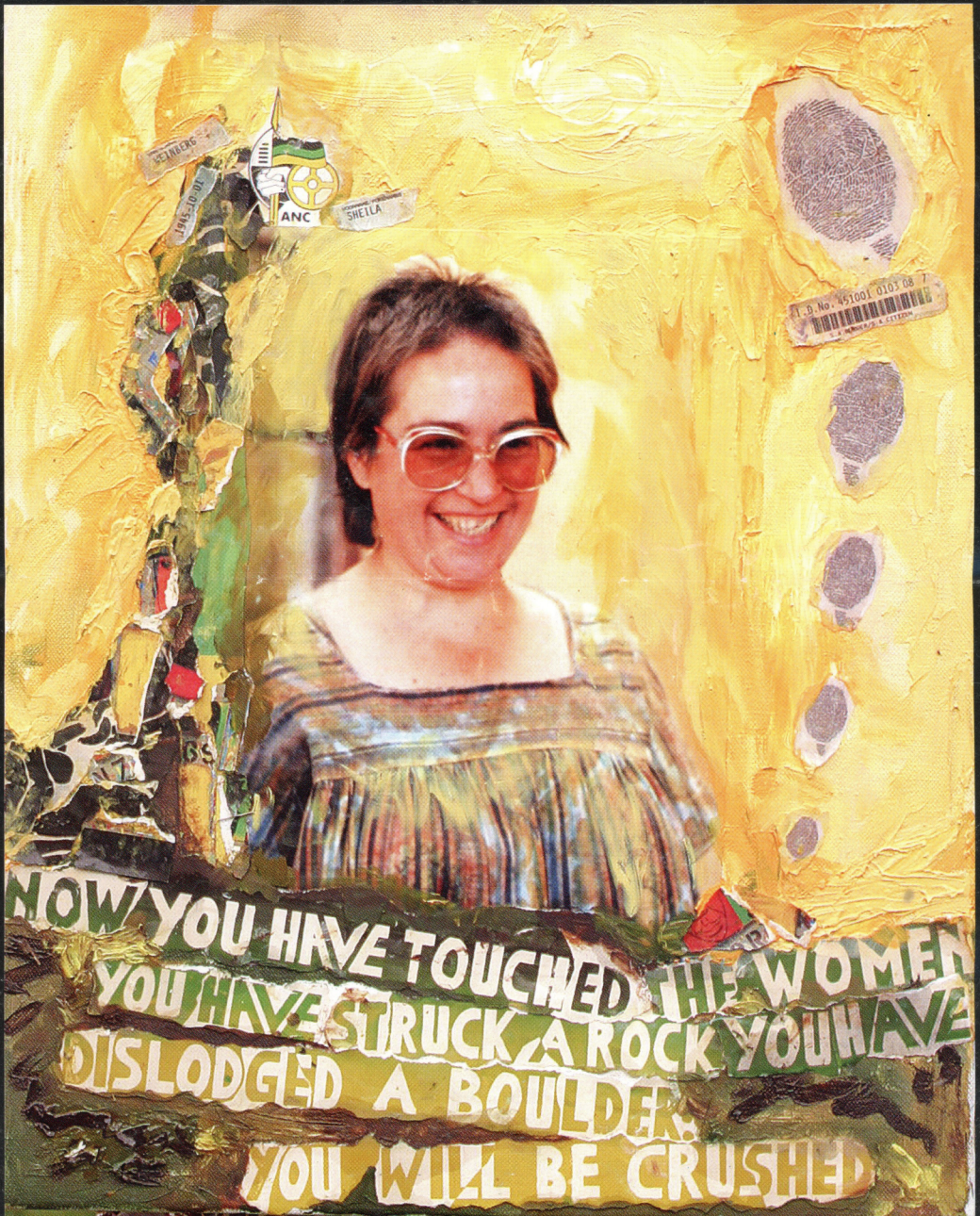


SHEILA WEINBERG 1945 — 2004



HAMBA KAHLE IQAWE

Comrade Sheila Weinberg was born on 1 October 1945 in Johannesburg. Her parents, Eli and Violet Weinberg, were active trade unionists and leaders of the SACP. From a very young age she committed herself to the struggle for freedom and social justice. Throughout her life she carried the flame of human dignity and equality.

In 1964, Sheila was the youngest detainee in South Africa, when at the age of 17 she was held at the Johannesburg Fort under the 90 day detention provisions. The next year she served a six month sentence for furthering the aims of the ANC. For many years she was banned and confined to her home under house arrest, but despite these restrictions, Sheila continued her activities both formally and informally. In the early 1980s, she helped to found the Human Rights Committee, which provided bursaries for the children of comrades.

With the launch of the United Democratic Front in 1983, Sheila became a key figure in the Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee (JODAC), where she was dedicated to building broad support for the liberation movement amongst the middle-class and whites. Sheila was a founding member of the Administrative Training Project (ATP), which empowered civics and trade unions, and Friends of UDF, which raised funds for the UDF while it was restricted.

Sheila became a pillar of the ANC in North East Johannesburg after its unbanning. In particular Sheila led the way in organizing domestic workers in the Gauteng Province. In 1994, Sheila was elected to the Gauteng Provincial Legislature where, for 10 years, she contributed to the governance and transformation of the province.

Many friends will also remember Sheila through her work with clay, creating pots, plates, mugs and vases which she shared as gifts over the years. After the 2004 election, she retired from the Gauteng Legislature with the intention to take up her pottery professionally.

Sheila will be remembered for her relaxed and easy commitment, her courage, her integrity and her lifelong commitment to the realization of a South Africa free of oppression and exploitation.

Cde Sheila is survived by her son, Mark.

PROGRAMME

MUSIC: SOLIDARITY FOR EVER

WELCOME Bob Mabaso (MC)

Moment of silent reflection or prayer

ANC Provincial Executive David Makhura

FREEDOM SONG

Gauteng Provincial Legislature Richard Mdakane

THE INTERNATIONALE

Eli Weinberg Branch Maggie Kgaka & Sol Cowan

FREEDOM SONG

The 1980s & JODAC Maurice Smithers

The 1960s & 1970s Prema Naidoo

FREEDOM SONG

Vote of thanks and messages Bob Mabaso

Friends Ebi Mohammed

Life Training: A whole new community Thapelo Mzizi

FREEDOM SONG

The Family Ilse Fischer-Wilson

FREEDOM SONG

The Family Mark Weinberg

HAMBA KAHLE UMKHONTO

NKOSI SIKILEL' iAFRICA

The Internationale

Arise ye prisoners of starvation
Arise ye toilers of the earth
For reason thunders new creation
Tis a better world in birth.

Never more traditions chains shall
bind us
Arise ye toilers no more in thrall
The earth shall rise on new
foundations
We are but naught we shall be all.

Chorus

Then comrades, come rally
And the last fight let us face
The Internationale
Unites the human race.

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Nkosi, sikelel iAfrika

Nkosi, sikelel iAfrika,
Maluphakanyisw uphondo lwayo
Yizwa imithandazo yethu
Nkosi sikelela,
Nkosi sikelela.

Nkosi, sikelel iAfrika,
Maluphakanyisw uphondo lwayo
Yizwa imithandazo yethu
Nkosi sikelela,
Thina lusapho lwayo.

Woza Moya (woza moya woza),
Woza Moya (woza moya woza),
Woza Moya, Oyingcwele.
Nkosi sikelela,
Thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka sechaba sa heso
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
Morena boloka sechaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho.

O se boloke, o se boloke,
O se boloke, o se boloke.
Sechaba sa heso, Sechaba sa
South Africa.
O se boloke, o se boloke,
O se boloke morena, se boloke.
Sechaba sa heso, sechaba sa
Africa.

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