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IN ISRAEL** By ROB SCHNEIDER

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Israel is not just the focus of the three Abrahamic religions but also supports an astonishing array of animal life and a surprising biodiversity for a country of its size.

In addition, it is the passageway for approximately 1 billion birds that pass through Israel each year on their migratory routes between Africa, Europe and Asia.

Learn about Rob's journey from Johannesburg to Jerusalem and the role of various organisations in Israel who work to preserve the natural heritage of the land of the bible.

When : Thursday 14 March 2019

Time : 6.45pm for 7.00pm

VENUE : South Brisbane Hebrew Congregation – so don't miss out

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ZFA WELCOMES SPEECHES BY PM AND OPPOSITION LEADER



PM Scott Morrison on 70 Years Diplomatic Relations: Australia & Israel



Opposition Leader Bill Shorten on Israel

The Zionist Federation of Australia (ZFA) has welcomed the speeches by Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten delivered in Parliament marking 70 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Israel.

President of the ZFA, Jeremy Leibler said, "The words spoken in Federal Parliament today by both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition reflect the close, enduring relationship between Australia and Israel."

"Given that Australia has welcomed the largest community of Holocaust survivors per capita outside of Israel, it's a relationship based on personal and family stories, as well as the shared history of our two nations," Mr Leibler added.

"To the great credit of many Australian leaders, this friendship has transcended partisan politics, and the Jewish community here never takes that for granted," Mr Leibler remarked.

"Australian Governments of all persuasions have a proud history of supporting Israel in the international arena and so I particularly welcome the Prime Minister calling out the anti-Israel bias of the United Nations General Assembly. Western countries who lay sole blame on Israel for the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, bear real responsibility for the continuation of Hamas' terror activities, and its neglect and abuse of its own people," Mr Leibler concluded.





'From that moment on, I felt fully Australian'

Kerri Sackville, *The Age*

January 19, 2019

When I was in primary school, I was the only kid in my year who was third-generation Australian. Three of my grandparents were born here to Eastern European immigrants; the other arrived from Poland as a baby.

I went to a little Jewish school in Sydney, where all my classmates were either new immigrants, or first- or second-generation Australian. Their parents or grandparents had arrived here, often via a third country, some time after World War II.

I felt proud, and a bit special, that my family had been here for so long. And at school, I felt 100 per cent Australian, particularly compared to my classmates. Many of my friends' parents or grandparents spoke Russian or Hungarian or Hebrew. My parents spoke only English, and knew only a few words of Yiddish – spoken, I later realised, with broad Aussie accents.

I went to Bondi every weekend and got sunburnt every summer. I watched Countdown and Young Talent Time and Hey Hey It's Saturday, and ate Samboy chips and Vegemite toast. I took off my thongs on the grass and got bindies in my feet. I was Australian. I'd never been anything else.

It was only when I left the sanctuary of my Jewish school and began mixing with the wider community that I started to recognise I was a bit different. I stayed in on Friday night and had Sabbath dinner with the family. We celebrated Hanukkah instead of Christmas and ate a lot of challah bread and bagels. And I used words like "schlep" and "mishegas" and "mensch" enough to realise that not everyone understands what they mean.

It started to dawn on me that I'm not just Australian. I'm Jewish Australian. I exist in two cultures at once.

Around that time, I began to feel not quite Australian enough. Compared to who, I'm not sure. An Indigenous Australian? A sheep farmer in an Akubra? One of the descendants of the First Fleet? Kylie Minogue?

I was Australian, but I was culturally Jewish. I was Australian, but I was part of a minority. I was Australian, but I was of

Eastern European background. I was Australian, but not quite fully. And then one day, in Los Angeles of all places, I found out just how true-blue I am.

I was in the US with my family, visiting friends who work in the film industry. They had arranged for us to spend some time on the set of the TV show *The Mentalist*, so that I could meet its star, Simon Baker. He is one of our most famous exports, an All-Australian Boy™ from Ballina, NSW, who began his career on the soap *E Street*. At the time of our visit, Simon was also appearing in a TV commercial for one of the big banks.

I watched as he approached us, striding across the set with that tousled surfer-dude hair. I felt myself bubbling over with nerves. I was about to meet a hugely famous Hollywood celebrity! Simon moved towards us, and grinned. "Hi. I'm Simon," he said.

"Oh, I know you," I exclaimed.

"You're the dude from the bank ads!"

It wasn't what I had expected to say, but it seemed to do the trick. He rolled his eyes and laughed as we shook hands. "Bloody Australians," he said, shaking his head. "Always teasing."

"Sorry," I replied, though I wasn't. And then it occurred to me that I am always teasing. And it is an Australian trait. I am typically Australian. There, in a place of make-believe, I felt more Aussie than I ever had in my life.

That was it. From that moment on, I felt fully Australian. I am still in a cultural minority, but hey, that's exactly what this nation is about. We are full of cultural minorities, all in the big melting pot that is our country.

I am Australian, and I am culturally Jewish. I am Australian, and I am part of a minority. I am Australian, and I am of Eastern European descent. I am Australian, and we all love to tease. I am Australian, and we all come from somewhere.

Kerri is an author, columnist and mother of three. Her latest book is 'Out There: A Survival Guide for Dating in Midlife'.



FOR THE FIRST TIME, DUBAI'S JEWISH COMMUNITY STEPS HESITANTLY OUT OF THE SHADOWS

By Miriam Herschlag | Times of Israel

The first new Jewish community to thrive in an Arab state in centuries consents, with limitations, to unprecedented media exposure.

DUBAI – One Saturday last month, the handful of worshippers were waiting, chatting amiably to kill time. They had recited Sabbath morning preliminary prayers, but the tenth man was yet to arrive, and services could not proceed without the necessary quorum. Waiting for a minyan was an inconvenience as ancient and familiar as Jewish prayer itself. But the location was extraordinary: a barely-known synagogue in a residential neighborhood in the Emirate of Dubai.

The Dubai Synagogue is a welcoming haven for Jews in the Middle East business powerhouse – whether they are veteran residents, temporary sojourners or the few visitors lucky enough to learn of its existence. Established 10 years ago, it is the flagship, and, for now, sole, operating institution of The Jewish Community of the Emirates.

One of the community's leaders, Ross Kriel, walks a fine line between the cardinal concern of insuring security, while also nurturing a vision of a sustainable, and, eventually, thriving organized Jewish life in Dubai.

Kriel, an Orthodox Jew from South Africa, moved to Dubai with his wife and two young children to work as a lawyer at an energy company six years ago. He's an adventurous sort of Jew who relishes finding creative solutions to the challenge of adhering to Halacha, Jewish law, in the remote locale.

Kriel lives a few blocks from the synagogue, known as "The Villa," a converted residence the community rents, with a sanctuary, full kitchen, areas for socializing and playing, an outdoor pool, and several rooms upstairs where religiously observant visitors can stay for Shabbat.

The mechitza barrier forming the women's section is relaxed – a low wall with decorative lanterns to add some height. While services follow Orthodox practice, participants are not grilled on their level of observance, and arriving by car is par for the course for many. [→](#)

PHOTO: Burj Khalifa by Dubai Tourism



THE TALE A TORAH SCROLL TELLS

When the tenth man finally arrives, the congregation regroups, faces northwest toward Jerusalem, and resumes services. The weekly Torah portion is read from a scroll with a white velvet cover that encodes a story of friendship that is central to the community's well being:

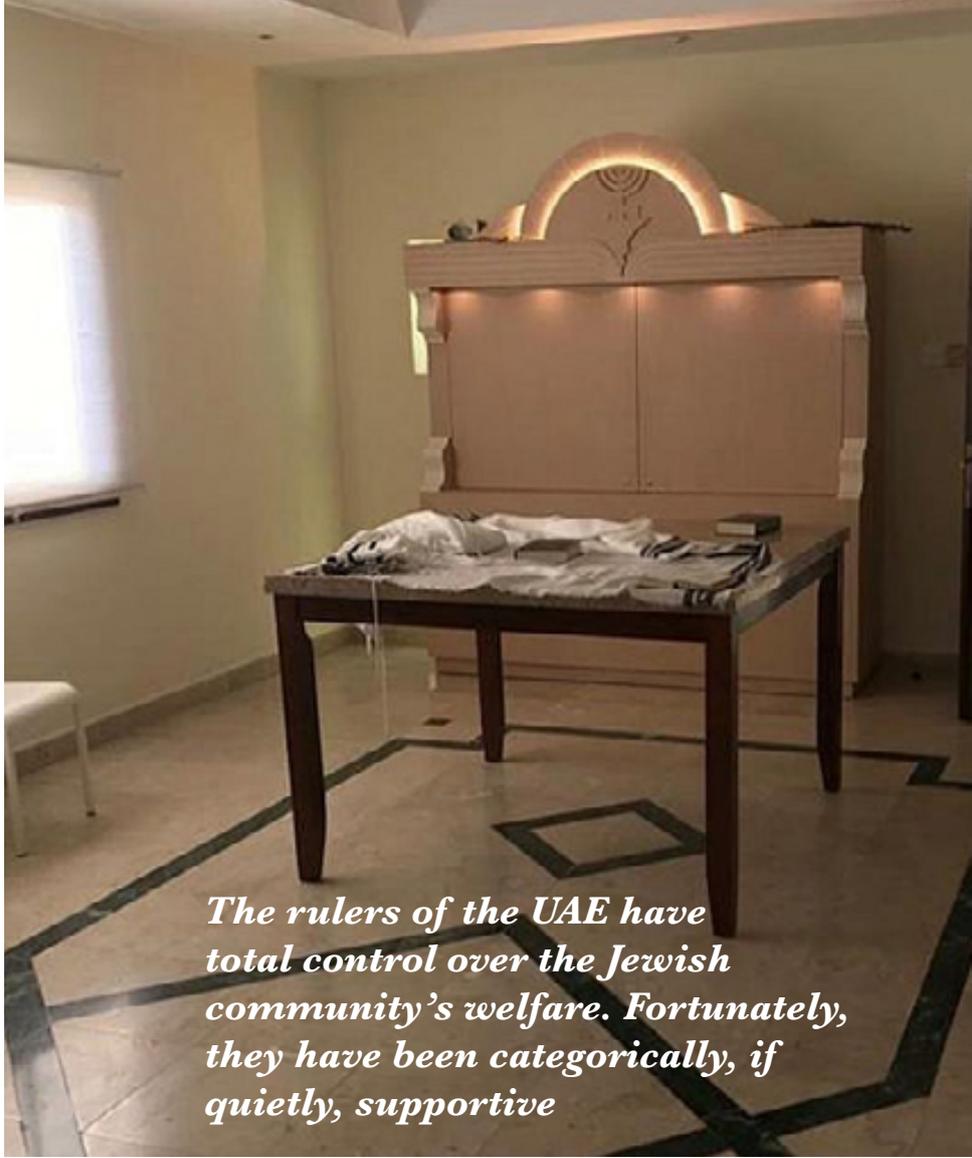
On its front, between a classic crown and gate design in gold and silver, a golden inscription is embroidered in Arabic. The back of the cover displays the English translation, also stitched in gold letters:

This Torah is dedicated in honor of His Excellency Mohamed Ali Alabbar Whose vision and character Have inspired his friends, Country and generation

Mohamed Alabbar is Chairman of Emaar Properties, one of the world's largest real estate development companies. He indelibly shaped Dubai's famous skyline, spearing it with the world's



Mohamed Ali Alabbar photo by L Constantino



The rulers of the UAE have total control over the Jewish community's welfare. Fortunately, they have been categorically, if quietly, supportive

tallest building, the iconic Burj Khalifa. Alabbar and his business are intimately entwined with the UAE government. He also has a close friendship with an Orthodox Jew from New York.

Eli Epstein is chief innovation officer at New York-based Aminco Resources, a supplier of products to the aluminum and steel industries. The two have done business and socialized for decades, and together they founded The Children of Abraham, a Jewish-Muslim dialogue initiative for teens. It was Epstein who donated the Torah in Alabbar's honor and with his blessing.

The patronage of the business titan affords the community a modicum of security. At the same time, Jewish residents exercise prudence in the Islamic city-state, which has long considered Israel an enemy, and where just a few years ago Saudi-trained imams preached anti-Israel diatribes until the government expelled them.

Dubai and tolerance

The one liturgical text recited in English at the Sabbath service is the Prayer for the Welfare of the Government.

Kriel reads it solo, beseeching God to "bless and protect, guard and help, exalt, magnify and uplift the President of the UAE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed and his Deputy the Ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid and all the Rulers of the other Emirates and their Crown Princes."

The prayer, which concludes by blessing the military forces of the UAE, is recited in varying localized renditions in many Jewish Diaspora communities. But its deferential tone is starkly manifest in Dubai's centralized power structure. The rulers of the UAE have total control over the Jewish community's welfare. Fortunately, they have been categorically, if quietly, supportive.

"It's to the credit of the rulers that they have allowed and in some ways encouraged the Jewish presence there," says Eli Epstein, speaking from New York.

In fact, Dubai, a constituent monarchy of the United Arab Emirates where just 11 percent of its 3 million residents are citizens, has staked its future on projecting itself as a bastion of tolerance. With a population made up of 200 nationalities, diversity is officially celebrated. Crime is





The Dubai Synagogue photo supplied by Times of Israel

step out of the shadows, cooperating with journalists from Bloomberg News and The Times of Israel for the first time to allow a measure of publicity. Participation was conditioned on not publishing photos that could suggest the location of the Villa. Some community members preferred to keep their names out.

Since formation in 2008, the community has been vigilant in maintaining a low profile. No dedicated website. No listing on Jewish travel sites. Almost no mentions on social media. Visitors learn about it via word of mouth and the villa's address is supplied only after a careful vetting.

One Israeli businesswoman, spending a few days in Dubai for a diamond trade show, arrived at services having learned of the community for the first time after years of visits in the Emirate. Yet, although she was surprised and thrilled to discover the community, she still had qualms about the wisdom of publishing an article.

But secrecy has a price. While a number of Jewish groups including the American Jewish Committee and the Simon Wiesenthal Center have long brought senior delegations to the community, most visitors are in the dark, as are an unknown number of Jewish expats living in Dubai, working in finance, commerce, law and diplomacy, who might want to attend the occasional communal activity or celebrate a bris or bat mitzvah.

Lifting the veil of secrecy can help in publicizing events, fundraising more robustly, and even pursuing a dream to build a mikveh ritual bath.

Dubai and the Jewish question

Those who eventually do find their way through the Villa's front gate find a welcoming, homey atmosphere. Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, a New York University chaplain who makes one or two trips annually to visit students at the New York University campus in Abu Dhabi, was delighted to discover the community — a 90 minute drive from the campus — a few years ago. He has become an ardent supporter.

"I love it because of the diversity that's represented," said Sarna, speaking by phone from New York. "You are praying with Jews from all over the world and you feel like you're part of something historic — small but historic."

After kiddush has been chanted over grape juice, hands ritually washed, and blessings recited over a challah baked and hand-delivered by a visitor from Israel, congregants and guests sit down to a light buffet lunch of salads, couscous and vegetarian cholent. (With 85 percent of Dubai's food imported,

supermarkets sell a wide range of kosher goods — except for meat.)

The previous week a large group of visitors had filled the synagogue ("you missed the whole salmon we served"). But this week, it's mostly the stalwarts. A young Chabad rabbi from New York, a couple with a baby, a family with three kids, the oldest post bar-mitzvah, the middle son starting to prepare for his. One member, a young man raised in Dubai, walks into the service sipping a much-needed cup of coffee from the Sabbath urn.

They come from the UK, South Africa, Belgium, the US. Some find the political trends encouraging, some remain skeptical. The Kiddush lunch banter, argumentative, laced with affection and humor, is quintessentially Jewish. The question, as ever, boils down to: Are we safe here?

It's a question that reverberates beyond Dubai, or even the Middle East.

Rabbi Sarna of NYU wonders at the notion that the first new Jewish community in the Arab world in hundreds of years might be growing just as Jewish communities in Europe and the US are grappling with threat levels unseen in recent decades, what he calls "the unique condition of world Jewry at this moment."

"For decades following World War II, Jews thought the safest place for Jews to be was in a liberal democracy. And as the security and economic conditions deteriorate, we've come to a point when Jews from those countries will feel like they have a brighter future in an Arab country that is safe and economically prosperous, one where they don't feel like they have to walk behind a bulletproof barrier every time they go to shul."

Mutual understanding

Eli Epstein is optimistic that the burgeoning personal ties between Jews and Arabs are making a dent. "The Middle East is ripe for a strategic change and I think if we have done anything to adjust their view towards Judaism — and, in parentheses, Israel — and if we can change some of our views about Islam and Arabia, we'll have done a lot to help each other," said Epstein, who is emphatic that change is a two-way street.

"We all come with baggage and I'm quick to tell people about my own biases growing up and how my connection with Islam and Arabia has changed me as a Jew. We have a huge gap in knowledge about the other, particularly Jewish-Islam. So I've benefited from closing small parts of that gap. It's an ongoing experiment in my life," he says. "It leads to what I call 'constructive confusion.'"

→ low and residents enjoy a level of safety in lives lived out under the gaze of ubiquitous images of the royal rulers. Courtesy is a core value.

"You'll never live in a country with a clearer social contract," Kriel says. "It's deeply understood by everybody that lives here. You don't offend the people around you. For example, you don't bump into the people in the streets or swear at them. People are scrupulously careful about not causing offense, and not upsetting people and not interfering with people."

Hopes for a more robust and confident Jewish communal presence stem from the Persian Gulf countries' pivot towards Israel. Shared concerns over the threat of Iran's regional aspirations set a quiet rapprochement in motion. In recent weeks, the relationship has gone public, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Transportation Minister Israel Katz making separate visits to Oman, and Culture and Sports Minister Miri Regev shedding tears on the podium of the Judo Grand Slam awards ceremony in Abu Dhabi as Hatikvah played.

Out of the shadows

This week, the community took a hesitant

Schindler's List

25 years on: a mother's legacy of joy in the face of horror

By Rachelle Unreich

January 18, 2019 - *The Age*

When Mira Unreich was interviewed for Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation, she recalled the kindness that helped her survive the Holocaust.

I don't remember when I was first told about the Holocaust, or that my mother, Mira, was a survivor. There was always the fact that I never knew any of my grandparents – they, together with two aunts and an uncle had been killed by Nazis. There was my mother's tattoo on her arm: dirty blue, smudged-looking. She neither hated it nor hid it. She just lived with it.

It wasn't until I moved to Los Angeles in my 20s and stumbled upon a support group for the first generation of children born to Holocaust survivors that I realised how unusual my mother was. There, everyone exchanged notes. Did my mother hoard food? No. Did she refuse to talk about her wartime experiences, or talk about them incessantly? No, she recounted details, when asked, in a matter-of-fact way. Was she depressed, anxious, fearful? No. After the war, my mother had moved to France, then Australia. She was social, energetic and unnaturally optimistic. She had a particularly joyful way of viewing the world that was hard to make sense of, given her experiences.

In Melbourne, going to a Jewish school, it wasn't uncommon to be affected by the Holocaust. I remember one teacher asking students if they had lost family members during the Second World War, and many of my classmates' hands shot up. The Holocaust was part of our lives and part of our school curriculum, too. Perhaps other bookish girls in Melbourne huddled up with the collected works of Jane Austen, but I was swept up in works that had Jewish themes. Herman Wouk's *Marjorie*

Morningstar delighted me in my teens, because the protagonist was both Jewish and glamorous. There was also Chaim Potok, the plays of Neil Simon and – the one I read over and over – *Goodbye, Columbus* by Philip Roth, which all dealt, to varying degrees, with the issue of Jewish assimilation in a non-Jewish world.

Years later, I fangirled Elie Wiesel, and was delighted when my letter to the author – who had vividly recounted his own shocking Holocaust experiences in the book *Night* – was answered with a one-pager of his own, adding that I should send his regards to my mother.

I was 27 and living in New York when Steven Spielberg's movie *Schindler's List* was released in 1993 (the film was released in Australia in February 1994). I had already been writing about movies for nearly a decade, and Spielberg was someone I idolised. Not only had he been phenomenally successful with films such as *Jaws* and *E.T.*, but he was stalwartly Jewish, and my parents had even met his mother at the kosher restaurant she owned in Los Angeles, *The Milky Way*.

Spielberg was Hollywood's wunderkind; he'd made *Jaws* when he was in his 20s, and went on to direct *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and its *Indiana Jones* sequel. By 1993, everyone knew he could direct a blockbuster, but there was far less assurance that he had the ability to create a serious, important film.

I went to see *Schindler's List* alone in a Manhattan theatre, expecting the worst, hoping for the best. It had two stumbling blocks: it was shot in black and white, and its running time was over three hours. But it also had an Australian connection, since it was based on the book by Thomas Keneally, *Schindler's Ark*. Both told the true story of Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist and member of the Nazi party who ultimately risked his own life to save more than a thousand Jewish ones.

In that movie theatre, I sobbed. I couldn't believe what I had just seen, but I didn't need the subsequent rave reviews to confirm that it was a masterpiece. For the first time, I saw two of the camps my mother had been in being named: not only the better-known Auschwitz, but Plaszow, too, where *Schindler's List* was set. It was where my grandmother was killed and then buried in a pit.

So many of the film's scenes duplicated ones that my mother had witnessed: the SS storming Jewish houses and taking what they wanted, men's sidelocks being shorn and – horrifically – men,



women and children being slaughtered, for various reasons or none at all. They had been disobedient, or sick, or young, or just there. They were old, they were young, they were in-between. They were mothers, they were sons, they were Jewish.

My mother's older sister, a newlywed, was one of the first taken to a camp with her husband, at a time when they were still able to send censored letters home. "It is very nice here," my aunt had written, knowing that her letters were being read by the authorities, "but do everything you can not to join us." That was the moment my grandfather put his family into hiding.

Watching the film, I wasn't aware that it would have a trickle-down effect in my family. The huge success of Schindler's List not only gave Spielberg his first Oscar for best director, but it also allowed him to set up the Shoah Foundation, which set out to interview as many survivors as possible.

My mother was one of them. Her testimony lasted several hours, recounting experiences that are difficult to fathom. Her father was shot in front of her, when the family's hiding place was discovered, right before she and her brother and mother were taken to the camp. He had tried to jump out of a window, and was gunned down by a Nazi waiting beneath. As he lay bleeding on the footpath, neither my mother nor his wife were allowed to go to his side. He lay there, until he died, and his body wasn't removed until neighbours buried him the following day.

"She paused before saying, 'I learned about the goodness of people'"

Three days later, Mira's mother was killed in Plaszow. Over the course of nearly a year, Mira would go to four camps and endure a death march, where starving prisoners were forced to walk for days on end - or be unceremoniously executed - in bleak conditions. Even after she was finally liberated

by Russian soldiers, she bore witness to further atrocities. On her first night of "freedom", she instinctively barricaded the door of the room she and other girls were sleeping in with heavy furniture. When soldiers pounded on the door she whispered to the others to be quiet, until they heard the men declare, "Let's take the other room". The mother and daughter in that room weren't as fortunate. For hours, Mira listened to their pleas, terrible screams and moans - "Rateve mikh, save me, mama"; "Oh my darling, what can I do?" - until there was silence. Both had been raped, over and over.

And yet, when my mother was asked by the Shoah Foundation's interviewer if she had anything she wanted to add - any lesson learned during these blackest of times - she paused before saying, "I learned about the goodness of people". And that was true, too.

Before she died of cancer two years ago, she recounted many of those memories for me. There was one man, a Belgian Army major and ex-prisoner of war himself, who had helped her in the early days of liberation, when she took refuge with others in an abandoned house, but where her fellow survivors saw how close she was to death, and ignored her.

The major took her to a doctor, and then brought liver to her daily during her convalescence. My mother asked him, "Why are you so good to me?" He replied that he had a daughter her age, and he hoped that there would be someone kind in the world whenever she was in need.

For me, these stories mirrored what Spielberg achieved with Schindler's List. The movie is brutal. There's no Spielbergian twist on the horrors, no holding back. But there was hope within the real-life character of Oskar Schindler. In learning about his humanity during the most inhumane of times, it's also hard not to learn about the goodness of people. Just like my mother said.

A remastered version of Schindler's List was issued in limited release in January 2019.



Ask the Rabbi : JEWISH VIEW OF LAWYERS

Q. A few weeks ago you answered a question about doctors and said that Judaism regarded them as doing God’s work. Is there a Jewish view of lawyers?

A When you learn the halachah, they tell you about the fifth volume of the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law).

Despite the fact that so many Jews are lawyers, Judaism was ambivalent about whether it approved of the legal profession.

In the Jewish court system there was originally no professional class of attorneys. They were simply regarded as unnecessary: the parties themselves were expected to present their own case, and the court itself examined the witnesses.

However, it was found that some litigants were not articulate or skilful enough to speak for themselves, and hence the use of spokesmen developed.

The precedent was of course Aaron, who was Moses’ spokesman in addressing Pharaoh: God told Moses that Aaron was to be his “navi” – not “prophet” in the later sense of the word, but “spokesman”.

Once the use of spokesmen became more widespread, it was accepted that in civil cases a person could assign his rights to an advocate, and the other party could not say, “You are not my adversary; I will not litigate with you”.

In criminal cases the accused could appoint an advocate on the basis of the accepted rule that anyone was entitled to stand up and tell the court that he had something to say in the accused’s favour.

Eventually Jewish law gave sufficient official sanction to the practice of advocacy that it debated the issue of the payment of legal fees and whether a lawyer could change sides in the middle of a case.

However, any attorney who appears at the Beth Din with or for one of the parties is not there to inform or advise the court on legal issues; it is axiomatic that the dayyanim know the law. The lawyers are there to ensure that their client’s case is presented clearly.

There is a problem in relation to litigation outside the Jewish legal system.

The halachah requires that because of the inherent justice of the Torah, disputes between Jews be dealt with by a Beth Din; this was established by the opening passage of the sidra, Mishpatim (Ex. 21:1). However, a Beth Din can give permission for a matter to be heard by the general legal system where one party adamantly defies the Beth Din summons.

Where government and/or public interests are involved, e.g. on matters of taxation, there is no halachic problem with resorting to the general courts, and the latter can in any case be used if both parties agree to appear before a judge or court that “is deemed trustworthy in their eyes”.

A question that is debated is whether a Jewish lawyer transgresses the halachah by accepting work in the general court system. Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef answers that the prohibition of going outside the Beth Din is directed to the litigant, rather than the lawyer. If both parties are non-Jewish, however, there is obviously no problem..

Rabbi Raymond Apple was for many years Australia’s highest profile rabbi and the leading spokesman on Jewish religious issues. After serving congregations in London, Rabbi Apple was chief minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney, for 32 years. He also held many public roles, particularly in the fields of chaplaincy, interfaith dialogue and Freemasonry, and is the recipient of several national and civic honours. Now retired, he lives in Jerusalem and blogs a www.oztorah.com



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Thursday 26th December 2019

- Group meeting and welcome in Tel Aviv
- Ilanot Forest - the Botanic Garden of Trees
- Nahal Alexander and Turtle Bridge - see the amazing softshell turtles in the beautifully restored river
- Druze hospitality at Usufiya, Mt Carmel
- Beit Aaronson Nili Museum, Zichron Yaakov
- O/N Tel Aviv

Did you know?

The Nili Museum was established in 1956 commemorating the World War I Jewish espionage network headed by the Aaronsohn family. It tells the story of the first Jewish underground – Nili. The Museum allows you to view historical documents and exhibits leading to the creation of Nili, tour the well-preserved home of the Aaronsohn family, view the cache of hidden weapons and concealed escape route.

Friday 27th December 2019

- Palmach Museum - dedicated to the strike-force of the pre-state underground Haganah defense organisation
- Tour of Neve Tzedek - the first Jewish neighborhood to be built outside the old city of Jaffa
- Tel Aviv Old Train Station
- Nachalat Binyamin and Shuk Ha'Carmel
- Kabalat Shabbat
- O/N Tel Aviv



Saturday 28th December 2019

- Free time
- Late morning walking tour of the old city of Jaffa
- Havdala
- Dinner, karaoke and dancing
- O/N Tel Aviv

Sunday 29th December 2019

- Atachlit Kiriya Gat - experiential Ethiopian Village for the preservation of Ethiopian Jewish culture and tradition
- Gilat Nursery - specialises in drought-resistant plants that can grow in the harsh conditions of Israel's Negev desert
- ANZAC Memorial Centre, Be'er Sheva
- Meeting with local settlers at Sheizaf, in the heart of the Negev
- Ashalim Solar Park - one of the largest renewable energy projects in the world
- Mitzpe Ramon
- O/N South Negev

Did you know?

The ANZAC Memorial Center in Be'er Sheva is an educational facility committed to teaching future generations about the role the ANZACs played in enabling the establishment of the Jewish State and serving as an ongoing reminder of the close relationship between Australia and Israel.

Monday 30th December 2019

- Mitzpe Ramon Visitor Centre - interactive exhibits explaining the natural processes which led to the creation of the world's largest makhtesh (erosion crater)
- Activities at Mitzpe Ramon
- Ben Gurion's Hut in Sde Boker preserved in its original condition
- Bedouin Experience
- O/N South Negev



Tuesday 31st December 2019

- Meet with local children and families at Shitim School
- Ein Yahav Bee Museum
- Vegetable picking at Ein Yahav
- Vidor Center, Arava - a multi-sensory tour and interactive museum
- Dead Sea lookout at sunset
- O/N Dead Sea / Central Arava



Did you know?

Masada is a symbol of the ancient kingdom of Israel and the last stand of Jewish patriots in the face of the Roman army. It was built as a palace complex in 30 BCE by King Herod. The camps, fortifications and attack ramp that encircle the monument constitute the most complete Roman siege works surviving to the present day.

Wednesday 1st January 2020

- Masada
- Dead Sea
- Ein Gedi oasis
- Tasting tour at Machane Yehuda Shuk
- O/N Jerusalem



Thursday 2nd January 2020

- Goldman look out
- Tower of David Museum - tells the long and fascinating history of Jerusalem starting from the second millennium BCE and ending with the modern city you see today
- The Kotel
- City of David - archaeological site containing the original core of ancient Jerusalem
- Music Museum - explores the incredible breadth of history and culture that has shaped Hebrew music through the ages
- Dinner at Music Square
- O/N Jerusalem

Friday 3rd January 2020

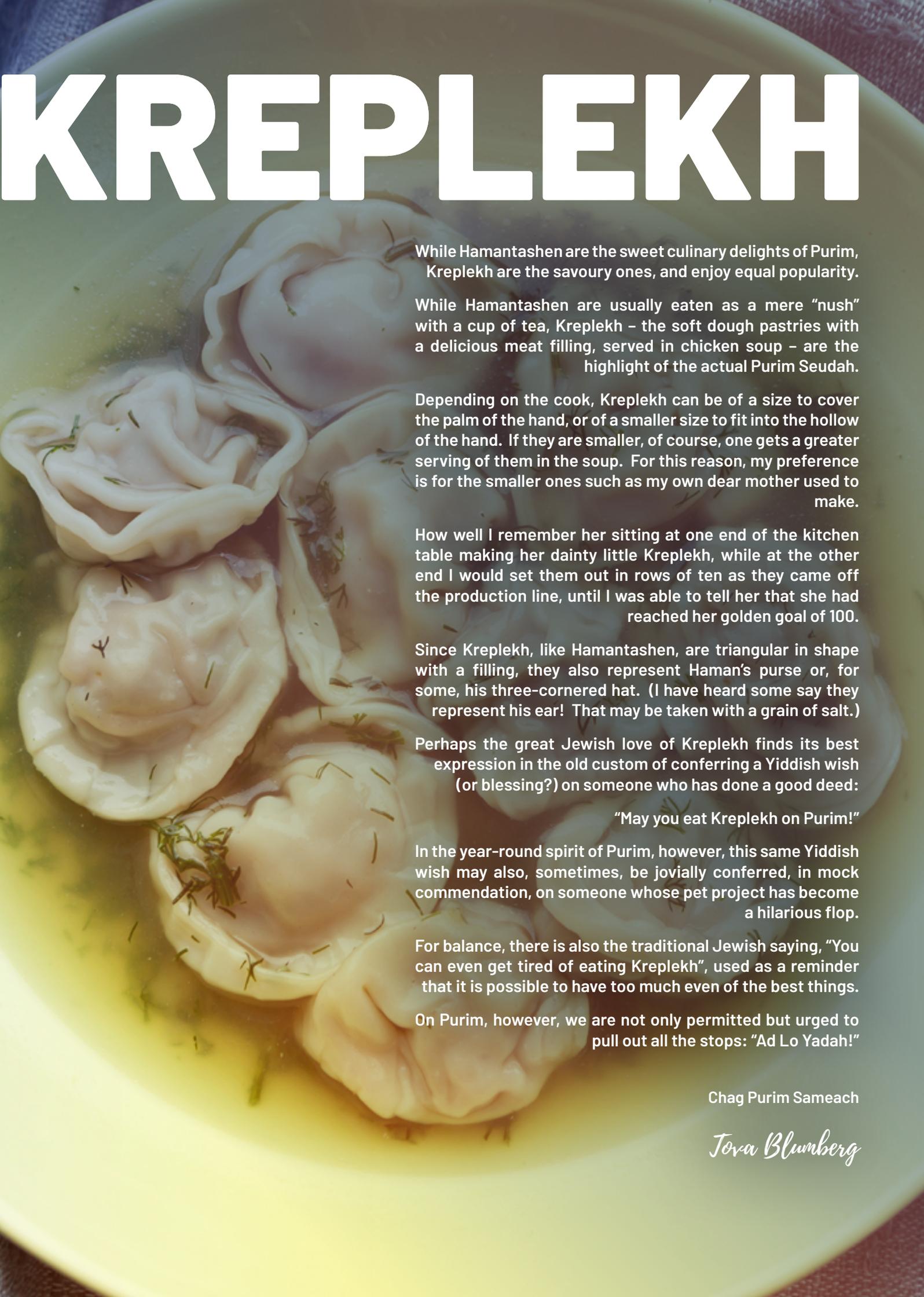
- Tree planting at Tzora forest
- Yad La-Shiryon, Latrun
- Walking tour at KKL park and cave crawling
- End of Mission

Did you know?

Yad La-Shiryon is Israel's official memorial site for fallen soldiers from the armored corps, as well as one of the most diverse tank museums in the world. The outdoor display includes 110 tanks and other armored fighting vehicles, both Israeli and captured enemy tanks, as well as vehicles obtained or purchased from allied nations specifically for diversifying the collection.

Itinerary subject to change

KREPLEKH

A close-up photograph of a white ceramic bowl filled with several Kreplekh, which are triangular-shaped dumplings with a crimped edge. The dumplings are submerged in a clear, yellowish chicken soup. Fresh green dill leaves are scattered throughout the soup, adding a touch of color and texture. The lighting is warm, highlighting the soft texture of the dough and the steam rising from the soup.

While Hamantashen are the sweet culinary delights of Purim, Kreplekh are the savoury ones, and enjoy equal popularity.

While Hamantashen are usually eaten as a mere “nush” with a cup of tea, Kreplekh – the soft dough pastries with a delicious meat filling, served in chicken soup – are the highlight of the actual Purim Seudah.

Depending on the cook, Kreplekh can be of a size to cover the palm of the hand, or of a smaller size to fit into the hollow of the hand. If they are smaller, of course, one gets a greater serving of them in the soup. For this reason, my preference is for the smaller ones such as my own dear mother used to make.

How well I remember her sitting at one end of the kitchen table making her dainty little Kreplekh, while at the other end I would set them out in rows of ten as they came off the production line, until I was able to tell her that she had reached her golden goal of 100.

Since Kreplekh, like Hamantashen, are triangular in shape with a filling, they also represent Haman’s purse or, for some, his three-cornered hat. (I have heard some say they represent his ear! That may be taken with a grain of salt.)

Perhaps the great Jewish love of Kreplekh finds its best expression in the old custom of conferring a Yiddish wish (or blessing?) on someone who has done a good deed:

“May you eat Kreplekh on Purim!”

In the year-round spirit of Purim, however, this same Yiddish wish may also, sometimes, be jovially conferred, in mock commendation, on someone whose pet project has become a hilarious flop.

For balance, there is also the traditional Jewish saying, “You can even get tired of eating Kreplekh”, used as a reminder that it is possible to have too much even of the best things.

On Purim, however, we are not only permitted but urged to pull out all the stops: “Ad Lo Yadah!”

Chag Purim Sameach

Tova Blumberg



Michael Solomon, OAM of blessed memory

4 NOVEMBER 1938 – 6 FEBRUARY 2019

Eulogy delivered by Leah Steinberg Michael's daughter on 8 February 2019.

I feel honoured, to be the one who gets to stand up here to remember a great man today.

Michael Joel Solomon, OAM. MJS, MJS00, Michael Yoel, Uncle Mikey, Zeder, Dad.

Born on 4 November 1938 in Brisbane to David and Mena Solomon, their first child and the first born to the Borsht and Solomon families. He was adored. Their Prince, the heir, the shining apple of their eyes.

In fact, the name Michael is derived from the Hebrew name Mikha'el meaning 'who is like G-d?'. And Solomon? well he was a wise old frickin' soul too.

There will never be anyone quite like Michael Solomon. He had a twinkle in his eye, like none other. He will be missed

He was a man of many, many talents. Be it in the air ... as a pilot, the sea ... as a skipper or on land ... as a scout.

Although it's incredibly difficult to pay tribute to him in a 15 minute speech, to sum up what our family, everyone in this chapel and beyond are feeling ... there's one word that I've kept returning to over the past few weeks and that word is fierce.

Dad was a fiercely devoted man who was absolutely loved and adored by his immediate and wider family, his child-hood and life-long friends, his friends from many walks of life and those 100s of people he'd helped.

Just look around this full and overflowing chapel. Just look at the social media posts, the hundreds of text messages from around Australia and across the globe.

So, let me begin with Dad's early years in Brisbane where he enjoyed attending Buranda State school, (not so much) Churchie and senior at State High.

Michael was an adoring son to Mena and David, brother to Paulette and the late Jocelyn. A family filled with yiddishkite, love and humour, family and many, many friends. And of those friends, from what I've heard, were girls ... lots of girls.

There was one girl however who managed to capture Michael's heart and thank g-d, that was our mother, Rosemary Gibson. The gorgeous blonde goddess, whose eyes met with his across a crowded room at a party in Brisbane in 1963. She was then, and still is, outstanding. I believe mum thought Michael was an Indian prince, with his swarthy looks, dark intense eyes and... that smile. Although he was there with his girlfriend at the time, when mum walked in the room, Michael said "that's the girl I'm going to marry".

Although Rosemary was told by a good mate, (not naming any names Les Steinberg), ahh, don't worry about that bloke, Michael. They married in 1966 and started their lives together. They moved to Melbourne where mum took not only the brave plunge in marrying our father but she converted to orthodox Judaism. Dad kept busy as well and used the time wisely, learning how to fly a plane. As you do. He always spoke so fondly of his time in Melbourne, waterskiing, boating, flying, and partying, from what I've heard. They seemed like Halcyon days for mum and dad where they cemented their relationship and love for life, and each other.

Thankfully, they moved back to Queensland to have us, eh Josh?

Didn't he and mum make us feel special and as though we were the luckiest children in the world? There was so much love, warmth and generosity in our home, we feel very blessed. His spirit, his drive, his tenacity, his enthusiasm, his enjoyment, his passion, his kindness (for animals), his charm, his style (or lack thereof)...I'm told by his sister that he was actually pretty cool when he was young. He was ostensibly a cool cat and a great dancer. He could jive the night away and always the last one at the party.

He was an amazingly great dad and again, fierce in his love for all of us. We will miss him with all our hearts and are left with the precious memories of times shared together.

Boy, did we have some adventures. One of my earliest memories is travelling in our little white Suzuki to Woolngoolba to Rudy Maas jetty where our boat – the Gnome was moored. We would shlep down there on a Friday afternoon and motor out in the dinghy to board the boat for a weekend on the Bay.

Moreton Bay was one of Michael's spiritual homes. It is for many of us here too. His passion for boating, fishing, navigating and weather gave us so many holidays out on the water as a family and with friends, I will never be able to go on a boat without thinking of him and the magical times we spent literally frolicking on the bay. Later we spent glorious holidays on Scotia 1, a boat fit for King Captain Solomon, with her grand presence at RQYS and on the bay. These were amazing times and it's true, you really don't know what you've got, until it's gone.

Our adventures, with Michael as the chief organiser and planner, took our family to every square inch of the bay, but also into the bush.. camping, the Carnarvon gorge, the gold fields where I also took my own family, skiing, sailing to the Whitsundays, America, Europe and beyond. I feel like my dad was a real life Layland brother who would never be seen without his pen knife or driving anything other than a big diesel powered 4wd - decked out with all the trimmings. All I really wanted to do was to go to Noosa with all my friends... I was happy when he did a deal and acquired a silver Porsche but it only lasted for five minutes.

One of dad's life-long passions was travel and seeing the country – in his early days it was to travel interstate to participate in Maccabi carnivals, meet people and make life-long friends, many of you who are here today and influenced him in his life. Later it was for business and then pleasure. He always believed you should see your own country before going exploring the world too much. I don't know anyone else who's himself and his mates around Australia, for goodness sakes.

At every opportunity he'd organise holidays and fly himself, however he would sometimes succumb to commercial flights where he and mum, and sometimes Josh and I, travelled the world. On a trip to America with us in 1989 he specifically set about obtaining his American pilot's license so he could fly us over the Grand Canyon. Who does that sort of thing?

That was the sort of man Michael Joel Solomon was - he didn't do anything by halves and if he wanted it - he wouldn't stop until he got it. He was fierce .

His spirit and zest for life, his energy and chutzpah was palpable. He was a such a good man with an absolute heart of gold. Over the past 18 months, he faced his toughest challenge and yet he bravely fought the beastly cancer until the end, with grace, good-humor and above all, fierce until the very end.

He had much love to share, but it must be mentioned that he loved a few cuties in particular and I think you know who I mean...nope it's not Josh and I, although his love for us was intense and unwavering, and it wasn't Ella or Sophie - although he cherished every second with our girls and dedicated so much time to them, enjoying every minute.

No - the cuties in his life he really, really loved were his beautiful pets ... his first dog Topsy could do amazing tricks, then Tasha and Sabra the cutest spannerdores you ever did see ... then Mystrie, another cocker spaniel, then of course, CoCo (my dog which Dad [→](#)



→ helped raise), and now the new Topsy and of course, darling Daisy. Our fur sisters. They are doing ok, but wished they could be here today.

Some say Dad had a cheeky way about him. Not sure if you agree? This made life interesting for his family and friends. You especially knew he loved you if you were ever... pranked by him, shot in the knee, stock-whipped (please ask Paulette these incidents), threatened to have your arm broken, bullied into doing something you didn't want to do like holding a crab or a yabby or anything with a claw or sharp teeth, taught how to tie knots, rig up a line, catch and fillet fish, sail on the open sea, moor a boat, throw out the crab pots, fly a plane, drive a truck, change a tyre, drain the bilge, shoot a gun, change a car batter, jump start a car, drive off-road or on the beach, pitch a tent, light a fire ... all while playing the tea chest bass, bashing out some tunes on the bongos and singing along to Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra and Willie Nelson.

I always said, Dad's the guy you want to take with you to any emergency situation. There was nothing he couldn't do, no challenge too great. He was meticulous in his planning and details were his thing. He made us feel safe and secure in the knowledge that he had everything under control. He would be so focused on the task at hand...then it was yabba dabba doo...let's go... He taught us a lot. His bucket list was complete.

Michael had a many and varied career. After school, he secured an apprenticeship with an electrician. He recounted stories of how he was tasked with wiring up the Hughenden hospital, working in the heat and with a whole bunch of cowboys, of which I think was of the best...he loved the bush. Quickly, he decided to look at what he could do on the side.

We all know he had a way with words, so much chutzpah and too much flair and charisma to be spent wiring up hospitals in the heat, so he gave that away when he found out he had a gift for selling insurance policies. Especially to the ladies... Michael worked for National Mutual for a couple of years until he went to live in Melbourne. It was here he began his next career in medical repping, again using his gift of the gab to educate doctors on the latest medical innovations.

When Dad and Mum came back to Brisbane, he continued medical repping until Josh and I came along and that's when he started working for Rosemary's family business at Gibson's tannery and got into leather, where he championed a new type of product, and that was kangaroo leather, around Australia and exporting internationally.

He was always an innovator, had the latest gadgets and toys, so naturally, his next move led him to work in the burgeoning industry of pinball machines and arcade games. After learning the tricks of the trade and cutting his teeth, he and a business partner set up Associated Leisure and Playtime. From our perspective, this was a bloody fantastic business. Josh and I were very popular ...there weren't many kids in town who had their own gaming table top and a never-ending supply of games. In the early days, our favourites were Frogger, Donkey Kong and Space Invaders. Hanging at the Solomon Clayfield ranch with our beautiful friends, family and neighbors was always fun, mum and dad were always entertaining.

Michael was a shrewd business man and built an empire, with 15 family leisure centres operating in and around the State in its heyday. Unfortunately, the gaming industry took a turn for the worse, with Nintendo and Play Stations appearing in people's homes and it was a sad day when the business ceased to exist anymore. This did not stop Michael, as when one door shut, he always opened another.

Unlike most people, he did not take the time to retire, sit still and whittle life away. This was not his style. In fact, he found it very difficult to sit still, unless he was driving a boat or flying a plane and even then he was busy. His energy was tireless...except when he was asleep - he was a very good sleeper.

Quickly, he was at it again and in his true style he had an idea to start importing electric vehicles and called it ecowheels... again, before his time. His dream was to have the council adopt a program

whereby electric vehicles would be accessible throughout the city, relieving congestion and allowing accessibility. It's amazing to me that over 15 years later this is just now a reality, showing what a true innovator he really was.

Last year, Michael was awarded a medal of the Order of Australia for his tireless work in the community. He was shocked, yet tickled pink with the accolade and absolutely attributed it to Rosemary, who he felt also should have received it with him, because behind every great man is an even greater woman and he certainly believed this to be the case ... he utterly adored mum.

Michael's community service began when he was very young, participating in the Judean sports club, the synagogue and as a scout and scout master.

Most of you know of Michael's many and varied achievements, but I will list them again now, so it's fresh.

He was involved with the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha for 40 years, was a Life Member and Secretary

He was a member of the Brisbane Hebrew Congregation for 50 years and served on the Management Committee.

In 2012 he joined the Building and Management Committee for the Jewish Communal Centre Retirement Village.

But his longest association was with Jewish sporting organisation Maccabi Queensland - In his 60+ years he had too many roles to mention and was a life member. His association with Maccabi was very strong and now continues through to his grandchildren, with Ella recently attending a Maccabi Carnival in Sydney, where she proudly carried the Queensland flag, and he was completely and utterly thrilled. Sophie is looking forward to carrying on his legacy when she attends carnival in a couple of years.

Outside of the Jewish community, he was also very active.

He was a Member of the Rotary Club of Albion for three decades, served as President and was awarded a prestigious Paul Harris Fellow.

Since 2006, he loved being a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight, with over 100 missions and helping people receive prompt medical care - our real life super hero.

He'd been a Justice of the Peace, since 1978.

And in 2000, he received an Australian Sports Medal from then Prime Minister, Little Johnny Howard - Josh's favourite.

Apart from his much loved mum and dad, one of Dad's biggest influencers was his very dear uncle Cy Borsht, who passed away just last year at the grand age of 96. He was the one who encouraged Dad's love of boating and flying. The relationship between him and Cy was very special and we know he'll be delighted to reconnect with him up there along with his parents, Mena and David and his beloved sister, Jocelyn, other family and of course the dogs. May Dad's dear soul rest in peace and by golly, I hope they have a never-ending supply of Bundy rum ice and milk, boiled peanuts, photos and videos of his family and friends, living his life to the tunes of smooth jazz up there, because that's the sort of heaven I imagine he'd be very happy with.

In November, we celebrated Michael's 80th birthday. It was such a joyous occasion and we know he enjoyed absolutely every minute. It was such a mitzvah.

Mum Josh, Paulette, Jason and I, the girls and all the extended family feel blessed to have had so many people attend this service, from near and far today. Thank you for coming and paying tribute to Michael....a passionate and driven man who we know loved us and you all fiercely.

JOSH SOLOMON

Thank you everyone for coming

We love you dad and we will miss you.



To help raise funds to honour the late Myrna Freed z"l in perpetuity, WIZO Aviva is holding a Bad-Taste Purim Party, in memory of the many such Purim Parties Myrna hosted over the years.

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Courage to Care National Conference in Melbourne

Lee McNamee and Astrid Wurfl represented QLD at the recent national Courage to Care (C2C) conference in Melbourne.

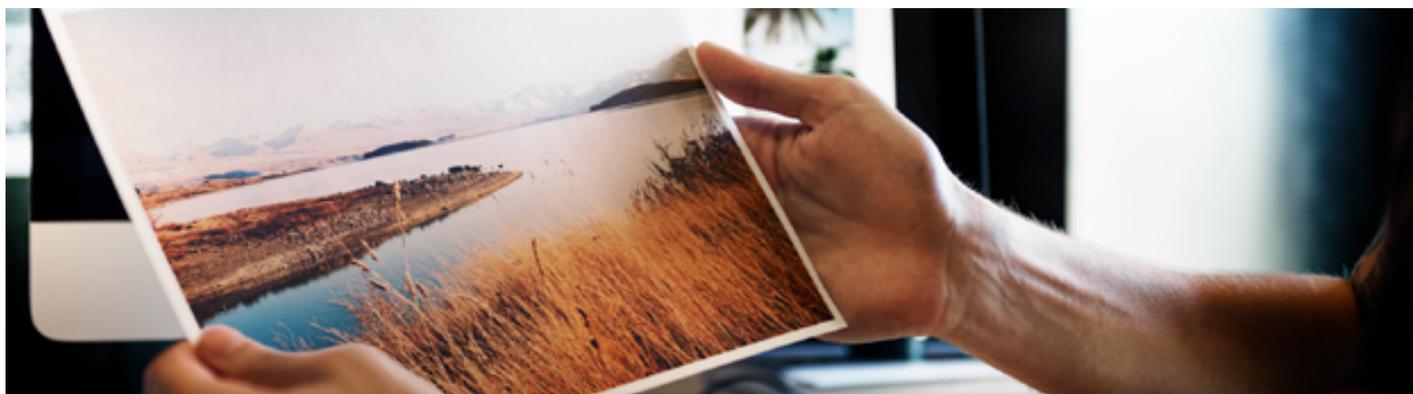
The theme of the conference was thinking big: Courage to Care Across Australia.

Each state presented a 10 minute talk on the highlights and challenges of the year. With our very small band of volunteers (26), QLD's numbers compared very favourably with the other states.

Last year with our small band of volunteers we visited 16 schools over 30 days and put 2289 students through the Courage to Care Classroom program. Many schools are return visits that rebook us year to year.

It was decided at the conference that C2C would try to put some national standards in place. Although all the states run a slightly different program, the aims are shared.

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Rolene Marks is a passionate advocate for Israel and has appeared on radio, television and been published in numerous global publications.

She is a member of the Media Team Israel, an advocacy body that fights media bias and served as the organisation's media spokesperson. She is a member of the recently launched, Truth be Told.

Currently residing in Modiin, Israel, Rolene volunteers for WIZO and previously represented the organisation at the World Zionist Congress.





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NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY,

✍ The Jewish National Fund of Queensland (JNF) wishes to express its sincere condolences on the recent passing of our dear friend Eva Popper. Eva was a tireless and dedicated worker for JNF and Israel being the face of JNF here in Brisbane through her Blue Box and Green Sunday collecting over many many years. Eva was recognised for her loyal support of JNF by being named QLD JNF Blue Box worker of the year on several occasions, and she will never be forgotten. Eva on her trips to Israel was able to visit many JNF projects allowing her to see the result of her lifelong dedication and support. We wish Eva's family Long Life and may her memory be a blessing.

✍ The Jewish National Fund of Queensland (JNF) wishes to express its sincere condolences on the passing of Michael Solomon OAM. Michael was a stalwart of our Community in so many ways and a supporter of JNF and to Rosemary and all of Michael's family we wish Long Life and may his memory be a blessing.

✍ The Jewish National Fund of Queensland (JNF) sends our best wishes and Mazel Tov to Peta and Rodney Briner (and all the family) on the recent engagement in Israel of their daughter , Gabrielle to Daniel Grunstein. We wish Gabrielle and Daniel a life full of happiness and success and we know they will bring much joy to their parents and family.

✍ Pauline and Morrie Briner on behalf of their family send their best wishes to their granddaughter Gabrielle on her engagement in Israel to Daniel Grunstein. May the young couple know only joy and happiness.

✍ Sydney and Judith Bogan and all the Bogan family sends their best wishes and a hearty Mazel Tov to Pauline Briner for her upcoming 90th Birthday.

✍ Shalom Magazine and JNF QLD extends our heartfelt Mazel Tov wishes to Kathy and Paul Gould for the recent birth, in Melbourne, of a grandson, to proud parents Rabbi Daniel and Ruth Gould. Ruth is the daughter of Roza and Ezno from Argentina. Rabbi Daniel is a proud graduate of Sinai College.

✍ The Bogan Family wishes to dedicate this issue of SHALOM Magazine to Sue Bogan, who passed away a year ago on the 25th of March 2018. We always love you and think of you every day.

Note from the Graphics and Digital Development Editor Kel Bogan:

This issue of Shalom Magazine is specially dedicated to Suzanne Maree Bogan, who passed away on the 25th of March 2018 - without Mum's determination, grace, sincerity and strength, I would not be here today following my passion in helping develop the Shalom Magazine.

Mum was a courageous fighter against cancer and with her words to me, she told me to be strong and be bold.

I look to her everyday for inspiration and courage, especially as we face a world that is becoming increasingly less friendly to the Jewish people.

I know there is a dearest guardian angel looking over me each day as I count the numerous and abundant blessings.

Sending my thoughts to Mum for this particular issue.

Suzanne Maree Bogan Z"l

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- Meeting point & welcome in Tel Aviv
- Visit Rosh Zippor bird watching centre
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- 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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BRISBANE - REGULAR EVENTS

Community Diary Bookings	Kathy Gould 07 3411 3664 0402 497 413 kathygould45@msn.com
WIZO Aviva	2 nd Tuesday each Month (n) 07 3715 6562 wizoqld@gmail.com
NCJWA Meeting	3 rd Monday 7:30pm

GOLD COAST - REGULAR EVENTS

NCJWA Gold Coast	Monthly Meetings 7:30pm - 1 st Monday of each month 0412 377 488 goldcoast@ncjwa.org.au
Temple Shalom Services	Office 07 5570 1716 Erev Shabbat 6:30pm Shabbat Morning 10am Oneg Shabbat 2nd Friday each month following services Seiudat Shabbat Last Shabbat each month following Torah Service Groovy Movers Exercise Mon & Wed 10am-12 Noon Friday 8-10 am
Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation Services	All enquiries call 07 5570 1851 Friday Night Live Uplifting Service every Friday Night starting 5:30pm Shabbat Kiddish Following the service every Shabbat at 9am Kabbala and Jewish Mysticism Journey of the Soul, Monday evening at 7:30pm Talmud Classes Thursday evening at 7:30pm Talmud Torah Chader Sunday 9:30 - 11:30am

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Shabbas, Friday evening: Ma'ariv 6.00pm.

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am.

Shabbas Discussions: Shiurim (Study Group) conducted by Rabbi Levi Jaffe 8.30am to 9.00am each Shabbas prior to Service.

Kiddush is held after Shabbat morning service.

Weekday Services: Mon and Thurs at 6.00am.

Synagogue Office: Telephone 3229 3412

Membership: Email Alan Rose at membership@brishc.com

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Children's Service on the first Shabbat of each month - commencing at 10.20 am



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Regular Services

Friday Evening:

(Summer time)

Saturday Morning:

Saturday Afternoon:

Saturday evening:

Sunday Morning:

Monday evening:

Kabalat Shabbat 6:30pm

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 8:00am

Mincha 17:30 followed by Shiur until Maariv

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 7:30am

Monday Evening: Shiur 6:30pm, covering the weekly Torah portion, the festivals and our sages

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