

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN South Africa



Celebrating.....

MANDELA DAY



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“South Africa has a special affinity with Mandela Day, as we feel, and rightly so, that Madiba belongs to us.

In honour of his day this year, the wonderful Union of Jewish Women members and volunteers brought joy and delight to so many across the nation, from new mums receiving gorgeous baby-bags for their newborns filled with everything necessary for an infant’s first days on earth, to school children receiving new shoes for the first time in their lives. Children in informal settlements received, with whoops of delight, playground equipment; thousands of delicious sandwiches were distributed to thousands of grateful recipients; homeless and indigent men and women enjoyed hot, nourishing and mouthwatering meals; and huge packages of various non-perishable foodstuffs were given to pupils at disadvantaged primary schools for their families.

Our memories of Madiba enhanced the pleasure we received from the happiness and joy of the beneficiaries.”

Bev Goldman National President

Nelson Mandela International Day, also known as Mandela Day, is an international observance in honour of the revolutionary Nelson Mandela, celebrated annually on his birthday, on July 18. The day was officially set by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first observance of Mandela Day held on July 18 2010.



CAPE TOWN BRANCH

Western Cape



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'MANDELA DAY 2023'

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They packed 'Bags for New Beginnings' and delivered to mothers of new born babies at the Tygerberg Kangaroo Ward for prematurely born babies. They also delivered bags to three hospital Kangaroo Units around Cape Town.



Somerset Hospital



ABOVE: Executive Chairman, Karen Kallmann with the mothers who had just given birth



SOMERSET WEST/ STRAND BRANCH

They donated numerous food items including e-pap to feed the children at the shelter.

BELOW: Somerset West/ Strand Branch: Handover of beanies and snack packs to Bergendal Primary Farm School.





Beanies were donated to the children of this centre founded in 1942. Thanks to Alan Hofman, Sue Lubner, the principal and their committee for their support.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Eastern Cape

This Branch packed bags for 'Dora Nginza Maternity Hospital' and delivered Clothing for 'Get Giving'

They paid for 50 meals at MES Homeless Shelter where the residents are able to shower, have a meal and a mattress on which to sleep.

Algoa Bay Council for the Aged received money towards meals for residents.



They supplied Playground Equipment for Ikhala Trust, Mouggesukkel Informal Settlement.



DURBAN BRANCH KwaZulu-Natal

Making sandwiches for the
needy



Representatives
from the Dennis
Hurley Centre

Over 1000 loaves of bread... 10
thousand sandwiches plus, 200
people at 22 tables, a room full
of happiness! Sharing and
networking Kindness and
love!

Sue Jacobson and the Dennis Hurley Centre
Team.

The centre run by the Catholic Church, has
wonderful feeding schemes and cares for
the homeless. The men in green are book
vendors who buy donated books from the
centre very cheaply, better themselves by
reading them and then sell them. One
read about the Holocaust and is now
employed at their Holocaust Centre.



Representatives from Brettonwood High School

Brettonwood School in Umbilo are one of their
project beneficiaries during the floods in their area.
They came to give something back for what UJW
does for them.

They took their sandwiches and distributed them to
the learners in need .



Hard working UJW Ladies— Chairmen, Sue Jacobson & Linda
Nathan with secretary Evelyn Cohen



JOHANNESBURG BRANCH - Gauteng



Packing and delivering 'Bags for New Beginnings'



Volunteers assisted in packing and delivering



Young and old helped pack 120 Bags for New Beginnings, containing necessities for newborn babies and their moms. These were delivered to indigent moms who gave birth on Mandela Day in government hospitals and clinics.



PRETORIA BRANCH

Gauteng Province



This small branch does the most incredible work by assisting those in need.

Bags of food were donated to volunteers who helped clean the streets in a Pretoria suburb. UJW collaborated with the church reverend in the area.



Food is packed in beautifully designed UJW bags.