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Grape vine

Turning back the years

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Yael Dayan stands in front of a 1969 portrait of her by the Belgian pop artist Evelyne Axell. The portrait is part of the 'Surviving H1N1' exhibition currently on display at the Contemporary Art Gallery in Tel Aviv.

■ TEL AVIV City Council member and former MK Yael Dayan, who many years ago authored the book *New Face in the Mirror* came face to face with her young-old face at the Contemporary Art Gallery when she accepted the invitation of gallery owner and art dealer Ronald Fuhrer to attend the opening of the Surviving H1N1 group exhibition, which included a larger-than-life portrait of Dayan painted in 1969 by Belgian pop artist Evelyne Axell. The portrait was marked for sale, and the price asked was NIS300,000.

■ THE HISTORIC workers' camp of the Israel Potash Corporation is to be maintained as a tourist site. The preservation and rehabilitation project of the camp was launched last week by Yossi Feldman, director-general of the Council for the Preservation of Buildings and Historic Sites; Danny Chen, the CEO of the Dead Sea Works; Dov Litvinoff, head of the Tamar Regional Council; Yitzhak Ben David, director-general of the Ministry for the Environment; and other dignitaries. The site will be turned into a museum that will relate the history of the workers' camp and the Potash Corporation, dating back to their inception in 1934.

■ FORMER BASKETBALL stars Tal Brody and Doron Jamshi will be the referees at a charity match to be played at 4 p.m. today, Friday, May 14 at Sportech Herzliya on behalf of the Israel Cancer Association. Players will include celebrity chef Moshe Segev along with television stars and entertainment personalities such as Oded Menashe, Uri Gottlieb, Itzik Zohar, Pablo Rosenberg, Danny Roup, Michael Louis, Nati Ravitz, along with other well known figures.

■ BUDO FOR Peace (BFP), a non-profit youth education organization founded by karate champion Danny Hakim, this week opened a martial arts coexistence club in the Israeli-Arab village, Jisr e-Zarka (of Sudanese-Muslim origin). The opening was attended by Baroness Edmond de Rothschild and Israel Minorities Minister, Prof. Avishay Braverman. Aided by the generosity of the Caesarea-based Rothschild Foundation, Budo for Peace will be teaching twenty-eight 9-12-year-olds the principles of traditional martial arts as a way to guide participants toward resolving interpersonal and social conflicts through nonviolent means. The new group will partner with Jewish youth from the Or-Akiva club. Located just north of Caesarea, Jisr e-Zarka has the lowest average monthly wage of any locality in Israel and the highest high-school dropout rate.

Guided by the Japanese Budo philosophy of respect and harmony, BFP enables young Jewish, Christian and Muslim Israelis to engage in shared life experiences. Twinned clubs are created in which youth from different religious and socioeconomic backgrounds join to interact, perform and learn karate, judo and aikido with each other. In addition to the Jisr karate club performing for the first time, twinned clubs from the Muslim, Christian and Druze village of Kfar Yasif performed with the Jewish club of Karmiel and the Muslim/Beduin club of Bueine Nujeidat with the Orthodox Jewish club of Mitzpe Netofa.

Jisr e-Zarka's unique history originates from the Yishuv movement of Jewish immigration in the pre-statehood era. More than 100 years ago, Baron de Rothschild commissioned four Sudanese families of stonemasons to build a glass factory for the Rothschild Winery near Zichron Yaacov. Today, Jisr e-Zarka's population of Israeli Arab citizens has expanded to 11,100 residents.