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Diplomats who saved Jews honoured at exhibition

During March Queensland Parliament hosted a unique photographic exhibition that honours the 34 diplomats from 21 countries, who collectively saved 200,000 Jews from Nazi extermination during the Holocaust.

Titled Beyond Duty, the exhibition comprises a collection of photographs of the diplomats, whose courage in saving Jews from the Holocaust has earned them the recognition of being declared "Righteous Among The Nations" by Israel's Holocaust authority, Yad Vashem.

Among the diplomats being recognised are Sempo Sugihara, who served as vice-consul for the Japanese Empire in Kovno (Lithuania), and defied his government to issue life-saving visas to 6,000 Jews before most of them were murdered. One of those Jews saved by Sugihara was 83-year-old Peter Baruch who now lives on the Gold Coast.

"I was an only child in Poland in 1939 and had a large extended family – all of whom were murdered in the Holocaust," Peter said.

"My parents were introduced to vice-consul Sugihara who was prepared to issue us with transit visas to Japan, far from the turmoil of Europe.

"It is because of the compassion of this one man, Mr Chiuni Sugihara, that I survived with my parents to have a wonderful life in New Zealand and now the spectacular Gold Coast."

Vice-President of the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies, Jason Steinberg, said Peter Baruch's story was all too rare because during the Holocaust most countries, and most world leaders, turned their backs on the evil that was happening in Nazi Germany.

"This photographic exhibition is unique because it celebrates and recognises a group of 34 diplomats who refused to condone the genocide happening in front of their eyes," Jason said.

"Thankfully, there were some individuals who were serving their countries in Europe that saved 200,000 innocent Jewish lives – they stood-up to confront the evil of the Nazi regime."

President of the Japan Community of Queensland, Mr Nao Hirano, said Chiuni Sugihara had been dubbed the "Japanese Schindler" after Oskar Schindler, the German factory owner who Jews and was immortalised in Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's list".

"We are proud of Mr Sugihara's decision to take a humanitarian stand rather than following the command in this life and death situation," Nao said.

"He risked his job to save the lives of thousands of people – this is the kind of fundamental Japanese philosophy that we like to maintain."

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Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk with 99 year old survivor Dr Bert Klug and his son, Michael Klug AM . Photo by Michael Arenson Photography

In addition to Japan's Sugihara, the exhibition also profiles Raoul Wallenberg, a secretary in the Swedish Embassy in Budapest, who saved thousands of Jews by placing them in buildings under the protection of a Swedish flag.

Wallenberg was posthumously recognised in 2013 by former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard as an honorary Australian citizen. This was the first time that Australia has bestowed such an honour.

The exhibition was hosted by the Queensland Parliament and supported by the Queensland Parliamentary Friends of Israel, the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies and the Embassy of Israel.

See video of exhibition at

Australian Online News

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Sugihara survivor Peter Baruch with Nao Hirano representing Japanese Community of Queensland. Photo by Michael Arenson Photography

Beyond Duty Exhibition

On the night of 10 March 2021 Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, MPs from both sides of the aisle, Honorary Consuls from 8 countries and members and friends of the Jewish community attended the special opening of the Beyond Duty exhibition at Queensland Parliament.



Peter Baruch with his JNF QLD Certificate.
Photo by Michael Arenson Photography



Hon Curtiss Pitt MP and Steve Minnikin MP being presented with their JNF QLD Certificates by Paul Myers President QJBD
Photo by Michael Arenson Photography

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The exhibition was made available through the Embassy of Israel.

At the opening Jewish National Fund (JNF) QLD Certificates were presented to distinguished guests to commemorate their support of the Exhibition

Remembering Manfred Gerstenfeld: Truth against myth

By Ben Cohen J-Wire

There is an acerbic joke that you sometimes hear in the Netherlands to the effect that most Dutch people were part of the anti-Nazi resistance, but that they joined “after the war.”

Like all the best jokes, it cuts into the myths we human beings create about ourselves in order to ward off the guilt and shame that our actions sometimes produce.

Yet the basic truths—in the Dutch wartime case that collaboration with the occupying Germans was widespread, that many people turned a blind eye to what was happening around them, that the overwhelming majority of the country's Jews were deported and exterminated—can't be hidden forever, no matter how much we try to deceive ourselves and others.



Manfred Gerstenfeld.
Source: YouTube

In that regard, Manfred Gerstenfeld, who passed away in Jerusalem on Feb. 25 at the age of 84, was an unrivalled master in the

art of deconstructing myths in order to reveal bald truths.

He did so through his myriad books and articles examining the persistence of anti-Semitism after the Holocaust, most of all in the various countries of Europe, the continent where he was born and lived for much of his life.

I knew Gerstenfeld personally for nearly 20 years as both a friend and an intellectual mentor. Outwardly, he was the very model of a European gentleman, always impeccably dressed and speaking with an accent that gave away his Viennese roots. On several trips to Jerusalem, I

visited the apartment where he lived with his late wife, and where—sitting in his book-lined living room with a tumbler of scotch in hand—I would listen to his insights into the bursts of anti-Semitism that were appearing with greater frequency in and beyond Europe, invariably admiring Gerstenfeld's ability to identify the ideas and themes that linked seemingly disconnected events.

When what some observers called the “new anti-Semitism” began to gather pace at the turn of this century, there were a handful of scholars, Gerstenfeld among them, who were equipped to explain that while the wine was new, the bottles were old. “The widespread resurgence of European anti-Semitism after the Holocaust suggests it is inherent in European culture and values,” he stated plainly in a 2005 article. Like the ballet, he went on, European anti-Semitism had plenty of critics and detractors and yet—again like the ballet—its importance in the development of Europe's culture was undeniable, and it retained a hefty number of admirers. “The statistics would probably reveal that the number of European anti-Semites far exceeds those who like ballet,” he remarked.

Gerstenfeld's influence was present on nearly every battleground involving anti-Semitism over the last two decades: the academic boycott of Israel and the wider “boycott, divestment and sanctions” (BDS) movement that sprouted in earnest after 2003; the tropes about Jewish money and power and dual loyalty that dominated the re-energized hostility to Israel on both the far-left and among mainstream liberals and social democrats; the international controversy sparked by the publication in 2006 of the book *The Israel Lobby* by the American political scientists John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt; the growing trend of mocking and distorting the Holocaust as a means of attacking Israel and Jews more generally; the global campaigns to demonize Israel as a rogue state that accompanied the 2008–09 and 2014 wars against the Hamas regime in Gaza;

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and the impact of mass immigration from Muslim countries on the character of anti-Semitism in Europe.

It was on this last point that Gerstenfeld's work generated opposition, particularly on the left. His plain-speaking style clashed with the reluctance for them to acknowledge that Muslim communities that were undoubtedly victimized by racism could themselves incubate an anti-Semitism that—as we have seen in France on several occasions in recent years—can take on a murderous quality.

At an academic conference in London a few years ago, Gerstenfeld's stress on the disproportionate number of Muslim assailants in reported attacks on Jews led one British professor to storm out of the room, screaming the words "You're a racist!" and demonstratively refusing to have the private conversation to lower tensions that the ever-polite Gerstenfeld offered him.

But anyone who encountered Gerstenfeld knew that he was never the sort of person to make concessions to the political dogma of any stripe. Many nationalists and Christian Democrats would likely have been pushed out of their comfort zones upon reading Gerstenfeld's 2005 analysis of the three main strategic errors committed by Europe after World War II.

The first error, he said—anticipating a similar complaint among American conservatives more than a decade later—was Europe's "reluctance to take responsibility for its own defence against totalitarian communism." This had resulted in a "low-resistance mindset" that held that the protection of the continent from threats like communism, and later on, Islamist terrorism, was the responsibility of others, primarily the United States.

The second error, according to Gerstenfeld, was that Europe's dependency on Arab and Iranian oil shattered what remaining moral spine its political leaders had. A long-forgotten example of this was French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's 1977 decision to grant political asylum to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who went on to lead the Islamist takeover in Iran two years later. In looking out for its energy interests, said Gerstenfeld, France played a key role in legitimizing a regime that continues to be an existential threat more than 40 years on.

Europe's third error, according to Gerstenfeld, was its "excessive dependence" on immigration to advance its economic well-being. Foreign immigrants, largely from the Muslim countries neighbouring Europe as well as former colonies, "were needed to provide labour, make up for the shortfall in Europe's birthrates and also to guarantee the future pensions of those working today."

Taken together, these three "errors" had profoundly negative consequences for Jewish communities in Europe, as well as European relations with the State of Israel. They also played a critical role in helping Europeans to rebrand themselves as the conscience of the world—fighting racism, standing up to American and Israeli intimidation in the Middle East, and so forth—after four centuries of imperial expansion.

The Jewish people were fortunate to have an individual with Gerstenfeld's intellect to highlight these enduring hypocrisies. As is always the case with the best and most distinctive minds, he is not someone who can be easily replaced, though his influence will certainly endure. May his memory be for a blessing.

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The heroic librarians who stood against Nazi rules during World War II

By Janet Skeslien Charles | The Age

Reading is my passion. I can't imagine not having access to books, yet this is exactly what happened to Jewish readers in France during World War II. During the Nazi Occupation, Jewish people were stripped of their rights. They could no longer work in many professions. They did not have the right to enter parks or libraries.

They were in tremendous danger: a quarter of France's Jewish population was killed. Yet librarians at the time reached out to Jewish readers to ensure they remained part of the community. My novel, *The Paris Library*, tells the true tale of the international team of librarians who defied the Nazis in order to hand-deliver books to Jewish readers.



American Library in Paris director Dorothy Reeder in her office in 1937.

I first learnt about the story when I worked at the American Library in Paris (ALP). I wanted to write about the courage of the Parisian librarians during the war. I read letters from staff who worked during the Occupation and interviewed those who lived through it. At the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, I devoured memoirs by women, from foreign journalists, to a Parisienne madam who claimed that her Nazi clientele behaved

"correctly", to a gutsy wife who followed her husband to the army base where he was drafted.

When you research World War II, every detail feels important. The letters, news clippings and journal entries are so fascinating that you wish you could include every single person, every single moment in your book. Today, I'm thrilled to be able to share some behind-the-scenes photos and stories of the staff who kept the Library open during World War II.

My favourite is Dorothy Reeder. She began her career at Washington's Library of Congress and came to Paris alone in 1929. At the ALP, she started in the periodicals section and worked her way up to the role of directress. In the northern summer of 1939, when the US embassy advised Americans to leave Paris, she remained at her post. Three days after war was declared, she began the Soldiers Service in order to deliver books to French and English soldiers. She wanted the men to know they had friends at the Library. "No other thing possesses that mystical faculty to make people see with other people's eyes," she explained. "The Library is a bridge of books between cultures."

Cataloguer Evangeline Turnbull and her daughter Olivia both worked at the Library. When war broke out, the Turnbulls remained in Paris and wrapped care packages for soldiers. From September 1939 to June 1940, when the Nazis arrived in Paris, the Soldiers Service donated 100,000 books.

As the Nazis approached, Reeder urged the Turnbulls to return home. Canadian and thus British subjects, they risked being imprisoned as enemy aliens. Back in Canada, Evangeline wrote: "My life has been bound up with our Library for the 10 years I have been in Paris ... through many lean days and times more hopeful and cheering that I cannot give up hope of returning to my work there some day."

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American Library in Paris director Dorothy Reeder in her office in 1937.

The Library trustees returned to the US, leaving only one, Ohio's Countess Clara de Chambrun who was married to a French count. In 1920, she'd been one of the original Library trustees, along with the writer Edith Wharton. The countess received her doctorate from the Sorbonne when she was 48. She translated Shakespeare into French. She was also a novelist. In fact, she and Hemingway shared the same publisher.

In the northern spring of 1940, Dorothy Reeder devised an evacuation plan. When German soldiers drew closer, she sent her staff to a city west of Paris for their safety. Reeder remained at the library.

In a report marked "Confidential", she described the first days of the occupation. "Was it really Paris whose streets I walked through the 11th, 12th and 13th of June 1940? I do not think so. It was a dead city. Everything was closed, locked and deserted. Even the fall of a pin could be heard." This 15-page document, which underlines the dangers of daily life under the German boot, convinced me to write *The Paris Library*.

"I am ready and willing to carry books to those subscribers who are cut off from them."

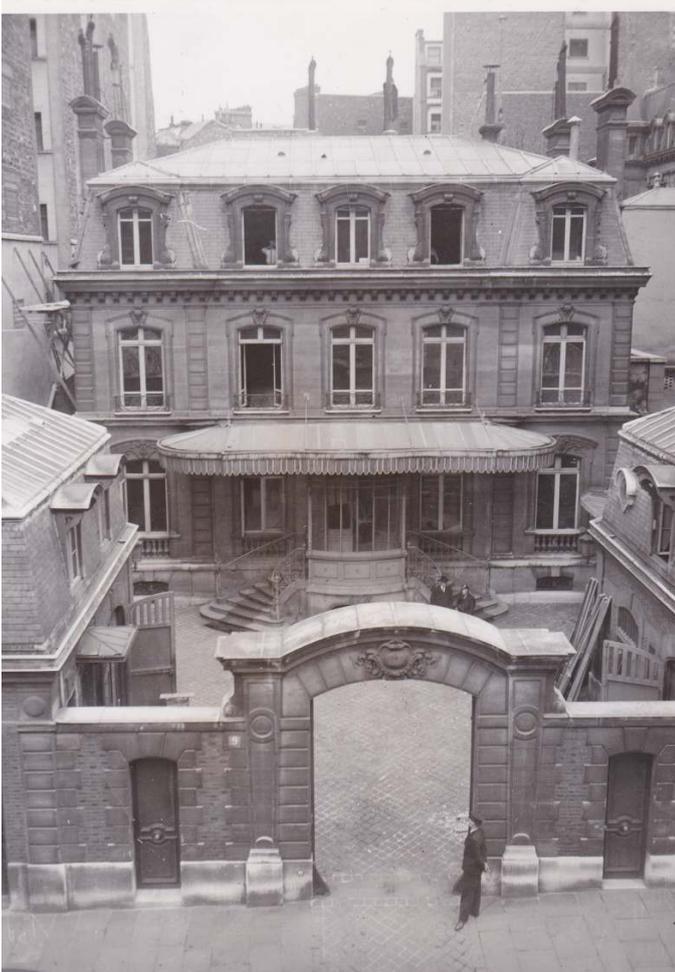
Unfortunately, the Germans' reach soon extended to the west, so the Library staff returned to Paris. They learnt that Nazis had pillaged the Polish Library, which sits in the shadow of Notre Dame, and sent its archives to Germany. Reeder worried that the Nazis would soon arrive at the American Library in Paris. And when Hermann Fuchs, the Nazi "Library Protector", did inspect the Library, he informed her that "Certain people may not enter" – meaning Jews.

Reeder conferred with the countess. They decided that if readers could not visit the library, the librarians would visit them. "I possess a pair of feet," Clara de Chambrun said, "so do Boris and Peter. I am ready and willing to carry books to those subscribers who are cut off from them by any such ruling, and feel sure that every member of the staff would feel the same."

The Boris she referred to was the head librarian. Like Dorothy Reeder Boris Netchaev worked his way up the ladder at the Library. As a young man, he fought in the Russian Revolution.

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The ALP as it looked in 1936.

Afterwards, he and his brother came to Paris, hoping to find peace but instead found themselves in the middle of another war. His brother joined the French Foreign Legion and was killed just days before the end of the war. Boris was shot by the Gestapo. I interviewed his daughter, who told me that he

recovered and lived a long life, manning the circulation desk until he retired and continuing to smoke his beloved Gitanes cigarettes.

Though the librarians lived through dark days, there were rays of light, including a love story. Reference librarian Helen Fickweiler, a New Englander who arrived in Paris three weeks before war broke out, fell in love with a shelver named Peter Oustinoff.

The couple worked at the Library until Reeder insisted they return to the safety of the US. Helen had lost weight because there was very little to eat. Once home, she was interviewed for the Evening Bulletin below a headline that read: "Back from Paris, She Hopes Never to See Turnips Again." She and Peter married. I had the pleasure of corresponding with their daughter, Elizabeth Oustinoff, who helped identify people in archive photos.

Paris often gets trapped in the past. Perhaps that's part of the allure of the City of Light: the unchanging architecture makes it feel like a museum. But now, as Parisians face another lockdown, it's important to know that librarians today are doing all they can to ensure books are accessible.

The American Library in Paris celebrated its centenary in 2020. During the city's COVID-19 confinements, patrons had access to books, thanks to click-and-collect, and readings in which writers such as Alan Cumming gave it their all on Zoom. Then and now, I'm heartened by the librarians' courage and their dedication to readers.



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'A selfless act': Strangers help honour Holocaust survivor, 75 years after his death

By Carolyn Webb | The Age

He lives 15,000 kilometres away in the United States, but David Nelson was so moved by the tragic story of a young Jewish man's 1946 death in Melbourne that he organised a gravestone for him.

In soft rain on Sunday at Fawkner cemetery, in Melbourne's north, 11 people attended the consecration of the monument to Kurt Kriszhaber, which is engraved with the Star of David.



Dunera Association president Ron Reichwald places a stone on Kurt Kriszhaber's new tombstone in Fawkner cemetery, after Michael Cohen (left) said prayers. CREDIT: PENNY STEPHENS

Teacher and lay cantor Michael Cohen recited psalms, then said in English and sang in Hebrew the Memorial Prayer, asking God to grant Mr Kriszhaber "proper repose under the sheltering wings of your presence".

Mr Nelson, who watched by live stream from Florida, has spent three years pursuing the recognition Mr Kriszhaber did not receive upon his death.

In 2018 Mr Nelson – an education assistant at the Holocaust Museum and Cohen Education Centre in the city of Naples, Florida – read a 1941 letter in his museum's collection that Mr Kriszhaber wrote from an internment camp at Tatura, near



Kurt Kriszhaber, aged about 20.

Shepparton in central Victoria.

In the letter, addressed to New York woman Sally Faktor, a frantic Mr Kriszhaber, aged 20, asks Ms Faktor – believed to be a relative or friend – if she knows

what has become of his relatives in his native Vienna, Austria.

Mr Nelson, a former journalist, "started digging around on the internet" and found Mr Kriszhaber's father was murdered in Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

His aunt and uncle were taken to the Minsk ghetto, where they were killed. His grandparents died in Theresienstadt concentration camp. His mother had died when he was a boy.

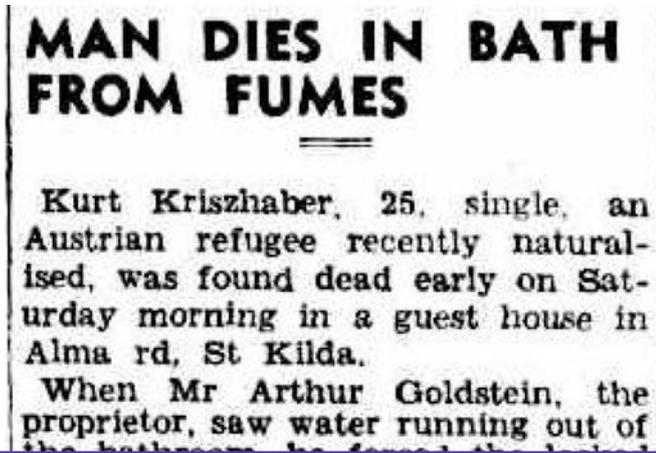
Mr Nelson discovered that Mr Kriszhaber was a "Dunera boy" — one of more than 2500 men, mostly Jewish refugees, who fled to England only to be arrested as enemy aliens and sent to Australia in poor conditions in 1940 on the ship HMT Dunera.

They were imprisoned for over a year, first at Hay in NSW, then at Tatura, Victoria. While many returned to the UK, some such as Mr Kriszhaber stayed and joined the Australian Army's 8th Employment Company, which did logistics work.

Mr Kriszhaber was discharged from the army, and in September 7, 1946, days after he obtained Australian citizenship, he died due to a gas leak while taking a bath in his Alma Road, St Kilda, lodging house. He was 25 years old.

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By Carolyn Webb | The Age



An article on Kurt Kriszhaber's death in The Argus on Sep 9, 1946. CREDIT: NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA - TROVE

Mr Nelson found that Mr Kriszhaber's sister, Martha, had survived in New York. She lived until 1986 and did not have children.

Mr Nelson was shocked when his niece, who lives in Melbourne, discovered Mr Kriszhaber's burial site, in Fawkner cemetery's Jewish section, was unmarked.

State Trustees gave Mr Nelson permission to install a gravestone, and he raised \$5000 through crowdfunding.

About 100 people donated from across the world, including \$500 from a Jewish organisation, Mosaica, in Jerusalem and a Florida woman who gave \$500 after hearing a talk by Mr Nelson.

Mr Nelson, who is originally British and who is not Jewish, feels he has righted a wrong in giving Mr Kriszhaber's grave a name.

"I thought it was terribly sad that he died without anybody knowing about him, who he was or anything, and his family had been destroyed in Europe," Mr Nelson said.

Ron Reichwald, president of the Dunera Association, one of the donors and the son of a Dunera Boy, said Mr Kriszhaber's story was "horribly tragic" after Mr Kriszhaber had "escaped the ravages of war".

He said Mr Nelson's actions were "magnificent. He went beyond the call of duty. He stumbled on to this by accident and he followed it right through. It's a selfless act."



The blank grave site before the tombstone was added.

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The real history of life and events of the Shoah and its aftermath is held by the victims of the Holocaust and their descendants.

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For further information about Generations, contact Eddy Berkovits E: 1mitziah1@gmail.com or Rochy Miller E: rochy@millerism.net.

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Nazi-looted Gustav Klimt painting to go to rightful Jewish heirs

The Age



French Culture Roselyne Bachelot speaks next to a oil painting by Gustav Klimt painted between in 1905 called "Rosebushes under the Trees"

Paris: The French government says it will return a Nazi-looted Gustav Klimt landscape painting to its rightful owners more than 80 years after it was stolen from a Jewish family in Austria in 1938.

The colourful 1905 oil work by the Austrian symbolist painter titled Rosebushes under the Trees has been hanging in Paris' Musee d'Orsay for decades. French Culture Minister Roselyne Bachelot-Narquin told a Paris news conference on Monday (Tuesday AEDT) "the decision to return a major work from the public collections illustrates our commitment to the duty of justice and reparation vis-a-vis plundered families."

The painting will be returned to the family of Nora Stiasny, a Holocaust victim who was dispossessed during a forced sale in August 1938.

Bachelot-Narquin said French authorities hadn't initially identified the painting as being stolen

by the Nazis, and its provenance only recently came to light after French government-led investigations.

"It is in recent years that the true origin of the painting has been established," she said, adding that it was "the only Gustav Klimt painting owned by France".

Rosebushes under the Trees is a testament to the lives that a criminal will has stubbornly sought to eliminate."

Thousands of artworks looted by the Nazis across Europe wound up in French museums after the Allies defeated Nazi Germany in 1945. Though many have been returned, French authorities have stepped up efforts in recent years to find homes for the scores of hanging heirlooms that remain unclaimed.

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The Heritage Park is the site of the original "Ma'abara" (Transit Camp for immigrants) from January 1951.

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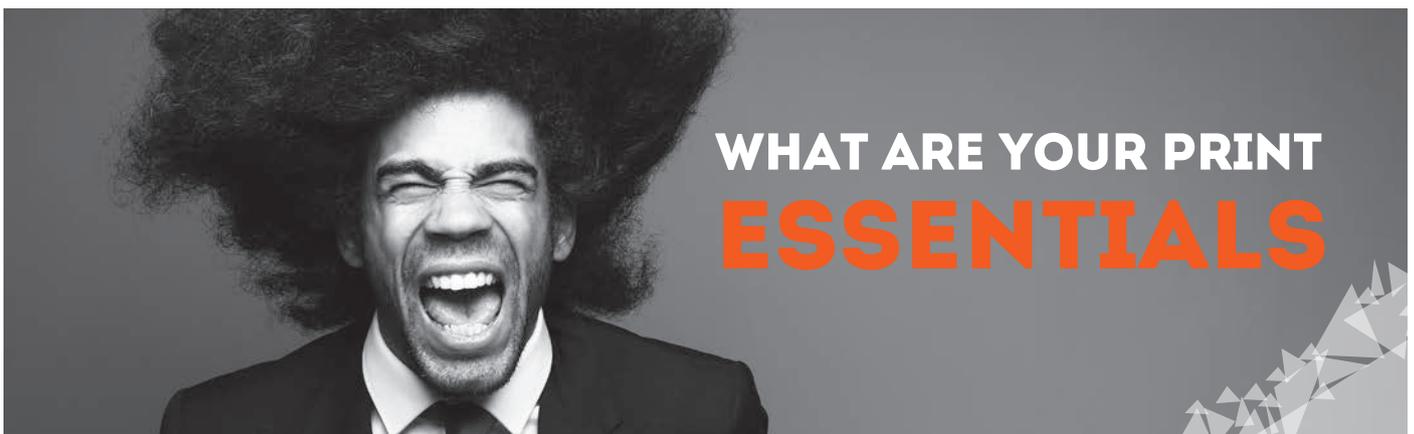
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Communal News



The Jewish National Fund of Queensland (JNF) wishes to express its sincere condolences on the recent passing of **Zelig Berkhut**.

Zelig was a staunch supporter of JNF over many years and his efforts for JNF will never be forgotten. We wish all of Zelig's family Long Life and may his memory always be a blessing.

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JNF Queensland wishes to express its sincere condolences on the passing of **Harold Garfield**.

Harold's cheerful personality and positive nature was evident to all who knew him and his presence in the community will be missed. We wish all of Harold's family both in Brisbane and overseas Long Life and may his memory be a blessing.

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We were sorry to hear of the recent passing of respected community member **Lillian Cameron**.

On behalf of the Brisbane Jewish Community JNF QLD sends its sincere condolences to Lillian's family and we wish them Long Life. May Lillian's memory always be a blessing.

THANK YOU

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the funeral and minyanim for our adored and adorable late father Zelig Berkhut of blessed memory.

Your presence and kind and wise words provided us with such comfort. We remain so grateful to you all for according him that honour.

We also thank Rabbi Gurevitch, Rabbi Jaffe, Phillip Zavelsky and the Chevra Kadisha in Brisbane and the Gold Coast for their highly valued assistance.

Peta, Susie, Andrew & families

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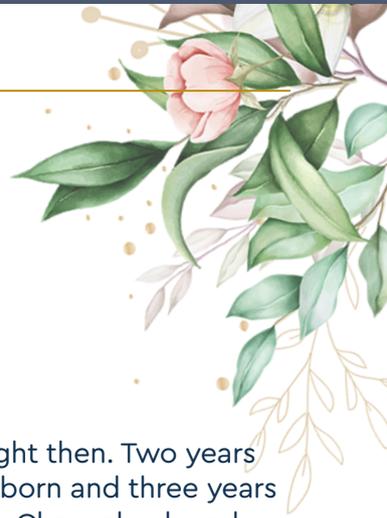
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Peta

When the children were growing up, if you asked them what was Zayde's favourite saying, they'd tell you it was in Yiddish "die nehm zwei" or in English "you take two". They remembered this fondly of course because it was the reliable answer to questions that sounded something like "Zayde may I have a biscuit or an iceblock or a slice of homemade honey cake or a chocolate?". The answer was always the same. Die nehm zwei. Even if some or all of those things were requests in rapid succession.... same response.

Their association of Zayde, Yiddish and for that matter, Yiddishkeit was firmly established: sweet, affectionate, playful and loving.

But upon reflection, 'die nehm zwei' is in fact a profound theme for Dad's life. He did in fact do a 'take two' on life. 'Take one' began in Cracow in Poland and for 12 years, life seemed pretty good, and then in 1939, life changed dramatically.

After the horrific, tragic years of the war, he, like so many other survivors of the Shoah, did a 'take two' – life in Australia.

Susie

Dad was born on the last day of Chanukah, December 27 in 1927 to Pepi and Eliahu. Here began another tradition of duality. Dad reliably celebrated his birthday twice, happily reminding us that a single birthday was meshuga and wrong.

He loved to tell the story that his parents named him Simcha Zelig, but soon realised the error of their ways, and he became plain Zelig...no simcha. His parents worked hard in their kosher restaurant with his Mum the chef and business woman, and his father, the waiter, in the thriving Jewish district of Kazimierz, which about 80,000 Jewish people had called home since the 13th century. We can't help but conclude that his lifelong delight in

Ashkenazi food developed right then. Two years later, his brother Yaakov was born and three years after that, his dark eyed sister Channah whom he remembered as beautiful.

He eventually attended secular school in the morning, and cheder each afternoon. He declared himself not a very good student in either classroom, but really enjoyed playing poker for buttons which he cheerfully pulled off the fly of his trousers. He claims to have been utterly bewildered by his mother's wrath when he won and gleefully brought home very large buttons, unperturbed that they didn't fit the buttonholes.

He grew up shomer shabbat where the rhythm of Jewish life was a constant. At first glance, the arrival of smartly dressed German soldiers in 1939 seemed a novelty. By the time of his bar mitzva in December 1940, he could feel the mood had darkened, as the celebration in the shtiebel shul was hurried and harried.

A mere 3 months later, the Krakow ghetto was established and life as he knew it vanished. In one of the final terrifying Aktions in 1942, his mother hid him and told him to wait for his father to return from work outside the ghetto. She kissed him with an urgency he didn't want to understand and he never saw her or his siblings again. Like so many others, he spoke rarely of his experiences which we would now clearly describe as traumas, but we all knew from as long as we can remember that they were murdered in the gas chambers in Majdanek.

Peta

Dad remained with his father in a succession of concentration camps, which speak to us from torturous images in Holocaust museums & films.

Seared into his mind was the experience of 2 young boys being hung in Plaszow for stealing bread. He told us in a frighteningly matter of fact

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way, that it was then that he first learned that you say the shema right before you die. In the way families of survivors of torture and trauma do, we learned to decode that being one of the Buchenwalder Boys held a significance you didn't question. In a similarly jarring way, Dad told us the nazis, sensing loss was imminent, shot 50,000 people a day in the forest outside Buchenwald in the week the Russians hesitated to free Buchenwald because of a political argument over territory, killing his father one day before he was liberated on 11 April 1945.

Dad taught us to know the facts – never forget-but that people can and do prevail. After the war, he was cared for by a Jewish French aid organisation called OSE, where in Lyons, he learned a trade. But Dad preferred to treat us to the tale of what happened when a wealthy benefactor visited. Practising his French, at lunch with the female guest in attendance, he sang a song he had learned: Elle est laid, laid, laid, elle est laid comme un chou. When summonsed after by the principal, he was asked if he knew what the song meant, he answered "non". An unimpressed principal told him it translated to "she is ugly, ugly, ugly, she is ugly as a cabbage." We'd cringe, but Dad was unmoved then as he was at the time of recounting it. Dad would promptly say on cue, "well the problem was it was true!" He loved jokes and stories, often the same jokes and stories, but his infectious delight in them made them funny every time.

In France, strong friendships heavy with unspoken pain were forged with other survivors like Jean Last, Booby Lowy and Joe Szabason and these lasted a lifetime. By 1948, Dad had exhausted Red Cross attempts to locate any surviving members of his family, and sought to be as far away from Europe as possible.

He found himself aboard the SS Derna, an overcrowded, poorly maintained vessel amongst 545 passengers most of whom shared similar stories of suffering. Forever thankful to Henry Huppert's parents Kurt and Ena for their sponsorship, about 3 months later, Dad arrived in

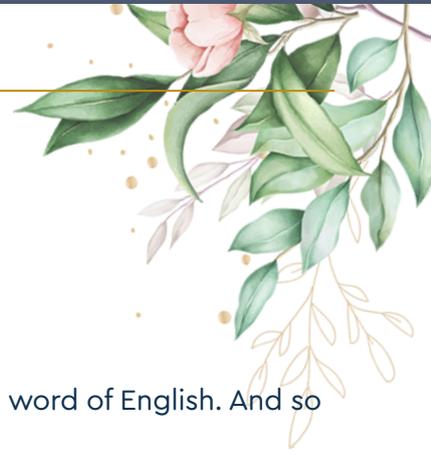
Brisbane, without a single word of English. And so begins take two.

Susie

Within a few weeks of arriving, Dad was doing the migrant thing. That never has, and never will be easy. He immersed himself as best he could in the Jewish community, seizing opportunities to work as a shoemaker, and at night, attend English classes. And although it sounds strange, he had to learn to socialise. Not too long ago, he smiled when I found a dapper photo of him with French brothers Jaques and Henri Lentchinski dressed for a night out dancing at Cloudland. He told us he owned a motor bike to get there cheaper, but fell off every time he turned a corner, so he gave it up. He tried soccer and horse riding at Eagle Farm with I gather, a lot more enthusiasm than skill. He applied himself to establishing a flock manufacturing business, and remained undeterred after it burnt down and he rebuilt it. He later added pillows, cushions and sleeping bags to his inventory. But the jewel in his crown by his own measure of success, came from meeting our mum Rebecca. Dad would tell us that having excitedly discovered living relatives, Aunty Rivcha and cousin Gusta in America, it was on a rare expensive booked overseas phone call to his aunt that he moaned to Mum that he wished he had some news. Bemused, Mum allegedly said "alright then, tell her" and that was how they announced their engagement.

Dad made no secret of how he adored Mum, but thought he struck a bonus jackpot with his new in-law family. He was arguably the biggest fan of his mother-in-law's cooking and revelled in the new adult experience of family life. He felt so lucky and grateful to Broncha and Szyja, his second parents. They married in 1958 and Peta was born just 1 year later. I came 3 years after and then Andrew 2 years later again.

With Peta and Andrew bearing the names of the family he lost, and me representing the Goldman side, Dad found his life interconnected and somewhat restored. When Mum contracted MS when Andrew was just a baby, Dad again showed



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his capacity for enduring, unconditional love, assuming responsibilities for her care earnestly and without much if any complaint.

He was a hands on father long before it was fashionable, taking us to his work, making us cooked breakfasts every school day and allowing us to free wheel in the back of his green comma van. On only one occasion did the doors fly open, almost hurling me on to the road. Dad's response was to pull over, close the doors and continue. He had a strong, albeit intermittent capacity to accept, not over think things and move on.

Even though he never admitted it, he adored his son and we can see, it healed something and created a deep mutual bond. Despite his travails and deprivation, we all felt thoroughly and consistently treasured. How remarkable!

Peta

Moving from New farm to Tarragindi with the purchase of our first home, Dad then lived out the real Australian dream building a new home for us just up the street. But above all else, he showed us a Jewish life up close and personal. He loved all his children, teaching us not only the shema, but every single night time prayer with such contagious devotion, we all excelled. His taste in music and songs remained firmly unpretentious. He taught us ditties in a number of languages and knowing all the words to the Italian socialist anthem Avanti Popolo, was a must. But his all-time favourites were Broadway show tunes and Yiddish songs: Tumbalalaika, Chirri Bim, My Yiddishe Mama, Bei mir bist du schein. These were our top 40 hits.

Over his lifetime with Mum, their union centred on their pride in Israel and Zionism. They were closely involved with a slew of organisations including JNF, Jewish Help In Need, UIA, WIZO, Jewish Communal Centre and not one, not two, but four shuls. His twin loves were unashamedly Yiddishkeit and family.

We calculated that after Mum died 26 years ago, he went to shul every day for 20 years. When his good friend Avon Cook proposed that they establish a break away shul in 2002, literally around the corner from the existing one, Dad was a staunch ally. The same year, Dad was voted Vice President of the Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation and in a particularly hopeful interpretation of "die nehm zwei", he thought he could do both! While it conjures up the spectre of THAT Jewish joke, Dad figured that if you had double as many people going to shul, surely that was a good thing!

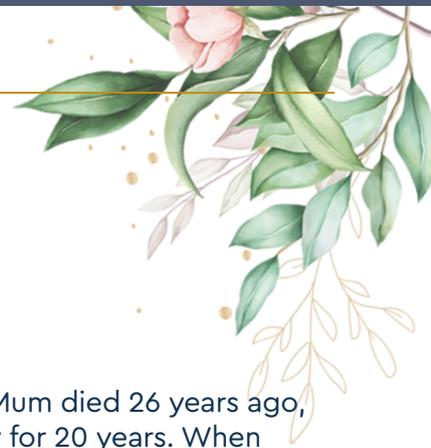
Dad didn't really do hobbies in retirement. He was always on top of the news, especially the news about Israel. The closest he came to a leisure activity was playing cards. Polish rummy was his go to, and the banter was always the same. We would agree: if we lost, it was 1 cent per card, if he lost, it was \$100 per card. I know it's hard to understand how the same old lines entertained us over and over, but they did.

Susie

Shabbat and yom tov brought us reliably together with tradition aplenty and if it was up to him, the very same menu....gefilte fish, lokshen and soup, chicken and potatoes and compote. He never tired of it and firmly accorded with Uncle Leon that the only spices required were salt and pepper.

While sadly Mum saw only Cheyene and Gabrielle make a very brief appearance in the world, since then, Dad enthusiastically welcomed Adam, Jesse and Sharni. He took an active interest in all their pursuits and took great pride in watching them mature. His patience with them was legendary.

When he was staying with Peta soon after Sharni was born, he found Adam one morning smashing the stained glass window in their entry with a tennis racket. He politely asked what he was doing, and Adam replied he wasn't finished yet. With extraordinary calm, Dad took the racket and simply said "Yes you are." A real mensch and a super Zayde.



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As the grandchildren grew up, he also enjoyed meeting their partners and was super excited at the prospect of Gabrielle's marriage to her fiancé whom he fondly referred to as Daniyel.

We can't over-state Dad's sheer delight in food. Whether it was the restaurant beginning, his pastry chef grandfather or awful hunger, Dad loved certain foods. And in our family, he found a support system par excellence. We seriously have lost count of the number of times he was rewarded with Nana's strudel via Aunty Sharryn & Uncle Johnny, or brisket, liver or his very favourite, cholent, courtesy of Aunty Sonia and Uncle Leon.

Not to mention challot, cherry stonikers and ponchkas from Gary and even modest success on the challenging front of much more tasty Sephardi treats from Myriam and Rodney's international kitchen creativity. More recently, he was cheeky enough to believe that Uncle Leon offered a takeaway service and he would shamelessly place orders and offer comments like "Kreplach, that's nice, but where's the soup?" Now that's family!

He adored the simchas and felt special that Sara, Leah and Bettina's families kept him closely connected.

In his latter years, as health issues took their toll, Dad was deeply appreciative of the tenderness offered by carers Hadar and Bonnie. In Hadar he found an Israeli adoptive grand-daughter who allowed his love of chagim to prosper as ever.

And in Bonnie, he received profoundly sensitive, professional support with wisdom beyond her years. We are eternally grateful to them for their kindness and support and thank them wholeheartedly.

Peta

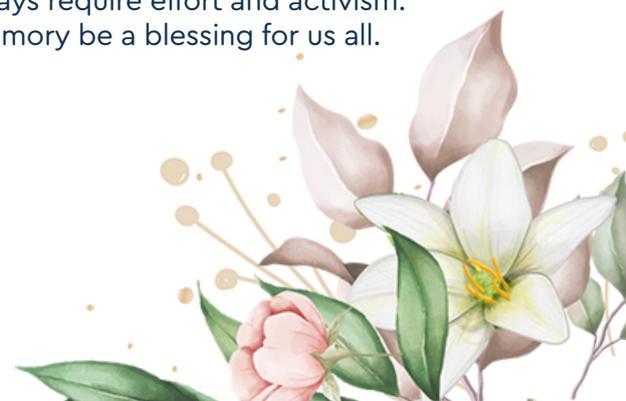
In his understated modest way, when I asked him just the shabbos before last, how he wanted to be remembered, he said he was lucky...lucky to survive a war, lucky to have a family. And he said he wanted everyone to know he'd tried his best.

As we approached the end of this eulogy, we grew nervous. We don't want to say goodbye.

We don't want to sever the connection he provided us to survival, to a life well lived. So let's not end. Let's allow his ordinary life through unimaginable horror to illuminate a path we emulate. And in keeping with his spirit of die nehm zwei, may we respectfully propose 2 take home messages.

The first concerns the thing people say most often to us about Dad. It is summed up most eloquently in Pirkei Avot, the Ethics of the Father^{1:15}. It reads "Greet everybody with a warm, cheerful, and pleasant countenance." Dad's smile lit up rooms, conversations, shuls and simchas. I will never forget him looking positively radiant beneath the 10 commandments in the Vice President's seat in Surfers Central shul.

The second is to stand up for what you think, even if it seems trivial and even if you're in the minority. The trick I observed from Dad was to relish the discussion, embrace the disparate views and listen to them respectfully. Whether he was championing Trump and Bibi to Gary, or arguing with Uncle Leon and Uncle Johnny that Papa was born in Sosnowisc not Tarnow, or debating why Friday night zemirot could absolutely never be sung at Shabbat lunch, he seemed to properly get that unity does not mean uniformity and optimism should always require effort and activism. May his memory be a blessing for us all.



Suing your parents

Q. May a child sue his/her parents for bringing them up wrongly?

A. Just as children have duties to their parents, so parents have duties to their children.

“Do not sin against the child”

(Gen. 42:22) is a pillar of Jewish teaching.

Some sins against children are obvious, such as paedophilia.

We also know cases of violent parents causing physical and/or mental injury to their children, an unjustified application of the parental right to exercise discipline in the home: Proverbs 13:24 says, **“He who loves his son seeks to discipline him”**, but Maimonides warns against harshness and abuse (Hil'chot Talmud Torah 2:2; cf. Shulchan Aruch, Yoreh De'ah 334:43).

Your question is presumably concerned with another aspect of the problem.

Firstly let me ask whether children can complain that no-one asked them whether they wanted to be born, and the answer is No.

Parents are fulfilling a Divine command to **“be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth”** (Gen. 1:28). They are expressing their love for each other. They are also conferring a benefit on the child, since every child brings a blessing to the world.

With rare exceptions, parents do their very best to nurture their children according to the standards of their time and place.

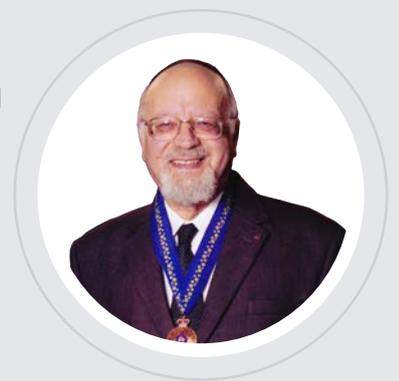
Jewish teaching has its ethic of child-rearing – an important criterion against which to measure what they do. This ethic speaks about material things such as food, clothing and security, and about qualitative aspects such as helping a child to grow in faith, knowledge and wisdom.

There is an old supplication, **“You who give nourishment to all that live, forget not my children in the scattering of Your bounty... Inspire me that I may know how to guide them wisely, to cultivate in them goodness and piety, and to dispose their hearts toward noble and honest pursuits.”**

There are different kinds of children, and the Book of Proverbs says, **“Train a child in its own way”** (Prov. 22:6).

I doubt whether a child has a right to sue a parent for not doing their job properly, but I would like to see every nation endorse the world declaration on the survival, protection and development of children, formulated in 1990 company.

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 at www.oztorah.com



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Queensland Courage to Care In the Classroom Term 1 2021



Just prior to the commencement of our visits to schools for the term, Halina Robinson, one of our Sydney Holocaust Survivors, passed away. Although most of the Queensland team have never met Halina in person, her story is so intricately woven through our presentation, it was with real sadness that we spent an evening together, watching Halina tell us her own story on video. Vale Halina.

- Week 1 for 2021 term 1 was our first time back to school visits since March 2020. Our first day was at Stretton, a very well prepared co-ed school, whose motto is, 'Caring hearts, curious minds, flourishing futures.' We were last there in term 3 of 2019. Mimi Wise was our Survivor for the week.

On Tuesday we returned to Murrumba, a very large, multi-ethnic secondary school, where our last visit was in term 4, 2019.

Thursday and Friday saw the team at Sandgate, one of the last schools we visited in term 1 of 2020 before they closed with Covid. This visit, because of the large class numbers, we had 2 Survivors, Mimi Wise and Suzi Smeed.

- Week 2 began at All Hallows, a large Catholic girls' school in the Brisbane CBD. We have always been very welcome on previous visits to the school. This time we took a visitor with us, Pam Huppert, President of Qld WIZO, an old girl of All Hallows, having been a boarding student there in the early 1940s. Catherine O'Kane, the Principal, and was delighted to meet Pam and talk about the history of the school. Suzi Smeed was our Survivor and she had many interesting and insightful questions to answer after telling her story.

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On Tuesday we returned to Somerville House, also in the Brisbane CBD, which is a Presbyterian and Uniting Church girls' school. Kayla Szumer told her husband Adam's story about his childhood in Poland. This is another school where there is much interest in the program. We were last there in March 2020.

Wednesday was our first visit to Redbank Plains High School, 40 minutes west of Brisbane. Peter Gyenes was our Survivor.

On Thursday, with Peter Baruch as our Survivor, we returned to a favourite primary school, Our Lady of Angels Catholic School on the north side of Brisbane. Previously we always had years 5 & 6 together, but this time the program was for year 6 alone, so the class numbers were a little more manageable. We were last there in February 2019.

On Friday the program was at Kelvin Grove, an inner city co-educational high school, where Peter Gyenes and Peter Baruch were our Survivors.

The Courage to Care program was given to 438 students during the two weeks.



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In the Brisbane Jewish Community, funerals are coordinated by BCK and supported by George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals (GHMF), Kelvin Grove. Funerals are held at Jewish section 4C in the Brisbane City Council's Mount Gravatt Cemetery – at our dedicated Chapel and the graveside.

Pre-planning can help to spread and reduce funeral costs. Burial plots can be pre-purchased at the Mt Gravatt Cemetery office (by appointment and with BCK pre-authorisation). Funerals can be pre-paid. The Guardian Funeral Plan available through GHMF (and embraced by the Australian industry) provides for fixed prepayment at today's prices regardless of when the funeral is held.

FUNERAL FEES (as at January 2021; all fees paid to GHMF in the first instance)

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The Brisbane Chevra Kadisha is run by volunteers who:

- Meet with the family
- Coordinate with George Hartnett Metropolitan Funerals
- Conduct the Tahara
- Supervise the funeral and burial and oversee arrangements for monuments
- Coordinate with Mt Gravatt cemetery (and Toowong cemetery when required)
- Maintain the Jewish Chapel and Martyrs' Memorial
- Oversee property, equipment and volunteers including appropriate insurances.

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