 'Best Individual Speaker' captivated both the audience and the adjudicators with his extremely witty and superbly delivered speech entitled 'Hooked on Classics' -an expose of the 'flaws' in Shakespeare's masterpieces. He brought home the trophy which had been previously won by Trevor Slom. The Shell Trophy Team of **Graham Wolf**, **Gary Herbert** and **Lauren Slom** won their evening but did not achieve a place in the final.



1986 Shell Trophy Team and Best Individual Speaker

[L-R]: Graham Wolf, Gary Herbert, Mrs B. Wolf, Barry Burland, Lauren Slom

Gina Benjamin, a former pupil at the school and a very successful professional actor and director returned to her alma mater to direct the annual school production, *The Diary of Iris Vaughan*.

Gina had informed us that there were a few company dance numbers which sounded fantastic, until we realised that the majority of the male section of the cast were blessed with two, rather clumsy, left feet. It took Michael about four hours to master the box step. Marc was easier; he just danced to his own time, a bit out of ours. Introduction to a new dance brought shrieks of horror and many steps were simplified for the benefit of our masculine half!

Nicki Dreisenstock Std 9 [Grade 11]



The Cast and Crew of The Diary of Iris Vaughan



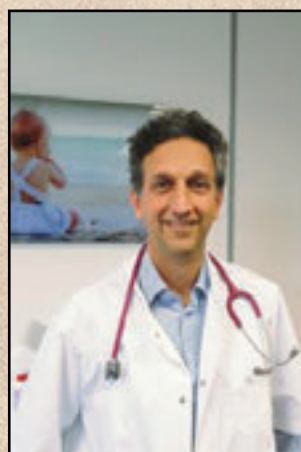
1986 Young Scientists

Standing [L-R]: Adam Rosendorff, Marc Joffe, Stephen Buskin

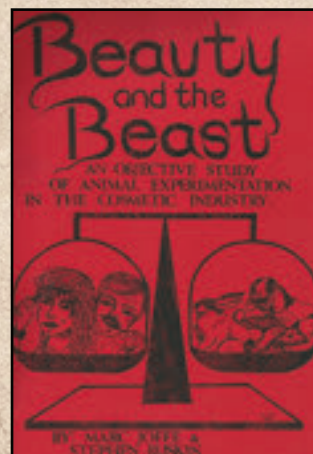
Seated [L-R]: Chloë Orkin, Rael Loon, Ms. M. Dunn, Marc Arons, Jonathan Rosenthal

Front: Mark Middeldorf

At the regional final of the Science Expo held at St. Stithians all the King David entrants won places at the national finals. **Mark Joffe** and **Stephen Buskin** again won gold medals and the Meiring Naude award for their work entitled ***Beauty and the Beast*** – an in-depth study of cruelty to animals involved in the testing of cosmetics; **Rael Loon** and **Marc Arons** won silver medals for their exploration of the common snakes of South Africa and a very young **Chloë Orkin** and **Jonathan Rosenthal** won bronze medals for their Latin computer programme.



Dr Stephen Buskin



1986 First Aid Group

The Standard 10 [Grade 12]-aiders were soon joined by the the Standard 9s [Grade 11s]. They all attended the St John's Ambulance first-aid course and received certificates of competency. These first-aiders, guided by Mrs Joyce Morris [assisted by Mrs Diane Berkowitz, a qualified doctor and former head girl at the school], attended all sports matches and athletic meetings. **Jonathan Greenhill** was the first pupil in the history of the school to receive full colours for his service to first-aid.

In Chess **Marc Loon** was chosen to represent Southern Transvaal while **Gidi Joffe** was chosen for Central Transvaal.

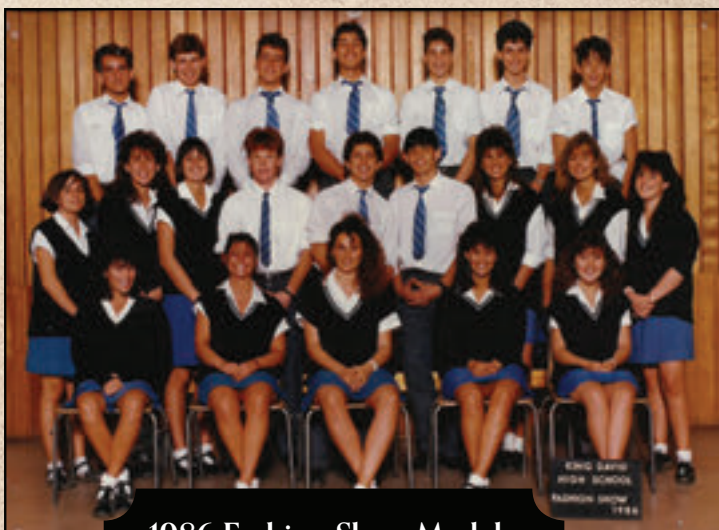


[L-R]: Mr Moti Ainhorn, Leandra Friedman, Kathy Rubenstein, Gary Herbert

Kathy Rubenstein and **Leandra Friedman** were the school's representatives on the Junior City Council.

Roy Bernstein was Rosh Minyan in 1986 while **Aviva Altshuler** took care of the girls' prayers.

For the **Heroism Quiz** the pupils were required to study a text entitled *The Heroism of the Jewish People in the Second World War*. The text dealt with the Ghetto uprisings, the partisans and escapes from the concentration camps. Tutored by Mr Ainhorn, the students were highly successful with **Gary Herbert** winning second place, **Leandra Friedman** third and **Kathy Rubenstein** fourth place.



1986 Fashion Show Models

1986 was an important moment for the annual matric dance. It had traditionally been held in the school hall but from 1986 it moved to the Simon Kuper Hall at the Oxford Synagogue. This did increase the cost of the dance but the Standard 9 [Grade 11] Dance Committee from then on undertook a great deal of fund-raising in order to keep the cost of a ticket as low as possible.

The major fund raiser was a very successful Std 9 [Grade 11] fashion show, choreographed and directed by a very strict and demanding Std 9 [Grade 11] pupil **Lisa Herbert**. Lisa was assisted by **Tamara Jacobson** and **Robyn Cohen**.



Fashion Show Programme



1986 Matric Dance Invitation

There was a welcome change in the summer uniform for the boys when the most unpopular safari suit was phased out and replaced by an open-necked short sleeve shirt with the school badge.

In October Mr and Mrs Wolf once again accompanied the Standard 8 [Grade 10] pupils to Kiryat Moriah in Israel for a three month Ulpan.

We learnt Hebrew, we learnt about Israel, we learnt to think for ourselves, to express independent ideas and make our own decisions. We learnt about life and about people, especially the Wolves. As we stood in the departure lounge at Ben Gurion Airport waiting to board the El Al plane that would take us home, our feelings were very confused but we all knew that we had just enjoyed the experience of a lifetime!

Dani Milner and Arianne Schreiber

To introduce the Business Economics students to the powerhouse of the South African economy, Mrs Flaum took the Standard 9's [Grade 11] to the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

Mrs Ruth Winston-Fox whose grandparents had been close friends of Sir Moses Montefiore, addressed the school before groups of pupils were taken to King David High School, Linksfield where an exhibition highlighting the life and times of Sir Moses had been mounted.

Another exhibition which the pupils found fascinating was that of South African Jewry which had been mounted at the Sandton Sun Hotel. Many pupils found pictures of their grandparents and great-grandparents and they were particularly excited when someone spotted the Snipelisky family.

Miss Dunn, together with Mr and Mrs Brown, accompanied the Geography students on what had become an annual excursion to visit the Eastern Cape and hike along the Otter trail.



Mrs Karen Durbach

The prefects participated in a leadership seminar accompanied by Mrs Lazarow, Mr Ainhorn and Mrs Durbach

On the second day of the hike it rained non-stop for 9 kilometres and we all wore raincoats to brave the icy and wet weather. It was only Bev who had difficulty as she kept on falling. If you fall forward while wearing your pack you land face down in the mud because of the weight of the pack and if you happen to fall backwards you land on your behind for the same reason. Bev began slipping and falling so often that someone began singing, "Another one bites the dust," but we soon realised that it would be more appropriate to sing, "The same one bites the dust"!

Marc Joffe Std 10 [Grade 11]

The school magazine was adjudged the runner-up in the competition for the best school magazine by SACEE, - the South African Council for English Education.

While the pupils celebrated the escape of Anatoly Sharansky from Russia to Israel in 1986, in his address to the pupils, Mr Ivan Greenstein, Chairman of the SABJE, reminded them that there were still many Russian Jews behind bars - their only crime being that they wished to leave Russia.

In 1986 rugby had its best season in the history of the school. There was great competition to get into the both the 1st and 2nd open teams and each of them lost only one match the entire season. **Graham Berman** and **Alvin Flaum**, the captain and inspiration for the 1st XV, were both selected for Craven Week Trials.



1986 1st XI Cricket Team

Standing [L-R]: Alon Shein, Alan Gorley, Greg Solomon, Gary Herbert, Marc Joffe, Gavin Bernstein, Graham Berman

Sitting [L-R]: Jonny Abrams, Stephen Buskin, Mr Tony Eysele, George Sitsakis, Ian Paikin

With Mrs Mick Brown's coaching the standard of netball improved rapidly as did that of cricket which was coached by Mr Tony Eysele.

Stephen Levitt was selected for Transvaal table tennis.



1986 Boys' A Tennis Team

Tennis had gone from strength to strength. The boys' A team, supervised by Mrs Elize Spangenberg, was placed second in the top league. All the girls' teams coached by **Mrs Marlene Bethlehem** did well too, especially the 1st team, five out of six of whom were only in Standard 6 or 7 [Grade 8 or 9].

[L-R]: Yonatan Rom, Howard Joffe, Marc Joffe, Mrs Elize Spangenberg, Alan Lotzoff, Gary Salomon, Ryan Bacher



1986 Honours Awards

A record number of five pupils received honours for having achieved full colours in three or more activities.

They were easily distinguishable by the white blazers that they wore very proudly.

[L-R]: Alvin Flaum, Hilton Lipkin, Gary Herbert, Barry Burland

The swimming team had been promoted to the C league and, though they only came third in the Inter-High gala behind the much bigger Randpark High School and Northview High, they were delighted that they were able to finish ahead of King David Linksfield. Some of the stars of the team were a young **Mornay Butlion, Gary Abrahams, Andy Pokroy, Lisa Levy, Cy Jacobs, Ian Norman, Fiona Brook, Lisa Plit** and **Tracey Sachs**. 1986 was one of the few years that the school was able to field so many excellent female swimmers. Both Mornay and Fiona were selected for Transvaal swimming teams.

Owing to the unrest in the country the SABJE engaged the services of a professional company to ensure a high standard of security at the school. Access and egress from the school was tightly monitored, the gates were patrolled and locked and identification was required to gain access. This security was strengthened in 1993 by the addition of electronic security gates.

Hilton Dembo won second place in the Johannesburg Centenary Art Competition.





1986 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Daryl Schapkaitz, Gina Pokroy, Jonty Felsher, Noah Greenhil, Cy Jacobs, Yael Hurwitz, Tali Mendelsohn

Middle Row [L-R]: Ilana Funk, Aviva Altschuler, Graham Berman, Alvin Flaum, Alan Lotzoff, Adrienne Lisssoos, Rosalynne Goldin

Front Row [L-R]: Gary Herbert [Deputy- Head Boy], Marc Joffe, **Sharon Bonert [Head Girl]**, **Colin Blou [Head Boy]**, Barry Burland [Deputy- Head Boy]

The school bade a sad farewell to a number of teachers, who, though they had only been at the school for a short while, had endeared themselves to both the pupils and staff by their dedication and involvement in the school and extra-curricular activities. **Mr Tony Eysele** had not only been an excellent science teacher but, as a champion middle-distance runner himself, had transformed the athletes into a league winning team. **Mr Norman Davis**, Sports master, had involved himself in many of the boys' sports and had succeeded in improving most of them. A vivacious **Miss Cathy Maguire**, who had pushed the swimmers to ever greater heights, returned to Canada and a married life.

Although **Mrs Diane Berkowitz**, a former pupil and a qualified doctor, had enjoyed teaching at her alma mater, she decided to return to medicine and, together with her husband, Dan, also a former pupil, she emigrated to the United States where she qualified and practices as a psychiatrist.



The 1986 Debating Society

Back Row [L-R]: Mrs Karen Durbach, Jodi Kruger, Jonty Felsher, Alvin Flaum, Jonathan Altman, Steven Damelin, Jonathan Rosenthal, **Mrs Diane Berkowitz**
Front Row [L-R]: Barry Burland, Gary Herbert, Joel Abrahamson, Marc Joffe, Colin Blou
Floort Row [L-R]: Michelle Port, Yael Gordon



1986 Matriculation Group

The year 1987 was so well encapsulated by this cartoon - the work of **Natalie Sachs** - for this was the year that two Wolves were at the head of King David Victory Park - Jeffrey Wolf, the headmaster, and Graham Wolf, the Head Boy!

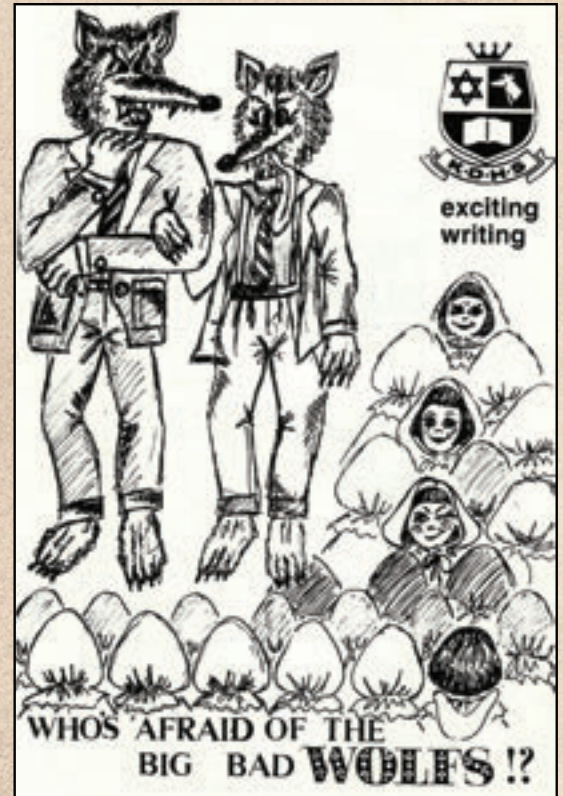
In his speech at the Valedictory Ceremony

Graham said that *"for most pupils, coming to high school from primary school, is a transition fraught with trauma and tears but for me it was almost like coming home. The Headmaster, who at the first assembly seemed so awe-inspiring to my peers, was to me just 'Dad'. I had been swivelling in his chair for years, eating his Bakers biscuits and practising forehands with his canes!"*



[L-R]: Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Graham Wolf

Graham had very loyal support not only from the two Deputy head boys, **Lance Kahn** and **Charles Meltzer** and a most capable head girl, **Fiona Brook**, but from the entire matric group who were determined to prove that the school had made the correct decision in voting for the headmaster's son.



For many new pupils their first days at high school were 'fraught with trauma'!

When I approached the High School, I felt like a big man, for I was wearing long pants and a white shirt - not a safari suit like the boys in the primary school. When I came to the hall, my attitude changed. I was a small nothing compared to the big men who shaved.

My friends and I clutched hands as if we would never see one another again.

When I arrived at school I wasn't just scared I was petrified. I was afraid someone might hear my bones rattle!.

Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz returned to his **Alma Mater** to teach in the Jewish Studies Department. **Mr Reuven Bilchitz** was appointed Vice-Principal and Head of the History Department. **Mr Pearce** was promoted to head the Maths Department. A new sportsmaster, **Mr Erasmus**, was appointed.

Dr and Mrs Orkin again tutored the pupils who wrote the English Olympiad. Two pupils, **Lisa Forman** and **Tamarah Arons**, were placed in the top one hundred while **Adam Rosendorff**, an exceptionally gifted Standard 9 [Grade 11] pupil, was placed third - the fourth time that a Victory Park pupil had been placed in the top fifteen. The top three winners were taken on a two-week literary tour of Britain.

'Upon my shoulders was the tremendous responsibility of being the sole representative of King David High School Victory Park and as the school's envoy, clad in my ambassadorial blazer I lent with the kind help of Joanne Fedler, who was placed in the top fifteen two years ago! I made a diplomatic crash- landing in Grahamstown by asking Michael Chapman, an acclaimed poet and one of South Africa's foremost literary figures, if he could please tell me where the toilet was!'

Adam Rosendorff



In the Mini-Maths Olympiad **Carl Isernhinke** was the top Standard 6 [Grade 8] pupil in the Transvaal.

In the High Schools' Public Speaking Competition **Jonathan Altman** was a runner-up in the section for the Best Individual Speaker and once again the junior teams were the overall winners of the Junior Section

Chloë Orkin, who won the school's internal Junior Best Speaker competition, also won the Jewish Schools' Public Speaking Competition – a remarkable feat as she was only in Standard 8 [Grade 10]. Chloë chose to talk on the topic 'The Chosen People' and her mature thoughts greatly impressed the adjudicator.

The Jews are chosen but they also have to choose to be chosen. In a world of anti-semitism when the pressures to assimilate are great and the temptation to emigrate to Canada and not to Israel is even greater, it is an act of will, an act of strength to choose one's Jewishness, to say, against the stream and current of conformity, "I choose to be Jewish, I choose to be part of something special – I choose to be chosen!"

An extract from Chloë's speech on 'The Chosen People'



1987 Public Speaking Winners

Standing [L-R]: Graham Wolf, Marc Chipkin [Joint Winners – Senior Public Speaking]

Seated [L-R]: Chloë Orkin, [Junior Winner] Mrs Sandra Reynolds, Mrs Barbara Wolf, Mrs Bernice Goldstein, Candy Hack [Winner – Standard 6 Public Speaking]

To raise funds, the PTA organised a discorama which was highly successful, especially as they had secured the services of the favourite pop act of the day!

Everyone from in and around Joburg flocked to our 'Jol till you crawl' discorama to rock to the pulsating rhythm of 'The Helicopters'. The girls whooped and whistled as the good-looking lead singer strutted up and down the areas usually frequented by Mr Wolf, while the guys marvelled at the musical genius of the band. In short 'The Helicopters' were a class act.

Dani Slon - Standard 10 [Grade 12]

Once again the Standard 9 [Grade 11] fashion show was produced and choreographed by two of the Standard 9s themselves - **David Flaum** and **Arianne Schreiber**, who used her charm to persuade the socialite Adele Searll to fly from Cape Town to be the compere.

The theme of the 1987 dance was 'Chinatown' and Mrs Pam Solomon of "Hot Stuff" generously donated the elegant invitation.

Mr Bruce Hay again directed the school production - the always popular musical, **Grease** with **Arianne Schreiber** [Sandy], **Reon Zeff** [Danny] and **Debbie Waller** [Rizzo] in the leading roles. The rugby boys found themselves having to dance and sing but they tackled this with the same passion with which they played rugby, prompting Jonathan Kristeller to write, **'Although Grease took months of exhausting rehearsals every day until late, it was great fun and a great success and was definitely worth the effort.'**



Arianne Schreiber



David Flaum and Leanne Katz



Jonathan Kristeller

By 1987, with an influx of strong juniors, the once formidable chess team started to recover. For the first time ever the chess team was included in the tour to Carmel College in Durban where they fared very well. The strongest player was Gidi Joffe who had been selected to play for Central Transvaal .



1987 Chess Team

Standing [L-R]: Mark Middeldorf, Paul Rabiner, Stephen Levitt, Steven Hodes, Gidi Joffe
Seated [L-R]: Lance Lazerson, Marc Loon, Mr Reuven Bilchitz, Mark Chipkin, David Abratt



1987 Young Scientists

Approximately 400 pupils representing 45 Johannesburg schools took part in the Science Fair for Standard 6's and 7's which was organised by Ms Dunn. Fifteen exhibits were chosen by the highly professional judges to represent the school at the Johannesburg Regional Finals and for the first time ever the school was placed among the top three Johannesburg schools to go through to the National Finals. As the judging took place on Yom Kippur none of the finalists was present to receive the three gold medals and five bronze medals they had won for their exhibits.

Visitors to the school included Rabbi Anthony Gerson, Mr Garth Bryant, a former drug addict, who spoke to the senior classes about the danger of drugs and Mr Ze'ev Mankowitz who calmly and rationally explained why, contrary to the United Nations' claim, Zionism is not racism. On Yom Hashoah the school was privileged to listen to the late Mr Franz Auerbach, a refugee from Germany, who spoke about how frightening it is that there are so many who deny that the Holocaust ever happened.

On Yom Yerushalayim and Yom Ha'Atzmaut **Leanne Katz** and her Israeli Dance Group brought the spirit of Israel to the school hall.

Back Row [L-R]: Leanne Olwyn, Tammy Durbach, Vanessa Valkin
Front Row [L-R]: Lara Hirschowitz, Tracey Ziman, Leanne Katz, Nicky Dreisenstock, Terry Vallet

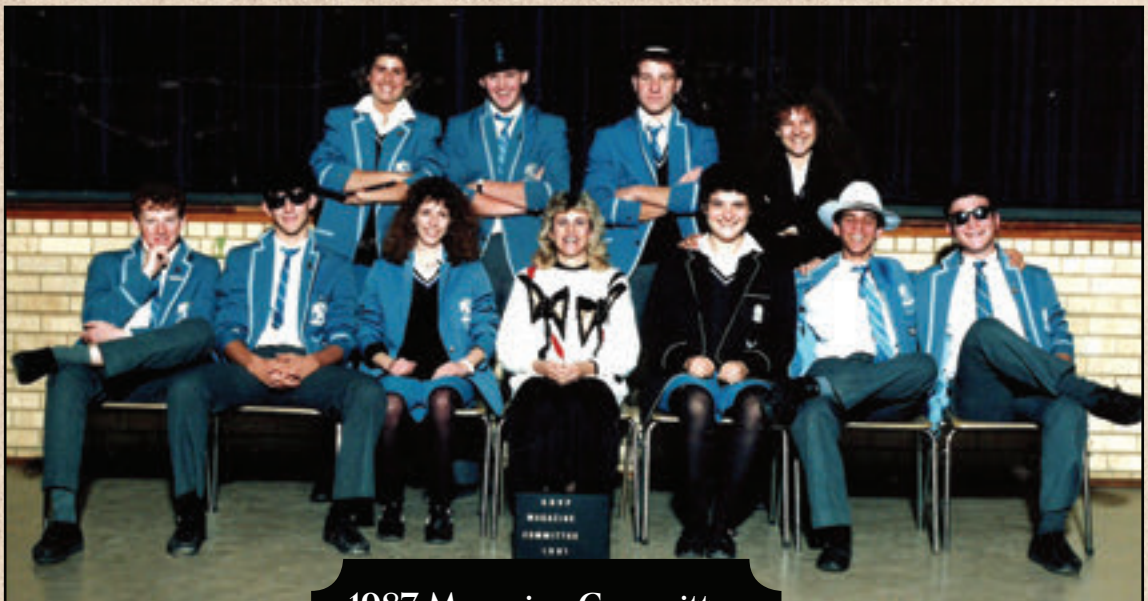


1987 Israeli Dance Group

The Rosh Minyanim for 1987 were **Lance Kahn**, assisted by **Dion Abrahamson**, and **Aliza Fisher**. In order to encourage pupils and teachers to explore their Jewish Heritage, Mrs Morris, the librarian, organised a very innovative Jewish Book Week.

Andy Pokroy and **Adam Sweidan** represented the school on the Junior City Council.

The school magazine of 1986, like that of 1985 was judged runner-up in the National Magazine competition of South Africa. **Tamarah Arons**, **Barry Burland**, **Gary Margolias** and **Reon Zeff** won prizes for their superb English prose and poetry.



1987 Magazine Committee

Back Row [L-R]: Dani Milner, Stefan Gottlieb, Ryan Arenson, Natalie Sachs

Front Row [L-R]: Craig Nossel, Jeffrey Katz, Debbie Friedland, Mrs Karen Durbach, Tamarah Arons, Adam Sweidan, Jonathan Kristeller

The star of the Athletics team was **Mark Middeldorf** who won BOTH the junior [in a new record time] and senior cross-country races. He also won all the 1500 meter races that season and improved the school record each time he ran. At the inter-house athletics meeting he was awarded the trophy for the best middle distance athlete

In the Inter-Jewish Day Schools Gala the swimming team acquitted itself very well by finishing ahead of all the competitors -Carmel Pretoria, Benoni, King David Linksfield and Port Elizabeth

The swimming team too had a star in the guise of 14 year old, 6'2" **Mornay Butlion** *'with the wingspan of an albatross and the speed of a Spitz.'* He won the Junior Victor Ludorum, was chosen to represent Transvaal and awarded his Junior Springbok Colours.



Butlion streaks to his second Ellis Park title



Mornay Butlion

By Sue Valentine

Once more it was the juniors who captured the spotlight on the second night of the Transvaal swimming championships at Ellis Park, as fifteen-year old Mornay Butlion broke the junior men's 200 m individual medley.

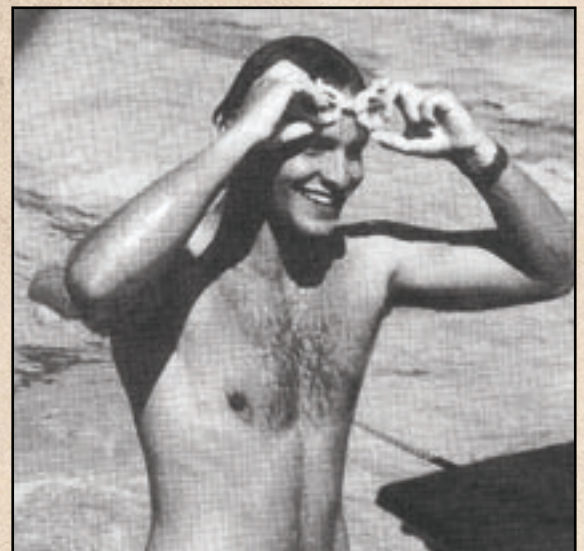
Butlion was the only record-breaker of the evening, taking one second off Craig Jackson's Transvaal record to win in 2:18.09 — some six seconds ahead of Justin Slade and third-placed Andreas Boger.

"I can't believe it, it's six seconds faster than my previous best time over this distance," the delighted King David Victory Park student said.

Butlion's win in the medley gives him his second title of the championships. On Monday he won the junior men's 100 m backstroke — one of his stronger strokes, although he favours freestyle and butterfly.



Fiona Brook - Swimming Captain
Mrs Eve Plit - Chairman of the PTA



Gary Abrahams - Future Champion



1987 Swimming Team

The boys' 1st XV rugby team also had a very successful season as, for the first time, they won 75% of their matches. The girls' Open A netball team did not fare quite as well but two of the team's players - **Andy Pokroy** and **Kathy Rubinstein** - were selected for the second round of the Southern Transvaal Netball trials.



1987 Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: Gordon Farber, Gavin Bernstein, Graham Wolf, Ian Norman, Kevin Fihrer, Lance Kahn

Middlet Row [L-R]: Jeremy Gampel, David Flaum, Albert Bardavid, Alon Bernstein, Stephen Fihrer, David Rogers, Neil Davies

Front Row [L-R]: Stanley Hurwitz, Steven Morris, Mr. Erasmus, Greg Solomon, Mr G. Brown, Charles Meltzer, Marc Hirschberg



1987 King David Victory Park Staff



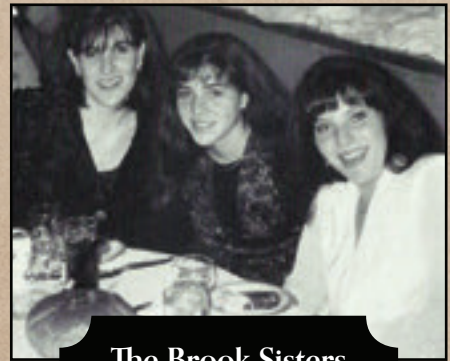
1987 Matriculation Group



KING DAVID VICTORY PARK ANTHEM

by Fiona Brook

*We came from the suburbs surrounding,
on foot, by car or school bus.
All headed to King David Victory Park,
the campus on Craighall Road.
Just in time for the first bell in the morning.
Blue, white and grey, satchels in hand,
wiping the sleep from our eyes.
On Rosh Chodesh or Thursdays, you could find us in shul*



The Brook Sisters

*The girls whispering from their high perches,
the boys down below.
After prayers, we headed up to the classrooms.
Sitting quietly listening to Mrs. Durbach brilliantly untangle Hamlet,
or Mevrouw Van Zyl perfectly dissect Met Ander Woorde and Kringe in n' bos.
(I still know the words of 'Dis Al!')
Trying to take it all in when Mr. Ainhorn taught us about the 6 Day War.
The paratroopers crying when they finally reached the Western wall.
Seeing Mrs. Schneiderman's smiling face and hearing her comforting words,
when a headache, stomach ache or just an excuse took us out of class.
Being careful not to run into The Boss just outside his office,
and having to explain.
Romulus and Remus, the ruins of Pompeii.
Amo, amas, amat.
Dulce et Decorum Est.
City Johannesburg
A Zulu proverb: Guga mzimba sala nhliziyo
Geometry and trig - homework is due.
Downstairs, photosynthesis expounded, the Bunsen burner is on,
Upstairs, home economics (not my finest moments).
Morah Ben Moshe enlightens us about the poet Rachel.
The Balkans were the powder keg of Europe.
At break, if there was space, you could find us,
sunning ourselves against the side wall of the tuckshop.
or standing in line for a taste of those fabled hamburgers.
When the final bell rings,
we are off to swim, to play cricket, rugby, tennis or netball.
Others will head to play practice, to chess, or public speaking or debate.
I think we took it all for granted.
Expected it to be as much.
And so a few years ago, when I started looking for the right school for my own children,
I longed to give them the KDVP experience.
To feel the closeness and unity, to know the life-long friendships built
in those classrooms, in the black and blue-blazered hallways and on the sports fields.
The friendships that have lasted over years, unbroken by distance.
Friendships that thrived despite different time zones and different continents.
I longed for my children to sit in the stands on a hazy Highveld afternoon,
to cheer along with the whole school while the first rugby team beat Linksfield.
To celebrate the chagim.
To remember on Yom Hazikaron and to dance on Yom Ha'atzmaut.*

KING DAVID VICTORY PARK ANTHEM

by Fiona Brook

*To go with their class on a shabbaton,
or have the privilege of travelling to Israel on Ulpan in standard 8.*

Assembly in the hall - standard 5s out the front, matrices out the back.

It has been twenty-seven years, but it feels like yesterday.

Mr. Wolf, I can still hear your voice in my head,

(or is it Neil Lampert's?)

A dedicated headmaster, decades of leading by example.

Ambassador of note for our school; seeing the best in us, even when we didn't.

And just look at your handiwork -

Leaders in business, the professions and the arts.

Religious leaders, educators and more than a few doctors.

All created and moulded within those hallowed halls.

Sent out into the wide world by Mr. Wolf and his singular staff.

Equipped to think differently and to speak our minds.

Sent out with a love of Israel and a pride of heritage.

Always willing to stand up for others, dedicated to causes that matter.

Devoted to their families and communities.

Giving back and paying it forward.

The truth is there is no substitute for King David Victory Park.

For the spirit instilled in us.

It is something special.

We take it with us wherever we go,

mindful of where we've come from.

King David Victory Park.

You have given us so much.

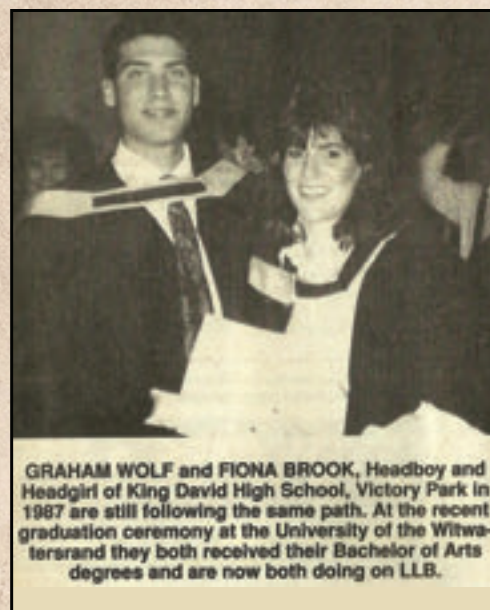
Part of the paths we choose, the challenges we take on.

**King David Victory Park,
I carry your spirit wherever I go.**

Fiona Brook - Head Girl 1987



Rabbi Jonathan Altman, a 1987 matriculant



GRAHAM WOLF and FIONA BROOK, Headboy and Headgirl of King David High School, Victory Park in 1987 are still following the same path. At the recent graduation ceremony at the University of the Witwatersrand they both received their Bachelor of Arts degrees and are now both doing on LLB.

Graham Wolf and Fiona Brook

1988 was a very significant year in the history of the school as it marked both the 25th anniversary of the school as well as Mr Jeffrey Wolf's twenty years at the school - fourteen of them as Headmaster.



Since standard five you have led us from victory to victory. You have been the role model for all our intellectual, spiritual and moral aspirations. Mr Wolf, with the unenviable task of being both the father figure and the chairman of over 500 'managing directors,' your results speak for themselves. I feel privileged to have been part of your educational miracle here at King David Victory Park, and after having served under you this past year, I know that I, along with all my leaving group, will never forget you. I only hope that as head girl, I have lived up to your expectations"

Andy Pokroy -[Head Girl 1988]



Greg and Andy

"It's funny but when I began to write this speech, my mind was cast back to the day I entered this high school - I was a standard 5 main man - the coolest of 'doods' with the 'walk' and the 'talk'. Suddenly I was confronted with this sight. Tall, real tall - cool, real cool. : "Good morning school"

As we, the standard 5's, echoed the rest of the school, my MACHO image took a plunging dive into my open-necked King David shirt!. After five years at King David one understands that Mr Wolf is never really cool but always dignified.

Mr Wolf, you are no longer that far-off distant figure but a person who has been a great source of inspiration and encouragement and your judgement has always been treasured. On behalf of the matrices I would like to thank you for guiding us through our years at King David."

Greg Solomon [Head Boy 1988]

The PTA of the school held a function to salute Mr Wolf on reaching twenty years at the school. Mrs Yvonne Plit, chairperson of the PTA made the following speech:

A FUNCTION was held at the end of last year at King David High School Victory Park to salute Mr Jeffrey Wolf on reaching a 20 year landmark at the school. The following is the speech delivered by Mrs Yvonne Plit, chairlady of the PTA, at the function.

Tonight we celebrate a particular achievement — the achievement of 20 years of service at this school by our headmaster, Mr Jeffrey Wolf.

According to the microfilm, Mr Wolf came to our school in 1968 as a Latin teacher. In 1969 he was appointed vice-principal and in 1976 he became our new Headmaster.

During this time he has experienced all the anxieties and growing pains of a new high school, and today, we have this burgeoning institution of waiting lists and bulging classrooms — all bearing testimony to the success he has made of this school.

During this time too, with the changing political climate, he has witnessed the transition of our friendly, hospitable school into a barbed-wire fortress with security guards and vetted access. But thanks to Mr Wolf's innate humanity, and his belief in an encouraging, inviting environment, the rigidity of the barricades remains on the geographical boundaries of the school, and never interferes with the caring, open nature of the classroom, nor with the ready accessibility to Mr Wolf.

On the financial side, Mr Wolf has suffered the uncertainty of increasing expenditure and decreased funding which culminated in talk of possible closure of the school unless additional funds could be found.

Fortunately a successful fundraising campaign, together with the government's subsidy, alleviated most of the problem.

On an educational level, Mr Wolf has watched the effects of television on his young pupils as the pleasures of reading have been eliminated and all imaginative skills stunted.

Mr Wolf was excited when the new computer centre was erected, but this classical scholar must have wondered what further inroads the technological era would make on these young minds. Today technology has developed genetic engineering and surrogate parenthood. This must inevitably touch on the morals, legal system and Jewish heritage of both



Mr Wolf davens with his pupils every morning.

young and old.

On a personal level, I have watched with respect and admiration, how Jeffrey, one of the Wolf twins, who epitomised gentility at the school that we both attended — where gentility and refinement were the least admired of attributes — has emerged to command the greater respect even amongst the most laid back of students, without seemingly sacrificing or compromising on his principles.

It is our good fortune that Jeffrey married the lovely Barbara, who not only bore him three children, but could also teach English and Latin, which she has done at our school for the past 18 years.

Mr Wolf (and Barbara) have had the privilege of watching their sons, Stuart and Graham, graduate from the school with great distinction. Graham was the headboy in his matric year (1987) and so helped dad run the school. Melissa, the little female of the Wolf family, has just entered the school (1988) as a fledgling Standard 6.

In all the years I have been associated with Mr Wolf on the PTA, I have never doubted his ability to run this school efficiently and successfully, despite my odd criticism and his repeated offers for me to take over and see if I could do better.

For parents, Mr Wolf represents the moral values and civilised norms we would like our children to emulate. Mrs Wolf represents attractive, elegant, modest Jewish womanhood, which our girls should note and our boys admire.

The parents, teachers and pupils admire and appreciate the way and manner Mr Wolf acquits himself in a job that is often harassing, seemingly thankless and ever unenviable.

We believe that you Jeffrey, are worth your weight in gold, not only for our school, but for the whole Jewish day school movement.

We salute your achievement, and thank you for your years of dedicated work.

The 25th Anniversary was celebrated by a variety of activities, foremost of which was a special Shachrit service attended by Chief Rabbi and Mrs Harris and three graduates of the school, Rabbi Gerson, Rabbi Moffson and Rabbi Rabinowitz, all of whom addressed the school.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary badges were given to each pupil and each boy received a yarmulke



[L-R]: Rabbi Rabinowitz, Rabbi Moffson



Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris

The atmosphere in the synagogue was one of awed reverence. In his address Rabbi Harris commented on the exceptional quality of Jewish scholars that the school has turned out in the last quarter of a century. He looked at the dignified way Mr Wolf has always run the school. But more than looking back into the past, he looked forward to tomorrow's generation. Both he and Rabbi Gerson stressed the unparalleled importance of not breaking the chain of our Jewish tradition and heritage. As the honoured guests filed out the synagogue, I was filled with a sense of pride and awe at having been part of something so specialpart of the school during its 25th birthday celebrations

Chloë Orkin -Standard 9 [Grade 11]

Mrs Ann Harris addressed the girls and their teachers focusing on the girls' lives in 25 years' time - the roles they should play as Jewish women, Jewish wives and mothers.

As 1988 was also the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel, Yom Ha'atzmaut was celebrated with great enthusiasm. Mr Shlomo Gur, the guest speaker, reminded the school of Israel's amazing achievements in just forty years and expressed the wish that Israel would be able to celebrate many more birthdays in happiness - and in peace.

Shortly after Yom Ha'atzmaut the prefects were invited to dinner at the home of Rabbi and Mrs Harris where they were able to meet and exchange ideas with all the other Johannesburg Jewish prefects.

The 1988 Rosh Minyan for the boys' and girls' prayer groups were **Larry McCarthy** and **Jacqui Wesek**

Robyn Rome reached the final of the Pillar of Fire Quiz and **Selwyn Blieden** represented the school in the final of the National Bible Quiz for the second year running.

The Israeli Dance Group was invited to represent Israel at the International Carnival which was held at Ellis Park.

A group of 40 pupils participated in the 1988 Ulpan under the supervision of Mr and Mrs Bilchitz.

Fiona Brook, the 1987 Head Girl, was one of 60 South Africans who went on the March of The Living and the school was fortunate to have her share her special experience with them.

The pages of history turn yellow and many events fade in our memories but something that must never fade in the Jewish memory is the systematic and efficient annihilation of 6 million of our fellow Jews. Each one of us has an obligation to remember. Just as on every Pesach we remember that we were once slaves in Egypt, so too must we remember that we were once prisoners in Auschwitz.....During the march I came to realise that visiting Auschwitz was the most significant thing I have ever done in my life and I don't believe that I shall ever be able successfully to verbalise the emotions that I experienced then, the thrill and euphoria mixed with such pain and anguish.

Fiona Brook

A special assembly was held in February to pay tribute to **Mr Les Sacks**, a much loved Jewish Studies teacher, who had passed away suddenly after a minor operation. In addressing the pupils Mr Wolf said:

He had that special talent which made you respect him as a teacher but which allowed you to befriend him at the same time. His work in our school was characterised by enthusiasm and goodwill and these qualities he transferred to all who worked with him. Whether it was in the classroom, on the rugby or cricket field or at a shabbaton, he made us all feel that he cared, that he was concerned and involved.

Your contribution to our school, Les, will long be remembered and you, as a personality, we will always hold dear."

Because of his keen interest in drama, the annual Inter-House Play Festival was dedicated to the memory of Mr Les Sacks. The winning play was Bialik's production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and the Best Actor and Actress awards went to **Lara Hirshowitz** and **Jonny Kristeller**.



Ms Ilana Sands, a part-time computer teacher, also passed away very suddenly and, at the request of Ms Gelman, the secretary in the Hebrew department, all the mezzuzot were checked.

The school won the Helen Suzman Debating league for the fourth time [1983, 1984, 1985 and 1988] as the team of **Tamarah Arons**, **Chloë Orkin** and **Adam Rosendorff** defeated their opponents by opposing the absurd suggestion that *'The media are ethically responsible for promoting peace.'*

1988 Debating Team

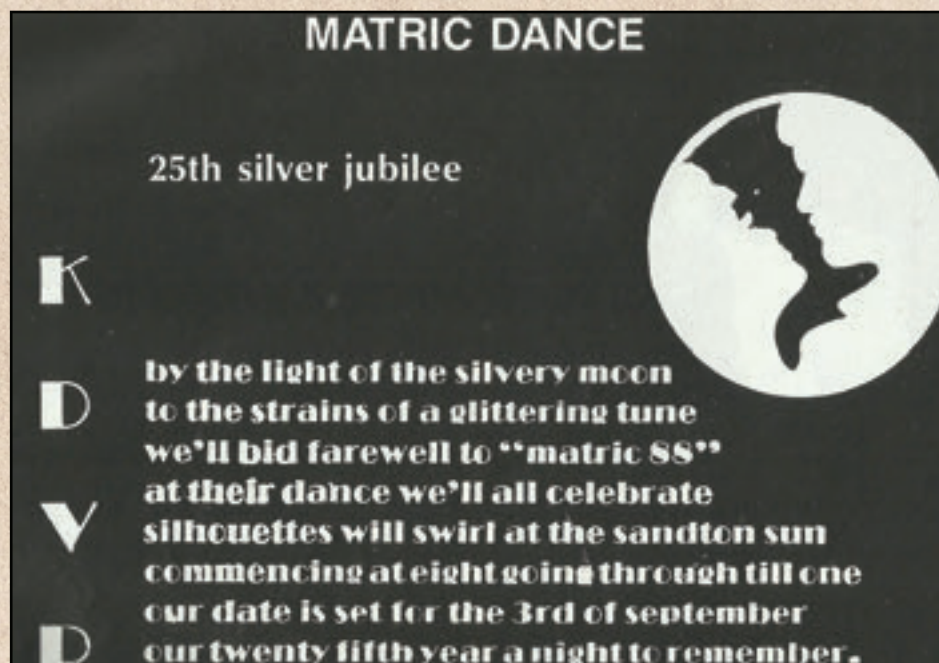
[L-R]: Tamarah Arons, Adam Rosendorff, Chloë Orkin

Adam Rosendorff and **Stefan Gottlieb** did well to win the first rounds and quarter-final of the the annual Rotary Quiz but, as the semi-final clashed with debating, Adam was forced to withdraw from the team and was replaced by a pint-sized but very wise **Ralph Frank**. They were thrilled to win through to the finals where they were, unfortunately, narrowly beaten.



1988 Rotary Quiz

[L-R]: Stefan Gottlieb, Ralph Frank, Adam Rosendorff



1988 Silver Anniversary Matric Dance Invitation

As the Silver Anniversary Matric Dance was held at the Sandton Sun Hotel, the Standard Nine Dance Committee worked very hard to raise a substantial amount of money to subsidise the ticket for this more expensive venue. In keeping with the Silver Anniversary, the theme of the dance was 'By the light of the Silvery Moon' and the committee devoted many hours to painting silhouettes to decorate the large venue.

The PADI [People's Awareness of Disability Issues] organisation visited the school for the first time and the Standard 7 [Grade 9] pupils were intentionally exposed to people with various disabilities in order that they might learn a few important lessons. From the comments made afterwards, it was clear that they had.

They succeeded in their aim to teach us that disabled people are not helpless.

The visit made me realise how fortunate I am to be physically healthy.

I felt enlightened and did not see these people as 'idiots' anymore.

A number of pupils took the brave step of going on a KENMEKAAR week-end with pupils of other colours and faiths - despite the taunts of some of their fellow pupils who mockingly predicted that it would be a DEURMEKAAR week-end.

I was one of three whites in a dormitory of twelve boys. My first reaction was one of total shock, but after dinner, a few games and long walks, we returned to our dorm for the night. The talk immediately turned to 'Who the hottest chicks on camp were.' I felt instantly at home as I remembered the exact same discussions that I had had with the boys in my room on previous school camps. I then realised that a teenager is a teenager no matter what his colour is.

Jonathan Rosenthal - Standard 9 [Grade 11].

The first-aid team was extremely enthusiastic and competent and other schools came to rely on the school's team to attend to their injured. Any pupil unfortunate enough to get sick at school usually had to fight off the many first-aiders who were only too keen to practise their skills!

1988 proved to be a very successful year for the junior science students. In the school's science exposition **Ryan Noach, Gina Wunsh, Mark Meyberg, Mathew Symanowitz** and **Deon Katzen** all won awards. Five pupils were elected to go through to the Johannesburg Regional Expo where both Ryan and Gina were awarded Gold Certificates. From the 45 schools that participated, King David Victory Park was chosen to represent Transvaal at the National Expo for Young Scientists.

In addition to organising the Science Expo, Ms Dunn, together with Mr Brown, again organised and accompanied an enthusiastic group of geography students on the **Otter Trail**.



The Otter Trail

Robben Island

Because
Once that door slams shut
the fury heat
and raised taunted fist
and screamed promises.

The burning ambition
burning shanties
burning flesh
are gone

Because
once that door slams shut
there's only
a sputtering, naked bulb
flicker-dancing
on four dead walls
to the tuneless
rise
and fall
of an agonized
forgotten sob.

Unconquered Mountain

Slowly and steadily I straightened my lanky frame, and finally I stood erect. A thrill surged through my body as I viewed the garden from my precarious position high up on the courtyard wall, and I shuddered defiantly as I felt a breeze tug at my body and willed me to fall.

Then, with my arms outstretched on either side for balance, I turned very carefully to face the brick-wide tightrope on which I was going to walk. With precise deliberation and intense concentration I picked up my left foot, and with excited red blood coursing through my body, I slowly, carefully, placed it in front of my right foot on the wall.

An exquisite sense of achievement swamped my senses, and with one success behind me, I attempted with growing confidence to take another step, and then another and another.

But a sudden movement below me broke my concentration. It was my mother. "Reon!" she screamed "Reon what on earth....." A misjudged step, and with clawing hands I fell from the wall, and my arm crunched awkwardly beneath me as I hit the cold, grey courtyard floor.

"At least this little episode will teach him not to be so stupid", my mother told my father that night, as she sat knitting yet another jersey.

"It must do", my father mumbled from behind his newspaper, having just noticed with satisfaction that the shares he had bought were still on a steady average price. "I don't know what he hopes to get out of life by being so reckless".

In my bedroom, I sat with my arm in plaster. Through my window I saw the wall standing tall and solid like an unconquered mountain, and a delicious sense of anticipation made me shiver.

R. Zeff, 8.

For the third year in a row the school magazine was runner-up for the best school magazine.

Marc Chipkin received an award for his essay entitled '*Life is a Cliché*'; **Reon Zeff** for his essay '*Unconquered Mountain*' and **Lisa Forman** for her poem '*Robben Island*'.

David Hurwitz and **Melanie Kristeller** represented the school on the Junior City Council.

For the first time ever a cycle race was organised in order to promote the library. Sadly none of the girls was able to make even the half-way mark of the 45km race where library monitors and prefects were handing out refreshments and first-aiders were bandaging blisters. The first cyclist to complete the course was a very fit **Jeremy Young**.

The under 15B netball team had a very successful season and was the winner of 'The Team of The Year' trophy while the under 15A team won the trophy for being runner-up.



1988 U15 A Netball Team



1988 U15 B Netball Team

A very modest **Mornay Butlion** continued to dominate the swimming, both at school galas and in the Transvaal swimming championships where he won six gold medals and set a new record in the Junior Men's 100m freestyle. In the school's Inter-House Gala he broke several records that had stood for more than ten years! **Gary Abrahams** also displayed considerable talent and broke three school records.

The golf team of **Gary Abrahams, Brett Copans, Laurence Lotzoff** and **Trevor Sidley** reached the final of their league. As well as winning the school championship and the knock-out competition, Trevor was selected to play golf for Transvaal.

Ryan Bacher, Dani Barron, Howard Joffe, Yonatan Rom, Bradley Sirkin, Joshua Tanchel and **Adam Valkin**, the members of the boys' A tennis team had an outstanding season and reached the finals of a provincial knock-out competition where they were narrowly beaten.

Howard Joffe was selected for the Southern Transvaal Schools' Team. Just two years later, Howard won a gold medal at the Maccabi Games by beating three well-known and experienced Israeli Davis Cup Players. He also won a silver medal in the doubles.



1988 Boys' A Tennis Team

Standing [L-R]: Ryan Bacher, Bradley Sirkin, Dani Barron, Adam Valkin

Seated [L-R]: Yonatan Rom, Mrs Elize Spangenberg, Howard Joffe



Howard Joffe

Howard is the Head Women's Tennis Coach at the University of Texas.

Howard returns a hero

By MARK SEIDEL

IN the aftermath of an horrific bomb attack, the Israeli Press scanned the 2,000 Maccabi Games competitors for a hero. They found him — an unpretentious, 17-year-old South African who concentrated on tennis in a highly professional manner, upsetting three Israeli Davis Cup players on his way to a gold medal.

Howard Joffe's gold medal status resulted in movie star treatment. Hounded by the Press, interviewed by television, he became an instant celebrity. Even taxi drivers clamoured for an autograph.

Joffe and coach Brian Galtz deserved to feel chuffed. The matric pupil at King David High School, ~~London~~ London, faced 90 competitors from 30 countries in this, his first overseas competition. Victory Park

Inexperienced, Joffe was an unknown to begin with. Nobody had heard of him outside of the South African team. By the end of the week, his Chang-like determination had changed all that.

The unranked South African severely questioned Israel's Davis Cup World Group status by defeating incumbents Ametz Naor, ranked

in the top 200, in the quarter-finals of the men's open singles 6-3, 7-6.

In the semi-finals, he was responsible for more Israeli chagrin in beating Boaz Merenstein 6-4, 6-3.

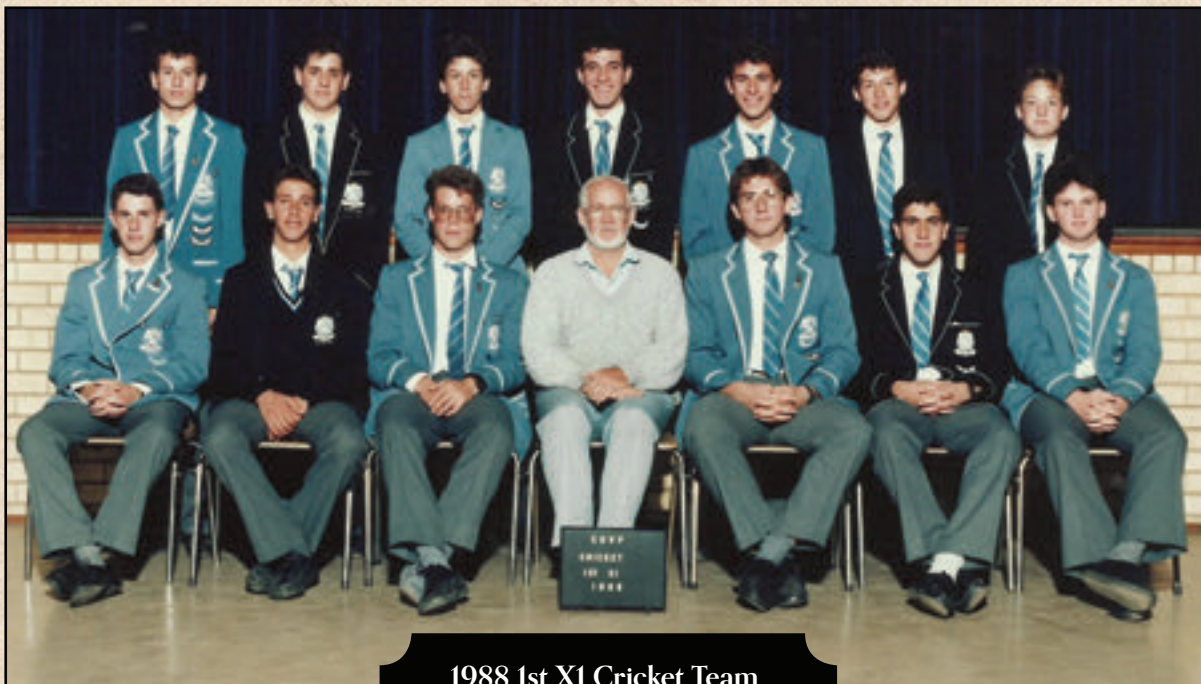
He then downed Israeli No 2 Shahar Perkiss 6-4, 6-4 and the Israelis rose to applaud the qualities of the archetypal Maccabean fighters of old.

"No-one had heard of him, so his win came as a major shock," said Galtz after the team's return.

"I've been coaching him since he was nine and I can say without contradiction that this was his best week.

"He was confident — mentally tough — and defeating three Israeli Cup players was perhaps more impressive than winning the tournament. Had they not played, people would have questioned the standard of the field.

"But he came up against seasoned professionals and he never got rattled. It's done wonders for his confidence. He really believes in himself now."



1988 1st XI Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Darren Durbach, Warren Rothstein, Yonatan Rom, Graham Rosen, Ryan Bacher, Lawrence Phillips, Robin Magid

Front Row [L-R]: Justin Abrahamson, Robert Fihrer, Gavin Bernstein, Mr P Pearce, Greg Solomon, Wayne Brook, Stefan Gottlieb [scorer]

We now know that when

Ian Pohl tackles Ryan Bacher in a match – something is wrong

David and Gavin are on time for practice – something is wrong

Taso and David Hurwitz are not doing press-ups while everyone is taking a water break – something is wrong

BUT

When there are 5 minutes to the start of a game and

Darryl Yutar says, “Ha guys, whom are we playing today?”

Or

Neil Davies has to run home to fetch his boots -

NOTHING IS WRONG

Greg Solomon – Standard 10 [Grade 12]

Ryan Bacher and **Lawrence Phillips** were selected to play for the Northern Areas team at the Ken Viljoen Cricket Week.

Among those pupils who excelled in sporting activities not offered by the school were **Sharlene Cassel** who was invited to take part in the South African Equestrian Grand Prix, **Evan Berger** who was selected for the Sprinbok Barefoot Waterskiing Team, **Shane Dorfman** who became the youngest South African to achieve a 2nd Dan in karate. **Russel Koton**, a 1986 matriculant, achieved Springbok colours in karate.

To commemorate the school's twenty-fifth anniversary, the PTA of the primary school donated a trophy to the high school. This Silver Anniversary Trophy is awarded annually at Speech Night to acknowledge an outstanding achievement by a matric pupil or group of pupils. The first recipient of this trophy was **Joel Hirschson** who had suffered a crippling disease in Standard 7 and had spent many months on his back unable to move. Almost three years later, after intensive therapy and constant medical care, Joel returned to school - in a wheelchair at first, until he gradually learnt to walk again with minimal aid. As Joel went up onto the stage to receive the trophy, the whole audience rose to its feet to applaud this courageous young man. **This gesture prompted Joel to write:**

I would be lying if I said it was an easy return and re-adjustment to school. I hated being literally picked up and carried down stairs. Mr Wolf, if it were not for your intervention in relocating all my classes onto one level, I'm sure I would have given up in a week. There was more than one time during the past year and a bit that I wondered if all this difficulty was really worth it. However, there was one moment in my life that more than put my mind at rest and which I shall never forget!

Joel Hirschson Std 10



SPEECH NIGHT AT KING DAVID AND HILLEL

SPEECH NIGHT at King David Victory Park High School was extra special this year as the school is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. The foyer of the hall was decorated with flower arrangements, an art exhibition, a photographic exhibition tracing the history of the school, its growth and achievements from 1963.

The evening opened with an address by Mr Jeffrey Bortz, Vice Chairman of the SABJE. He spoke of the vision of the Jewish day schools, their values, their ideals of positivism and enthusiasm. He urged the pupils to be sensitive to the fact that they were privileged to receive an education at King David.

Mr Meish Zimelman, Director of the SABJE, spoke of the fact that we all have a role to play and a contribution to make to Jewish education. He urged the matrics to involve themselves in Jewish activities. He said that as Jews, each person must strive to be a "mensch" at all times and that this was the aim of education - to produce decent Jewish human beings.

In his Headmaster's address, Mr Jeffrey Wolf reminisced over the past 13 years he had spent at the school as its Headmaster. "Over the years I have watched the school more than double its size and



Mr Meish Zimelman — Director SABJE.

Mr Wolf paid a special tribute to the first Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, Rabbi Isaac Goss, who had passed away in London the previous night.

During Jeffrey Wolf's tenure at the school, Speech Night [the Valedictory Evening] was attended by all the matriculants and their parents, the standard nine [Grade 11] pupils and the academic prizewinners in Standards 6-9 [Grades 8-11]. When Mr Gerassi became Headmaster, this arrangement was changed into a separate ceremony for the matriculants and another for the rest of the school. In 1987 **Dr Irving Lissoos** and his family designed and generously donated a prototype medallion which each year was cast in bronze, silver or gold to be awarded to the prizewinners. The trophies were endowed by a number of parents, pupils and staff members.

Premier Awards	
Book Awards	- <i>S.R.C. Executive</i>
The Jeffrey & Barbara Wolf Trophy	- <i>Headgirl</i>
The Jeffrey & Barbara Wolf Trophy	- <i>Headboy</i>
The Fabian Trophy	- <i>Best Student in Humanities</i>
The Rosendorff Trophy	- <i>Best Student in Natural Sciences</i>
The Hurwitz Trophy	- <i>Best Student in General Studies</i>
The Beverley Cohen Award	- <i>Effort and Application</i>
The Esther Israelstam Award	- <i>Most Outstanding Art Project</i>
The Joyce Morris Trophy	- <i>Genuine Intellectual Curiosity</i>
The Kalish Trophy	- <i>Best Senior Creative Writing</i>
The Gideon Elias Trophy	- <i>Creativity in the Arts and Sciences</i>
The Dworsky Trophy	- <i>Performing Arts</i>
The Bradley Tobias Award	- <i>Sporting Endeavour</i>
The Lax Trophy	- <i>Sportsman of the Year</i>
The Arnold Gewer Trophy	- <i>Best All-Rounder</i>
The Shirlaine Wohlman Trophy	- <i>Social Awareness</i>
Silver Trophy	- <i>Jewish Awareness and Service</i>
The Casper Trophy	- <i>Commitment to Torah Values</i>
The Silver Anniversary Trophy	- <i>Presented by KDVP (Primary)</i>
The Liane Lurie Trophy	- <i>Dedication and Commitment</i>
The Aileen Lipkin Sculpture	- <i>Good Fellowship</i>

The Fabian Trophy for the best student in the Humanities was donated by Henry and Barbara Fabian, parents of Kim and Derek; **the Rosendorff Trophy** for the top student in the Natural Sciences came from Dr and Mrs Clive Rosendorff, the parents of Peter, Nicola and Adam. Professor Rosendorff was the Dean of the University of the Witwatersrand's Medical School. Dr Mervyn Hurwitz and his wife, Rahle, parents of Ilana, Lyle and Yael donated the trophy for the best student in General Studies while the Kalish trophy for Creative Writing was the farewell gift of Dr Peter Kalish and his wife, Shirley, whose four children, Tessa, Larry, Lance and Stacey had all been educated at Victory Park. The trophy for the Sportsman of the Year was endowed by the Lax family whose sons, Jonathan, Robin and Wilfred were excellent sportsmen and the award for the most outstanding Art project was donated by Professor Israelstam, grandfather of the Israelstam families, in memory of his late wife, Esther. The Rudolph Trophy for Inter-House Competition was the gift of Harold and Reva Rudolph whose sons, Ryan, Wayne, Ari and Joshua were graduates of the high school while the Arnold Gewer trophy was endowed by Mr Russel Gaddin to perpetuate the memory of Mr Gewer who had served on the executive of the SABJE and passed away in the prime of his life. The Cooperman family, Michael, Jessamy [nee Glass], herself a graduate of the school, and her daughters, Terri, Gina and Lori, endowed a trophy for achievement in the Arts. Beverley Cohen, Tracey Dworsky, Wendy Davis, Liane Lurie, Nadine Haberfeld, and Marius Barnett, graduates of the school, all donated trophies to acknowledge their close bond with the school.

The families of Bradley Tobias, Shirlaine Wohlman and Samantha Brest and the friends of Gidon Elias donated trophies to perpetuate the memory of their loved ones who passed away tragically while still at the school or shortly afterwards. A trophy endowed by the Ossip Family in memory of their son and brother, Brandon, who lost his life in a tragic car accident at the age of 14, is presented annually to the best all-rounder in Standard 8 [Grade 10].

Staff members who endowed trophies were Mr Ya'acov Ginou for the best student in Hebrew whose home language is not Hebrew; Mrs Joyce Morris, a former librarian, whose trophy is awarded each year to the student who shows genuine intellectual curiosity and Mr Philip Snipelisky, a former Head of Hebrew, donated a trophy for Jewish Studies. The trophy for Additional Mathematics was donated by Mrs Shirley Snoyman, a former teacher of mathematics and the trophies that are presented to the Head Boy and Head Girl were endowed by Jeffrey and Barbara Wolf.

From 1991 a personalised gift was given to each matriculant as a memento of his or her association with the school.

Customarily, in addition to the speeches made by the Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, the head prefects and the headmaster, a guest speaker was invited to deliver a farewell message to the matriculants. Thus it was that the school was privileged to be addressed over the years by many fine speakers among whom were, Professor Philip Tobias [1976], Dr Leo Schramroth [1979], Mr Richard Goldstone [1982], Kate Turkington [1986], Mr Harry Schwarz [1990], Professor Dennis Davis [1992], Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris, Mr Harold Rudolph [1993], Mr Meyer Kahn [1998], Mrs Susan Bedil [1999], Mr George Bizos [2000], and more recently by Mr Taddy Blecher, a graduate of the school.



[L-R]: Mrs Barbara Wolf, Mr Meish Zimmerman, Professor Dennis Davis, Mr Jeffrey Wolf



Mr Richard Goldstone

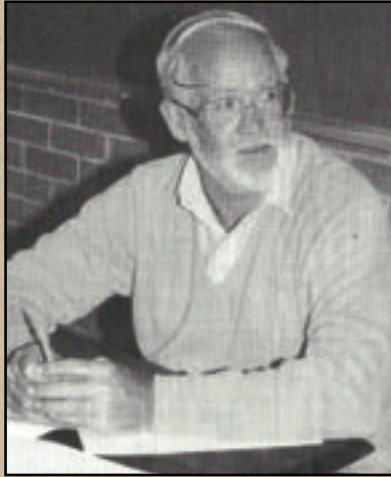
After serving the school for 18 years **Mr Moti Ainhorn** resigned at the end of the third term. Moti and his wife, Maureen, decided to return to Israel and they settled in Arad where Moti changed direction and instead of teaching Hebrew he became a teacher of English. Today Moti and Maureen live near Tel Aviv to be nearer to their children and grandchildren.

Mr Ainhorn was an integral part of our school and he was popular as a person and respected by all as a teacher. He was an active, busy and totally involved teacher of Hebrew but he also spent many hours coaching quiz teams for various Judaic inter-school competitions. His enthusiasm never wavered and learning with Mr Ainhorn was a pleasure and a privilege. He regularly accompanied pupils on Shabbatonim; he joined the prefects' leadership seminars and was always full of fun and energy on Jewish festivals. We learned so much from Mr Ainhorn about the spirit of Judaism and the land of Israel. His warm laugh, lively sense of humour and eccentric use of English endeared him to everyone and we shall miss him deeply

Bernard Berger Std 10 [Grade 12]



Mr 'Pee Wee' Pearce, Head of the Maths department, also resigned at the end of 1988.



Mr Pearce's lively personality ensured that even those who hated maths did not hate maths lessons. He remained steadfast in his conviction that if he showed us again and again, we would understand.

Tamarah Arons – Std 10 [Grade 12]

Mr Pearce is a man who never seems to age in any way. He never loses his temper and is a teacher of infinite patience. He always encourages us by convincing us that we can do it and telling us that we are capable of greater things than we believe.

Laura Fedler – Std 10 [Grade 12]

As the year drew to a close the school also bade farewell to another long-serving and very respected teacher, **Mrs Karen Durbach**, the head of the English department and a vice-principal.

It have had the good fortune of working with Mrs Durbach at our school for the past fourteen years. Her impact on our school is not just the cumulative effect of long and dedicated service but also the result of her inspired and exciting teaching in both English and French. Her warmth and concern for her pupils quickly establish an easy rapport and environment of trust, both of which enhance the level of achievement in her classroom.For a long time she was directly involved in the production of plays; she has inspired and directed our debating team to achieve outstanding success in the Helen Suzman League; and for many years has been editor of our highly acclaimed and prize-winning school magazine. Karen, we salute your professional commitment, your talent and creativity, your exuberance and vitality, all of which we will sadly miss.

Jeffrey Wolf

William Arthur Ward once said:

'The mediocre teacher tells; the good teacher explains; the superior teacher demonstrates; the great teacher inspires.' Mrs Durbach is one of the greats. Through her immeasurable knowledge, her naughty smile and piercing voice, she has gained not only the respect but also the love of all her pupils.

Dani Milner Std 10 [Grade 12]



As in 1985, 1986 and 1987, the 1988 school magazine, edited by Mrs Durbach and her magazine committee was voted the runner-up in the national competition for high school magazines. Certificates for outstanding creative writing were awarded by the South African Council of English Education [SACEE] to **Adam Rosendorff, Brian Rubenstein, Arlene Rubin and Arianne Schreiber.**



1988 Matriculation Group

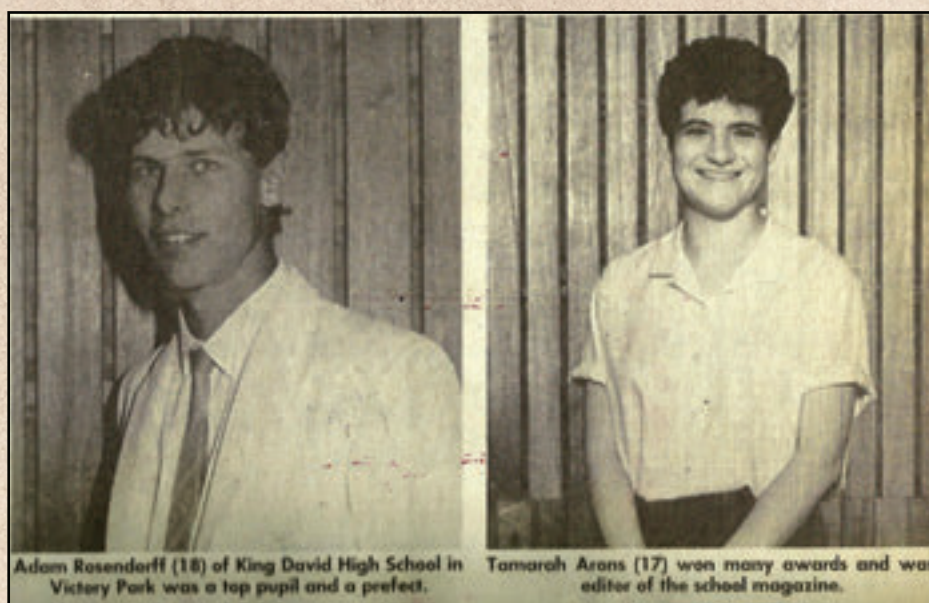




1988 Staff



The school achieved a 100% pass rate for the fifth consecutive year



Both Adam Rosendorff and Tamarah Arons scored 7 distinctions each

Adam was awarded a gold medal at Wits as the student with the most distinguished record in the degree, Bachelor of Arts. He emigrated to the USA where he studied medicine.

Sadly, in December 2013, **Tamarah**, who had been awarded a PhD and had a brilliant future ahead of her in computer science, passed away in Israel after a long illness, leaving behind a young family.



KEEPING UP: Some of McDonald's more than 2 500 workers with managing director Greg Solomon

Pictures: JEREMY GUN

Greg Solomon a 1988 Matriculant Managing Director of MacDonalds



HARVARD UNIV. FOR EX K.D. PUPIL

JUDY BRITTAN, a recent graduate of Kent Denver School, attributes her success to three motivating factors: The South African culture in which she was raised, the transition she has made into an American lifestyle since her family moved to this country two years ago, and perhaps most significantly, the Jewish religion.

One immediately senses that excellent grades and above average S.A.T. scores were not the only credentials which made admissions counselors at Harvard University accept her for the class of 1992. For unlike many of today's teenagers, Judy maintains a worldly perspective which she applies to her daily life. This perspective was moulded as she grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa where she attended a Jewish day school, (King David Primary School, Victory Park).

"In South Africa, religion played a large role in my life because the Jewish community there is very strong and very close knit." She adds that "Jewish teenagers go to shul every night. They're much

more aware of religion than teenagers here."

When discussing some elements which contributed to her "culture shock" Judy noted the pervading uniformity within our society. "I felt that (Americans) felt that they were Americans first, and their religion second, whereas in South Africa it's reversed." Although she does not oppose cultural integration altogether, Judy finds it "sad" to have a society in which there is such little diversity that individuals lose their identity.

Her identity is deeply rooted in Judaism. "I think that I'm very fortunate that I'm Jewish," says Judy, and her commitment to the preservation of Jewish identity is quite

strong.

Judy's motivation is not a product of oppressive and overbearing parents. In her home, the "ethical values" within the Jewish tradition were stressed "far more than studying," and these beliefs gave her the impetus to work hard and develop her plethora of talents. In addition to playing junior varsity tennis, being news editor of the school paper, and working in the biology lab at Kent Denver, Judy also worked at Swedish Hospital. This summer she is researching at the Colorado Health Sciences Center.

● The above article appeared in the "Intermountain Jewish News" in August 1988.

Judith and Mark Brittan, who had been educated at both King David Victory Park Primary and High School emigrated with their parents to the USA in 1985. This article appeared in the 1988 Chanukah edition of the Davidian Star, a publication of the South African Board of Jewish Education.

Nineteen Eighties

In **1989** the Matric English students were required to study Charles Dickens' novel *Hard Times* in which the schoolmaster, Mr Gradgrind, pronounced, "Now what I want is Facts. Teach nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. You can only form the mind of reasoning animals upon Facts: nothing else will ever be of any service to boys and girls."

The mere inculcation of facts was never the educational philosophy of King David for, as Mr Wolf pointed out in his farewell address to the 1989 matriculants, this would have ignored the teaching of morals, ethics and values. The aim of the education offered at King David Victory Park was never just the soulless 'filling of a pail'. Both their secular and Jewish studies and the warm, caring and Jewish environment were designed rather to lead each pupil, each soul, to what is best and to make the best out of each of them.

This philosophy which encouraged the individuality of each pupil was alluded to by Brian Rubenstein, the editor of the 1989 magazine, when he commented that 'the result is an interesting mixture of matriculants, ranging from the brains of Blieden, Rome and Buckley, to the brawn of Pohl, Morris and Yutar; from the comedy of Tannenbaum to the

seriousness of Lambridis; from the noise of Rubenstein to the silence of Damelin; from the athleticism of Bacher, Hurwitz and Brook to the culture vultures of Orkin, Harrisberg and Rosenthal; from the discipline of Lotzoff to the rebelliousness of Kapelushnik.'

New staff members to the school were **Mrs Paulette Trinchero** who was appointed Head of the English department and **Mr Graham Crawford**, Head of the Science Department.

Mr Yitschak Sharon joined the Jewish Studies Department and **Mrs Sharon** and **Mrs Lucy Shapiro**, a graduate of King David High School Linksfield, the Hebrew Department. Miss Sandra Grey also joined the Jewish Studies Department and **Mr Joseph Gerassi** - a visiting adjudicator whose folly of youth had reduced the thespians to tears in the school's annual inter-house play festival - was appointed to teach History.

Towards the end of the year **Mrs Margaret Solomons** was promoted to Head of the Mathematics Department and, after long and dedicated service, **Ms Marilyn Dunn**, **Mr Phillip Snipelisky** and **Mrs Barbara Wolf** were promoted to the position of Vice-Principal.



In the annual High Schools' Public Speaking Festival, the First National Bank Trophy team of **Shelley-Anne Harrisberg**, **Lee Mendelsohn** and **Brian Rubenstein** were placed second in the final of the competition which was held at the Linder Auditorium and the school was runner-up for overall achievement in the festival. In the Interhouse Play Festival Bialik swept the boards with their production of Neil Simon's play *The Plaza Suite*. **Hylton Tannenbaum** and **Hayley-Beth Levin** of Bialik house were adjudged best actor and actress and the play best production.

As Lisa Herbert had done such an excellent job in producing the 1986 fashion show, she was invited by the 1989 fund-raising committee to produce their show. As before she was a very strict disciplinarian!

*Lisa Herbert was to lead the bonanza
As we knew she would create a great extravaganza
"Shut up or get out!" was the order of the day
and all we could do was smile ...walk...and obey
When she saw us at first, she thought she was doomed
but into great models soon we were groomed.*

Gary Durbach and Robin Magid
-Std 9 [Grade 11]



[L-R]: Vanessa Valkin, Lisa Horwitz, Nikki Shulman

As the fund-raising committee was exceptionally diligent and innovative, the dance ticket cost a mere R30-00 – a never-to-be-repeated price!

While the major emphasis was always on academics, Judaica, cultural activities and sport, the school continued to make the pupils aware of the many issues in society in order that they might have a greater and sensitive insight into concerns of the broader community. In addition to encouraging support for various charities both through the weekly collection of tzeddakah and other fund-raising activities, pupils were persuaded to become more involved in Kenmekaar in order to get to know teenagers of different races and faiths. To combat prejudice and promote acceptance of the disabled the junior pupils participated in groups run by handicapped people from PADI [People's Awareness of Disability Issues]. As early as 1989 pupils were addressed on the problems of Aids and

drugs to alert them to the dangers and frightening consequences of drug addiction. There were also several presentations for both pupils and parents dealing with the problems of adolescence.

In order to raise the pupils' civic awareness and as an educational exercise, a mock election was held prior to the general election.

The number of pupils involved in first-aid continued to grow so rapidly that the 'rugby players complained that ***'not only were about ten first-aiders running onto the rugby field to treat every injury but that they were actually fighting over the casualties.'*** [Jonathan Rosenthal]. [This necessitated Mrs Morris having to limit the number of participating first-aiders for each match.

Brian Rubenstein launched the school's own newspaper, "The V.P. Voice", which was intended to give the pupils a 'voice'.

Twenty five pupils were selected from the school's Science Fair to go through to the Johannesburg Regional Expo of Young Scientists and an unprecedented eighteen of these were selected at the Expo to represent Transvaal at the National Finals. At the finals gold medals were awarded to **Jonathan Flaks, Ramon Widmonte** and **Alan Kessler** while **Inbal Yahav, Carin Lichtenstein** and **Lisa Gamsu** received silver. **Natalie Friedman, Nadine Friedland, Evelyn Gordon, Dan Wagner, Larry Roth, Lara Finkel, Michael Kobrin** and **Claire Volchansky** received bronze medals.

Carin Lichtenstein's research was on plants which she believed 'were intelligent life in a different form - having the ability to feel pain, communicate with each other and even be receptive to our thoughts and words!'



Carin Lichtenstein

The chess team was highly placed in the chess league and **Gidi Joffe**, who was selected to play for the Central Transvaal Schools team, also won the Transvaal Schools 'Championship.

Mark Middeldorf and **Hadass Segal** were selected to represent the school on the Junior City Council.

Leonard Sundy and **Dani Rubin** were the Rosh and Sgan Rosh Minyan for the boys while **Seanne Cooperman** was the Rosh Minyan for the girls.

Mr Solly Sachs, chairman of the Zionist Federation, addressed the school on Yom Ha'atzmaut while Mr Harry Hurwitz, an ex-South African and advisor to the Prime Minister of Israel, was the guest speaker on Yom Yerushalayim.

Dear Mr. Wolf,

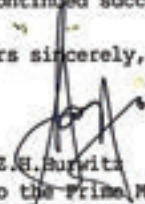
On my return to the office I take the first opportunity of writing to thank you and your staff for the wonderful reception you gave me on Yom Yerushalayim. My meeting with the pupils of the Victory Park King David High School remains vivid in my memory. It is wonderful to see such a large gathering of Jewish children being educated in a national traditional Jewish environment by motivated and expert staff.

It is my earnest hope that the natural culmination of the educational process will lead many of them to the conclusion that they should join their people here in Eretz Israel in the years ahead.

I sincerely appreciate your gift of a copy of the book about "The Jews of South Africa", which I have already perused with interest.

Best wishes for the continued success of your blessed work.

Yours sincerely,


Z. H. Hurwitz
Adviser to the Prime Minister

On Purim the standard seven pupils, accompanied by members of staff, visited old age pensioners of all faiths in the Yeoville/ Berea area to perform the mitzvah of 'Matanot Laevyonim.' The gifts they delivered were much appreciated as were seen by the many thank you letters which were received by the school.

'Five lovely girls and two ladies arrived at my door. I asked them in and after talking for a while the girls presented me with two parcels of groceries and a lovely pot plant. I was so overcome I could not find my voice to thank them.'

'I was quite overwhelmed with amazement at such an unexpected presentation which was so well timed for Easter and my birthday today.'



Each year the various standards/grades experienced a shabbaton - a week-end where they were able to celebrate Shabbat together, have fun and participate in thought-provoking discussions with various rabbis and madrichim. Encounter was a longer, extremely enriching programme that was offered to the senior pupils by the Division of Informal Education. Here the pupils not only celebrated Shabbat in true traditional style and had a great deal of fun but were also challenged about their Jewish identity and beliefs.

The success of these programmes was not always tangible but in 1989 **Hadass Segal** and **Richard Greenhill** summed it up very succinctly when they said, *"When a prop, Jeremy Nathan, and a hooker, Robin Magid, start discussing the kabbalah and arguing about religion, you know that the programme has been a success."*

Avi Elman reached the final of 'The Pillar of Fire/Zionist Quiz.

Once again Mr and Mrs Wolf accompanied the Ulpan to Kiryat Moriah in Israel - the fourth and last time that they acted as tour leaders.



[L-R]: Mrs B. Wolf, Tali, Tami Ya'aroni



Back Row [L-R]: Madrich, Danny Shevel, Ryan Rudolph

Second Row [L-R]: Garyn Cohen, Warren Levy, Nadia Abrahamson

Front Row [L-R]: Charlene Zulman, Tami Aharoni, Beverley Cohen, Candy Hack

Sanding [L-R]: Mr J. Wolf



1989 Ulpan Group

Every Ulpan is always in itself special but our experience proved to be the Ulpan with a difference. We had the unique and interesting privilege of being in Israel for three months in the company of our headmaster and teacher. Our tour leaders, Mr and Mrs Wolf, were always ready to help and advise us and during our stay we discovered and grew to know two very different people from the ones seen lurking in the school corridors. Ulpan meant sharing and caring. Fifty-two acquaintances together with Mr and Mrs Wolf and our three marvellous maddies soon became a family who shared experiences and celebrated festive occasions.

Nicholas Raphaely and Gina Wunsh Std 8 [Grade 10]

Ms Tami Ya'aroni, the director of the Ulpan, through whose hands many of the pupils had passed, and Mrs Shlomit Pilzer, a Hebrew teacher at Kiryat Moriah visited the school during the year.

The top cyclists in the second annual cycling marathon were **Greg Falkof** in the 45 km route and **Matthew Liebenberg** in the 30 km route. **Danny Shevel** won the prize for the most spirit by cycling 30 km on a BMX made for a six year old!

A number of individuals excelled in sport and brought great honour to the school. Both **Howard Joffe**, a Junior Springbok, and **Adam Valkin**, were chosen to represent South Africa at the Maccabi Games. Howard beat the top Israeli player Shachar Perkis, who was ranked in the top 50, and returned with the gold medal. Adam, who was only in Standard 8, [Grade 10], won a silver medal in the Junior Doubles Championship.



The annual senior boys' and girls' cross-country race which always marked the start of the athletic season was won by **Gary Arenson** who broke the boys' record and **Bethia Abrahamson**. In the Inter-High Athletics meeting the school won second place with some outstanding individual performances. At the Prestige meeting **Alon Hodes** won two silver medals while **David Hurwitz** and **Mark Middeldorf** were each awarded a bronze medal.

When **Robbie Fihrer** was awarded Junior Springbok colours for soccer in 1989, the school could boast of **three Junior Springboks** in the Matric Group – Howard Joffe, Robbie Fihrer and Mornay Butlion who had won the Victor Ludorum throughout his high school career and set 12 new swimming records – a unique achievement.

In cricket **Robin Magid** took part in the Senior Beckwith Week and both **Gordon Kuper** and **Keith Aizen** reached the second round of trials in the Ken Viljoen Competition.

Barry Getz was selected for the U16 Transvaal Squash Team and pupils who had great success in sporting activities not offered at school were **Elan Ressel** and **Paul Berger** who were awarded Southern Transvaal colours in Gymnastics and **Darren Nathan** and **Shane Dorfman** who excelled at the South African Karate Championships.

In addition to these sportsmen, honours awards were made to **Ryan Bacher, Selwyn Blieden, Pam Dove, Shelley-Anne Harrisberg, David Hurwitz and Chloë Orkin** for colours in three activities.



1989 Open Netball Team

[L-R]: Pam Dove, Bobby Rome, Tessa Kalish, Mev.R Van Zyl, Chloë Orkin, Bethia Abrahamson, Philippa Lissoos

Kneeling: Fayona Siew

The 1st XV Rugby team won most of their matches and on their tour to Carmel School in Durban they succeeded in winning the Round-Robin tournament.



[L-R]: Mr Garth Wright, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Robin Magid [1989 Rugby Captain]

King David tackles issue of rugby safety

KING David High School in Victory Park has taken the lead in making rugby safer for schoolboys.

Top speakers tackled the issue of safe school rugby during a panel discussion last week.

The panel consisted of Dr Mel Siff, a specialist in Rio-Merkhowsky, Dr Clive Noble, Transvaal's rugby doctor, Ian Anderson, a first league Transvaal rugby referee and Transvaal rugby captain Garth Wright.

"I am very aware of the injury problems in rugby and am busy trying to build an awareness of the potential danger in the sport," said Dr Noble.

"Fascinated about injuries was increased by the attention created by the press. High injury rates don't happen in

scrum or the line-out but rather in loose play and the high-tackle."

However, areas are hard to pinpoint. "A national investigation should be launched to deal with this and a register for neck injuries in a team."

Injuries result mainly because players are not fit enough. Dr Noble suggested that compulsory school rugby should be done away with, while school referees and coaches should be better informed about the game through school rugby symposia.

"Adequate First Aid is vital, and King David High School has set an example by having a sports vet. The school has also arranged for 43 parents who are doctors to attend games."

A programme has been started to train them in rugby injuries in the hope of "having top medical teams available as a reassurance, particularly to the mothers," said Dr Edmund Kestner, an injured parent.

Garth Wright reassured parents that he was confident in the fact that rugby, if played well and fairly, was not too dangerous.

"Fitness, flexibility, a high degree of skill level, and good knowledge of the rules is necessary," he said.

A professional head coach should be appointed to teach school coaches, he said, adding that year-round training was important.

"The under 13, 14 and 15 rugby is a problem

area. The fact that referees at school level are not fully aware of the danger worsens the situation," said referee Ian Anderson.

The South African Rugby Union runs courses for referees but schools are not well enough informed about them.

Dr Siff pointed out a number of problems in school rugby, emphasising the importance of proper training before play, the banning of solo players, technique, the danger of over-training, and coaches' and players' awareness of correct training methods.

He also suggested that parents should be told more about the game and that the penalty system should be fairly applied to all players.

As the year came to an end several Standard 6 [Grade 8] pupils looked back at their first year of high school.

*The teachers, the prefects, Mr Wolf and the homework,
All became threats which we could not shirk.
High school was a workhouse, for laziness – a cure
High School was a proving ground, a place to mature
We'll be another set of matrics to come along
And then, like this year's, we'll be gone
But what saddens me most over which to shed a tear
Is that, in the end, we'll be just another year.*

Profound thoughts from a Standard 6 [Grade 8] - Ramon Widmonte



1989 Prefects

Back Row[L-R]: Franki Samson, Paul Fihrer, Marc Serebro, Wayne Brook, Brett Morris, Hylton Tannenbaum, Brett Copans, Leonard Sundy, Jacqui Solomon

Middle Row[L-R]: Fran Bermeister, Bobby Rome, Tessa Kalish, Laurence Lotzoff, Darryl Yutar, Ryan Bacher, Warren Rothstein, Brian Rubenstein, Chloë Orkin, Lee Mendelsohn, Emma Wunsh

Front Row[L-R]: Taso Lambridis [Deputy Head Boy], **Pam Dove [Head Girl]**, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, **David Hurwitz [Head Boy]**, Bethia Abrahamson [Deputy Head Girl]

Floor [L-R]: Philippa Lissoos, Shelley-Anne Harrisberg, Melanie Kristeller

Owing to the huge success of the 1988 PTA fundraising efforts and through Mr Ivan Levy, who was able to channel R25,000 from the estate of the late Gus Meyer into the coffers of the High School, a new long-awaited art room was built at the school.

Russel and Bernard Herbert, the parents of Gary, Lisa and Tony, generously donated sound equipment to the school.

At the end of '89 **Mrs Goldstein** who had joined the school in 1980 decided to take a sabbatical.

Mrs **Tamar Olswang**, formerly Ms Gelman, who had been at the school since 1975 as secretary and administrator in the Hebrew Department, resigned from her position.

Mr Sam Sinoff who had taught Physical Science, Mathematics and Business Economics at the school, had taken charge of the school's security sub-committee and assisted very enthusiastically with both tennis and squash, retired after long and dedicated service.



Mr Sam Sinoff



1989 Matriculation Group



**1989 Head Prefects
David Hurwitz and Pam Dove**





Selwyn Blieden - A record 8 Distinctions!

After studying for a B.A. [Hons] degree at the University of the Witwatersrand, Selwyn was awarded a scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge where he received a PhD in Mathematics. Thereafter, he was awarded a research fellowship at Wolfson College, Cambridge

MATRIC results in the NMT area were of an exceptionally high standard this year.

The matric group of the King David High School in Victory Park consisted of 91 pupils and between them they collected 84 distinctions. The school also achieved a 100 percent pass rate for the sixth consecutive year.

One pupil achieved eight distinctions, four pupils collected six distinctions each, three managed five each and one pupil got four.

Top student, Selwyn Blieden achieved distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Latin, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, History and Computer science.

Lisa Buckley, Shelley-Anne Harrisberg, Cloë Orkin and Robyn Rome each achieved six distinctions. Lee Mendelsohn, Helene Plein and Leonard Sundry each got five distinctions and Ari Lapin got four.

Northcliff High School's overall pass rate was 99 percent and top student Matthew Dyer achieved seven distinctions.

Roosevelt High also boasts a 99 percent pass rate and their top student, Stuart Robertson achieved five distinctions.



Lee Mendelsohn

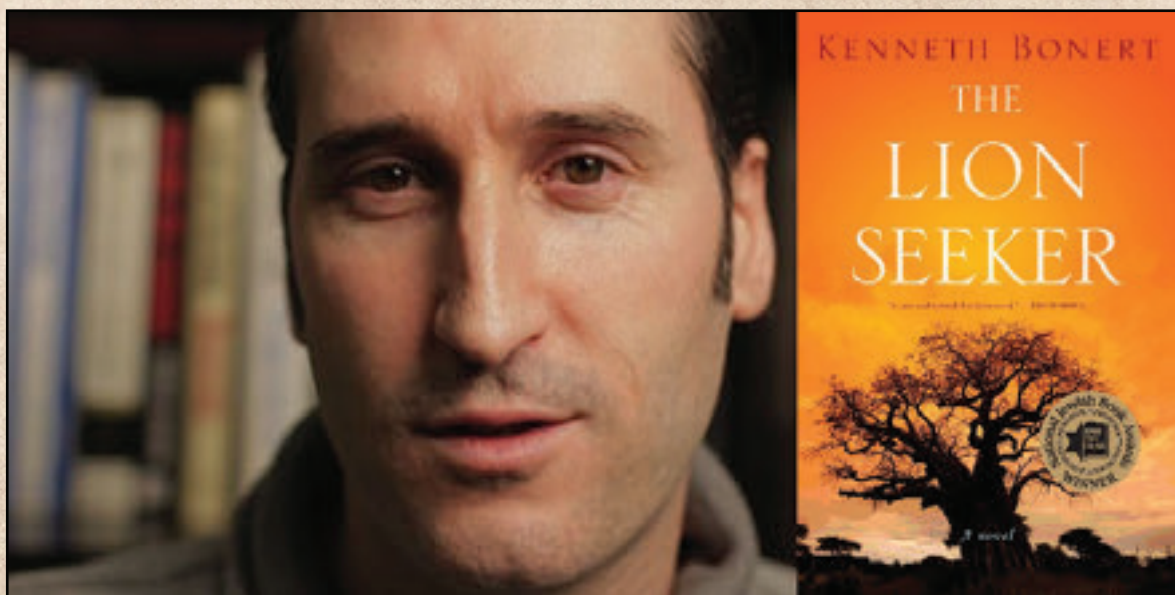


Lisa Buckley



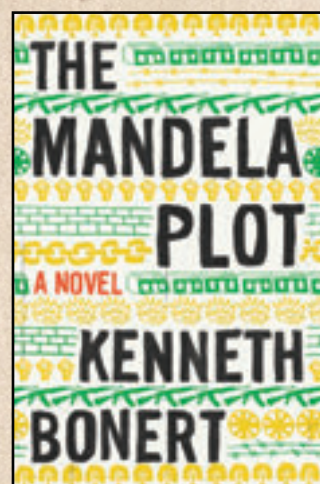
Professor Chloë Orkin

In 1995 Chloë graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand where she developed an interest in virology and immunology. She trained at the Chris Hani Baragwanth Hospital before moving to the United Kingdom in 1998. Inspired by her wish to help people living with HIV, Chloë continued her studies in this field. During her training she was sent to Botswana to set up a government-run treatment programme. She is a Clinical Professor of HIV Medicine at Queen Mary University of London and has been a Consultant Physician at Barts Health NHS Trust for 16 years where she provides care for people living with HIV and runs a busy clinical trials unit. Her special interest is Anti-retroviral therapy about which she speaks regularly internationally as a plenary speaker.



Kenneth Bonert, who emigrated with his family to Toronto in 1989 began his journey as a journalist and a writer of short stories before publishing his debut novel, *The Lion Seeker*, which follows a South African Jewish family between the two World Wars. “*The Lion Seeker* focuses on the coming-of-age of Isaac Helger, a young man who struggles to find his place as he witnesses both the racial tensions of South Africa’s apartheid and the ravages of Hitler’s Nazi regime.” This novel won both the 2013 National Jewish Book Award for Outstanding Debut Fiction and the 2013 Edward Lewis Wallant Award. *The Lion Seeker* was also a shortlisted nominee for the 2013 Governor General’s Award for English-language Fiction, and the 2013 Amazon.ca First Novel Award.

His second novel, *The Mandela Plot*, a thriller set in Johannesburg in the late 80s, was released in 2018 and has been described as ‘Chaim Potok meets Leon Uris’.



ACTIVITIES IN THE 1980s



Grade 8
Matric Dance Waiters -
Matric '83 in Waiting



1982 Welfare Society



1985 Chess Team



ACTIVITIES IN THE 1980s



1986 Mishna Group



1988 Golf Team



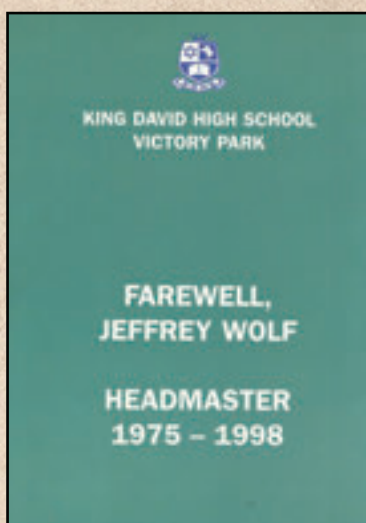
1988 Herzl House Play



SCHOOL MAGAZINE COVERS 1973 - 1986



SCHOOL MAGAZINE COVERS 1987-2000



Tennyson's 'the old order changeth, yielding place to new' were the opening words of Jeffrey Wolf's address to the **1990** matriculants, for during the last weeks of 1989 and during 1990 enormous changes had taken place in both South Africa and the world. In September 1989 F.W. De Klerk had been appointed Prime Minister, eight top political prisoners had been released and the scrapping of apartheid had begun. November 1989 had seen both the dismantling of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union. A highly sophisticated world of technology, too, was slowly infiltrating as the internet was rapidly evolving and the first unofficial text message was received! Despite the uncertainty and unpredictability brought about by these changes, at King David High School Victory Park life continued smoothly. The ambience of the school remained friendly and happy, a feature which both enabled the 522 pupils, who were enrolled in 1990, to develop confidence in themselves and which encouraged self-expression without fear.

Among the new teachers who joined the staff were **Ms Shirley Lipman [Mrs Snoyman]** and **Mrs Tessa Fisher** in the Maths department and **Mr Kevin Bonner** in the history department. The school was delighted to welcome a 1983 graduate of the school, **Ms Candy Nathan**, into the English department. **Mr Spies Venter** joined the Art Department and during the year **Ms Sandra Grey** joined the staff of the Jewish Studies Department in a part-time capacity. **Mr Pearce** who had retired at the end of 1988 returned for just one more year. **Mr Martin Venter** was appointed as the new maintenance manager.



1990 Staff

There were many theories as to what it was. Some thought it was King David's entry into the space race, while others that it was our answer to the Iraq threat. Finally the truth was unveiled: it was a sports pavilion!

Avram Joffe Std 9 [Grade 11]

One of the most exciting events in 1990 was the official opening in September of the The Sandra Lotzoff sports pavilion, an aesthetically pleasing and imposing building, beautifully designed and donated by Mr Lolly Lotzoff in memory of his late wife, Sandra, the beloved mother of Alan and Lawrence.

The four levels of the pavilion housed storerooms and offices for sports teachers, change rooms, toilets and showers for pupils, a magnificent spectators' lounge and a first aid room which was generously equipped by Salome and Sonny Greenhill.



New sports pavilion is opened

KING David High School, Victory Park, celebrated the opening of its new sports pavilion recently.

The opening of the Sandra Lotzoff Pavilion, designed and built by Mr L. Lotzoff in memory of his wife, was attended by TV newsreader Mr Adrian Steed and Clive Rice, captain of the Transvaal Cricket team.

Headmaster of King David High school Mr J Wolf thanked Mr Lotzoff for his generosity in providing the school with a fine four storey pavilion.



At the opening of the Sandra Lotzoff Pavilion, Mr Adrian Steed, Mr L Lotzoff, Mr J Wolf and Clive Rice.

The opening function was attended by the staff, the pupils and a great many parents. Mr Balfour Valkin, chairman of the High School P.T.A. welcomed everyone and Mr Russel Gaddin, chairman of the S.A.B.J.E. brought a message from the Board.

Adrian Steed, a well-known television personality, highlighted the importance of sport in the development of one's character while Clive Rice, of cricket fame, gave a meaningful speech on sport. In thanking Mr Lotzoff for being so totally devoted to the welfare of the school, Mr Wolf assured him that 'not only pupils presently at the school but many generations to come would continue to use the pavilion and that the name of 'Lotzoff' would forever be perpetuated by this magnanimous tribute to his wife, Sandra'. **Daniella Jaff and Kevin Kovarsky** read Psalm 15; the ribbon was cut and the pavilion was declared open by Mr Lotzoff. The staff, parents and honoured guests had lunch in the pavilion while the pupils enjoyed an informal lunch on the sports field.



Mr Jeffrey Wolf



[L-R]: Mr Garrie Brown, Mr Clive Rice, Lisa Horwitz [Head Girl]

In the High Schools' Public Speaking Festival the school maintained its excellent record. The senior teams won the trophy for the best overall achievement and the **First National Bank Trophy** team of **Nicholas Raphaely, Ryan Noach and Danny Shevel** shared first place in the final with King David High School, Linksfield. The team was especially happy to have edged Greenside High School into 3rd place as they felt they had avenged their humiliating rugby defeat of two weeks earlier!

[L-R]: Ryan Noach, Danny Shevel, Nicholas Raphaely



1990 First National Bank Trophy Team



Standing [L-R]: Beverley Cohen, Talia Braude, Avram Joffe, Larry Kalish, Gina Levy, Lisa Gamsu, Candice Hack
Seated [L-R]: Mrs B. Wolf, Adam Valkin, Mrs M. Solomons

1990 Senior Public Speaking Teams

Winners of the Sheila Barlow trophy for the Best Overall Achievement.



Standing [L-R]: Jodi Hepker, Vanessa Valkin, Ralph Frank, Evelyn Gordon, Shanee Stein
Seated [L-R]: Daniella Jaff, Mrs P Trinchero, Kim Ossip
Floor: Nina Jacobson

For the fifth successive year the 1989 school magazine was joint runner-up in the high schools magazine competition. Certificates of excellence for their creative writing were awarded by the South African Council of English Education [S.A.C.E.E.] to **Kim Milner, Tali Braude** and **Rael Super**.

1990 was a very full and busy year for the King David Victory Park thespians. In addition to the Inter-House Play Festival and a Jewish Day Schools' Festival, a large and talented cast was involved in a production of Sandy Wilson's musical **The Boy Friend** directed by Mr Bruce Hay.

While the end result was a roaring success, we certainly had our share of problems to overcome. Finding six boys who could sing and dance simultaneously was no easy feat! In the end while the singing and dancing may not have been on a par with Broadway, the enthusiasm and zest that filled the cast made this show a truly remarkable experience.....We danced, we sang and we gained the enjoyment and fun that only a 'Boyfriend' can provide!

Beverley Cohen Std 9 [Grade 11]

Boyfriends' was certainly the theme for drama in 1990 for the one-act play which the talented Mr Joseph Gerassi directed so successfully for the Raps Play Festival that year was *Dial Ten Amazing Little Boyfriends*. In addition to second place out of 38 entries, the entire cast was awarded certificates for acting and the play received awards for stage direction, sound and lighting, props and costumes.

At our theatre rehearsal, with only one week to go, Dirk, the RAPS stage manager, warned us that we had better work and work if we wanted to stand a chance. So we worked like crazy until we had reached perfection. Opening night left the audience rolling with laughter and the adjudicators crying from hysteria. Luckily they thought Roy's accidental trip and Adam's failure to catch him were all part of the script.

Gina Levy Std 9 [Grade 11]

The 'Victory Park Voice', the pupils' own newspaper which was introduced by **Brian Rubenstein** in 1989, appeared three times.

18 junior pupils **'flourished in a project that requires the application of ingenuity, originality and the dogged determination of the dedicated young scientist'** [Ramon Widmonte] and reached the Johannesburg final of the Young Science Expo. Of these, 13 pupils were selected to show their exhibits at the Transvaal finals where gold medals were awarded to **Penny Bernstein, Edunne Patz, Ramon Widmonte** and **Gilad Shafir** while **Darren Abrahams** won a bronze medal for his research on Asthma. Gilad was selected by ESKOM, one of the sponsors of the competition, to exhibit his project on Robotics at the Eskom Engineering Expo.



Adam Levin and Ryan Rudolph

In the Computer Olympiad **Asaf Mizan** was in the top 10 in the Transvaal while **J.J. Milner** was placed 28th in South Africa. The school representatives on the Junior City Council, **Ryan Rudolph** and **Adam Levin** were both elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Chess, which was able to field two teams, entered the 1990 season with great confidence and had a very successful year. **Gidi Joffe**, the captain, was chosen to captain the Southern Transvaal High Schools Team

March was declared Culture Month and, in addition to Art and Photographic exhibitions of the pupils' own work, the school hosted visiting lecturers and Mrs Morris, ably assisted by Mrs Milner, organised a Book Fair.



1990 First Aid Team

The first aid team, among whom were three fully qualified paramedics, was always on duty at sports fixtures and earned the highest praise from visiting teams and outsiders. The Florence Nightingale behind the excellent First Aid Team was Mrs Joyce Morris who always remained calm, cool and in control.

First Aid became a part of the regular drills that were held to familiarize pupils and staff with evacuation procedures, should this ever be necessary.

It just happened so quickly. It was so unexpected, and as the young, strong and agile Full Back hit the hard, punishing ground and refused to rise, a terrifying gasp of horror echoed through the spectator stands – Silence. He lay motionless like a log. Members of the two teams huddled together peering down at the boy, but all were too shocked, too frightened too scared to do anything, to do something. Adrenalin pumped through the veins of the rugby field – and it seemed as if Dooms Day was about to be relived. What could they do? Who could they call?

But then from the depths of darkness they rose. Wrapped in robes of glory and armed with a faithful First Aid box in the hands, the four heroes raced onto the field. Four Jesse Jacksons – confident, determined and experienced. And as they descended onto the lad and began to carry out their mission the shock subsides, the adrenalin ceased to pump and the mortals looked in wonder as the four King David First Aiders efficiently and calmly raised the boy from the ground carried him off the field on a stretcher, padded him up in slings and bandages and took him to hospital to be treated for a fracture.

The prefects leadership seminar, an excursion which took place annually, was held over three days at 'Bushtrail' in the Magaliesberg. The course focused on leadership and problem-solving activities intended to teach the prefects the value of organisation, empathy and co-operation. In the first exercise in which they were divided into groups, they had to help each other through an obstacle course, ***“Franki was left drowning in the mud in her little white ‘heart’ shorts which became brown ‘heart’ shorts as a result of Richard’s organisational skills ; Lisa swan-dived into a mud-puddle; Dass, in Robin’s team, totally ignored him throughout the obstacle course and Kim, in Kevin’s group, kept murmuring throughout the course, “This is not for me, this is definitely not for me!”***



1990 Prefects

Back Row[L-R]: Robin Magid, Neil Copans, Paul Rabiner, Kevin Kovarsky, Steven Abrahams, Michael Shapiro, Mark Middeldorf

Middle Row[L-R]: Daniella Jaff, Vanessa Valkin, Mandy Stamelman, Evelyn Gordon

Front Row[L-R]: Charlene Cassel, Hadass Segal, Richard Greenhill [Head Boy], Mr J. Wolf, Lisa Horwitz [Head Girl], Anthony Meltzer, Kim Jacobs -, -.

The Rosh Minyanim for 1990 were **Darren Kahn** and **Martine Gerschlowitz**.

The prayer groups were privileged to have both Rabbi Tatz and Rabbi Moffson, both Victory Park Davidians, and Rabbi Furman address them on their Jewish identity and their role in society. Chief Rabbi Harris addressed the school on Republic Day.

A performance by the Israeli Dance Group, Chugim, and an address on Yom Yerushalayim by Mr Shlomo Gur from the Israeli Embassy instilled a great feeling of pride in Israel.

In addition to the mitzvah of Matanot Laevyonim, 1990 saw the introduction of the Gemilut Chassidim project where the Standard 8 [Grade 10] pupils were required to volunteer their time to assist those in need. Many were extremely nervous at first but ultimately they all agreed that it was an excellent learning and growing experience and were grateful to Mrs Eleanor Lazarow, the school counsellor, for affording them the opportunity.

*I feel privileged to have spent my time at the Firlands Boys' Home. I know that I gave them something but more importantly they taught me a lesson in life. People who believe they have had a bad start in life should look at these children who have overcome all the obstacles in their lives and are working towards a better future - **Samantha Goldin***

*On my way home I thought about my visit. I felt good about myself for having made a few people happy. I know that it must be lonely for old people who do not have families and I am sure that once I finish school I will do much to help elderly people because one day when I am old I will appreciate it if children come to visit me - **Greg Rothbart***

*I learned that you don't have to have money or looks to be happy - all it really takes is love. That is what keeps the residents at the Selwyn Segal going - **Tanya Levin***

Robin Magid's dream of becoming captain of the 1st XI Cricket Team and the 1st XV Rugby Team was realised, but though the first cricket team did well, the top cricket team of the season was the U13 team.



1990 1st XI Cricket Team



1990 U13 Cricket Team

Both **Wayne Borowsky** and **Gary Fine**, members of the U13 team, were selected to play for the North/Western side in the Ken Viljoen Competition and **Craig Snaid** was presented with a bat for his century.

As a shorter route of just 11 kms was introduced into the cycling marathon, many more girls participated. The first 'girls' home were Ms Dunn, Ms Nathan and **Cathy Gliksmen**. The 45km race was won by **Greg Falkov** and the 30km by **Leigh Pohl**.

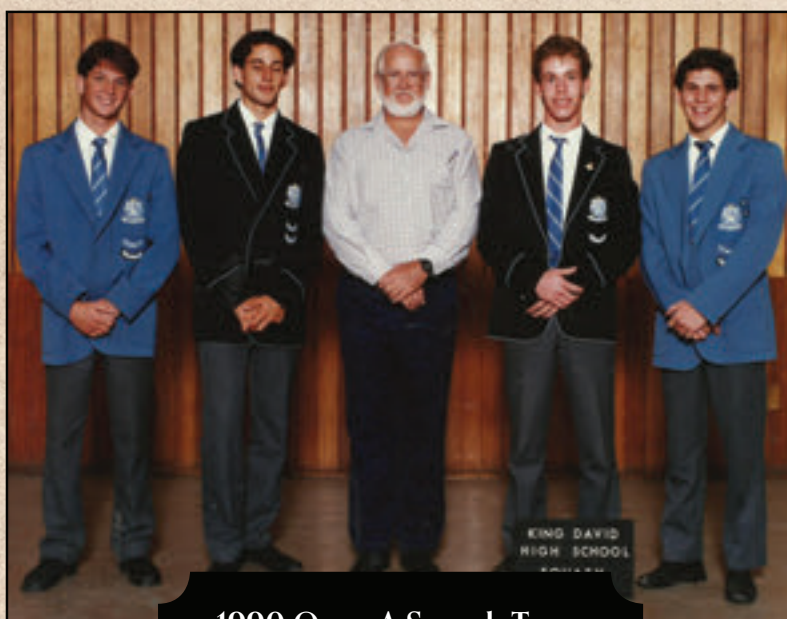
The swimming team sported its very own tracksuit which they felt was a boost to their confidence. Although the team attended early morning practice diligently and won many of the galas, they were unable to move into a higher league. The Inter-House Gala which was held in the evening for the first time was a great success.

Although 1990 was not a very good year for the athletics team as a whole, there were some outstanding individual athletes. **Alon Hodes** and **Anthony Lipschitz** were almost invincible in the shorter and middle distance races while **Mark Middeldorf**, the captain of the team, streaked to victory in the longer distances. Mark also won the senior boys cross-country race once again. Both Alon and Anthony did well in the Prestige Meeting and Anthony was awarded his Southern Transvaal colours.

A week was set aside for competition in sport between the staff and the pupils. Wednesday was the relay race day with the scores tied at one all. **Robin Magid** wrote:

Then – the biggest tragedy of all. After Mr Wolf implied I should put my weaker runners in, and as if Tony Herbert and Barry Berman weren't bad enough the race got off to a furious start until Mr. Redelinghuys decided he liked the taste of grass. The students took the advantage and surged off into a commanding lead. Until – Wendy Davis . . . dropped the baton. (The teachers went on to win the race). When I confronted Wendy and asked her what had happened, with tears falling delicately from her soft cheeks, eyes bloodshot, I realized how this young, innocent, pure child had been exploited. She had been told that if she did not drop the baton, she could kiss her A-estimate goodbye.

The boys squash teams had a very good season. The Open A team was unbeaten and was promoted to the premier league. One of the players, **Barry Getz**, was selected for the Southern Transvaal U16 side.



1990 Open A Squash Team

[L-R]: Jason Egnal, Anthony Lipschitz, Mr Pearce, Jonathan Leps, Barry Getz



1990 Girls' A Tennis Team

The girls' top tennis team, which had an extremely successful season, winning six out of their seven matches, consisted of two Standard 7's, two Standard 8's and two matrics, **Sharon Salomon** and **Lisa Horwitz**, both of whom had been part of the team since Standard 6!

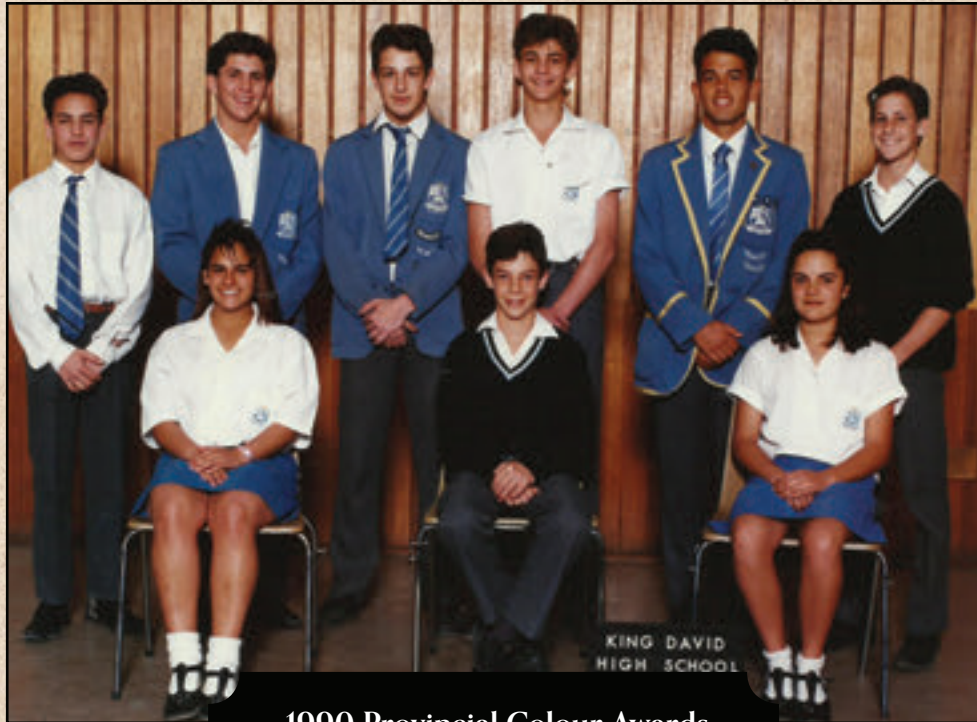
The boys' A tennis team was promoted to the second league and **Adam Valkin**, one of the top juniors in his age group, was selected for the Southern Transvaal A Tennis Team.

Standing[L-R]: Stacey Wainberg, Yael Ben-David, Ingrid Preskow, Caron Wainberg
Seated[L-R]: Sharon Salomon [Captain], Mrs Carol Wilsher, Lisa Horwitz

Despite the presence of Mr Garth Wright, a Transvaal and Springbok scrumhalf, for a short stint of coaching and a symposium on "Opting for Safe Rugby", there was a notable drop in the number of rugby players. The 1st XV team, however, had a very good season winning nine of their twelve matches.

A word of thanks to our two coaches, Mr Redelinghuys and Mr Visagie. They were a great inspiration and showed that glory is always accomplished by hard work. We will never forget Mr Redelinghuys' care and concern. "Boykies, if you kill yourselves on that field, we'll carry you off."

Robin Magid Std 10 [Grade 12]



1990 Provincial Colour Awards

Standing[L-R]: Paul Berger [Gymnastics], Barry Getz [Squash], Gidi Joffe [Chess], Shane Dorfman [Karate], A. Valkin [Tennis], -----

Seated[L-R]: Taryn Nathan [Karate] Elan Ressel [Gymnastics], Claire Volchansky [Synchronised Swimming]

During the final term **Mr and Mrs Snipelisky** and their daughters accompanied the Ulpan group to Israel for their three month ulpan at Kiryat Moriah.

As the year drew to a close, the school said farewell to **Mrs Paulette Trinchero**, Head of the English Department, who had decided to take a break from teaching; to Dr Sharon, and to Mr Pearce who had decided to retire once more!

Ms Sandra Grey, who had shown the school how to put into practice the kindness and caring that forms the basis of Jewish tradition, also left us. Fortunately Sandra returned later to a full-time position.



**1990 Matric Dance -
Foyer of the Simon Kuper Hall**

Through the generosity of **Mrs Mary Magid**, the mother of Shirley and Robin, the Berzack/ Magid Trust was established to perpetuate the memory of Mrs Leah Berzack. Initially the money was used as a bursary for worthy matriculants but it was decided later to use the funds to cover the cost of the academic medals which were awarded to pupils of every level at the high school

The South African Board of Jewish Education and King David Victory Park Primary School bade farewell to a legend – Mr Barney Meyers, who had served the South African Board of Jewish Education for 34 years. At a function to honour Mr Meyers, Jeffrey Wolf, who had worked closely with him, had the privilege of paying tribute to him.

Barney's unique achievement of never having missed a day of school in his career as Principal is as much proof of his being blessed with good health as it is of his outstanding commitment and dedication to his school. His exemplary leadership has gone far beyond the call of duty, a word that is most inappropriate in Barney's case for working at his school has been for him a labour of love, of devotion and dedication to his profession, to King David Primary School, Victory Park and to the South African Board of Jewish Education. Except for Shabbat and Chagim, it was not unusual to see his car parked in the driveway of his school on Sundays or during school holidays for Victory Park Primary and Barney have had their identities fused into one, but each providing succour and fulfilment to the other.



Barney, we salute you as a role model of the highest integrity and professionalism whose example will always inspire and motivate.

Jeffrey Wolf



Mr Martin Venter and the 1990 Maintenance Staff



1990 Matriculation Group





Final thoughts from the 1990 matriculants

*I have loved every day of my schooling at King David. King David is a feeling of belonging, the spirit of adventure and a little bit of Jewish guilt thrown in for good measure. Whenever I see a Coke can and read 'you can't beat the feeling' I think to myself and chuckle, they obviously didn't go to KDVP - **Adam Orlin***

*Matric is..... realising that however bright your bobba thinks you are, you're still going to fail science - **Anonymous***

*Matric is..... asking Mr Wolf to write a testimonial for you and hoping he will forget about the time you bunked prayers - **Anonymous***

*Matric islaughing triumphantly when you see 'Back to school' signs in shop windows in December -**Anonymous***

Pearls Of Wisdom From....



Mrs Ben Mosheand.....Mrs Solomons

Jewish pupils' 1990 matric results

They did it!

Marc Aarons, whose gentle and sensitive nature belied his strength of character, was the 1990 Dux of the school. In addition to his outstanding academic ability, Marc was a highly principled young man whose honesty and integrity earned the respect of his peers and teachers. Marc chose to study medicine but sadly he lost his life tragically in December 1992 while climbing a mountain in Zimbabwe. The school remembers Marc each year when the trophy for Biology/Life Sciences, which was endowed in his name, is awarded at the matric Valedictory Ceremony. Through this award Marc lives on as an inspiration and example for future pupils to emulate



Marc Aarons - seven distinctions (KDVP).



Lance Lasersohn - five distinctions (KDVP).

Ralph Frank - five distinctions (KDVP).

Vanessa Valkin, of KDVP - four distinctions.

Gavin Teichner - five distinctions (KDVP).

Ralph Frank emigrated to the United Kingdom where he is today a trustee of the organisation Euro Chai, which was founded in 2002 to encourage South Africans living in the United Kingdom to support the charities they would have supported had they remained in South Africa. At the 2015 Euro Chai dinner Ralph, mindful of his roots and the education he was privileged to receive at King David Victory Park, said, "I benefited from the infrastructure of the South African community and want to keep it going for future generations. Even though my future is in the UK, I am not leaving my past behind."



In January 2015 **Vanessa Valkin**, succeeded Geoff Sifrin as the editor of the South African Jewish Report for a brief period.

Posterity, so that you may know who I am....Listen....

Call me nostalgic, but when I think back on my school days, I experience a real sense of warmth and delight. I was just one of those many Davidians that really loved school. My classmates from my first year at King David were part of my wedding retinue, for while we Davidians may spread our wings all over the globe, there is a glue of loyalty, kindness and, yiddishkeit that still binds us together. This "Parker" glue is made up of early morning davening together, the smell of the freshly cut grass before a rugby game or an athletics day, Israeli music and 'ruach' from Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, tuckshop hamburgers, Ulpan, Encounters and sports tours. From my first day on the school bus number 3, with Sam the driver, where I bit a matric for telling me to move from his seat, to having an egg broken over my head by Robin Magid when we finally finished our matric exams, I have loved being a King Davidian.

I have learnt how to fight for my rights, and have never been afraid to question, to challenge or to push barriers. We have all entered our adult lives with qualities of strength, confidence, and a littlechutzpah. Most importantly I have learnt to stand up and be a proud Jew and Zionist. Whilst we may have thought of ingenious ways to bunk morning prayers so that we could cram for tests, through the daily prayers at school I am now able to enter any Shul in any part of the world, pick up a siddur, pray and follow a service. The hallel tunes from Jonathan Altman still play in my head when I attend Shul on religious holidays! I am also grateful to be able to visit Israel and really connect with my fellow Jews by being able to speak to them in their own language - even if it is a rather broken Hebrew!

I recall funny incidents like Ralph Frank swimming across the top corridor that was brick and windows and so, if you were sitting in the classroom, all you saw out the window was this body doing breast-stroke through the air in slow motion! I remember balancing the blackboard duster on a slightly open door just before a Hebrew lesson with "Snippy", who was always late and would swing open the door only to torpedo the duster across the classroom which then flustered him completely. I remember King George Sitsakis sitting on his throne outside the tuckshop, Eida Schneiderman's wonderful warm smile and the countless rescue calls she allowed us to make to our parents for books or togs forgotten at home. I remember the package of dynamite, Morah Ben Moshe - without whom I would never have passed Hebrew - who remembers every one of her old pupils by name even if they don't look anything like they did when they left school. I recall Barbara Wolf who introduced me to my love for Latin and whose brilliant speech writing has enabled me to be the secretary for the UJW, despite all my spelling mistakes. She was more than a teacher - rather a mentor and a friend.

King David was a way of life - it was the perfect balance of the Judaic and secular worlds. How many of us, especially those who had Sandra Sundy as a teacher, came home and convinced our parents to run a kosher home?. How many of us pray and daven for the soldiers of the IDF even though we might not wear a kippa every day?. I strongly believe that our ability to add value in society was not due only to the curriculum we studied but to the values we learnt and the manner in which we were taught. Mrs Orkin in her denim jeans, dared us to be liberal despite the strong influence from our conservative parents; Mrs Karen Durbach made us aware of world events and the bigger picture beyond ourselves; Ms Marilyn Dunn got me hooked on computers and running; Mev Van Zyl's example made my first pregnancy easy as I remember her being fit and healthy and at school right up to 3 days before she gave birth, and by pulling me up every time I was late for class, Mev Spangenberg taught me the importance of punctuality over and above Afrikaans.

From the first day we entered the Victory Park campus, Barney Meyers knew every child by name. Jeffrey Wolf (magister meus sapiens qui clarior quam Caesar est!) knew us all not only by name but by personality, strength, virtue and vice. Because of its smaller size King David Victory Park is very special - it is personal, intimate , nurturing and nourishing. However, the friendly competition encouraged among students has made us fierce warriors in the big world, determined to conquer but at the same time to show compassion.

My only regret about living in East London is that I have not been able to give my children the wonderful education that I was privileged to receive.

Veni, Vidi, Vici.....I came, I saw, I conquered

Diligo, Amo, Foveo I respect, I love, I cherish,

Lisa Schewitz [Horwitz] Head Girl 1990

V. PARK'S HEADS - A FINE EXAMPLE

LISA Horwitz and Richard Greenhill, this year's Headgirl and Headboy have been both a fine example and an inspiration to the pupils at King David High School Victory Park.

Lisa's warmth and vivacity as well as her loyalty and total dedication to her school have endeared her to all. She has excelled in sport, especially tennis and netball and has the distinction of having been the recipient of the Maccabi Award in both Standard 8 and 9. Lisa plans to study either business or law, although the offer of a tennis scholarship in the U.S.A. is very tempting!

Richard has shown a great sense of responsibility especially in the field of First Aid. As a qualified paramedic and a member of the special skills unit of the Red Cross he has been a most enthusiastic and competent leader of the school's First Aid Unit. Richard's ambition is to study pharmacy.



Richard Greenhill and Lisa Horwitz with Headmaster, Mr J Wolf.

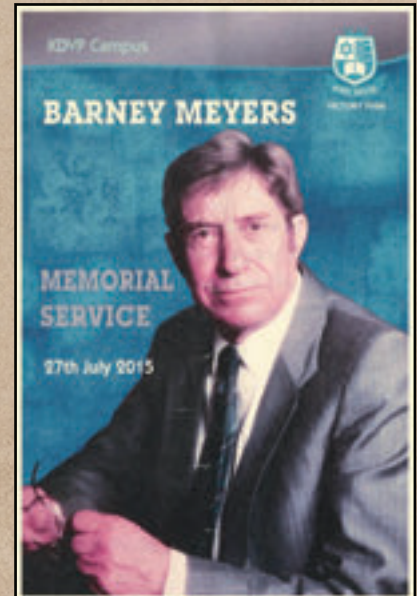
A pupil of both the primary and high School in the 1970s, **Melissa Van Vuuren** [nee Elion], was instrumental in organising a memorial for Barney Meyers, principal of the primary school from 1966 -1990, to acknowledge the outstanding contribution to Jewish education that Barney had made.

Tributes were paid to him by Dr Zummy Isenberg, his lifelong friend from Barney's days at Arcadia, and Jeffrey Wolf, who had worked alongside him as principal of King David Victory Park High School from 1969 -1998.

His professional commitment and dedication were unique. First to arrive at the school each morning and last to leave at dusk, his was an example that none could emulate. Such was his devotion that at the time of his retirement in 1990 he had never missed a single day of school because of ill health. His indefatigable energy, his gentle but firm approach to the parent body, his staff and pupils, and his endless kindness, were such an inspiration to me. He motivated the King David community to become a family in which integrity and respect were paramount values.

Although small in stature, Barney is a giant in the educational history of the South African Board of Jewish Education. His legacy lives on in the minds and hearts of all who were privileged to know him."

Jeffrey Wolf



Past pupils, colleagues, family and friends attended the evening which celebrated his life, his achievements, and the legacies which he passed on to all who knew him through his professionalism, dedication and commitment. Many past learners and colleagues sent video clips of memories and anecdotes about Barney Meyers' wonderful qualities such as his ability to make each pupil feel important and special and his ability to remember each and every learner by name and details of his or her family, long after they had left the school.

In his honour the primary school hall was named The Barney Meyers Hall

MEMORIES OF MR MEYERS

Darrel Hotz

'In September 1966, I made the transition from Grade 2 at King David Linksfield to Grade 2 at Victory Park. It was the same day that Mr. Myers moved over to become headmaster at Victory Park. Every time he saw me, even long after I had graduated from primary school, he would say, "Hello my twin".

Warren Neugarten

'Mr. Myers, you never stopped trying to motivate me. I will always remember you lovingly. Thank you Mr. Wolf for the beautiful and fitting tribute you wrote to Mr. Myers.

Ravit Goldstein

'We lived next door the school when I was at primary school. I'll never forget getting called into Mr Myers'

office one day because 4 of the new born puppies had escaped under the fence and strolled into the school. He hugged and kissed them and firmly told us to take them home and try to keep them at home!

Shai Harman

A true mensch and a gentleman who helped my integration at the school in '88-89 as a newly-arrived 10 year-old from Israel, regularly checking in to see how things were going.

Warren Kalinko

I remember how we'd sing his favourite song each assembly, "It's a small world after all" and how I'd crave those different colour certificates he'd sign and occasionally hand out. . He was a wonderful man, and no sick day his entire career, astounding.

It was the Head Boy of 1991, **Ryan Rudolph**, who voiced so succinctly and accurately the lasting impression that King David Victory Park has made on all those fortunate enough to be educated there.

In his valedictory address he said, *"The reality is that you don't pass through King David, King David passes through you. The values, traditions and standards that are embedded in every fibre of this school form part of you and part of the armour with which it prepares you for the rest of your life...No matter what your choice of subjects may be, the one that we all excel in more than any other is that of life preparedness."*

ZIONIST RECORD and SA JEWISH CHRONICLE, Friday 30 November 1990



Back row [L-R]: Nicholas Raphaely [Deputy Head], Ryan Rudolph [Head Boy], Ryan Noach [Deputy Head]
Front Row [L-R]: Gina Wunsh [Deputy Head Girl], Beverley Cohen [Head Girl]

To assist in preparing the 533 pupils - the enrolment for 1991 - for their later lives, several new teachers joined the staff, most in a part-time position. **Mrs Erica Pienaar** joined the accounting and business economics department and **Ms Jodi Parness**, a Victory Park matriculant, joined the Mathematics Department. **Mrs Joan Orkin** was promoted to Head of the English Department and **Mrs Bernice Goldstein** returned from her sabbatical. **Mrs Judith Lahav** joined the Hebrew Department.

A new educational stream - the modified stream - was introduced into Standard 6 [Grade 8] to assist those pupils who needed tuition in smaller classes and at a slightly lower level.

While war played out in the Gulf, Israel was hit by 39 scud missiles and President De Klerk made known his intentions to scrap apartheid, life at King David Victory Park galloped apace with educational, cultural, sporting and social activities. An innovation by the 1991 prefects was the introduction of interhouse competitions in debating and public speaking as well as an interhouse quiz. The points for each of these activities were added to those of the various sports challenges and the winning house was awarded the Inter-House Trophy at the Valedictory Evening. In order to encourage participation in all that the school offered, and to encourage school spirit and pride in its achievements, the 1991 prefects also introduced a supporters card which gave pupils the choice to attend or support a number of these activities in the course of each term.

The year started as always with the High Schools' Public Speaking Competition which was organised by the South African Guild of Speech and Drama teachers. This year, in addition to the English section, the school entered **Ryan Noach** in the section for the best bilingual speaker as well as two teams in the Afrikaans section.

All the teams fared well but it was **Nicholas Raphaely**, our entrant in the section for the Best Individual Speaker who brought great credit to the school by winning not only the Southern Transvaal final at the Linder Auditorium but also the 10th National Final which was held in Cape Town. Nicholas was also part of the team which won the First National Bank trophy in 1990.

The debating team of **Tali Braude**, **Avram Joffe** and **Nicholas Raphaely** was not as lucky in the final of a knock-out competition of the strongest Johannesburg schools. In the toughest debate of the season *'brother against brother; Jeffrey against Elliot; the battle of the few against the many'* [to quote Nicholas] the debate was awarded to Linksfeld. The only possible explanation according to Danny Shevel was that the adjudicator was anti-semitic!



[L-R]: Mrs B. Wolf and Nicholas Raphaely

Through the generosity of **Mr and Mrs Tony Raphaely**, the parents of Andrew, Nicholas, Mark and Adam, the school acquired all the equipment necessary for establishing a video club which could produce its own in-house videos and thus have a pictorial record of the school. The founding members of the club - directors, producers and editors - were **Larry Kalish** and **Lance Samuels** and after a great deal of discussion it was decided to call the in-house video **'FLASH'**.



Lance Samuels

Lance Samuels, who cut his teeth on FLASH, is today a seasoned producer of high-end films and television series with international appeal. First entering the film industry in 1991, he quickly advanced through the ranks to become South Africa's most experienced and sought after producer, working on all major

productions shot in South Africa. In 2004, Lance founded Out of Africa Entertainment - now responsible for over 80 hours of international television series and South Africa's highest grossing film of all time, *Schuks Shabalala's Survival*. In recent years, Lance has produced a number of acclaimed feature films including *The Bang Bang Club*, *Inescapable* and *Lucky*. Lance now runs Blue Ice Pictures out of the Toronto office as President of the company.

The Photographic Society held competitions through the year, each on a particular theme. This was an excellent source for use in the school magazine and for publicity.

The Young Scientists exposition was highly successful and showcased 160 projects ranging from a solar powered egg-cooker to the effects of sleep deprivation. Twenty-two pupils reached the Witwatersrand finals where gold medals were awarded to **Daniel Gelber**, **Adam Noach**, **Joshua Doctor**, **Richard Schaffer** and his brother, **Simon**. At the National Finals **Penny Bernstein**, **Daniel Gelber**, **Joshua Doctor** and **Richard Schaffer** won bronze medals.





The Cast and Crew of *Cinderella* 1991

It was an extremely busy year for drama at the school. *Cinderella*, the pantomime chosen by Mr Joseph Gerassi for his directorial debut involved a large cast of 39 performers. Tutti and Frutti, the ugly sisters were played by **Roy Litvin** and **Adam Levin** and Cinderella and Prince Charming by **Sharon Gelber** and **Mandi Strul**. The inter-active audience had to stand up and do the 'chicken dance' and take part in a sing-a-long, adding to two and a half hours of great fun.

Ritual of Dolls was the school's entry at the Raps Play Festival

Bialik won both the Inter-House Debating Competition and the Inter-House Play Festival with their production of *The Ugly Noo Noo*.

Some years later the adjudicator, **Mr Renos Spanoudes**, was appointed to head the Drama Department at the school.

STAGE-STRUCK! AT VICTORY PARK

"Something appealing, something appalling" boomed the chorus energetically in the opening number of *Cinderella*, a traditional pantomime staged by King David High School, Victory Park. Was the audience in for two and a half hours of sheer delight or were they to face the most violent and vicious assault with the history of theatre?

As a member of the audience forced to stand up and do the 'Chicken Dance', to take part in a sing-along competition, entranced by the beautiful voices of Prince Charming and *Cinderella* (Mandi Strul and Sharon Gelber), and thoroughly entertained by the curvaceous, captivating ugly sisters, Tutti and Frutti (played by Adam Levin and Roy Litvin), I left the Hall each evening with a song in my heart and a smile on my face. *Cinderella*, produced so ably by Mr Joseph Gerassi was definitely 'something appealing' for both the audience and its very large and talented cast.



Adam Levin (Tutti, the Ugly Sister) and Sharon Gelber (*Cinderella*).

Encouraged by **Mr Balfour Valkin**, chairman of the P.T.A. and **Mrs Shirley Kalish**, who coordinated the entire project, the P.T.A. staged a full musical production which had the intriguing title ***The Best Little Jewish Day School in Johannesburg***

The script which Mrs Kalish had acquired from a similar production was re-written by Mr Gerassi and **Mrs Ruth Lurie** and the cast of parents and teachers was directed by Mr Gerassi, ably assisted by his mom, Doreen. Together with Mr Lionel Roth, the musical director and Ivana Scafo, the choreographer, they transformed cardiologists, lawyers, psychologists and business executives into typical King David teenagers who played, sang, danced, whined, complained about everything and irritated their teachers beyond measure!



The Cast of The Best Little Jewish Day School in Johannesburg

Back row [L-R]: Ilona Stein, Gillian Gamsu, Connie Valkin, Lindy Brest, Lennie Shulman, Martin Smilkstein, Linda Roff, Connie. Valkin, Colin. Gamsu, Peter. Kalish, Sharon Gomer, Balfour Valkin

Middle Row [L-R]: Louis Milner, Marilyn Shulman, Ruth Lurie, Joseph Gerassi, Shirley Kalish, Robyn Levin, Karen Milner

Front Row [L-R]: Yael Gordon, Sue Berman, Lyn. Shein, Wanda Alper, Solly Wainberg, Liz Geva, Paula Smilkstein, Melanie Gelber.





1991 Runners-Up Stock Exchange Game

[L-R]: Sholem Hurwitz, Mr J Wolf, Mrs S Flaum, Russel Brown



Wayne Rudolph and Jonny Lambrides represented the school on the Junior City Council.

Russel Brown and **Sholem Hurwitz**, two Standard 9 [Grade 11] students, won R4000 for the school and R1000 for themselves when they were placed second out of 780 country-wide teams in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Game.

Avram Joffe was a finalist in the History Olympiad - he was among the top forty-six pupils in the country.

After many weeks of rehearsal, the Fashion Show, the major fundraiser of the Standard 9 Dance Committee, was in danger of not taking place until Mr Gerassi's very capable fourteen year old sister, **Yael Gerassi**, willingly came to the rescue. In a very short time she transformed 33 unruly teenagers into very acceptable models and ensured that there were full houses on all three nights.



1991 Fashion Show

Back row [L-R]: Greg Rothbart, Nadine Friedland, Yossi Barel, Russel Shor, Lance Sacks, Michael Kobrin, Melissa Wolf, Natalie Friedman, Richard Rovetti

Middle Row [L-R]: Lauren Hellman, Heidi Lipshitz, Barry Getz, Astrid Berman, Asaf Timor, Lance Goodman, Tanya Barnes, Tanya Bress, Tanya Levin, Kirsten Borkum, Stacey Wainberg

Front Row [L-R]: Jason Gien, Jacqui Shulman, Dean Perlman, Mr J. Gerassi, Mark Jacobs, Dalit Solomon, Alon Davidov



1991 Matric Dance Dessert

The outstanding service to the school that was offered by the well-trained First Aid team was highly praised by other schools and organisations, some of whom made enquiries about hiring their services! From the Ambulance Division of the City of Johannesburg Fire and Emergency Services came the following note:

On the 22nd June our service responded to a motor vehicle accident in Victory Park. On arrival at the scene, three school boys had rendered outstanding care to the patient. They had secured the patient's head and neck and were in the process of securing a half spinal board. Their general behaviour at the scene was exemplary. It is refreshing to see such proficiency and commitment exercised by our youth. We offer our sincere appreciation and congratulations to R. Noach, S. Smilkstein and B. Lieberthal

Mr L.D.Joubert - Director

It was always the work of the Hebrew and Jewish Studies departments that delineated the school's philosophy as a Jewish Day School. Both formally and informally, both in and outside of the classroom, the school was infused with a special character through the multi-dimensional programme that was provided by these departments. Each festival and each important day - Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Yom Yerushalayim, Yom Hashoah - all were celebrated or commemorated by pupils' presentations.

The festive Purim spirit in 1991 was enhanced by a Purim carnival - the favourite stall being a photo booth at which one could throw wet sponges at the photos of their 'favourite' prefects, the most popular choice being Ryan Rudolph and Danny Shevel! Purim always included a fancy-dress parade followed by the Purim play. - in 1991 it was the story of Purim, according to the Ninja Turtles.

To fulfil the mitzvah of Matanot Le'evyonim on Purim, fifty Standard 7 and 8 pupils in collaboration with Meals on Wheels delivered parcels of food and plants, generously donated by Keith Kirsten, to senior citizens in the Berea/ Hillbrow area

As the Gulf War took place in the early part of the year - a special prayer service was held to show solidarity with Israel - the Ulpan scheduled for the first term was cancelled. The 31 participants joined the April Ulpan instead.

Lesley-Anne Barnett was a finalist in the Pillar of Fire Quiz.

In May 1991 almost 15,000 Ethiopian Jews had been flown to Israel in a period of 36 hours in a mission known as Operation Solomon. The school was fortunate to be addressed by Mr Ya'akov Elias, an Ethiopian who had been taken to Israel some years before and had been educated there. He was accompanied by one of the pilots who had flown one of the 35 planes involved in Operation Solomon.



**1991 Rosh Minyanim -
Avram Joffe & Lisa Gamsu**

Listening to Ya'akov and the pilot filled us with a feeling of brotherly love for our fellow Jews and a feeling of pride for our beloved country. Israel does not rank anywhere near the largest or wealthiest countries in the world and yet - no matter how much trouble it may be - it is never too expensive, too difficult or too impossible to bring a Jew home.

Lisa Gamsu - Std 10 [Grade 12]

The chess team reached the semi-finals of the five-a-side Knockout competition and fared well in the league.

The 1st XI Cricket team reached the second round of the John Waite Knockout Competition and the Under 14 team was undefeated.

The swimming team had a good season and finished 2nd to Wendywood High in the Inter High gala.

The short season of athletics was initiated by the annual cross country race at Delta Park where **Robby Lissoos** and **Ilan Davimes** won the junior section and **Lee Greenblatt** and **Alon Hodes**, the senior event. This was followed by the inter-house meeting at the Johannesburg College of Education and the Inter-High athletics meetings. Although we were only placed third out of four schools there were some fine individual performances and many of the athletes went on to run at the Prestige meeting. **Darren Isaacs** obtained two bronze medals in the under 13 200 and 400m, **Ilan Davimes** a bronze in the under 14 1500m and **Anthony Lipschitz** was awarded silver medals in the open 100m and 200m races. . Not surprisingly, only one female, a young Robynne Lissoos, made Prestige!



1991 Athletics Team

The relay teams acquitted themselves particularly well by coming 2nd in both the under 13 and under 14 boys 'relay races while the Open relay team won the gold medal



1991 Open Boys Relay Team

[L-R]: Alan Wetterhahn, Ryan Noach, Mr G Crawford, Anthony Lipschitz, Jonathan Leps

The boys' A tennis team was promoted to the A league at the end of the first term. Both **Adam Valkin** and **Joshua Tanchel** were selected to play for Southern Transvaal High Schools. The girls' A team was unbeaten and the B team was promoted to a higher league

Yael Ben-David, Gabby Super, Monique Bermeister and **Robynne Lissoos** were chosen for the Southern Transvaal Netball team and to take part in the Maccabi Games trials. Yael received the trophy for Player of The Year and the U13 netball team shared the award for the Team of The Year with the 1st XV rugby team which, like the under 14 rugby team, suffered only one defeat. The 1st XV had their moment of glory when they defeated Greenside High School's 1st team!

'As a five year old, I contracted viral whooping cough and was placed in an oxygen tent. Doctors stated that I would never be able to play sport. Fortunately, my father ignored their advice and forced me to train systematically and breathe correctly during Karate training. Owing to his insight, I grew out of my asthma [a direct result of the whooping cough] and karate became more than just a sport or even an art. It became my way of life. My goal is to be world champion and now that South Africa has been invited to the 1992 world championships in Tokyo, I feel hopeful that my dream might be fulfilled. Even if I do not win I will be thankful for the opportunity of experiencing the challenge.'

Shane Dorfman -Standard 10 [Grade 12]



**South African Youth
Grand Karate Champion**



1991 1st XV Rugby Team

Back row [L-R]: Eddie Shapiro, Brandon Sieff, Brett Solomons, Wayne Gomer, Stewart Southey
Bryan Cassel, Danny Shevel, Johnny Lambridis, Craig Kussel

Middle Row [L-R]: Alan Wetterhahn, Mr Kevin Bonner, Elliot Borkum, Mr Redelinghuys, Ryan Rudolph

Front Row [L-R]: Brett Kaplan, Sean Smilkstein, Alon Hodes, Barry Getz

Another Slice of Nostalgia

The Day We (Finally) Beat Greenside

By: Brandon Sieff

Wednesday, 20 March 1991 was one of the most memorable days in the school's rugby history. Prior to this we had been the whipping boys of our more illustrious neighbors Greenside High and had in fact never beaten their First Team. In those days, Greenside was a powerhouse in the area and could boast alumni such as James Small who went on to win the World Cup with the 1995 Springboks. 1991 was only the second year that we were allowed to play against their first team, and the previous year, our first team had been overwhelmed in the corresponding fixture.



For me, it was also a special day as it was to be my first game for the first team. I was petrified before the game and at the time thought that this is what the troops must have felt like just before going out of the trenches during the battle of the Somme. To make matters worse, our exceptionally good coach, Mr. Redlinghuys informed me that should I die on the field, he would ensure that I had a nice funeral!

Before the game, the team took getting "psyched-up" to a new dimension. There was a serious tension in the change room and when a young, innocent, naïve standard six walked in by mistake, he took one look at us, saw the fiery look on our faces, turned and ran for his life, terrified!

The game itself was a hard-fought battle. During the initial stages, Greenside camped in our half and it was only very determined defence that kept them at bay. After about fifteen minutes, our better conditioning started to pay dividends. We were suddenly grateful to Mr. Redlinghuys for his policy of making us run up and down the hill carrying large concrete bricks! Our forwards started to get the upper-hand and eventually just before half-time we broke through when after a full backline movement, Jasper Lewitton scored in the left hand corner. I cannot speak for the others, but at that moment I believed that we were going to win.

In the second half, we continued where we had left off. We scored two very good tries, one when Alan Wetterhahn attacked from deep and brilliantly cross-kicked the ball for Elliot Borkum to collect and score under the posts; and a second when just before the final whistle Barry Getz pounced on a loose ball in midfield and sent Jasper away to score again, this time under the posts.

We were jubilant because we knew that the end was imminent. The conversion was missed – perhaps a case of starting the victory celebrations prematurely? The final whistle went and we had won 14-0. I cannot describe the sense of satisfaction that I felt and that I am sure the others felt as well. There was a definite sense that we had done something special and this was confirmed when our accomplishment was reported in *The Star* a few days later.

The team that day:

Mark Lachman, Craig Kussel, Brandon Sieff, Wayne Gomer, Stewart Southey, Elliot Borkum (C), Sean Smilkstein, Bryan Cassel, Eddie Shapiro (VC), Johnny Lambridis, Jasper Lewitton, Ryan Rudolph, Barry Getz, Jason Egnal and Alan Wetterhahn



1991 Staff

The school bade farewell to **Mr Yechiel Egozi** who had been part of the Hebrew department for three and a half years and wished him and his family an easy readjustment to life in Israel. **Ms Candy Nathan**, who had earned the respect of both the staff and pupils for her creativity in the classroom as well as her involvement in extra-mural activities, left the school after two years to explore the challenge of commerce. However, she was not lost to the school as she returned many years later as mother of the Mendelowitz pupils.



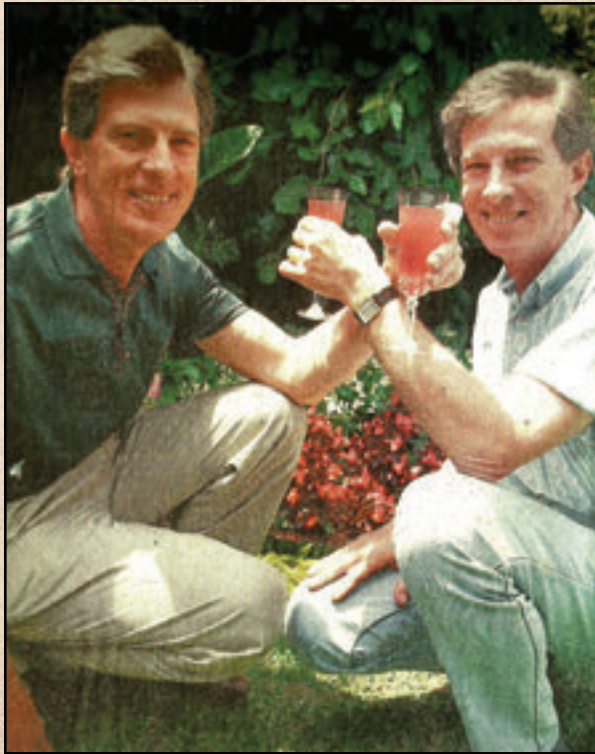
1991 Prefects



1991 Matriculation Group



Record achievement for twin headmasters



Distinction ... "I hoped for seven distinctions, but I didn't expect them," a delighted Talla Braude said after collecting her matric results today. Talla is the top pupil at King David High School (Victory Park) this year. Picture: Ken Oosterbrink



Six distinctions.

Avram Joffe

The immediate future for Avram (18) lies in studying business science or a BA at Wits. A student at King David (Victory Park) High School, he obtained six distinctions — for English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, mathematics, physical science and history.



Six distinctions.

Nic Raphaely

Nicholas (18), who won the National Schools' Public Speaking Competition this year, achieved six distinctions. The King David (Victory Park) High School pupil excelled in English, Afrikaans, Latin, Hebrew, mathematics and physical science.



DUX AWARD
AT A RECENT ceremony held at King David VP Talla Braude was honoured as the top Matriculation pupil for 1991. Talla, daughter of Mrs Diane Braude, social worker at King David Victory Park Primary School, told the present pupils her secrets for obtaining seven distinctions and also her plans for the future.



Esteemed Rabbis are graduates of KDHS Victory Park

Amongst the many illustrious alumni from KDHSVP have been a number of esteemed rabbis who have graduated from the school.

Rabbi Dr Akiva Tatz, being the first to do so, studied medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand, graduating with a distinction in surgery. It was while studying medicine that he came into contact with Ohr Samayach, and this led him to what he calls his "Teshuvah Revolution". He moved to Israel in 1982 where he practised hospital and general medicine in Jerusalem while also studying at a Yeshiva. He then studied the Talmud for a number of years, later teaching Jewish thought and medical ethics in Jerusalem. Rabbi Tatz founded the Jerusalem Medical Ethics Forum which focuses on teaching and promoting knowledge of Jewish medical ethics internationally.

in 1998 he moved to London where he currently gives shiurim at the Jewish Learning Exchange on Jewish philosophical topics, drawing large audiences of mainly young Jews. Rabbi Tatz has the ability to make the deepest Torah concepts understandable and meaningful to most members of his audience.

He has written a number of books on Jewish thought and philosophy, including *Anatomy of a Search* and his recent book, *The Thinking Jewish Teenager's Guide to Life*, a book for parents and teenagers.

The year 1976 saw the graduation of a number of students who were to become rabbis, some remaining in South Africa and others moving further afield. Rabbi Anthony Gerson, well-known in Johannesburg's Jewish

Rabbi Gerson was involved in Bnei Akiva Youth Movement, and was head of religious activities during his matric year at KDHSVP. Upon completing his matric, he studied at a yeshiva in Israel, continuing has studies at Yeshiva Gedolah in Johannesburg. He is also a qualified shochet and mohel. After receiving smicha in 1985 he joined Randburg Hebrew Congregation as their spiritual head. Since 1995 he has been the leader of the Pine Street Congregation, and in 1999, was appointed vice-chairman of the Southern Africa Rabbinical Society.

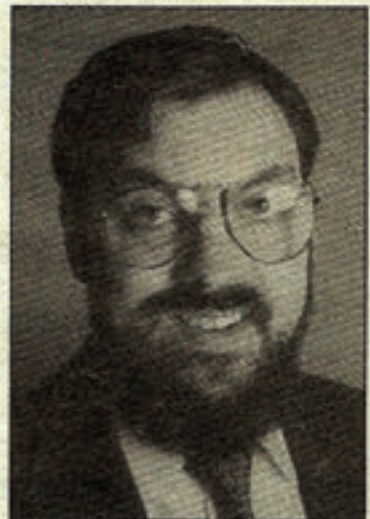
Other rabbis who matriculated at the school include Rabbi Shmuel Moffson, currently educational director of Ohr Sameach, Rabbi Alan Hurwitz, Rabbi Hilton Wainstein, Rabbi Jonathan Lipschitz, Rabbi Barry Goldstuck, Rabbi Brian Rubenstein, Rabbi Matthew Liebenberg and, of course Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz who is the rabbi of the Greenside shul and who is currently teaching at his "old school".

According to Rabbi Gerson, many of the above-mentioned rabbis lived in Emmarentia and the surrounding areas, and were influenced by Rabbi Zaichick of the Emmarentia Hebrew congregation. Also influential at that time, he said, were a number of shlichim who gave Judaism a higher profile.

Rabbi Gerson says one of the main challenges facing South African Jewish youth today is how to remain a mensch in an affluent society, as well as how to deal with the accompanying challenge to value systems.



Rabbi Dr Akiva Tatz



Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz



Chief Rabbi-elect Warren Goldstein (left) who inducted Rabbi Daniel Sackstein (right) as rabbi of the Gardens Synagogue.

Rabbi Sackstein inducted at Gardens Shul

Among other pupils who have also become Rabbis are Jonathan Altman, Ramon Widmonte, Liron Bernstein, Anton Klein, David Nossel and Richard Schaffer.

While **1992** was a year in which there was unprecedented achievement and success for the school, it was, ironically, also a year fraught with strain and difficulty. It was in fact, both 'the best of times and the worst of times' as, in the second half of the year, the school was undermined by individuals both on the Parent Teachers Association and on the staff of the school who showed flagrant disregard and abuse of their positions of trust. This fifth column element attempted in various ways to subvert a school system which had given them the opportunity for personal and professional growth. That the school was able to meet the challenge so well and emerge even stronger was entirely due to Jeffrey Wolf's calm handling of the crisis, the support of his loyal members of staff and the trust and confidence that the parent body had in the school. Mr Mannie Chaimowitz, Mr Colin Gamsu and Mrs Paulette Rothstein, all very loyal members, ensured that the P.T.A. continued to function smoothly despite the problem that bedevilled it.



1992 Staff

Several new teachers joined the staff, among them **Mrs Sue Varejes** who took charge of the Computer Department, **Mrs Carla Nicholas** joined the English Department, **Mrs Moore** the Mathematics Department and **Mrs Sharon Ray** the Biology and General Science Departments. **Mrs Barbara Wolf** was appointed as supervisor of the Modified Programme which was now in its second year with a small class in both Standards 6 and 7 [Grades 8 and 9].

The pupil enrolment numbered 514 with a matric group of 117 – the largest in the history of the school.

[L-R]: Johnny Lambrides [Deputy Head Boy], Julie Frank [Head Girl], Alon Davidov [Head Boy], Lesley-Ann Barnett [Deputy Head Girl]



1992 Head Prefects



1992 Public Speaking Winners

[L-R]: Andrew Kuper, Ramon Widmonte, Mrs B Wolf, Nimrod Geva, Anthony Nathan

At the High schools Public Speaking Competition the school made history as, for the first time ever, the school was a finalist in both the First National Bank Trophy team event AND the the Best Individual Speaker event. The trophy team of **Nimrod Geva, Anthony Nathan** and **Ramon Widmonte** emerged victorious and **Andrew Kuper** was runner-up in the individual event. At the finals evening at the Linder Auditorium it was also announced that the Standard 8,9 and 10 [Grade10,11,12] teams had been awarded the Sheila Barlow Trophy and R350 for winning the senior section of the competition. Such superb success made this the school's finest hour in public speaking.



1992 Senior Public Speaking Winners

Standing [L-R]: Dani .Bergman, Britt Burstein, Ally Getz, Jonathan Newfield, Michael Kobrin, Michal Forman, Karen Hoffman, Lesley-Ann Barnett, Julie Frank

Seated [L-R]: Elise Brittan, Mrs B Goldstein, Nerine Taitz, Mrs M Solomons, Michelle Katz

Floor [L-R]: Carin Lichtenstein, Orit Gutkin, Claire Volchansky

The school also took part and did well in the Afrikaans section of the competition, both in the team events and the section for the Best Individual Speaker.

In addition the school organised a most successful inter-house public speaking competition, in which Bialik was the overall winner, and held the annual best speakers' competitions, Junior and Senior, which were won by **Adam Gamsu** and **Ramon Widmonte** respectively.

3,500 pupils from all corners of the country wrote the English Olympiad exam for which pupils were required to study Athol Fugard's play, *My Children, My Afrika*. **Orit Gutkin** was placed in the top hundred and, at the prizegiving ceremony in Grahamstown for the top fifteen pupils, **Tamar Levitt** was awarded fifteenth place.

In the Sasol Mini Maths Olympiad where each pupil was required to solve intricate mathematical problems using only a pencil, eraser and a ruler it was the Standard 6 [Grade 8] pupils who brought credit to the school. **Maoz Ovadia** was placed third, Paul Berkowitz fifth and their combined marks ensured that the school was awarded top place among the Standard 6's. For this they won a magnificent shield for the school.



[L-R]: Paul Berkowitz, Maoz Ovadia



Tamar Levitt



1992 Debating Team

The year saw the senior debating team maintain its very high standard by inflicting defeat on other schools in the preliminary rounds. They beat Eden College in the semi-finals and Hyde Park in the final of the Helen Suzman Debating League.

Ramon Widmonte won the trophy for the best debater of the evening

Standing [L-R]: Nimrod Geva, Andrew Kuper, Lesley-Ann Barnett, Ramon Widmonte

Seated [L-R]: Wayne Rudolph, Mrs Joan Orkin, Daniel Buntman

As part of the inter-house competition the school once again organised a most successful inter-house debate, featuring both junior and senior debaters. For the second year in a row, Bialik was the winner. **Andrew Kuper** won the award for debater of the evening as well as the coveted trophy as Debater of the Year.

At the Witwatersrand final of the Young Scientist Expo, **Maoz Ovadia** and **Penny Bernstein** won gold awards while **Joshua Wilk** and **Aviv Weil** were awarded silver. All four of them were chosen to exhibit their work at the National Finals.

Standing [L-R]: Aviv Weil, Ms Marilyn Dunn, Penny Bernstein

Kneeling [L-R]: Joshua Wilk, Maoz Ovadia



Nimrod Geva and **Ally Getz** were selected to represent the school on the Junior City Council. The motto adopted by the 1992 council was 'Changing lives through youthful eyes.' They certainly did accomplish this by a number of worthwhile projects among which were a Bnei Brith food project for the needy and a Hand-in-Hand day for the aged.

Yael Gerassi assisted once again with the fashion show and, together with Mr Gerassi, transformed the King David kids into excellent models who strutted down the ramp like professionals. The money raised by the three performances was used for the elegant matric dance, the theme of which was 'Sunrise, Sunset'

The most exciting event, involving more than 150 pupils, several dedicated members of staff and the expertise of a number of outsiders was the full production of the musical **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**. Directed by Mr Joseph Gerassi and choreographed by Ms Wanda Alper, it was highly acclaimed all over Johannesburg as the best school production ever staged. It had an extended run and was an unprecedented box-office success which boosted the coffers of the P.T.A. There was such an abundance of talent that, for the main roles, the show was able to field two casts who played on alternate evenings.



Peter Berman



Mark Samowitz



Joseph Gerassi and members of the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

David Halevi, Peter Berman, Lauren Toooh, Adam Gamsu

The school's entry into the RAPS play festival, a script workshopped and written by the pupils on the theme of socially deprived and disadvantaged children, won a merit award for motivation. Three very creative pupils, **Nicole Falkof, Nimrod Geva** and **Carin Lichtenstein**, wrote and directed their own plays for the Interhouse Play Festival. Once more Bialik was the winner with Nimrod's witty play which exposed the roving mind of a Jewish adolescent. **Roy Litvin**, who played Judah in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* was adjudged best actor and the award for best actress went to **Nicole Falkof**

Roy, whose talent for acting and musical theatre was nurtured at King David Victory Park, achieved his ambition of becoming an actor and performing in London's West End.



Roy Litvin 1992



Roy Litvin 2008

It's not often that a topic as tender as the Holocaust can be interspersed with humour.

But what on paper sounds like shaky ground has already proven to be a hit with audiences in Plymouth, and next month London too will be treated to a slice of the pie. Set in Poland during 1942, 'Imagine This' follows a group of actors in the Warsaw Ghetto as they stage plays to inspire hope and optimism within their community. However, with rumours of the Final Solution in the air, their play merges with the reality they are trying to escape and a dramatic love story unfolds.

Cast member Roy Litvin who plays the part of one of the actors, created his character Shlomo in honour of his great-grandfather who perished in the Holocaust. "The Holocaust was very much in our home growing up," he explains. "It is really hard to describe as a Jew. My grandmother went through it and survived, and has a spiritual connection to it. There is an obligation for me to honour the memory of the family I lost in the Holocaust, so it is important for me to commemorate it. It has never been done in a musical, and besides being a really moving piece of theatre, its importance goes beyond that. It informs people, which is great because the West End reaches a huge spectrum of people from all walks of life. The message is very optimistic and one of hope, love and courage."

860 teams took part in the 1992 Stock Exchange Game and the two school teams did exceptionally well by being placed in the third and fourth position. They won R2000 for the school.

The video club was fortunate to receive guidance from Mr Gary Block at King David Linksfield who had been running this activity for many years. The members of the club produced three episodes of 'Flash', which they presented to the school during the Friday morning assembly. This certainly added a great deal of interest to the assemblies as students watched eagerly and, sometimes apprehensively, to see whether they had been caught on candid camera!



1992 Stock Exchange Game

[L-R]: Brandon Raff, Maxim Horwitz, Warren Teichner
Seated: Mrs. S Flaum



Daryn Sundy and **Kareen Gordon** were the Rosh Minyanim and they were assisted by their deputies, **Sean Kahn** and **Angela Brest**.

On Tu B'shvat the school was addressed by Mr Sam Moss, who praised the work of the Jewish National Fund, and trees were planted in honour of five Jewish personalities, one of them being in honour of Jeffrey Wolf **'as he is the leader of the school who gives us all direction'** [Kareen Gordon].

Dr Harold Serebro, who had made an in-depth study of the the Nazi Jewish policy, addressed the pupils on Yom Hashoah after they had undergone a role-play situation in which they were herded into the hall forcibly to recreate the panic and helplessness suffered by the Jews in Europe during the Second World War.

In addition to the programme of Gemilut Chasidim and the tradition of Matanot Levyonim the school focused on raising money for Ina Perlman's charity Operation Hunger, as the country was experiencing a severe drought. Before Rosh Hashanah the school collected kosher groceries for distribution to the needy in the Jewish Community.

"G-d is alive, he just doesn't want to get involved".

"There is something fundamentally wrong with a man if he doesn't want to break the ten commandments" Most of our cynical attitudes towards religion as a whole and Judaism were aptly reflected by these quotes. The result was that we approached Encounter expecting an all-out onslaught of brainwashing and indoctrination. Thus in the first few days we were generally apathetic if not hostile - something which diminished as the week progressed and we found ourselves becoming more open-minded and challenging not for the sake of argument but out of genuine interest.

Ramon Widmonte Std 9 [Grade 11] - ENCOUNTER 1992

The Bible Quiz Team of **Paul Berkowitz**, **Maoz Ovadia** and **Aba Somers** reached the final of the Quiz and **Orit Gutkin** was placed third in the Pillar of Fire Quiz - just two points behind the winner

[L-R]: Mr P Snipelisky, Carin Lichtenstein
Lisa Simmons, Orit Gutkin, Mr -

1992 Pillar of Fire Quiz



The chess team was boosted by the talent and determination of some of the juniors who had joined the team. They won the North Western League and were placed among the top four schools in Johannesburg and second only to King David Linksfield among the private schools.



1992 Chess Team



Paul Berkowitz, **Alon Hodes**, **Andrew Kuper**, **Giora Morein** and **Simon Schaffer** were all invited to play in the Southern Transvaal chess trials.

Both the boys' and girls' tennis teams did well in their respective leagues and the boys' 1st team was promoted to the B league. The School Championship was won by **Danny Klawansky** who also gained selection for the Southern Transvaal C team.

Barry Getz and his younger brother, **Warren**, were selected for the Southern Transvaal High Schools' Squash teams, Barry for the U 19A team and Warren for the U 14 A team. The highlight of the boys' squash season was the humiliating defeat of 'macho man' Barry by a girl from St Marys!

The cross-country introduced the athletics season. **Robynne Lissoos** won the girls' junior cross-country race, **Darren Isaacs** won the junior boys while **Lee Greenblatt** and **Ilan Davimes** were the winners of the senior event.

At the inter-house meeting **Robby, Darren, Ilan, Leor Flaum** and **Ally Getz** emerged as the strongest athletes of the season. Robby was the only girl invited to take part in the Co-ed Prestige Athletics Meeting at which the under 14 boys' relay team won a bronze medal.

1992 was an excellent year for the swimming team. Five long-standing school records were broken

at the inter-house gala, two of them by **Robby Lissoos** and **David Bain**. The team remained unbeaten the entire season and by winning the interhigh gala, was promoted to the C league. At the Prestige meeting to which fourteen swimmers and three relay teams were invited, the U16 freestyle and mixed medley teams were placed second and the U14 team third. Third places also went to **David Bain, Yoav Fisher, Wayne Flekser, Robby Lissoos** and **Warren Solomons**.

Cathy Gliksmann, Darren Abrahams and **Colin Sachs** were selected for the Southern Transvaal Junior Swimming team.



1992 Swimming Team

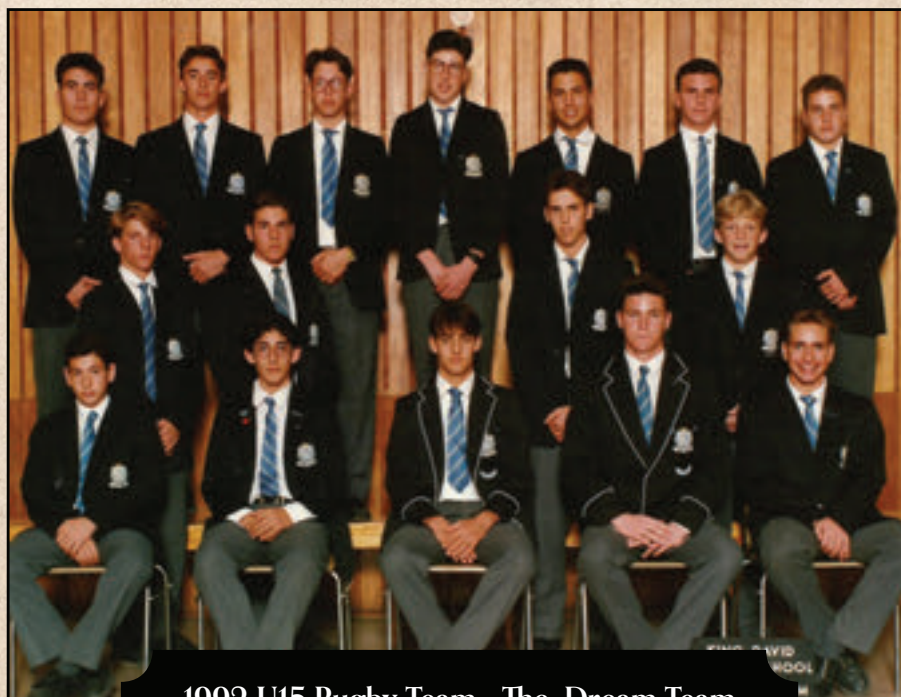
The **1st XV rugby team** was full of talented and determined individuals and, the captain, **Johnny Lambrides**, accredited their fine performances to wins against Parktown, Greenside, and John Orr Tech and their rare defeats, to their ever optimistic coach, Mr Myberg!

Brandon Sieff was selected for Craven Week and **Gordon Kuper** was 'Player of the Season'.



1992 1st XV Rugby Team

The Under 15 team, **Mr Kevin Bonner's 'Dream Team'** were unbeaten in their ten matches – a record which has still not been broken!



1992 U15 Rugby Team - The Dream Team

Interest in cricket was rekindled and the majority of the 1st XI players were very enthusiastic juniors who matured as the season progressed. **Wayne Borowsky**, **Gary Fine** and **Craig Snaid** were particularly talented and were all chosen for the under 15 area team. **Rafi Hirschson** played in the North West XI team during the Ken Viljoen week while **Wayne** played in the North West team during the Beckwith Week.

The girls' netball teams played with enthusiasm and motivation. The under 14A and B teams were unbeaten and the under 14A team, which won its league, was awarded the school trophy for 'Team of the Year'. For the second year running **Yael Ben David** was selected as Player of the year



1992 U 14 Netball Team

Standing [L-R]: Arlene Radebe, Robynne Lissos, Mandy Richman, Mrs S Snoyman, Lindsay Yutar, Toni Efune, Dani Bergman
Seated: Nikki Greenblatt



Yael Ben David



Shane Dorfman receives his trophy for *Maccabi Junior Sportsman of the Year* from the State President, Mr F.W. de Klerk.

Through the kind intervention of Mr Gerald Horwitz R50,000 was diverted from a legacy into the school account. This was used to refurbish the auditorium with new carpets and chairs.

After long and valuable service Mrs Susan Flaum, Mrs Hannah Makori, Mrs Joan Orkin and Mrs Stoch resigned from their positions. Mr Graham Crawford, too, would no longer be a member of staff.

Mr Kevin Bonner also resigned in order to pursue other interests.

Although Mr Bonner's regular accusations were "The lights on, but nobody's home or "The wheel is spinning but the hamster's gone on holiday" or others along the same theme about our bodies being present but our thoughts absent, Mr Bonner has succeeded in teaching us that history is not merely a thing of the past. He has woken us and made us constantly aware that we exist within a historical framework. Mr Bonner's outgoing personality has invited us to trust him as a confidante and respect him as a teacher

Dani Bergman Std 10 [Grade 12]



The school was sad to learn of the passing of **Mrs Naomi Underdown** [Shyman] who passed away in London after a long illness. Naomi, who taught general science at the school from 1980 - 1985, was an excellent teacher and a warm, enthusiastic and very loyal colleague. She was dedicated to her work - both in and outside of the classroom - and this dedication inspired her many pupils and endeared her to them.

Mr Wolf extended deepest sympathy to her husband, Steve, and her very young daughter, Rebecca.

[L-R]: Naomi Underdown, Bernice Goldstein



1992 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Barry Getz, Wayne Rudolph, Michael Kobrin, Lance Sack, Dean Perlman, Daniel Buntman, Shane Dorfman, Anthony Brittan, Jason Gien, Brandon Sieff

Second Row [L-R]: Lauren Tooch, Dani Sarkin, Kareen Gordon, Sheri Davimes, Matthew Symanowitz, Gordon Kuper, Darren Sundy, Karen Hoffman, Ingrid Preskow, Leanne Judin, Dani Bergman

Front Row [L-R]: Tanya Levin, Johnny Lambrides, Julie Frank, Mr J. Wolf, Alon Davidov, Lesley-Ann Barnett, Britt Burstein

Floor Row [L-R]: Stacey Wainberg, Heidi Lipschitz, Samantha Goldin,



MATRIC

1992





1992 Matriculation Group



MICHAEL KOBRIN, of King David High School, Victory Park, who got six distinctions.

**Tvl's top achievers
make their mark**



CARON SCHNAID, of King David High School, Victory Park, who got six distinctions.



Diane Middeldorf
7 Distinctions
1992 Dux



BRETT MILL, of King David High School, Victory Park, who got six distinctions.



SHANE DORMAN, of King David High School, Victory Park, who got five distinctions.



Wayne Rudolph and Mr Hans Saenger

HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

WAYNE Rudolph, of K.D.H.S. Victory Park, was recently awarded a scholarship to study for a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Here, Mr Hans Saenger, representing the Hebrew University, makes a presentation to Wayne on behalf of the South African Zionist Federation. The scholarship will cover tuition and dormitory fees for one year. Candidates were judged on academic potential for tertiary study and qualities of maturity, stability and academic independence were additional pre-requisites.



R150 000 for book signed by Zuma

STAFF REPORTER

THE BOOK may have been titled *Forging God's Signature*, but now that it has been autographed by Jacob Zuma, it has been snapped up – for R150 000.

The money will go towards funding a school in Zuma's home village at Nkandla, KwaZulu-Natal.

The book was written by South African mining executive Alon Davidov, and the autographed copy was bought by international industrialist and mining magnate Alexander Machkevich.

"The arrangement for the auction and for the ANC president to sign it was actually spontaneously done," said Davidov.

"The idea behind his involvement was born out of the fact that we wanted to make the first two copies of the book available to charity."

"But it was also a gift to him (Zuma) after his party's massive victory in the elections."

According to Davidov, his book – which has been translated into Russian – was inspired by the need to find a lasting solution to counter acts of terrorism.



Alon Davidov, left, with Alexander Machkevich.

Ironically, one of the characters in *Forging God's Signature* is a man named Jacob who leads a group of people trying to control fanaticism.

"Growing up as a young boy and later as a student, I was shocked by the brutality of terrorism," Davidov said.

"I wanted to come up with a solution and I even sent my proposal to the Pentagon in the US."

He started writing the book while studying for a BComm at Wits University in 1992.

"I was deeply upset and angry with the kind of brutality that I saw, but I didn't actually understand how to combat terrorism. Fighting terror with force just led to more terror, and the cycle just increased."

Davidov said the book was set in a world gripped by fundamentalist fervour.

"The US is engaged in a futile battle against the rising tide of fanaticism," he explained.

"An eccentric genius comes up with an audacious plan, and he will assume the role of God and talk directly to the terrorists."

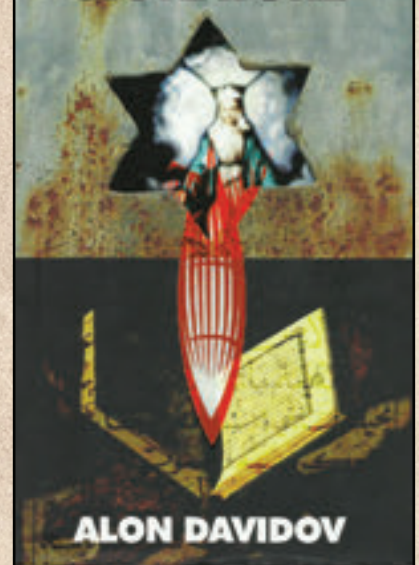
He described the book as representing a message he has been trying to impart since 1994. It took him seven years to research, and he gained insight into the complicated subject.

He said he spent years reading about religion, psychology and philosophy, the topics that feature in the narrative.

Davidov matriculated as head boy of King David High School in 1992.

He described his book as "topical and a bit controversial".

FORGING GOD'S SIGNATURE



Alon Davidov - 1992 Head Boy

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Kuper shows the human face of capitalism through doing good



Dr Andrew Kuper - pioneer of "profit with purpose".

After obtaining a BA from the University of the Witwatersrand, Andrew was given a scholarship to Cambridge University where he completed a MPhil and a doctorate in political philosophy. He then moved to Boston where he was a visiting scholar at Harvard University. In 2008, at the age of just 33, he launched Leapfrog, a new and different investment company which supports over 100,000 jobs and has transformed the lives of millions of people in the developing world. Bill Clinton was so impressed by Andrew's vision – to transform the lives of hundreds of millions of people in the developing world and help pull them out of poverty – that he invited Andrew to share the stage with him at the 2008 meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative. Andrew received the 2012 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He was also named as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2013 and received the Social Engagement Networks Leadership award from among the 25,000 chief executive members of the international Young Presidents Organisation. Andrew lives in Sydney.

A Letter from The Jewish Voice **November/ December 1992**

It is with interest but also with sadness that I look at the recent development in our King David Schools. As a non-Jew I have always been impressed not only with the high standard of education and caring warmth that the children are wrapped in, but also with the dedication and commitment of the parents to the Jewish Day School movement.

This school was built for the needs of the Jewish people and to enforce a feeling of identity and unity. I, therefore, cannot understand that certain members of that selfsame community are now turning their backs on what they fought for over

the years. I understand that as a parent one only wants the best for one's child but if a child is already getting the best, why deny him not only the privilege but also the right to a Jewish education? Schooling does not only involve academic results; it is concerned too with the teaching of morality and identity with one's own.

I fail to understand how some members of such a proud people have apparently lost their insight and are actually allowing themselves to be exploited. I cannot help but wonder if they are again worshipping the Golden Calf!

Non-Jewish Teacher
Victory Park

1993 was the year in which the school found itself free of the disharmony, stresses and tensions of the last half of 1992 and was able to function and flourish as the happy institution that it had always been. The crisis, in which an attempt had been made to lure both teachers and pupils from the school, brought the school closer together and the strong, positive mood felt among the staff, pupils and the parent body resulted in an exceptionally happy and fulfilling year, filled with exceptional achievements and successes. To quote Nimrod Geva, the 1993 head boy, ***'In a culture of growing isolation, there is togetherness; in a world of future shock, there is the comfort of tradition; in an age without a soul, there is the solace of spirituality and love; in a world of image and illusion King David Victory Park is the real thing ...and 1993 was a vintage year.'***

A number of new appointments were made to the teaching staff among whom were **Mr Roy Steinman** who assumed the position of both Deputy Principal and Head of the English Department and **Mrs Helena Bode** who took charge of the Home Economics Department. **Mrs Tessa Fisher** and **Mrs Liz Geva** were appointed in a part-time capacity to work in the mathematics and hebrew departments respectively. **Mr Willem Van Niekerk** was appointed to teach business economics, **Mrs Judith Bermeister** joined the History/Geography Departments and **Mr Selwyn Hiscock** was appointed for physical education and games.

The base of seniority in the school was also broadened with promotion to the position of vice-principal for **Mrs Renette van Zyl**, **Mrs Hanna Ben Moshe** was appointed Head of the Junior Hebrew Department, **Mrs Anne McAtee** became Head of Commercial Subjects and **Mrs Margaret Solomons** and **Mrs Elize Spangenberg** were promoted to the position of Form Supervisor. The important position of Co-ordinator of Public Relations, Publicity and Marketing was entrusted to **Mrs Bernice Goldstein** and **Mrs Sandra Reynolds**.

The year opened with 405 pupils, a drop of approximately 100 pupils. This drop was explained firstly by the fact that the intake at the Standard 6 level was only 85 pupils as the opening of King David Sandton had caused a drop in the enrolment at King David Victory Park Primary. Secondly the largest matric group in the history of the school had just matriculated and thirdly the school had lost 70 pupils who had seductively been lured away by the opening of a new college. Despite the reduced enrolment no teachers were retrenched and the pupils benefited greatly from a reduced pupil/teacher ratio.

The administrative block was extended to create new offices and sick bays while the main science laboratory was renovated and fitted out with new desks, tables and white boards. The gardens in the front of the school entrance were totally redeveloped by Mrs Van Zyl.

The year began with a tribute to **Marc Arons**, the 1990 Dux, who had lost his life tragically in December 1992 while on holiday in Zimbabwe.



1993 Staff

Back Row [L-R]: S. Stein, R. Milner, J. Burmeister, E. de Vos, M. Solomons, R Sharon, L. Geva,

W van Niekerk, C. Gordon, L. Shapiro, S Varejes, H. Bode, S. Reynolds, A. McAtee, S. Snoyman

Third Row [L-R]: K. Rafel, J. Gluckman, E. Delport, J. Gerassi, E. Pienaar, D. dos Santos, E. Spangenberg,

S. Hiscock, J. Lahav, C. Wilsher, M. Wilks, E. Schneiderman, C. Friedman, H Ben Moshe

Second Row [L-R]: J. Morris, B. Goldstein, M. Levitt, M. Levy, S. Ray, L. Basson, K. Randall, R. Taitz,
O. du Preez, P. Constanti, L. Dembo, H. Heyman

Front Row [L-R]: R.van Zyl, B. Wolf, R. Steinman, J. Wolf, G. Brown, R. Bilchitz, P. Snipelisky, M.Dunn



1993 Head Prefects

"Everone will agree that Nimrod is the healthy mind and I the healthy body, an ideal combination,"
- Yael Ben-David



King David Victory Park continued to be one of the strongest schools in Public Speaking in the Witwatersrand area. For the second consecutive year both the Best Individual Speaker, **Ramon Widmonte**, and the First National Bank Trophy Team, **Nimrod Geva**, **Carin Lichtenstein** and **Claire Volchansky**, won through to the final of these premier events of the High Schools' Public Speaking Festival and both were runners- up in the competition. In addition, the school won the senior section of the festival, repeating the successes of 1990 and 1992, and received a certificate for finishing in the top six of all the schools which had competed.

Standing [L-R]: Ramon Widmonte, Mrs B. Wolf, Nimrod Geva
Seated [L-R]: .Carin Lichtenstein, Claire Volchansky



In the Afrikaans section of the competition the Standard 7 and 9 teams were both placed second on their evening and **Orit Gutkin** who received an A symbol was the winner of her evening in the first round of the Best Bilingual Speaker's section.

Standing [L-R]: Mark Samowitz, Mark Raphaely, Adam Gamsu, Anton Meyberg, Mari Sneider
Seated [L-R]: .Miriam Frankel, Mrs R Taitz, Orit Gutkin, Mrs Ona du Preez, Aviva Capelluto

The school entered the SACEE Debating league for the first time and engaged in debate with pupils from all sections of the population. In the final debate which was held before a capacity audience at the Linder Auditorium, King David Victory Park and King David Linksfield, the winners of the East and West Witwatersrand leagues argued convincingly that 'There is no such thing as a right to anything.' Although the team of **Bevan Boss**, **Adam Gamsu**, **Nimrod Geva**, **Gary Sopher** and **Ramon Widmonte** lost to Linksfield, they felt that they had learnt an enormous amount both from each debate and their interaction with other team members. For reaching the final, all the debaters were rewarded with a trip to Cape Town



Adin Stamelman and Adam Gamsu

Joseph Gerassi's production of ***Celebrations*** was a potpourri of song and dance numbers from well-known Broadway and West-End musicals and one way or another involved a third of the pupil body. Deservedly it was given rave reviews from all who were privileged to see it. It was an extraordinary vehicle for the talents of many of the pupils and teachers and a magnificent tribute to the school in its 30th year. Financially, too, it was a huge success.



Unfortunately this newspaper photograph was **Mark Raphaely's** short-lived moment of glory as he fell ill shortly after and was unable to appear in the show!



Games, the school's entry into the RAPS festival was well received and given four awards - for best motivation, best ensemble work and for efficient stage-management. **Roy Litvin** received a certificate for acting.

The house play festival of three serious presentations, produced and performed by the pupils themselves, was won by Herzl house while **Roy Litvin** was adjudged best actor and **Angela Wood** best actress.



1993 Raps Play Cast and Crew

Does anyone have base for me?. Nah, that's too light.

Is my hair okay? Those hairdressers are so exotic!

Where are my 'docs'? Somebody PLEASE help me, I can't find my docs.

I've put four types of gel on my hair. It's so hard you can bounce a ball off it.

Just look at my hands. I'll never get this self-tan off

were the words recorded by **Laurel Reznik** as she waited backstage with the models in the fashion show which once again was choreographed by Yael Gerassi and used as a fundraiser for the sophisticated and elegant matric dance which was held at the Simon Kuper Hall.

What the Video Club team lacked in experience, they certainly made up in enthusiasm, and a great deal of nagging of Mrs Wolf who had been installed as supervisor. They produced some excellent editions of 'Flash' which were screened at certain Friday assemblies

The Science Fair, which was made part of the Open Day to showcase the school and encourage the enrolment of new pupils, gave many juniors the opportunity to do original and creative work. The outstanding exhibits moved into the Johannesburg finals where six silver medals and four bronze medals were won. **Jarren Gordon** with his radio transmitter, **Wesley Stoltz** with his cricket mate invention and **Marc Romain** with his work on the kidney, were chosen for the national finals. Ms Dunn was selected to take South Africa's six top Young Scientists to the World Science Fair in Texas.



1993 Video Club

Back [L-R]: Jonathan Liebesman, Lance Kalish, Debbie Berman, Gilad Hockman

Seated [L-R]: Bryan Slome, Roy Smith

For the third successive year a very successful inter-house quiz was held. This was the brainchild of Mr Kevin Bonner who managed to persuade the South African Scrabble Champion, **Mr Larry Benjamin**, to be the quizmaster.



Mrs S. Varejes, Ms M. Dunn and budding whizz kids

The school was the first in Africa to acquire the international science software system, Rediscover Science – a programme designed to provide the pupils with both process and content-oriented learning. To accommodate this programme, the computer centre was upgraded and the teachers of science, biology, geography and mathematics spent many hours training with Mrs Varejes and Ms Dunn.

The pupils, too, were slowly mastering the use of the computer under the watchful eye of Mrs Varejes.

First-aid continued to be a very popular activity and was well supported by both boys and girls, all of whom had passed either the general or the advanced certificate.



1993 First Aid

Back Row [L-R]: Aba Somers, Dan Retter, Lance Kalish, Adam Zimmerman, Wayne Borowsky, Greg Judin, Steven Horwitz, Grant Southey, Daron Cope

Middle Row [L-R]: Roy Smith, Michal Forman, Mrs J. Morris, Maxim Horwitz, Bryan Slome

Front Row [L-R]: Anton Meyberg, Laurel Reznik, Alan Lidsky, Carly Lurie, Gary Sopher

No fewer than eight pupils in the 1993 first aid group followed their passion and trained as healthcare practitioners. **Wayne Borowsky** and **Roy Smith** specialised as chiropractors. **Daron Cope** is an otolaryngologist [ear, nose and throat specialist], **Steven Horwitz**, a paediatrician, and both **Anton Meyberg** and **Aba Somers** specialised in pulmonology. **Maxim Horwitz** is an orthopaedic surgeon specialising in the hand and wrist and **Gary Sopher**, a general practitioner, works for a pharmaceutical company.

A number of young players joined the chess team and showed much promise and potential by reaching the final of the North West League. **Farrel Strul** was awarded Southern Transvaal colours

Mathematics was alive and well at Victory Park. **Paul Berkowitz**, in Standard 7 [Grade 9] was one of only 100 out of 8000 entrants to qualify for the second round of the junior Old Mutual Maths Olympiad while **Claire Volchansky** and **Ramon Widmonte** had the same success in the senior section. In the Mini-Maths Olympiad Paul was awarded the prize as the top Standard 7 [Grade 9] in the competition and together with **Maoz Ovadia** won the shield as the top school at the Standard 7 [Grade 9] level.

In the school's first attempt in the National Certamen Latinum – **the Latin Olympiad** – King David Victory Park emerged as the top school in the country with three of the matric candidates, **Justine Isernhinke, Alan Kessler** and **Nicole Rome**, finishing in the top ten. At the prestigious ceremony held in Cape Town Nicky Rome was declared the overall winner of the Olympiad.



1993 Latin Olympiad

Standing [L-R]: Nicholas Burstein, Nicole Rome, Justine Isernhinke
Seated [L-R]: Alan Kessler, Mr J Wolf

Mark Raphaely and **Kim Sieff** represented the school on the Junior City Council.

The matric Leadership Weekend at Camp David was opened to all matriculants and so dynamic was the content that by the time they returned to school they felt that they were **'matrics with a purpose, able to tackle any problem'**.

Ramon Widmonte and **Orit Gutkin** were selected as the Rosh Minyanim – a task they found both very fulfilling and very frustrating

Shabbatonim were enjoyed by the junior standards while the Standard 9's [Grade 11's] spent a week in Parys on the Encounter programme with Mr Snipelisky, Rabbi Beller and Rabbi Furman.

The school commemorated Yom Hazikaron and the Israeli Ambassador, Dr Alon Liel was guest of honour on Yom Ha'atzmaut, the celebration of Israel's independence.

We walked from prayers into a darkened hall. As we took our places a solemn voice recited the uncountable numbers of Jews slaughtered by Nazi forces. As the terrible numbers rolled onwards like the divisions of Panzer tanks fifty years ago, we listened incredulously....The unsettling play depicting terrified freedom fighters, frantic civilians and frightened children, froze our blood; the sonorous voices of Mr Steinman and the choir united in a song of faith, seemed so much louder in the silence.

Carin Lichtenstein and Paul Jacobson

Paul Berkowitz, Gila Davis, Shai Harman and Aba Somers represented the school in the National Bible Quiz but were not as successful as the Pillar Of Fire quiz team, all of whom reached the finals in which Simon Schaffer was placed joint runner-up.

1993 Pillar of Fire Quiz Team

Standing [L-R]: Anton Meyberg, Nicholas Burstein
Penelope Bernstein
Seated [L-R]: Mr Philip Snipelisky, Simon Schaffer



*It encapsulates the essence of King David.
It includes all - both teachers and students.
It breaks the tedium of the syllabi.*

It is Purim!



Purim 1979



Purim!



1993 Staff Purim



The school fielded four cricket teams and enjoyed a highly successful season. **Wayne Borowsky** was chosen to take part in the trials to select the Transvaal Nuffield Cricket Team.



1993 Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Adam Bacher, Jason Kupritz, Roy Smith, Wayne Borowsky, Warren Teichner, Raphy Hirschhorn, Craig Snaid

Front Row [L-R]: Gilad Hockman, Michal Forman, Avi Gluck [captain], Peter Berman, Daron Cope

At the inter-house swimming gala the swimming captains, **Lee Greenblatt** and **Darren Abrahams** won the coveted title of Senior Victrix and Senior Victor Ludorum. The Abrahams family presented the school with a beautiful house trophy shield, testimony to the wonderful contribution to swimming that was made by the three Abrahams brothers, **Gary, Steven** and **Darren**, all of whom were role models in the commitment that they showed both to their swimming and to the school

The same talent, dedication and devotion was shown by Lee Greenblatt who broke four butterfly records at the school and was the Junior Victrix Ludorum in Standards 6, 7 and 8 [Grades 8, 9 and 10] and Senior Victrix Ludorum in Standards 9 and 10 [Grades 11 and 12]



Lee Greenblatt



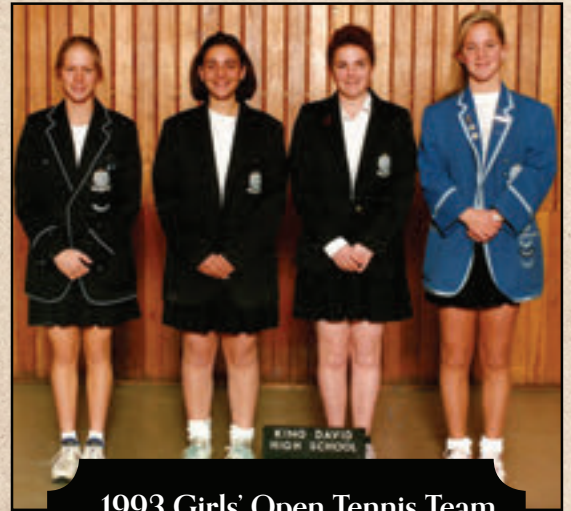
The Abrahams Brothers

Despite the depletion of the swimming team in the U15 age group owing to their participation in the Ulpan, the team performed well and held its position in the C league. There were exceptional performances from **Darren Abrahams, David Bain, Stefan Gerber, Lee Greenblatt, Robynne Lissoos, Trevor** and **Warren Solomons**, whose family had generously donated new track-suit tops for the team. **David Bain** swam in the South African Junior National Championships

For the first time the school played in the Northern Suburbs High School Soccer League. It was well supported and the teams did reasonably well. **Daron Cope** was selected for North Rand XI in the inter-provincial tournament.

Both **Robby Lissoos** and **Yael Ben-David** were selected for Southern Transvaal High School Tennis Trials and Yael, who was a member of the Girls' Open Tennis Team from her first year at high school, was selected for the Southern Transvaal squad.

Daniel Klawansky who had been in the Boys' First Tennis Team from Standard 7 [Grade 9], won the 1993 school singles Tennis Championship and together with **Alon Hodes** won the doubles as well. He was also chosen to represent Southern Transvaal.



1993 Girls' Open Tennis Team

[L-R]: Robynne Lissoos, Romy Shor, Amy Schaffer, Yael Ben- David

Volleyball was also introduced but the numbers dwindled drastically as the season progressed.

Owing to the small numbers in the senior ranks, the school was unable to field a first or second XV Rugby team but the U14 side had an excellent season. **Daniel Shapiro**, a member of the U14 team, was voted Player of the Year.



1993 U14 Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: Adam Raphaely, Julian Reynolds, Jonathan Chaimowitz, Daniel Katz, Paul Berkowitz, Daniel Shapiro, Ari Rudolph, Michael Balkind, Grant Magid

Middle Row [L-R]: Daniel Goldberg, Simeon Solarsh, Darren Zidel, Eddy Blatt, Ricky Edelmuth

Front Row [L-R]: Gary Wachsberger, Paul Fittinghoff

1993 was an outstanding year for the school's athletics team for not only did they win the Annual Inter-high League meeting but a record number of twenty two athletes were selected for the Prestige Athletics Meeting where the top athletes of all the leagues compete against one another. The U16 boys relay team of **Adam Levy**, **Craig Snaid**, **Anthony Roff** and **Steven Abromowitz** won a bronze medal but the outstanding athlete at the meeting was without doubt Robynne Lissoos. Not only did Robby win the gold medal for both the 800m and 1500m but she also broke the Prestige record for the 1500m by a staggering 15 seconds!

Robby was chosen to represent Southern Transvaal in the Under 19 team and was also selected for the Maccabi Games in which she excelled by winning two bronze medals.



1993 Athletics Team

Back Row [L-R]: A. Aharoni, B. Bartzofin, M. Ressel, G. Munitz, S. Sachs, G. Magid, M. Samowitz, A. Levy, G. Hockman, J. Joffe, H. Waks, W. Preskow, S. Harman, A. Leps, M. Le Blanc, B. Tobias, G. Brest

Third Row [L-R]: A. Rudolph, D. Retter, L. Barnett, D. Solomon, S. Katzeff, D. Klawansky, D. Bain, T. Solomons, G. Rothstein, P. Berkowitz, J. Rogoff, J. Chaimowitz, J. Zar, G. Sopher

Second Row [L-R]: C. Haase, T. Zimmerman, L. Samowitz, J. Buch, R. Lissoos, L. Wise, Y. Ben-David, Mrs E. Pienaar, L. Dudley, S. Kalish, K. Chafkin, S. Hockman, L. Bergman, R. Orlin, T. Nathan

First Row [L-R]: R. Fine, N. Canin, A. Getz, A. Hodes, Mrs E. Spangenberg, L. Greenblatt, E. Gonen, Y. Eytan, M. Efuné.

Seated [L-R]: A. Nathanson, R. Dorfan



1993 Prestige Medal Winners

[L-R]: Adam Levy, Robynne Lissoos, Craig Snaid, Steven Abromowitz

Letter received on 27 July 1993 from Mrs Jill Cragg - Rand Athletic Club

Dear Mr Wolf,

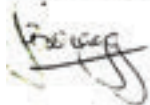
I am writing to you with regard to one of your pupils, Robyn Lissos. I had contemplated sending this communication prior to her representing South Africa at the Maccabi Games, but am pleased that I waited to see the outcome of her performance in Israel.

On behalf of my husband, Raymond Cragg, who is the Track and Field Coach at Rand Athletic Club, we can only acknowledge the perseverance, determination and incredible self-discipline shown by Robyn in her preparations for the Games. She has set a wonderful example to many of the athletes who train under Raymond's guidance, boy and girls, men and women alike and many a compliment was passed by our older athletes at her disposition and determination. We felt she was capable of bringing home a medal, but one is never sure until the event is over, even with her lack of racing experience due to her religious beliefs, she obviously she never doubted her ability. Raymond was absolutely ecstatic with her achievements and the reward of her well deserved medals.

I am sure you are now aware that she received two bronze medals, one for the 400m event which she ran in 62.8 seconds and one for the 800m event, which she ran in 2 minutes 23 seconds. Both these times are of a very high standard for someone of her age and taking into account the heat in Israel, are definitely nothing to be scoffed at.

We are exceptionally proud of her, and we felt it only right to relay these views to you. You must be honoured to have her in your institution as we are honoured to have her as one of our team. With the strength of character she has shown, I am sure will prove to be an outstanding asset in your school.

Yours faithfully



JILL CRAGG

Other pupils who represented South Africa at the Maccabi games were **Mark Samowitz** who won a bronze medal for table tennis, **Pam Dove** who was awarded a gold medal for netball, **Shane Dorfman** who won two gold medals, one silver and one bronze for karate and **Sean Rosen** who represented South Africa in the U16 soccer team.

Back Row [L-R]:

Marc Ressel,
Daron Cope,
Elan Ressel,
Stephen Sachs,
Farrel Strul

Front Row [L-R]:

Wayne Borowsky
Raphy Hirschhorn,
Darren Abrahams



1993 Provincial Colours

The boys' Squash team of **Peter Berman, Warren Getz, Jason Kupritz** and **Simon Schaffer** worked hard and held their own in a top league where they constantly faced stiff competition.

The girls participated in netball with their customary enthusiasm and determination.

Although our victories were few we learnt many valuable lessons. For example, steer clear of the girls from Jeppe High; keep away from the buns at Queens High; it is possible for the King David Victory Park First Netball Team to beat a school that does not specifically cater for the deaf, dumb or blind - namely Macauley House. Although winning this match was a great triumph for all of us, it was not the highlight of the season. The highlight was the special team spirit we managed to raise even when the chips were down!

Ally Getz -standard 10 [Grade 12]

The junior netball teams fared best. The U15A team won all their league matches and played in the sectional play-off.

Sports tours were organised annually to Jewish Day Schools in the other provinces but in 1993 no tours were possible owing to the escalating violence in different parts of the country.

[L-R]: Arlene Radebe, Robynne Lissos, Lindsay Yutar, Toni Efune, Liat Bergman, Nicky Greenblatt



As the South African Board of Jewish Education was faced with a situation where the numbers at Victory Park had fallen and where King David Linksfield was unable to accommodate all the pupils from King David Sandton, a decision was taken to institute a zoning system whereby the Sandton pupils would be required to go to Victory Park. This zoning policy was abandoned after a few years but by then many pupils realised that the education offered at both schools was of the same standard - some preferred the intimacy of a smaller school - and they began to enrol of their own accord.

Mr Steinman prepared an excellent prospectus of the school which was published and given to prospective pupils at a special assembly which was held for the Standard 5 [Grade 7] pupils from both King David Victory Park and King David Sandton.

During the year the school bade farewell to **Mrs Eleanor Lasarow** who had been the school counsellor for nine years. Mrs Lazarow was involved in leadership and social awareness programmes and was particularly focused on the pressures impacting on teenagers. Together with her family, Mrs Lazarow emigrated to the United States.

Dr Yitzchak Sharon also resigned to take up the position of Director of the United Hebrew Schools at the South African Board of Jewish Education.

At the end of the year the school said farewell to a number of teachers who had only served for a year. Included among these were Mr Kenny Rafel and Mr Roy Steinman. Mr Steinman moved to Herzlia in Cape Town before emigrating to Australia.

Mr Phestus Mahasha, who for many years served as the school's night watchman, retired at the end of the year after twenty-seven years of loyal and unselfish service

Miss **Fran Hadjitheodorou** - a former head girl at Saheti School and a dedicated and excellent young English teacher left us to pursue a Masters degree. Sadly we learned that she passed away some years later while still in the prime of her life.



1993 Portrait by Mr Spies Venter



Mr Spies Venter

In 1980 our school was blessed with the arrival of Mrs Shirley Snoyman whose enthusiasm, charm and excellent teaching won us over very quickly. In addition to bringing an entirely new dimension both to Maths and Add-Maths, Mrs Snoyman involved herself in sport. She managed the UI3 and UI4 netball teams, giving generously of her time. Her dedication even extended to the rugby field - she supported every single match - and she was a most loyal fan of the cricket team!

Mrs Snoyman's cheerful smile and calm disposition will be sorely missed next year at King David. We would like to thank her for the superb years she has given us and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Gaby Geffen and Nicky Rome - Std 10 [Grade 12]



Back Row[L-R]: Mrs S Snoyman

Front Row[L-R]: Mrs M Solomons,
Mrs E Delpont, Mrs R Van Zyl

Unfortunately the talented Mrs Snoyman left teaching to enter the world of commerce. A few years later she and her family emigrated to Sydney, Australia.

The school was extremely sad to bid farewell to **Mr Philip Snipelisky** who had joined the Hebrew Department as a novice to the teaching profession in 1981 and had been appointed as Head of the Hebrew and Jewish Studies Departments in 1985. Philip emigrated to Perth where he worked at Carmel School. He later moved to Sydney and took up a position at Moriah College. Today he is a proud grandparent!





In these 14 years he has proved not only his exceptional talents as a teacher, administrator and organiser but also his great sensitivity, integrity and devotion to duty as a human being. Philip led by an example of commitment and the highest professionalism. In his view no task was too small to be given his full attention, no detail too obscure to be overlooked – the hallmark of his educational approach was meticulous care and concern. We will miss you, Philip, for all these things but even more for your sincerity, loyalty and as a wonderful friend who has become an integral member of our team.

Jeffrey Wolf - Headmaster

Snippy is not a nickname, not a Hebrew teacher, nor even a Head of Department. Neither is it an adjective [a snippy day], an adverb [smiling snippily] or verb [He snipped the situation]. Snippy is an institution!

I, together with many other pupils and teachers, love you and won't easily forget you. I wish you health, contentment, security.....and a Snippy day.

Carin Lichtenstein -Std 10 [Grade 12]



1993 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Darren Abrahams, Allon Hodes, Bevan Boss, Eran Gonen, Alan Kessler

Middle Row [L-R]: Lee Greenblatt, Elise Brittan, Nicky Isaacs, Michal Forman, Maxim Horwitz, Nicole Rome, Orit Gutkin Taryn Shapiro, Carin Lichtenstein

Front Row [L-R]: Claire Volchansky, Ally Getz, Nimrod Geva [Head Boy], Mr J. Wolf, Yael Ben-David [Head Girl], Ramon Widmonte, Niki Magid



KD SPEECH NIGHTS

The annual matric prize-giving ceremony is always an event which the matrics await with both anticipation and excitement. It marks the end of the year of hard work and the beginning of a new avenue in their lives.

After the tension at the end of 1992, Speech Night 1993 was characterised by a special atmosphere and enhanced by the excellence of the messages of all the speakers. The evening began with a performance by the excellent and enthusiastic choir, trained by Mrs Erica Pienaar. The guest speaker, Professor Harold Rudolph, past Mayor of Johannesburg and, more importantly, a parent of four pupils at the school, conveyed hopeful thoughts about the new South Africa where the graduates would face their future. In his address Mr Wolf said that political reform had set in motion an irreversible tide of social and economic changes which would wash over every aspect of life in South Africa. He reminded the pupils that as a people Jews have been scattered more than any other in history across the entire spectrum of countries and cultures. This dispersion had taught the Jews a very valuable lesson: how to cope and deal with change.

Ramon, the deputy head boy received a record number of awards – a gold medal for academics, a merit certificate for Afrikaans, book awards for English, Science and Maths, the Ginou trophy for Hebrew, the Marc Arons trophy for Biology, the Ort Award for computer Studies, the Rosendoff Trophy for the Best Student in Natural Sciences, the Joyce Morris Trophy for Genuine Intellectual Curiosity, the Gidon Elias Trophy for Creativity in the Arts and Sciences and the award for Jewish Awareness and Service.



Ramon Widmonte, Deputy Headboy of King David High School, Victory Park, surrounded by his awards.



Rabbi Ramon Widmonte - 1993 Graduate of King David Victory Park.

Ramon is the co-founder and Dean of the Academy of Jewish Thought and Learning.

Matric 1993



Standard 10 M



Standard 10 Y



Standard 10 K



Nicole Rome of King David Victory Park achieved seven distinctions for the following subjects: English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Latin, Mathematics, Physical Science and Additional Mathematics. Nicole was the national winner of the 1993 Latin Olympiad.



Orit Gutkin of King David Victory Park achieved seven distinctions in the recent matric exams. Her subjects were English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting and Additional Mathematics.



Alan Kessler of King David Victory Park passed matric with flying colours, attaining distinctions in Latin, English, Hebrew, Mathematics, Biology and Physical Science.



Nimrod Geva, who was headboy at King David Victory Park this year, showed his potential by achieving distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting and Additional Mathematics.



Ramon Widmonte, deputy head boy at King David Victory Park, achieved seven distinctions. His subjects were English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology and Computer Studies.

The matriculation results achieved by the 1993 group were quite exceptional – the school achieved a 100% pass rate for the tenth consecutive year.

Daniel Klawansky and **Claire Volchansky** each received five distinctions while **Ally Getz**, **Justine Isernhinke** and **Warren Teichner** achieved four distinctions each.



Warren Teichner

Warren received a Grant Thornton study bursary for his first year of a Bachelor of Commerce degree and, after achieving a number of accounting awards during his years of study, in 1997 he was awarded the prestigious Vice Chancellor's Medal for the Top Graduate at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Warren is married to Orit Gutkin and is a senior partner at McKinsey & Co., New York.

In 1997 **Nimrod Geva** graduated as the top student in the Economics Department at the University Of The Witwatersrand.

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REACH PHYSICS
17 JUN 1993

PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4 KD MATRICULANTS

Four King David High School matriculants from 1993 have been chosen as recipients of the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship from the University of the Witwatersrand for 1994. The top ten matriculation applicants at Wits University receive this prestigious award annually. The fact that four ex Davidians received this award is testimony to the high standard of education at this school.

The recipients are Nicole Rome, enrolled for Physiotherapy and Orit Gutkin, enrolled for Medicine, both from King David High School, Victory Park and Martin Kalmek, enrolled for Actuarial Science and David Bilchitz, enrolled for Law, both from King David High School, Linkfield.

Delighted with their Vice Chancellor's Scholarships... Martin Kalmek, David Bilchitz, Nicole Rome and Orit Gutkin, all matric pupils at King David High School in 1993.



Vice Chancellor's Dinner 1993

Back Row [L-R]: Mr E. Wolf, Mr J. Wolf, Vice-Chancellor of the University

Front Row: Martin. Kalmek [KDL], Nicole Rome [KDVP], David Bilchitz [KDL], Orit Gutkin [KDVP]

Immediately after closing school for the 1993 December holidays the school heard the devastating news that fourteen year old **Bradley Tobias** had lost his life in a tragic car accident.

For Brad there were no half measures - he gave his all to whatever he turned his attention. As an enthusiastic devotee of sport and a trusted and loving friend he showed rare dedication and a mischievous relish of fun - a combination of qualities which was irresistibly winning.

Jeffrey Wolf

Brad, I hope you can see how your beautiful memory lives on in my heart. Although I am no longer able to protect you physically, I keep you close by cherishing fourteen years of memories that we shared.

Amanda Tobias

Daily in the classroom I expect to feel the tap of his ruler on my shoulder; to hear his hoarse whisper, "Jon, what are we supposed to do?" and to see his eternally mischievous smile and sparkling eyes. I imagine he's calling me only to turn around and find no-one. No, I don't think I will ever get used to life without Bradley.

Jonathan Chaimowitz



1994 opened with an enrolment of 465 pupils, a growth of approximately sixty pupils owing to an exceptionally large intake of 140 pupils into Standard 6 [Grade 8], drawn from King David Victory Park, King David Sandton and a number of government primary schools. This expression of confidence from the community for the kind and level of education which the school offered was most reassuring and gratifying. In a changing South Africa and in an educational system which promised to be vastly different from the present one, the Jewish Day School with its proven track record of high standards, unrivalled success and its Jewish values remained a very attractive system for those who were truly interested in both a secular and authentic Jewish education.

The value and the advantage of a King David education was expressed so well by **Simon Schaffer** in his editorial in the 1994 school magazine. **'King David has nurtured us. Motivated us. Taught us. Reprimanded us. Challenged us. Versed in all important aspects of life, from successful inter-personal interaction and strengthened individualism, to Judaic awareness and communal identity,**

we stand poised to take the final step. However, once negotiated, we will be able to marvel at what we have achieved and relish the valuable treasures attained through the unique experience of having attended a Jewish Day School like King David Victory Park'

The existing very strong infrastructure of the school was consolidated and enhanced by the talents of several teachers who joined the school that year or were promoted to more senior positions. **Ms Gita Zimmerman** was appointed as school councillor. **Mr Leslie Heilbronn**, who joined the Mathematics and Additional Mathematics Departments, was appointed as a vice-principal. Two long-serving and excellent teachers also received promotion - **Mrs Hanna Ben Moshe** was appointed Head of the Hebrew Department and **Mrs Bernice Goldstein**, Head of the English Department.





1994 Staff

Back Row [L-R]: M. Solomons, S. Varejes, R. Sharon, E. Spangenberg, J. Gerassi, W. van Niekerk, G. Zimmerman, J. Lahav, S. Hiscock, D. Robinson, C. Wilsher, T. Finnegan, L. Shapiro, C. Friedman, E. Pienaar

Third Row [L-R]: A. McAtee, W. Oelofse, S. Klittich, S. Ray, S. Reynolds, M. Wilks, S. Grey, H. Kessler, J. Burmeister, K. Preston, M. Nataraj

Second Row [L-R]: R. Taitz, M. Levy, J. Morris, B. Goldstein, H. Heyman, B. English, E. Delport, A. Housman, R. Milner, T. Fisher, E. Schneiderman

Front Row [L-R]: Rabbi Druion, L. Heilbronn, R van Zyl, G. Brown, J. Wolf, R. Bilchitz, B. Wolf, M. Dunn, H. Ben Moshe

Absent: L. Geva, R. Oren, H. Bode, L. Dembo, D. Silman, O. Du Preez, E. de Vos, P. Constanti



1994 Head Prefects

[L-R]: Wayne Borowsky [Deputy Head], Robyn Struck [Deputy Head], Lisa Lipman [Head Girl], Warren Sipser [Head Boy]

As a result of a liason between a foundation in Switzerland and **Mr Anthony Raphaely**, a parent of the school, three pupils from outside the Jewish Day School movement were awarded scholarships which enabled them to complete their education at King David Victory Park. 1994 was the first time in the history of the Board of Education that it had been able to offer this facility.

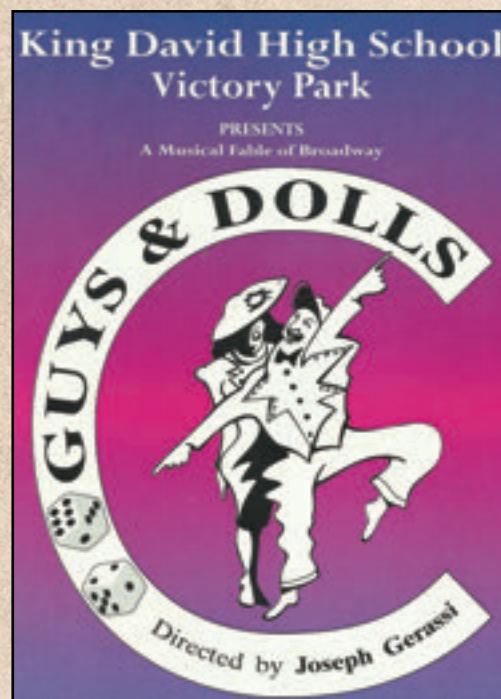
In addition to the very wide range of sporting, cultural, and Judaic activities offered by the school to build a strong esprit de corps and a sense of pride, the school instituted an Academic Support Programme in which the staff stretched themselves tirelessly and enthusiastically to assist pupils who were having difficulty in certain subjects.

First Scholarship Winners

[L-R]: Liron Meister, Jeffrey Wolf, Tanya Feinstein, Neil Davis



Once again the school showed that they certainly had the 'gift of the gab' as the school was adjudged among the top six schools in public speaking in the Inter High Schools' Public Speaking competition. After winning the Sheila Barlow Trophy for the senior section of the competition for the past three years, the school was awarded the Doreen Feitelberg Trophy for winning the junior section. An outstanding standard was maintained in the internal Best Speaker Competitions where **Gur Geva** won the senior competition, **Mark Samowitz**, the junior section and **Daniel Friedman** was judged the best Standard 6 speaker.



The production of **Guys and Dolls**, dedicated to the memory of Bradley Tobias, and with a double cast, was superb in every respect but this production also marked the end of an era as the school said goodbye to many matric pupils who had been the stars of the shows over the years; **Wayne Borowsky** on drums; the multi talented and extremely demanding **Helen Tucker**, the pianist and musical director; **Adin Stamelman** who had so efficiently taken charge backstage and two male leads who 'had lit up the stage since their junior years -**Peter Berman** and **Roy Litvin**.



Peter Berman [Sky] and Candice Haase [Sarah]
Inset: Adin Stamelman



Helen Tucker



Wayne Borowsky

Mr Digby Ricci praised the high standard of acting in the Inter-House play festival. The award for best actress went to **Angela Wood** while **Bradley Cline** was chosen as best actor. Bialik's play, **The Cage Birds**, directed by Debbie Berman won the award for best play.

The team of **Wayne Brown**, **Daron Cope**, **Gilad Hockman**, **Jonathan Liebesman** and **Simon Schaffer** won the Transvaal finals of the Business Management Game but in the national finals they had to settle for third place.

An exhibition and prizegiving was organised by Mrs Wilks for the Art students throughout the school. The guest speaker was Mr Charles Gotthard who had run sculpture workshops for the students at his home in the Magaliesberg and Mr Pierre Schoeman who generously donated a sculpture by his brother, Giovanni Schoeman, as a trophy for the best sculpture student. This prize was awarded to **Colette Liebenberg** while other awards went to **Regi Gersohn**, **Roy Litvin** and **Robyn Struck**.



1994 Art Exhibition and Prizegiving

[L-R]: Mr Charles Gotthard, Roy Litvin, Mrs Arlene Lipshitz, Mrs Mirah Wilks

In the first Inter-School First Aid Competition the school ran away with ALL the prizes by winning both the team event AND the individual competition.

Bryan Slome
 BCom 1998 BAcc 1999
 died on 13 August 2004
 when his response car
 was involved in an
 accident. At the time he
 was responding to a call
 to assist the victim of
 another motor vehicle
 accident. Bryan was a
 dedicated member of
 the Sandton (Station
 15) Volunteer Corps for
 Johannesburg Emergency Services where he had worked
 for 10 years. While he was in his final year of
 accountancy he concurrently studied for the AEA
 (Intermediate Life Support). After qualifying as a
 chartered accountant Bryan served articles at Grant
 Thornton and then took nine months off to study the
 Advanced Life Support Course (CCA). The banner on his
 memorial website reads: "Bryan gave his life doing what
 he loved best – saving the lives of others, and so let
 him be remembered". He is survived by his parents and
 by his sister Janine.




First-Aid Kudos

King David High School Victory Park confirmed the domination by winning the team event at an inter-school first-aid competition. Out of a total of 14 teams both Victory Park teams managed positions in the top three.

The team (pictured above) led by Steven Horwitz and consisting of Adam Zimmerman, Bryan Slome and Carly Lurie achieved first position. Anton Meyberg (right) took top honours in the individual categories.



1994 Inter-School First Aid Competition Team

[L-R]: Adam Zimmerman, Bryan Slome, Carly Lurie, Steven Horwitz

Individual Winner: Anton Meyberg

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of **Bryan Slome**, one of our most passionate first-aiders, on Friday August 13 2004. Bryan had been on his way to assist a motor car accident victim when his emergency vehicle was side-swiped by a hit and run vehicle. As a volunteer paramedic Bryan, an extremely friendly and unassuming young man who always had a smile on his face, gave much both to the Jewish and wider community and finally he gave his life doing what he was most passionate about – saving the lives of others. He is remembered with great fondness.

The chess team had an excellent year winning the North West league and reaching the semi-final of the Five a- side Knockout competition.

Simon Schaffer reached the national finals of the History Olympiad and **Paul Berkowitz** and **Jonathan Cohen** progressed to the second round of the Junior Maths Olympiad. In the Sasol Mini-Maths Olympiad Paul Berkowitz received a gold certificate for winning the Standard 8 [Grade 10] section and Jonathan Cohen for being placed in the top ten of the Standard 6 candidates.

The Discorama, the annual fashion show and Yom Perach were enjoyed by all and served as fundraisers – the Discorama for the PTA and the fashion show and Yom Perach for the Standard Nine [Grade 11] Dance Committee.



1994 Fashion Show

[L-R]: Stefan Gerber, Mark Wise, Greg Judin
 Front: Raymond Oppert



1994 Matric Dance

In writing about her first matric dance **Laurel Reznik** commented *'I'm not sure whether I feel like Cinderella or Kermit the Frog at the moment.... He has not yet arrived and I sit in the family room on the edge of the couch, like a human pillar: utterly still. Inside there is a disco with flashing lights: lungs jumping on the piano, heart beating the rhythm on drums faster and faster. The ring snaps me back. Someone lets him in and I stand cautiously and a little off balance like a new-born doe'*

Mr Digby Ricci awarded Laurel the prize for the best senior creative writing while the joint winners of the junior section were **Carly Lurie** and **Bronwyn Sherman**.



Laurel Reznik

The library, as it was known before the use of technology transformed it into a 'media centre', continued to play a big part in the life of the students. It was the place where projects were conceived, friendships were sealed and refuge was sought in inclement weather. With Mrs Joyce Morris, assisted by Mrs Rene Milner as supervisor, the librarians and library prefects spent many hours assisting the pupils.

As library prefects we relish the time when the first bell rings and we get a legitimate opportunity to expel the hordes. We have to exercise great patience and tolerance in dealing with knee-high standard sixes who cannot see over the counter and brain-dead rugby players who come in to ask for directions to the photostat machine!

Laurel Reznik and Helen Tucker - Std 10 [Grade 12]

Under the auspices of Ort-Step, a course in technology was introduced in the junior classes in a specially prepared technology laboratory. Ms. Dunn and Mrs Vareges were instrumental in introducing this course to the junior pupils.

'This year FLASH was handed over to a new group of wannabee Spielbergs, Toni Efune and Debbie Berman. The matric team leaves with a feeling of great satisfaction arising not only from the fun and the learning derived from this activity but knowing that we have played a part in recording our school's history. We wish the girls the best of luck as well as endless sleepless hours of excruciating but exciting editing.'

-Jonathan Liebesman -Std 10



**Jonathan Liebesman -
Hollywood Movie Director**

Jonathan, who cut his teeth on **FLASH**, followed his passion and after matriculating studied filmmaking at the South African School of Film and Drama. In 1996, he enrolled at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts.

For his first film he chose Roald Dahl's short story **Genesis and Catastrophe**. He wrote to Dahl's estate and obtained the rights for non-commercial use, then wrote the screenplay and filmed an 8-minute short. The film and its clever twist at the end gave him the entrance to Hollywood that he'd hoped for, winning him a Hollywood Young Filmmaker Award at the Hollywood Film Festival in 2000, as well as an award from the Austin Film Festival. He was contacted by producers and began discussing potential projects.

In 2002, Jonathan negotiated a deal to direct a horror film, even though he'd never been a fan of that genre. He made his directorial debut in 2003 with **Darkness Falls**, a movie about a young man who is haunted by an evil spirit called The Tooth Fairy. Three years later he put out another horror movie **Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning**. Then in 2011, he decided to try his hand at something slightly different with the action movie Battle: **Los Angeles**. He followed that up with, **Wrath of the Titans**, starring Sam Worthington, Ralph Fiennes and Liam Neeson. His latest film which was released in 2014 is Teenage **Mutant Ninja Turtles**, starring Megan Fox. It is rumoured that next up for him is a movie about Julius Caesar – a subject familiar to him as he matriculated in Latin at King David High School, Victory Park.



To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the school each pupil received a ruler designed by **Michelle Slabe**, a 1986 matriculant of the school

Gabriella Smullen and **Gavin Lachman** represented the school on the Junior City Council. Gabriella was fortunate to be chosen as one of the councillors to visit Cape Town where, amongst other activities, she attended a presentation on the Cape Town 2004 Olympic bid.

The pupils were deeply touched when they visited The Anne Frank Exhibition at the Africana Museum and were privileged to meet Anne's very close friend, Mrs Hanna Pick-Goslar. In the course of her visit she to the school she spoke about her famous friend whom she last saw across the barbed wire of Bergen-Belsen just a few days before Anne died of typhus. A national writing competition was held in conjunction with this exhibition and **Adrian Friedman** was one of the prizewinners with his diary entry.



Mrs Hanna Pick-Goslar

Dear Diary

The blood rolled from my mouth, tasting like acid. The punch I endured hurt me from within more than it hurt my nerves.

It was at my Jewish Day school. One of my friends was making another kaffir joke. Politely I asked him to be quiet. Politely he struck me across the face. "Kaffirboetie". From a Jew. A fellow Jew.

At so many clubs and parties I could have been struck for my faith. So many times I could have been struck for my faith. So many times I could have been hit for being different. But, I was struck by my own. Struck for disapproving of racism. We have experienced racism for millennia and yet some of us are racist. My eye tooth was removed by my brother at Auschwitz, at Buchenwald.

A member of 'the chosen' who squirmed during Schindler's List. Who winces at *Cry Freedom*. A friend.

When I got home, I cried. Not for the blood that stained my charcoal blazer. But for a personal realisation. A realisation that the New South Africa will not be brought about by a new brightly coloured flag or Nkosi Sikelele, but by tolerance and acceptance. And we are as far away from those values now as we were in Poland in 1944. A realisation that we can only achieve the utopia lauded and anticipated by the politicians when brothers cease striking brothers.

And as I sit here writing, my dry blood caking on my battered lips, I recall the day of unity on 10 May, and weep.

Love
Adrian

Mrs Bertha Leverton, one of the kindertransport children who were evacuated from Germany to England after Kristalnacht, also shared her experiences with the pupils.



6 April 1994 - Kim Smullen at West Park Cemetery on Yom Hashoah to commemorate the six million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War 2

Anton Meyberg and **Robyn Struck** were chosen as the Rosh Minyanim for 1994 and fulfilled these roles admirably.

Mrs Ben Moshe ensured that all the chagim were celebrated in style and invited many interesting speakers to address the pupils. The Israeli ambassador, Dr Alon Liel, was guest of honour on Yom Ha'atzmaut and Ezer Weitzman, the President of Israel, addressed all 4000 King David pupils at King David Linksfield on Yom Yerushalayim.



Heroism Of the Jewish People Quiz

In 1994 the pupils demonstrated their commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people by participating and doing exceptionally well in several quizzes. They were inspired by three dedicated members of staff, Ms Sandra Grey, Mrs Lucy Shapiro and Rabbi Druin who worked tirelessly with them and generously imparted their knowledge on the different topics they were required to study

[L-R]: Shai Harman, Mark Samowitz, Michal Radoshitzky, Darian Burstein, Liron Meister

In the Heroism of the Jewish People Quiz **Liron Meister** was placed first, **Michal Radoshitzky** was runner-up and **Mark Samowitz** achieved third place. Both Liron and Michal participated in the March of the Living in Poland and gave a moving report to the school on their return

Gila Davis came second in the Pillar of Fire Quiz and Rabbi Druin's team of **Paul Berkowitz**, **Gur Geva** and **Brandon Horwitz** won the Bible Quiz.



Hot on the heels of our success in the Holocaust Quiz earlier this year, KDVP High, represented by Gur Geva, Brandon Horwitz and Paul Berkowitz clinched the final of the Bible Quiz, while Gila Davis (pictured above receiving her prizes), one of our finalists in the Pillar of Fire quiz was placed second.

'And it came to pass on the twenty fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shevat, that Moshe, the son of David of the house of Druin, spoke. To Paul of the house of Berkowitz, Brandon of the house of Horwitz and Gur of the house of Geva, he said: "Behold, if thou shalt meditate on the words of this syllabus and proclaim the answers before the judges of the great assembly, then thou shalt surely be redeemed in the eyes of the Lord of hosts."

And so it came to pass that they did according to his word, and did overcome the enemy - Torah Academy, Linksfield, Yeshiva, Herzlia and Menorah - by the huge margin of half a point.

Gur Geva - Std 9 [Grade 11]

Shabbatonim were organised for the junior classes while the Standard 9 held their annual Encounter at Mimosa Gardens with Rabbi Moffson and Rabbi Pamensky from Jerusalem.

During the final term thirty seven pupils participated once again in the Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah.

Through their Jewish Studies programme the pupils were constantly made aware of the importance of performing righteous deeds and, in addition to their Friday collection, they visited underprivileged senior citizens in their homes on Purim, collected food and other necessities for the victims of the genocide in Rwanda, gave generously to the Chevra Kadisha and donated a van-load of clothing and blankets to Operation Snowball.

The newly formed **Bikkur Cholim Committee** undertook to visit the pupils of our school who had the misfortune to be ill either at home or in hospital.



Showing that the school cares...the newly formed Bikkur Cholim group: (top) Nicole Bokstein, (second row) Ronny Sellikman, Theo Gofin, (third row) Talya Edery, Olivia Jacobson, Tanya Swaidan and (bottom) Nicole Crook.

Although the King David pupils were always far more 'people of the book', sport continued to play an important part in the lives of many of the pupils.

The chess team, captained by **Simon Schaffer**, enjoyed a very successful season and were able to claim the title of North Western Area champions. The athletics team retained its place in their league and the **under 14 and under 17 relay teams, Adam Levy, Darryn Aaron, Lauren Wise, Candice Haase, Lara Cassel and Robby Lisssoos** all participated in the Prestige meeting. Robby, who won a gold medal for winning the Open 1500 metre event, was chosen as a member of the Transvaal Co-ed High School Team.



1994 Swimming Team

By being placed second, the school held its position in the swimming league. **David Bain** who won the Senior Victor Ludorum at the Inter-House Gala was selected to participate in the South African High Schools Swimming Championship. **Tammy Shein** won the Senior Victrix Ludorum while the junior awards went **Nikki Munitz** and **Trevor Solomons**.

Rugby enjoyed a good season. **Alan Bacher, Daron Cope, Brad Pillemer, David Bain, Warren Sipser and Craig Snaid** were selected to represent the school at the Craven Week Trials and Daron was selected for the Transvaal Under 19 team which toured Zimbabwe. The award for Team of the Year went to the Under 16 team which won seven out of their nine matches.

Transvaal Colours were awarded to: **Donna Ringo** [showjumping]; **Kelly Jo Sender** and **Gillian Jankelow** [horseriding]; **Robby Lisssoos** [biathlon]; **Jason Kupritz** and **Adam Lurie** [pool]. **Jarrid Rosen** was awarded both Transvaal and National Colours for karate

Some fine wins were notched up by the 1st XI cricket team captained by **Wayne Borowsky**. **Warren Preskow** and **Marc Snaid** were selected to play in the Ken Viljoen Week trials and Marc was chosen to represent the North West team.

Errol Lever received the trophy for 'Player of the Season' while the Saturday Star school supplement made much of **Alon Rom** who had scored a century.

Two new sports were introduced - table tennis for both sexes and softball for the girls under the expert coaching of Tracy Turner, a Springbok player.

The school turned out en masse to watch and witness the Under 16 soccer boys win the prestigious cup final in only their second season of soccer.



Back Row [L-R]: Justin Zar, Daniel Katz, Julian Reynolds, Shaun Rosen, Daniel Shapiro, Aviv Weil, Jonathan Chaimowitz, Ryan Krein, Ari Rudolph

Front Row: Ricky Edelmuth, Laurence Katzeff, Adam Leps, Stefan Wolozyn, Darren Zidel, Saul Symanowitz, Mark Samowitz

In netball the trophy for Team of the Year went to the Under 13 team while **Mandy Richman** was awarded 'Player of the Year'.

Both the boys' tennis teams and squash teams fared well. The Open 1st team and the Under 14 Team won their leagues while the Open Second team and the Under 16 team were runners-up in their respective leagues. The school received certificates for the highly improved standard of play.



1994 1st Tennis Team

[L-R]: Alon Rom, Lance Kalish, Jason Kupritz, Mrs Elize Spangenberg, Adam Lurie, Eran Brill, Greg Brest



[L-R]: Mr Leigh Friedman [SAB]E Vice-Chairman], Mrs Arlene Lipschitz, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mrs Marike de Klerk, Mr Samuel Berman

For a number of weeks the school was under strict surveillance by members of the South African Police as preparations were under way for a visit by Mrs Marike de Klerk, the wife of the State President F W de Klerk – a visit arranged by Mrs Lydia Dembo. At a time when there was great change taking place in the country, a very charming and dignified Mrs de Klerk brought a message of hope and hard work to the senior pupils, staff and the ladies' committee.

The guest speaker at Speech Night was **Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris** while his wife, Mrs Ann Harris, assisted with the presentation of the prizes

In this momentous year in the history of South Africa Mr Wolf impressed upon the 1994 matriculants that as young people, who had been afforded every opportunity and had experienced many privileges, they had an obligation and responsibility in a post-apartheid South Africa of sharing the advantages they had enjoyed by inspiring and upgrading those who were less advantaged. He reminded them that, as graduates of King David, they had been exposed to a vigorous programme of Jewish Education and encouraged them to remain faithful always to their cultural and religious identity as Jews but pointed out that they had a responsibility to be participants in building a new society in South Africa.

A flagpole was presented to the school by the headprefects, Lisa Lipman and Warren Sipser. **Mr Barry Lipman** donated beautiful wooden crests of the school emblem, one of which was affixed to the podium that is used for all assemblies in the school hall.



Trish Constanti

After twenty years of loyal service **Mrs Trish [Patricia] Constanti**, a much admired Head of the Biology Department, retired in order to return to her home on the Isle of Man to look after her elderly parents. Sadly Trish passed away a few years later after much suffering from a tropical disease with which she had been infected while visiting her daughter who had chosen to remain in South Africa

Several long serving teachers resigned at the end of the year, four of them to take up residence in other parts of South Africa or overseas. **Mr Joseph Gerassi** took leave of absence for six months to attend an ulpan in Israel; **Mrs Evelyne De Vos** moved to Stellenbosch and then to her native-country, France and **Mrs Erika Pienaar** – with a big laugh and a big heart – retired but, fortunately, for only a short while.

The school bade farewell to twenty seven families many of whom had moved through the campus from nursery school to the end of high school. In saying goodbye, Dr Dennis Israelstam summed up the feelings of most parents when he wrote:

Like Teyve, 'I could have been a rich man, instead of which we have four enriched children and through them we, as parents, have been enriched. They are well educated, confident of their Jewish heritage and able to look back on their schooldays with pride, filled with the happiness of memories. To Jeffrey Wolf, the teachers and to the school itself we say thank you for so ably complementing the values we have tried to instil in our children at home.

Matric 1994



Standard 10 A



Standard 10 M



Standard 10 k



1994 Matriculation Group

The matriculants of 1994, though smaller in number, acquitted themselves exceptionally well and upheld the outstanding reputation of the school academically. For the eleventh consecutive year the school achieved a 100% pass rate and the group of sixty- eight matriculants brought sixty- seven university entrance passes. **Nicholas Burstein** was the Dux, with six distinctions, while **Simon Schaffer**, **Penelope Bernstein**, **Daron Cope**, **Justine Schmaman** and **Helen Tucker** were not far behind.

The Last Word from Matric '94

My days at King David have ended, but my memories will continue forever - Suzi

Although I move on, I am not leaving King David behind - I am taking a lifetime of memorable experiences with me - Aviva Solovei

The memories of KDVP will always last. Thanks for making it so special - Kerry and Hayley

Farewell KDVP. I will miss you. To all my wonderful friends and teachers thanks for making high school a time to remember forever - Chaimo

Thanks for the laughs. They are in my heart. Today and always - Kim Sieff

I entered alone, expecting the end. Five years on I'm leaving with friends. Thanks for five great years, King David - David Halevi.

King David, you brought me fun, happiness and enjoyment. Let the KD spirit and soul never be extinguished - 'Dork' Borowsky

Theatrical legends include Laurence Olivier, James Dean and Jeffrey Wolf. Although he has never played the role of Hamlet and he cannot be described as 'a rebel without a cause', he is both an Officer and a Gentleman' for whom I have the greatest admiration and respect.- Lisa Lipman

My years in paradise have come to an end, and, like Adam, I will now have to face the rigours of the outside world. But there the comparison ends. For while Adam, nervous and totally unprepared was thrown to the wolves, I leave secure, confident and fully prepared, by the Wolves - Warren Sipser



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Dear Mr. Wolf

You may or may not remember me but approximately five years ago I acted as a relief Latin teacher for a single term at King David High School. That brief spell proved to be one of the happiest in my life. I am not even sure of all the reasons for this, although there were several contributing factors, including the warm and friendly manner in which I was received by both yourself and the staff, the high quality of schooling, and the extraordinary intellect of my pupils, who unlike many kids of their age seemed to know exactly where they intended to go in life, even at the tender age of thirteen or fourteen. I remember being struck by my standard six pupils who bravely informed me of their intention of becoming doctors and lawyers just like their fathers and mothers! I remember doing some serious teaching and having great fun at the same time.

I felt I should relay some of these feelings to you. Before I came to King David I had had a few years experience teaching classical Greek at another school. The contrast between the two schools was marked. Although the other school is regarded as one of the finest in Johannesburg, King David imbibed a spirit of freedom and discipline without being authoritarian. There is no doubt in my mind that you should take the lion's share of credit for this. I myself felt at home completely accepted, despite the fact that I am non-Jew.

As you can judge from this letterhead, I am now a fully ordained clergyman in the Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa. I also head the doctrine committee of the Presbyterian Church for the region of KwaZulu Natal. One of my tasks as chairperson is to seek ways in which to enhance Judeo-Christian relations, further mutual understanding between Jew & Christians and identify and expose Anti-Semitic attitudes.

I am grateful to you for such a positive, albeit brief experience at King David that I will always remember with deep fondness.

Kind regards

Rev. PCR Comminos (M.A.)

In 1995 Mr Jeffrey Bortz, chairman of the South African Board of Jewish Education, commented proudly that 'the pupils of King David Victory Park are the best possible advertisement for the school. 'Their achievements on the sportsfield and in the academic and cultural worlds are a credit to our organisation.' How right he was, for 1995 was a year of exceptional achievement - a year so very good that it prompted Stacey Zaidel, the editor of the 1995 school magazine to write ***'It is with laughter and tears that I will say goodbye. I will laugh because the standard sixes still have four years of torture to endure, and I will cry because I do not.'***

The school was joined by an exciting and experienced group of new teachers who brought with them fresh input and enthusiasm which enhanced the powerful nucleus of stalwarts on the staff. **Mr Warwick Taylor** joined as Head of the Physical Science Department, **Mrs Beverley Katz** and **Ms. Sarah Mackenzie** joined the English Department, Mr Jan Van Wyk was appointed to the French Department and **Mrs Linda Cave** to the Business Economics and Accounting Departments. **Mr Peter Szewach**, a graduate of King David Linksfield, joined the History Department and **Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz**, a Victory Park graduate, returned to his alma mater to teach Jewish Studies.



1995 Staff

Back Row [L-R]: Ms. G. Zimmerman, Ms S. Mackenzie, Ms. L. Vieren, Ms. L. Cave, Mrs. E. Pienaar, Mrs J. Bermeister, Ms. S. Grey, Mrs E. Schneiderman, Mrs C. Friedman, Mrs R. Taitz, Mrs S. Varejes, Mr S. Bitton, Mrs S. Ray Mrs Sharon

Third Row [L-R]: Mrs M. Levy, Mrs S. Reynolds, - , Mrs L. Geva, Mr D. Silman, Mr W. Taylor, Mr J. Van Wyk, Mr. S. Hiscock, Mrs C. Wilsher, Mr J. Gerassi, Mrs B. Coetzee, Mrs H. Bode

Second Row [L-R]: Mrs R. Milner, Mrs H. Heyman, Mrs A. Housman, Mrs L. Myers, Mrs O. du Preez, Mrs L. Dembo, Mrs M. Wilks, Mrs K. Preston, Mrs B. Katz, Mrs A. McAtee, Mrs. E. Delpont, Mrs B. Goldstein, Mrs H. Chait

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs R. Van Zyl, Mrs H. Ben Moshe, Mr L. Heilbronn, Mr G. Brown, Mr J. Wolf, Mr R. Bilchitz, Mrs B. Wolf Mrs M. Solomons, Mrs E. Spangenberg

Robby Lissoos and Gavin Lachman, the 1995 Head Girl and Head Boy were ably assisted by **Tammy Shein** and **David Bain**, their deputies.



Head Prefects

The year opened with an enrolment of 512 pupils, a growth of approximately 50 pupils. Once again through exceptionally generous sponsorship obtained by Mr Tony Raphaely, the school was able to offer seven scholarships to outstanding pupils who were not in the King David system.

[L-R]: Stacey Wolpert, Talia Shapiro, Jimmo Vink, Kerry-Lynne Levy, Erin Joffe, Marc Friedman, Avi Stermer



1995 Scholarship Winners



1995 First National Bank Trophy Winners

In the High Schools' Public Speaking competition King David Victory Park triumphed once again. At the finals evening held at the Linder Auditorium the school was represented in both the Best Individual section AND the First National Bank Trophy Team event. Gur Geva was judged 3rd in the individual event while the team of Gavin Lachman, Mark Samowitz and Stacey Zaidel were the proud winners of the First National Bank Trophy. The school also won a certificate for the Best Senior Team in the competition. Gila Davis represented the school admirably in the section for the Best Bilingual Speaker.

Back [L-R]: Stacey Zaidel, Mark Samowitz, Gur Geva, Gavin Lachman
Front [L-R]: Gila Davis, Mrs B Wolf



1995 Senior Best Speakers

Back Row [L-R]: Mari Sneider, Adrian Friedman, Mark Sidelsky, Brandon Horwitz, Stefan Gerber, Darian Burstein, Debbie Berman

Second Row [L-R]: Susan Hoffman, Donna Ringo, Lisa Steele, Michal Radoshitzky, Aba Somers, Gabriella Smullen, Tanya Feinstein, Nikki Rakusin, Tammy Shein

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs B. Wolf, Mrs B. Katz, Mrs B. Goldstein, Mrs M. Solomons, Mrs R. Taitz

Adrian Friedman, Brandon Horwitz and **Lisa Steele** were the principal members of the debating team which reached the final of the South African Council for English Education [SACCE] debating league. Once again a debating final turned out to be a clash of wits between King David Victory Park and King David Linksfield as they battled with the motion that 'it is more important to get the job done than to keep your hands clean' and once again the school had to settle for second place. The team was trained by Mr Hugo Mendes, assisted by Mrs Goldstein

The school fared extremely well in the second annual Inter-High School First Aid competition organised by Criticare. The main idea of the competition was improvisation - treating an injury without having adequate equipment. The A team of **Brett Batzofin, Yaniv Dogan, Shaun Sacks** and **Stephen Smith** were judged overall winners for the second consecutive year. The school was invited to enter the National First Aid competition for adults and this team of **Carly Lurie, Ofir Niv, Alan Lidsky** and **Hilton Cohen** did the school proud by achieving fifth place out of fifty two teams. Stephen Smith took third place out of a field of 208 competitors in the individual event.



Left to right: Stephen Smith, Yaniv Dogan, Brett Batzofin and Shaun Sacks.

Mrs Joyce Morris, who had been the driving force behind First Aid, retired during the year and Mr David Silman took over as supervisor of this activity.

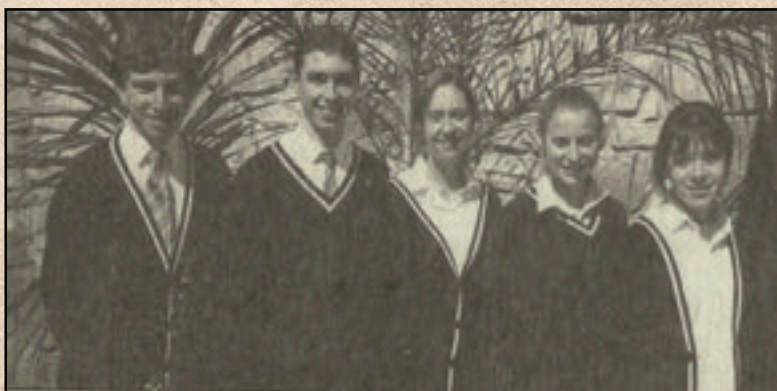


[L-R]: Liron Meister, Ms. Sandra Grey, Lori Salmon



Gila Davis

The proud record that the school had in producing winners in the various Judaic Quizzes was upheld by **Liron Meister** who won the **Pillar of Fire Quiz**. Liron, who had won the Heroism of the Jewish People Quiz in 1994 attributed his success to Ms. Sandra Grey's inspiration, dedication and the two and a half thousand questions she had so diligently prepared for the contestants!



King David Victory Park matriculants, coached by Mr Jeffrey Wolf, excelled in the Latin Olympiad with Gila Davis taking 4th position, Aba Somers 6th, Tammy Shein 15th and Tracey Aaron 24th. In addition Mark Samowitz was placed 9th in the Standard nine section. Prizes were awarded to the pupils at the SPQR day at Pretoria University. Gila Davis also passed the English Olympiad with the highest honours. Pictured above are Aba Somers, Mark Samowitz, Tracey Aaron, Tammy Shein, Gila Davis.

Shai Harman, Lance Kalish and **Joshua Wilk** were placed in the top 20% of the first round of the Senior Maths Olympiad while in the Junior section Bobby Berkowitz, Jonathan Cohen, Daniel Israel and Stacia Super all won through to the next round. Jonathan Cohen was placed in the top 20% in that round.

Gila Davis, too, brought great credit to the school by achieving fourth place in the National Latin Olympiad and the Highest Honours in the English Olympiad.

As **Aba Somers** was placed sixth in the Latin Olympiad the school had two pupils in the top ten in the country.

Both **Tiffany Markman** and **Sharon Radebe** fared very well in the the South African Council for English Education [SACEE] creative writing competition.

Tiffany won first place in the Junior Prose section with her essay entitled 'Some Day My Prince Will Come'. Sharon, quoting Alfred Lord Tennyson's *Come my Friend, tis Never Too Late to Seek a Newer World*, described the unwelcome move the abolition of the Group Areas Act had brought to her life. Her heartfelt essay in which she bemoans the move from a 'vibrant Diepkloof' to 'a cleaner world, a white world where children play by appointment only' earned her third place in the senior prose section. This essay later appeared in the 1996 edition of English Alive



Tiffany Markman



**“Come my friends,
tis not too late
to seek a newer world”**

Alfred Lord Tennyson

The Group Areas Act has been abolished. Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world. A cleaner world, a bigger world, a white world.

We are moving. Where? To the suburbs. Where? Into a white world, on the other side of the mine-mountain, where the lights shimmer invitingly like stars in the night. On the other side of the highway, where mommy and daddy disappear at seven-thirty in the morning. On the other side of the rainbow, where the sun lives and darkness never falls.

The prospect of changing our humble house for a bigger one with a swimming pool was exciting. Naively I thought of it as a transfer from Barbie's summer cottage to her luxurious mansion, with a purple porche in the garage. That was before I exchanged a vibrant Diepkloof for a dormant high-walled suburb that was unfriendly to any outsiders.

My visions of splashing gaily in the new, clear pool and frolicking on the neatly manicured grass were blurred by a rude realisation: I had nobody to enjoy these luxuries with.

This promised land was a disappointment. All that faced me were tall fortresses with sturdy gates and demanding intercoms. The occasional strolling servant or thoroughly-groomed madams and pooches in sparkling German petrol tanks were the only movement every half hour.

Frequently I reminisced about the scorching, shadeless summer holidays in Soweto. Our creative games were gathering dust in my memory. Scenes of young girls – with tightly-plaited hair designs – playing hop-sotch on the tarred road marked with stones and chalk, flittered faintly; I saw tattered boys spinning tops and wiping runny noses with muddy sleeves; I pictured old ropes firmly knotted to form skipping-ropes. I remembered walking across the narrow road to my neighbour to ask if their daughter could accompany me to the shops.

I feel betrayed by the fact that my parents swapped my content childhood for a four-bedroomed dream. The frustration and longing to return still overwhelms me at times, as the new world we have entered is oppressive and I helplessly feel my trust withering away.

I am an alien in the home in which I have to find my heart. This newer world, where children play by appointment only. This cleaner world, where neighbours do not greet each other. This white world where a black child sulks in her beautiful north-facing bedroom.

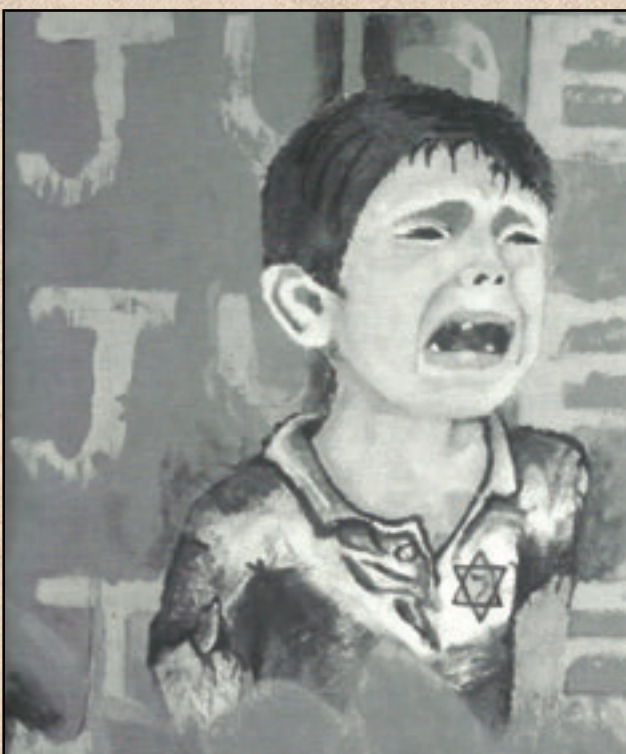




Business Management Contest - Team One

[L-R]: Mrs A McAtee, Laurence Barnett, Jason Joffe, Brad Pillemer, Councillor & Mrs Koos Roets, Lance Kalish, Richard Schaffer

Two teams coached by Mrs Anne McAtee showed that they had the brains for business when they came first and third in the regional final of the Standard Bank/Chartered Accountants Institute Business Management Contest. In the National Final, the school did exceptionally well by achieving second place - having lost by a margin of just thirty-three cents!



**Amir Livneh, a Standard 7 [Grade 9] pupil
was the winner of the
Washington Memorial Holocaust
Museum Competition**

The outstanding achievement was not limited to cultural activities; the school was extremely successful on the sportsfield too .

According to Mark Samowitz, who captained the senior team, table tennis requires *'not only a bat and a ball, but the sharpness of a debater, the fitness of an athlete, the agility and speed of a gymnast and the mind of a chess player.'* In 1995 King David Victory Park had all those requirements in abundance. **Gary Bachrach, Greg Brest** and **Mark Samowitz** were joint-winners of the senior table tennis league while **Gavin Gordon, Ze'ev Blieden** and **Dan Ben Moshe** were joint-winners of the junior league. The school emerged as the top school in Gauteng. Gary was chosen to represent Gauteng at the South African Junior Championships. Mark was chosen for the Gauteng U17A team at the championships where he won two bronze medals.



Though still a junior, **Dan Ben Moshe** won the World Book Chess Tournament as well as the Transvaal Standard 6 and 7 [Grade 8 and 9] tournament.

[L-R]: Gavin Gordon, Ze'ev Blieden, Dan Ben Moshe

Junior Table Tennis Team

Soccer enjoyed wide support and the sporting highlight of the year was undoubtedly the victory of the Under 15 A soccer team who won both the league and the cup final.



Under 15 A Soccer Team - Cup Winners

Back Row [L-R]: Jonathan Judelman, Ryan Tucker, Darryn Aaron, Saul Hirschhorn, Yaron Shapiro, Shaun Hurwitz, Dean Tucker

Front Row: Neil Davis, David Leon, Jarrod Rosen, Marc Cline, Tahl Evian

Shaun Hurwitz, Saul Hirschhorn and **Darryn Aaron** were selected to play soccer for Maccabi while **Greg Borowsky** was chosen for the Southern Transvaal team.

During the weekly athletics meetings many school records - some of them long-standing - tumbled and the team came second at the Inter-High meeting. Twelve individual athletes and three relay teams were chosen to compete in the Prestige meeting where nine school records were broken and **Darryn Aaron** won two silver medals. At the Inter-House meeting the Junior Victores Ludorum were **Darryn Aaron** and **Lara Cassel** while **David Bain** and **Robby Lissoos** were the senior winners. **Jimmo Vink** was selected for the Central Gauteng athletics team



1995 Swimming Team

Several members of the swimming team excelled and were selected for the Prestige Gala where the best swimmers from all the co-educational schools competed against each other. At this meeting **Sean Gundelfinger** won two silver medals and **Tammy Shein**, who together with David Bain, was the captain of the 1995 swimming team was awarded a bronze medal. Sean, who also won silver medals in both the Bronkhorstspuit 1500m Dam swim and the 1600m Midmar Mile was chosen to represent Transvaal High Schools.



Sean Gundelfinger and David Bain - Junior and Senior Victores Ludorum

Greg Judin's proudest moment was when he was elected captain of the 1st XV rugby team whose new gear was sponsored by Mr Eric Ichikowitz of Diadora. However, although rugby had a good season, it was squash that brought the school many victories and top of the league status for the U 19 girls' team as well as both the Open 1st and 2nd boys' squash teams.



1995 Boys' Open 1st Squash Team

[L-R]: Darren Zidel, Brad Pillemer,
Jason Kupritz, Shane Lyons



1995 Girls' U19 Squash Team

Standing [L-R]: Tammy Shein, Robby Lissoos, Nicky Greenblatt

Seating [L-R]: Mrs J. Burmeister, Debbie Berman, Mrs K Preston

Over the years many pupils excelled in one of the sporting activities - some even in more than one. This excellence was always recognised by the award of colours in that particular sport. However, Robby Lissoos, the 1995 Head Girl, holds the record for the number of full colour awards in sport. Robby, who in her matric year, was the captain of the U19 squash team, the athletics team and the 1st tennis team, was awarded full colours in athletics, netball, tennis, squash, and swimming. Her award of Sportsman of the Year was well deserved as she not only excelled at sport but always showed great sportsmanship!

Cricket gained in popularity and six teams were fielded, many enjoying success- especially the Under 15A team who won all six of their matches.



1995 First Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Daniel Levy, Richard Schaffer, Gary Rothstein, Larry Kalish, Joshua Wilk, Jason Kupritz, David Suttner, Alon Rom, Warren Preskow

Middle Row [L-R]: Darren Zidel, Raphy Hirschhorn, Mr L. Heilbronn, Errol Lever, Grant Magid

Front Row [L-R]: Daniella Herberg, Gavin Lachman, Grant Defries, Thea Gafin

The girls' tennis enjoyed an excellent season - both the B team and the A team of **Nicky Greenblatt**, **Kelly Sacks**, **Sheri Fisher**, **Donnay Mechanic**, **Robby Lissoos** and **Jenna Salomon** won all but one of their seven matches. Jenna was also the winner of the school championships.

In both netball and softball, which was only in its second season, the girls were enthusiastic and committed

The school participated for the first time in the Inter-High Equestrian Championships and the team achieved fifth place out of twenty three schools. Three members of the team, **Lara Cassel**, **Gillian Jankelow** and **Kelly Sender** were selected for the Transvaal Junior Showjumping Team.

Both **Gary Aremband** and **Gareth Myers** represented South Africa in judo [junior] at the Maccabi Games while **Jarrid Rosen**, who represented South Africa in karate, was nominated as Maccabi Junior Sportsman of the Year.

Tanya Lebi, a very talented gymnast, brought credit both to herself and the school by being chosen as a Junior Springbok and the Willards Sports Achiever of the Year.

To pay tribute to those sportsmen and women who had excelled, as well as to those who had displayed true sportsmanship and team spirit, Mr Gerassi organised a Sports Dinner at Beaconsfield Club. The club no longer exists but the Sports Dinner has become an annual fixture on the school calendar.

The highlight of the Junior City Council's 1995 programme was their visit to President Mandela. Both, **Nicole Rakusin** and **Adrian Freedman**, the school's representatives on the council, felt that this was their highlight too. Adrian also took charge of organising a collection of clothing and blankets which were donated to the Salvation Army for use in a crèche for mothers and their babies infected by Aids.



Tanya Lebi

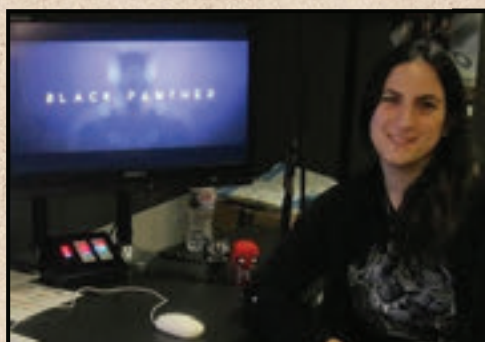
On the cultural side many new disciplines in art were introduced by Mrs Mirah Wilks and an art exhibition and prizegiving was held in September to showcase and reward the pupils for their hard work.



**Winner of The Senior Floating Trophy
for the Most Innovative Design -
by Jodi Rosenberg**

This design was selected for the cover of the 1996 edition of the national publication, *English Alive*.

The Video Club which was responsible for documenting the activities of the school as well as producing the school's newsreel 'Flash' was in the hands of two very capable pupils both of whom went on to follow careers in film or photography. **Toni Efune** who obtained a Bachelor of Photography degree at Pretoria University was chosen as the official photographer for Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday party and is a much sought after photographer in the USA where she now lives. **Debbie Berman** lives in Los Angeles where she has a very successful career as a film editor.



Debbie Berman



Toni Jade Efune

A weekly newsletter edited by Mrs Barbara Wolf and designed by Mrs Sue Vareges and later by Ms Debbie Hudson was introduced. After the year 2000 this was replaced by an electronic newsletter.

The Rosh Minyanim for 1995 were **Gila Davis** and **David Suttner** and they were assisted in their very successful task of making prayer meaningful by their deputies, Robby Lissos and Greg Brest. A special minyan was instituted for those pupils who were more observant.

As always many activities were instituted to extend the pupils' experience beyond the walls of the classroom.

On Purim groups of pupils accompanied by Ms Grey and Rabbi Druin once again delivered Matanot Laevyonim - gifts to the poor - and before Pesach the pupils collected wine and matzah to distribute to those less fortunate than themselves. The Gemilut Chassidim programme involved Standard 8 pupils [Grade ten] in charity work including a visit to Our Parent Home prior to Rosh Hashanah and the Bikkur Cholim group ensured that all pupils who were ill for an extended period were well taken care of.



The Matanot group

The essence of a Jewish Day School is always reflected in the commemoration of the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish nation as well as the celebration of the chagim. On Yom Hashoa Mrs Ella Blumenthal, a Holocaust survivor, shared her story of the Warsaw Ghetto and her experience at Majdanek, and Mrs Miriam Lazarus, the mother of Michael and Graham, former pupils at the school, related her experience of being brought up by a righteous Catholic family. Just a few days later on Yom Ha'atzmaut the school celebrated with Israeli dancing and singing and doves were set free as a symbol of peace. Rabbi Druin addressed the school before Rosh Hashanah and encouraged them to celebrate in the warmth of their families and make memories for a lifetime.

The Shabbatonim were enjoyed by all those who participated and Encounter, a one-week programme offered to senior pupils with the focus on Judaism *'challenged and affected us all'* - Saul Symanowitz



1995 Grade 11 Encounter

The annual Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah reinforced the Jewish Studies and Jewish History programmes very powerfully.

Yad Vashem confronted us with the sudden brutal reality of the Holocaust beyond the confines of our King David classrooms back in South Africa. The pain and the humiliation mirrored in the tortured eyes of Hitler's victims will haunt my friends and me forever. The sight of a mound of discarded children's shoes was as powerful as hearing their anguished cries....

Gaining an insight into the the fascinating religion of the Druze was like watching all the pages of the Arabian fairy tales I had read as a child come to life!

Carly Lurie - 1995 Ulpanic

Two pupils from Linden Hoer Skool who spent a day at the school were extremely impressed by the pupils and the pupil /teacher relationship they encountered during their visit.

Hulle spontaneiteit t.o.v. die onderwysers [en vreemdelinge], openbaar vriendelikheid en skerpsinnigheid. Dit gee hulle 'n sprankelinde karakter. Die volwasse manier waarmee die onderwysers hulle hanteer, dra daartoe by dat hulle crydenkend is. 'n Dag in 'n Joodse omgewing is beslis onvergeetlik!

Sonja Louw en Aniel Bodenstein

In anticipation of Women's Day, Joanne Fedler, a Human Rights advocate, returned to her alma mater and gave a stirring speech in which she encouraged the girls to reach out and fight for opportunities to discover their strength and potential

A performance at the school assembly by the choir from St Vincent's School for the Deaf evoked the admiration of the entire school body.

A special assembly was held to mourn the assassination of Yitzchak Rabin, the Prime Minister of Israel, who had visited the King David Schools in 1973.



Mr. Louis Sachs, Honorary Life President SABJE and Mr Yitzchak Rabin photographed at King David in 1973. Mr Rabin came to South Africa on his way back to Israel having just completed his term of office as Israeli Ambassador in Washington.

The school held an information evening to enable present parents and prospective parents to experience the ethos and spirit of King David at work.

Information evening

Monday evening, 21 August saw a collection of King Davidians, prospective King Davidians and their parents, like never before. Pupils and staff alike went to great lengths to showcase King David High School, Victory Park.

Visitors were greeted and hosted by matrices who escorted them around the school and provided a great many answers to questions. The school entrance was decorated with objects and posters concerning Judaica.

Our secretarial office was ready to deal with the demand for application forms and our media centre exhibited a variety of books. The upper corridor revealed beautifully hand-crafted kitkah covers and delicious aromas on display wafted from the Home Economics kitchen where cooking presentations were.

Downstairs, the Biology and Science laboratories displayed their wares. The computer room was filled with eager computer boffs who had great fun mani-

pulating a variety of software on display. Next door were French and Latin with projects, models and videos on display.

The hall foyer entrance exhibited photographs of festivals, sport and a history of the school. In the foyer itself was an outstanding array of artwork by the art students.

Inside the hall, excitement reigned as pupils demonstrated their Science/Technology models. There were ongoing First Aid demonstrations on the stage and the Counselling depart-

ment had information on display too.

After all this noise and activity, a quiet walk through lovely gardens led to the sports pavilion. Parents were able to share what a day is like at our school and viewed the ethos of King David in living colour as they watched a version of Flash which was prepared from a wealth of material taken by our video club. Mr Wolf spoke about King David's academic achievements and of its committed and caring staff.

Sue Varejes



1995 Matric Dance Invitation

The matric dance in September marked the beginning of the end for the 1995 matrics but it also marked the end for twenty five families, many of whom had watched their children move from the nursery school to the primary school and finally the high school.

Twenty eight continuous years of being parents of a child at King David has become a way of life; it has become so ingrained that we have not yet decided whether the forthcoming matriculation of our youngest son, Aba, is cause for celebration or sadness.

- Leslie and Ayala Somers

King David has always felt like an extension of our homeWe feel lucky to have been part of King David for so long and we know that KING DAVID VICTORY PARK will be a part of us forever.

- The Lissoosim

As I look back I realise what a great debt of gratitude we owe Mr Barney Meyers, Mr Jeffrey Wolf and all the teachers for the role they have played in our children's upbringing....And my wish now? To see my children educate their children at King David so that our bond with the school will continue for many years.

- Michael Judin

During the year it was with regret that the school bade a final farewell to **Mrs Joyce Morris** who had been the school librarian since 1973.

Over more than two decades Mrs Morris held sway in our Library-cum-Media- Centre, the intellectual hub of our school, the position that it justifiably should hold in any academic institution of real worth. It was largely Mrs Morris's approach that allowed a system which encouraged and welcomed use of the library and its facilities, one which made it a very vital and indispensable resource of learning. Although always in control, her library was pupil-run and pupil-centred so that, like Democracy, it was of the students, by the students and for the students.



Outside her domain she involved herself with extraordinary commitment to First Aid. Both by her example as resident doctor who took care of countless injuries, allergies and maladies and by her commitment she motivated a special interest among our pupils.

Thank you, Joyce, for your professional approach in all that you undertook for our school; thank you for your loyal commitment and unflagging devotion to our cause. Thank you too for your warm friendship.

Jeffrey Wolf



Mrs Hazel Chait was appointed as librarian, assisted by Mrs Rene Milner.

1995 Librarians

Several teachers resigned at the end of the year. After four years the Mathematics Department said farewell to **Mrs Cheryl Friedman** who decided to use her math skills in the business world while **Mrs Tessa Fisher** who had taught mathematics to a large number of pupils over nine years left to await the birth of a baby. **Mrs Judith Lahav** who had been a valuable member of the Hebrew Department for four years returned to Israel. **Mrs Judy Burmeister** who had made both history and geography come alive resigned from her position and **Mrs Ona du Preez** who had made a valuable contribution to the Afrikaans Department since 1982 left to spend more time with her young family. Sadly Mrs du Preez passed away while still in the prime of her life.

The school also bade a very sad farewell to the most loyal of pupils - he who had never missed a single day of high school, who had always ensured that he was in the correct classroom, who had never presented with any learning difficulties or behaviour problems, who had insisted on coming to school though his mom tried her hardest to encourage him to 'bunk' school - in fact the model pupil!



Mistral Lissoos



1995 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Susan Hofman, Lawrence Barnett, Stefan Gerber, Marc Sidelsky, Jason Kupritz, Richard Schaffer, Raphy Hirschhorn

Middle Row [L-R]: Liat Bergman, Gabriella Smullen, Carene Sarkin, Lance Kalish, Bradley Cline, Toni Efune, Ntombenhle [Arlene] Radebe, Stacey Zaidel

Front Row [L-R]: David Bain, Nicky Greenblatt, Robby Lissoos [Head Girl], Michal Radoshitzky, Gavin Lachman [Head Boy], Tammy Shein, Gila Davis

As a farewell gift the 1995 Matriculants presented the school with three sturdy ornamental garden benches.



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Farewell to class of '95



1995 Matriculation Group



CLASS OF '95



Stefan Gerber (5)
King David Victory Park.



Aba Somers (6)
King David Victory Park.



Gur Geva (6) King David Victory Park.



Gila Davis (6) King David Victory Park.

Adam Levy who matriculated in 1994 and graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with a degree in law, is the founder and CEO of Play Braamfontein, the property development company responsible for the revitalisation of Braamfontein. Through Adam's efforts Braamfontein has been turned from a 'crumbling inner-city no-go zone' into a chic area of boutiques, galleries, restaurants and apartment blocks. It was through Adam that the once defunct Alexander Theatre was restored to its former glory. He also established the bustling and extremely popular Neighbourgoods Market.

Adam's entrepreneurship was recognised by the community in 2014 when he was nominated for the Absa Entrepreneur Award

Adam's younger brother, Daniel, a partner in a social media AdTech company, was nominated for the same award.



Michal Hatuel-Radoshitzky

After matriculating at the school in 1995, Michal returned with her family to Israel. She served in the Israeli Defense Force and after completing her Bachelor of Arts degree she immersed herself in the 2003 Geneva Initiative aimed at arriving at a permanent status agreement to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Since completing her PhD in Political Science Michal has been researching and exploring academically how Israel arrived at the globally contrived pariah status as an apartheid state.

Taking pride in Israel's liberal policies, particularly in comparison to those of its non-democratic neighbours, far more deserving of the apartheid appellation, she has travelled the world and addressed audiences on how this comparison with South Africa has been so cunningly contrived.

Michal Hatuel-Radoshitzky is a Research Fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) and a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Tony and Elizabeth Comper Center for the Study of Racism and Antisemitism at the University of Haifa. Michal's research focuses on state stigmatization and on Israel's standing in the international arena, international media coverage and the UN arena. From 2011 until 2015 she was the Israeli representative of the Institute for Inclusive Security, and as such was responsible for overseeing and managing the work of Forum Dvora: Women in Foreign Policy and National Security. Prior to this position, Michal was the Director of Foreign Relations at H.L. Education for Peace - The Geneva Initiative, Israel; and before that she managed European Desk of the resource development department at the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

Michal has a PhD in Political Science (Tel Aviv University), an M.A. in Political Science, majoring in Political Communications (Tel Aviv University) and a B.A. in Psychology and Communications (Tel Aviv University).





1996 was the year in which both the country and the educational system of South Africa reflected considerable instability, change and uncertainty. Not only was there was an increase in emigration after the euphoria of 1994 but the South African Board of Jewish Education also took the decision to move to the Independent Examination Board [IEB] matric system, a move which was vindicated by the ineptitude which prevailed in the provincial system. The school also lost the full government subsidy which independent schools had enjoyed till then but none of these events had any destabilising effect on the school. A purposeful and well directed approach together

with the support of the South African Board of Jewish Education saw the school emerge strongly.

Although enrolment at the school was no longer mandatory for pupils from King David Sandton, many gravitated to the school of their own choice and the year opened with an enrolment of 545 pupils - an increase of 50 pupils on the figure at the end of 1995. The intake of 145 pupils into Standard 6 [Grade 8] was the largest in the school's history

Through generous sponsorship the school once again was able to offer seven scholarships to pupils who were not in the King David system.



1996 Staff



Rabbi Lau, one of the two chief rabbis of the State of Israel honoured staff and pupils at King David High School, Victory Park with a visit to the campus. The headprefects of the School Darren Zidel, Mark Samowitz, Nicole Rakusin and Kirsty Shapiro had the pleasure in meeting the rabbi.

Six new full-time teachers assumed office at the beginning of the year. **Mrs Elizabeth Leaver** who later earned the title of Doctor Leaver, joined the English Department, **Ms Marel Grobler** the Afrikaans Department, **Mrs Donne Binda** was welcomed into the Mathematics Department and **Mrs Christine Beetge** joined the Science Department. **Ms Alice Howroyd** was employed to teach history while **Ms. Bev Sawyer** helped with both geography and physical education. The three part-time teachers who joined the staff were **Mrs Ronit Genish**, a tiny but very capable Hebrew teacher, **Ms Theresa Brown** who taught accountancy and **Rabbi Isidore Rubenstein** who joined the Jewish Studies department.

Rabbi Moshe Druin was promoted to Acting Head of the Jewish Studies Department, while **Mr Joseph Gerassi**, **Mrs Margaret Solomons** and **Mrs Elise Spangenberg** were all promoted to the position of vice-principal. During the course of the year Rabbi Druin resigned and was replaced by **Rabbi Mordechai Fachler**. **Ms Nicky Sosnovick** joined the staff of the English Department for a six month stint and the school welcomed **Mrs Lisa Sherry** into the Biology Department. **Mrs Sharon Ray** resigned from that department at the end of the year.



1996 Prefects

Back Row [L-R]: Tanya Swiedan, Ari Rudolph, Brandon Horwitz, Joshua Wilk, Daniel Katz, Jonathan Chaimowitz, Grant Magid

Middle Row [L-R]: Bianca Israelite, Talia Mechanic, Donna Ringo, Lisa Steele, Saul Symanowitz, Laurence Katzeff, Debbie Berman, Kelly Badler, Candice Cooperman, Aviva Capelluto

Front Row: Darren Zidel [Deputy Head Boy], Nicky Rakusin [Head Girl], Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mark Samowitz [Head Boy], Kirsty Shapiro [Deputy Head Girl]

In their editorial for the 1996 school magazine **Nili Dahan** and **Lisa Steel** compared their years at the school to the popular television series 'The Wonder Years'. 1996 truly was one of those years!.



The South African Council for English Education awarded the school the Fanny and Selwyn Segal Floating Trophy for the Highest Standard of Creative Writing in Johannesburg Secondary School Magazines.

The Editor's Prize for the Best Senior and Junior Creative Writing was selected by Doctor David Medalie, from the University of Pretoria. **Stacey Kalish** who expressed her fear of forgetting or being forgotten as her family prepared to emigrate to Australia and **Daniel Tucker** won the prize for the Best Senior and Junior creative writing. The runners-up were **Carly Lurie** and **Avri Spilka**.



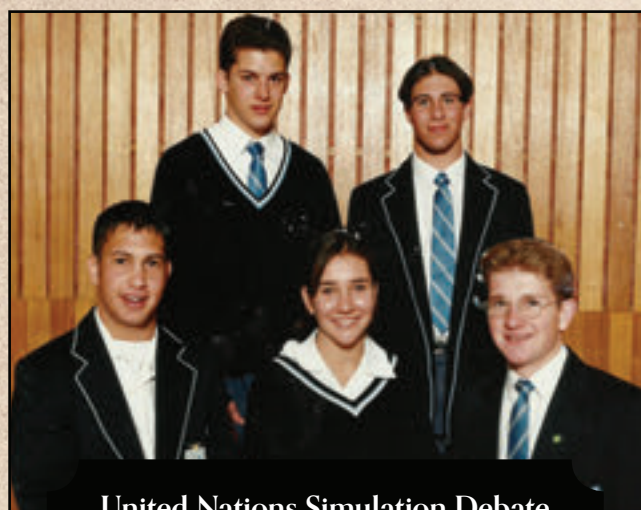
1996 Senior Public Speakers

Back Row [L-R]: Bronwyn Sherman, Carly Lurie, Lisa Steele, Darian Burstein, Brandon Horwitz, Justine Gundelfinger, Debbie Berman, Caryn Davidoff, Angela Wood
Front Row [L-R]: Aviva Capelluto, Ilan Chait, Kelly Badler, Rene Volchansky, Nicky Rakusin
Floor [L-R]: Lori Salmon, Jarren Gordon

As runners-up in both the Individual Best Speakers Competition and the First National Bank Trophy Team event and our exceptional results at various levels of both the English and Afrikaans team competitions, 1996 brought the school the coveted trophy as the **top school overall in the competition.**

In the internal public speaking competitions, the trophies for the best senior, junior and Standard 6 speakers were awarded to **Jarren Gordon, Stacia Super** and **Nadine Haberfeld**

The team of **Hilton Cohen, Jarren Gordon, Stacey Kalish, Warren Preskow** and **Shaun Sacks**, guided by Mr Joseph Gerassi, were winners of the United Nations Simulation debate run by the South African Institute of International Affairs.



United Nations Simulation Debate

Back Row [L-R]: Hilton Cohen, Jarren Gordon
Front Row [L-R]: Warren Preskow, Stacey Kalish, Shaun Sacks



Saul Symanowitz

The school also enjoyed success in the various Olympiads **Jonathan Cohen**, a Standard 8 [Grade 10] pupil, won a bronze medal for reaching the third round of the senior Old Mutual Mathematics Olympiad; **Dan Ben Moshe**, a Standard 7 [Grade 9] pupil, was awarded a silver medal for winning a place in the top thirteen in the junior section of the Mathematics Olympiad and also won a certificate as a top achiever in the junior section of the University of Pretoria Mathematics Competition.

Adrian Friedman finished in the top fifty of the National History Olympiad while **Saul Symanowitz**, guided by Mr Bilchitz, won a silver medal for finishing in the top ten.



From left: Jonathan Silke, chairman of the Western Province Zionist Council, presenting a trophy to Gershon Hurwitz of King David Victory Park High School, Johannesburg, who won the Pillar of Fire Quiz 1996. Avi Muskatentblut, a representative from El Al, holds the airticket which he presented to Gershon Hurwitz.

Gershon Hurwitz, competing against a total of seventy one pupils, brought honour both to himself and the school by emerging as the winner of the Pillar of Fire quiz. **Neil Berchowitz** and **Ryan Newfield** finished in the top ten.

The Business Management team of **Lawrence Katzeff**, **Glenn Miller**, **Saul Symanowitz** and **Gary Wachsberger** were challenged to think beyond the boundaries of the classroom. They advanced to the semi-finals where they succumbed to very strong opposition. The same fate befell the Debating League team of **Nicky Canin**, **Bronwyn Sherman**, **Shaun Teichner** and **Daniel Tucker**.

Gershon Hurwitz was also a member of *The Flower of Scotland*, a team consisting of **Brett Batzofin**, **Trevor Cross**, **Gershon Hurwitz**, **Dan Joffe** and **Adam Nathanson** and guided by Mrs Ann McAtee. They were placed second out of 398 schools that competed in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Challenge.

[L-R]: Brett Batzofin, Gershon Hurwitz, Mrs Ann McAtee, Trevor Cross, Adam Nathanson
Kneeling: Dan Joffe



Johannesburg Stock Exchange Challenge



Mynhardt at his best

Those pupils who participated in the English Olympiad had the privilege of watching the late Patrick Mynhardt bring Oom Schalk Lourens to life. Part of their syllabus was some of Herman Charles Bosman's famous short stories.

No medals were won in the English Olympiad but **Bronwyn Sherman**, **Mari Sneider**, **Shaun Teichner** and **Lauren Wethmar** achieved Honours in this competition.

Shaun Borowsky's production of *Just A Joke*, the school's entry in the RAPS Play Festival was awarded third place. **Justine Gundelfinger** won the award for the best poster design; **Bronwyn Sherman** was nominated for best actress overall and, at the final prizegiving, the play, which showcased both the acting and singing talents of the performers, won the award for Best Comedy.



1996 Raps Play Cast and Crew

Back Row [L-R]: Shira Hockman, Ryan Golin, Dale Immerman, David Lyons, Daniel Tucker, Candice Shulman, Jared Chaitowitz, Carly Lurie, Bronwyn Sherman

Front Row: Caryn Davidoff, Shaun Borowsky, Mr Joseph Gerassi, Lauren Wethmar, Stacey Kalish

Floor: Angela Wood, Lori Glajchen

The major production of 1996, *The Boyfriend*, was a major hit with its double cast and kept the box office ticking merrily.



**Romy Selikman &
Daniel Israel**



**Ricky Hurwitz &
Lorri Glajchen**



Lighting Crew

[L-R]: Shaun Borowsky, Ilan Chait, Daniel Levy



Dancers

Back Row[L-R]: Evan Widmonte, Carly Edelmuth
Front Row[L-R]: Bianca Israelite, Jarrod Rosen,
 Tahl Evian, Candice Schlosberg

'The Boyfriend' brought class and pizzazz to King David Victory Park High as we plunged into a new and unexplored world of the Charleston, neck-breaking shoes and over-the-top facial expressions. When standing behind the dazzling sets, masked in make-up and 1920's garb, even Broadway seemed within reach!

Bronwyn Sherman - Standard 9 [Grade 11]

Lauren Wethmar was accepted into the Witwatersrand Youth Orchestra and **Caryn Davidoff** was chosen for a plum role in a thirteen- part television drama series called *Molo Fish*.

Three matriculants, **Adam Raphaely**, **Ari Rudolph**, **Saul Symanowitz** and a very young **Steven Rosenthal** [Standard 6] made up the members of the Bialik team that won the Inter-House Quiz.



Cappuccino and Croissants

Standing [L-R]: Thea Gafin, Mari Sneider, Eddy Blatt, Darian Burstein, Mark Samowitz, Joshua Wilk
Seated [L-R]: Tali Mechanic, Liron Meister, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mr Jan van Wyk

As a result of their enthusiasm for the French language and their excellent performance in the Delf-Exam, **Talia Mechanic** and **Mari Sneider** were chosen by the Alliance Francaise to spend two weeks on Reunion Island.

The matric Latin and French students enjoyed a morning out with Mr Wolf and Mr Jan van Wyk, their Latin and French teachers

Yael Gerassi, assisted this time by Wanda Alper, who was involved in choreographing many of the school's outstanding musical productions, choreographed an excellent Fashion Show which brought in a sizeable amount of money and so enabled the school to subsidise the matric dance. The dance invitation - a black and gold velvet box in the shape of a dice containing a few casino chips on which the details of the dance were printed - set the scene for the theme of the dance - 'Casino'. **Debbie Berman** had used her video skills to produce a heart-warming video of the matriculants as they had made their way through the school system - many of them from the Rose Gordon Nursery School at the top of the road all the way down to matric.



Ms Marilyn Dunn & Mr Nelson Mandela

Exhibitions of the Photographic Club were held regularly and the Art Prizegiving was combined with an Art Exhibition. The two matric pupils who won awards were **Nicky Levy** who was awarded the Giovanni Schoeman Trophy for Sculpture and **Debbie Berman**, whose *'life over the past five years revolved around a little room hidden behind numerous locked doors - the E.R. [Editing Room] of the school video club'* won the South African Film School Award.

A Science and Technology Fair, organised by Mrs Sue Vareges and Ms Marilyn Dunn, who had recently graduated from the Ort-Step Technology Unit, was a major drawcard on the Open Information Evening

In addition to the prefect body, a Students Representative Council of students from all standards was elected to assist with many activities. This new council had an enormous impact on the school with its organisation of a clean-up day, a school newspaper, a Sevens Sports Festival, a Music Festival, monthly Achiever Awards, a Cup For Cancer Campaign and what became an annual tradition - the Purim Ball. The SRC also helped to organise the Sports Dinner at which the guest speaker was Mandy Yachad.

Back Row [L-R]: Neil Davis, Terri Davidoff, Daniel Israel, Ryan Krein, Tahl Evian,

Amy Schaffer, Amanda Pollack

Middle Row [L-R]: Raelle Dorfan,

Talya Goldberg, Sharon Radebe,

Peta Cline, Carly Ressel,

Janine Grasslin, Rene Volchansky,

Shelley Aronoff,

Ilanit Romano

Front Row [L-R]: Maayan Ben

David, Shaun Borowsky,

Mr Joseph Gerassi,

Simeon Solarsh, Farrel Strul



1996 - First Students Representative Council

Shaun Borowsky and **Caryn Davidoff** represented the school on the Junior City Council while **Joshua Wilk** and **Candice Cooperman** served as the Rosh Minyanim.

I regarded it as a great honour when I was appointed this year's Rosh Minyan as one of the advantages of attending this school has been the opportunity of its environment. King David has given me the opportunity to participate in Jewish festivals in a warm, Jewish environment and has allowed me to share in so many Jewish experiences, the highlights being Ulpan and Encounter. I have grown spiritually and have learnt many vital lessons which hopefully will help me aspire to greater heights in my Judaism

Candice Cooperman -Standard 10 [Grade 8]

In accordance with the Torah which commands us to assist the less privileged Ms Sandra Grey established **The Mitzvah School** which twinned the school with Pholosho Primary School in Alexandra Township. Each week pupils from Pholosho Primary spent an afternoon at Victory Park High learning through integration, games and interaction with pupils of the school. The first volunteers for this programme were **Gabi Kruger, Lauren Burnstein, Kelly Sacks, Taryn Ackerman** and **Liat Housman** - all in Standard 8 [Grade 10]. Just seven months later they were joined by nine more Standard 8 pupils and each year a new group of Standard 8 pupils volunteer eagerly to be part of this group.

A further mitzvah instituted by Ms Grey - this time to encourage the students not to forsake the elderly - was that of an annual visit to the school by those living in the various homes for the Jewish Aged. She involved the entire Standard 6 [Grade 8] group in providing beautifully decorated tea tables, an appetising tea and entertainment for their guests.

A mock election was held a few days before the elections in Israel. Interestingly the results were almost identical to the Israeli general election results.

74 pupils from Standard 8 [Grade 10] - the largest number ever - spent a term on ulpan at Kiryat Moriah in Israel

Mrs Gerda Klein, a Holocaust survivor who published her life story in a book called, **One Survivor Remembers**, visited the school and addressed the pupils. A documentary based on the book and filmed by Steven Spielberg won an Oscar for Best Documentary. Mr Don Krauz, another survivor, addressed the school on Yom Hashoa.

The school was honoured by a visit from the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Meir Lau, who joined the school for prayers at which he gave an inspiring talk about the eternal bond between the Jewish people and Jerusalem.. His message was reinforced later in the year by Mr Ehud Olmert, the Mayor of Jerusalem, who addressed the senior pupils.



Mr Jeffrey Wolf & Rabbi Meir Lau



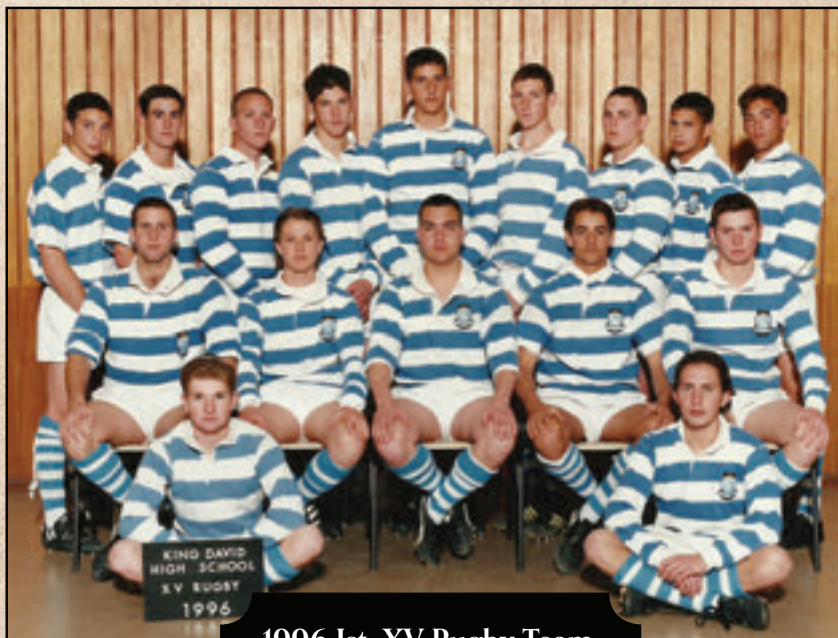
Mr Ehud Olmert & Mr Jeffrey Wolf

The massive problem of Aids was addressed when the 702 Roadshow visited the school with a patient infected by the virus. Mrs Helen Fraser introduced the pupils to the foundation called Reach for a Dream, which is dedicated to helping terminally ill young people fulfil their last wishes.

Mrs Fraser ended her address and I sat back with stinging eyes and a lump in my throat. Every once in a while life hands you a moment so overwhelming, so precious, that it makes you stop and shiver. I knew I had just experienced one of those moments.

Jodi Rakusin - Standard 8 [Grade 10]

Cricket and Rugby continued to be well supported and the school was able to field both A and B teams in all age groups. **Lawrence Katzeff**, a member of the 1st XVt rugby team, captained by **Dani Shapiro**, made the second round of the Craven Week trials but the maxim that 'all good things come in small parcels' proved true. The most successful teams were the Under 14 A cricket team, which, captained by **Marius Barnett**, experienced an unbeaten season and the Under 14 A rugby team which won nine of their eleven matches.



1996 1st XV Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]:

M van der Poel,
J. Chaimowitz, Y. Shapiro,
J. Reynolds, G. Horwitz,
G. Sher, R. Maris, W. Preskow,
R. Edelmuth

Front Row [L-R]:

D. Katz, D. Zaidel, D. Shapiro,
C. Snaid, Ari Rudolph

Floor [L-R]:

S. Sacks, L. Katzeff

The Under 14, 15 and 16 Soccer teams all reached the semi-finals in their respective leagues and **Greg Borowsky**, **Jared Glass**, **Marc Levin**, **Daniel Preskow** and **Jarren Solarsh** were selected to play for the Under 14 Balfour Park Squad which participated in the international Nike San Diego Surf Soccer Tournament, held in the USA.

Back Row [L-R]: Jared Glass, Jarren Solarsh

Front Row [L-R]: Daniel Preskow, Greg Borowsky



1996 San Diego Soccer Squad

For the second consecutive year the senior boys' table tennis team, captained by **Mark Samowitz**, won the Table Tennis League. Both **Gary Bachrach** and **Dan Ben Moshe** were selected for the Gauteng Under 17 A team which played in the South African Championships. Dan also won the Top Spot Chess Tournament thereby becoming the top player in the Southern Transvaal High Schools.

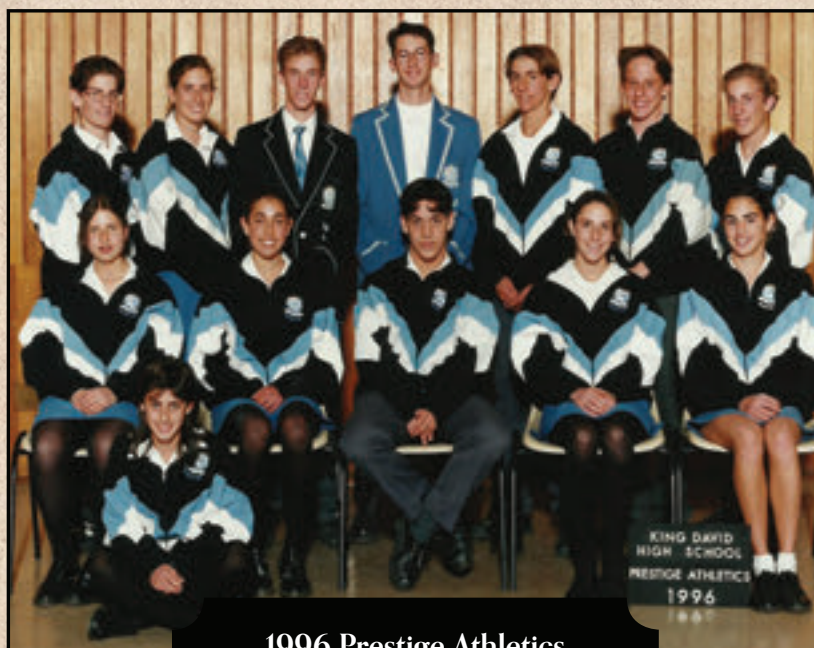
Like the Under 16 A netball team which had a good season and suffered only one defeat, the boys' A team in tennis was beaten only once in the league and the youngest member of the very young team, **Jared Berzack** [Standard 6/Grade 8], was chosen for the Southern Transvaal team.



1996 Boys' 1st Tennis Team

[L-R]: Gavin Gordon, Gary Bachrach, Dan Ben Moshe, Mrs Elize Spangenberg, Jared Berzack, Mark Samowitz, Shaun Hurwitz

Outstanding performances by athletes in the different age groups shattered records on a regular basis. At the Inter-House meeting the Junior Victor Ludorum was won by **Jimmo Vink**, the Junior Victrix Ludorum by **Nicole Haase** and **Kerri Krein** was awarded the trophy for the Senior Victrix Ludorum. At the Prestige Athletics Meeting the school was represented by fourteen athletes and had the honour of watching **Darryn Aaron** win a bronze medal, the **Under 14 boys' relay team** win gold medals and **Jimmo Vink**, a member of that team, win no less than four gold medals!



1996 Prestige Athletics

Back Row [L-R]: Craig Jankelow, Lara Cassel, Adam Leps, Joshua Wilk, Darryn Aaron, Jimmo Vink, David Kahn
Front Row [L-R]: Terri Zidel, Kerri Krein, Lance Metz, Amanda Pollack, Nicky Haase
Floor: Talya Traub

Owing to his spectacular performance **Jimmo** was awarded the SRC trophy for the 'Achiever of the Month' and at the annual sports dinner at Beaconsfield Club he received the award for the 'Achiever of the Year'. The trophy for the pupil showing all the characteristics of sportsmanship was awarded to **Darren Zaidel**.

The boys' squash teams continued to play well and the King David 4-ball golf team of **Shaun Hurwitz, Bradley Kark, Simeon Solarsh** and **Joshua Wilk** achieved third place in the Inter High Schools Golf Competition.

Other individuals who brought honour both to themselves and the school were:

- **Tanya Lebi** who was awarded Springbok Colours for gymnastics
- **Gareth Myers** who won the Eastern Transvaal Judo Championships
- **Jarrid Rosen** who took the Under 16 JKA Kumite World title for the second year running
- **Sean Gundelfinger**, a member of the Transvaal High Schools swimming team who won a silver medal at the Prestige Gala and the Junior Nationals
- **Farrel Strul** who was chosen for the Southern Transvaal chess team
- **Kevin Donde** who won Provincial colours for ice hockey
- **Romy Jordan** who was chosen for the Southern Transvaal Triathlon Team.



Tanya Lebi who was awarded Springbok colours for gymnastics.

The guest speaker at the annual Speech Night and Prizegiving was Mr Tony Leon.

The school bade farewell to twenty-three families who had seen their sixty-three children mature and pass through the school.

Among these families were the Kalish family, the Levy family, the Miller family, the Raphaely family, the Symanowitz family, the Zar family and the Zimerman family - each of whom had entrusted their three or four most precious souls to the school.



Cindy and Jonathan

The Chaimowitz family has been associated with KDVP for thirty-five wonderful years. Following in their father's footsteps, Cindy and Jonathan found their second home at King David Victory Park and they, too, have enjoyed the privilege of a superb secular and Jewish education. To Mr Wolf and his devoted teachers we say a sincere 'Todah Rabah'. Your caring and dedication have inspired us all.

Marilyn Chaimowitz

We thank Barney Meyers, Jeffrey Wolf and their respective staff for providing our children with an environment which complemented those values that we stand for as a family. But most importantly, we are appreciative of the wonderful friends which our children found at King David - friendships that will last a lifetime.

Meish and Fern Zimerman



Rael, Tali, Adam and Ilan

In 1977 we faced a decision that has confronted many Johannesburg Jewish parents. . For better or worse we decided we'd enrol our six-year-old first-born. After all, we could always take him out if we didn't like the monster our friends assured us he would turn into. Eighteen years, much laughter and a few tears later we are sadly reaching the end of our King David experience. Our four boys have grown in stature, in confidence and with a pride in their Judaism that is not always apparent in children who have not passed through the King David System.

Tony Raphaely



Lance, Tessa, Stacey and Larry Kalish

It is unique to have witnessed the love developed by our four children for a school, thus rendering each day a pleasurable experience for them and inspiring them to participate in as many activities as possible. The heart of education is the education of the heart. This King David you have effectively and truly achieved and, wherever we are in the world, the Kalish family will never forget you and will be forever grateful.

The Kalish Klan

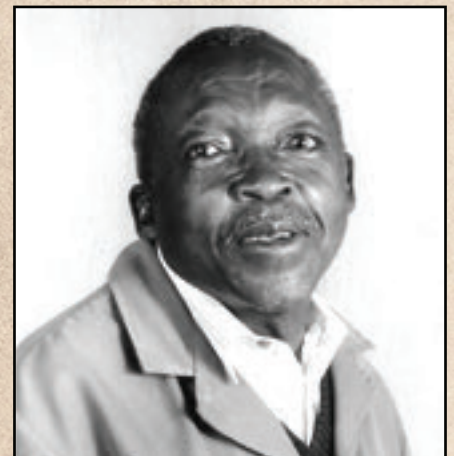
Back in 1975 I took my first step on KDVP soil. Little did I realise that I had begun a twenty-one-year association of the Miller boys with KDVP. Reflecting on our years we honestly have only good things to say. We will miss you but will carry the strong Jewish identity we received forever.

Lonn Miller

Mr Andries Tshisaphengo who had served the school loyally for thirty-two years - the longest serving member of staff - was honoured at an awards ceremony by the South African Board of Jewish Education.



[L-R]: Mr Selwyn Hiscock, Mr Warwick Taylor, Mr Jan van Wyk, Mr Garrie Brown



Deep in thought or admiration!





1996 Matriculation Group



Class of '96 comes out tops



Brandon Horwitz (7)



Nili Dahan (6)



Mark Samowitz (5)

Mazeltoiv to Sharon as she scoops an A in Hebrew



Thrilled ... Sharon Radebe of King David School wants to pursue a science or commerce degree next year.

By BONCHWE MLANGENI

Sowetans are known for easily tuning into different languages – but Hebrew has never been one of them.

But this has now changed, with Soweto-born Sharon Radebe doing more than just speaking the language.

She passed Hebrew with a distinction in her matric exams.

As if that were not enough, Sharon also notched distinctions in English, Afrikaans and mathematics.

Joy, tears and endless laughter were all this 18-year-old

from King David High School in Victory Park, Johannesburg, could do when The Star visited her parents' home in Northcliff.

"Usually I get a B but this is a surprise. I am thrilled."

So were her parents, who heard about her achievement on the telephone while they were driving to their holiday destination in Swaziland.

"We are proud and happy. We want to hug and kiss her but we are already too far to go back and hug her immediately," said her mother Mavis.

Being one of only four black pupils in a predominantly white Jewish school never

bothered Sharon, she said.

"From the very first day I was curious to learn more about the language, religion and culture of the Jews, and my approach was open minded," she said.

Sharon fuelled her love for Hebrew when she entered the school at Standard 2 and carried it through to matric, despite having the option of dropping the subject in Standard 8. Her love for the language even prompted her parents to visit Israel "just in case our daughter decides to move there one day", her mother quipped.



Brandon Horwitz was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

The rise and rise of Debbie Berman



As a child growing up in South Africa, Debbie Berman always dreamed of being able to tell the sort of stories that people could connect with emotionally in order to help them escape reality. In time, what began as weekends spent convincing the other kids in her neighbourhood to participate in home movies grew into a lifelong passion and she is now in high demand as one of the most exciting new talents in Hollywood

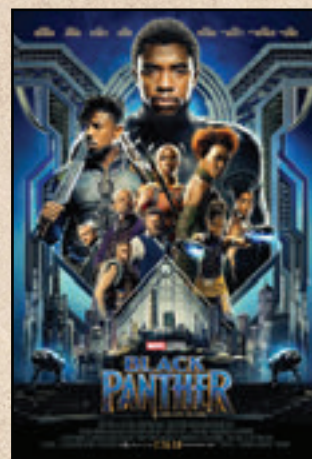
'Debbie had her first exposure to editing through the high school video club's linear edit suite. While she always loved all aspects of filmmaking, she felt she had a natural tendency toward editing -- a job that combined her technical mindset with her creative side.'

She has had a meteoric career rise and is now one of the very few female editors working on big budget features. This began with her first foray into Marvel Studios editing Spider-man: Homecoming. This film was critically and commercially acclaimed, and reinvigorated the franchise to become 2017's top grossing super hero film.

She was the co-editor of Black Panther, which is the first super hero film ever to be nominated for several Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and was the winner of three Oscars. It received a 97% on Rotten Tomatoes (Marvel Studio's highest scoring film), made \$1.2 billion worldwide, and is one of the top grossing films of all time. Using her unique life experience of being born and raised in Africa, Debbie was able to help ensure the authenticity of Marvel's first film set on the continent. Her role as an editor was to craft a complex story with multiple characters into an exciting, emotional and impactful film. One of her major contributions was to guide the narrative and the performances in a way that accentuated a multitude of powerful, interesting and inspiring female characters.

Debbie also edited Captain Marvel, the first female led film in Marvel Studio's cinematic universe. She is one of their only editors to have worked with so many of their different directors and on so many of their different franchises, especially notable in such a short space of time.

King David Victory Park is extremely proud of Debbie!





Shooby Doob Shloimy grew up in Johannesburg as **Mark Samowitz**, the 1996 Head Boy at King David Victory Park. He began taking voice lessons at the early age of four and when he turned six, he joined the shul choir and was the choir's child soloist. At the young age of 19, Mark was appointed the full-time chazan of Victory Park Shul.

Mark also worked as a full-time accountant over the next several years. However, he said that he was frustrated at not being able to express his talent and artistic side. "He felt a higher calling, a calling to teach and inspire others."

That opportunity finally presented itself when Helen Heldenmuth, a Johannesburg director and producer asked Mark to collaborate with her and create a

Jewish character to help children get excited about their yiddishkeit.

This was the birth of the superhero, Shooby Doob Shloimy, a fun character who teaches Jewish values with original music and lyrics that are modern and catchy. The goal is to teach every Jewish child, regardless of their Judaic background, in a fun and unthreatening way. Mark has taken the show to Jewish communities in Australia and the United States and children have come to regard him as their Jewish Barney!

While **1997** saw the school continue to succeed and emerge with great credit in the areas of academics, and cultural and sporting activities – all the activities where success can be measured in terms of marks, trophies and medals – Shaun Teichner, in his editorial in the school magazine, wisely commented that for him the greatest benefit of his King David education had been 'the many lessons which do not fall between the clangs of the ubiquitous bell'. For him, as for many others, the smaller size and family atmosphere of King David Victory Park allowed a close interaction between teacher and pupil and enabled pupils to interact and form close, and often life-long friendships with so many different personalities – 'pessimists, optimists, misogynists, extremists, bigots and fascists' – so that they felt fully prepared to cope and interact in any society that they might find themselves.

In the face of the high security alert promulgated by the C.S.O. it was necessary to ensure greater awareness and vigilance and all teachers were informed of the need to be extra cautious and alert, both on the campus and in their classrooms. Parents were appointed on a daily roster to stand guard at the gates of the school in the early morning and at the close of the school day. The school proudly boasted that it had become the proud owner of three cell phones for the use of teachers who accompanied teams to outside venues!

The year opened with an enrolment of 567 pupils, an increase of about 25 pupils despite growing emigration and the curtailment of financial assistance to many families. The enrolment in Standard 6 [Grade 8] was a very pleasing 123 pupils..

Through generous sponsorship, scholarships were awarded to Dylan Sultz and Keeha Vink. Very sadly Dylan's life was cut short in 2002 when he was involved in a car accident.



1997 Scholarship Winners

[L-R]: Dylan Sultz, Keeha Vink



1997 Staff

Back Row [L-R]: Mrs L. Shapiro, Mrs E. Schneiderman, Ms M. Grobler, Mrs E. Pienaar, Mrs M. Wilks, Mrs E. Leaver, Mr D. Silman, Mr J van Wyk, Mr W. Taylor, Mr L. Stollard, Mr E. Borkum, Mrs L. Geva, Ms B. Sawyer, Mrs C. Wilsher, Mrs S. Varejes, Mr Biton

Third Row [L-R]: Mr S. Lazarus, Mrs R. Genish, Mrs C. Vorster, Mrs L. Vieren, Ms S. Grey, Mrs C. Beetge, Rabbi M. Rabinowitz, Ms A. Howroyd, Mrs H. Bode, Mrs S. Reynolds, Mrs L. Sherry, Mrs P. Flaum

Second Row [L-R]: Mrs H. Chait, Mrs B. Goldstein, Mrs H. Heyman, Mrs L. Myers, Mrs C. Sandness, Mrs L. Cave, Mrs M. Levy, Mrs A. Housman, Mrs K. Preston, Mrs E. Delport, Mrs D. Binda, Mrs M. Bloom, Mrs R. Milner.

Seated: Mrs E. Spangenberg, Mrs R. van Zyl, Mrs M. Solomons, Mrs B. Wolf, Mr G. Brown, Mr J. Wolf, Ms. M. Dunn, Mr R. Bilchitz, Mrs H. Ben Moshe, Mr J. Gerassi, Mr L. Heilbron

The school welcomed several new full-time members of staff. **Mrs Esther Aharoni** joined the Hebrew Department, **Ms Mica Bloom** the English Department, **Mr Steven Woollacott** was appointed to teach physical science and **Rabbi Klatzko** was welcomed into the Jewish Studies Department.

During the course of the year several new appointments were made to replace those members of staff who had left during the year. **Mrs Caroline Vorster** joined the Afrikaans Department, **Mrs Charmaine Sandnes** the English Department and the school welcomed one of its alumni, **Elliot Borkum**, into the Physical Education and Games Department. **Mr Tom Oliver**, a former vice-principal, returned for a short while to teach mathematics. **Mr Stan Lazarus** was appointed as maintenance manager.

'I have never been the recipient of a Victrix Ludorum Award. My name will not appear in gold letters on the list of those who have been conferred with the title of Dux. I don't sing, dance or act. But in the security of the King David environment, I have been nurtured and encouraged to be the very best that I could be!'

Amy Schaffer



[L-R]: Amy Schaffer, Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Shaun Borowsky

1997 Head Girl and Head Boy

When it came to words, the pupils at Victory Park were never at a loss and they used them to achieve success in many activities. In the open event in the High Schools' Public Speaking Festival the school teams, both junior and senior, were extremely successful. The school was also runner-up for the Best Impromptu Team and **Caryn Davidoff, Daniel Friedman** and **Angela Wood**, the members of the First National Bank Trophy team were runners up in that section. The school was declared overall runner-up among 92 schools that had taken part in the competition.



1997 Junior and Senior Public Speakers

Back Row [L-R]: Mrs R. van Zyl, Ms M. Grobler, I. Chait, D. Friedman, D. Leon, N. Haase, B. Talpert, S. Teichner, W. Dijkman, D. Israel, J. Hoffman, C. Davidoff, B. Berkowitz, T. Rabinowitz, R. Schaffer, Ms M. Bloom, Mrs S. Reynolds.

Third Row [L-R]: Mrs E. Leaver, G. Varejes, M. Pohl, R. Volchansky, A. Diamond, A. Spilka, R. Myers, S. Kransdorff, C. Lurie, T. Gordon, S. Super, C. Haase, S. Ruben, M. Romain, G. Unterhalter, Mrs B. Goldstein.

Second Row: L. Burnstein, H. Berger, G. Kawalsky, L. Granville, N. Matisonn, T. Blumberg, O. Goldstein, B. Sherman, D. Berger, I. Romano, A. Wood

Front Row: D. Sachs, L. Brivik, K. Vink, N. Nathanson, S. Levy, C. Zaidel, Y. Shein, J. Lewis



Jarren Gordon

Jarren Gordon brought great honour both to himself and the school when he emerged as the Best Individual Speaker in Gauteng with his speech entitled Secrets and Lies. He achieved second place at the National Finals. Jarren was the third King David Victory Park pupil to reach the National Final.

In the internal public speaking competitions **Daniel Israel** was the winner of the Senior Competition, **Nadine Haberfeld** won the Junior Competition and **Taryn Blumberg** was the Best Standard 6 Speaker.

Although the school was eliminated after the preliminary rounds of the S.A.C.E.E. Debating League, the team emerged triumphant in the St Stithian's League by winning both the Junior and the Senior competitions.



Winners of the St Stithians Junior and Senior Debating Leagues



Senior & Junior Trophies

Back Row [L-R]: Tammy Gordon, Liane Lurie, Daniel Israel, Alon Gordon, Michael Kransdorff, Bobby Berkowitz, David Leon

Second Row: Lara Granville, Gina Unterhalter, Stacia Super, Gidon Varejes

Front Row: Mrs C. Sandnes, Mrs E. Leaver, Warwick Sneider, Mrs B. Goldstein, Mrs S. Reynolds

Another debate in which the school emerged triumphant - for the second consecutive year - was the United Nations Simulation Debate, organised by the Institute of International Relations. In this competition in which all the leading Johannesburg schools took part **Bobby Berkowitz, Daniel Friedman** and **Stacia Super** were required to decide whether the United Nations' peace-keeping forces should remain in place to prevent a civil war between Turkey and Cyprus.



Winners of the United Nations Simulation Debate

[L-R]: Daniel Friedman, Bobby Berkowitz, Stacia Super



The high standard of creative writing in the school was frequently acknowledged by the South African Council for English Education [SACEE] and both in 1996 and 1997 some of the pupils' writing was chosen for inclusion in *English Alive*, a national publication of the best writing in the high schools. In 1997, the editor, Robin Malan, included **Rene Volchansky's** poem, *Domestic Worker*, in this publication.

Rene Volchansky

Dr David Medalie again adjudicated the creative writing in the school magazine. He was particularly impressed by the quality of the poetry and commented that they were among the best poems written by high school students that he had ever seen. The joint winners were **Jonathan Cohen** and **Mandi Aronoff** and the runner-up was **Mathew Rudenberg**. The winning piece of writing in the junior section was **Ella Dahan's** quirky piece, on meeting e.e.cummings, and Nadine Habersfeld was the runner-up with her profound response to the topic "The Sound of Silence".

'To a bunch of the 1997 hormonal, stressed and emotional teenagers' [Liat Housman] the theme of the 1997 English Olympiad - parent-child relationships in Shakespeare's plays - was extremely relevant. With Mrs Leaver's guidance **Danielle Levin**, **Avri Spilka** and **Daniel Tucker** each achieved honours.



From left to right: Jonathan Cohen (Std 9), Jodi-Sue Levy (Std 6), Mitchell Brom (Std 7), Gershon Hurwitz (Std 10), Daniel Tucker (Std 9) participated in the 2nd round of the Mini-Maths Olympiad.

Warren Preskow and **Shaun Sacks** reached the final of The National History Olympiad and in the Sanlam World Knowledge Olympiad both **Bobby Berkowitz** and **Stacia Super** finished in the top ten.

In the Mini-Maths Olympiad **Gershon Hurwitz** finished 7th in the senior section while **Mitchell Brom** achieved 5th place in the junior section. As the school was the only one with winners in the top ten in both categories, King David Victory Park was awarded the trophy for the Best School Overall.

In the 1997 Business Management Contest the school team reached the national semi-final but came out tops in the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Schools' Challenge in which over four hundred schools competed nation-wide. As *The Flower of Scotland* in 1996 they were placed second but this time, as *The Magic Kilts*, they emerged as the winners of the competition!

[L-R]: Jonathan Lurie, Jacob Amber, Wayne Dijkman, Marc Adler, Marc Cross
Front: Mrs A McAtee,



Winners of the J S E Schools' Challenge



Neil Davis



Gina Kawalsky

The school continued to take part in the work of the Johannesburg Junior City Council through **Neil Davis** and **Gina Kawalsky**, the school's representatives for 1997.

At the end of the first term vacation the school was devastated to learn that Brandon Ossip, the brother of Kim and Anton, and one of its most charming and very talented young students, had tragically lost his life in a car accident at the tender age of just fourteen.



Danny Aaron, Brandon Ossip

Brandon had the unique talent of touching and moving everyone who came into his life. Endowed with a sparkling personality and a wonderful sense of humour he reached out to people of all ages who, without exception, were captivated by his charm, his wit, warmth and sincerity. Baruch meaning 'blessed' is his Hebrew name, one that he certainly lived up to for he kindled a light in our lives. 'Blessed is the match consumed in kindling fire' are the words of Hana Senesh in one of her poems. Like the match Brandon's life is spent, but we are the brighter for it - we have been illuminated by it!

Jeffrey Wolf

Brandon's memory has been kept alive by a tree which the school planted outside the school hall and a trophy which his family donated to the school. The Brandon Ossip Trophy is awarded each year to a pupil in Standard 8 [Grade 10] who demonstrates outstanding ability in academics, sport and cultural activities - the pupil who, like Brandon, is an excellent all-rounder. The first recipient of this award was **Taryn Blumberg**.

The major musical production was **Fame**, the first time this musical had been staged in Gauteng. Its long run of ten nightly performances played to capacity houses and again revealed the enormous talent of a large number of pupils and teachers.



Christine Beetge



Erica Pienaar



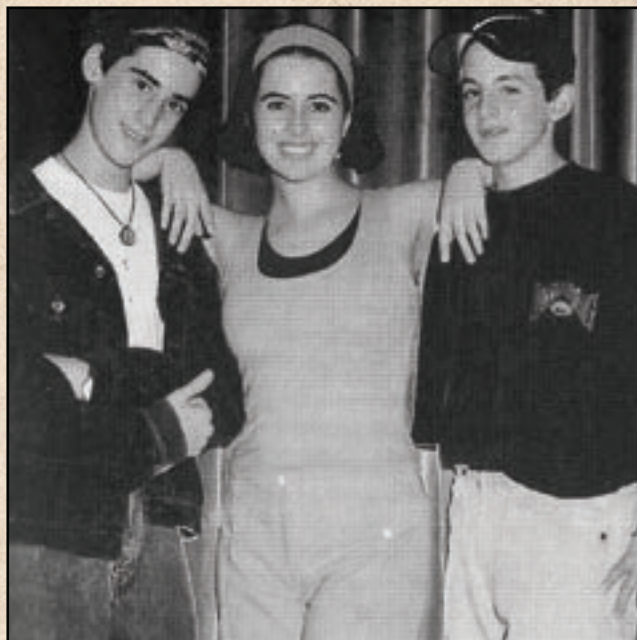
David Silman



Daniel Tucker



Wanda Alper



**Daniel Friedman, Bronwyn Sherman,
Evan Widmonte**

Mr Joseph Gerassi, the very talented director of the school's musical productions from 1992 was fortunate to have a few extremely capable colleagues to assist him. Together with Mr Gerassi, **Wanda Alper**, though not a teacher at the school but a very loyal supporter, worked her magic - even on the Rugby' boys - and turned the cast into very acceptable dancers. No set or paint job was beyond the imagination of **Christine Beetge**, who, cool and calm always, was ably assisted in the construction of the sets by **David Silman**. **Erica Pienaar**, not always cool or calm, produced breath-taking costumes and the school was extremely fortunate to have **Helen Tucker** and later **Daniel Tucker** both of whom were highly talented musical directors, able to elicit dulcet tones from even the tone deaf!



Nick and Serena



The Student Dancers

[L-R]: Shaun Hurwitz and Andy Milner

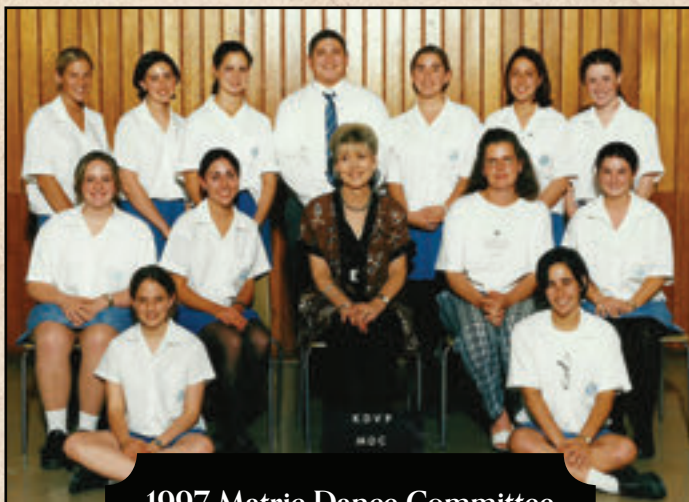
Back Row [L-R]: Adam Nathanson, Neil Davis, Stephen Smith, Russ Sidelsky, Shanin Rosen

Front Row [L-R]: Saul Greenblatt, Jared Shain, Saul Weiner, Leron Bernstein

The art students were exposed to a very varied and interesting programme which included visits to various art and sculpture galleries and studios and an art exhibition by the students themselves. Art had moved away from just drawing and painting and the students' work included not only drawings and paintings but also sculpture, glass craft and videos. At the prizegiving that followed the exhibition **Shaun Borowsky** won the Hockman Award for the Best Holocaust Concept, **Joel Smookler** won the award for Glass Craft, **Warwick Sneider** won the Best Video Film Maker and the highly talented **Amir Livneh**, won the Design Centre Award for the Best Senior Art Student.



Joel Smookler



1997 Matric Dance Committee

Mrs Debbie Rakusin, a parent at the school and a very well-known choreographer, generously offered to produce the fashion show and involved two of her dancers, David Matemela and Alethea Knight. All those who wished to participate were included, either as models or as backstage workers. The camaraderie ensured an outstanding event which brought in a tidy sum of money for the Standard 9 [Grade 11] Dance Committee who enthusiastically organised the sponsors and the clothes.

Back Row [L-R]: Candice Garrun, Andrea Diamond, Candice Schlosberg, Lance Horwitz, Kim Rudolph, Peta Cline, Stacia Super

Second Row [L-R]: Melissa Ullman, Lauren Burnstein, Mrs B. Wolf, Mrs C. Beetge, Jodi Rakusin

Floor [L-R]: Caryn Zaidel, Andy Sopher

The school was fortunate to have another very talented and artistic parent, **Mrs Melanie Myers**, who worked her magic on the matric dance by taking care of most of the décor. From 1997 the dance venue was moved from the Simon Kuper Hall to the newer Sandton Shul Hall.



Cricket again enjoyed wide support. Both the 1st XI team which reached the third round of the Johnny Waite Competition and a very powerful Under 15 team had very good seasons. **Marius Barnett**, a member of this team, was chosen to captain the Gauteng Under 15 Provincial Cricket team

Swimming proved to be both very popular and very strong. Six new records were established at the Inter-House Gala, the most spirited in years as the houses, Bialik, Herzl and Weitzman were almost equally strong. The winner of the Senior Victor Ludorum, **Sean Gundelfinger**, who emerged very strongly among the seniors, also won both a gold and a bronze medal at the Prestige Gala and a bronze at the Maccabi Games. He was also the winner of the Champion of Champions Inter-Provincial gala where he broke the record for the 100 metre freestyle event.



1997 Prestige Athletics Team

Back Row [L-R]: Adam Greenblatt, David Kahn, Gareth Jankelow, Daryn Aaron, Avi Stermer, Jimmo Vink, Tahl Evian, Craig Jankelow, Marc Levin

Front Row [L-R]: Kerri-Lynne Levy, Kerri Krein, Dean Tucker, Nicole Haase, Taryn Nathan

Jimmo was selected to represent South Africa at the '97 Maccabi Games where he won the silver medal in the 400m. At the end of the year he was awarded provincial colours.

King David Victory Park's name was upheld as the *'undisputed ruler of the Johannesburg Schools Table Tennis world'* [Ze'ev Blieden] when the senior team of **Gary Bachrach, Dan Ben Moshe and Ze'ev Blieden** were the winners of the greater Johannesburg league for the second consecutive year. The junior team also remained unbeaten in their league. Dan was selected to play for Gauteng in the National Championships and was also selected for the Maccabi Games

Rugby continued to be enjoyed by large numbers of boys. The U15 team had an outstanding season and the 1st XV, coached by ex-pupils **Elliot Borkum** and **Alan Wetterhahn**, was rewarded with a tour to Herzlia in Cape Town thanks to the very generous sponsorship of **Mr Brian Joffe**, a parent at the school.



1997 Boys' Open Tennis Team

Several boys' and girls' tennis teams took part in weekly league fixtures where the boys were particularly successful. The First team won their league and were promoted to a higher one. **Jared Berzack** won the singles title in the school championship while the doubles was won by **Eran Brill** and **Shaun Hurwitz**. **Justin Brivik, Russel Gordon and Jared Berzack** were selected for Southern Transvaal squad.

[L-R]: Justin Brivik, Dan Ben Moshe, Gavin Gordon, Mrs E Spangenberg, Eran Brill, Shaun Hurwitz, Saul Greenblatt



Basketball was reintroduced after a long absence. Strenuous warm-ups in the first session resulted in the disappearance of all the girls except the diminutive **Airi Yamawaki** who became the only female member of a boys' team! Softball became a regular activity for the girls.

At the annual Inter-Schools' Golf Competition the team of **Bradley Kark, Ricky** and **Shaun Hurwitz** and **Jarren Solarsh**, although not winners, took satisfaction in beating their rivals - King David Linksfield!

Soccer enjoyed ever-increasing popularity and the highest accolade in team sport undoubtedly belonged to the **U15 Soccer Team** which was unbeaten in the league and won an exciting cup final against Sandringham High School. The team was coached by **Errol Lever**, a Victory Park alumnus.

Ryan Tucker was selected for the North Rand High Schools' U19 team and the Southern Transvaal squad while **Greg Borowsky** and **Daniel Preskow** were selected to play soccer at the Maccabi Games.

Back Row [L-R]: Danny Aaron, Jonathan Davis, Greg Shapiro, Brett Posniak, Marc Levin, Gary Licht, Adam Greenblatt

Front Row [L-R]: Shanin Rosin, Jared Glass, Ricki Hurwitz, Daniel Preskow



1997 Under 15 Soccer Team



1997 Under 16 Netball Team

Both the U 16A and the U 17A netball teams had superb seasons. They won all their league matches and reached the semi-finals and quarter finals respectively in the knock-out competition. **Lara Cassell** was selected for the Maccabi Games.

[L-R]: Carly Ressel, Donnay Mechanic, Nicole Haase, Ms Marel Grobler, Talia Rabinowitz, Amanda Pollak, Terri Cooperman

Other pupils who distinguished themselves in sporting activities not offered by the school were **Clinton Cohen** who was selected for the U16 National Baseball Squad; **Troy Sender** won the 1997 Transvaal Gymnastic Championships and was awarded Junior Protea [Springbok] Colours; **Jarrid Rosen** was a bronze medallist both in the U17 Kumite section of the South African Championships and at the Maccabi Games and **David Ringo** was selected for the U16 Central Gauteng Cycling team. Both **Kelly Jo Sender** and **Lee Liebowitz** distinguished themselves in horse-riding while **Kevin Donde** became a Junior Springbok in ice-hockey and **Craig Uriah** achieved distinction in roller-blading.

The climax of all sporting endeavour centred on the Sports Dinner organised towards the end of the year by Mr Gerassi and the Students Representative Council. The 1997 guest of honour at the dinner held at Beaconsfield Club was the 1997 winner of the Comrades Marathon, **Charl Matthuys**. All the individual and team successes were given well-deserved recognition and **Amy Schaffer** won the award for Sportsperson of the Year.

Terri Cooperman and **Talia Rabinowitz** embraced the challenge of running the Video Club and producing the school newsreel Flash.

Dedicated first-aiders continued to provide first-class service both to the school and to visiting teams and Ms Sandra Grey and her **Mitzvah Club** continued with the school's outreach programme by providing an excellent service to the disadvantaged pupils of **Pholoshu Primary School** on a weekly basis.



The weekly charity collections raised several thousand Rand for local causes, both Jewish and general. The Matanot Le'evyonim programme on Purim involved over one hundred pupils and the Gemilut Chassidim programme in Standard 8 [Grade 10] allowed every student the opportunity to work in various kinds of welfare organisations. A substantial amount of clothing and blankets was collected for Operation Snowball which the school had been supporting since the 1970's and, as always, the students gave very generously for the Christmas hampers for the maintenance and cleaning staff.

The school also made a donation to the Von Memerty family to assist their two children with what might prove to be life- saving bone marrow transplants.



1997 School Choir

An official school choir was formed under the direction of Daniel Tucker and Mrs Erica Pienaar. With a programme of Hebrew, English and African songs they participated very successfully at the Linder Auditorium together with the Rehovot Youth Orchestra from Israel, the Eastbank High School Choir from Alexandra Township and the world famous Soweto String Quartet.

Back Row [L-R]: David Leon, Neil Davis, Nicole Haase, Jonathan Judelman, Daniel Israel, Daniel Tucker, Brett Wilks, Shaun Hurwitz Jarren Solarsh, Darren Treisman, Darren Stoler, Andrea Milner

Second Row [L-R]: Candice Levin, Candice Haase, Nicole Canin, Greg Borowsky, Evan Widmonte, Talia Rabinowitz, Jarren Gordon, Terri Cooperman, Liat Gonen, Sharon Wilk, Gina Unterhalter

Front Row [L-R]: Taryn Blumberg, Jared Shain, Yael Shein, Elan Lea, Ilanit Romano, Ricki Hurwitz, Nina Nathanson

Floor [L-R]: Emma Berkowitz, Leron Bernstein, Tamsyn Myer

The school choir performed as well on Yom Ha'atzmaut. This was followed by a video of Ulpan '97 after which the pupils celebrated to the music provided by Hylton Chilchik and his band.

The Students Representative Council was extremely active and in addition to the Sports Dinner they organised a highly successful Purim Ball and Music Festival which showcased the musical talent of a great many pupils. The winner was 'The Five', a group consisting of **Greg Borowsky, Shaun and Ricky Hurwitz, Jarren Solarsh and Daniel Tucker**. The SRC, with the assistance of the PTA, also provided a small structure to house the King David Radio Station.

The school welcomed many visitors among whom were **Mr Avraham Burg**, chairman of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organisation and **Rabbi Akiva Tatz**, one of the schools most illustrious alumni. Mr Wolf also welcomed **Ms Tami Ya'aroni**, the director of the Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah, a figure well known to the many pupils who were fortunate enough to pass through her hands.



[L-R]: Mr Jeffrey Wolf, Mr Robert Kaplan, Mr Avraham Burg

An intriguing visitor was Nathan Kabada, a young Ethiopian who was studying in a Yeshiva in Cape Town. The most touching visit of all was that of Mrs Sulphy Matlebjan, the headmistress of Pholosho Primary School who praised the members of the Mitzvah Club for their selfless devotion in bringing so much joy to others.

Mr Roelf Meyer was the guest speaker on Speech Night.

Although the finances of the SABJE did not allow for major building projects, a few improvements were made to the school. New blinds were installed in the hall; the boys' and girls' toilets were renovated and upgraded and through the generosity of Mr Michael Shain, the cane furniture in the school foyer was repaired and re-upholstered. Coca Cola donated a new sign board to highlight school activities. This board was strategically placed on the corner of Craighall and Rustenburg Roads.

The school was extremely fortunate to have a large group of very capable and loyal teachers who gave many years of unbroken service to the school. Among these was **Ms. Marilyn Dunn** who joined the staff in 1980 and rose to become a vice-principal of inestimable worth. Ms Dunn emigrated to Australia where she continued to work in education, albeit in a different capacity.



Ms Dunn is a highly versatile teacher whose expertise in every scientific, mathematical or computer-based subject inspired hundreds of our pupils during her nineteen year tenure at our school. Highly respected, admired and loved both for her teaching skills and her dignified, serene and composed demeanour, Ms Dunn was the epitome of a true educationist. Her approach to every undertaking was characterised by meticulous planning and accuracy. So wide and diverse was her involvement in our school that all of us were beneficiaries: sport, photography, Science Fair, leadership seminars, Open Days, computer administration and much more all triumphed

under her care and control. Marilyn, our flame burnt brighter for your dedicated contribution!

Jeffrey Wolf



Colleagues who worked with Marilyn Dunn for fifteen or more years

Back Row [L-R]: Hanna Ben Moshe, Eida Schneiderman, Margie Solomons, Garrie Brown
Elize Spangenberg, Renette Van Zyl, Lydia Dembo, Ann McAtee, Bernice Goldstein
Front Row [L-R]: Barbara Wolf, Jeffrey Wolf, Marilyn Dunn, Sandra Reynolds

The school reluctantly said farewell too to **Mrs Ricka Taitz**, who had taught Afrikaans at the school for just over thirteen years and had become an integral part of the nucleus of long-serving members of staff. During her many years at the school she earned the reputation of being a fine teacher whose strong personality and care ensured commendable progress for all her pupils. Mrs Taitz left teaching for the world of commerce.

Other members of staff who resigned from their positions were **Mr Selwyn Hiscock, Mrs Beverley Katz, Mrs Kerry Preston and Rabbi Klatzko.**

In addition to bidding farewell to members of staff, the school also bade farewell to fourteen families whose children had all matriculated at the school. Among them were the Horwitz and Teichner families, the Snaid family, the Volchansky family, the Smith family and the Southey family.



Twelve years of a King David School experience mould one's character, develop one's personality, forge wonderful friendships and instil a Jewish spirit. We thank you for all this plus the wonderful memories of sports days, Purim plays, the fashion show and Ulpan snow; for week-ends away and allowing us our say. We bid thee not farewell, King David, as we are King Davidians and that we will be forever.

Gordon , Lisa and Steven Horwitz

'1998 is going to start off in a very different way for the Teichner family, for it will be the first year since 1979 that we will not have a child at King David Victory Park.

The Jewish way of life and the sound education instilled in them over the years will continue to guide them and the freedom of thought and expression encouraged by King David will provide them with the confidence to embrace all challenges and experiences.

Our children will always have wonderful memories of friends made and happy times spent at King David.



Shaun, Gavin and Warren Teichner



1997 Matric Group

The matric group of 1997 was the first at Victory Park to write the examinations of the Independent Examination Board, an examination system which demanded lateral thinking and interpretation rather than re-call and regurgitation. This was an enormous challenge both to the students and the teachers, who, at times, felt like travellers venturing into the unknown. However, the school came through the test with great aplomb achieving a 100% pass rate for the 14th consecutive year.

King David pupils excel in I.E.B. exam

Victory Park - The 1997 matric class of King David High School had a 100% pass rate for the 14th consecutive year. According to the headmaster Mr J Wolff, he is thrilled about the excellent results considering it was the first year the students wrote the I.E.B. (Independent Examination Board) matric. The 78 candidates received a collective 75 distinctions; 11 candidates got A aggregates and 23 candidates B aggregates.

Marc Elus, Gershon Hurwitz, Adam Nathanson and Shaun Trichner received six distinctions each and Bronwyn Sherman five distinctions.



Marc Elus of Blairgowrie received distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology and Additional Mathematics (all higher grade). He is going to study mechanical engineering at Wits next year.



Gershon Hurwitz of Victory Park received distinctions in English, Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting, Computer Studies and Additional Mathematics (all higher grade) going to study B. Com. accounting at Wits next year.



Adam Nathanson of Fontainebleau received distinctions in Hebrew, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting and Additional Mathematics (all higher grade). He is going to study B. Com. accounting at Wits next year.



Shaun Trichner of Victory Park received distinctions in English, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, Computer Studies (all higher grade). He is going to study B. Com. law at Wits next year.



Bronwyn Sherman of Gallo Manor received distinctions in English, Mathematics, Physical Science, Biology, History (higher grade). She is taking a Sabbatical for a year.

King David Victory Park School Song

Lyrics and Music by
Shaun Borowsky • 1997 Headboy



KING DAVID LE'OLAM

Here we stand, hand in hand
All together, one forever
And so we lift our eyes,
Let our spirits rise
King David - Our limits are the skies.
And we all know, that together we'll grow
For the distance we must go
So let us all unite
Let our ner tamid light
King David - together day and night.

King David, King David
You are always in our hearts,
Yad be'yad - ubeyachad
Ruach - Achdut - Kulam Echad
Here we stand as one
Faces to the sun
King David - King David
King David Le'olam

And as we strive, with our hearts full of pride
You will always be our guide
And with one soul forever
we will stand together
King David - anachnu beyachad

King David, King David
You are always in our hearts,
Yad be'yad - ubeyachad
Ruach - Achdut - Kulam Echad
Here we stand as one
Faces to the sun
King David - King David
King David Le'olam

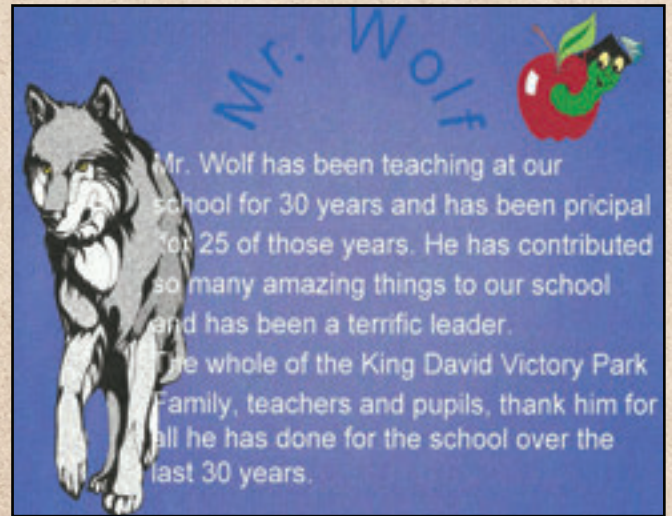


Repeat

King David, King David
King David Victory Park

1998 was a truly memorable year – a year of anniversaries, a year of celebrations and a year of farewells. The State of Israel celebrated its 50th birthday; the South African Board of Jewish Education celebrated its 70th Anniversary and King David Schools celebrated their 50th year with a mass assembly in March of over 5000 pupils on the rugby field at King David High Linksfield. This assembly was visible proof of the success of the Jewish School system in South Africa. In a congratulatory message from Ezer Weizman, the President of the State of Israel, he commented that 'through the work of the King David Schools, South African Jewry as a whole had been enriched, and that Israel owes to King David schools many good citizens, among them members of kibbutzim, educators and professors'

In May at a celebratory tea attended by the members of the SABJE and the staff of all the schools, tribute was paid to the Wolf Brothers, Jeffrey and Elliot, for their 30 years of outstanding service to Jewish Education. Mr Meish Zimmerman, Director of the board, explained how the schools had grown both in size and quality during their headmastership.



1998 was also the year in which Mr Jeffrey Bortz who took a personal interest in the school, both as father of Deli and Tammy and as a former pupil of Jeffrey Wolf, retired after serving as Chairman of the Board of Education for the past six years – turbulent years during which the total transformation of South Africa brought with it adjustments and changes in education.



At a special assembly to say farewell to Mr Bortz, who championed the cause of Jewish education with a fierce commitment and resolute determination, Mr Wolf said, "We salute your tigerish tenacity and courage and unambiguous decisiveness – the qualities that have characterised your leadership. Thank you, again and again, for your contribution has made us stronger, taller and wiser."



Anniversary Gala Dinner Invitation



Mr Elliot Wolf, Mr Norman Sandler,
Mr Jeffrey Wolf

The year opened with an enrolment of 560 pupils, just a handful fewer than the previous year. High schools, which were less subject to the pull of emigration in the past were now experiencing a steady trickle of families who had chosen to leave South Africa throughout the year. There was, however, a large intake of 125 Grade 8 students.



1998 Staff

Back Row [L-R]: Ms S Grey, Mrs H Bode, Mrs E schneiderman, Ms B Sawyer, Mr W Beetge, Mr E Borkum, Mr D Silman, Mr J Van Wyk, Mr W Taylor, Ms M Grobler, Mrs E Leaver, Ms G Zimmerman, Mrs E Chen, Mrs L Geva, Mrs E Aharoni

Third Row [L-R]: Mrs A McAtee, Mrs D Binda, Mrs L Dembo, Mrs L Cave, Rabbi C Kacev, Mrs L Shapiro, Mrs L Shapiro, Mrs E Pienaar, Mrs M Wilks, Mrs C Wilsher, Mrs S Reynolds, Mrs L Vieren, Rabbi M Rabinowitz, Mrs C Vorster, Mrs R Genish

Second Row [L-R]: Mrs H Chait, Mrs R Sharon, Mrs L Sherry, Mrs H Heyman, Mrs C Sandnes, Mrs M Levy, Mrs A Houseman, Mrs S Varejes, Mrs E Delpont, Mrs M Bloom, Mrs R Milner, Mr S Bitton, Mrs B Goldstein

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs R van Zyl, Mrs H Ben Moshe, Mr J Gerassi, Mr G Brown, Mr J Wolf, Mrs B Wolf, Mr R Bilchitz, Mrs M Solomons, Mrs E Spangenberg, Mr L Heilbronn

Mrs Ester Aharoni joined the Hebrew department and **Mr Steven Woollacott** assumed the position of Head of the Science Department. **Mrs Evette Chen, Mrs Dulcie Rausch and Mr Tom Oliver**, a former vice-principal and senior mathematics teacher, were appointed in part-time positions.

1998 was also the year in which a very young **Rabbi Craig Kacev**, the Director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, assumed the full time position of Head of Jewish Studies at King David Victory Park



Rabbi Craig Kacev



Andrea Sopher and Daniel Israel
1998 Head Girl and Head Boy

Over the years it had become a tradition – and 1998 was no different – for the year to begin with a double birthday celebration. Mr Wolf and Mrs Scneiderman celebrated their birthdays just a few days apart in January and the pupils took great delight in organising a celebration. Their offices were suitably decorated and the pupils assembled in the hall to witness the blowing out of candles.



Both the Junior and Senior English and Afrikaans Public Speaking teams conquered any fears they may have had about public speaking and delivered such polished and thought-provoking speeches that the school emerged as both the winner of the First National Bank Trophy as well as the overall winner of the High Schools Public Speaking Festival.

Stacia Super was a runner-up in the section for Best Individual Speaker, **Romy Gamsu** was the overall winner of the International Training and Communications public speaking competition. In the internal public speaking competitions **Judd Lurie** was the winner of the Grade 8 competition, **Nadine Habermeld** was the Junior Best Speaker and **Daniel Israel** and **Liane Lurie** tied for 1st place in the Senior competition.



Afrikaans Public Speakers

Back Row [L-R]: S Levy, L Katz, S Kransdorff, N Haase, M Kransdorff, R Gamsu, J Lurie, T Raff, L Levenberg

Middle Row [L-R]: R Robinson, H Berger, T Blumberg, J Lewis, Y Shein, R Eisenhammer

Front Row [L-R]: Mr J van Wyk, Mrs R van Zyl, D Sachs, Ms M Grobler, Mrs C Vorster



First National Bank Trophy Team

Standing [L-R]: Liane Lurie, Daniel Israel, Romy Gamsu

Seated [L-R]: Mrs B Wolf, Stacia Super



SACEE Debating Team

[L-R]: Lara Granville, Tammy Gordon, Michael Kransdorff, Stacia Super

The debaters, eager to learn both debating techniques and about the world around them, participated in the St Stithians league and the very competitive SACEE debating league. The SACEE team, **Lara Granville** and, **Michael Kransdorff**, assisted in various debates by **Tammy Gordon**, **Nadine Haberfeld** or **Stacia Super**, won the regional final and was placed 3rd out of 68 schools.

In the United Nations Simulation Debate, a privileged school was twinned with with a previously disadvantaged school. **Liane Lurie** and **Daniyel Falk**, together with pupils from Barnato Park High School, were victorious in the provincial round and were chosen to represent Gauteng in the National Finals.

The school was again awarded the Fanny and Selwyn Segal Trophy as winners of the SACEE Creative Writing Competition, with outstanding contributions by **Talia Berzack**, **Ze'ev Blieden**, **Romy Gamsu**, **Tiffany Markman**, **Sacha Oshry**, **Darren Stoler** and **Stacia Super**.



1998 Winners of the JSE Challenge

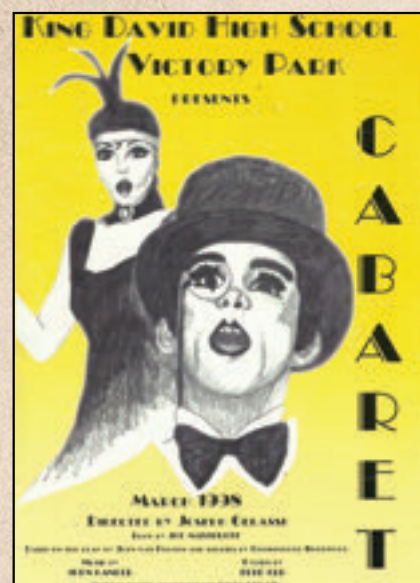
[L-R]: Mr J Wolf, Jarren Solarsh, Jimmo Vink, Greg Borowsky, Gary Aremband, Dan Ben Moshe, Joshua Rudolph, Mrs A McAtee

Many people believe that making money on the Stock Exchange is just a matter of luck, but **Gary Aremband**, a member of the 1998 Johannesburg Stock Exchange Challenge team, commented that *'the harder we worked the luckier we got.'*

In this challenge, held annually to stimulate interest in the workings of the stock exchange, the school emerged triumphant for the second consecutive year.. They not only finished 1st out of 511 teams, but also had a second team in the top ten.

From the black abyss of suffering and death rose the modern State of Israel. To commemorate its 50th year, which coincided with the birth of the Jewish Day School movement in South Africa, the school staged a production of *Cabaret*, a sophisticated musical, laced with music and lyrics which exposed the powerful effects of Nazi propaganda and brainwashing and blatant anti-semitism. At the end of the production the school held a moving ceremony where they burnt the swastika to express their total revulsion for all that the swastika represented.

In addition to this, both the English and Art Departments invited the students to produce something on the theme 'Out of the ashes - a State' is born'. This added a special dimension and poignancy to the meaning of the play. **Tiffany Markman's** poignant, profound and finely wrought poem entitled 'There Must Have Been One' was adjudged the best senior contribution and **Mathew Rudenberg** was highly praised for his piece 'the sheep chose their shepherd' in which he used echoes of the Lord's Prayer to comment satirically on the complicity of the German people.





Sally Bowles, Master of Ceremonies & The Kit-Kat Girls

[L-R]: Stacey Zeller, Candice Schlosberg, Erin Joffe, Andy Milner, Greg Borowsky, Cara Leon, Liat Houseman, Lauren Brivik

Kneeling [L-R]: Taryn Blumberg, Maya Cohen



Sally Bowles & Master of Ceremonies

Lorri Glajchen, Greg Borowsky

There must have been one

there must have been one
lacking chrome heart
and torn wire mind
and icy raining fists
and murderous, empty eyes.

there must have been one
with beloved little Aryans at home
with warm loving wife
with parents
with pets.

there must have been one
who recognised pain
who wanted to comfort
who needed to say,
"You'll survive."

there must have been one
yearning to halt
the unforgiving process
of Germany's battering ram
and treat his children to a bloodless park.

there must have been one
who ached to tear weary eyes
from three bloodied mittens
from four lost teeth
from five hopeful, pleading smiles
and run.

there must have been one
caught up in the hysteria;
in the machine cycle wash
of the brain
who tried to switch it
off.

there must have been
this miraculous guard
with warm human blood;
this uniformed puppet
who would gladly
have sheared the strings.

where was the one
who might have risen
who might have cried, "Wait!"
who might have been
the hard stone
destined to halt the cycle?



An extract by: Tiffany Markman

the sheep chose their shepherd

The sheep chose their shepherd
to fulfil their wants
to lead them down to new pastures
to protect them from predators
(dogs, tigers, eagles)

The shepherd saw pestilence
infesting his herd
the symptoms subtle
though clear:
heads too large,
noses too long,
eyes not blue
hair not blonde

The shepherd had them branded
with bright yellow marks:
no breeding
with his herd
lest the stained strain spread

The shepherd removed them
isolated from others
quarantined:
but still the odour of plague
reached his bulbous nose

The shepherd sorted them:
the strong from the weak
culling
some stock was still useful,
but the plague remained



An extract by: Mathew Rudenberg

An Art exhibition, organised by Mrs Mirah Wilks, and reflecting the period in Germany from 1930-1945 was on display on the opening night of **Cabaret**. The graphic print of 'Woman in the Holocaust' by **Barbara Uspensky** was judged the best senior work while the winner of the best junior work was a ceramic by **Gabi Emdon** entitled 'Cabaret Woman in Green'.

The school enjoyed great success in the Olympiads too. **Darren Stoler** finished in the top 100 of the Computer Olympiad; **Robert [Bobby] Berkowitz** won a gold certificate for being in the top 100 of the English Olympiad; **Bobby Berkowitz, Daniel Friedman** and **Stacia Super** all reached the finals of the History Olympiad. Bobby was eventually placed 2nd and Stacia placed in the top ten.

The school entered a number of mathematics competitions. In the National Mathematics Olympiad **Steven Kransdorff** emerged as a junior winner. In the final round of the Sasol Mini-maths Olympiad **Dan Ben Moshe** was placed second in the senior section and Stephen Kransdorff was 19th in the junior section. During an enrichment course for Gauteng pupils, Dan Ben Moshe and **Gary Aremband** were selected as members of the Gauteng Senior Team for the Inter-Provincial Maths Challenge. Steven Kransdorff was chosen for the Junior Team. **Dan** was also one of a select group of high school students invited to participate in the South African Mathematical Society's annual mathematics camp.



History Olympiad
Bobby Berkowitz, Stacia Super,
Mr R Bilchitz, Daniel Friedman



Mathematics Olympiad
Mr J Wolf, Mrs M Solomons,
Steven Kransdorff

For the second year running the Inter-House Quiz was won by Herzl house represented by **Bobby Berkowitz, Jared Chaitowitz, Jonathan Cohen** and **Joshua Lewis**.

The enthusiasm of the many students who participated in the various sporting activities in 1998 was palpable and they too contributed to the excellence of the school.

For the third consecutive year the table tennis team of **Dan Ben Moshe, Ze'ev Blieden** and **Sacha Oshry** won the High Schools League. Dan was re-awarded his provincial colours and, with Ze'ev Blieden, he won a silver medal in the doubles event at the National Championships.



Winners of the Table Tennis League
[L-R]: Ze'ev Blieden, Dan Ben Moshe,
Sacha Oshry

Dan also won the World Book Open and High School Chess Tournaments and was selected to play chess for Southern Gauteng at the South African Schools championship. In the 1998 National Championships Dan was awarded a gold medal in the Under 18 age group. **Sacha** was awarded Provincial Colours.

The Boys' 1st Tennis Team which comprised both senior and junior players beat every team bar one in the second league to which they had been promoted after winning three consecutive leagues. Four members of the team, **Jared Berzack, Justin Brivik, Jonathan Greenberg** and **Gideon Valkin** were selected for the Southern Transvaal Junior Tennis Squad. **Jared** was awarded Gauteng Provincial Colours.

Both the Under 17A and B netball teams won their respective leagues. The U17A team lost the semi-final but the Under 17 B team, the netball team of the year, made it through to the final where they were narrowly beaten.



1995 Under 17B Netball League Finalists



Lara Cassell

Back Row [L-R]: Sherri Ullman, Stacey Wolpert, Ortal Schklaz, Simone Cohen, Natalie Plaks

U19 B South Gauteng Netball Captain

Front Row [L-R]: Mandi Romain, Ms M Grobler, Adi Zuk

The soccer team was narrowly defeated in the quarter finals of the cup but the soccer star of 1998 was undoubtedly **Anthony Destombes**, an U 13 player, who was chosen to play for Southern Gauteng and for the South African Under 14 team. This team played in a four- nation tournament against France, Brazil and Mexico. South Africa won the tournament at the end of which Anthony was named as the best South African player. He also played in a curtain raiser in France in the 1998 Soccer World Cup.

An experienced group of matric rugby players joined by some very talented Grade IIs ensured that rugby had a good season. **Darryn Aaron**, **Joshua Rudolph** and **Jimmo Vink** were all selected for Craven Week and **Darryn** had the distinction of being selected for the final round- a feat never before accomplished by a Victory Park rugby player.

The Athletics Team was the largest and most passionate that had been seen at the school for many years. Training sessions with Mrs Vorster and Mrs Pienaar began at 6h30am every morning and the team remained hungry for victory throughout the season. Although they were only placed third [by just a point or two] in the Inter-High meeting, the school walked away with three of the four Victores Ludorum trophies. **Dorrn Aremband** won the Junior Victor Ludorum, **Jimmo Vink** the Senior and **Nicole Haase** the Senior Victrix Ludorum. A record number of twenty three athletes made it through to the Prestige meeting where **Daniel Bernic** won a silver medal in the 100m. **Jimmo Vink** won two silver medals and a bronze medal in the 100m, 200m and 400m and broke all three school records and both the **U15 and U16 boys' relay teams** won gold medals and broke the school records for these events.



U16 Gold Medallist Athletics Relay Team

[L-R]: Craig Jankelow, Lance Metz, David Kahn, Jimmo Vink , Mrs Erica Pienaar



U15 Gold Medallist Athletics Relay Team

[L-R]: Devin Pillemer, Daniel Bernic, Zeev Cherniak, Adam Greenblatt



Mr Gerassi's devotion and dedication to the swimming team resulted in hours of gruelling training and a swimming season marked by great success in both the annual Private Schools Gala as well as the Inter-High Co-ed Gala. Twenty-two swimmers made it through to the Prestige Gala where **Shai Friedland** received a gold medal for the 50m backstroke, **Jonathan Fayman** a bronze medal for the 50m breaststroke and the Under 14 relay team was placed third and also rewarded with a bronze medal. **Shai** was awarded Provincial Colours as was **Justyn Spinner**.



1998 Prestige Swimmers

The Girls' Open Squash team, captained by **Taryn Magid**, won six of its eight matches while the Under 16 Boys' Squash Team was undefeated.

The more recently introduced sports of basketball for both boys and girls and girls' softball continued to develop under the enthusiastic and watchful eye of Mrs Mirah Wilks and Mrs Carol Wilsher.



1998 Basketball Team

Back Row [L-R]: Malcolm Goldsmith, Meiron Cramer, Roy Ben Shmuel, Maon Jacobson, Alon Gordon, Gareth Jankelow, Steven Katz, Gavin Gordon

Middle [L-R]: Masa Yamawaki, Sacha Oshry, Mrs M Wilks, Justin Goldberg, Jonathan Lurie

Front Row [L-R]: Mitchell Brom, Joshua Lewis



1998 Softball Team

Back Row [L-R]: Tessa Guinsberg, Desi Greenberg, Stacey Wolpert, Simone Cohen, Carly Ressel, Terri Cooperman

Front Row [L-R]: Donnay Mechanic, Ms B Sawyer, Taryn Ackerman, Mrs C Wilsher, Caley Pokroy



1998 1st XI Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: Daniel Preskow, Neil Davis, Darryn Valerio, Richard Bayer, Tahl Evian, Jeremy Bayer, Clinton Cohen

Front Row [L-R]: Tessa Guinsberg, Marius Barnett, Jarrid Rosen, Shanin Rosen, Greg Borowsky

The 1st XI Cricket team won most of its matches but in the knock-out competition reached the quarter-finals. Two members of the team, **Marius Barnett** and **Jeremy Bayer**, were invited to participate in the Youth Cricket Festival in Sydney, Australia

Several students brought credit to the school by excelling in sporting activities which were not part of the school programme.

Lee Leibowitz was awarded his Inter-Regional Eventing colours on both his horses; **Stacey-Lee Rodrigues**, the winner of five trophies at the International Classique Show, won Junior South African Colours for show jumping while **Joey Thomas** received Provincial Colours for the same sport.

Saville Dorfman, a Grade 8 student, won two gold medals in the JKA world karate championships; **Troy Sender** represented Gauteng in the South African National Gymnastic Championships and won the Under 16 title, thereby becoming the junior national champion; **Doron Aremband**, ranked first in both Gauteng and South Africa, received South African colours for judo and **Craig Uria** represented South Africa in Switzerland in a roller-blading competition after winning a national competition.

Both the tremendous effort that the students put into these activities and their successes were recognised at the Annual Sports Dinner where the guest speaker was **Victor Vermeulen**, a young man whose sporting career was tragically cut short owing to a tragic accident. His message on choosing to take a positive outlook on life regardless of one's circumstances was rewarded with a standing ovation.

Maccabi South Africa presented Mr Wolf with an award for the many years of support that he had given to Maccabi.



1998 Sports Dinner

Back Row [L-R]: Mr J Wolf, Mr J Gerassi

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs Vermeulen, Mr V Vermeulen



Sportsmanship Award - Yaron Shapiro

The sale of flowers on Yom Perach and a successful fashion show by the Grade 11s helped the dance committee once more to subsidise the ever-increasing cost of the annual matric dance – this year set *'amidst a backdrop of stars, fairies and flowers'* lovingly created by Mrs Melanie Myers and Mrs Beetge.

The SRC which had been introduced in 1996 and comprised students from Grades 9-11 was divided into sub-committees headed by the matric representatives. The Video Club which formed part of the SRC Media Committee was headed by **Terri Cooperman** who was ably assisted by a dedicated **Ahron Geminder** and others. They soon discovered that working on the school newsreel **Flash** and recording important events was a full-time occupation!



The SRC Music Festival, organised by **Daniel Israel and Andy Sopher**, proved so popular that it was run over three nights, showcasing the talent from both King David Linksfield and Victory Park High Schools. One of the participants whose star quality was evident at this festival was **Danny Koppel**, a Linksfield pupil, who just a few years later was to become one of South Africa's best-known performers. Mark Samowitz made a guest appearance and the open section was won by **Nila Metz** and her band.

Programmes on sexuality and workshops by Drug Wise to raise awareness of the dangers of drug abuse were organised by Ms Gita Zimmerman, the school councillor. Talks by two recovering addicts had a particularly powerful effect on the students.

A number of educational tours were organised, including a Grade 10 and 11 geography tour to the St Lucia estuary, a World Heritage Site, and a tour by the Grade 11 history students to Soweto and more specifically to the Tladi Comprehensive High School. This visit opened their eyes to the way some of their fellow pupils lived and, as **Liane Lurie** pointed out, *'we quickly realised that we share a common goal [with the Soweto students]; to work together to rebuild South Africa.'*

Alon Gordon and Liane Lurie, joined by a third student, **Nicole Haase**, represented the school on the Junior City Council.

Aware that there were many, both in the Jewish and the wider community, who were less fortunate than they were, the students performed numerous acts of kindness.

What was to become an annual event before Rosh Hashanah – a tea-party for the elderly members of the community – was instituted, surprisingly, by the Technology Department with the assistance of Mrs Christine Beetge and Ms Sandra Grey. The project with which the Grade 8s were tasked was the planning, organising and running of an afternoon tea party – the aim of which was to develop the students' ability to work in groups. The Grade 8 art students contributed to this by organising an art exhibition in the foyer of the hall. The pupils worked feverishly and by the afternoon the foyer and the hall looked spectacular with each table decorated in a different theme. The excited pupils were, unfortunately, a little disappointed as few visitors attended owing to the late arrival of the bus, but those who came enjoyed a lavish tea and some wonderful entertainment by the pupils and staff.

Grade 9 pupils who were members of the Bikkur Cholim programme phoned or visited pupils who were ill, while 16 Grade 10 and 11 pupils who took part in the Mitzvah School were extremely proud of the development that they witnessed in the 60 pupils from Pholoshoh Primary School with whom they had worked each week. Towards the end of the third term a special assembly entitled *My South Africa, Our South Africa*, was held together with pupils from Pholoshoh School. The guest of honour was Dr Mathole Motshekga, the premier of Gauteng, who addressed the pupils about the need to confront the challenges of working towards reconciliation and a truly democratic South Africa.

On Purim the students continued the tradition of visiting and giving gifts -Matanot La'evyonim- to the underprivileged and lonely members of the Jewish community while on Pesach the entire school generously contributed matzah and wine for needy Jewish families. In addition to the annual Purim Ball on erev Purim, a carnival was held the following day in the school hall followed by the annual Matric Purim Play.

In opening the first King David School in 1960, Rabbi Kopul Rosen stated that *'our end purpose must be to mould a generation of learned, enlightened, observing Jews able to assume the heritage of a great people.'* Thus, while the school provided an excellent academic education, it did not neglect the teaching of traditional Judaism and modern Zionism.

The Rosh Minyanim of 1998 were **Daniel Israel** and **Jodi Rakusin** both of whom worked hard each morning to teach the students that there was more to prayer than reading out of a siddur. The Grade 8, 9 and 10 annual Shabbatonim, while being fun-filled experiences, ensured that the students returned after spending Shabbat away from home with their minds stretched by a greater knowledge of Judaism. The longer Encounter programme had the same effect on the Grade IIs.



The focus of the International Jewish Identity Quiz was 'Israel's 50th Anniversary.' **Daniel Herman**, a Grade 8 pupil, was one of four finalists in the national competition chosen to represent South Africa in the International Final. One hundred and twenty teenagers from all parts of the diaspora gathered in Israel to participate in this competition!

On Yom Ha'atzmaut, the 50th year celebration of Israel's independence, a large contingent of our students carried flags, which they had spent many weeks designing, into the Standard Bank Arena.

Six of these flags, which represented aspects of Israel's history and continued survival, were chosen to be sent to Israel for inclusion in the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

One thousand Israeli children, some of them carrying the flags of **Quinton and Samantha Cambier**, **Simone Kur**, **Keren Livneh**, **Bianca Talpert** and **Jessica Reynolds**, marched through the streets of Jerusalem to Gan Yaldei Yisrael- the children's museum in the Jerusalem Peace Forest where the flags are on permanent view.



Flag by Jessica Reynolds



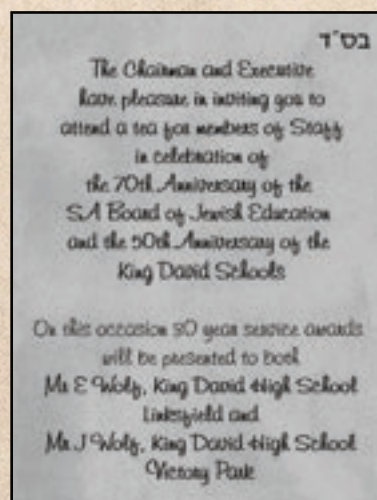
Flag by Keren Livneh

On Tu B'Shvat a biblical garden was established next to the art room.

The joys and the sorrows that have befallen the Jewish people were commemorated during the month of Iyar. The first of these was Yom Hashoah which was commemorated by a moving ceremony in the school hall. Just a week later, on Yom Hazikaron, the school was reminded of the soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of the Jewish people and for the State of Israel. On Yom Ha'atzmaut a combined celebratory carnival was held on the grounds of King David Linksfield and on Yom Yerushalayim, Mr Zvi Luria, of the Israeli embassy, addressed the students on the importance of a united Jerusalem as the focal point of Jewish existence in the future.



On Lag B'Omer the SABJE invited the staff of all its schools to attend a tea to celebrate its 70th anniversary, the schools' 50th anniversary and to honour the headmasters of the high schools for their 30 years of service to the schools.



In October Mr Wolf wished 53 Grade 10 students luck and success as they left for the Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah where they would be exposed to learning of a different kind. A sizeable number of students, who were fortunate enough to participate in the Ulpan over the many years that this programme was offered, eventually made Aliyah.

Judd Lurie, a Grade 8 student, was selected as the overall winner of a competition organised by the Foundation for Tolerance Education. Judd's prize for writing the best diary entry telling of his life in hiding for a week during the war years, was a visit to Amsterdam and a meeting with **Miep Gees**, the righteous gentile who was honoured by Yad Vashem for hiding Ann Frank and her family..

On Women's Day, which had been established by the ANC to recognise and acknowledge the role of women in South African society,

Mrs Marcelle Pincus and Ms Dina Kopenhagen presented a programme depicting the role of women in the home, in education and in society.

Long service awards were made to **Hanna Ben Moshe**, the Head of the Hebrew Department, who joined the school in 1978. Tribute was also paid to **Joyce Taune** who started working at the school as a cleaner and became Mr Wolf's trusted tea lady in 1976 and to **Edward Ndou** who joined the support staff in January 1976.

At the end of the third term **Mr Elliott Borkum** resigned from his position as physical education instructor to complete his Masters degree. **Mr David Silman** who had not only taught biology, physical science and technology but had also taken charge of First Aid, the Video Club and the Sound and Light team and assisted with cricket coaching resigned.

I am especially grateful to Mr Silman, my teacher and friend who has taught me all I know, from how to operate a camera to the final editing process. His interest and dedication will surely be missed by all who have had the opportunity to work with him.

Terri Cooperman [Grade 11]

I would like to thank Mr Silman for five years of passionate teaching, trustworthy advice and many an amusing moment owing to his great sense of humour....I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Daniel Israel [Grade 12]

Mr Ronald Cloete was appointed to the Natural Sciences Department at the beginning of the fourth term and made his debut on crutches as he had injured himself in an accident on his motor-bike. As the year drew to a close several other members of staff left the school. **Ms Micah Bloom** sought new pastures in New York; **Ms. Alice Howroyd**, who had made a valuable contribution to the History Department and to the coaching of netball, left to pursue a career in the business world; **Ms. Bev Sawyer** who was involved both in sport and the teaching of geography also left the school.

The school also bade farewell to a number of families as the last siblings matriculated. Among these families were the Rosen family, the Adler family, the Super family, the Reznik family, the Munitz family, Trevor and Marc Cross, Tracey and Darryn Aaron and Daniel and Helen Tucker.



[L-R]: Michael Sweidan, Hilly Brozin, Tanya Sweidan, Stefan Brozin

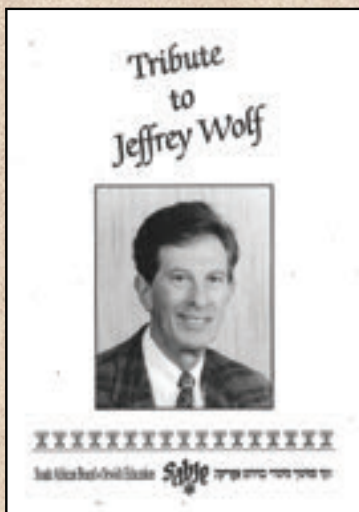


Back:[L-R]: Graeme, Benjamin and Elana Lazarus
Front: [L-R]: Jonathan Lurie, Jacob Lazarus, Liora Lurie

The Brozin/Sweidan family began their journey in 1974 while the Lurie Family began their journey when Elana and Liora were transferred from a government school in 1979. Elana met her husband, Graeme Lazarus, at school and all their children, Jacob, Benjamin, Ruby and Anna Rose, have been educated at King David, Victory Park.

*It is upsetting to come to terms with the fact that I am the last family member to matriculate at this special school. I can only hope to send my children here – **Michael Sweidan***

*Although we are now past pupils, KDVP will always always have a place in our hearts. Thank you for the best years of our lives – **Liora Lurie***



The name 'Jeffrey Wolf' is synonymous with that of King David High School Victory Park as he began his tenure at Victory Park in 1969, just five years after the foundation of the high school. He served the school as deputy-head for six years, as headmaster for twenty-five years and it was under his helm that the school more than doubled in size. It was his vision that moulded its character and enabled it to grow in stature to become one of the most successful and prestigious Jewish Day Schools in the country. Thus it was with a sense of surprise, indeed a sense of shock, that the staff received the news just before the end of the second term, on Tuesday 2 June to be exact, that he had decided to let go of his 'magnum opus' and retire from his position at the end of 1998.

As the year drew to a close a number of functions were held to honour Mr Wolf for his years of dedicated service to Jewish education. In October a Farewell/ Reunion dinner at the Simon Kuper Hall was very well attended by the staff and the Parent Teacher Association as well as many former pupils and PTA members. A number of former pupils – Lisa Melman, Wayne and Greg Borowsky and Peter Berman – provided the entertainment, while Mr Jeffrey Bortz and Mrs Sharon Barnett paid tribute to him.

In November tribute was also paid to Mr Wolf by Mr Maish Zimmerman, director of the South African Board of Jewish Education, at a dinner given by the Board at Beaconsfield Club.

At Speech Night Mr Wolf thanked the parents for the confidence they had shown in him as a leader and the kind of school he had established and thanked them too for entrusting to him their most prized possession, their children. To those who had expressed their regret that he had decided to step down he explained his decision by quoting the words of the Chinese philosopher, Wang Wei, who, in his poem, 'Secret', states, **'To grasp the world, to grasp and feel it grow great in one's grasp is not enough. The secret is to grasp it - and let it go.'**

At the emotional final school assembly Mr Wolf expressed his retirement from the headmastership in the metaphor of cricket, saying that he had neither been bowled, stumped or caught but was rather retiring with an undefeated innings of 30 NOT OUT!

In Mr Joseph Gerassi's absence - he was in Israel on a study course - Mr Wolf extended warmest good wishes to him as his successor and expressed the fervent wish that the school would continue to flourish under his leadership and in the expert hands of the very loyal, dedicated and committed staff.

Jeffrey Wolf says goodbye after an illustrious career



From the 'Jewish Report' - October 1998

What was evident from the many messages of farewell and tributes paid to Jeffrey Wolf was the recognition and appreciation of Mr Wolf's fine qualities - his integrity, his tolerance, his compassion, sincerity, sensitivity, wisdom, insight, inspiration, intellect but, most of all, his love of teaching, his nurturing of sound values, and the fact that he demanded from both his staff and his pupils the same standards that he expected from himself. According to Mrs Sandra Reynolds, Mr Wolf was "the noblest headmaster of them all".

Fortunately Mr Wolf was not lost to Jewish Education for the next two years as he continued to teach Latin to the matric pupils and to serve the SABJE in the capacity of an inspector of the board's schools. After reaching the official age of retirement he was appointed to head the Latin Department at St Marys School in Waverley but he always maintained a keen interest in his 'magnum opus', - King David High School Victory Park.

Mr Andries Tshisaphengo, who had joined the staff of the high school at its inception in 1964 and was thus the longest serving member of staff, decided to retire from his position and return to his family in Louis Trichardt. In the early years Andries had worked in several capacities - gardener, cleaner, janitor and messenger, but in his more senior years he assumed responsibility for the duplicating room which he referred to as his office. Despite his advanced years he quickly adjusted to the new technology and ran the duplicating department calmly and efficiently, remaining unruffled even under the most extreme circumstances!.



I, for one, am glad that my leaving King David coincides with his, for it seems right that our long harmonious partnership should end simultaneously. Thank you, Andries, for your dedication, devotion and loyalty. May you enjoy only peace, happiness and good health. Havha sale zwavhudi, Andries.

Jeffrey Wolf



1998 Students Representative Council

Back Row [L-R]: Jared Chaitowitz, Taryn Ackerman, Ryan Tucker, Shaun Hurwitz, Saul Benjamin, Daniel Tucker, Danny Aaron,

Kerri Krein, Neil Davis, Dean Tucker, Melissa Ullman

Middle Row [L-R]: Romy Jordan, Andrea Diamond, Liat Housman, Candice Garrun, Peta Cline, Jodi Rakusin, Gina Kawalsky

Front Row [L-R]: Jarrod Rosen, Lauren Burstein, Daniel Israel[Head Boy], Mr J Wolf, Andrea Sopher[Head Girl], Yaron Shapiro, Stacia Super



1998 Matriculation Group

school was
proof. The school
maintained its 100 per-
cent pass rate for the
15th consecutive year,
said Mr Wolf.

The Star

NMT IEB results

King David celebrates a success

Victory Park - The 1998 matric class of King David High School had a 100 per cent pass rate for the 15th consecutive year.

It was the second year the school entered the I.E.B (Independent Examination Board) Senior Certificate Examination.

The 108 candidates received a collective of 120 distinctions; 23 candidates got A aggregates, 23 candidates B aggregates

and 32 candidates C aggregates.

Daniel Tucker received seven distinctions and Tiffany Markman and Saul Benjamin six distinctions each.

Bobby Berkowitz, Jonathan Cohen, Daniel Israel, Susie Super, Darren Stoler, Shaan Hurwitz and Matthew Rudenberg received five distinctions each. All candidates took higher grade subjects.



Daniel Tucker (18) of Dunkeld West received seven distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Mathematics, Physical Science, Accounting and Additional Mathematics.



Tiffany Markman (18) of Morningside received distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, French, History and Jewish Studies.



Bobby Berkowitz (18) of Emmarentia received distinctions in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Jewish Studies. He was placed second in the National History Olympiad and was in the top 100 in the National English Olympiad.



Jonathan Cohen (18) of Blairgowrie received distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Mathematics and Computer Studies.



Daniel Israel (18) - 1998 headboy - received distinctions in English, Hebrew, Physical Science, Jewish Studies and Biology.



Daniel Tucker - 1998 Dux

In 1999, as the end of the century approached, the reins of the school were handed over to a youthful and energetic **Mr Joseph Gerassi**, who had taught history at the school for the past ten years and been heavily involved in its extra-curricular programme, particularly its highly successful musical productions and swimming.



Joseph Gerassi



Garrie Brown

Mr Garrie Brown, who had held the position of deputy-principal for many years was promoted to the position of Senior Deputy Principal.

Both **Mrs Margaret Solomons** and **Mrs Barbara Wolf** were promoted to the position of Deputy Principal; while **Ms Sandra Grey** and **Mr Warwick Taylor** were appointed form supervisors.



1999 Staff



1999 Head Prefects

Back [L-R]: Alon Gordon [Deputy]
Jarren Solarsh [Headboy],
Joshua Rudolph [Deputy]

Front [L-R]: Donnay Mechanic [Deputy],
Liane Lurie [Headgirl]
Mandi Romain [Deputy]

King David High School, Victory Park Head Prefects 1999: Back row left to right: Alon Gordon (Deputy); Jarren Solarsh (Headboy); Joshua Rudolph (Deputy). Front row left to right: Donnay Mechanic (Deputy); Liane Lurie (Headgirl); Mandi Romain (Deputy)



Between 1999 and 2000 there were several changes made to the physical structure of the school. A boardroom was built on the same level as the staffroom on the upper level; the staff room was opened up to the outside and a covered patio was created for the staff; Mr Wolf's office became the reception/secretaries' office and Mrs Schneiderman's office and the strong room were incorporated into a brand-new office and patio for the headmaster. The library was transformed into a multi-media centre and the gardens were further developed by Mrs Van Zyl. Few staff changes ensured continuity and the school continued to run on well-oiled wheels and enjoy further success.



Best Individual Speaker
Liane Lurie



1999 First National Bank Trophy Team

King David pupils were never tongue-tied or at a loss for words and over the next two years the school had great success in the High Schools Public Speaking Competition.

King David Victory Park set a record in this festival by being the only school to win both the coveted First National Bank Trophy for the premier senior team and the Sir John Adamson Trophy awarded to the Best Individual Speaker.

Back Row[L-R]: Michael Kransdorff, Mrs Barbara Wolf,
Seated[L-R]: Romy Gamsu, Nadine Haberfeld

Nadine Haberfeld set a record of her own by winning the internal public speaking competition for five consecutive years and, by being the runner-up in the section for best individual speaker in 2000, she was given the honour of being master of ceremonies at the finals which were held at the Linder Auditorium.

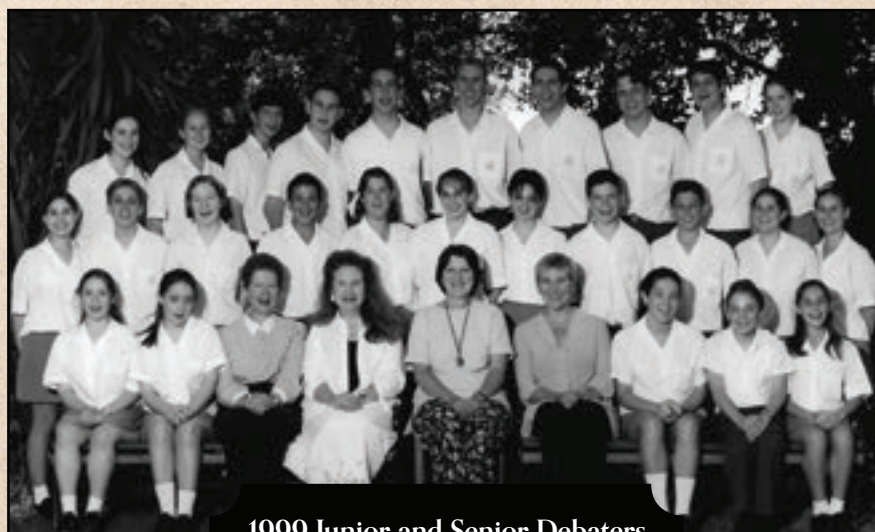
The school was the overall runner-up in the festival in 1999, and in 2000 the school was declared the joint winner of the entire festival. By winning the First National Bank Trophy once again in 2000, King David Victory Park made history by being the first school to win this trophy for three consecutive years.



2000 First National Bank Trophy Team

[L-R]: Keren Livneh, Mrs B Wolf, Taryn Blumberg, Sarah Benjamin

The SACEE debating teams of 1999 and 2000 lost narrowly in the quarter finals while the juniors showed great promise for the future by winning all five of their debates.



1999 Junior and Senior Debaters

Back Row[L-R]: S Benjamin, T Gordon, S Kransdorff, J Farron, J Elias, A Gordon, M Kransdorff, D Taitz, J Lurie, L Katz

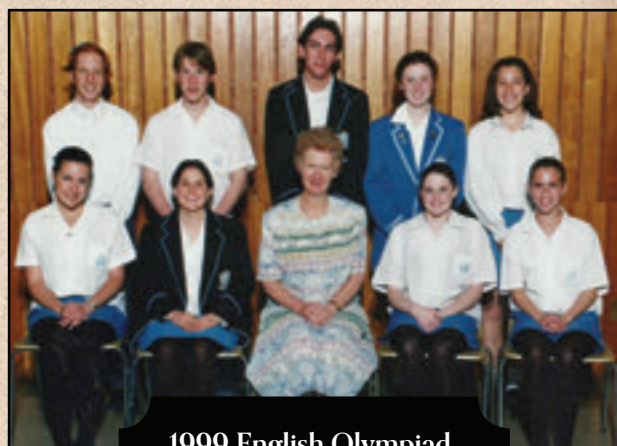
Middle Row [L-R]: N Hirsowitz, M Menashe, N Oshry, G Valkin, S Hurwitz, N Haberfeld, N Nathanson, D Herman, J Greenberg, L Granville, D Sachs

Front Row [L-R]: H Danziger, E Berkowitz, Mrs E Leaver, Mrs C Sandnes, Mrs S Reynolds, Mrs S Jory, T Blumberg, L Chait, J Traub

Liane Lurie was placed second and **Marion Isaacs** was a runner-up in the 1999 senior prose section of the SACEE Creative Writing Competition.

Eight present and past students had their essays selected for publication in Young South African Writing 3 and, as the school's entries were adjudged the best overall, the school received a cheque for R500.

In 2000 the well-known South African poet and author, Chris van Wyk assisted by Maren Bodenstein, a published writer, chose the best pieces of writing in the magazine. **Calia Jacobsohn** and **Lisa Hirsowitz** were the winner and runner-up in the poetry section while **Steven Katzeff** and **Gideon Segal** tied for first place in the essay section.



1999 English Olympiad

The English Olympiad students, who were tasked with the study of Detective Fiction in 1999 and Women in Poetry the following year, were greatly enriched by the dedication of the English Department, particularly Mrs Leaver, Mrs Jory and Mrs Sandnes who made the study of 'words' so much more. In 1999 Lara Granville was awarded a gold certificate while **Nadine Haberfeld** and **Stacey Wolpert** each received a silver one. In 2000 **Steven Kransdorff**, **Daniella Sachs** and **Jodi Traub** were the top achievers..

In 1999, after a two year absence, the Inter-House Play Festival was co-ordinated by Mrs Reynolds. Bialik's production of *Boo to the Moon* was adjudged the best production of the evening. **Tammy Pearl**, the best actress and **David Kahn** and **Judd Lurie** shared the award for best actor.

As 1999 was Mr Gerassi's first year as headmaster the annual school musical was put on hold but in 2000 the musical, A Slice of Saturday Night, made a welcome appearance.



A Slice of Saturday Night - The Boys and Girls of the Club A Go-Go

The school entered the Raps Play Festival once again and a separate Inter-House Play Festival was held over two nights – one for juniors and another for seniors. The winners in the junior section were **Jenni Sacks** [Best Actress], **Bryan Isakow** [Best Actor] and Herzl won the award for the best direction. In the senior section the award for best actress went to **Lorri Glajchen**, who had been one of the most talented pupils over her five years at the school and has continued to grace the stage despite becoming a young wife and mother. **Davin Widgerow** was adjudged best actor and Weitzman were the winners for the best production.



The school also participated very successfully in a number of quizzes, the most nail-biting of which was the Inter-School General Knowledge quiz in 1999 where **Daniel Herman**, **David Kaplan** and **Joshua Lewis** tied in the final with Sandown High, but ultimately lost in a 'sudden death' round!

Tamara Gritzman and **Steven Kransdorff** were the national winners of the Jewish Identity Quiz in 1999 and the following year the national competition was won by another King David Victory Park pupil, **Shirley Ginsberg**. All the winners were rewarded with a tour of Israel for two weeks prior to the International Competition, but what made it even more exciting for Shirley was that by reaching the final she appeared on Israeli television. Shirley was placed 5th overall and 1st among all the students from the diaspora.

The Bible Quiz teams benefited greatly from the many hours Rabbi Kacev spent teaching them and providing them with a great understanding of Tanach.

While many of the students excelled in the use of words there were several whose strength lay in the use of numbers. **Dan Ben Moshe**, **Sacha Oshry**, **Jonathan Greenberg** and **Brett Credo** achieved the highest marks in the first round of the Mini Maths Olympiad but it was Dan who excelled in the final round by achieving 100% and emerging as the joint winner of the senior section. Dan brought further distinction to the school by his excellent performance in the Mathematics Olympiad which secured him a place in the Southern Gauteng team, which finished in second place in the senior Inter-Provincial Maths Challenge.

In 2000 **Richard Starfield** was awarded a silver medal for finishing in the top fifteen in South Africa in the junior section of the Mathematics Olympiad. His success earned him a place in the Southern Gauteng Junior team which won in the Inter-Provincial Maths Challenge

Ever mindful of the dictum 'a sound mind in a sound body,' participation in sport was greatly encouraged not only for its health benefits but also for the confidence it gave the pupils and for what it taught them about the fundamentals of team work - both of which would prepare them for the future. Naturally each game was played to win but the emphasis was always on good sportsmanship.

In 1999 Anthony Destombes led his Under 14 soccer team to victory in the cup final by beating their arch rivals, King David Linksfield.



1999 Under 14 Soccer Team

Back Row [L-R]: S Shapiro, T Goldberg, L Gilhar, P Linde

Middle Row [L-R]: D Davidson, R Tucker, K Harrisberg, E Sandler, A Bernic

Front Row [L-R]: D Rakusin, J Bulafkin, Mrs A McAtee, A Destombes, F Rosen R Croock

The First Team had to be content with sharing the trophy with Sandringham High School when bad light stopped play at 13-13 during the penalty shootout! The teams were not quite as successful the following year, but were no less committed thanks to the enthusiasm and encouragement of Mr Kevin Bonner and the assistance of Mr and Mrs Beetge, Mr Bilchitz, Mrs Cave, Mrs McAtee and Wayne Borowsky, the coach.



1999 First/Open Soccer Team

Back Row [L-R]: J Solarsh,
D Valerio, M Barnett, B Posniak,
G Shapiro

Middle Row [L-R]: R Hurwitz,
A Greenblatt, J Davis, J Berzack,
D Ben- Moshe, S Rosen

Front Row [L-R]: E Widmonte,
Mr K Bonner, G Borowsky,
J Rudolph, D Preskow

The 1999 senior cricket team reached the quarter finals of the Johnny Waite competition and lost just one of their ten league games. At the senior level the players who excelled were **Greg Borowsky, Marius Barnett, Rowan Lang and Jimmo Vink** while **Farril Rosen and Ryan Eisenhammer**, two junior players, showed great promise for the future. A first ever for the cricket team was a tour to Australia in 2000 by a combined VictoryPark/Linksfeld team.

Marius Barnett, an outstanding all-rounder, captained the First Cricket Team in both 1999 & 2000



1999 Senior Cricket Team

Back Row [L-R]: D Kahn, J Bayer, A Stermer, B Pozniak, D Valerio, R Lang, A Greenblatt

Front Row [L-R]: T Guinsberg, J Solarsh, G Borowsky, M Barnett, Mr N Gerber, S Rosen, D. Preskow

The 1999 rugby season produced many outstanding players, thirteen of whom qualified for provincial trials. **Liad Gilhar** reached the last 30. The Under 16s lost just one match while the Under 14 boys did not concede a single point in any of their league matches and were named the 'Team of the Year' at the annual sports dinner. **Dorron Aremband** was named as the best junior player and **Adam Greenblatt**, the best senior player. The 2000 Under 15 rugby team – the previous years' Under 14s – were again the outstanding team and acquitted themselves well against both St Stithians and St Johns A teams. **Zé'ev Cherniak, Gary Licht, Lance Metz and Devin Pillemer** were selected for various area trials.



2000 Senior Rugby Team

Back Row [L-R]: L Solomons, W Zwiers, M Smookler, Z Cherniak, J Chait

Middle Row [L-R]: B Myers, G Bloom, D Noche, D Pillemer, D Bernic

Front Row [L-R]: S Evian, M Barnett, G Licht, Mr W Beetge, A Greenblatt, J Glickman



The Red Devils

Back Row [L-R]: R Bachrach, D Ben-Moshe, G Bachrach, S Oshry, J Levy

Front Row [L-R]: D Samowitz, Mrs C Beetge, O Goldgamer

For the fifth consecutive year the table-tennis team – the Red Devils – annihilated all their opponents and won the Central Gauteng league. Four members were selected for Maccabi – **Gary Bachrach, Dan Ben-Moshe, Dana Samowitz** and **Rony Cohen** – and they all returned with a number of gold and silver medals. It was not quite the same in 2000 as the senior members of the team had all matriculated.

The same fate awaited the 2000 chess team of **Kyle Behrend, Gilan Gork, Ryan Israelstam** and **Richard Starfield** who lost the stalwarts of the team to matric '99. However, great promise was shown by Kyle and Gilan, both Grade 9s, who won six of their eight matches.

The highlight of the boys' basketball team in 1999 was their defeat of Linksfield by two points!

Mr Gerassi led the 1999 swimming team to great success. They made history by winning the C-league gala and being promoted to the B-league. A record number of swimmers went through to the Prestige Gala where **Jaques Talpert**, a Grade 8 pupil, won a bronze medal for breaststroke and **Terence Goldberg**, also a Grade 8 pupil, was awarded two gold medals, a silver and a bronze.. He exceeded all expectations at the National Prestige Championships where he won three gold, two silvers and a bronze! He also set four new school records. Terence was awarded Southern Gauteng swimming colours.



1999 Winners of the Swimming League [Boys]

Back Row [L-R]: R Furman, D Frohlich, J Smeyatsky, D Sandler, I Klawansky, J Talpert, J Fayman, G Shapiro, E Celender, D Kaplan

Middle Row [L-R]: C Margolius, M Yamawaki, A Greenblatt, S Shapiro, K Aaron, R Paikin, A Destombes, S Copans, R Smilkstein, G Segal, B Friedland

Front Row [L-R]: M Cohen, Mrs G Kirsch, A Gordon [Captain], Mr J Gerassi, K Adno, Mr R Bilchitz, T Goldberg

Jaques Talpert was also awarded provincial colours for swimming and won a bronze medal for the 200m breaststroke at the South African National Junior Championships.

In 2000 eleven individuals and two relay teams made it through to Prestige where **Terence Goldberg** won two gold and a silver medal, **Kevin Adno** won a bronze and two Under 15 relay teams won medals. **Kevin, Terence, Shai Friedland** and **Marc Cohen** were selected for the Southern Gauteng team.

Through dedication and hard work, both on the part of the aspirant athletes and their coaches, the school was able to hold its third place in the league over the two years. A number of individual athletes and a few relay teams achieved first or second places which enabled them to compete in the Prestige Athletics Meetings. In 1999 the Under 14 girls' relay team, **Dani Nathan, Jessica Harrisberg, Haley Sher and Gina Cooperman** won a silver medal, a feat that they repeated the following year. The Under 14 boys, **Paul Linde, Anthony Destombes, Stephen Shapiro, Ross Tucker and Errol Sandler**, won bronze.



1999 Athletics Team [Girls]

Back Row [L-R]: K Wener, L Brivik, J Harrisberg, C Jordan, D Hockman, B Parirenyatwa, C Levin, T Cooperman, H Sher, T Zidel, S Levy

Middle Row [L-R]: T Lebi, N Levenberg, R Borowsky, D Nathan, A Schaimberg, T Nathan, T Blumberg, G Cooperman, M Isaacs, K Kramer

Front Row [L-R]: N Hirsowitz, J Traub, J Sacks, Mr R Cloete, N Haase [Captain], Mr W Beetge, Mrs G Kirsch, T Kruger, C Shmaman

In 2000 **Boaz Friedland, Ross Tucker and Greg Bloom** won medals at Prestige but the star of the athletics team was undoubtedly **Jessica Harrisberg** who won three gold medals at both the 1999 and 2000 Prestige Meetings, was awarded the trophy for the Best Junior Girl Athlete at the Prestige meeting and broke the record for the 200m.



Jessica Harrisberg



Anthony Destombes & Dani Nathan

Unfortunately the winning streak of **Craig Jankelow, David Kahn, Lance Metz and Jimmo Vink**, members of a boys' relay team who remained unbeaten for four consecutive years, came to an end in their matric year when Jimmo suffered a hamstring injury! Mrs Caroline Vorster introduced the school to the Cross Country Inter-School League where the junior girls - **Dani Nathan, Nicole Levenberg, Jessica Harrisberg and Hayley Sher** - and junior boys - **Anthony Destombes, Ryan Eisenhammer and Joshua Schewitz** - excelled. Dani, Nicole and Anthony were selected for the Northern Districts B team for both 1999 and 2000. **Shai Evian, Dorit Hockman and Tanya Lebi** were the best senior cross-country athletes.



1999 Boys' Open Tennis Team

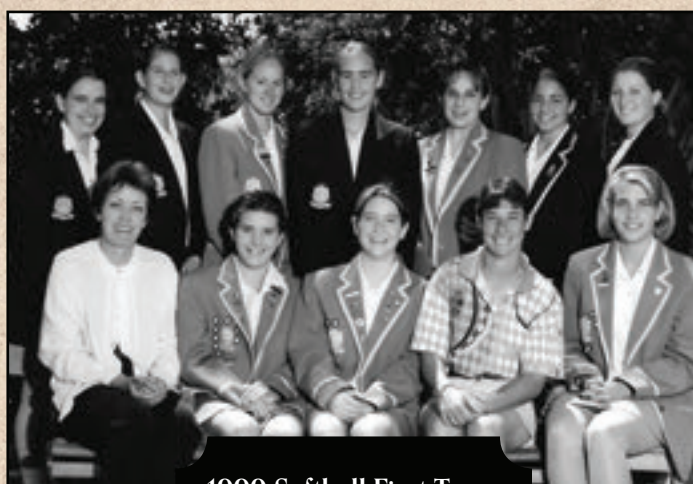
Back Row [L-R]: R Bachrach, J Berzack, I Klawansky, G Valkin

Front Row [L-R]: J Greenberg, Mr R Cloete, Mrs L Vieren, D Gerber

Both the boys' and girls' Open tennis teams tasted success in 1999. The girls' A team of **Talya Goldberg, Nicole Levenberg, Donnay Mechanic** and **Lori Shain** did not lose a single match and the B team won all but one.

The boys' Open team did not win their league but did prove that skill and ability have little to do with age or size as some of their best players were juniors. **Nicole Levenberg** won the girls' singles tennis championship in both 1999 and 2000. **Jared Berzack** won the boys' championship in 1999 but in 2000 the title went to **Gideon Valkin**.

Netball continued to be well supported and the 1999 A and B Open teams won all their league matches and participated in the zonal play-offs. Both teams had to be content with reaching but not winning the finals. Many of the girls were chosen for Maccabi and they all returned with medals. **Robyn Borowsky, Gina Cooperman, Hayley Sher and Dani Suttner** won silver medals; **Donnay Mechanic and Terri Zidel** received gold; **Terri Cooperman, Nicky Haase, Bianca Talpert and Stacey Zeller** received bronze. 2000 was not quite as successful. However, the school entered the Randburg Action Netball League for the first time and here they earned silver medals as runners-up in their section.



1999 Softball First Team

Motivated by Mrs Wilsher the softball team grew in strength. The 1999 girls' First Team had an exceptionally good season but experienced somewhat of a reversal of fortunes the following year as they won only three of their 5 matches. **Donnay Mechanic** was voted the best senior player.

Back Row [L-R]: T Guinsberg, K Sacks, T Gordon, E Manning, N Habersfeld, M Housman, C Ellison

Front Row [L-R]: Mrs Carol Wilsher, T Cooperman, D Mechanic, Mrs G Kirsch, C Ressel

In 2000 the Open team, captained by **Claire Ellison**, was unbeaten and the Under 16 team, captained by **Robyn Borowsky**, lost one match by one run! Claire was chosen as the best senior player while **Karabo Mogwane** was the best junior.

Mrs McAtee's motto 'EPC -Every Point Counts' - lifted the spirits of the boys' squash team as they battled in the higher league to which they had been promoted after winning their league in 1998. However, their luck turned round the following year, 2000, when the First Team comprising of **Hilan Berger, Ashley Jaffee, Rowan Lang and Devin Pillemer** not only won their league but also defeated King David Linksfield, their arch rivals.

While colours were not awarded for sport which was not part of the school curriculum, pupils who participated in these sports were always acknowledged for the great credit that they brought to the school. In 1999 **Saville Dorfman** earned Junior Protea Colours for the third time for his success in the JKA Millenium World Kata Championships. By representing South Africa in gymnastics for eight years **Troy Sender** received Junior Protea Colours for the third successive year. **Dorron Aremband** received a second award of Junior Sprinbok Colours in judo.



The Rosh Minyanim for 1999, **Joshua Rudolph** and **Romy Gamsu**, worked diligently to instil a greater interest in Judaism and Torah learning. Together with the Judaica Committee they organised the Purim Ball, the planting of trees for Tu B'shvat and the ceremonies held for Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Yerushalayim and Yom Ha'atzmaut when the Israeli Ambassador, Mr Uri Oren, addressed the pupils.

On Yom Hashoah the school was privileged to hear Mrs Maya Abramowitz tell the story of her Holocaust experience once again.

At a special assembly for Human Rights Day **Michael Kransdorff** and **Lara Granville** explained the history behind the day and, as it was close to the commemoration of Yom Hashoah, **Nina Nathanson** cleverly connected the South African struggle for human rights with the Jewish celebration of liberation.

Each grade experienced the joy of a Shabbat while on Shabbaton, and on Encounter the Grade 11 pupils were exposed not only to *'lessons tied to our being Jewish but also lessons about life itself and how to deal with everyday issues that we might Encounter.'*

On Women's Day Mrs Ann Harris, the wife of Chief Rabbi Harris, spoke to the school about the role of women in Judaism and how we are often led to believe - mistakenly - that a Jewish woman's role is of little importance.

[L-R]: Michal Housman, Mrs B Wolf, Nadine Haberfeld, Mrs Ann Harris, Tammy Gordon, Orly Goldstein



Mock Israeli elections were held to arouse awareness of events in Israel

The 1999 group that spent three months on Ulpan at Kiryat Moriah was one of the first groups to visit Prague. Unfortunately, owing to the cost of the programme it was also one of the last groups to experience the three months' visit to Israel, an experience which, for many, was the highlight of their schooldays.

The Bikkur Cholim Committee continued their important function of reaching out to pupils who were ill, and honouring the senior citizens at the Jewish homes for the aged while the Mitzvah School extended their outreach programme to 83 young pupils at Pholosho Primary School.



Grade 8 Mitzvah Tea

{L-R}: M Mechanic, N Levenberg, R Borowsky, H Sher, A Schaimberg, G Cooperman

The Video Club was superbly managed by **Terri Cooperman**, assisted by **Ahron Geminder**. It not only provided a creative outlet for all the aspirant filmmakers but also recorded all the events that took place in the school. Pupils looked forward eagerly to an episode of **Flash** at assembly in the hope that it might feature them!

The Grade 10 and 11 geography students from both King David Victory Park and Linksfield participated in a field trip to the Blydepoort area in Mpumalanga. They were kept extremely busy by Mrs Wilsher, collecting data, measuring river flow, hiking and crawling through tunnels. While they loved every minute of the trip they had just one complaint – not enough girls!

Mrs Mirah Wilks infused her art students with passion and commitment by arranging visits to many art galleries, sculpture workshops and photographic exhibitions and by inviting several artists to run short courses for her pupils. The benefit of this was evident at the Art Department Exhibition and Prizegiving.



Aimee Sarkin



Gil Kramer

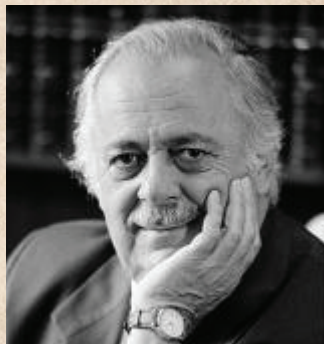


Barbara Uspensky

The library continued to be the attraction for all those pupils with an enquiring mind and Mrs Chait was kept extremely busy organising activities in the library. Ms Pnina Fenster, an ex-pupil and now the editor of Marie Claire, was among the guest speakers invited to speak to the pupils. Mrs Chait also took on the management of the first aid group after Mr Silman's departure.

The Grade 8s enjoyed the orientation programme organised by the SRC and spoke encouragingly about their first year at the school on two very well-attended Open Days. Speaking to prospective pupils and their parents, Mr Gerassi highlighted the very special ethos of the school.

Perhaps this was best expressed by Mrs Stella Jory, who, after her first year at the school said, *"One does not need a great length of time to realise that KDVP evinces a uniqueness; a difference that cannot be ignored.....Amid this delightful, free-spirited environment one encounters a disciplined, intellectual process in which achievement is clearly evident."*



1999 saw a change in the format of the annual Speech Night and Valedictory ceremony. Speech Night was held specifically for the Grade 12 pupils and their parents and a separate prizegiving ceremony was introduced for the rest of the school. The guest speaker at Speech Night was Mr George Bizos who communicated strongly his commitment to South Africa and his dedication to human rights. Mrs Susan Bedil, the CEO of Midrand University, was the guest speaker at the Valedictory Ceremony in 2000.

Mr George Bizos

Tammy Gordon and **Orli Goldstein**, the school's representatives on the Junior City Council, confessed that working with 78 dynamic individuals of various cultures 'had been a life-altering experience'.



**Tammy Gordon, Julia Berkowitz,
Jessica Benjamin, Orly Goldstein**



Matric Dance 1999

Fash-Fash '99, the annual fashion show, was generously and magnificently choreographed by **Mrs Debbie Rakusin** of African Footprint fame and her assistant, David Matamela. As always funds from the show were used to subsidise the matric dance. The dance committee worked really hard and in addition to the fashion show they raised funds from an evening with Rory Rootenberg and his one-man show, *Cadenza*, generously organised by Mrs Barbara Gordon. Mrs Melanie Myers once again used her creative talents to illustrate the theme of the matric dance - Moonlight Serenade



Towards the end of the year Mrs Wolf was recognised by the South African Board of Education for her thirty years of service to the school. In accepting the board's good wishes. Mrs Wolf said that she had found it impossible to separate her personal life from her professional life as King David Victory Park had been her life. She thanked her husband for allowing her to share in his pride as he nurtured his child and watched it grow in size, in achievement and status. Tribute was paid to Mrs Wolf by her colleagues and her pupils

As they say in the classics, 'Rome wasn't built in a day' and in a similar way our own regal Barbara Wolf has devoted the past thirty years not only to nurturing both ordinary pupils and future founders of corporate empires, but also to fostering the caring ethos that has made our school a legend in its time. In the manner of the maternal she-wolf, her intrinsic motherly instincts are at the heart of her intuitive and empathetic interactions with people. More than simply my teacher and tour guide through the ancient world, Mrs Wolf has fulfilled the roles of mentor, public speaking coach and trusted confidante. Her impact on my development has been profound

Liane Lurie

The year-end again saw the resignation of several teachers, among whom were several long-serving members of staff. The Hebrew department lost two valuable members; **Mrs Rachel Sharon** decided to retire from teaching and **Mrs Lucy Shapiro**, who had so successfully guided pupils through the Jewish Heroism Quiz and the Jewish Identity Quiz, emigrated to Melbourne where she took up a post at Mount Scopus. As she had lost many members of her family, Lucy donated a trophy to the school to be awarded each year to the pupil who wrote the best essay in Hebrew or English on the Holocaust. The first winner of this trophy was **Simone Kur**.

The very amiable **Mr Jan van Niekerk**, who had taught French, coached Afrikaans public speaking and accompanied the school choir, resigned.



The school was extremely sad to bid farewell too to the very capable and colourful **Mrs Erika Pienaar**, whose influence was felt far beyond the classroom. Erica was an inspiration both on the athletics track and in the swimming pool where she swam with her trainees in the early morning sessions. She also coached the school choir and designed and created all the costumes for the many musical productions. Erika left Johannesburg and settled in Hermanus.

Several families ended their long association with the school as the last of their children matriculated. Among the seventeen families was the Solarsh family, Simeon and Jarren, whose mother, Arlene, had matriculated in the early years of the school.

Our children have been instilled with an excellent education, high moral values and traditional Jewish awareness which have enabled them to face the challenges of the world outside with confidence and enthusiasm. We feel truly privileged and grateful to have been part of the King David Experience.

Gillian and Colin Gamsu





1999 Students Representative Council

Back Row [L-R]: Dan Ben Moshe, David Kahn, Greg Borowsky, Avi Stermer, Brett Wilks, Michael Kransdorff, Jimmo Vink, Nicky Haase, Romy Gamsu

Middle Row [L-R]: Ilanit Romano, Talia Shapiro, Terri Cooperman, Amanda Pollack, Carly Ressel, Erin Joffe, Terri Zidel, Lee Glickman, Sacha Oshry

Front Row [L-R]: Joshua Rudolph, Mandi Romain, Jarren Solarsh, Mr J Gerassi, Liane Lurie, Donnay Mechanic, Alon Gordon



1999 Matric Group

At the end of the millennium King David Victory Park boasted a 100% pass rate for the sixteenth consecutive year.

King David is victorious

Victory Park - King David High School came out truly victorious when learners scored top marks in the Independent Examination Board's exam last year, beating all others. The school had a 100 per cent pass rate for the 16th consecutive year!

Sacha Oshry attained eight distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Maths, Physical Science, Hebrew, History, Art and Additional Maths. He was on holiday at the time of going to press.

Dan Ben Moshe obtained seven distinctions in Afrikaans, Maths, Physical Science, Hebrew, Jewish Studies, Accounting and Additional Maths. Lara Granville scored top marks in English, Afrikaans, Maths,

Physical Science, French, History and Jewish Studies. Michael Kransdorff also got seven distinctions in English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Science, Latin, History and Jewish Studies.

Evan Widmonte received six distinctions in Afrikaans, Maths, Physical Science, Biology, Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

Learners who obtained five distinctions were Talia Berzack, Daniyel Falk, Alon Gordon, Amanda Lewis and Talya Traub. Learners with four distinctions were Gary Aremband, Joshua Rudolph, Michael Celender, Ortal Shklaz, Marion Isaacs and Jarren Solarsh. Erin Joffe, Avi Stermer, Liane Lurie, Stacey Wolpert and Amanda Pollack.



Sacha Oshry



Dan Ben Moshe



Lara Granville



Michael Kransdorff



Evan Widmonte



Jo'burg Jewish boy makes it big on Broadway

It is not often that a Jo'burg Jewish boy packs up his life to move to New York in pursuit of a dream, and wins a top music award in the Big Apple. This is the story of Greg Borowsky, who with his team recently won the Off Broadway Alliance Award for Best Family Show in New York .



Borowsky and his team won the award for the musical *Polkadots*, a show for children about embracing difference and standing up against injustice. Standing on that stage was “pretty surreal”, Greg Borowsky says.

While most of my friends were getting married, having kids and moving into beautiful homes in Sandton, I came to New York and moved into a tiny apartment with the shower and the fridge arms-length apart. I quickly realised that everyone in New York is incredibly talented, ambitious, and hungry but I just tried to meet as many people as possible, and learn as much as I could, until the opportunity presented itself to me and I grabbed it. Borowsky explains that *Polkadots* is inspired by the story of Ruby Bridges and The Little Rock Nine students, who were the first African-American kids

to be integrated into an all-white school in America. “It’s about the hardships they encountered and had to overcome in order to make history. As a South African growing up during the transition from apartheid to democracy, the parallels struck me. I knew it was an important story to tell.

“I grew up in Johannesburg, went to King David Victory Park, performed in the school shows every year, and had piano lessons with my favourite honorary bobba in Houghton, Bernicia Livingstone.” After school, he studied to be a chartered accountant, but two weeks after passing his final board exam, he signed his first record deal with David Gresham and decided accounting and auditing were not for him.

Borowsky says he would not have been able to move to New York to chase his dream if he hadn’t grown up with the support of the South African Jewish community. “It really is a unique and beautiful thing you don’t see all over the world. The values and confidence instilled by our close-knit community certainly gave me a practical platform from which to dream. I may not have received the same technical training as other musicians arriving in New York, but growing up in the South African Jewish community gave me a Masters in chutzpah, and that you can’t get at Juilliard or Berkeley! I love telling people about all the little customs that are unique to the South African Jewish culture, and hope to keep representing [the community] proudly. Also, if anyone is coming to New York anytime soon, please bring me a sloppy joe with Big Korn Bites from the KDVP tuck shop. You can take the kid out of King David, but.....

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Greg is also in the process of writing a stage musical in collaboration with his brother Shaun, the Mandela Family and the Nelson Mandela Foundation. the provisional title is MANDELA - THE MUSICAL

ACTIVITIES IN THE 1990s



1990 Girls' Squash Team



1992 Boys' Tennis Team



1995 Rugby Team



ACTIVITIES IN THE 1990s



1999 Mitzvah School



The Flowers of Scotland



Sculptors in the Making

In her editorial in **the 2000** school magazine **Nadine Haberfeld** explained so well the reason for the unmistakable uniqueness of King David Victory Park. She said, "You cannot truly understand it until you have experienced a day in our lives. I say 'our' lives because this is the pervading feeling in our [smaller] school: everyone knows everyone and there is a sense of belonging not only to your group of friends but also to a greater 'Victory Park family'. There is a unity that is created through a common bond - our Jewish identity and our connection to Israel.



Academic and Administrative Staff of 2000

Back Row [L-R]: Mrs S Reynolds, Mrs L Vieren, Mr K Bonner, Mrs C Wilsher, Ms M Grobler, Ms G Zimmerman, Mrs E Leaver, Mr M Fourie, Mr R Cloete, Mr G Farmer, Mrs E Schneiderman, Mrs L Geva, Mrs E Chen, Mrs M Wilks, Mrs H Bode, Ms D Hudson

Middle Row [L-R]: Mrs H Chait, Mrs H Heyman, Mrs A Housman, Mrs L Dembo, Mrs L Cave, Mrs M Levy, Mrs L Sherry, Mrs S Goldstuck, Mrs A McAtee, Mrs C Sandnes, Mrs E Delport, Mrs D Binda, Mrs R Milner

Front Row [L-R]: Mr L Heilbronn, Mrs E Spangenberg, Mrs H Ben Moshe, Mr R Bilchitz, Mrs Barbara Wolf, Mr G Brown, Mr J Gerassi, Mrs M Solomons, Mr W Taylor, Mrs R Van Zyl, Ms S Grey, Rabbi M Rabinowitz, Mrs B Goldstein

Kneeling [L-R]: Mrs S Jory, Mrs G Kirsch, Mr W Beetge, Mrs C Beetge, Mrs L Myers



Lance Metz



Tammy Gordon

2000 Head Boy and Head Girl

King David has given our precious children, Tammy and Alon, so many of the things that parents hope for. Beyond the formal classroom learning they have received, they have also discovered how to conduct their lives with humanity and humility. We could not have chosen a better environment to prepare our children for the challenges that await them in the years ahead. There can be no real wrench in saying goodbye to KDHSVP for this unique and wonderful place will always be in our hearts and memories.

David and Barbara Gordon

Marius Barnett was deputy head boy while both **Lauren Brivik** and **Bianca Talpert** held the position of deputy head girl.



Stan Lazarus
[Supervisor]

Gilbert Chauke

Samson Makarase

2000 Maintenance Staff



William Mojapelo

**Mathews
Mokgwelwa**

Dina Moroane

Edward Ndou

Robin Sebogodi



Martin Sithole

Pumela Sithole

Joyce Taune

Josias Thobejane

Tom Tshiambya

Never at a loss for words the pupils felt equally at home both in English and Afrikaans and were not afraid to speak against teams whose mother tongue was Afrikaans. On each evening in 2000 the school was the only English medium school present and acquitted itself exceptionally well thanks to the guidance of Mrs Van Zyl, Mr Van der Merwe, Mr Beetge, and Mrs Lobo.

Back Row [L-R]: L Levenberg,
S Benjamin, S Kransdorff, J Lurie,
D Hockman, C Ellison, D Fayman

Middle Row [L-R]: Mr W Beetge,
Mrs R van Zyl, N Levenberg,
N Oshry, J Lutrin, L Sher, T Blumberg,
Mrs R Lobo

Front Row [L-R]: J Sacks,
R Schmaman, R Robinson,
T Glaser, H Danziger, J Traub



Afrikaans Public Speakers



Richard Starfield

Several students brought great credit to the school by their success in a number of mathematics competitions. **Richard Starfield**, a Grade 9 pupil, finished in the top fifteen of the junior section of the Mathematics Olympiad. He received a silver medal and was invited to write the final round of the senior section for which he received a bronze medal! His success earned him a place in the Southern Gauteng Junior Team which won first place in the Interprovincial Maths Challenge. **Joshua Farron, Steven Kransdorff, Tova Raff and Daniel Hayden** were among the top 20% of candidates who were awarded a one symbol in the second round of the Senior and Junior Olympiads. Steven Kransdorff was awarded a certificate of excellence in a mathematics competition in which several students participated at St Stithians College.

The theme for the 2000 English Olympiad was *Women in Poetry* and the pupils who participated in this event were fortunate to be guided and enriched by Mrs Leaver, herself a feminist, with interesting input by Mrs Jory and Mrs Sandnes. **Steven Kransdorff**, **Daniella Sachs** and **Jodi Traub** were awarded silver certificates while **Carla Baronetti**, **Eitan Celender**, **Lior Chait** and **Amy Lob** received bronze ones.

2000 saw the introduction of two evenings of Inter-House Plays - one each for the juniors and seniors-, and after an interval of five years, the school participated once again in the Raps Play Festival. **Lauren Brivik**, assisted by Mr Farmer directed a very commendable one-act play entitled *Removing the Glove*.



Back Row [L-R]: G Gork, J Farron, M Cramer, D Pillemer, J Lurie, J Levinrad, Mr G Farmer
Front Row [L-R]: R Borowsky, J Lewis, L Brivik, J Sacks, K Vink

2000 Raps Play Festival

Several photographic art pupils had their photographs selected for an exhibition on the people and environs of Newtown and King David Victory Park was the only school invited to participate in an exhibition alongside well-known photographers such as David Goldblatt. In addition to her enthusiasm in the art department, Mrs Wilks organised and accompanied a group of pupils on a first ever Art and Cultural tour to several European cities.

Tammy Gordon, **Lance Metz**, **Bianca Talpert**, **Lauren Brivik** and **Marius Barnett**, Grade 12 pupils, travelled to Washington, USA, to attend the Global Young Leaders' Conference. They were privileged to be addressed by some of the world's most inspirational leaders.

While not quite as exciting as jetting off to Europe or the USA, numerous local tours were made in 2000 with the encouragement of Mr Gerassi. The biology and geography pupils teamed up with the students of King David Linksfield for a field trip to St. Lucia, the Grade 8s visited Lesedi Village; the Grade 9s made their way to Tswaing Crater, the Premier Diamond Mine and the village of Cullinan; the Grade 10s enjoyed a day out at Gold Reef City, the Grade 11s went to the Johannesburg War Museum and the Grade 12s visited Soweto.

The school counsellor, **Ms Gita Zimmerman**, organised many activities to assist the students both academically and socially. Among these activities was the Careers Evening, where senior pupils were able to meet with representatives from various universities and colleges; education on drug awareness and community outreach programmes to encourage Grade 10 pupils to perform acts of love and kindness - Gemilut Chasadim. A subject choice test, offered to the Grade 9s, was also introduced.

Ms Zimmerman offered a Life Skills Training Programme to a group of parents in Alexandra while members of the English Department, Mrs Leaver and Mrs Jory, tutored senior pupils of Kwa Bhelikanga High School in Alexandra.



At an assembly organised by the SRC to create awareness of the Aids epidemic in the country, the pupils were addressed by Mrs Gail Johnson and her 11 year old adopted, HIV positive son, Nkosi. Sadly Nkosi lost his life to Aids in 2001, just a year later.

Trends in Progress invited six Grade 11 students, **Taryn Blumberg, Tatum Furman, Kerry Wener, Lauren Sacks, Kerri Yates** and **Siphokazi Parirenyatwa** to attend the Nelson Mandela Annual Children's Celebration at Bakgatla Camp in the Pilansberg National Park. The 500 children, between the ages of 4 and 14, that were bussed in were either infected or affected by HIV Aids, many of them being orphans.

The First Aid Team, headed by **Elliot Klass** and supervised by Mrs Chait and Mrs Sherry upheld the reputation of the team by using their expertise to assist all in distress and in emergency situations.



Back Row [L-R]: Larry Nussbaum, Ryan Israelstam, Robin Nussbaum
Front Row [L-R]: Thomas Lazlo, Alon Raff

2000 Video Club

The school's video club provided Larry and Robin Nussbaum with an opportunity to use the skills they had imbibed from their father and they took over the production of *Flash*, the weekly recording of all the school's activities.



Nina Nathanson and Davin Widgerow

The school was represented on the Junior City Council by **Nina Nathanson** and **Davin Widgerow**.

Prayers was always a fundamental and integral part of the school day and, in addition to the Rosh Minyanim, **Lior Solomons** and **Nadine Haberfeld**, the school was fortunate to be ably assisted by Rabbi Kacev, Mr Bilchitz, Mr Bitton and Mr Heilbronn.

On Tu B'Shvat the Grade 8s and 9s visited the Walter Sisulu Botannical Gardens where an informative guide introduced them to various tree types and their habitats while the rest of the school watched the planting of palm trees which could be used for Sukkot in later years.

Purim, as always, was a fun-filled day with a carnival, chip and dip, candy floss, hamantaschen [which, according to newcomer, **Richard Starfield**, didn't quite stand up to the quality of those produced by a generation of bobbas], the proverbial fancy-dress parade and a Purim Play.



Grade 9 Shabbaton

During the month of Iyar the pupils commemorated the loss of six million of their fellow Jews in a Yom Hashoa ceremony, and on Yom Hazikaron they remembered the Israeli soldiers who had sacrificed their lives defending their homeland. This was followed, as always, by Yom Ha'atzmaut, a celebration of the establishment of Israel.

Shabbatonim were organised for Grades 8-10 while Grade 11 pupils spent a week on Encounter at Mimosa Gardens in Parys.

Earl Abraham and **Davin Widgerow** were among the ten thousand people who participated in The March of the Living in Poland. They were part of the group of 24 South Africans who witnessed the evil of the Nazis in the concentration camps of Plazow, Majdanek, Belzec and Treblinka. From Poland they travelled to Israel to experience the sadness of Yom Hashoa and Yom Hazikaron and, finally, the joy of Yom Ha'atzmaut. Partnership 2000 also took a group of pupils from South Africa and Israel to walk in the streets of and visit the forests of Warsaw with its mass graves. They were deeply affected by their visit to the Nazi concentration and extermination camps where they listened to the stories of existence in these camps by a survivor who had accompanied them.



The IUA-UCF provided an opportunity for both Victory Park and Linksfield pupils to visit Israel as **Ambassadors For Tolerance** in a programme entitled Partnership 2000. One of the main aims of this programme was to educate the youth of Israel and the Diaspora about the conflicts and cultural clashes in Israel, and to do this, they were guests in the homes of both Jews and Arabs with left and right wing views. A reciprocal visit by Israeli pupils to learn of the problems confronting South Africans as we moved into a new era, took place at the end of July.

Back Row [L-R]: J Elias, D Admoney, C Ellison, Y Singer, K Vink, N Hilleli, B Wailer, N Tatz

Front Row [L-R]: G Maletsky, R Unterslak, R Shein

A line from one of the Psalms states that the world is built on kindness. With that in mind Ms Grey continued to foster the need for the pupils to reach out to others. At Pesach they donated foodstuffs for the less fortunate in our community; the Grade 9s who formed the Bikkur Cholim group contacted and visited pupils who were ill and prior to Rosh Hashanah, the Grade 8s organised a tea for members of the community from Our Parents Home and Sandringham Gardens. Inspired and encouraged by Ms. Grey, **The Mitzvah School** continued to make a difference in the lives of pupils from Pholoshu Primary School as the members of this group not only worked with them to improve their academic skills but motivated them to develop self-confidence, dignity and a feeling of self-worth.



Photograph By Gideon Segal

The author, Maren Bodenstein and the poet, Chris van Wyk, who assessed the creative writing of the pupils, commented on their highly skilled use of language and structure, and ultimately tied the essays of **Steven Katzeff** and **Gideon Segal**. Both essays reached the finals of the SACEE Creative Writing Competition. **Calia Jacobsohn's** poem, *Rising up with My Enemy* was placed first followed by *Stilled Hearts That Cannot Beat* by Lisa Hirsowitz

The school library was given a face-lift and was transformed into a totally new multi-media centre.

Sport continued to play an important part in the life of the King David Victory Park students. In 2000 **Marius Barnett** became the first King David student to make Gauteng U19 Cricket and was selected as part of the Gauteng School of Excellence; **Stacey Zeller** was awarded a gold medal in the National Aerobic Sport Competition; **Gideon Valkin**, in Grade 10, won several tennis tournaments as a result of which he was ranked first in the Gauteng Central provincial team and **Dana Samowitz**, a Grade 9 student, won the Eastern, Southern and Northern Gauteng Open Table Tennis championships, the U14 doubles titles at all three tournaments and the U17 mixed doubles at the Southern Gauteng Open. Dana was ranked number 3 in South Africa.



Back Row [L-R]: R. Israelstam [Chess], G Licht [Rugby], J Berzack [Tennis], R Lang [Squash], G Cramer [Cross-country], K Adno [Swimming], S Rosen [Soccer], J Levy [Table tennis]
Front Row [L-R]: C Ellison [Softball/Squash], T Blumberg [Athletics], S Zeller [Swimming/ Netball/ Squash], M Barnett [Cricket], L Brivik [Tennis], D Hockman [Cross-country]

The guest speaker at the annual sports dinner was the international cricketer, Adam Bacher.

The annual Fashion Show, expertly choreographed this year by a parent, Mrs Lynn Sochen, was a great success and, as always, assisted the Dance Committee with funds to use in their organisation of the matric dance which in 2000 was a magnificent Mardi Gras Ball held at the Sandton Shul Hall. Mrs Melanie Myers and Mrs Beetge once again gave generously of their time and expertise to assist the committee with the décor while Mrs Wolf took charge overall.



2000 Matric Dance Committee



The leadership body which had previously been termed a Prefect Body was now referred to as a Students Representative Council. The positions of Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies was retained. They were responsible for the organisation of the Sports Dinner, the Purim Carnival and Ball and the very successful Music Festival which was won by **Nina Nathanson** who enthralled everyone with her singing.



2000 Students Representative Council

Back Row [L-R]: Daniel Frolich, Elliot Klass, Kevin Adno, Jonathan Davis, Lior Solomons, Marc Cohen, Danny Aaron, Stacey Zeller
Middle Row [L-R]: Shanin Rosen, Leora Katz, Steven Katzeff, Adam Greenblatt, Gary Licht, Daniel Preskow, Ricki Hurwitz, Lorri Glajchen
Front Row [L-R]: Lauren Brivik, Bianca Talpert, Marius Barnett, Mr Gerassi, Tammy Gordon, Nadine Haberfeld, Michal Housman, Orly Goldstein

The SRC also took charge of the Grade 8 Orientation where they quickly discovered that 'the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry'! The three day excursion to Camp David had to be cancelled as there was no water there and the new date that was set had to be cancelled because the bridge leading to Camp David had been washed away. An excursion to Wild Waters for a day of 'fun in the sun' proved fruitless too, as there was no sun! Finally the SRC admitted defeat and the orientation was held at the school.

During 2000 and as the first year of the new millennium drew to a close, a record number of both staff and families left the school. Fifteen staff members, many of whom had given many years of service to King David Victory Park, either resigned voluntarily or were retrenched as the SABJE was, once again, experiencing financial difficulties.

At the end of the first term **Mrs Sue Varejes** emigrated to the United States and, after nineteen years of service at King David, **Mrs Anne McAtee** and her family emigrated to New Zealand where her experience as an excellent accounting teacher stood her in such good stead that she was able to secure a senior position at one of the top colleges in Auckland.

After 31 years **Mrs Barbara Wolf** resigned from her position as deputy-principal and entered the world of retail.



Mrs Barbara Wolf

After thirty one years of nurturing the school from infancy to adulthood, Barbara has opted for early retirement. As spouse and right-hand woman of former headmaster, Jeffrey, she epitomised the buzz-word 'multi-tasking' long before it had come into common usage in the roles she played as co-ordinator, organiser, producer, educator and award-winning Public Speaking coach.

Joseph Gerassi

Barbara will leave her indelible signature on KD. Whatever she has undertaken, it has always been with a single-minded attention to detail and her inimitable style is evident in everything she does. Moreover it has always been done with love and that has made all the difference.

Sandra Reynolds

Mrs Bernice Goldstein, who had served King David for twenty years, first as a teacher of the junior classes but later as Head of the English Department, emigrated to Toronto where she continued to teach English until her retirement.



Bernice leaves behind her an English Department of formidable stature, one that has a deservedly high reputation and that has given great lustre to King David Victory Park. On behalf of our colleagues in the English Department and all the students that have benefitted from your TLC down the years, I want to say "au revoir" and to thank you for all you have done for us.

Elizabeth Leaver

Mr Warwick Taylor left to take up a position at St Johns College but some years later he was appointed as headmaster of Saheti School. Other members who left the school in 2000 were **Mrs Mirah Wilks**, **Mrs Ronit Genish** who was expecting an addition to her family, **Ms. Marel Grobler** and **Mr Marius Fourie**. Two long-serving teachers who were retrenched by the SABJE, as they were in a difficult financial position once again, were **Mrs Rene Milner**, who had been part of the King David library for twenty years and **Mrs Lydia Dembo** who had imparted her culinary and life skills to her pupils for nineteen years. **Mr Hannes Bezuidenhout** also resigned from the computer department.

Rabbi Kacev left the school to spend a year in Israel studying at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Mrs Joyce Taune, who had been part of the maintenance team for twenty years, resigned from her position as did **Mr Stan Lazarus**, the maintenance supervisor.



Laurence, Marius and Lesley-Anne Barnett

Lauren, Rael and **Earl Abraham** left the campus after a twenty-six year association, and the **Katzeff family**, **Saul, Steven** and **Lawrence** graduated after a seventeen year affiliation. **The Shor family** though may hold the record as they were affiliated with the school for twenty-eight years!..

A record number of families graduated from the school at the end of 2000. Among these was the Barnett family, whose mother, Sharon, had served on the Parent Teacher Associations of both the primary and high schools over the twenty years that her children had attended the school. She had held the positions of both vice-chairperson and chairperson and, in 1993, was co-opted onto the South African Board of Education as an honorary officer.



The Shor Family



The Levy Family



The Katzeff Family



The Lang Family

2000 Matriculation Group

12W



12V



12M



12S



12I



Matric 2000

King David at the head of the class

Johannesburg's King David High in Victory Park held steadfastly to its unbroken record when it achieved a 100% pass rate in the Independent Examination Board for the 17th consecutive year.

The school also produced four students who obtained six distinctions each, and one who got seven distinctions.

Daniella Sachs (18), Earl Ross Abraham (17), Joshua Farron (17) and Steven Katzeff (18) obtained six distinctions

each. Extra hard work got Nadine Haberfeld seven distinctions.

St Stithians College in Randburg also boasts a number of exceptional pupils.

Three of their matrics obtained six distinctions each. They are Jonathan Minster, Brandon Trew and Bradley Carter.

Two students – Samantha Streicher and Lisa Chamberlain – obtained seven distinctions each. – Staff Reporter

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Daniella Sachs ... 6 distinctions.



Earl Abraham ... 6 distinctions.



Nadine Haberfeld ... 7 distinctions.

KDHS VICTORY PARK – King David Victory Park has the proud distinction of having had 100 percent pass rate for the past 17 years.



Nadine Haberfeld – top student, full house – 7 A's



Earl Abraham – 6 A's – among top 50 pupils in IEB exams



Joshua Farron – 6 A's



Steven Katzeff – 6 A's



Daniella Sachs – 6 A's



Taryn Schlosberg – 5 A's



Keren Livneh – 5 A's



Jonathan Fayman – 5 A's



Joshua Lewis – 4 A's

The Dux Award was shared between Nadine Haberfeld and Earl Abraham

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