

Michael Galaun

Michael Galaun (1949-2016) followed in the footsteps of his illustrious father, both as a businessman and as a philanthropist and Jewish communal leader. He was actively involved from the early 1970s in his family's commercial enterprises of which he assumed control in 1988. Galaunia Farms became major producers of wheat, barley, soya, and potatoes on over 1000 hectares under irrigation; milk dairy products under the Diamondale brand; and poultry under the Crest label. The Luscold butchery business grew into a chain of nineteen shops throughout Zambia.

Michael succeeded his father as chairman both of the Council for Zambia Jewry and the Lusaka Hebrew Congregation and was a senior office bearer on the African Jewish Congress from its establishment in 1993 onwards. Having presided over the refurbishment of the Lusaka synagogue in 2006 and its eventual sale in 2013, he was involved in the important committee decision which would channel the proceeds of the Lusaka synagogue to the new Copperbelt University School of Medicine, and, through its reciprocal student programme, to the Tel Aviv University School of Public Health. On the 50th anniversary of Zambian Independence in 2014, he received the Presidential Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of his services to his country.



Michael Galaun and family

The distinguished economist Stanley Fischer was born in Mazabuka in 1943 and spent his pre-teenage years in Zambia. He became a professor of Economics at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from 1977-1999, Governor of the Bank of Israel, and, since 2014, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the United States' Federal Reserve Bank. His father Philip, a half-brother of Sam Fischer of Lusaka and a cousin of Elias Kopelowitz of Livingstone, arrived in Northern Rhodesia in 1926 and moved to Mazabuka in 1934. His mother Ann (nee Kopelowitz) was from Cape Town. The couple ran a general store in Mazabuka until 1956 when the family moved to Southern Rhodesia.



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