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Shana Tova ⁵⁷⁸²

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The Jewish National Fund of QLD (JNF) wishes all of our dedicated supporters and the Jewish Community **a Sweet and Happy New Year 5782** and may we continue in our support for JNF projects in Israel and the support of the people of Israel.

David, Bruce and Rebecca



Save The Date

JNF 120TH ANNIVERSARY
TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 2021
8.00PM

We look forward to a fantastic night of inspiration and laughter with our incredible line-up for the evening. Noa Tishby Israeli Actress, Writer, Producer & Activist. Ron Dermer Israel's 18th Ambassador to the United States. Elon Gold Actor & Comedian.

PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.JNF.ORG.AU/GALA/ to receive the link for the evening.

Please note that this event is being held in support of *Ramat Herzl*.

To learn more about this pioneering community, please *click here*.

Any **QUERIES** please contact JNF QLD President on **0412 578 368**

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Virtual GALA EVENT

Following the incredible feedback received in 2020, the JNF Gala Event will be virtual once again in 2021!



FEATURE

The Jewish History of Afghanistan



A long lost chapter of Jews in the Diaspora.

BY RACHELLE UNREICH

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Afghanistan is the last place you'd expect to find any trace of a Jewish past, especially given the Islamization of most of the country over the past two decades by the ruthless Taliban. Yet, up until the assassination of King Nadir Shah in 1933, the country had been remarkably tolerant towards Jews for over a thousand years.

Major Afghan cities such as Herat and Kabul were once safe-havens for Jews fleeing persecution in other lands. The Jews of Afghanistan once numbered in the thousands and enjoyed peace and prosperity.

Today there is only one Jew left who still calls Afghanistan home.

The recorded story of the Afghan Jews starts in the 900's C.E., two centuries after the country was converted to Islam. This is not because Jews did not live there before that time, but rather that all records which might have proven the existence of a pre-Islamic Jewish community in Afghanistan have been lost. However, there are some Afghan tribes such as the Durrani, Yussafzai, and, most notably, the Pashtun who claim to be one of the Ten Lost Tribes. In the case of the Pashtun, now Afghanistan's majority ethnic group, one of their tribal legends states that a group called the "Bani Israel" settled near the modern town of Herat and later converted to Islam after their leader met with Mohammed.

Jewish Virtual Library states that some Pashtuns have Jewish sounding names such as Asheri and Naftali, and they practice Jewish customs such as marrying under a chuppah and circumcising their sons eight days after birth. Adding further fuel to the fire, the sensationalist media even published a report a few years ago claiming that the members of the Taliban may be descended from Jews. An Israeli government-funded DNA test found no link at all between Jews and Pashtuns.

Some reports mention Persian Jews fleeing the invading Muslims in the 7th and 8th centuries, but actual records attesting to a Jewish presence in Afghanistan date back to the 10th century C.E. These records, found recently in northern Afghan caves, are written in Judeo-Persian and are collectively referred to as the "Afghan Genizah" (a reference to the hugely important Cairo Genizah collection of Jewish documents found over a century ago).



The documents show evidence of Jewish commercial activity on the Afghan part of the Silk Road, a vast ancient trade route that stretched from China to the Mediterranean Sea. They also include personal letters, financial records, and rabbinic and Biblical commentary.

At its height in the 1000's and 1100's, the Jewish population of Afghanistan is estimated to have reached between 40,000 and 80,000 members. Many of them traded in leather and karakul (sheep pelt) and often traveled long distances between Afghanistan, Iran, India, and Central Asia. Oftentimes these trips were dangerous, taking the Jewish merchants along narrow mountain passes in the eastern part of the country where Hebrew and Aramaic prayers can be seen carved in rocks.

The Jewish population was decimated by the Mongol invasion of 1222. There was a brief revival in the 1500's when Jews once again became prominent in trade between Afghanistan, India, and the Persian Gulf region. However, the trade routes began to decline and most Afghan Jews became impoverished.

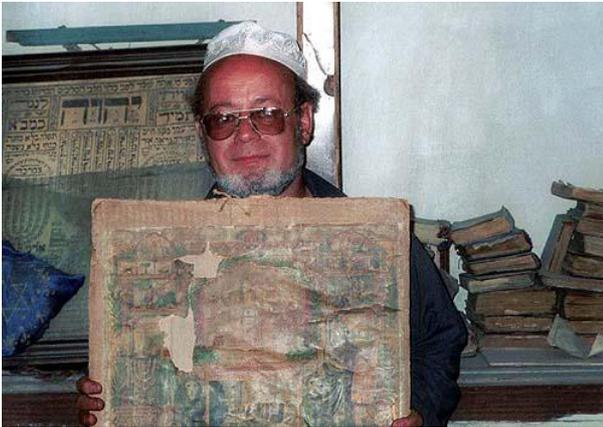
In 1839, Muslim authorities were forcibly converting Jews in Persia which resulted in thousands of Persian Jews fleeing to Afghanistan. This brought the Jewish population back up to its former glory of 40,000. The northwestern city of Herat, now the country's third-largest city became the heart of this new Jewish community.

Today there are only four shuls standing in the city, two of which were converted to mosques, one of which is now a school, and the last of which, the Yu Aw shul, became an Islamic cultural center. The former Yu Aw shul still has Hebrew inscriptions on its walls and the remnants of a mikvah are still present. A nearby Jewish cemetery is owned by Arif Mosaei, an Afghan Jew whose family is buried there.

Starting in the late 1800's, the situation for Afghan Jews became progressively worse. The Muslim authorities enacted harsh anti-Jewish measures in 1870 triggering a mass emigration to neighboring countries. Pogroms were carried out in the major Jewish centers of Maimana and Herat, and Jews were forced to pay high taxes and serve in the armed forces.

In 1927 the Jewish population had dwindled down to 5,000. The Jews had a brief revival under the rule of King Nadir Shah (1929-33) who reversed many of the decades-old anti-Jewish decrees and gave Jews equal rights as citizens. Disaster struck when the king was assassinated and Nazi propaganda filtered into the country causing more pogroms and the ghettoization of Jews in Herat and Kabul. Harsh economic laws drove many Jews out of the country in the 1930's and those who remained were restricted to the cities of Herat, Kabul, and Balkh.

The vast majority of the Jewish population left Afghanistan in the 1960's. Most went to Israel while some went to New York and Europe. Today over 1,000 Afghan Jews and their children live in Queens, New York. Sara Aharon's "From Kabul to Queens" tells the history of Afghan Jewry and struggles of acclimating to U.S. culture.



Simintov, born in Turkmenistan, lives in the capital city of Kabul on the top floor of Afghanistan’s last functioning shul on Flower Street. He rents out the bottom floor to several businesses including his own, the Balkh Bastan cafe. He used to deal in carpets and antiquities until government officials confiscated his merchandise.

Jewish life in Afghanistan was similar to that of Persia yet retained some unique customs. Like many other Jewish communities in different parts of the world, the Afghan Jewish community borrowed some customs from its neighbors. Some of these customs included taking off one’s shoes before entering a shul. Community leaders required women to wear a blue burqa (full body cover) in public while Muslim women would wear a white burqa. The design of Afghan shuls was influenced by the architecture of local mosques.

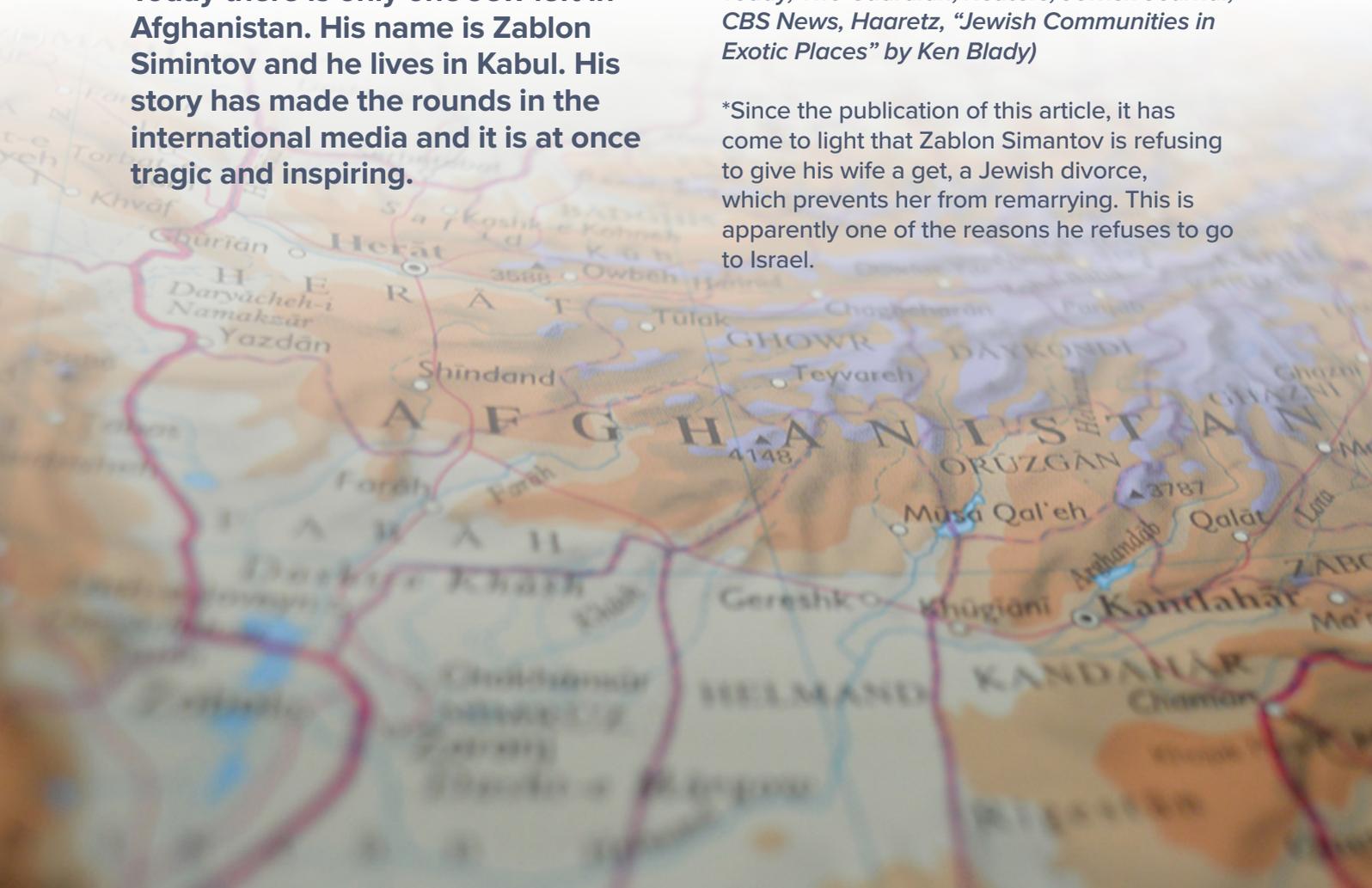
Simintov’s family have all emigrated to Israel and he lives alone in the shul. The shul’s Torah scroll was stolen years ago by the Taliban and the shul is in disrepair. Simintov gets along quite well with his neighbors, all of whom treat him respectfully.

When asked why he doesn’t want to move to Israel, Simintov responded “Go to Israel? What business do I have there? I won’t let Jewish history die in Afghanistan.”*

Today there is only one Jew left in Afghanistan. His name is Zablun Simintov and he lives in Kabul. His story has made the rounds in the international media and it is at once tragic and inspiring.

(Sources: Jewish Virtual Library, Afghanistan Today, The Guardian, Reuters, Jewish Journal, CBS News, Haaretz, “Jewish Communities in Exotic Places” by Ken Blady)

*Since the publication of this article, it has come to light that Zablun Simantov is refusing to give his wife a get, a Jewish divorce, which prevents her from remarrying. This is apparently one of the reasons he refuses to go to Israel.



POINT OF VIEW

Synagogues



JEREMY ROSEN

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The “Days of Awe” the Yamim Noraim are upon us.

Actually, I have no idea where the term High Holidays comes from. But each year I am faced with a conundrum. Do I go to a synagogue as a rabbi to perform or as a private person to pray?

I don't find most synagogues particularly good places to pray in. Too many distractions. I do enjoy praying, meditating, contemplating, very much. I go off into my imagination and have conversations with that Great Spirit in the Sky or my Private Analyst in Space. Sometimes it is just like having a friend to work things out with and say things I couldn't to anyone else. Sometimes I just do it because I feel like it. On the other hand, I also enjoy being part of a group of others who are either singing or silently communing in an atmosphere of togetherness. I love both the experience of private prayer and community prayer, but there is something about most synagogues that put me off. It's a mixture of false piety, formality, banal sermonizing, and human limitations.

I grew up in my father's school, Carmel College, in the Oxfordshire countryside. Most of the students were not religious and found services, an unfamiliar experience. Daily services were held in small class groups. We all came together on Shabbat. The services were short, with lots of community singing and students took the services. Even the longer services of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, under the charismatic presence and voice of my father, were tuneful and inspiring.

Despite being an unruly child, I enjoyed the experiences. Whereas every time I had to go up to London and a big synagogue I found the services long, drawn-out, full of pomposity with a constant and disruptive buzz of conversation.

Occasionally, I visited a small friendly minyan in Hampstead Garden Suburb, which was a different matter altogether. Everyone knew each other and felt comfortable in their space. The service was taken very seriously. If you wanted to chat you would go outside. The rabbi was unobtrusive and confined his speeches to a few words after the service when it did not matter if you stayed or left. There was no Chazan, all sorts of different members took turns, some better and some worse to lead. Everyone joined in and all went quickly and painlessly.

Later, when I was sent off to Yeshiva in Israel, I discovered a whole new variety of different shuls and shtiebels. Different styles and forms and pronunciations and customs. And the fun of doing the rounds and visiting several in quick succession. But most impressive of all in terms of profound spirituality was the Yeshivah. Where hundreds of young men and their teachers concentrated fervidly on every word. No distractions, no talking, but an ebb and rise of passion to connect and make every word count. I also enjoyed praying with certain Hassidic dynasties where they too were reaching out to heaven as if their lives depended on it but in a much wilder, less restrained, and less disciplined way. I know that if I were living in Jerusalem, I would have no problem finding places that would inspire me. But in the Diaspora, it is much harder, unless you are living in a very concentrated community.

Almost everywhere else in Judaism of every denomination, I have encountered performances that are more like entertainment than spirituality and often more social than religious. Even the growth of more informal minyanim from the left to the right, which in principle I approve of, seems so experimental and often inauthentic, that I struggle to find an atmosphere I can relate to. Indeed, I believe that increasingly synagogues will become holding companies offering a range of options under one roof. I have no objection to all the varieties. It is just that none of them satisfies me. Perhaps it is my fault, but I do sympathize with those who do not enjoy the synagogue experience.

On a different level and as with all restricted societies, as soon as one looks beneath the surface one encounters personal rivalries, disagreements, conflicts, and pettiness. As they say that “there’s no business, like Shul business.” The problem with people is people. It is so difficult to love them! I know this is universal. The Christian apologist C.S. Lewis wrote a small book called “The Screwtape Letters” in which the senior devil advises a junior on how to corrupt Christians. One of his letters deals with what happens when someone begins to enjoy the atmosphere in a Church. The advice is to distract him by getting him to think about what is wrong and what annoys him about the people around him, all those pious hypocrites. And so, it is with synagogues. I do not know why synagogues of all kinds seem to bring out the worst in human nature. I can’t help it. there is almost always one person or more who is determined to spoil things for the rest.

For all my criticism, Judaism offers an amazing variety of experiences and forms. What works for me, may not work for you. But don’t let that put you off. My advice is simply, that if you don’t like where you are or what you’ve seen, try somewhere else this year! You might just find what you are looking for.

Rabbi Jeremy Rosen lives in New York. He was born in Manchester. His writings are concerned with religion, culture, history and current affairs – anything he finds interesting or relevant. They are designed to entertain and to stimulate. Disagreement is always welcome.





Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies Inc.

Queensland Jewish community calls for tougher laws to criminalise hate.

Hatred against Jews in Queensland is increasing and the laws must change so those who incite animosity or engage in harassment or intimidation on the basis of someone's race, religion, sexuality or gender are punished.

The Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies (QJBD) is calling for change and has made its **submission** to the Queensland Government's inquiry into vilification and hate crime laws.

QJBD Vice President Jason Steinberg said research indicated that 6 in 10 members of the Jewish community – from Cairns to Coolangatta – had experienced antisemitism and while the Queensland Police are very responsive, the current laws do not deter racists.

“Of those Jews in Queensland who experienced antisemitism, half were either abused, harassed, intimidated or bullied simply because they are Jewish and, distressingly, many of these incidents occur in the workplace,” Mr Steinberg said.

“Fifteen per cent of Queensland Jews also reported hate-fueled incidents that related to Israel and/or Zionism. We have also seen an increase in activity by white supremacist, neo-Nazi and other far-right extremist groups whose members seem to act with impunity, as well as anti-Israel activists targeting local Jews.

“The time has come for Queensland to follow other jurisdictions, like Western Australia, which have more effective laws, and make it a criminal offence if someone's conduct, or the material they publish, incites animosity or advocates violence on the basis of a person's race, religion, sexuality or gender.

“We also are calling on the State Government to ban the public display and sale of items that include Nazi symbols, such as the swastika, which are used by racists with impunity. This will empower the police to remove and confiscate these items and be a useful tool in countering the proliferation of extremist ideologies.

“These reforms are needed to protect the basic right of all citizens, not just Jewish people, to go about their daily lives without fear of harassment, abuse and vilification, knowing that the relevant authorities will have the power to deal with such hate effectively. This will allow people to participate more freely and fully in our society, which will be of immense benefit to every Queenslanders.”

The QJBD's research, as part of its submission, also found that of those Queenslanders who experienced hatred, 91.5 per cent remained silent rather than reporting the incident or attacker.

“People said they were scared to report an antisemitic incident for a number of reasons, including fear of more racism, perceived or real inability of police to act, and the general feeling that hatred against Jews and Israel is an acceptable sentiment and, finally, that the government doesn't take the incidents seriously,” Mr Steinberg said.

“The current law is 30 years old and is outdated. It has made it very difficult for the Queensland Police to lay charges and communities are left virtually defenceless against hate-motivated acts.

“Now is the time for our legislators to stand up against hatred towards Jews, and other minority communities, to change the laws so that racist activity is dealt with through prosecution and deterrence.

“We need our politicians to ensure that acts of hatred against Jews and other vulnerable communities will no longer be tolerated.

Our community, along with all other communities, deserves to live without fear, and to be safe from harassment and incitement.”

Read submission.

See below, snapshot of survey findings.





Are you ready for the ban on single-use plastic items?

As part of [Queensland's plan to tackle plastic waste](#), the Queensland Government is banning single-use plastic straws, stirrers, plates, bowls, cutlery, and expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers and cups.

The ban starts on 1 September 2021 and applies to all Queensland not-for-profit organisations and businesses. Except those businesses which are exempt so they can continue to support people with disability or healthcare needs.

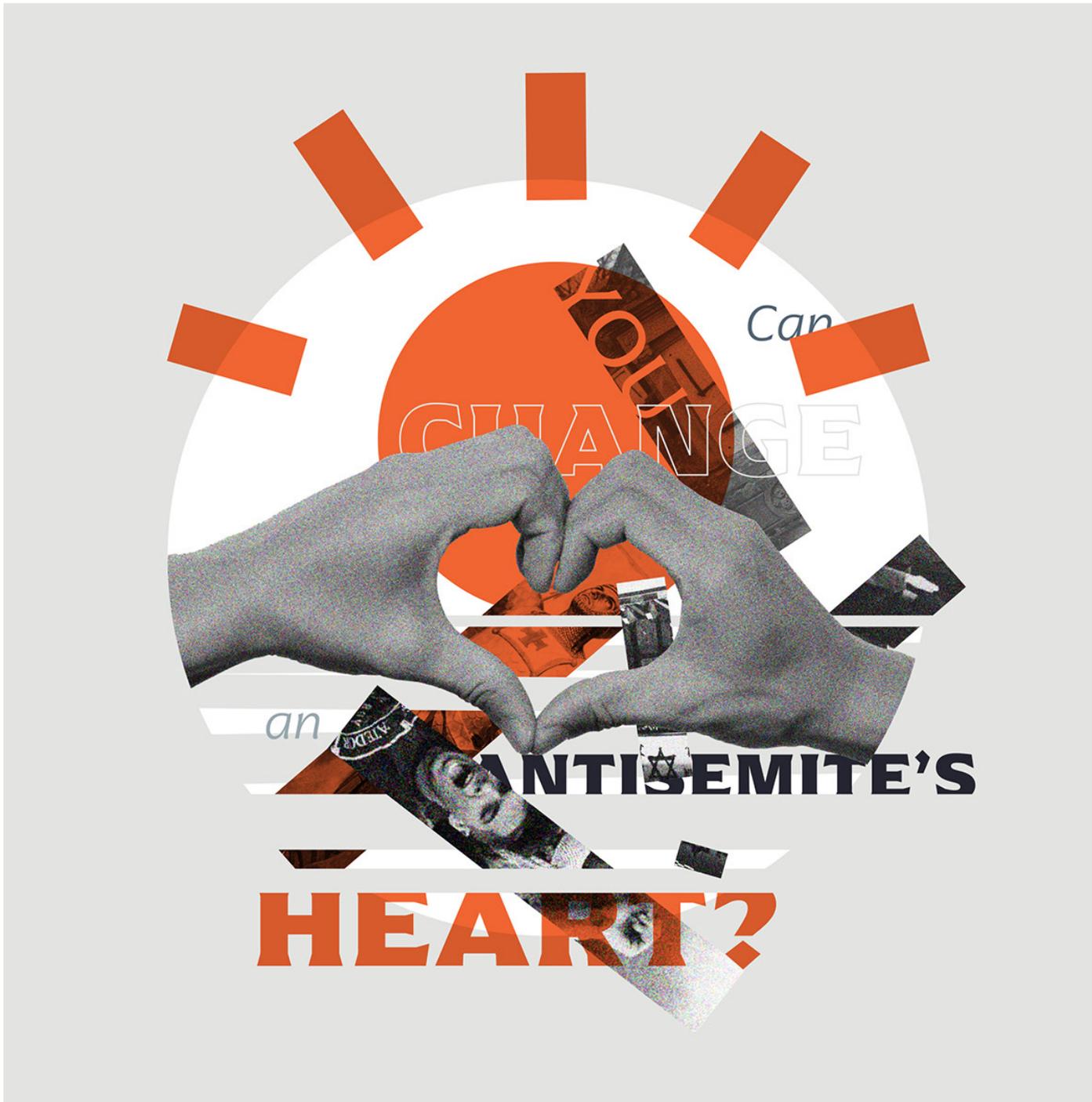
Businesses are encouraged to identify whether banned items still need to be provided to customers, and if so, what they can be replaced with. If you have excess stock, you may also wish to contact your supplier to understand their returns policy.

The National Retail Association has been engaged to work with businesses to ensure they understand the ban and what they must do to comply, as well as options to manage excess stock. Visit the [National Retail Association website](#) for more information or call their Hotline on 1800 844 946.

In addition, Boomerang Alliance has been engaged to work with not-for-profit organisations and is holding information sessions across the state. Find out more including the dates and locations on the [Boomerang Alliance website](#).

To find out more about the ban visit www.qld.gov.au/plasticsban or watch this [video](#).





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Starting: Monday, October 18, 2021, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Location: CBD

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THE Australian Jewish News

BOOK REVIEW

So You Think You Know What's Good for You?

Dr NORMAN
SWAN

So you think you know
What's Good
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The ultimate health guide
from Australia's most trusted doctor

Norman Swan
HACHETTE, \$32.99

This guide to healthier living, by the ABC health guru Dr Norman Swan, covers the waterfront. Much of it is about what to eat and drink – he's a big coffee fan, saying it's good for you, but predictably disappointing on how much wine you can have – and parts of it may be familiar.

Vegetables, especially red and green, doused in olive oil and slow roasted, are a good way to go, so too slow-cooked meats.

But this is far more than a cooking guide, Swan goes into such health factors as anxiety, debilitating conditions such as endometriosis, and sex, fertility, pornography, screen addiction and more.

Along the way he explodes the Paleo diet myth and shares aspects of his Jewish, Glaswegian upbringing.

Entertaining, knowledgeable, full of common sense, and it's impossible not to hear that voice throughout.

Jewish Help in Need Society of Queensland

The Society is a registered not-for-profit charity, established in 1968, and provides financial assistance in the form of grants or no-interest loans to deserving Jewish residents in Queensland in accordance with the terms of its Constitution.

Notice of Annual General Meeting Jewish Help in Need Society of Queensland

Tuesday 14th September 2021
At 7.30 pm

Agenda: Welcome/Present/Apologies
Minutes of 2020 AGM
Business from 2020 AGM
Correspondence
President's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Officers
(President, Directors (2), Treasurer and Secretary)
Appointment of Auditor
General Business

Details of the location of the meeting, membership applications, nomination forms and proxy/voting forms are available on request from the Secretary.

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An amphitheater with seating for 150 people facing the beautiful view. Outdoor sculptures and installations; 3 open-sided pergolas for group activities;

With tree-shaded spaces for group activities; and a grove of trees to be planted in honour of Yerucham's 70th anniversary.

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

It will become a premier national centre for celebrating and documenting the little known story of the heroic pioneers who settled in the isolated Ma'abara of Yerucham and endured the harsh conditions of the Negev desert.

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Supporting Jewish and Israeli culture and learning, ChaiFlicks is a streaming platform dedicated solely to Jewish and Israeli movies, tv series, documentaries, short films, theatre, and all varieties of entertainment media.

New to ChaiFlicks in Australia is the moving mother-daughter drama *Asia* (pictured), starring Unorthodox's Shira Haas; German drama *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, adapted from the beloved children's book by Judith Kerr; and the gripping and timely Italian drama *Thou Shalt Not Hate*.

Subscribers can also see films like award-winning Hungarian drama *1945*, Cannes-

premiering *Gett: the Trial of Viviane Amsalem*, and beloved Israeli black comedy *The Farewell Party*, amongst many others. There's plenty for documentary aficionados too: Heinrich Himmler doc *The Decent One*, the Amos Oz-narrated award-winner *Censored Voices* and mouth-watering film *In Search of Israeli Cuisine* are just some of the non-fiction fare on offer.

In Australia and New Zealand, ChaiFlicks is presented by the Jewish International Film Festival (JIFF). Beloved by the Australian Jewish community, JIFF is one of the largest and most successful Jewish film festivals globally, presenting the best of Jewish-themed and Israeli films and series in its annual festival. JIFF will bring its decades-long expertise in programming to the ChaiFlicks platform.

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ASK THE RABBI

A Flawless Judaism?



Rabbi Raymond Apple

Rabbi Raymond Apple was for many years Australia's highest profile rabbi and the leading spokesman on Judaism. 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

Is Judaism Flawless?

If you had asked whether Jews are flawless, the answer would of course be no.

All Jews probably do their best, but some behave foolishly, irresponsibly, cruelly, sinfully. Not that they are born this way; Judaism does not believe in “original sin”.

The Jewish approach would be to say that everyone really wants to do the right thing but an occasional “ru’ach sh’tut” – a “spirit of stupidity” – gets in the way.

Conscious, however, of having acted badly, one has a remedy available – genuine repentance – though if one has harmed another person, it is not enough to ask God’s forgiveness. Peace must be restored with the wronged person.

But you ask about whether Judaism is flawless. We believe so. The Psalmist says, “Torat HaShem t’mimah” – “the law of the Lord is perfect” (Psalm 19).

As a balance between thought and deed, individual and community, vision and reality, Judaism is remarkable.

The Jewish system does not make gods out of men but tries to bring Godliness into every human being. It does not legislate for angels but for earthly creatures living on earth.

It does not claim that God has handed man the world on a platter, but that He has given us a share in the perfection of the creation.

It does not leave everything up to man, but neither does it leave man with nothing to do. It sees what mischief often happens on earth, but it never loses its faith in tomorrow.

What do we say about other religions?

In his fascinating book, “A Jewish Theology” (London, 1973, pages 287-291), Louis Jacobs says there are three possible attitudes:

1. Judaism is true: all other religions are false.
2. All religions are equally true (or false).
3. There is more truth in Judaism than in other religions.

There is much to be said for the first option. We deeply respect the conscience and convictions of adherents of other faiths, but we have to deny the crucial positions that they take on the nature of God, the status of their leaders, and their view of Torah.

But on the other hand we cannot fail to recognise that there are elements of truth in every religion.

One suggestion is to say that Judaism is true for Jews, and other religions are true – for their own adherents.

But this also creates problems, because it implies that all religions will continue in their own ways to the end of time, when the more Jewish approach is that in the end of days,

“Out of Zion will go Torah (to the world), and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).

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TERM 3, JULY 2021

Unfortunately, due to Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast becoming a Covid hotspot, we had to cancel our last two days there, 10th and 11th of June, at Matthew Flinders Anglican College and Caloundra SHS. The Team were all staying in Caloundra and much to our disappointment we all returned to Brisbane. Both schools have been rescheduled in November 2021.

Thankfully, term 3 began better.

Monday 26th July 2021 Parklands Christian College - 2 sessions of Year 9 students

Our program was held in the large school church building. We had a late start on Monday due to unforeseen circumstances, so the session was cut a bit shorter, which is never ideal, but kudos to all the volunteers on the day for being so flexible and making the most of the time available. Kayla Szumer was able to zoom from Sydney, telling Adam's story.

Zooming is never quite the same as having our Survivor story in person, but the students were still all very attentive and engaged, thus able to debrief really well.

Tuesday July 27th July 2021 ST Hilda's School, Gold Coast - 3 sessions of Year 10 students

The teachers and students were very excited to have us at their school and were very well prepared. They were all English Literature students, about to read MAUS. We had 2 break away rooms, which worked well and a very busy day with very engaged and really eloquent students. Peter Baruch was our Survivor.

Some student quotes from the facilitation:

*Sugihara took a leap as a man, but it was a huge leap for mankind.

*I will re-evaluate the way I perceive certain situations.

*I will work on my ability to control my anger and respond more calmly.

*While you may have the best intentions, things can backfire – life is like that sometimes.

Wednesday 28th July 2021 Indooroopilly State School ~ 1 session of 44 Year 11 students

Fortunately we had a longer time frame with the large number of students in this session at Indooroopilly. The teachers were extremely well organised with very engaged students, and they were really well spoken and respectful of us and each other. A good breakaway room made our task easier.

With more time allowed because of the larger group, it was excellent that we were able to give the students a small break after the first two sessions, so they were very involved and really ready to engage for the facilitation workshops.

A luxury we do not often have, was time for a Q&A with our Survivor, Peter Baruch, after the facilitations. Peter was peppered with some fabulous, really probing questions and the students thoroughly enjoyed the personal time with him.

One student asked him, "If you could say one thing to us as young students – what would it be?" Peter's reply, "Be true to yourselves and be kind to others."

Thursday 29th July 2021 Stretton State College - 1 session of 36 Year 10 students.

This is our 5th year at Stretton, where the teachers Sasha, Alyce and Kirsten are very well organised and always ready for our visit. They are always so motivated and enthusiastic with a prominent Upstander board on the classroom walls, Alyce does a lot of preparation work on the Holocaust with her students before we come, which makes the engagement with them much more fruitful.

Again they were very involved in Peter's story and we had time at the end for a short 10 minute Q&A session with him. The students just loved having this opportunity and again had many questions, wanting to know more about Peter's family and what had happened to his uncle's girlfriend? The students and teachers were thrilled to have a photo opportunity with Peter after our presentation.

Friday 30th July 2021 - Kedron SHS

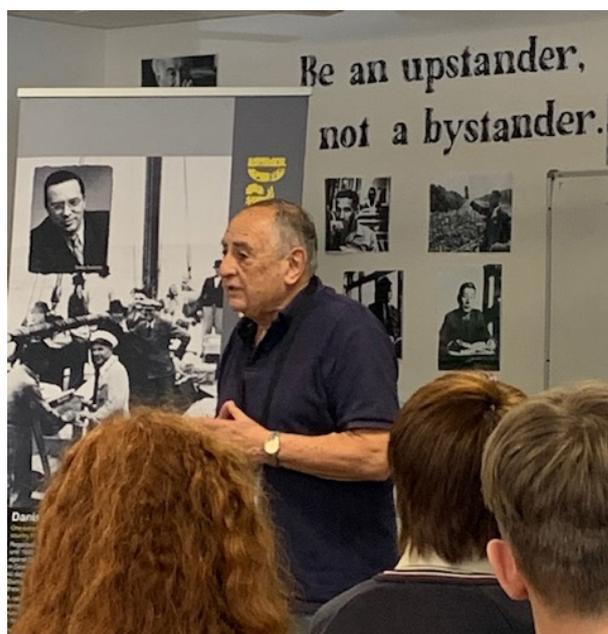
The team arrived at the school, went to administration to sign in, but received the news that Indooroopilly SHS, where we had been two days before, was now a Covid Close Contact Hotspot. Sadly we had to cancel the day's programme at Kedron.

All the team from Indooroopilly were then advised to go immediately get a COVID test, then return home for a 2-week house quarantine.

Everyone that got tested also registered with QLD HEALTH and went into 14 days' home quarantine, waiting to hear from QLD Health.

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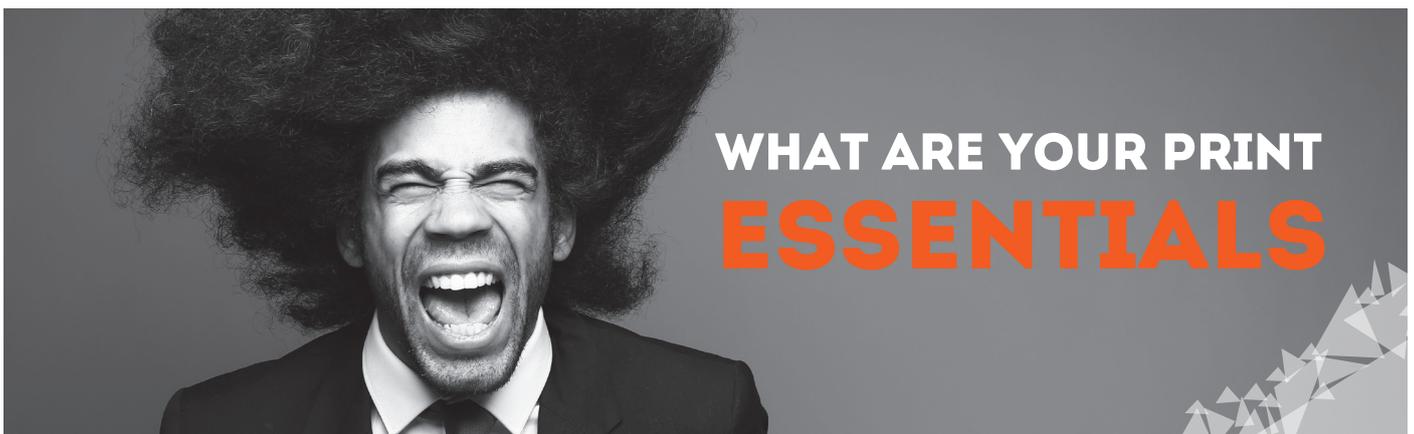
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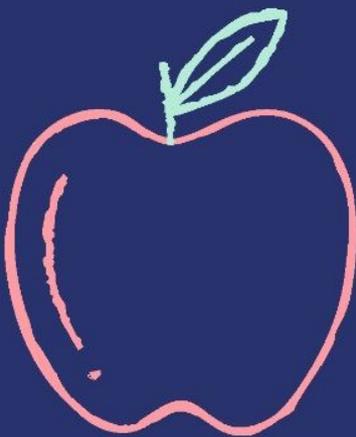
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