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EDITORIAL

CHANGES AT SHALOM – GOODBYE AND WELCOME

There has been a very important change at Shalom Magazine recently which we wish all our loyal readers to know about.

Charlotte Friedlander has stepped down from her role on the editorial team of Shalom after being with us for over 6 years.

Charlotte has in recent times needed more time to devote to her career and personal life, and although it is regretful to see her leave Shalom, we at JNF QLD, the publishers of Shalom, understand and appreciate her situation.

Charlotte came to us in 2012 while she was still a student at UQ and from then on devoted herself over the following years to ensuring that the transition of Shalom Magazine from a printed and posted magazine to a digital emailed publication

was successful. It is true to say that without this transition Shalom would not exist today and the Queensland Jewish community would have lost one of its most long-lived and vital institutions. Charlotte can take much of the credit for the survival of Shalom and the role it plays in our community for which we thank her.

Charlotte will be remembered as playing one of the most significant roles with Shalom since the late George Frey founded the magazine in 1964.

Charlotte has been a pleasure to work with and the support and professionalism she has given to Shalom, JNF QLD and myself is something that will not be forgotten and we wish her and Jordan all the very best for the future.

True to her dedication to Shalom Charlotte indicated that she would not step down until someone suitable for Shalom was found to take over her role – a task that was going to be easier said than done.

After many months of searching Shalom is pleased to welcome Kellie Bogan to our team.



Pictured: Kel Bogan

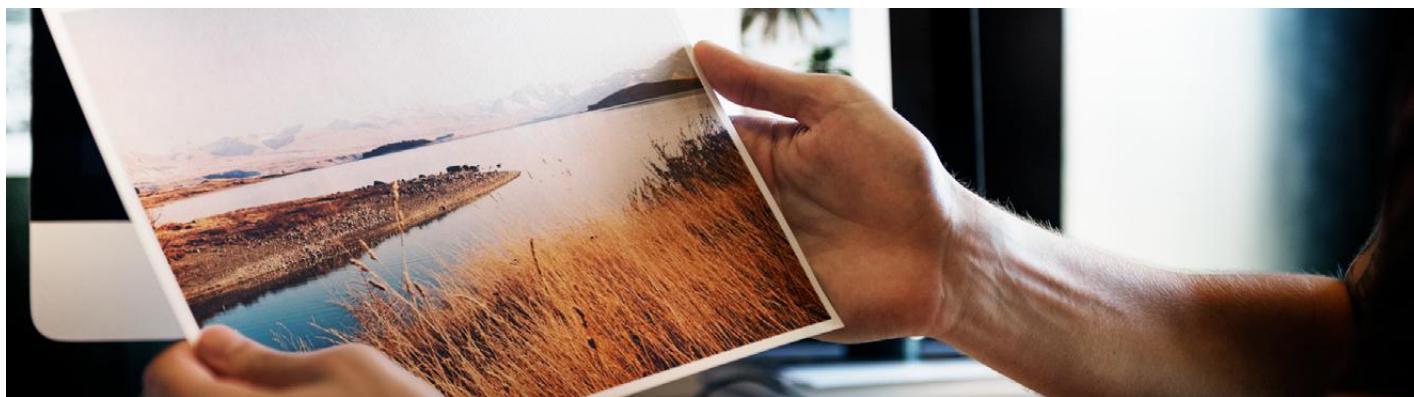
Kellie a former Sinai College student is part of the Bogan family a name well known in Brisbane.

Kellie, or Kel as he prefers to be called, comes to us not only with extensive professional graphic skills and qualifications but with a firm desire to contribute to the Jewish Community through the publication of Shalom.

This December edition is his first and we know you will enjoy the personal style and touches Kel brings to the publication.

We are looking forward to a long creative and productive association with Kel as Shalom Magazine continues to go from strength to strength.

David Jacobs
President JNF QLD



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‘There Is Still So Much Evil’: Growing Anti-Semitism Stuns American Jews

BY LAURIE GOODSTEIN – 1 NOVEMBER 2018

Until recent years, many Jews in America believed that the worst of anti-Semitism was over there, in Europe, a vestige of the old country.

American Jews were welcome in universities, country clubs and corporate boards that once excluded their grandparents. They married non-Jews, moved into mixed neighborhoods and by 2000, the first Jew ran for vice president on a major party ticket.

So the massacre on Saturday of 11 people in a Pittsburgh synagogue, by a man who told the police when he surrendered that he “wanted all Jews to die,” was for many a shocking wake-up call.

“This kind of evil makes me think of the Holocaust and how people can be so cruel, that there is so much evil in the world, still,” said Moshe Taube, 91, a retired cantor from Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh and a survivor of the Holocaust. But it did not come out of nowhere, said experts in anti-Semitism. At the same time that Jews were feeling unprecedented acceptance in the United States, the climate was growing increasingly hostile, intensifying in the two years since President Trump was elected. And it

comes at a time when attacks on Jews are on the rise in Europe as well, with frequent anti-Semitic episodes in France and Germany.

The hate in the United States came into full view last year as white supremacists marched in Charlottesville, Virginia, with lines of men carrying torches and chanting, “Jews will not replace us.”

Swastikas and other anti-Semitic graffiti have been cropping up on synagogues and Jewish homes around the country. Jews online are subjected to vicious slurs and threats. Many synagogues and Jewish day schools have been amping up security measures.

The Anti-Defamation League logged a 57 percent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in 2017, compared to the previous year — including bomb threats, assaults, vandalism, and anti-Semitic posters and literature found on college campuses. Cont.

Picture: When white nationalist groups marched through the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville in August 2017, some chanted, “Jews will not replace us.” Credit Mykal McEldowney/The Indianapolis Star, via Associated Press

ANTI-SEMITISM

'There Is Still So Much Evil': Growing Anti-Semitism Stuns American Jews (Continued.)

Cont. Prominent recent examples include unfounded conspiracy theories about George Soros, a wealthy, donor to Democratic Party causes and a Jewish émigré from Hungary who survived the Nazis.

On Oct. 5, Mr. Trump asserted on Twitter that the women who stopped Senator Jeff Flake in an elevator to plead with him to vote against advancing the nomination of Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court were "paid for by Soros and others." In a rally in Missoula, Mont., on Oct. 19, the president told the crowd that the news media prefers to interview protesters who were paid by "Soros or somebody."

Mr. Soros has also been accused of financing the caravan of Hondurans and Guatemalans fleeing north on foot through Mexico — another claim with no factual basis.

A day after a pipe bomb was discovered at Mr. Soros's home in Westchester, Representative Kevin McCarthy, the House majority leader, wrote on Twitter, "We cannot allow Soros, Steyer and Bloomberg to BUY this election! Get out and vote Republican Nov. 6."

Tom Steyer is an Episcopalian and is of Jewish descent. Michael Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York City, is Jewish. After more explosive devices were found in the homes and offices of other Democratic leaders and supporters, Mr. McCarthy deleted the tweet.

Anti-Semitism has also become a charged topic on many US college campuses, with Israel as the detonator.

Activists on the left — sometimes including young Jews — call for boycotts and divestments from companies doing business in Israel, or the occupied territories. Mainstream Jewish groups are now branding such campaigns as anti-Semitism. Where to draw the line between criticism of Israel and anti-Semitism is a growing source of friction in many colleges and state capitals.

In Europe, Jewish leaders have been confronting open hatred toward Jews, also sometimes linked to animosity toward Israel.

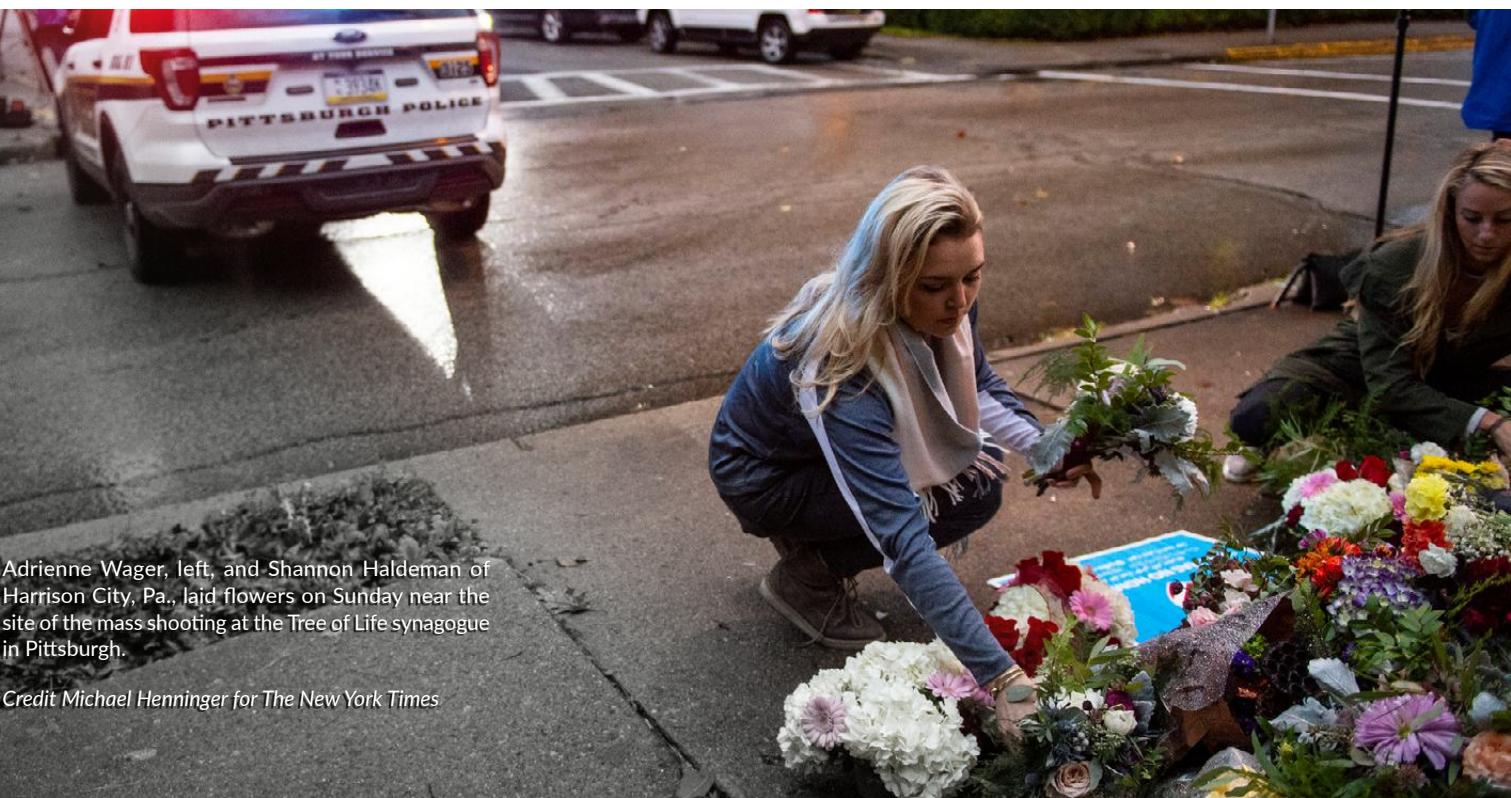
In France, Jews have increasingly faced attacks and insults from members of the country's large Muslim community. In March, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor, Mireille Knoll, was knifed to death in her apartment by a young man who shouted "Allahu akbar." Prosecutors classified it as an anti-Semitic hate crime.

In a 2015 study, 42 percent of French Jews surveyed said that they had suffered insults or aggressive acts at the hands of Muslims.

In Germany, anti-Semitism remains a daily occurrence, sometimes taking on the form of criminal attacks on Jews or Jewish institutions, but often in more casual insults or the questioning of the country's post-World War II commitment to "never again" repeat the Nazi Holocaust.

One of the most prominent anti-Semitic attacks this year, in which a young Syrian struck a man wearing a skullcap on the street of a trendy Berlin neighborhood, prompted

Cont.



Adrienne Wager, left, and Shannon Haldeman of Harrison City, Pa., laid flowers on Sunday near the site of the mass shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Credit Michael Henninger for The New York Times

'There Is Still So Much Evil': Growing Anti-Semitism Stuns American Jews (Concluded.)

Cont. the head of Germany's main Jewish organization to warn Jews against openly wearing skullcaps, or other public displays of their religion.

A demonstration in support of the country's Jews drew thousands of people to the streets, but months later, in the midst of violent demonstrations by neo-Nazis in the eastern city of Chemnitz, masked assailants threw rocks and bottles at a local Jewish restaurant and shouted anti-Semitic insults, the owner told the police.

Nadine Epstein, editor in chief of Moment, an independent Jewish magazine in the United States, said that in 2014 the magazine did a special section on anti-Semitism, interviewing a wide range of scholars and leaders in the field. She said that her conclusion was that anti-Semitism, while persistent, was mostly a problem in Europe. But "it wasn't really an issue in the U.S.," she said.

"Four plus years later," she added in an email, "we live in a very different world where nationalism, and with it anti-Semitism, is on the rise, stirred up by the rhetoric of one candidate in the 2016 presidential campaign. It's been building ever since, and now that we are in the run-up

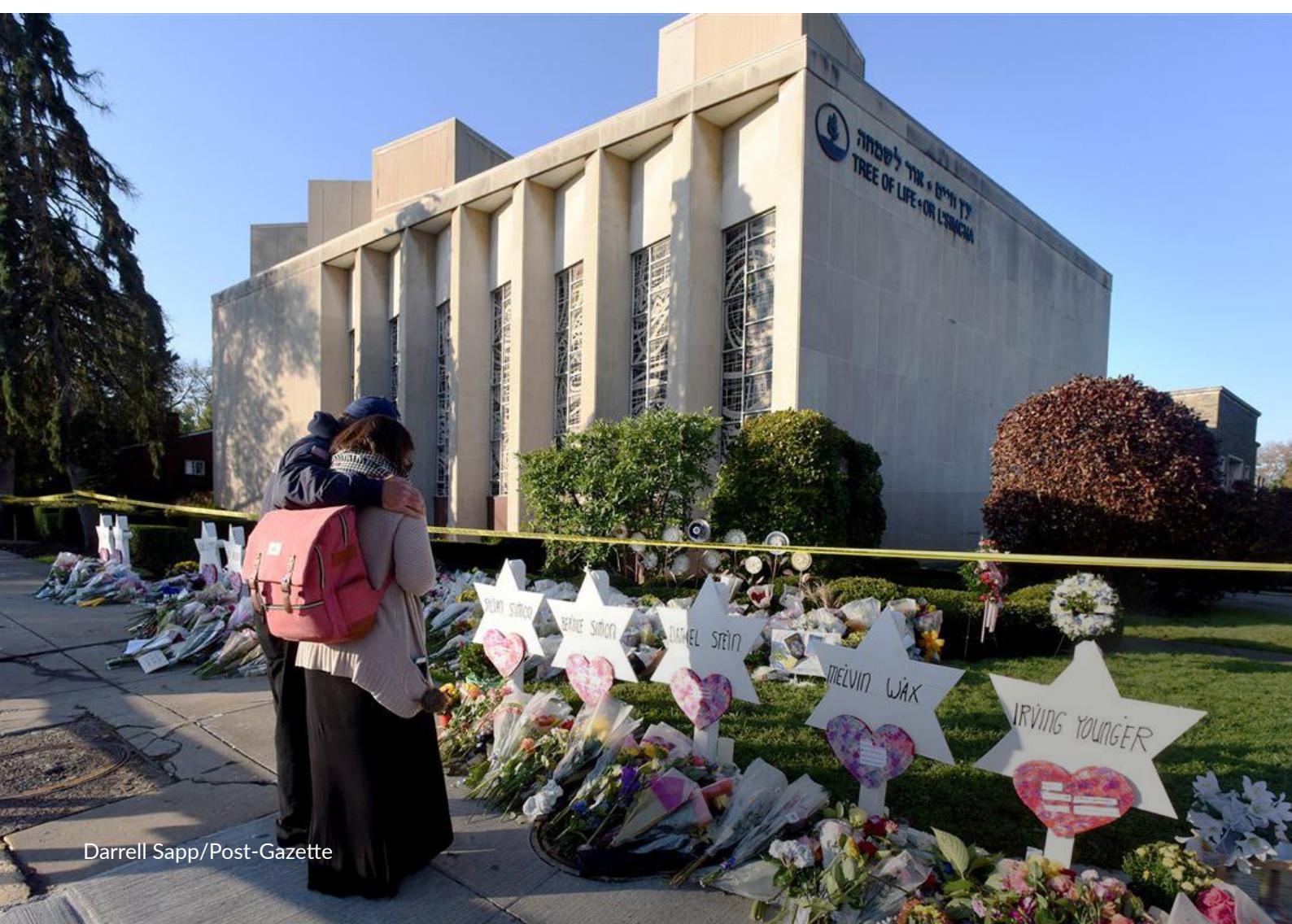
to the midterms, the first national election since, we are seeing the consequences of such dangerous rhetoric."

Moment magazine now has a web page to monitor anti-Semitism around the world, something Ms. Epstein said she never imagined doing.

**"There is Still So Much Evil", Laurie Goodstein, NYTimes
Printed in The Age, 1 November 2018**



Worshippers embrace before the start of the Shabbat service, Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, at Congregation Rodef Shalom in Shadyside. (Michael M. Santiago/Post-Gazette)



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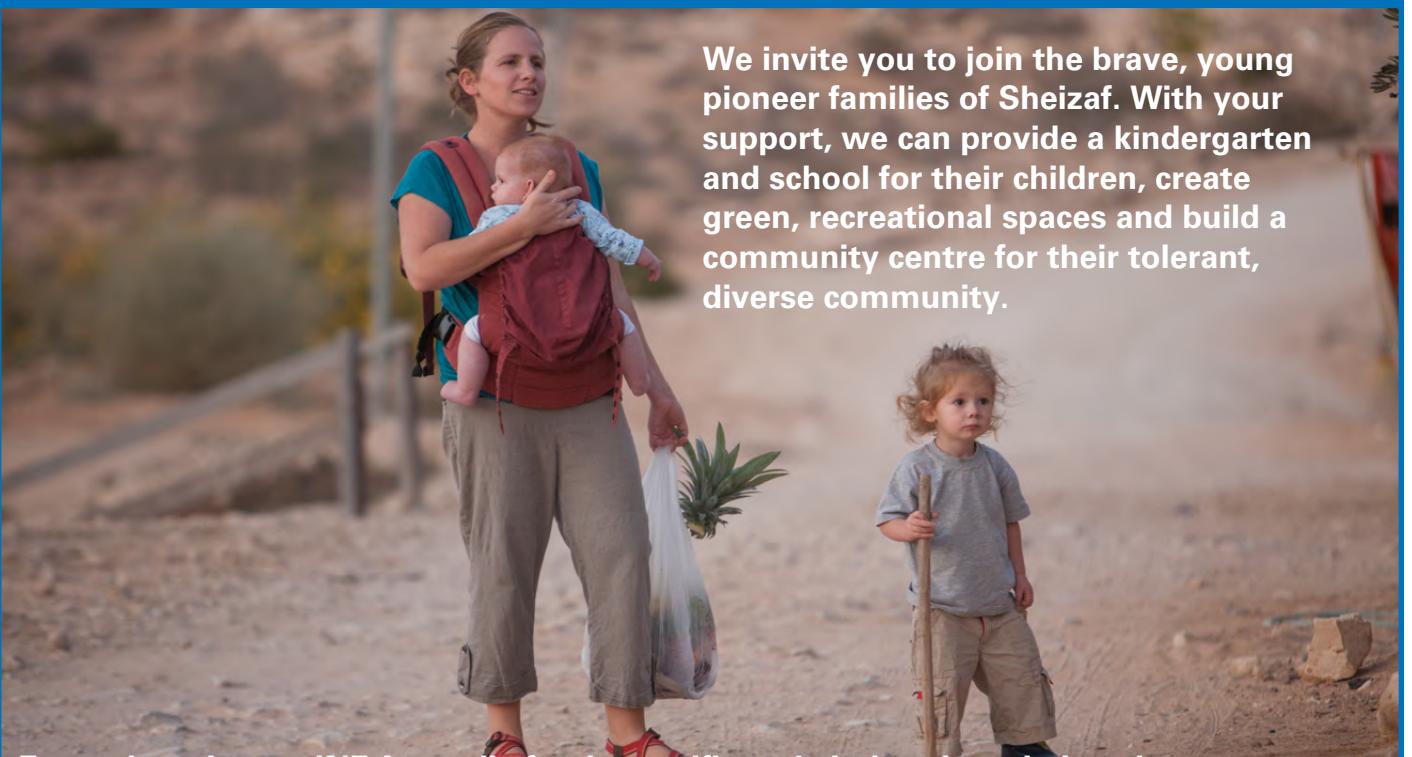
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KKL-JNF HOUSE IN KIRYAT MALACHI WILL HELP YOUTH EXCEL



From KKL-JNF.ORG, Tuesday, November 20, 2018

The house to be built in Kiryat Malachi is part of KKL-JNF's program to support informal education in Israel.

The first KKL-JNF House for Excellence in Israel's southern region will be built in Kiryat Malachi. This KKL-JNF House is the second of ten to be built in Israel's social and geographical periphery. This new center is slated for completion in less than a year and will become a focus of educational enrichment and empowerment of the city's young people and the entire community.

At a meeting that took place on Thursday, November 15, representatives of KKL-JNF and the Kiryat Malachi municipality discussed building a KKL-JNF House for the city's youth. KKL-JNF World Chairman Daniel Atar and Mayor Eliyahu Zohar were present at the meeting. Avi Musan, the KKL-JNF official responsible for building KKL-JNF Houses for Excellence, explained to everyone present about the building process and yearly work plan in detail.

Musan said that the goal is to open a KKL-JNF House for Excellence in Kiryat Malachi by September 2019, the beginning of the next school year.

This KKL-JNF House will be the first such center to be built in the south, and the second KKL-JNF House in all of Israel. The first KKL-JNF house was built in early 2018 in Upper Nazareth (Nazareth Illit), where it has already become a thriving social and educational hub for youth.

The house to be built in Kiryat Malachi is part of KKL-JNF's program to support informal education in Israel. The purpose of the Houses for Excellence is to allow students in the tenth to twelfth grades to spend time in an environment where they can access afternoon activities, help in their studies and resources to prepare for matriculation exams on difference subjects.

The KKL-JNF House for Excellence will be a place for enrichment. It will provide young people with a unique educational framework and will help strengthen them and encourage them to excel in their studies and their social relations. It will also empower them to enlist for meaningful military duty and to dream big.



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- Meeting point & welcome in Tel Aviv
- Visit Rosh Zippor bird watching centre
- Enjoy a cruise on the Yarkon
- Tour the old city of Jaffa
- O/N Tel Aviv

Day 2 - Tuesday 29 October

- Learn about water management at Kfar-Saba biofilter
- Explore Ilanot Forest
- Discover KKL House & Museum
- Walk the new Independence Trail
- Hear the story of the Start Up Nation at the State of Mind Innovation Centre
- Visit Old Tel Aviv & enjoy dinner at the Old Train Station
- O/N Tel Aviv

Day 3 - Wednesday 30 October 30

- Experience Kibbutz Nahal Oz, a Gaza border community
- See the Western Negev lookout & reservoir
- Follow parts of the ANZAC Trail
- Lunch at Ofakim
- Continue the ANZAC Trail to Golda Park
- O/N South

Day 4 - Thursday 31 October

- Participate in the commemoration ceremony for the Australian Light Horse Battle of Be'er-Sheva
- Visit the new ANZAC Museum in Be'er-Sheva
- Allenby Park
- Gilat Nursery
- Meet the pioneers of Sheizaf
- Evening event (TBC)
- O/N South

Day 5 - Friday 1 November

- Meet teachers and students at Lahav Forest Bedouin school
- Atachlit Beta Israel Ethiopian Village
- Drive to Jerusalem via the Judean foothills
- Goldman lookout
- Shabbat Dinner with guest speaker (TBC)
- O/N Jerusalem

Day 6 - Saturday 2 November

- Walking tour of the Old City (optional)
- Free time
- Dinner at Music Square
- Tower of David Light & Sound Show
- O/N Jerusalem

Day 7 - Sunday 3 November

- Kotel, Kotel tunnels & lookout
- Yad Vashem & Mt. Herzl
- KKL-JNF Head Office & view the Golden Books
- Machane Yehuda Market tasting tour
- Free evening
- O/N Jerusalem

Day 8 - Monday 4 November

- Drive north via Beit Shean Archaeology site & Harod stream
- See a model of a Mesopotamian Power Station at Kibbutz Gesher
- Tree Planting
- Visit Jordan River Village, unique retreat for children with serious medical conditions
- O/N North

Day 9 - Tuesday 5 November

- Ramot Naftali lookout
- Meet soldiers at Malkiya
- HaReut Museum, a 'Koach' Fort
- Lunch & wine tasting
- Biriya Forest
- Experience the natural wonders of Hula Valley
- Farwell Dinner at Beit Duvrovin
- O/N North

Day 10 – Wednesday 6 November

- Special needs Kibbutz Kishorit
- Drive through Misgav
- Lunch & Druze hospitality in Daliat El Carmel
- Mt. Carmel
- Agamon Hefer and Nachal Alexander
- Mission summary in Tel Aviv

FILM REVIEW

SOBIBOR

BY TONI SUSSKIND

NOVEMBER 22, 2018

A highlight of the 2018 Jewish International Film Festival, Sobibor was a box office hit in Russia, taking in over \$2 million in ticket sales.

Based on true-life events, the movie explores a dark time in history, when people were rounded up and sent to death camps merely for being Jewish.

The two-hour Russian language movie, which was partially funded by the Russian government, is about the lead up to and the subsequent escape, of several hundred prisoners from the death camp Sobibor in 1943.

The movie features well-known Russian actor, Konstantin Khabenskiy, who directed, and played the central character, Alexander Perchesky, a Jewish Russian soldier that led the revolt.

Christopher Lambert who may be better recognised for his Highlander movies in the 1980s, portrays the emotionally stunted Karl Frenzel, the head of the death camp.

His restrained performance evokes the feeling that Frenzel is a man on the edge of madness. Our first indication of his mental state is early on in the movie when new arrivals are led to the gas chambers.

The man watches in fascination as the women breathe in the gas and die. He neither moves nor shows emotion, waiting until every last person is deceased before leaving his post, to resume his everyday duties.

Sobibor is also a commentary on the passivity of people and the evils of mankind. Do we sit down and hope that our aggressors will leave us alone, or do we take the risk and fight for our rights?

When people first arrived in Sobibor, the Germans ensured their passivity by telling them that their stay was to be a short one and they would soon be relocated onto a better place.

During the film, people were murdered, raped and treated worse than vermin, yet, many chose to believe that the Nazi's would let them go eventually.

Even when several hundred people escaped from the death camp, 150 elected to stay behind, hoping that they would not feel the wrath of the Nazi's.



Those 150 were eliminated within days. It has been 75 years since the break-out from the Nazi concentration camp and Sobibor is the only successful camp uprising. 11 SS officers were killed and 300 people plus people escaped, however, only 53 avoided being murdered by the locals and Nazi's.

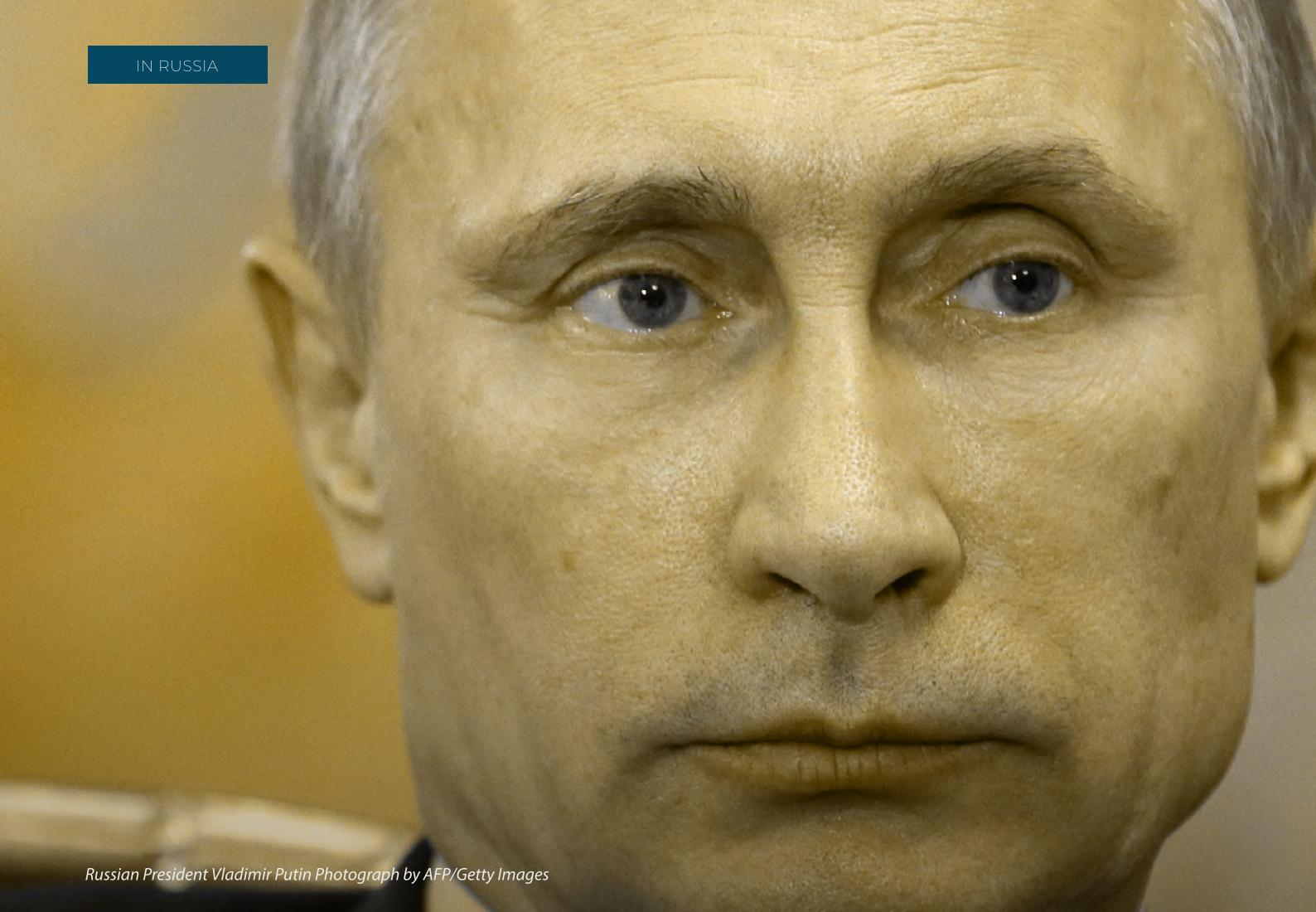
Yet the movie is still an ode to the fighting spirit of people.

As Benjamin Netanyahu once said so eloquently "There were those who thought that [Sobibor] was our history's rock bottom, when in fact it marked the opposite: Our *will* to never surrender to those who want to destroy us."

The underlying message of the movie is just that. Never surrender. Never forget.

From JWIRE





Russian President Vladimir Putin Photograph by AFP/Getty Images

Putin plays with the Holocaust

NOVEMBER 21, 2018 BY BEN COHEN - JNS.ORG - Sourced from JWIRE

Back in January, the unlikely figure of Paddington Bear—the cuddly, bright-eyed cub much adored by young children down the years—ran afoul of the Russian government.

As part of its policy of limiting the influence of foreign culture on Russia's citizens, Vladimir Putin's regime delayed the release of the movie "Paddington Bear 2" by two weeks to prevent it from competing with locally produced films that hit the screens at the same time.

That decision was enabled by legislation from 2015 that also permits Russia's rulers to—in the words of culture minister Vladimir Medinsky—"set financial, political or ideological priorities" for Russia's own film industry. Nine out of every 10 films produced in Russia are funded by the regime, under regulations that forbid movies "defiling the national culture, posing a threat to national unity and undermining the foundations of the constitutional order."

Russia's use of film as an instrument of propaganda is nothing new; the same policy prevailed in its

Soviet predecessor. That doesn't mean that the films lack artistic merit—Sergei Eisenstein's "Battleship Potemkin," about a 1905 mutiny of Russian sailors, is regarded by some critics as the greatest film of all time—but it does mean that Western audiences should understand that their fundamental purpose goes far beyond entertaining or informing.

According to culture minister Medinsky—a Russian nationalist and admirer of the late Soviet dictator, Josef Stalin—the goal of films, art and other media in Russia is to "consolidate the state and society on the basis of values instilled by our history."

Those of you planning to see the Russian movie about the uprising of inmates in the Nazi death camp of Sobibor in October 1943, which is being released in the United States this week, may wish to bear that quote in mind as you take your seats. The film, titled "Sobibor,"



Historic sign at the railway spur in Sobibor 2007

Picture taken by Jacques Lahitte

was, according to the publicity accompanying it, “largely funded by the Russian government.” Why? Apparently, continued the press release, “Russia [read: Putin] hopes to raise awareness of the uprising, which a Jewish Red Army officer led, but which has never received wide public recognition.”

Putin’s regime sadly resembles the tyrannical Soviet Union in many ways but differs in one important respect. Unlike his predecessors from the days when Russia was the USSR—Stalin, Brezhnev and Andropov, especially—Putin himself has shown little evidence of personal anti-Semitism and seems well-disposed to his country’s Jewish community.

But he is also a former KGB officer and a current dictator—one who is wedded to the ideology and theology of Russia’s elevated place in the world, in common with Tsarist ministers, Russian Orthodox clergy, Communist Party apparatchiks and, not least,

his own culture minister. So giving a Russian dictator control over how a historical episode—like the awe-inspiring Sobibor uprising—is reconstructed for a modern audience is a bit like appointing an arsonist as a fire-safety warden: really the last person you want in charge in a situation like that.

Located in eastern Poland, Sobibor was one of three camps dedicated solely to the extermination of its prisoners—the other two being Belzec and Treblinka—that were constructed in 1942 as part of “Operation Reinhard.” The operation was named for the leading Nazi official, Reinhard Heydrich, who was assassinated by the Czech underground in June of that year. Gas chambers were used to murder Sobibor’s inmates, and the corpses were then burned by grate fires in open pits.

In September 1943, a fresh batch of Soviet Jewish prisoners of war found themselves in Sobibor, among them Alexander Pechersky, who had served in the Red Army as a lieutenant. With extraordinary bravery, Pechersky and his comrades coordinated a camp uprising the following month, killing several SS officers and Ukrainian collaborators in the process. Three hundred of the inmates, including Pechersky, then



Poland, Sobibor - mausoleum in extermination camp
Picture from Wikipedia.org

escaped into the nearby forests. Pechersky and about 50 of the other Sobibor escapees went on to survive the war and tell their tale of courage.

There is no question that the Sobibor uprising was a critical example of Jewish resistance to the Nazis, and one that flies in the face of the demeaning “lambs to the slaughter” myth about Jewish behaviour under Nazi occupation. It is, therefore, a tremendous subject for a movie—depending, of course, on who is behind it.

Again: Russia does not make movies for the sake of art, but for the sake of politics. American Jews should be wary of this latest attempt at seduction by Putin’s regime. After all, we’ve kind of been here before: during World War II, Stalin correctly calculated that American Jews could be an important source of support for the Soviet war effort, and so he sent members of the “Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee” to the United States on a successful awareness-raising tour. But after the war ended, that committee was brutally liquidated by the Soviet authorities, along with most of its members.

With that began a half-century of Soviet distortion of the Holocaust, as the Communist authorities viciously persecuted their Jewish citizens in the name of “anti-Zionism.” The extermination of the Jews was swallowed into a general tale of Russian heroism against the Nazis, which, of course, left out the inconvenient detail that Stalin and Hitler negotiated a non-aggression pact in 1939.

Anyone who described the Holocaust as a Jewish event was denounced as a “Zionist.” Similarly, “Zionists” were depicted as the real authors of the Holocaust because they had willfully collaborated with the Nazis. This appalling manipulation of the historical record was defied rather beautifully by the Soviet writer Yevgeny Yevtushenko, in his poem about the 1941 Nazi

massacre of Jews at Babi Yar in Ukraine—an episode that was officially commemorated as the extermination of “Soviet citizens.”

Putin’s regime, even as it reinvents World War II as an epic solo fight against an enemy bent on exterminating the Jews, has never acknowledged (let alone apologized for) the abuse of the Holocaust in Soviet propaganda. Moreover, far-right and far-left forces across Europe today—all of whom deny or exploit or abuse the Holocaust in their messages—look to Putin as a source of financial, logistical and political support.

So however uplifting and exciting the “Sobibor” movie is, any claim that its purpose is to commemorate Jewish heroism should be balanced against Russia’s shameful record of Holocaust abuse, as well as its present geopolitical ambitions.

Ben Cohen writes a weekly column for JNS on Jewish affairs and Middle Eastern politics. His writings have been published in Commentary, the New York Post, Haaretz, The Wall Street Journal and many other publications.

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CHEDER

As we approach the end of our classes for 2018, we reflect on all the fun and learning that we have shared over the last year and are excited about the opportunities that await us in 2019!

Thank you to our Cheder Director, Yoni Malley, whose organisational skills and business skills have meant a smooth process has been followed. Andy Cohen has continued as an amazing teacher, providing the students with many opportunities to use technology in their learning, hands on activities, arts and crafts and always a friendly smile. We have had some wonderful teachers and parent helpers this year and we take this opportunity to offer our thanks for everyone's contributions.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our Cheder at the start of the 2019. Please contact me at pres@beitorvshalom.org.au if you have any questions about our Cheder.

Alvin Maradeen
President Beit Or V' Shalom



NCJWA – BRISBANE SECTION

National Council of Jewish Women Brisbane Section enjoyed a happy, sociable and delicious luncheon on Melbourne Cup Day. On what was one of the hottest days of the year, we sat in air-conditioned comfort, sipping our bubbly and orange juice, and chatting away jovially. Race fashions grabbed some interest but we had our own hatted ladies sporting their fashions and looking the part. Of course we had our sweeps and winners were grinners.

Our annual raffle was won by Terry Groen! Mazel tov Terry on your basketful of goodies – we hope you enjoy everything. May your luck continue, even though it means I don't get to win the raffle every year!

Please remember that our functions and gatherings are for both men and women as we ensure our topics are not gender specific and can be enjoyed by all. Look out for emails and Facebook reminders about the upcoming events. We look forward to having you all with us.

We are meeting at the Gallery of Modern Art on December 17th at 10am for a guided tour of the Asia Pacific Exhibition. Since we have limited numbers and we need to know exactly who is coming, RSVP to Sheila at ncjwbne@gmail.com or by calling Sheila on 0418 744 854 to reserve your place.

Sheila Levine
President NCJWA Brisbane Section





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The battle of Le Hamel and the 93 minutes that changed the world

by Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen

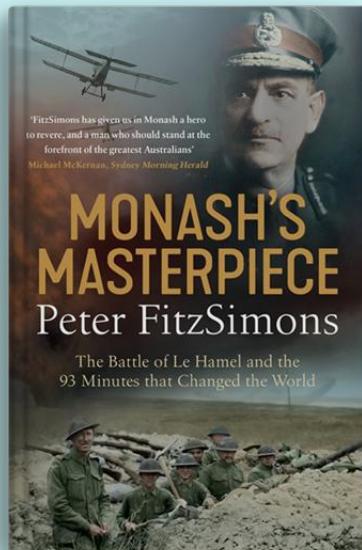
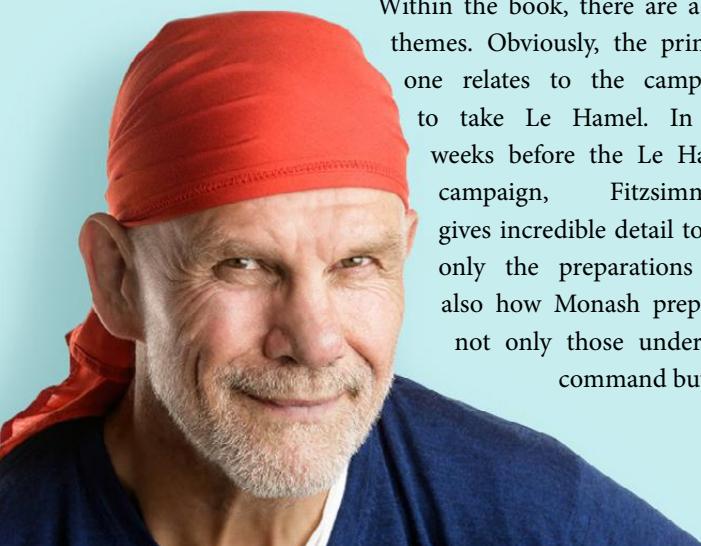
November 4, 2018

Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen reviews Peter FitzSimons' book on Sir John Monash ahead of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day on Nov 11th marking the end of WWI in 1918.

It is four years since Tim Fischer published Maestro John Monash published by Melbourne University Publishing. At that time Fischer began a campaign to raise Monash to the rank of Field Marshall, despite him having died in 1931. Turnbull, as Prime Minister, kiboshed the idea although it is now being resurrected in time for the centennial of the Armistice on November 11 this year.

This book came out in time for the anniversary of the battle of Le Hamel but also it also marked one hundred since Monash was knighted on the battlefield by King George V. The book is incredibly researched with both a bibliography and footnotes which are exhaustive. This is not FitzSimons' first book about World War I, nor is it one of only a few books about Monash.

Within the book, there are a few themes. Obviously, the primary one relates to the campaign to take Le Hamel. In the weeks before the Le Hamel campaign, Fitzsimmons gives incredible detail to not only the preparations but also how Monash prepared not only those under his command but



how he negotiated with the High Command to initially agree to his plan but also not to cancel it, primarily from pressure from the American allies.

A side story, but incredibly important to the success of the campaign was the entry of American soldiers to the realities of warfare. Their commander, General Pershing did not wish his soldiers to experience a "baptism of fire" until 1919. Some Americans were assigned to be part of the Le Hamel campaign-Pershing issued a command for his soldiers to be withdrawn and had this happened the battle might have had a different outcome. Those American soldiers assigned to ANZAC units were amazed by the quality and experiences of the ANZACS.

Monash, unlike the commanders above him, involved his subordinates. He would explain his plans and then listen to their thoughts and suggestions. FitzSimons shows how Monash adapted the battle plan and how the plan evolved following these consultations.

The battle for Le Hamel is 'famous' for Monash predicted that the whole campaign would take ninety minutes. We have all heard, and the book's title reminds us that he was out by only three minutes. One of his innovations was getting infantry to work with tanks. FitzSimons highlights that it did not always go as planned. Tanks were late or went off track.

The second dimension of this book is about the machinations of both C.E.W. Bean (the official War Historian) and Keith Murdoch (a Melbourne newspaper publisher and father of Rupert) to stop Monash becoming commander of the Australian Army in Europe. Many have suggested that in both cases it was a mixture of anti-Semitism as well as anti-German sentiment (for Monash's parents had migrated from Germany half a century before). I will leave it to the reader to decide if either or both were true. Bean and Murdoch tried to convince the Australian Prime Minister, Billy Hughes, to rescind Monash's appointment. Fortunately, they were not successful. Strangely, following the War, Hughes appointed Monash to organize the de-mobilization of the soldiers in Europe. Other historians have suggested that Hughes did not want Monash returning to Australia until after the 1919 election for Hughes feared that his opponent would be Monash.

FitzSimons' style of writing makes this book an easy read and it is well worth it.

Monash's Masterpiece, Rabbi Jeffrey Cohen,

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2018-19 CELEBRATING MULTICULTURAL QUEENSLAND PROGRAM

Projects Funding Round Now Open

I am pleased to advise the funding round for multicultural projects under the 2018-19 Celebrating Multicultural Queensland (CMQ) program is now open.

The CMQ program promotes: Queensland's multicultural identity; community participation and intercultural connections; increased understanding between diverse cultural groups and the wider community; and engagement of general community groups in connecting and welcoming migrants and refugees into a wide range of community activities.

This funding round is for **multicultural projects to be delivered in 2019-2020** that create pathways to participation for migrants and refugees in the cultural, economic and social life of Queensland, for example:

- to support migrants and refugees with pathways to employment
- to increase understanding and build connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- to support community organisations, Councils and local industries to build their capacity to be responsive and inclusive of migrants and refugees
- to increase participation of migrants and refugees in community associations, service clubs and sporting groups.

Due to the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to multiculturalism with the doubling of funding for the CMQ program, funding available for projects has now increased to **up to \$40,000 per project**.

I encourage community groups, non-government organisations, P&C associations and local councils that involve or support migrants and refugees, to consider submitting a funding application under this funding round.

I also encourage funding applications for projects to be delivered in regional areas.

To view the 2018-19 Funding Information Paper for multicultural projects, and to access the online application form, please visit the [website](#).

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2018.**

For more information, please [email](#) Multicultural Affairs Queensland.

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Kindest regards

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The list also includes assets regarding which requests for restitution had been submitted; the requests are being processed by the Administrator General.

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T's the season here in Israel...

BY GABRIELLE BRINER – 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

Huge chanukiah are erected across city centres, supermarkets are stocking kosher gelt imprinted with Israeli shekels, and perhaps the best of all, windows of bakeries are packed with exquisite looking donuts lined in perfect formation.

One of the highlights of Chanukah season for me is biting into my first oily-yet-sweet donut of the season.

On Sunday December 2nd, Jewish families around the world will light the first candle on their chanukiah. Windows in Jewish houses around the world will be illuminated, a reminder to our constant, though mystifying, ability as a people to emerge and rebuild from hateful attempts to wipe the Jewish people off the map.

I came across an article from Time in 2015, which describes this perplexing phenomenon as a 'Hannukah moment' – finding the strength and resilience rebuild. It's fair to say that the Jewish world needs a 'Hannukah moment.' The events of the past few months have been tough for the Jewish nation.

Two weeks ago, 'Airbnb' announced they plan to take down Israeli settlement listings in the West Bank, sparking outrage across the Israeli public, legal experts and activists. How can Airbnb permit listings in Turkish occupied Cyprus or China occupied Tibet, yet ban Israeli listings in the West Bank, they lament. Israel was shaken by this influential start-up's latest move, as settlers with listed properties and activists rushed to sue Airbnb for their divisive decision.

A week before the Airbnb decision, southern Israel was battered by over 500 Hamas terrorist rockets in 24 hours, one of the worst barrages since the 2014 Gaza war. The day before, a botched IDF operation within the Gaza border ended in the death of a high-ranked Israeli commander as well as almost 10 top Hamas officials.

The incident once again highlighted the hardship faced by residents in Israel's south, who spent the 48 hours of the barrage running to bomb shelters. Outrage ensued, and over a thousand Israelis rallied against the government's inaction.

One was killed in the barrage, a Palestinian construction worker from Hebron who was working

nearby. This tragedy was just another episode in the ongoing, seemingly unstoppable cycle of violence that consumes the residents of Israel's south.

In late October, the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in modern US history took place. 11 Jews were killed as gunshots rang through a Pittsburgh synagogue in the middle of a 'brit milah.' The attack sent shockwaves throughout America and the Jewish world, as American Jews began to question their once-guaranteed safety.

The shooting was viewed as yet another act of the rising Far-Right in America. Despite this wave of bad news, there's hope. Israel is covertly strengthening its ties with once-hostile Arab neighbours, including Chad, Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia. We'll have another shot at peace with the Palestinians when Trump releases his alleged 'deal of the century.'

A 'Hanukah moment' doesn't have to trigger a global ripple effect. Gathering resilience and strength to persevere through a hard time at home, at work, or with friends is just as important. Better still, helping someone else find their 'Hanukah moment.' I hope when you light your chanukiah candles this year, spare a thought for a 'Hanukah moment' – whether it be for yourself, your loved ones, for the Jewish people or for Israel.

An original piece for Shalom, by **Gabrielle Briner**, Israeli-based journalist and writer, from Brisbane, Qld.



Picture: Delightful oily-yet-sweet donuts coming into Israeli Bakeries across the country for the Chanukah season. Taken by Gabrielle Briner

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