

Recently Funded Projects

THE COPPERBELT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL AND TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Following the sale of the Lusaka synagogue in 2013, the Council for Zambia Jewry decided to donate US\$1 million to the newly established Copperbelt University Medical School in Ndola and a similar sum to the School of Public Health in the Sackler Faculty of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, Israel. The funds were to be used for the renovation of a floor, which would be named in honour of the Zambian Jewish community, and to fund collaboration between the two medical schools. The link with Tel Aviv would involve Zambian medical students and academics spending time in Tel Aviv and professionals from Tel Aviv running workshops in Ndola. Michael Galaun and Aviva Ron were present at the groundbreaking for the building of the medical school in Ndola on 24 June 2014. On 14 May 2015 they were both present, as was Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, in Tel Aviv at a ceremony to inaugurate the Zambian Jewish Community Health Wing and Exchange Programme at the university.

A number of former residents of Zambia now living in Israel were present, including Joe Goldberg from Luanshya, Leon Favish from Mufulira and Carole and Mark Lowenthal from Ndola. Ann Harris, President of the African Jewish Congress was also in attendance. Michael Galaun was presented with a certificate as the representative of the Zambian Jewish community in commemoration of the event. The Copperbelt University was represented by the vice-chancellor, Professor Naison Ngoma, and the dean of the medical school, Professor Kasonde Bowa.



Michael Galaun, Chairman of The Council for Zambia Jewry & Dr Aviva Elkaim Ron standing next to the Zambian Jewish Community Health Wing sign



President of the Tel Aviv University, Professor Klafter presenting a certificate to Michael Galaun who accepted it on behalf of The Council for Zambia Jewry



Professor Naison Ngoma, Vice Chancellor Copperbelt University & Michael Galaun

The official opening of the newly built Michael Sata School of Medicine Building was held on 31 August 2017 at the Copperbelt University in Ndola. This facility was constructed and substantially equipped through a donation from the Council for Zambia Jewry. Ann Harris addressed the gathering, after which Simon Zukas, accompanied by his wife Cynthia, delivered a message and unveiled the plaque detailing the events of the day. H. E. Ambassador of Israel to Zambia Gershon Kedar and Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft were also present.



Michael Chilufya Sata School Of Medicine - Copperbelt University



Dr. Kaseba-Sata - wife of the Late President Michael Chilufya Sata after whom the building is named, Ann Harris, President African Jewish Congress, Cynthia Zukas OBE, Simon Zukas OCF, Chairman Council of Zambia Jewry & Prof. M. Mwanalwahi, Chancellor Copperbelt University



Ann Harris addressing the gathering before entering the building. Simon & Cynthia Zukas, Dr Aviva Elkaim Ron and H E Gershon Kedar, Ambassador of the State of Israel to Zambia



Simon Zukas cuts the ribbon and officially opens the centre

