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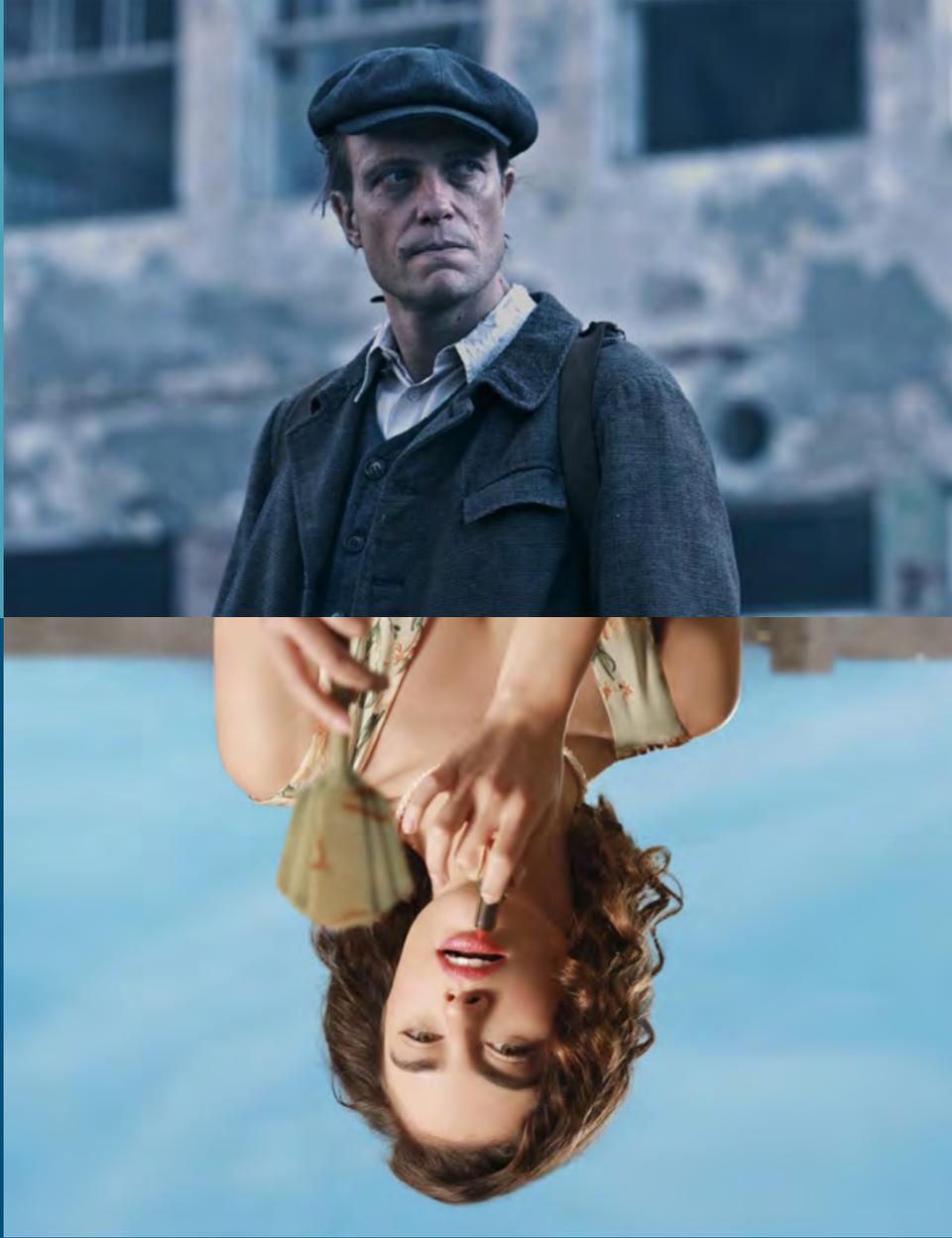
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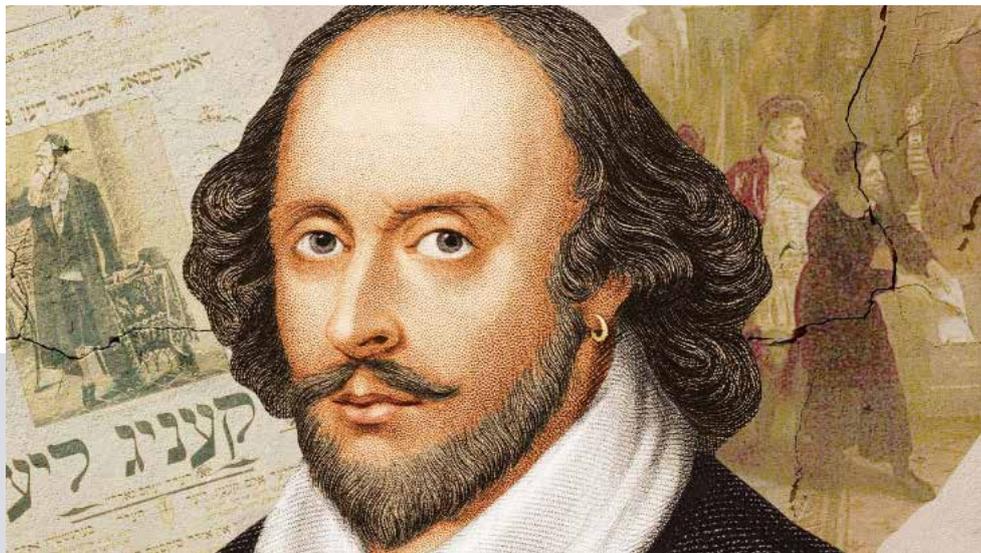
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## SHAKESPEARE and the Jews



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*Dr. Yvette Alt Miller* lives in Chicago, and has lectured internationally on Jewish topics. Her book *Angels at the table: a Practical Guide to Celebrating Shabbat* takes readers through the rituals of Shabbat and more, explaining the full beautiful spectrum of Jewish traditions with warmth and humour. *It has been praised as “life-changing”, a modern classic, and used in classes and discussion groups around the world.*

# How the Bard's plays defined the way audiences look at Jews for generations.

**Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? ... warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed?**

These lines from William Shakespeare's play *The Merchant of Venice* are among his most famous. In the play, Shakespeare indulged in horrible anti-Jewish stereotypes, yet also depicted Jews as real people with feelings and emotions, a thought that was revolutionary at the time.

Shakespeare influenced the ways that Jews have been perceived for hundreds of years. Here are seven little-known facts about Shakespeare, his plays, and Jews.

## 1. Jews were banned from living in England, yet some Jews secretly lived there.

When Shakespeare was born in 1564, Jews had been banned from living in England for 274 years. In the year 1290, England's King Edward I officially barred any Jewish settlement in his kingdom and expelled England's sizable Medieval communities.

Yet Jewish communities did flourish in several towns in England, in secret. Prof. James Shapiro of Columbia University combed historical records for any mention of Jews living in England during Shakespeare's day, and found myriad references to secret Jewish communities. In 1540, a family was brought to court in London on charges of

maintaining their "Jewish and heretical faith" in secret. That same year, official documents record other people "suspected to be Jews" being arrested, also in London. Several references exist to secret Jewish communities in Bristol, about 120 miles from London, during the Renaissance. Portuguese Jews lived in the city, possibly having escaped from the Inquisition in their native land. At

**Given that there were secret Jewish communities living in London at the time, it's possible that Shakespeare knew London Jews.**



*Portrait of Gracia Mendes Nasi.*

least one Ashkenazi Jew, a Prague-born Jewish man named Joachim Gaunse, lived openly for a time in Bristol in the 1580s. (He was eventually arrested on the charge of not believing in Jesus; it's unclear what the outcome of his case was.) In his book *The Woman Who Defied Kings: The Life and Times of Dona Gracia Nasi*, Andree Aelion Brooks describes a clandestine route established

by the secret Portuguese Jew Dona Gracia Nasi in the 1500s. She ran a trading empire and would hide Jews in her ships to smuggle them out of Inquisition-dominated Spain and Portugal (where being a secret Jew could result in torture and death) and bring them into England. There, a Jewish agent known as Christopher Fernandes would ferry the fleeing Jews onto boats bound for the Netherlands, where Jews could live openly.

## 2. Shakespeare knew about Roderigo Lopez, a Jew accused of trying to murder Queen Elizabeth I.

While Shakespeare was living and working in London (he moved to the capital in about the year 1585), he lived within a few miles of another Londoner, a secret Jew named Roderigo Lopez. In 1594, Lopez was arrested and charged with treason and plotting to kill Queen Elizabeth I. His trial gripped all of London: Shakespeare might have been among the throngs watching Lopez's court case and subsequent execution. **The "Lopez Affair" became a defining event of the era. Lopez was a secret Jew, born in 1524 in Portugal.** When it seemed that his Jewish faith might be unmasked, Lopez fled to England where he changed his first name to Ruy and began to practice the medicine that he'd studied back in Portugal. He was a popular physician and quickly attained a high degree of stature and respect in London, specializing in prescribing herbs such as anise and sumac, which today are recognized as having beneficial effects.



Lopes (right) speaking with a Spaniard (engraving by Esaias van Hulsen)

**Queen Elizabeth I named Lopez her royal physician in 1584. It's unclear how secret his Jewish faith remained, but it seems he was known at least to some people as a crypto-Jew. Lopez found himself with some powerful enemies, including the Earl of Essex, who was a close confidante of the queen.**



Queen Elizabeth I

Seeking to rid the court of his arch-enemy, the Earl of Essex accused Lopez of plotting to poison the queen. Queen Elizabeth delayed his trial three months, refusing to believe that her trusted physician would seek to harm her. Eventually, his enemies accused Lopez of treason, leaving the queen with no choice but to try him. The official record of his trial notes that Lopez "like a Jew, did utterly with great oaths and execrations deny all." His Jewishness was front and center during his trial, and sparked anti-Jewish hysteria across the capital.



*The Trial Scene, 'The Merchant of Venice', Act IV, Scene 1.  
Oil on canvas by Robert Smirke.*

### 3. Shakespeare wasn't the only playwright of the time to write about Jews.

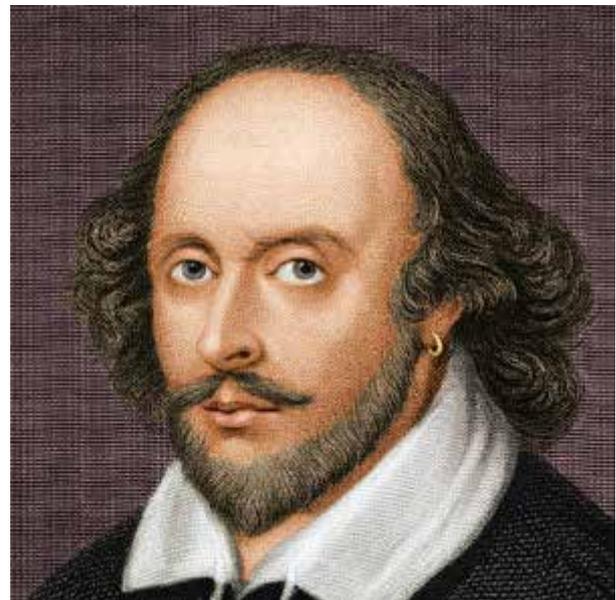
The Merchant of Venice wasn't the only play during Shakespeare's life to depict Jews. In 1596, London readers were treated to a work of fiction called *The Orator* written under the pseudonym Lazarus Piot (likely the author Anthony Munday). One plot line bears a marked similarity to *The Merchant of Venice* and depicts a Jew who demands a "pound of flesh" from a Christian borrower in payment of a debt. (In *The Merchant of Venice*, an evil Jewish moneylender named Shylock demands payment from the Christian character Antonio, even if it kills him.)

In 1571, Queen Elizabeth I had made the dramatic change of legalizing money-lending in England, spawning endless debates about the newly widespread phenomenon of interest-charging loans. Commercial lending was a contentious issue, discussed endlessly in private conversations across in England in the late 1500s, as reflected by usury being a central theme in some English plays.

In 1583, London theatregoers watched *The Three Ladies of London* by playwright Robert Wilson.

This play also featured a Christian borrower who was indebted to a Jew, though in this play it's the Jewish lender who's depicted as the more honourable character.

A few years before Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* premiered, audiences watched *The Jew of Malta* by Christopher Marlowe, first performed in 1592. It features a dastardly, evil Jew named Barrabas who hates all that is good and pure and fiendishly plots to kill his many enemies, including an entire convent full of nuns and a priest. The play ends with Barrabas being burned at the stake.



*William Shakespeare*

Shakespeare scholar Bernard Greenbanier, who taught at Brooklyn College from 1926 to 1964, has written that *The Jew of Malta* can be read primarily as a critique of Christian morals at the time. It did so, however, by creating a horrible caricature of a Jew which shaped audiences' expectations of what Jewish characters looked like.

#### 4. Shakespeare indulged in the antisemitism of the day.

In *The Merchant of Venice*, the Jewish character Shylock is odious, but he also is depicted as human. There can be some sympathy as we watch him. Yet in many of his other plays, Shakespeare displayed the



*The 1943 production of *The Merchant of Venice* directed by Nazi-party member Lothar Mützel*

same casual antisemitism that marked his contemporaries.

**Thus, in the famous cauldron scene in *Macbeth*, one of the disgusting ingredients the witches toss into their potion is “liver of blaspheming Jew”. In *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, the character Launce complains that another character “has no more pity in him than a dog. A Jew would have wept” yet he did not. In *Much Ado About Nothing*,**

**the character Benedick declares his love for Beatrice, saying “if I do not love her, I am a Jew.” For Shakespeare, as for most Englishmen at the time, Jews were shorthand for something bad, not real human beings.**

#### 5. *The Merchant of Venice* was a favorite play in Nazi Germany

British Lawyer Anthony Julius has observed that ever since it was written, *The Merchant of Venice* has been used to depict whatever anti-Jewish stereotypes were most prevalent at the time. “The reception history of the play confirms that Shylock is taken by reader and audience to be a representative Jew.”

**The play’s negative depiction of Jews made it a favorite in Nazi Germany. Between 1933 and 1939, there were over 50 performances in Germany. Audiences were encouraged to boo and jeer whenever Shylock appeared on the stage. A special performance of the play marked the day in 1943 when Vienna officially announced that it was Judeinrein, empty of all Jews.**

#### 6. Modern-day audiences have yelled anti-Jewish jeers at Shylock.

Shakespeare’s theater troupe was known as the Lord Chamberlain’s Men. In 1599 they built their own theater building in London called the Globe Theater. After that theater burned down, a second Globe Theater was rebuilt in 1614. The theater closed 28 years later, and in 1997 it was rebuilt once again near its original location near the River Thames; it’s since become a popular tourist destination in London.



The Globe Theater

Audiences are encouraged to be loud and rowdy, just as they were in Shakespeare’s day. That behavior wasn’t the only way in which audiences mimicked Shakespeare’s times. During one early performance of *The Merchant of Venice* in 1998, audiences hissed and booed at Shylock, jeering whenever the Jewish character appeared onstage.

Theater critic Carole Woddis wrote that watching the play in the newly rebuilt Globe “still uncomfortably reinforces racial, Jewish stereotypes.” (Responding to criticism, then Globe director Mark Rylance robustly defended the audiences’ reactions as part of an authentic theatrical experience.)

## 7. Yiddish audiences embraced Shakespeare

During the heyday of Yiddish theater, Shakespeare’s plays were perennial favorites, translated into Yiddish and sometimes altered to include more Jewish storylines. “By the early 1890s American Yiddish actors were wild about Shakespeare,” notes Joel Berkowitz in his book *Shakespeare on the American Yiddish Stage* (University of Iowa Press: 2010). Yiddish-speaking audiences in New York could watch Yiddish versions of *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and even *The Merchant of Venice*.

Sometimes Shakespeare’s plays in Yiddish were advertised as *ibergezetst un farbesert* – translated and improved. That was certainly the case with *The Jewish King Lear*, premiered in 1892. In this version, the hero is Dovid Moysheles, a Jewish merchant from Vilna who decides to divide his estate between his three daughters and move to the Land of Israel. (Like *King Lear*, Moysheles misjudges his daughters’ characters. He ends up as a homeless, blind beggar, accompanied by his trusted servant Shammai.) The play was made into a feature film in 1934, and lives on a testament to the enduring popularity of Shakespeare’s plays. Endlessly elastic and interesting, able to be recycled and reinvented, Shakespeare’s works continue to challenge and entertain.



King Lear in Yiddish

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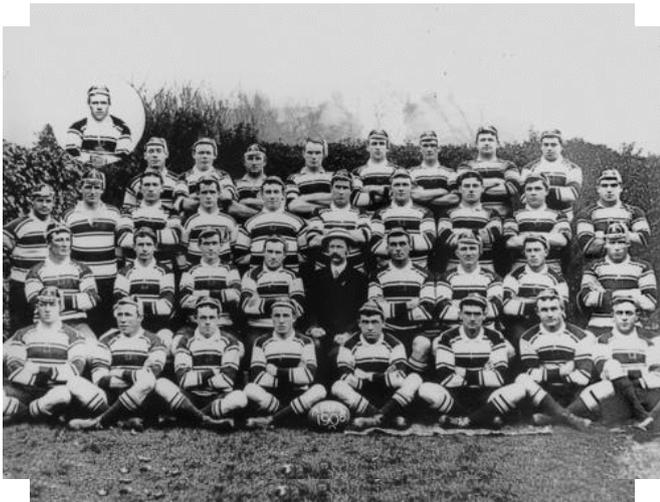
**FROM AUSTRALIA'S JEWISH PAST:**  
*Albert Aaron Rosenfeld*  
– one of Australia's  
greatest rugby heroes



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Albert, known as “Rozyy”, was born on 28 July 1885, the son of a Jewish tailor.



*Albert (Rozyy) Rosenfeld (back row, far right) with 1908 Kangaroos*

**He pioneered Australian Rugby League, as a foundation player in the New South Wales Rugby Football League which had split away from the established New South Wales Rugby Football Union.**

His first game was for the Eastern Suburbs Club in the Australian inaugural season 1908/1909. This took place on Easter Monday 1908 in the Easts’ team that beat Newtown 32-16.

He represented his country in four Test Matches, making his Test debut in Australia’s first ever international series against New Zealand in 1908 where he played in all three matches. Later that season he was selected for Australia’s inaugural Kangaroo Tour (1908/09), making one Test appearance and playing in 13 minor representative matches.

Rozzy set a number of try-scoring records, including the Standing World First-grade Record of 80 tries in a season in 1913/1914.

Whilst on tour in England, he married Ethel Barrand and they had one son. The local club – Huddersfield- moved him to the wing position and he became a try-scoring sensation. In the English season of 1911/12, he set a new try-scoring record for one season with 78 tries, only to better two seasons later by scoring 80. To date, neither mark has been beaten in England or Australia. The nearest anyone has come was 72, coincidentally by another Australian and former Eastern Suburbs player, Brian Bevan, also playing in England in the 1952/53 season.

Other clubs Rozzy played for included Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity (Heritage No 277), where he played right wing in the Wakefield Trinity’s 3-29 defeat by Australia in the 1921/22 Kangaroo Tour of Great Britain match at Belle Vue, Wakefield on 22 October 1921.

His phenomenal try-scoring record is all the more amazing, considering his career was interrupted by three years of active service in the British Army from 1916 to 1919 in the Mesopotamian Campaign.

**His rugby career spanned from 1908 to 1924. During this time he scored 391 tries with these try-scoring feats earning him a place in the British Rugby League Hall of Fame in 1988. In 2005, he was accepted into the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame with his official induction to take place at the 2009 Maccabiah Games. He is one of only two rugby league players to be so honoured. Albert (Rozyy) Rosenfeld was awarded Life Membership of the New South Wales Rugby League in 1914.**



*Albert (Rozzy) Rosenfeld middle centre (under the lamp)  
with the 1908 Kangaroos*

**He retired at the age of thirty-nine and lived out his life in Huddersfield. He owned a tobacco shop and worked as a van driver and in a local dye house.**

Unfortunately, his son Albert 'Aussie' Rosenfeld died following a speedway accident on 6 July 1946, during a crash which took him into the fence at Odsal Stadium England, with 34,000 spectators. He died on 16 July in hospital.

**In February 2008, he was named in the list of Australia's 100 Greatest Players (1908–2007) which was commissioned by the NRL and ARL to celebrate the code's centenary year in Australia.**

He died aged 85 years on 16 January 1998 and was the last of the inaugural Kangaroo Tourists to die.



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# HOLOCAUST MUSEUM ..... CALLS FOR OBJECTS AND ARTEFACTS .....

The Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre (QHMEC) is launching a call for any Holocaust-related items to be donated to the museum.

Museum chairman, Jason Steinberg, said there may be Holocaust survivors in Queensland or family members and friends of survivors who could have incredible objects in their possession and who may love to see these housed in museum-like conditions and preserved for posterity.

*“The museum will utilise any precious objects and items to educate both Queenslanders, national and international visitors. We will tell the amazing and personal stories of survival during the Holocaust; we will tell the stories of the heroes who saved lives and document history in its most compelling form,” Jason said.*

*“Items we are seeking could emanate from the camps, the ghettos, the time before the Holocaust, during the Holocaust itself and from the aftermath.*

*“We have already received some incredible artefacts for which we are incredibly grateful. It is so important to depict the period in a visually compelling way.”*

Items of interest to the museum include, but are not limited to:

- **Documents, letters, photographs**
- **Personal items**
- **Camp items**
- **Films and testimony**
- **Queensland Jewish history**
- **Nazi propaganda may also be considered.**
- **The QHMEC’s curatorial committee will carefully assess each items and will document, research and preserve each artefact for posterity.**



*“There is a diminishing window of opportunity to collect items from those closely associated with the Holocaust as many survivors are in their 80s or late 90s,” Jason said.*

*“We believe there is an abundance of material in community hands at risk of remaining undiscovered. Our mission is to gather as much original material from survivors and their descendants while it is still possible.”*

If you would like to know more and request a copy of the QHMEC Object Collection form and frequently asked questions, please email [info@hmq.org.au](mailto:info@hmq.org.au)

GOING TO POT

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# CAPITALISM HAD ISRAEL'S KIBBUTZIM ON THE ROPES - *then* *they discovered pot*



*Gil Rabinovitch outside his home on the kibbutz.  
CREDIT: PHOTO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST BY HEIDI LEVINE*

BY SHIRA RUBIN

THE AGE

Israel's iconic communal farms known as kibbutzim have faced a constant threat of extinction since the country pivoted to capitalism four decades ago. But a lucrative new cash crop is now promising to help keep the kibbutz movement alive: cannabis.

**“It feels like we could be pioneers,”** said Gil Rabinovitch, 33, who heads cultivation at the Intercure marijuana farm in Nir Oz, in the Negev desert nearly five kilometres from the Gaza Strip.

The kibbutz has dedicated about 17 hectares to cultivate marijuana. Inside the cavernous greenhouses, the plants are arranged in biodegradable bags on long tables, a variety of bespoke strains in shades of green and purple. Sensors monitor the plants, and about 100 employees in protective coverings trim, dry and cure the cannabis with a technique the company says enhances the plants' medical properties.

Dozens of kibbutzim like Nir Oz have entered Israel's burgeoning medical marijuana industry as it moves to the country's mainstream, said Saul Kaye, a pharmacist and founder of the cannabis pharmacy group HiPharm.

After Israel approved marijuana exports in 2020 and lawmakers introduced a bill last fall to make cannabis more available domestically, the country is now anticipating

hundreds of new cannabis-related jobs and a financial windfall forecast to reach \$2.8 billion to \$4.2 billion a year, according to a joint statement by Israel's Economy and Health ministries. The Israeli Innovation Authority has said it will invest nearly \$14 million to launch a cannabis incubator in the southern desert town of Yeruham, alongside an almost \$56 million investment by the private Israeli cannabis manufacturing company Breath of Life.

**“It took time for a critical mass of about 40,000 patients to be here in Israel, which started to have a ripple effect”** as more members of Israel's parliament came to know people with prescriptions for medical marijuana, Kaye said. **“Now the government is saying we want this to be an industry.”**

Today, more than 100,000 Israelis hold a permit allowing them to possess or use medical marijuana. They include Israeli soldiers with post-traumatic stress disorder, whose cannabis treatment is covered by the government, and children with epilepsy and



*Gil Rabinovitch, who heads cultivation at the Intercure marijuana farm in Nir Oz, examines plants under LED lights. CREDIT:PHOTO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST BY HEIDI LEVINE*

autism, whose treatment is mostly subsidised by national HMOs. Recreational use is still illegal, but possession of small amounts was decriminalised three years ago. In Israel's early, uncertain decades, kibbutzim were the nation's breadbasket, and their members had an outsize influence in the parliament, or Knesset. Adhering to a socialist

ideology, residents earned equal pay, ate together in communal dining halls, sent their children to live together in separate houses from their parents, and needed to ask permission to use shared vehicles or travel abroad. But the kibbutzim were threatened as capitalism took hold and younger members fled for jobs elsewhere.

Recently, however, an increasing number are returning, and the kibbutzim are rebranding. Nir Oz, for instance, has abandoned its original communal model. Families now live together in their own private homes, and the farm also employs nonmembers. Rabinovitch, who moved to Nir Oz after years as a cannabis trimmer in California's Sonoma Valley, is part of a new generation of Israelis who see working in weed on a kibbutz as preferable to employment in the county's main technology hub, centred in Israel's expensive and traffic-clogged central region. On the kibbutz, said Rabinovitch joyfully, there's not much to do besides grab a drink at the sole local pub, visit with neighbours and drive along the rugged desert landscapes. "Living close to the farm makes it easy for you to have a balanced lifestyle," said Rabinovitch, who often wears a smile on his well-tanned face and rides to work on an electric bike. "You have your weekends, and if you need to do small bits and pieces, you can go over and then get back to your life."



*Bedouin women in full protective suits do the final trim and quality check of marijuana buds under sterile conditions at Intercure in Nir Oz. CREDIT: PHOTO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST BY HEIDI LEVINE*

Marijuana farming is the next frontier for Israel, which has for decades been at the vanguard of cannabis research. In the 1960s, Raphael Mechoulam, a professor at Hebrew University known today in the industry as the "grandfather of cannabis research," analysed a stash of Lebanese hashish and was the first to isolate and then synthesise marijuana's psychoactive ingredients. His research has led to projects to stabilise THC and CBD at the state-run Volcani Institute, studies on which strains

have greater pain relief properties at the Multidisciplinary Center on Cannabinoid Research at Hebrew University, and clinical trials on the efficacy and safety of cannabis oil for children with autism at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in central Israel. Researchers have only just begun to understand the potential for treating neurological and physical illnesses, but industry experts expect studies to advance more quickly now that they are being integrated into large-scale projects on kibbutzim, which conduct research in both on-site and off-site labs. Kibbutzim hold rare permits for vast areas of land and can raise the capital to build the kinds of high-tech greenhouses needed to clone, grow and monitor marijuana at levels necessary to meet Israel's medical standards, according to former Israeli prime minister and former kibbutznik Ehud Barak, who is chairman of the Intercure marijuana farm in Nir Oz.

Barak is among a growing cadre of former politicians, security chiefs and other high-profile public figures who have been joining



*Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak.*

the boards of Israeli cannabis companies as consultants and investors and have been trying to advance the industry by securing regulatory reforms.

He said this emerging industry is a good fit for kibbutzim seeking to find their place in modern Israel.

**"After 80 years, there's a strong country. It became a little absurd to have these lives of sacrifice when everything around has become normalised,"** he said.

While kibbutzim were "once about survival," he added, they are now poised to play a central role in a cannabis industry that has "turned from being a dream, a great story - into a business where you need to show a bottom line every quarter."

# Kibbutz Naveh

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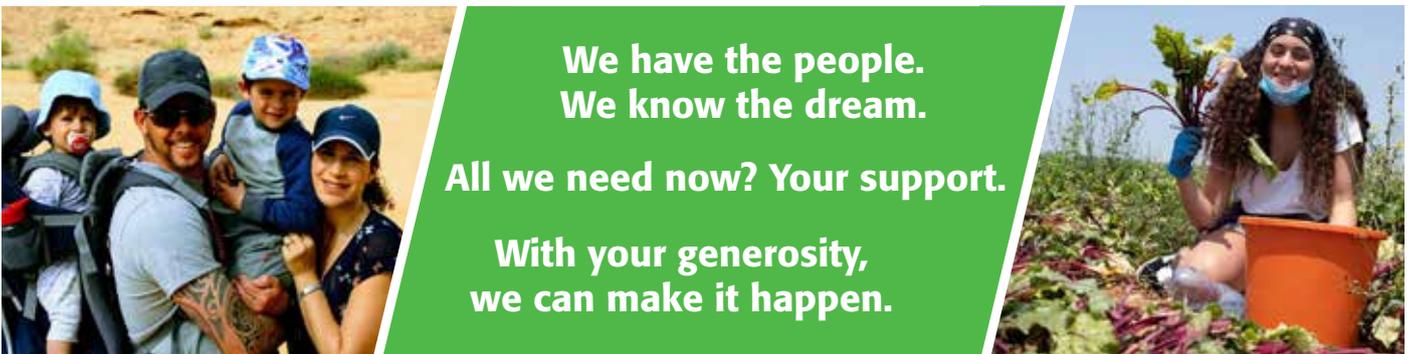
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# Eulogy

*Written and prepared by Syd's daughter Kay and delivered by Rabbi David Kemens at Syd's funeral in Sydney on 16 February 2022*



## Syd Bogan

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It's going to be hard imagining life here without Syd.

Syd was such a youthful, strong, enthusiastic and vibrant force in all of our lives.

Syd began life on 28 October 1927 at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington to Jack and Lizza Bogan or Bogoridoff as they were known then. He was the fifth of seven children. The family consisted of Billy, Mena, Phillip, Edie, Syd, Pauline and Rita.

He grew up in Bondi Junction, attending Waverley Public School and Paddington Technical High School. His enthusiasm for life manifested itself in many high spirited antics – like jumping off the cliffs at Queens Park with a beach umbrella to land on a poor homeless person, or skating past the local greengrocer on the corner of Birrell Street and Bronte Road with a dart in hand to secure a waiting orange from the baskets on the footpath or sending his younger sister Rita down Birrell Street in a pram at high speed. Then there was the swimming across the ponds in Centennial Park to collect leaches to sell to the local pharmacist, all while collecting wild blackberries on the islands. His antics did not escape his father's attention, especially when the greengrocer caught him one day and threatened him with his life, then summons his father to dish out the requisite punishment.

In his teenage years, Syd trained as a barber, as his father before him. He worked in Bondi and then David Jones in the city.

Syd's adventures took him to Brisbane in 1950 to attend his sister Pauline's marriage to Morrie. He then met Judith, his wife of 70 years. She had just lost her father the month before, so their courting simply amounted to walks around the block. They then became engaged very shortly thereafter and married on 1 March 1952.

Whilst on their honeymoon in Redcliffe, Syd saw an ad in the Brisbane Courier Mail for an empty barber shop. So on 17 March 1952 he opened his own business in Clayfield. He later moved his business closer to home and ended up in Holland Park. His many devoted clients followed him wherever he set up in Brisbane. He had many well known and interesting patrons. He even featured in a large photo and write up in the Courier Mail when he continued to service his devoted customers after breaking a leg and working in a plaster cast.



Syd was a jazz enthusiast. He practiced his trumpet and later trombone with great relish, and even joined the ABC big band in Brisbane during the late '50's and into the '60's. His taste was completely at odds with Judith's, which was opera and Mario Lanza.

Syd's love of Rugby League overlapped two cities – the Roosters in Sydney and the Tigers in Brisbane. They were both ironically eastern suburbs clubs. He was there at the inception of the Tigers Club and was a selector for many years. He was responsible for signing up many of the inaugural members and now the club has over 35,000.

Syd was the most devoted and loyal husband and father. In February 1954, he and Judith welcomed their daughter Kay and in November 1956 their son Darryl was born. He gave his all to his family, making sure no opportunity was missed. Swimming lessons, Girl Guides and Scouts, tennis lessons, speech and drama lessons and driving the kids to Cheder every Sunday morning. There were countless picnics, visits to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, trips to the Gold Coast for the day, dinners at Mamma Luigi's in St. Pauls Terrace, Chinese at Rocklea and Jacks Hamburgers in the 'Gabba, family gatherings and fun nights at the Hoffman's in Juliette Street. Lots of laughter and good times.

He was part of a huge family network and always kept up with as many relatives as possible, whether in Sydney or Brisbane.

In March 1999 Syd had a brush with death with the diagnosis of kidney cancer. In true Syd style, he had the kidney out immediately, came out of hospital in three days and didn't look back. Just a blip on the radar.

In January 2005, Syd and Judith made the momentous decision to move from Brisbane to Sydney to see in their twilight years. It proved to be most rewarding, seeing their grandchildren married and producing their beloved great grandchildren.

His greatest achievement and love in life were his 6 grandchildren Brendan, Emily, Jessica, Ryan, Andrew and Kellie and their partners, Jodi, Mike, Eris, Kimmi, and Jea and soon to be 7 great grandchildren, Kobe Ella, Jordan, Miller, Jones, Harvie and another due in June. He and Judith worshipped the ground they stood on. Sadly they lost Sue, Darryl's wife in March 2018, but have embraced Kerry into the family.

He loved exercise, sneaking in push ups and using the gym equipment, despite Judith's stern warnings not to do so. He was always seen sprinting through Bondi Junction.

He loved lemons, cold showers and diving into the ocean. He also really enjoyed his golf. He hated chicken, cinnamon, matzah and spiders. He loved making impromptu speeches at any occasion.

His love of life drove him to fight so relentlessly in his brush with pancreatitis brought on by a stupid gall stone lodging in his pancreatic duct. He was so determined to beat that too and refused to buy that it would eventually defeat him.

He was a proud, robust, straight down the line individual. We all loved him dearly and he certainly lived a fantastic and full 94 years.



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