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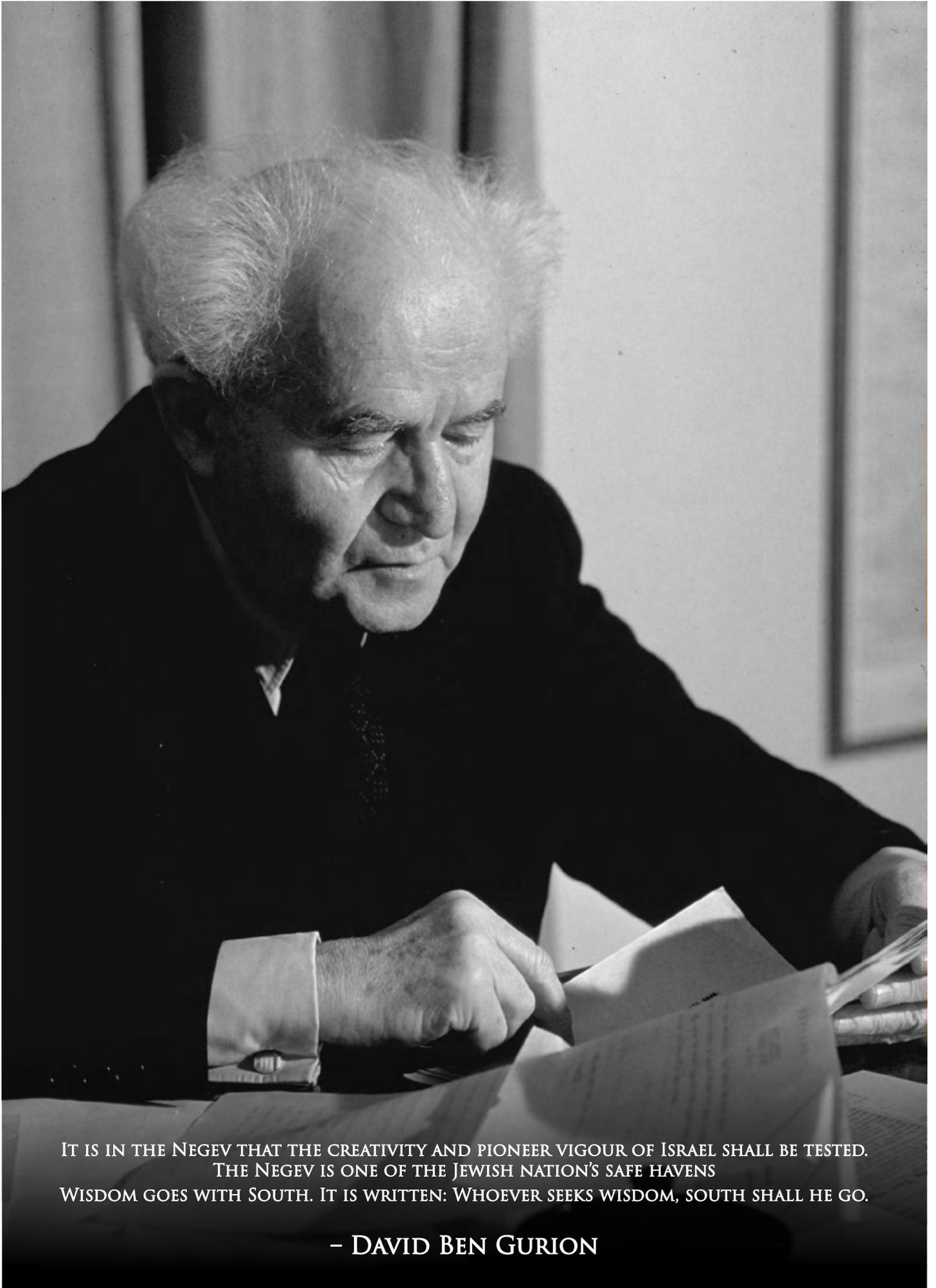
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**“IN ISRAEL, IN ORDER TO BE A REALIST,
YOU MUST BELIEVE IN MIRACLES”**

– DAVID BEN-GURION



IT IS IN THE NEGEV THAT THE CREATIVITY AND PIONEER VIGOUR OF ISRAEL SHALL BE TESTED.
THE NEGEV IS ONE OF THE JEWISH NATION'S SAFE HAVENS
WISDOM GOES WITH SOUTH. IT IS WRITTEN: WHOEVER SEEKS WISDOM, SOUTH SHALL HE GO.

– DAVID BEN GURION



JNF QLD ANNUAL CAMPAIGN EVENT

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF QLD IS COMMITTED TO FULFILLING

DAVID BEN-GURIONS DREAM OF SETTLING THE NEGEV

This year's annual campaign will be in support of one of Israel's most vulnerable communities

KADESH BARNEA

Situated only 300 metres from the Egyptian border, Kadesh Barnea faces growing security threats from radical organisations active across the border, becoming one of Israel's most vulnerable communities.

Despite the trying times, the families who live in Kadesh Barnea are even more resolved to survive and prosper. The community is united by their Zionist vision to settle the Negev, choosing to not only stay but to grow. They have become a symbol of resilience and growing prosperity in the face of adversity.

The community functions as the central hub of the region, providing services to all the neighbouring communities, and is a key component of the region's demographic growth.

JNF is raising funds for the building of an Environmental Education Centre in the heart of Kadesh Barnea.

The centre will offer courses, seminars, lectures and provide a safe space for community gatherings.

It will also serve as a venue for children and youth movement activities.

The stability of Israel's southern borders is dependent on the scope of the settlement in the region and the social and economic resilience of its communities.

**WITH A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER FROM ISRAEL, THIS WILL BE AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED
RESERVE THE DATE NOW – DON'T BE DISSAPONTED.**





B'nai B'rith & JNF Youth and Young Adult Jewish Changemaker Awards 2019

June 27, 2019 | J-Wire Newsdesk

Sydney's B'nai B'rith and JNF have held their annual Jewish Changemaker Awards acknowledging the inspiring contributions made by Youth and Young Adults within the Australian Jewish community.

This year's nominees, from school students to young professionals, all showed exceptional passion, creativity and dedication towards their chosen causes.

Emceed by Haim Ayalon and comedian Liora Baram, the event was a wonderful platform to celebrate over 60 young activists who demonstrated outstanding leadership, service to the Jewish Community, Australian Society and the State of Israel. There were 10 winners and 5 honourable mentions over the 7 categories.

The judging panel consisted of Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of Israel Ron Gerstenfeld, JNF NSW Executive Director Gabbie Budai, CEO of Jewish house Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Councillor William Nemesh and Co-Executive Director of ECAJ Peter Wertheim.

Congratulations go to Miriam Itzkowitz who won the JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community in the Youth Category. Miriam volunteers for Friendship Circle, JNF Green Sunday, MDA Red Sunday, JCA phone campaign, Legacy and the Smith Family Student 2 Student programme. She is Madricha for Betar, a chorister and Torah reader at Sydney's North Shore Temple Emanuel and works in many other organisations.

Roy Halberstadt and Leanne Juter, both Tzofim Madrichim, were joint winners in the youth category for Contribution to the State of Israel.

Elia Gil Munoz won the award for Contribution to Australian Society. Elia took part in the Emanuel School Generosity Abroad Kenya trip and is a member of Generosity Abroad Youth. Elia also gave an impassioned speech to former MP Kerry Phelps at last year's student 'Climate Rally'.

Nine-year-old Benjy Orwin from Melbourne, the youngest ever nominee, received an honourable mention for his contribution to Australian Society. Benjy initiated a campaign called "Socks 4 Support" collecting over 5000 pairs of socks that were distributed to those in need.

In the Young Adult category, Haim Ayalon and Jordan Cohen shared the prize for the JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community. Haim has been a committed member of the UIA Young Leadership Executive for over three years and has played a role in events across JCA, UIA, Friendship Circle, JNF, MDA and Dover Heights Shul. Jordan volunteers for Sydney Hatzola and is

unconditionally available at all times as a first responder, saving lives. He was an active member of CSG and head of NSW AZYC last year, a youth leader for Bnei Akiva, a Madrich on the 2017 IST and a volunteer Bondi lifesaver.

JAKE LEIBOWITZ, HILA TSOR AND JONATHON PARATZ RECEIVED HONOURABLE MENTIONS. JAKE IS A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE PERTH JEWISH COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL, DEDICATING HIS TIME TO NUMEROUS COMMUNAL ORGANISATIONS.

Jake was a presenter at Limmud OZ Perth 2018 and at Perth's Carmel School Zionist seminar 2019 and joined the executive of the Jewish Community Council of Western Australia as the Youth Representative.

Hila is the Community Relations Officer for the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies. The project Hila is most passionate about is 'Yallah!', an organisation dedicated to remembering the narrative of the Jews from Arab Lands and the persecution to which they were subjected.

JONATHON HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE BRISBANE CSG OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS AND CURRENTLY HOLDS A SENIOR VOLUNTARY POSITION. HE IS ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF AUJS AND THE QJBD INTER-FAITH SUB-COMMITTEE.

Dion Esterman won the award for Contribution to the State of Israel. Dion was Rosh Tarbut, Madrich, Gizbar and Rosh Machane federally for Bnei Akiva. Dion also volunteered for Maccabi Australia, helping to develop their gap year leadership program and became Assistant Manager of the junior delegation at the Maccabi Games. Dion took on the Presidency of the Beit Midrash Minyan in Mizrahi and served on the shul's board. When the ACT Zionist Council was established, Dion took on the presidency to help grow it and become a part of the wider ZFA community.

Gali Blacher and Maddy Jones together with Ben Wilhelm won awards for their contribution to Australian Society. Gali and Maddy recognised the need to make the homeless feel accepted and created an enterprise called The Good Box, designed to provide people living on the street with a gift box of essential basics. They came second at JCA's Shark Tank, winning \$15,000 which gave them the funding to officially launch an online store.

Ben created "Remember September" in 2015, following the death of his father Danny from pancreatic cancer. Ben aims to raise awareness of and funds for research to find a cure for this dreaded disease. So far, he has raised over \$175,000.

Sarah Greenbaum won the B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership. Sarah was the previous Vice President of the ACT Jewish Community, Chair of the ACTJC Progressive Congregation and a member of the Board of Progressive Jewish Education. Sarah played a critical role in establishing a formal Progressive congregation committee and formalised the congregation through registration with the Union of Progressive Judaism.

She also negotiated a contract allowing for a visiting Rabbi to run services and programs to the Progressive congregation on a monthly basis inspiring a social network that has now evolved into deep friendships and community connections. Sarah achieved all of this whilst working for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading.

Gareth Milner received an Honourable Mention for his continuous efforts in engaging Jewish Young Adults through AUJS and JNFuture.

This event brings our communal organisations together nationally in celebration, acknowledgment and support for our next generation of leaders. | **JWire**



Haim Ayalon with JNF CEO Dan Springer



Socially Yours

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

- ✍ The Jewish National Fund of QLD and SHALOM Magazine sends our heartiest congratulations and Mazel Tov to **CHARLOTTE** and **JORDAN FRIEDLANDER** on the recent birth, in May, of their first child **ARI JULIAN**. We also send Mazel Tov wishes to excited grandparents **ESTHER** and **GRANT FRIEDLANDER** and **JULIE** and **RICHARD NOLAN** and to Great Grand Mother **SARAH FRIEDLANDER**. We know Ari will bring much joy and happiness to his parents and all the family. Jordan is the grandson of the late **ADA** and **JOHN LIPSKI** so well remembered in our community and Charlotte was a valued member of the editorial team of SHALOM Magazine for many years.
- ✍ The Jewish National Fund of QLD sends our sincere condolences to **MAXINE CHEILYK** on the recent passing of her father **HYMIE GORDON**. We wish Maxine and all the family Long Life and may her father’s memory be a blessing.

Ask the Rabbi : ORGAN DONATION

Q. What is the Jewish view of organ donation?

A. Organ donation involves two related but sometimes conflicting principles – the duty to preserve life and the duty not to mutilate the body, whether it be of a living or a dead person.

The approach Judaism takes is that – subject to procedural safeguards – an organ may be transplanted from a donor to a recipient.

But there must be a specific, identified recipient whose life will be saved thereby; the clause included on driving licences which gives a blank cheque for the removal of organs without specifying the identity of the recipient is not acceptable to Judaism.

Crucial questions arise when dealing with organ donations from a dead person.

To ensure the organ is in a good enough state to be transplanted, the doctors virtually have to manipulate the moment of the donor’s death.

But Judaism is wary of any act which may constitute deliberate shortening of life, and therefore transplants need approval in each individual case from rabbinic authorities.

Rabbi Apple served for 32 years as the chief minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney, Australia’s oldest and most prestigious congregation. He was Australia’s highest profile rabbi and held many public roles. He is now retired and lives in Jerusalem. Rabbi Apple blogs at www.oztorah.com





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Launching of the Courage to Care Exhibition On the Gold Coast

The launch was held in the Katranski Community Hall at Surfers Paradise on Sunday 2nd June 2019. Kayla Szumer, Queensland Courage to Care Coordinator was the MC.

Following a Welcome to Country by Yagambeh Aboriginal Elder Anthony Cora, the 67 people who attended heard Commissioner Scott McDougall, of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Council give the guest address. He was followed by Kaitlin Barwick, the Local Hero for the Exhibition.

Kayla noted that Courage to Care was created 20 years ago, to capture the power of the stories of rescues and the personal testimonies of our Survivors, turning them into a positive and inspiring message, which is now also being taken into classrooms across the country.

Paul Myers, President of the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies, Rabbi and Rebbitzin Gurevitch, Councillor Hermann Vorster and David Rebibou were distinguished guests.

Scott McDougall commended the Courage to Care organization. "The Courage to Care Exhibition aims to tackle prejudice through 4 themes: **Discrimination, Intimidation, Defiance and Empowerment.** Within each of these themes the exhibits present stories which challenge us to reflect on how we would have responded to similar acts if we were placed in that position at the time of the Nazi oppression, and also how we would respond today when confronted by contemporary acts of bigotry and racist extremism." Scott spoke of some of the challenges he faces in the position he now holds.

He continued, "We must remove the fear and ignorance that gives succour to racism and bigotry. The best way to do this is through education and individual acts of courage. This is why the Courage to Care Exhibition is so wonderful.

It educates children and the broader community, whilst also encouraging and challenging individuals to stand up and nip racism and bigotry in the bud, before it is allowed to take hold."

Kaitlin Barwick is the Local Hero for the Exhibition. Just 17 and in her final year of high school, Kaitlin received the 2019 Gold Coast Young Citizen of the Year award for her work and leadership in the community.

In 2018 Kaitlin founded Squad Eleven, a group of high school students who together carry out selfless acts of kindness in the Gold Coast community.



They have participated in the cleaning up of Lake Orr, they volunteer at a local retirement home and have been involved with various fund raising events for charities and other very worthy causes. From birth Kaitlin has been encouraged by her family to 'reach for the stars and be the best person she can be,' so she is a high personal achiever in whatever she does.

Squad Eleven acts as a platform for young people to express their ideas, network with like minded youth, develop confidence and leadership skills and overall, get active in the community within a supportive environment.

Kaitlin says, "The difference that our group is having on the community is massive, with adults from other areas approaching us to form similar groups in their communities. We are obviously leading by example." Kaitlin's life proves that everyone, young or older, can make a positive difference in their community.

Closing the event, Kayla thanked the sponsors, the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation, for supporting the idea of a Gold Coast Courage to Care Exhibition and graciously lending us their hall for the duration, the QJBD, the security staff and all the Courage to Care volunteers.

| Courage To Care





SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019
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SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
JNF QLD ANNUAL CAMPAIGN EVENT - KADESH BARNEA

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Israel and Judaism

10-MINUTE VIDEOS FOR YOUNG JEWS

MAY 24, 2019 BY J-WIRE NEWSDESK

Jerusalem U, a groundbreaking non-profit media company that aims to connect with young Jews through educational films and videos, is launching a new YouTube channel called “Unpacked,” featuring bite-sized videos that also tell complex, nuanced stories about Israel and Judaism.

“Unpacked,” with its web and mobile-friendly content, aims to bring compelling content about Israel and Judaism to social media and digital channels that reach younger Jews where they live and get informed, starting on YouTube, a landscape Jerusalem U believes the organized Jewish community has largely left unexplored.

“For decades the Jewish community has struggled to reach and teach the growing number of Jews that do not have access or choose not to access traditional Jewish learning opportunities.”

YouTube – the world’s largest global classroom and the #2 search engine, can change that. YouTube has billions of hours of educational videos being uploaded and viewed every month and it’s where kids are choosing to do most of their learning outside of traditional institutions,” said Jerusalem U’s newly named CEO, Dina Rabhan.

“For the first time in Jewish history, all Jewish knowledge can be made accessible online, and Jerusalem U believes it’s our responsibility to leverage this incredible opportunity and make sure there is quality Jewish learning accessible and available to anyone searching or interested.

The Jewish community is years behind and we need to catch up,” she added.

According to Jerusalem U, young people today are digital natives who spend millions of hours globally each day on smartphones, the web and social media to communicate and learn, with young people spending an average of six hours a day online. Meanwhile, 50 percent of YouTube viewers say they use it to learn or discover new things.

Yet with young Jews increasingly disconnecting from traditional Jewish institutions and accessing whatever Jewish knowledge they can online, “Unpacked” offers them a familiar place to discover their heritage. The “Unpacked” videos aim to answer big questions and untangle complex topics for an always-on audience.

“Not only are young people living online but they also want nuanced and sophisticated information, not just sound bites, tired slogans and well-worn talking points,” said Rabhan.

To propel the “Unpacked” launch, Jerusalem U is encouraging everyone to “take 10” in a campaign that offers to send those who sign up a free weekly video. The campaign says that by spending 10 minutes a week watching the videos, users will get up to speed on modern Israeli history.

The first video series includes “The History of Israel Explained,” with 55 episodes. More series are in the production pipeline for 2019 and 2020. | **JWire**



בריזבן חברה קדישא

BRISBANE CHEVRA KADISHA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SOUTH BRISBANE GIVAT ZION SYNAGOGUE

46 Bunya Street Greenslopes

WEDNESDAY EVENING 24 JULY 2019, 7.30pm

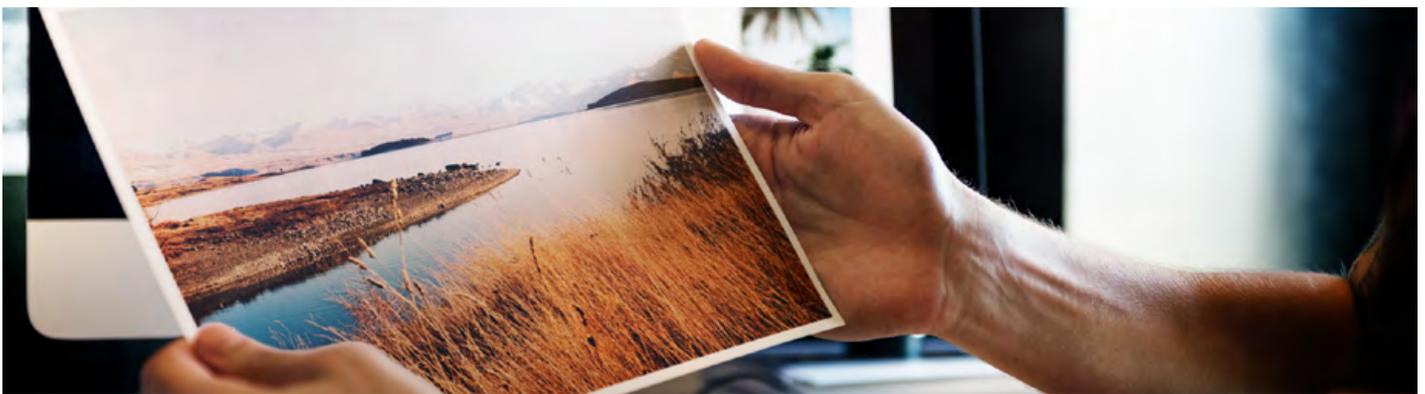
You are invited to attend the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha's Annual General Meeting. Please note you must be a financial member of the BCK to vote.

AGENDA: Includes reports from President, Treasurer, Director of Tahara and Property Officer; election of the Management Committee and Auditor

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Elections to be held for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Tahara and appointment of other positions including Property Officer and Webmaster

Nominations for executive positions required 7 days prior to the AGM

To obtain a nomination form, ask any questions, become a member or ensure you are up to date as a financial member, please contact: Bernie Goldman Secretary/Treasurer on Mobile: 0419 652 441 or Email: info@bck.net.au



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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 Kiriyaat 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



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Jewish Life in Queensland Survey 2019.
Click here to help us understand what you want for the
Queensland Jewish Community and go into the draw
to win a set of noise cancelling headphones.





Share your Jewish story with us

Dear members of the Queensland Jewish community,

Your opinions, thoughts, values and interests matter to us.

To ensure we continue to meet the needs of our community, we would greatly value your participation in our **Jewish Life in Queensland Survey 2019**. It should only take approximately 10 minutes.

The Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies (QJBD) has been the voice of Queensland Jewry since 1948. Our role is to represent the Jewish community to the broader Queensland and Australian community. The majority of communal organisations are affiliate members of the QJBD.

As the roof body for all Jews in Queensland, we care about our community and are committed to making it better and more meaningful so our Jewish way of life can flourish and be enriching.

Based on the most recent Australian Population Census in 2016, and allowing for a 50% variance, there are more than 5,000 Jews living in our amazing State - mostly in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, but also on the Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Toowoomba and beyond.

Your responses to this survey will enable us to better understand your activities, interests and views of the future for our community. We will also summarise the high-level findings and share them across the community, while maintaining your privacy.

Without your input, we cannot best serve the needs of the community. We also hope your information will enable us to entice other Jews from interstate or overseas to join a vibrant Jewish Queensland community.

While this survey is anonymous, if you provide your current email address you will go into a draw to WIN a set of noise cancelling headphones (valued at \$500).

Please feel free to share this survey with your Jewish family members and friends.

To learn more about the QJBD, visit www.jewishqld.com or our **Facebook page**.

BEGIN SURVEY



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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND THE PROMISED LAND

By **Gabrielle Briner** | *Shalom Magazine Contributor*

For the LGBT community and its supporters, June marks World Pride Month, a month of celebrations to promote awareness for the difficulties this community faces in mainstream society.

Israel is no exception. Tel Aviv has earned a reputation as 'gay capital of the Middle East' for its openness and acceptance of LGBT residents and tourists. Rainbow flags line the city streets in the lead up to an impressive pride parade' preceded by weeks of festivities such as drag performances and beach parties.

Tel Aviv is also a gay tourism hot spot for European travellers. Toned, tanned tourists flock to the beach side city to attend the renowned parade, which this year's celebrity guest was How I Met Your Mother star Neil Patrick Harris. More than 250,000 revellers attended the parade, clad in crazy costumes and plenty of rainbow, danced down the Tel Aviv promenade under the scorching June sun.

The festivities, which offer a chance for all people to express themselves and offer support for LGBT people. However, Pride Month has a darker side - it offers a time for reflection and criticism on the inequality imposed by the Israeli government against the Israeli LGBT community.

On June 5 2019, Benjamin Netanyahu nominated a new Justice Minister, Likud Member Amir Ohana, making him the first openly gay minister in Israel's history.

Born in the capital of Israel's south, Beersheva to Moroccan immigrants, Amir Ohana became an officer in the border police, continuing his career in security at the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security service. He finished law school by taking night classes, pursuing politics after working as a criminal lawyer for a decade. His first bill as a new Member of Knesset attempted to extend hate-crime legislation to transgender people, which was subsequently blocked by Ultra Orthodox lawmakers.

Israelis both celebrated and slammed the appointment. A Netanyahu statement emphasised his rich experience in the legal field, yet critics identified Ohana's loyalty to Netanyahu as a key consideration. The Prime Minister is currently scrambling to rally support to pass a controversial immunity law to protect himself from corruption allegations.

Some feel Ohana has betrayed the LGBT community by siding with a right wing and religious government, whose Ultra Orthodox members oppose LGBT rights, branding him as hypocritical. They also oppose his insistence that Israel should retain the

West Bank as essential strategic territory, and his dismissal of the establishment of a Palestinian state.

When asked by journalist and writer Matti Friedman how he defends this view as a member of another persecuted minority, he answered simply "because I am attracted to men doesn't mean I believe in the establishment of a Palestinian state."

In 2018, Amir Ohana suggested amendments to Israel's surrogacy law were raised in the Knesset, which would allow single men and same-sex couples to have children via surrogacy. In an unforeseen defeat, these amendments were rejected by the Knesset, sparking uproar and public protests. The Surrogacy Law Scandal highlighted the inequality ingrained in Israel's legal system against same sex couples and LGBT people. The outrage was further fuelled by Netanyahu publicly promising to vote for the amendment, but voting against it at the last minute after immense pressure from the Ultra Orthodox bloc.

In Israel, same sex marriage is also prohibited, spurring 23 homosexual couples to stage an unofficial mass wedding in Tel Aviv to advocate for marriage equality. The country does not recognise civil unions, as the Chief Rabbinate controls Israel's marriage laws. Many same sex couples go to neighbouring Cyprus to officially tie the knot, or remain unmarried.

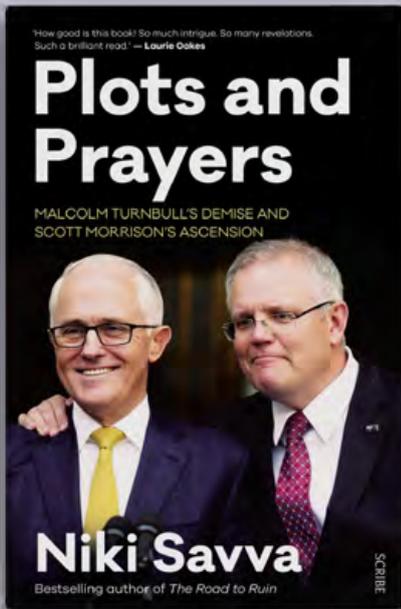
Critics accuse the Israeli government of 'pinkwashing,' exploiting Israel's reputation as the Middle East's only LGBT friendly country in exchange for international praise, and to distract from the country's other problems, such as the 'occupation' and human rights violations. Pinkwashing' is a phenomena often used by BDS and other anti-Israel activists, as a way to de-legitimize Israel. Yet Harvard professor and lawyer Alan Dershowitz describes those who accuse Israel of pinkwashing as "some radical gay activists" who are antisemitic "bigots." There are also Israeli LGBT community activists who boycott pride festivities to protest the Israeli government's 'pinkwashing' efforts. These standpoints represent the two extreme sides of the spectrum. LGBT Israelis are wary of pinkwashing and see its overuse as damaging to peace progress, as well as efforts by the LGBT community for equality.

With the conclusion of Pride Month festivities around the world, Israel's LGBT community and its supporters continue to fight for equality in the face of a right wing government heavily influenced by the hardline Ultra Orthodox bloc. | **Gabrielle Briner**

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



NEW FROM SCRIBE PUBLICATIONS



Niki Savva is one of the most senior correspondents in the Canberra Press Gallery. She was twice political correspondent on The Australian, and headed up the Canberra bureaus of both The Herald Sun and The Age. When family tragedy forced a career change, she became Peter Costello's press secretary for six years and was then on John Howard's staff for three. Her work has brought her into intimate contact with Australia's major political players for more than 35 years. She is a regular columnist for The Australian, and often appears on ABC TV's Insiders. In March 2017, the Melbourne Press Club bestowed Niki with a lifetime achievement award for 'outstanding coverage of Australian politics as a reporter, columnist and author'. Her previous book, *The Road to Ruin*, was a major bestseller, and won the 2016 General Nonfiction Book of the Year Award at the Australian Book Industry Awards.

PLOTS AND PRAYERS

Malcolm Turnbull's demise and Scott Morrison's ascension

Niki Savva

In an enthralling sequel to her bestselling *The Road to Ruin*, Niki Savva reveals the inside story of a bungled coup that overthrew the Liberal prime minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and installed a surprise successor, Scott Morrison, who went on to take the party to a miraculous electoral victory.

On 21 August 2018, 35 Liberal MPs cast their vote against Malcolm Turnbull, effectively signalling the end of his leadership. Three days later, the deed was done, and Scott Morrison was anointed prime minister.

Tony Abbott's relentless campaign of destabilisation, helped along by his acolytes in the parliament and by his powerful media mates, the betrayals of colleagues, and the rise of the religious right — climaxing in Peter Dutton's challenge — all played a part in Turnbull's downfall.

But so did Turnbull's own poor political judgement. He was a good prime minister and a terrible politician. The good bits of Malcolm were not enough to make up for the bad Malcolm.

Nevertheless, the sheer brutality of his removal left many Liberals aghast. MPs were traumatised or humiliated by eight days of madness. Men and women cried from sheer anguish. They went through hell, and feared when it was over that they would not make it back — and nor would the Liberal Party. As it turned out, redemption came with Morrison's unexpected single-handed 2019 election victory.

Turnbull's road ended in ruins, as it was always bound to and as he always knew it would, as he predicted to Niki Savva less than three years before it happened.

But when his end was imminent, he could not bear to let go. And when it was over, he was defiant, fragile — and, yes — vengeful.

This is the inside story of what happened — and what happened next.

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IN MEMORY

Michelle Zavelsky of blessed memory

17 October 1954 – 25 June 2019

Eulogy for Michelle delivered at her funeral service on 27th of June 2019 by her son Elan.

Sitting last night staring at my computer I felt the impossibility of the task before me, which is odd as it wasn't the first time I was doing it. One of the very few benefits of terminal illness is that should you be the one lined up to write the eulogy, you tend to have a little more time up your sleeve than most. Hence, this is my fourth attempt to use words to give you a sense of all that my mum was.

And there in lies the reason why all previous attempts didn't cut the mustard. For when I wrote them, mum was an 'is' not a 'was'. And not matter how hard you try to imagine your loved one becoming a 'was' or what life will be like after they transition into the past tense,

you realise you can't. For two nights ago my heart was whole, held together by the inexhaustible, indelible, unrelenting force of my beautiful mother's love. But now it's aching and cracked. So with these wounded insides I sat again in front of my computer and began to type.

This time, I realised it wasn't just me writing this story. All the texts and calls that my sister, my dad and I have received these past few days made me realise that this love, unlike any other, wasn't solely mine, despite her ability to make it feel that way, this love wasn't even just for my sister or my dad or my dearest Sophie and Zach. See somehow, somewhere along the way my mum was able to grow this love within her in such a way that it became available to all of us. To each and every person in this room. Perhaps it was due to the heartache of leaving her English home to journey to the other side of the world where all that was known to her teenage self was the love of her parents, perhaps it was the years spent as a social worker cultivating compassion by supporting refugees who had fled their pain filled pasts, or maybe her carer's commitment to her powerhouse of a mother, Elaine, that lasted my entire lifetime. Perhaps, it was the perfect way she held each of us, moulding her love to feel distinctly ours as





though we each truly were the only one that mattered. That, I believe, was her mission in this world, to ease suffering, to rekindle hope, to grow strength and foster love through her own uniqueness of heart.

On Tuesday morning, two days after things really started to go south, Dad, Bec and I were sitting by mum's bed, where her pain had eased and she lay one step closer to reuniting with her cherished parents. It was in this moment, when so little and so much was taking place that Dad shared with Becca and I how it was that he could make sense of the sight before us. Dad believes that each and every one of us has a purpose to serve in this world. A mission of sorts. And some are so brilliantly capable, so efficiently skilful that they are done ahead of schedule and able to return home. Considering mum was painfully early to everything in life, it's no wonder she ensured the same was true in death.

Later that same day, I was with Becca where she described seeing a car stuffed with happy looking twenty-somethings going about their lives as though nothing were out of the ordinary. "It feels odd" she said, "to think that when it's all over the entire world isn't going to pause, isn't going to stop to take a collective breath and acknowledge the passing of an Eshet Chaiyil, a true woman of worth". She's right, the world didn't stop, but we certainly can. Let's remember her. Let's remember the way she always said yes to indulgent fell-good requests no matter how over the top they were, her soft beauty, framed by frequently

changing haircuts and colours. Let's remember her toe nails, bright orange or pink sticking out of bejewelled sandals.

Let's remember mint jelly, toothpicks, lamb shoulders, Sunday drives, holidays by the beach, Bali, perfectly plentiful salads piled high on white platters, life-long friendships with remarkable women, always going above and beyond, squeeling at dad's atrocious driving, catering for a thousand when feeding four, her family, community, creme brûlée, Israel and Israeli dancing, sunsets over the Mediterranean, wistful glances to faraway places, her favourite word: DE-licious, music that spoke to her soul, watching Shirley Valentine on repeat, making each of our world's richer, kinder, safer, fairer.

No one in your life seems to look at you in quite the same way as your mother. And despite the 42 million reasons I gave her to change that look over the past 35 years, I never felt it waver. Not once. And I have wondered for 20 months now, what I was going to do when the one person on earth who could give me that look, that special loving look, was gone?

Well, Mum, Mummy, Michelle, Mitchel, Mitchy, Dolly Lochshen, Safti. I know that in time we will all come to realise that that look, your look, your love, has been etched upon each of our hearts and souls. Impossible to forget, painful to remember and forever missed.

I love you. ❀



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Australia accepted as full member of IHRA

By the Expert Members of the Australian Delegation to IHRA

Late on Tuesday night, 4 June 2019, Australia was admitted as the thirty-third membership of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) following a unanimous vote of the plenary in Luxembourg. This has been a four-year process supported by the United Kingdom, as Australia's mentor, led by Lord Eric Pickles.

IHRA is the international and intergovernmental body promoting Holocaust education, remembrance and research and countering antisemitism, racism and anti-Roma and Sinti prejudice. IHRA grew out of the Stockholm Declaration, an initiative of the Swedish government to ensure that countries remember and educate their citizens about the Holocaust and its universal messages.

Over the period of Australia's involvement, we have seen the adoption of the working definition of antisemitism by IHRA, the European Union, and a range of national governments and organisations around the world, including the National Union of Students in Australia.

Now that Australia is a full member, with a seat at the table, we are able to fully participate in IHRA's efforts to formulate policies, plans and programs advancing Holocaust education, commemoration and research.

This is particularly important given the large number of Holocaust survivors and their descendants in Australia. Membership also provides a mandate to further enhance Australia's efforts in Holocaust education and commemoration with the support through IHRA of leading experts from around the world.

The Australian government's commitment to IHRA enjoys bi-partisan support and is facilitated through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The Head of the Australian delegation is Lynette Wood, Ambassador to Germany.

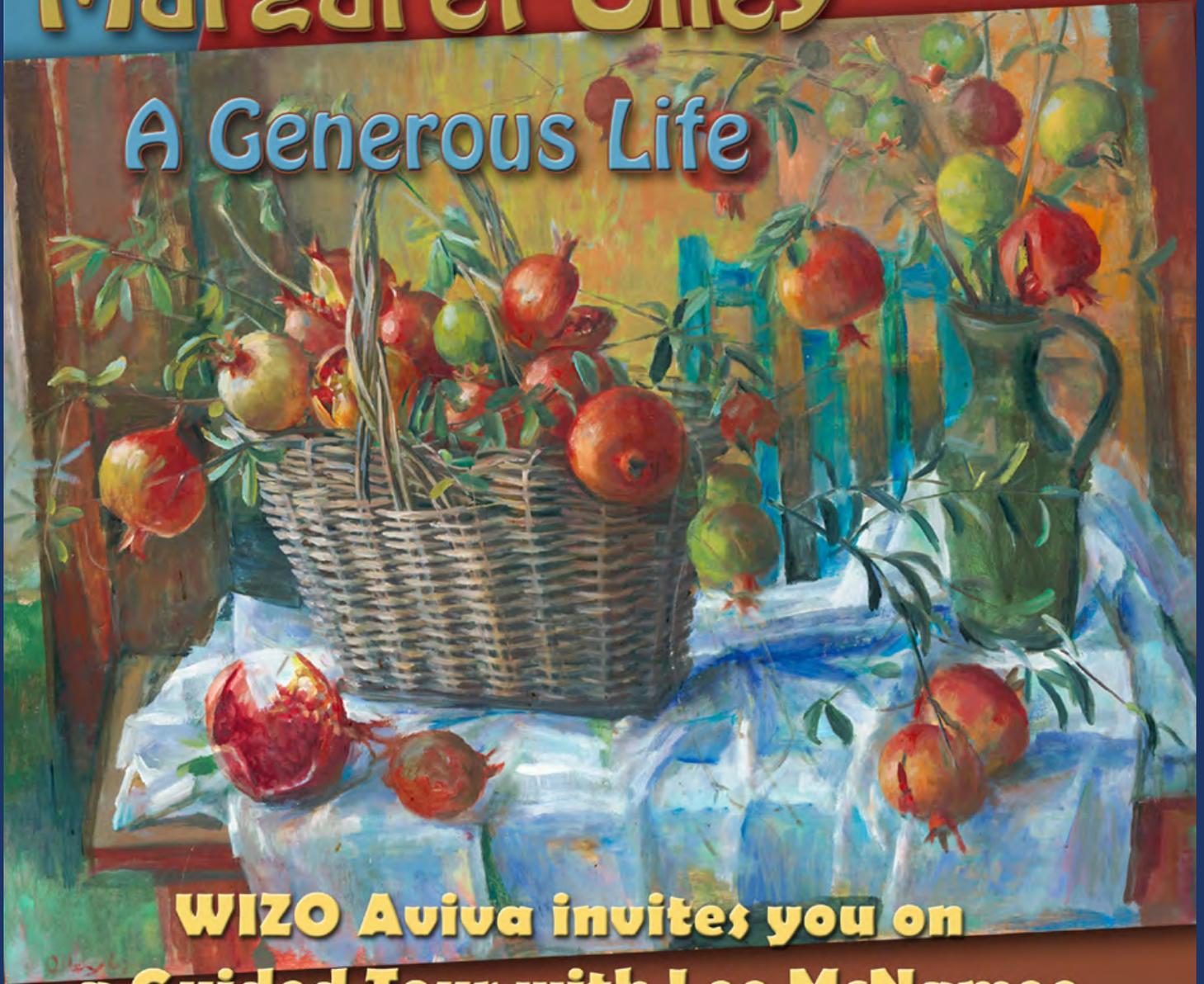
After the acceptance at the plenary, she read a statement from Foreign Minister, Senator Marise Payne, and conveyed the Australian government's appreciation of the support of the UK delegation, led by Lord Pickles, and the passion and dedication of the Australian expert delegation. She also noted that Australia was the first Indo-Pacific nation to join IHRA.

The IHRA chair, Georges Santer, welcomed Australia bringing the fifth continent into the organisation and commended Australia on its participation.

| By the Expert Members of the Australian Delegation to IHRA

Margaret Olley

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- **Queensland's multicultural identity**
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- **Increased understanding between diverse cultural groups and the wider community**
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If you are a Jewish woman who can assist with Tahara for women in our community, please contact Leah Steinberg on Mobile 0403 171 268.

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