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On the eve of Rosh Hashanah Israel's population grows to 9.39 Million



Blowing shofar to herald in the Jewish New Year. Credit: Pixabay

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Israel's population stands at 9,391,000 on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and grew by 146,000 over the past year, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) annual pre-Rosh Hashanah report on Israel's population shows.

The population had grown by 1.6% over the past 12 months, a growth rate a bit lower than previous years.

The average birthrate stood at 2.9 children per woman.

The total population is comprised of 6.943 million Jews (74 %), 1.982 million Arabs – including Muslims and Christians (21%), and 466,000 residents of other minorities and religions (5%).

According to CBS projections, Israel's population will pass the 10 million mark in 2024, the 15 million mark at the end of 2048 and the 20 million mark at 2065.

Some 172,000 Israeli couples welcomed a new child into the world this year. About 48,000 Israelis passed away, 5,891 of them from the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Jewish State this year welcomed 20,000 Olim (immigrants) to the Holy Land, despite the Coronavirus (COVID-19) related limitations and lockdowns.

According to CBS data, 44.8% of Jews in the country define themselves as secular, 20.5% consider themselves marginally observant, 12.5% are partially religious, 11.7% are religious and 10% are ultra-Orthodox.

An Israeli male's life expectancy is 80.7 years, while a female in Israel lives an average of 84.8 years, one of the world's highest.

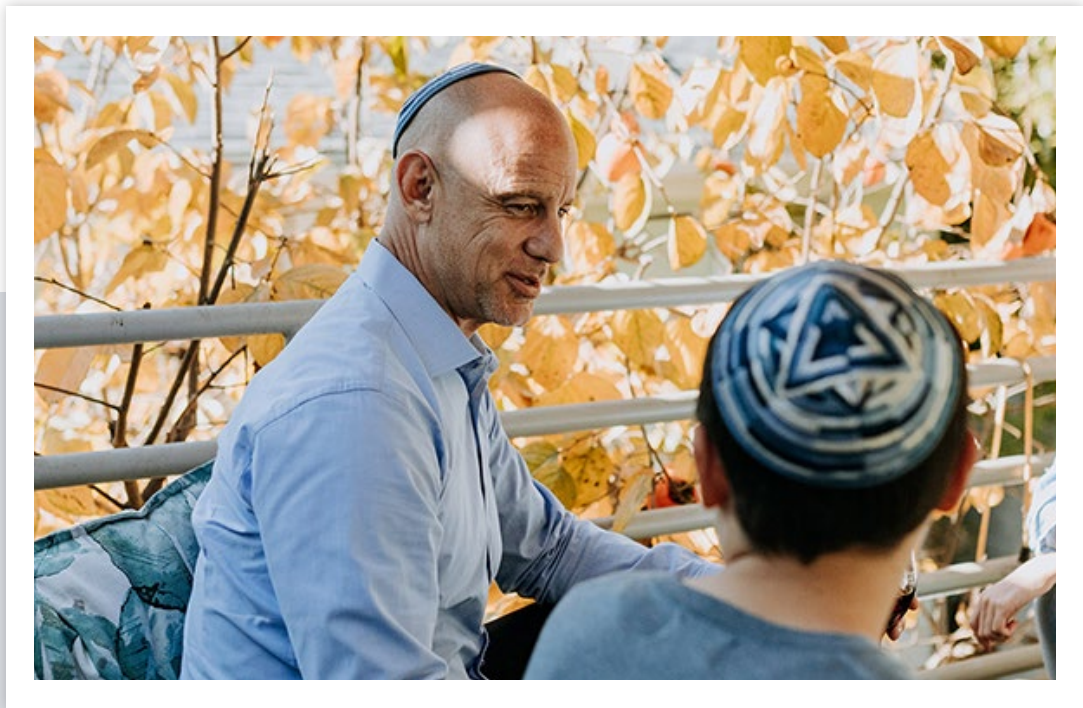
The common cause of death in Israel is cancer (25.5%) followed by heart disease (14.5%).

An overwhelming majority, 90.3%, said they were satisfied with life, including 80.6% among Arabs.



POINT OF VIEW

Accosted by a hater. What would you do?



BY BEN COHEN

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“Paul” is an Australian Jewish man in his late 40s who lives in the city of Brisbane, in the state of Queensland.

On a recent Saturday, Paul (the name he has been given by local media to protect his identity) was walking to a local synagogue with his 11-year-old son, where they were attending a bar mitzvah. On their journey, they were accosted by a stranger who, having noticed the kippahs that father and son were wearing, yelled “Heil Hitler” in their direction while giving the Nazi salute.

Having completed the volley of anti-Semitic abuse to his satisfaction, the man turned on his heel and strode off. But Paul wasn't done. Reaching for his cell phone, he began following the stranger while filming him. “Hey buddy,” he called out, “saying ‘Heil Hitler’ to me?” The man didn't respond, however, and so Paul continued pointing the camera and asking why he had been verbally abused with a Nazi slogan.

It didn't take long for the man to snap. He lunged at Paul, punching him hard above the left cheekbone. Despite the blow, Paul managed to keep his phone in his hand, catching the man on video as he ran from the scene. “Hitting me like that, you s***,” Paul shouted after him in a voice shaking with rage. “I'm reporting you to the police!”

Paul did report the attack to the Brisbane police, which are now investigating. In an interview with the local broadcaster 9News, Paul observed that the assailant “gave me a Hitler salute, purely because he saw the kippah I was wearing on my head.”

While news coverage of the incident was deeply sympathetic to Paul and his son, who was forced to endure both anti-Semitic abuse and the sight of his father being punched because they chose that moment to walk to shul, the 9News reporter asked the question that was on everybody's lips.

“This is no criticism of you, but some people will question why you went after this guy,” the reporter posited.

Paul had a ready answer. “It's about the importance of standing up for what you believe in,” he said. “The importance of standing up to hate, against yourself or against other people.”

It was the decent answer of a brave man, but is it the last word on this particular incident? It's worth remembering that what Paul experienced could happen to any of us.

We are therefore bound to engage in soul-searching about what we might do in such a situation—and how we might balance the duty to our own safety and the safety of those in our care with a natural and entirely legitimate impulse to defend our integrity as Jews from those who want to humiliate us.

There is no easy answer from any perspective. As a father, I have to guiltily admit that my reaction would probably have been similar to Paul's; the guilt stems from the realization, after the heat of the confrontation is over, that you exposed your child to unnecessary danger. What if the man had been carrying a knife or—as would be far more likely on the streets of an American city—a gun? And why provoke him further by continuing to film him to the point where you were too busy aiming your phone in his direction to think about defending yourself?

Yet there is a flipside. To ignore a goon screaming Nazi slogans at you in broad daylight because you have the temerity to wear a head covering in public is to accept that such behaviour is, if not normal, an inevitable part of the experience of being a Jew. By meekly walking on — by pretending that you don't see the eyes burning with hate or the spittle forming at the corners of the mouth—you perhaps save yourself from bodily harm but allow another kind of pain to be inflicted upon the mind and the soul.

It is hard for a young boy to feel proud of his Jewishness if he sees his own father acquiescing to abuse that targets him for

the sole reason that he is a Jew. Moreover, in a moment like this one, he starts to believe that the choice of being Jewish is no longer primarily a question of faith or culture. It is an identity whose adoption is dependent on what others outside your group think: Do I want to be a member of a community that's still the subject of such hatred, a traumatized 11-year-old might ask? What's so important about being Jewish that I should put up with being mocked and stigmatized like this?

Rabbis in synagogues across the world will advance numerous answers to those questions, or versions of them. But whatever wisdom one encounters from the pulpit, Paul's flawed yet noble response to his tormentor is worth keeping in mind for three reasons. First, the unmistakable pride in his Judaism, a sentiment that has kept us alive as a community across the centuries. Second, the determination not to be silent in the face of hatred and to accept the risks that come with that stance. Third, providing his son with an example—albeit, a risky and irresponsible one—of Jews standing up for themselves.

For many observers, those features still don't excuse the fact that Paul, with his son in tow, chose to confront a complete stranger with obviously violent tendencies. Perhaps he might be more circumspect next time; certainly, one should not criticize the inverse reaction, which would be to save yourself and your loved ones by walking away. But Paul didn't do that because in the moment, he felt that something of historic importance was at stake: the right of Jews to be Jews without discrimination or harassment. This year, and every year, that is a message to carry in both the mind and the heart.

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OPINION

The Nuremberg Laws and us



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September 15th was the sad anniversary of the Nuremberg Laws, enacted in Germany in 1935.

They ushered in a time of travail, anguish, and pain. What can we learn about the world today from what happened then? It breaks our hearts even to reflect about this, but we must. It is absolutely crucial that we do not relegate the Nuremberg Laws to the past; we must embrace the horrors of yesterday in order to engage the challenges of today.

The specifics of these laws ought to be well known, but for reasons that disturb us, they are not. The laws had two basic elements: the Reich Citizenship Law, and the Law for the Protection of German Blood and Honor. Together, they established a standard for blood purity in Germany that focused on the threat of Jews to the community. The past never repeats itself in clearly identifiable forms. It comes back to us, but it appears in new ways. One needs to be vigilant in order to learn from the past.

What should we look for today that should alarm us? What is commonly called antisemitism (I prefer Pinsker's term Judeophobia) is growing around the world. It takes many forms, but the vicious hatred exemplified by it is ubiquitous. Jews are still portrayed as somehow different, as people who don't "fit in." They are still portrayed as people who are a threat to civil order and harmony.

You may remember the 2017 "Unite the Right" white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. I was a member of the Jewish congregation that was targeted there. The neo-Nazis chanted "Jews will not replace us" and "white lives matter." When they say that "Jews will not replace us," they make it clear that Jews are behind efforts to destroy the racial purity of the American regime. And when they talk about "white lives," they mean that Jews are not white and that the country belongs to the whites. The themes of 1935 are here today, and they are gaining strength.

It is important that we all pay attention to this, because it is not just an American phenomenon. Six in ten Jews in Queensland reported that they have experienced antisemitism, according to a study of the Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies, as reported in the Brisbane Times on August 8, 2021. And the Kantor Center reports that 38% of Jews have considered leaving Europe because they fear for their safety.

The Nuremberg Laws remind us that a recurring ugly claim of Jew-haters is that that Jews are not true citizens of their countries.

This is the familiar charge that Jews have “dual loyalty.” This charge was behind the infamous Dreyfus Affair of 1894, and we see it in America today when Jews are accused of having only one goal: influencing public policy to support Israel. We are forced to confront the fact that the idea behind the Nuremberg Laws is very much alive today.

It is important to clarify an important element of Judaism; we are both a religion and a people or nation. We share common beliefs, aspirations, and practices. We live by a set of laws that inform us about our moral obligations. But to be a part of a “nation” or “people” is not the same thing as being a part of a different country. Jews are absolutely not citizens of more than one country (leaving aside the legal option of dual citizenship, which is available to all citizens). We are taught by our Talmud to follow the laws of the countries in which we find ourselves.

As Prager and Telushkin point out in their book *Why the Jews?*: “If we are asking whether Jews outside Israel are loyal to two governments, the government of the country in which they reside and the government of Israel, the answer is no.” Those who assert this have only one goal; to disenfranchise Jewish citizens. And this can only lead in one direction.

But the charge of “dual loyalty” persists. Jews are said to be disloyal. They cannot be trusted. They are not true citizens.

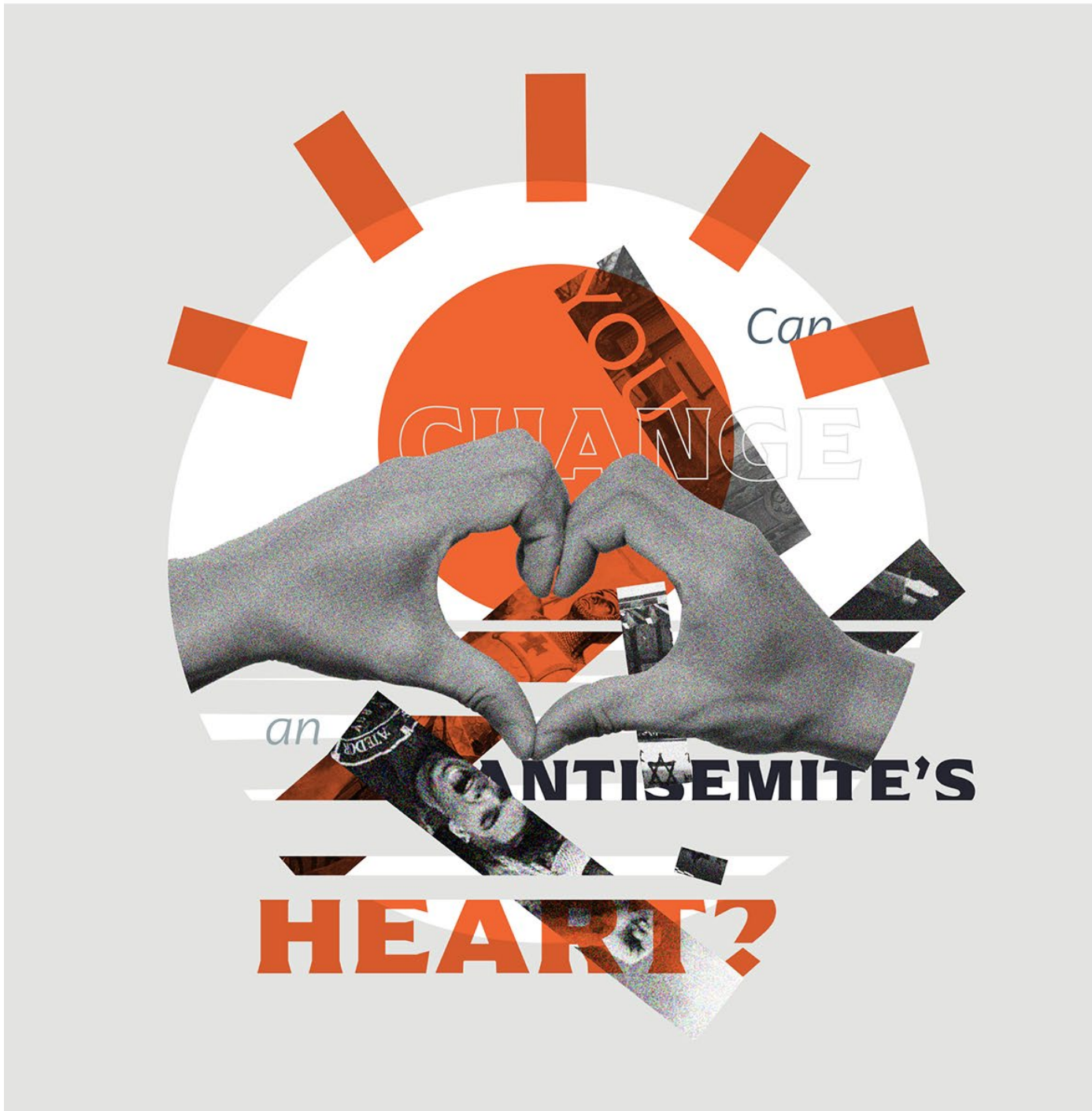
Knowing that this is such a common charge and that it has such destructive consequences, it is especially important that all Jews refrain from doing anything that might give fuel to this poisonous allegation.

Recent events in Melbourne, including the illegal engagement party and the illegal Rosh Hashanah service that were held during the lockdown have given Jew-haters an opportunity to assert once again that Jews are not trustworthy citizens. It is heartening that all major Jewish organizations, including the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, have condemned these illegal gatherings. As Jews, we need to remember that our actions will always be scrutinized and that all Jews may be judged by what we do.

It is frightening to understand that Jew-haters persist in claiming that Jews are not true citizens of the countries where they were born and live, and yet the same people claim that we have no right to live in the land of Israel. Where are Jews supposed to go? Hitler answered this question. He offered the final solution to it. Remembering the Nuremberg Laws and what was behind them is important to us all.



1935 chart shows racial classifications under the Nuremberg Laws: German, Mischlinge, and Jew.



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Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British Governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. In October 1997, then Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, issued a proclamation declaring:

"11 November as Remembrance Day and urging Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts."



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This event has come to be known as Kristallnacht (or Night of the Broken Glass) because of the shattered glass that littered the streets after the vandalism and destruction of Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues across Germany on this night. It marks the beginning of the Holocaust.

Join in a special event, with guest speaker University of Queensland's Professor Katharine Gelber (FASSA PhD) and community members, on 9 November 2021 to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of Kristallnacht.

The event will be held at the Brisbane Synagogue, 98 Margaret Street, at 6pm.

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Teaching Israeli kids how to save someone from drowning, Aussie-style



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A long-standing Australian tradition may be part of the solution as the Knesset looks to reduce the number of swimmers dying in Israel's waters.



“Drowners, head out into the water. Rescuers, get ready.”

Around a dozen children, all wearing bright pink shirts and fluorescent-green swimming caps, stand poised on the shoreline of Herzliya's Zevulun Beach. A flotation device, also called a tube, is tied across their bodies.

When instructed, the kids charge into the water, running with their feet angled out to the side to easily jump over the waves, and rescue their “drowning” partners.

When they reach their partners, their first job is to calm them down, reassuring them that they're safe and they're going to be pulled to shore on the flotation device.

No, this isn't a teen Israeli version of “Baywatch” and, no, the children aren't really drowning. Instead, they are being closely supervised by adult facilitators as they undergo training in surf lifesaving – an iconic Australian tradition stretching back over a century.

“Everyone in Australia grows up knowing about surf lifesavers. When you go to the beach, you know they're there and they're able to save lives,” explains Australia's ambassador to Israel, Paul Griffiths.

Surf Life Saving Australia is the country's largest volunteer organization, with over 180,000 active volunteers trained in water safety and drowning prevention. They operate on Australia's beaches, ready to rescue and resuscitate anyone who was pulled out to sea by the Pacific's merciless currents. The group is so popular that a hit reality TV show, “Bondi Rescue,” has featured its lifeguards at the iconic Sydney beach for over 15 years.

“The red and yellow bibs and shirts the lifesavers wear are symbolic,” Griffiths says. “It's more than saving lives – it's the values as well. The values around loving life, enjoying the sea, but also remaining vigilant and respecting it. I think it's a really important message,” he adds.

Australia's Surf Life Saving training has been adopted across the globe but only came to Israel in 2015, says Israel Life Saving Federation founder and president Paul Hakim. Hakim moved to Israel over 30 years ago from Sydney, where he was a lifeguard at Coogee Beach, one of the city's legendary beaches.

“Israel is the startup nation advanced in technology, medicine and agriculture, and Australia is the world leader in Surf Life Saving-rescue skills and technology, and water safety education,” Hakim says, adding: “It only made sense to import one of Australia’s greatest products to Israel, which is so important and much-needed here as it prevents drownings and saves lives.”

‘Desperate situation’

Like in Australia, Israel’s sandy beaches are the place to be during the summer months, with all-day swimming, feasting on watermelon and noisy sports comprising a beloved seasonal pastime of locals and tourists alike.

Yet the balmy summer days are also regularly marred by tragedy, with dozens of drownings taking place in Israel every year. Since March there have been 22 deaths, including 10 children, while over 50 Israelis have drowned in the last 18 months.

“For years now, we’ve been in a desperate situation with lifeguards in Israel,” says Yesh Atid lawmaker Simon Davidson, a former chairman of the Israel Swimming Association. “Our

aim is to increase the number of lifeguard towers on Israeli beaches, because the number is currently very low.”

Of Israel’s 350 kilometers (211 miles) of coastline, only 17 kilometers are currently manned by lifeguards. Davidson cites the government’s meager financial allocation to lifesaving as part of the problem: a state budget of 14 million shekels (\$4.3 million) for the entire country.

“This means some spending falls on local councils to employ lifeguards and people the towers, which leads to the lifeguard shortage we’re facing,” Davidson says.

At his own popular local beach in Netanya, there’s only one lifeguard tower – yet it is responsible for a huge stretch of water. Desperate to escape the packed sea, “swimmers escape to the sides, to unsupervised and potentially dangerous areas,” Davidson says. “And this is when the drownings happen.”

Drownings also occur largely after lifeguard services end, according to information presented by the Knesset Research and Information Center. During the summer months in Tel Aviv, lifeguards finish duty at 6:45 P.M., around an hour before the sun sets.

Hakim believes the lack of swimming education from a young age is another reason for the number of drownings, especially in lower socioeconomic groups such as the ultra-Orthodox, Bedouin and some Arab Israelis.

“In Israel, there is no education program or national swimming program in the school system like in Australia, where they teach swimming from the age of 4,” Hakim notes.

Adopting the Aussie model

In recent weeks, the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee has been examining the worrying statistics and looking at ways to tackle the problem.



Lawmakers commented on the lack of enforcement or penalties for swimming on unsupervised beaches; mulled lowering the minimum age for a lifeguard to 17, to widen the pool to pre-army Israelis looking for work; noted the rising demand for separate beaches for the ultra-Orthodox community; as well as the need to teach swimming to all parts of Israeli society.

The efforts were being led by committee chairman Saeed Alkharumi, the Bedouin lawmaker who suddenly passed away on August 25 after suffering a heart attack at age 49.

“The Interior Ministry plans to inaugurate another 23 patrolled beaches, but when will that happen? We do not want to wait another decade,” Alkharumi said at a committee meeting on August 9. He also revealed that the issue of drowning hadn’t been discussed in the Knesset since 2010.

Alkharumi had plans to meet officials from the finance and interior ministries to secure funding to staff more beaches with lifeguards.

The committee is also considering adopting educational aspects of the Australian Surf Life Saving training model, utilizing a tried-and-tested beach safety and swimming program.

However, Davidson said, proceedings have been delayed since the passing of Alkharumi.

“Alkharumi really wanted to push this forward, but now they’ll need to appoint a new chairperson,” the Yesh Atid lawmaker said.

Davidson said the issue will likely be tackled separately now. He says he plans to move the Surf Life Saving program’s educational aspects forward in the Knesset Education Committee as soon as he can, while the issue of opening new lifeguard-patrolled beaches will proceed in the Interior and Environment Committee.

Teens saving lives

Back in Herzliya, the Israel Life Saving Federation has been entertaining and educating children during the summer months. It offers vacation courses for kids



aged 7 and up (Nippers) and teens (Dolphins), where participants learn survival skills, surf safety, how to carry out a rescue, first aid and CPR, as well as hear lectures on the environment and conservation.

Hakim says four kids who did the course already carried out life-saving rescues. Gidi Goodvach, 14, was one of them, pulling a drowning child from the water at Poleg Beach, Netanya, last year.

“I was surfing near my house and the beach was really packed, so I moved away from where the lifeguards were. The [surf] conditions that day were really tough,” Goodvach recounts.

He swam up to a surfing-only area, where there were several children swimming. Goodvach urged them to get out, saying the conditions were too tough to be swimming in, and they agreed.

“Then I noticed there was another kid swimming further out who seemed to be struggling, so I swam up to him on my board to get a closer look. In the ‘Dolphins’ course, we were taught how to assess situations for any danger. When I got up to him, he was out of breath, saying ‘I need help! I need help!’

“I calmed him down, like they taught us to, and told him I know what I’m doing and can help him. He held onto me really hard, and I sent him in on my surfboard on the next big wave to shore. Back on the beach he went to his family and his mom, and they were very grateful.”



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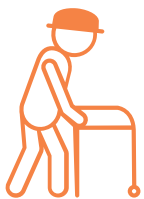


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Queensland Health welcomes three Deputy Chief Health Officers

Three Queensland Health staff with over 100 years of experience between them have been appointed as the state's Deputy Chief Health Officers.

Director-General Dr John Wakefield confirmed the appointments, following the recent legislative change enabling this to occur.

Dr Wakefield said this would enable a smooth transition with current Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young appointed Governor from 1 November, and the recent departure of Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Sonya Bennett to a role with the Commonwealth.

Dr Peter Aitken, Dr Lynne McKinlay and Dr James Smith have commenced their new positions and will support the incoming Chief Health Officer.

"Dr Young and Dr Bennett have played a significant role in steering us through the most crucial periods of this pandemic," Dr Wakefield said.

"To ensure we maintain that leadership and support the incoming CHO, we have appointed a team of Deputy CHOs to carry on Queensland's successful COVID-19 response.

"Dr Aitken, Dr McKinlay and Dr Smith bring with them a wealth of experience and will support the incoming Chief Health Officer across all aspects of the COVID-19 response – from incident management, to policy and public health."

Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said the appointment of all three individuals would hold the state's COVID-19 response in good stead.

"There wasn't a manual to manage this pandemic in the beginning and it was a rapid learning curve to understand this new virus and provide public health advice to the Government and the Queensland community," Dr Young said.

"Being able to support my successor in this way, by having three experienced Deputies with contemporary experience managing the pandemic in Queensland, will go a long way to ensuring Queensland stays safe.

"Managing the COVID-19 pandemic has been a significant effort from everyone across the entire health system, and I know Dr Aitken, Dr McKinlay and Dr Smith will continue to provide expert leadership and advice."

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If you think you might need our services, or know someone who might, please contact :



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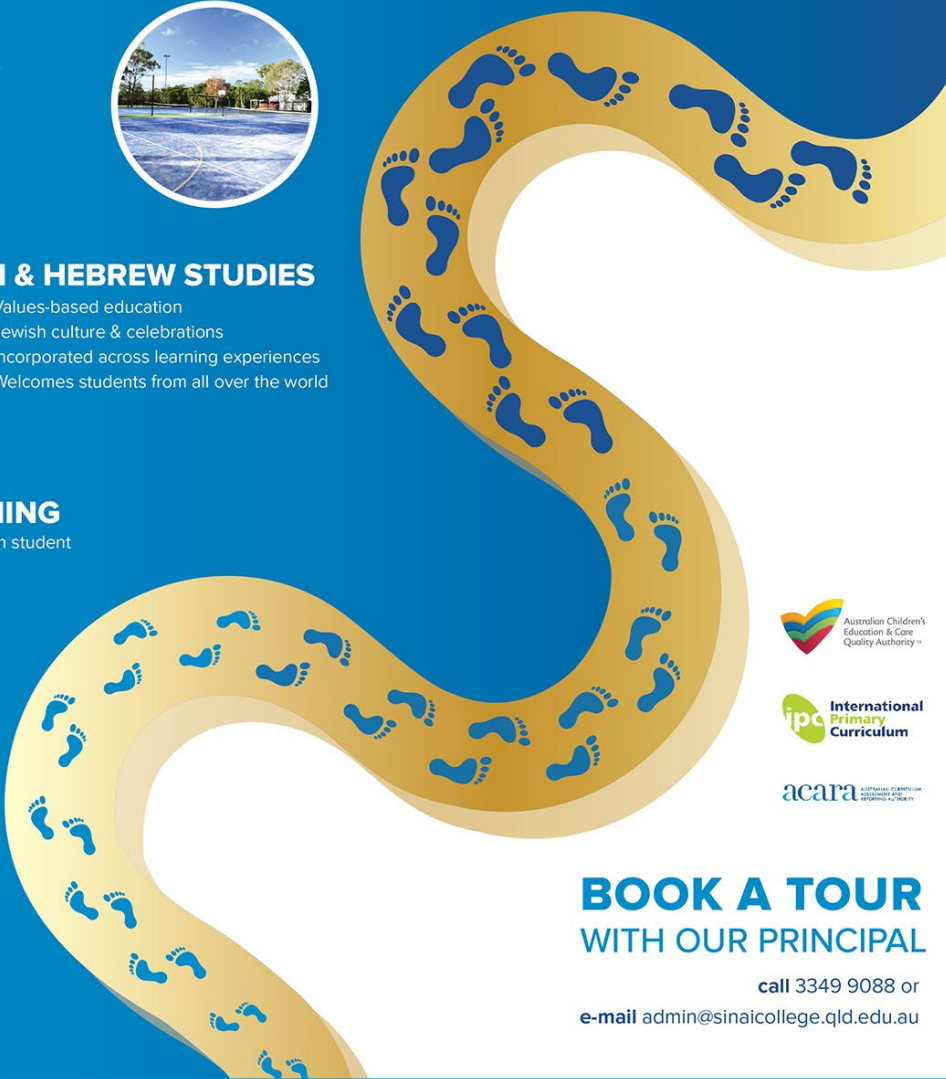
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Communal News

CONDOLENCE

JNF

The Jewish National Fund of QLD
Wishes to express its deepest sympathy on the passing of

Tova Blumberg

Tova a passionate Zionist and supporter of JNF QLD will always be remembered for her love of Brisbane and Israel and support of many communal organisations

**We wish Tova's family Long Life
May her memory always be a blessing**



WIZO

Women's International Zionist Organisation Australia,
together with its State organisations were saddened by the
news that its long term Queensland member

Hinda Tova Blumberg Z"L

passed away in Sydney on 12 September 2021.

She was buried alongside her mother, a Life Member of WIZO
Queensland, in Brisbane on 17th September 2021

Sincere condolences are extended to Tova's extended family.

**Paulette Cherny OAM
President, WIZO Australia**



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Eulogy

Hinda Tova Blumberg Z”L

17 December 1932 – 12 September 2021

Tova was born in Brisbane, Queensland on 17 December 1932 (18 Kislev 5693, Shabbat Parashat Vayishlach).

She was the only child to Munya and Joshua Blumberg. She always took pride in celebrating her birthday twice a year, once on the civil date and once on the Hebrew date.

Her father passed away on 4 March 1961 (16 Adar 5721) in Israel where he is buried. Her mother, a Life Member of WIZO Qld, died in Brisbane 37 years later in Brisbane on 27 May 1998 (3 Sivan 5758). Tova lived in Israel for a very short period with her parents as they had considered moving there.

Tova was very attached to her parents and lived with both until her dad passed on and she then continued living with her mother until her mother passed away.

Tova never married. She lived in the family home in East Brisbane that her father had designed for the greater part of her life, moving to Montefiore Shirah Nursing Home Sydney in March 2019. In early 2000 she began to experience mobility issues. After nearly 20 years her mobility issues progressed to the stage that she could no longer look after herself causing her to explore a move to a Jewish high care facility. Unfortunately, she never really settled into her new home in Sydney so missing Brisbane, but the move was absolutely necessary as she could no longer look after herself here.

She attended Brisbane Girls Grammar School (Class of 1952).

Tova served as Honorary Secretary to the Women’s International Zionist Organisation (WIZO) Qld, for many years as librarian to the United Board of Hebrew Education Queensland (UBHEQ) and was the instigator in the establishment of Friends of Sinai College Brisbane. She really enjoyed attending the monthly Cultural Group gathering of the older generation where a delicious luncheon was prepared by volunteers.

She was a very charitable person contributing both time and money to many Zionist and communal organisations. She was very proud of her parents’ and her family’s significant Jewish Communal involvement in Queensland, which dated back to the establishment of the now State Zionist Council of Queensland. Her passion, especially for education, was so great, but she never looked for personal recognition, only for recognition of her beloved mother and father.

Following her sudden passing in Sydney early evening on Sunday 12 September 2021 and her wish to be buried alongside her mother at Mt Gravatt Jewish Cemetery in Brisbane, arrangements were made to transfer her to Brisbane.

Her funeral which could not take place until Friday 17 September 2021 after Yom Kippur, was attended by many from the community who wished to pay their respects to her for her dedication support and love of Brisbane, the Community and Israel.

May she rest in peace and may her memory always be a blessing

Eulogy prepared by John Goldman and presented by Rabbi Jaffe at Tova’s funeral



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