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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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For this year's annual JNF campaign, JNF is building protected playgrounds for at-risk children in the Negev. However, JNF can't keep these kids safe, without your kindness and generosity.

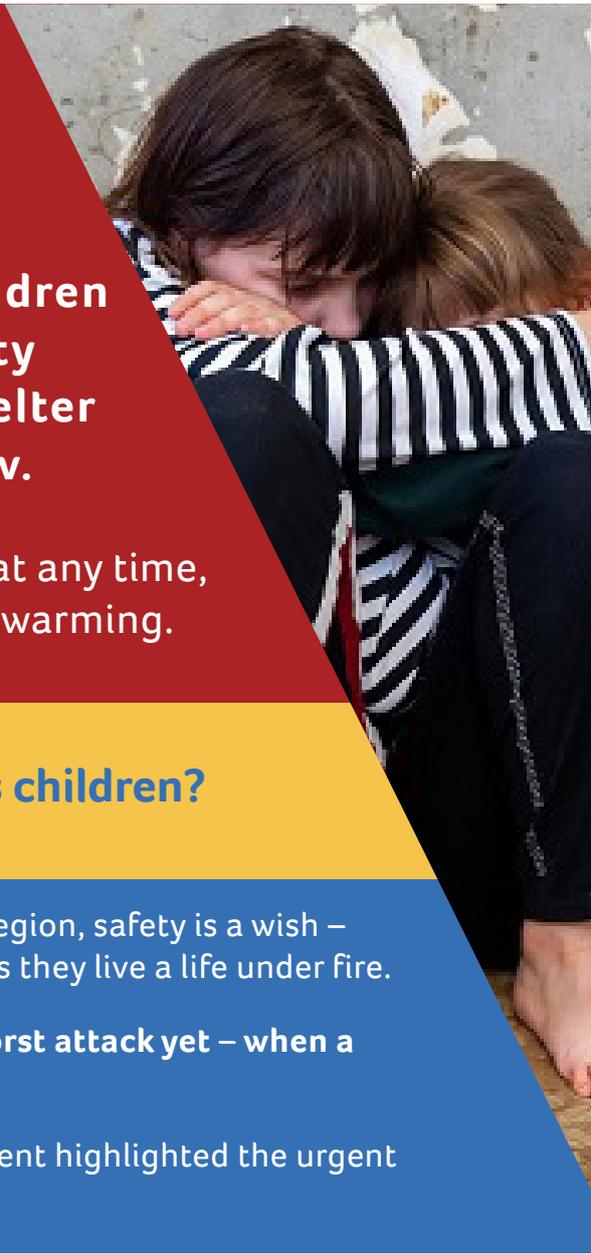
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SECONDS

is how long kindergarten children have to find safety under a bomb shelter in Sha'ar HaNegev.

An attack can occur at any time, on any day - without warning.



Will you help JNF protect these precious children?

For many children and their families in the Sha'ar HaNegev region, safety is a wish – not a reality. Over the last 15 years, they have lived in fear, as they live a life under fire.

In May 2021, the violence escalated, culminating in the worst attack yet – when a sophisticated Hamas missile struck a kindergarten.

Although the kindergarten was closed at the time, this incident highlighted the urgent need for safe play areas.



A CRITICAL NEED. AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT.

JNF is partnering with the Sha’ar HaNegev communities to build green and protected environments for 14 kindergartens across the region. Because safe play should be a right, not a luxury.

Similarly, the playgrounds will provide protection against unpredictable threats.

So, will *you* help JNF offer safety and hope to these children who need it most?

WITH YOUR GENEROSITY, WE WILL BUILD THIS.

Every contribution – big or small – will go towards building these protected outdoor areas.

This includes funding for:

- Fencing
- Playground equipment, such as slides, sandboxes, swings
- Grass
- Vegetable garden beds
- Shelters

While also helping these children:

- Stay safe
- Enjoy greater wellbeing
- Experience a sense of normality
- To have an emotional escape from the threats they endure



How *you* can play your part?

Your support will bring moments of joy – and a world of peace to parents who need it most.

At the same time, you will be helping JNF safeguard and strengthen communities in the Negev to ensure the future of Israel.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership with JNF Australia.

With your support we are continuing to grow Israel’s future– our future – in the Negev leaving a mutual legacy for generations to come!



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CENSUS DATA

Record number of Jews



Members of the Sydney Jewish community at a pro-Israel rally. Photo: File

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS

BY PETER KOHN

THE LATEST CENSUS FIGURE OF 99,956 JEWS IS A 9.8 PER CENT RISE ON THE 2016 NATIONAL FIGURE OF 91,023. THE 2021 JEWISH POPULATION FIGURE FALLS IN LINE WITH PROJECTIONS BASED ON THE LAST 40 YEARS OF CENSUS FIGURES OF AUSTRALIA'S JEWISH POPULATION.

THERE were almost 100,000 Jewish Australians in 2021, according to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures released this week from the 2021 Australian Census – 99,956 to be precise, a figure the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ) has indicated is an all-time record.

After the Census figures came out on Tuesday, ECAJ co-CEO Peter Wertheim

said that the 2021 Jewish population figure falls in line with projections based on the last 40 years of Census figures of Australia's Jewish population and corrects apparently anomalous figures from the 2016 Census.

Wertheim noted that the 2016 Census had been the first to place the 'no religion' category at the top of the religion questions, perhaps drawing an unusually high response from Jewish Australians who do not consider themselves religious. He also noted the technical difficulties with the online version of the 2016 Census, which crashed on Census night that year, affecting the data intake.

The 2016 Census produced a count of only some 91,000 Jews, which was markedly down from the 2011 Census figure of around 97,000 and raised questions about the reliability of data drawn from the 2016 Census, said Wertheim.

The apparent reduction in the number of Jews in Australia "flows from the 2016 Census, but the ABS didn't accept that", he recounted.

However, the latest Census figure of 99,956 Jews is a 9.8 per cent rise on the 2016 national figure of 91,023. "In 2021, we find there were 99,956 Jews – these are figures we expected on the 40-year trend," stated Wertheim, describing the record Australian Jewish population as "a dramatic increase on the 2016 figure of 91,000-plus which we always maintained was skewed by flaws in the 2016 Census".

Wertheim noted that the anomalies of the 2016 Census in counting Jewish population were laid out in the Gen17 report.

Based on undercounting due to some Holocaust survivors not indicating their religion, and the 'no religion' option remaining at the top of the questions in 2021, there are probably as many as 120,000 Jewish Australians today, he estimated.



State and territory figures from the 2021 Census reveal that Victoria remains the most populous Jewish state or territory in Australia, with 46,645 Jews, a 10.4 per cent increase on the 2016 figures. New South Wales followed closely with a Jewish population of 40,249, up 9.1 per cent on 2016. The two eastern states account for around 85 per cent of Australia's Jewish community.

Western Australia was third in line with 5669 Jews, a 4.5 per cent rise on five years earlier. Queensland's Jewish population swelled to 4815, up 9.7 per cent from 2016. South Australia's 1145 Jews were up 11.2 per cent on 2016. The Census showed there were 886 Jews in the Australian Capital Territory, a 36.9 per cent rise in the five-year period. Tasmania followed, with 376 Jews, a 50.4 per cent jump on 2016, and 163 Jews in the Northern Territory, 38.1 per cent more than in 2016.

Categorising Jewish population by region of birth, the 2021 Census found there were 55,860 Jews born in Australia. The second most common birthplace of Australian Jews was sub-Saharan Africa (including South Africa), at 13,701. A total of 6296 were born in north-western Europe, 7711 in southern and eastern Europe, 7668 in north Africa and the

Middle East, 481 in south-east Asia, 358 in north-east Asia, 794 in southern and central Asia, and 4179 in the Americas.

The federal electorate with the largest Jewish population was Wentworth in NSW (19,691), followed by Macnamara in Victoria (16,686).

Wertheim said more comprehensive analysis of Census data will indicate any Jewish population shifts between local government areas.

JCA demographer Dr David Graham cautioned that the 2021 Census data might have inflated the Jewish population count slightly, as pandemic travel restrictions meant that on Census night more young adults than usual were in Australia, and more young people found themselves in the family home, with a parent indicating their child's religious status in the Census form.

"That is all guesswork, we don't know, but what we almost certainly do know is that it isn't due to some massive natural increase, as in huge numbers of births, and almost certainly not to do with net migration," he said.

POINT OF VIEW

Banning anti-Zionism: Feasible? Desirable?



JEWISH NEWS SYNDICATE

BY **BEN COHEN**

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THE DEPICTION OF ISRAEL AS AN APARTHEID STATE IS WRONG AND IMMORAL, BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE ILLEGAL, FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT BANNING CERTAIN TYPES OF SPEECH IS A GATEWAY TO FURTHER, UNEXPECTED RESTRICTIONS.

One of the main differences between the American and European systems of democratic government is the absence, on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, of a First Amendment-style guarantee of free speech. In the United States, for example, it's perfectly legitimate for a neo-Nazi or an Islamist to deny the Holocaust and display hateful symbols at the same time, while in Europe such activities could theoretically land one with a prison sentence.

Europe, in general, regards hate speech and hate gestures as a form of criminality; it eschews the American approach that such outbursts should be protected, however offensive the words or images might be. And so, it's worth examining whether anti-Zionist expressions of anti-Semitism—denying Israel's right to exist, comparing Israel with Nazi Germany and so forth—should also fall under the rubric of the European courts, rather than being tested by public opinion. Two distinct questions arise here: Are legal penalties for anti-Zionism feasible? And are they desirable? These issues are not entirely abstract. In Germany and the United Kingdom, for example, the annual “Al Quds Day” (“Jerusalem Day”) rally sponsored by the Iranian regime has been banned in recent years, largely because its open call for the destruction of Israel is invariably accompanied by vulgar anti-Semitic rhetoric. The last time the rally was staged in Berlin, in 2019, one of its organizers told a Jewish counter-demonstrator that “Hitler should come back and kill all the Jews.” Meanwhile, in London in 2017, calls for Israel's elimination served as the perfect cover for one speaker, who told the crowd that “Zionists” were directly responsible for the devastating fire that tore through a public housing complex in the west of the city during the same year. After several years of lobbying and complaints from Jewish representatives, the authorities finally realized that, at least in the case of the “Al Quds Day” rally, anti-Zionism was not some liberal appeal for the human rights of Palestinians but a vehicle for attacking local Jews and the State of Israel simultaneously.

That observation should serve as a reminder that the main victims of anti-Zionist activism, particularly the BDS campaign seeking to quarantine Israel from the international community, have not been Israeli companies, but Jews living in Diaspora communities. Especially in campus settings, calls to boycott Israel have frequently involved harassment of individual Jews who, while they might well sympathize with the Jewish state, are not its citizens.

Since the 11-day conflict in Gaza between Israel and Hamas in May 2021, that harassment has increasingly taken on a violent form. On both sides of the Atlantic Ocean last year, the slogan “Free Palestine” became inseparable from the physical attacks

on Jews, anti-Semitic chants and other horrors that accompanied these ostensible demonstrations of “solidarity.”

What these examples suggest is that the boundary between anti-Zionist rhetoric and hate speech is blurred indeed, while the causal relationship between such rhetoric and anti-Semitic violence has, sadly, become firmly established. One European politician is now calling for anti-Zionist incitement to be prosecuted in much the same way as expressions of traditional anti-Semitism or racism.

Meeting last week with a group of visiting American Jews, the head of the city government in the Spanish capital Madrid, Isabel Díaz Ayuso, informed them that she had submitted an amendment to the European Union’s comprehensive strategy to combat anti-Semitism that would criminalize calls for Israel’s destruction. While the exact details of the proposal have not been explained, it’s reasonable to assume that a slogan like “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” which is precisely a call for Israel’s destruction, would theoretically fall foul of the law. Ditto with flags and banners showing Israel’s Star of David crossed out or replaced with a Nazi swastika. As we know from the “Al Quds Day” rallies and the pro-Palestinian demonstrations last year, wherever such slogans are visible, anti-Semitic violence is not far behind.

Not every aspect of this problem is so easily analyzed, however. Should the organizations sponsoring these activities also be banned? Again, that is not an abstract question; in March, French Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin banned two pro-Palestinian organizations for promoting “hatred, violence and discrimination,” although that decision was later overturned through

a legal appeal. Essentially, Darmanin was compelled to realize that his concerns about anti-Semitic incitement were matched by the concerns of others about freedom of speech and assembly.

Those rights cannot easily be dismissed, even when the subject is something as outrageous as the BDS movement, which is built upon a series of fabrications about the nature of Israel—that it is a racist and colonial entity in which Jews segregate and oppress Palestinians through a framework of apartheid. Whether Díaz Ayuso’s proposal would criminalize those who advance this argument is unclear, but regardless, doing so is inadvisable. Those academics and pundits who demean Israel as an apartheid state, carefully making clear at the same time that they scorn anti-Semitism in all its forms, will not be silenced by such measures and will wear any bans or restrictions as a badge of pride.

Rather than seeking to criminalize anti-Zionism in toto, European governments would be better off carving out those aspects that can uncomplicatedly be dealt with by the law, such as preventing the public display of Hezbollah or Hamas flags on the grounds that these incite violence and promote anti-Semitic organizations, and allow civil society to adjudicate the broader political debates.

The depiction of Israel as an apartheid state is wrong and immoral, but it shouldn’t be illegal, for the simple reason that banning certain types of speech is a gateway to further, unexpected restrictions. Additionally, the cause of defending Israel would be severely compromised, perhaps fatally, by the shuttering of anti-Zionist associations. As we’ve discovered over the last two decades, debates and arguments with these groups are frustrating and often pointless, and yet there is no substitute for them. If the goal is to persuade the wider public that Israel’s existence marks a positive for the world, then clamping down on the free speech of Israel’s adversaries sends the signal, however much we might wish otherwise, that the Jewish state’s allies have lost the argument.

AUSTRALIA TODAY

Appointment a historic first



Rabbanit Judith Levitan



AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS

RABBANIT
JUDITH LEVITAN
OF MAROUBRA
SYNAGOGUE IN
SYDNEY, AND
RABBI ARI RUBIN
OF CHABAD
HOUSE IN CAIRNS
HAVE BEEN
APPOINTED AS
CHAPLAINS TO
THE AUSTRALIAN
DEFENCE FORCE.

Two new Jewish chaplains have been appointed to the Australian Defence Force (ADF), including the first Jewish woman, marking a significant milestone in the history of Jewish chaplaincy in Australia.

The two appointees are Rabbanit Judith Levitan of Maroubra Synagogue in Sydney, and Rabbi Ari Rubin of Chabad House in Cairns.

Rabbi Ralph Genende, senior rabbi to the ADF and member of the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services (RACS), said, "In the demanding and challenging ADF selection process, the two new chaplains were both found to be exceptionally worthy candidates.

"I am particularly pleased and privileged to welcome the first Jewish woman to this role."

Rabbanit Levitan, a lawyer at Legal Aid NSW and religious programs coordinator at Maroubra Synagogue, is the first female Jewish chaplain appointed to the ADF.

"I believe I can provide a diverse perspective and an additional point of access for army women and men to chaplaincy services," she said.

Rabbanit Levitan received semichah (rabbinic ordination) from Yeshivat Maharat in New York and currently serves on the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (NCJWA).

"I see my role primarily as providing a comforting and empathetic presence to army personnel on their life journeys, and offering support in times of crisis, challenge and celebration," Rabbanit Levitan said.

Rabbi Ari Rubin, director of the Chabad Centre for Jewish Life in North Queensland, was ordained at the Rabbinical College of America and has undertaken rabbinical apprenticeships across the globe. He is also a rabbi for Chabad of Rural and Regional Australia (RARA).

Rabbi Rubin said the chaplaincy was a natural extension of his role as a community rabbi, as visits to hospitals, universities, aged care homes and defence bases are all part of the pastoral care services he offers.

"I am so excited to be a part of the defence family representing our religious values to the men and women," he said.

"I am proud to be able to give back to the country that has given us so much."

The appointment of the two chaplains was marked at an event in Sydney on July 19 hosted by Jewish Chaplaincy, the NSW Association of Jewish Service & Ex-Service Men & Women (NAJEX) and the NSW Jewish War Memorial.

Eulogy

Benjamin Paratz

June 1992 to April 2022

By his parents David and Gail

Our beautiful son Benjamin passed away at his home in Melbourne in early April 2022.

The last time he was seen was when he left his work at Essendon Airport in Melbourne on a Wednesday evening, happy as always. He was looking forward to an adventure over the next few days. Ben owned a light aircraft, a single engine Piper Comanche 260C. It is a fast touring aircraft and seats six people. He had bought it almost 2 years before in good condition, but needing care and attention. Since then he had stripped it down, repaired or replaced anything that was needed, and had brought it to fine flying condition. He loved that aircraft.

He was due to fly to a Comanche Club fly-in and training meeting that weekend at an airfield at Deniliquin in New South Wales. It was to be his first flight in his own aircraft to a club meeting. Ben never made that flight.

Concerns as to his whereabouts were raised, and he was found on that Friday morning.

We know beyond doubt that he did not take his own life, that no foul play was involved, and that the suddenness was such that he did not suffer.

Every morning, the first thing that observant Jews say on waking is the prayer known as 'Modeh Ani' which says 'I thank you, living and eternal king, for giving me back my soul in mercy. Great is your faithfulness'.

Sadly, Ben's soul departed during the night, and did not return.



The reality is that he has been taken from us, finally and irretrievably.

My wife Gail and I married in our late 30's. Neither of us had children, and we both dearly wanted them. We were delighted when only two months after we married, Gail became pregnant. A beautiful baby boy was born who we named Benjamin. We were unsure whether we would have more children, so we also gave him the names of both maternal and paternal grandfathers who had previously passed away, and so he became Benjamin Thomas Louis.

Our joy was increased two years later when his brother Jonathon, was born. Both of our boys have given us joy and happiness that cannot be measured. Our pride in both of them is beyond measure.

Now our Benjamin is gone. The image we have of his life is of a shooting star that blazed across the heavens, then abruptly burnt out.

As a child, Ben was happy, smiling, inquisitive and hands-on. He was always making machines, and model aircraft. As he grew, his skills grew in sophistication, and as a teenager he was making versions of the earliest Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. Our pride was immense to see him lead his school team to conduct the first fully autonomous flight by a student team, and win the Queensland Schools UAV Challenge.



Benjamin went on to become an incredibly skilled Licenced Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. Aviation was his passion and his life. His workmates were his friends, and his workplace was like a home.

His working career was focussed on AW139 helicopters - large twin jet turbine helicopters operated by the emergency services. He was one of only a few people in Australia to have completed a training course on the type at the factory in Italy. He worked on these for the Victorian Ambulance Service, and the Victorian Police Air Wing.

He was always seeking new experiences. Many of them made us worry for his safety, but he would assure us that it was not luck but careful risk management that would keep him safe.

So we watched, worried and marvelled, as the motorcycles got bigger and more powerful; as his paragliding got more advanced; as he flew his light aircraft on longer flights; rode his electric skateboard; and as he most recently became fascinated with his electric unicycle.

Ben was not destined to make old bones. He lived every day of life to the full. He worked long and hard. He died too young, aged 29, just two months short of his 30th birthday. In those too few years he packed in more experiences than most people ever would in a lifetime. Gail always said that Ben would never die wondering. He had a close group of good and loyal friends, at school, at work and socially. He was always smiling and calm. We have been overwhelmed with messages as to his happy personality, his willingness to help, his kind and generous soul.



Ben, all of us – Mum and I, your brother Jon, your grandmother Ish, your Uncles Lawrence and Gary, your cousins Elizabeth, Leon and Rebecca, and all of our families, and your friends and colleagues - will love you and miss you forever.

You will be in our hearts for eternity.

(Ben was buried in the Jewish cemetery at Mt. Gravatt in Brisbane on 21 April 2022. His funeral was attended by a very large crowd of friends and family from Queensland and Victoria, and a very large online attendance; and ended with a fly-past and salute by an AW139 rescue helicopter from his employer, Life Flight.)

Thank You

David, Gail and Jonathon Paratz

Wish to thank everyone

who sent messages, cards and flowers of support and love upon the sudden passing of their beloved son and brother Benjamin.

Words cannot sufficiently express the depth of sadness we feel. Our lives have changed forever.

Thank you most sincerely for the warm embrace of love from the Queensland community and from those interstate and overseas.

May you be inspired by Ben's love of family and friends, his generosity and willingness to help and his great spirit of adventure.



YOTAM OTTOLENGHI – FLAVOUR OF LIFE

Chef, restaurateur, and much-loved author Yotam Ottolenghi will be visiting Australia for his highly anticipated Flavour of Life tour, in conversation with food writer and broadcaster Alice Zaslavsky.

Yotam will discuss the tastes, ingredients, and flavours that excite him, and how he has created a career from cooking.

He will also talk about his life in food: how his upbringing has influenced his food, the journey that led to his becoming a chef, opening seven delis and restaurants in London, and writing eight bestselling cookbooks.

You too can take part in this unique experience, with Yotam inviting fans to ask their own questions on Twitter at #AskOttolenghi.

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Today JNF Australia is working to ensure that the people of Israel who live in the underdeveloped periphery of the country, particularly in the Negev, have a brighter future and can also share in the Israel's success story and ensure its ongoing sustainability.

JNF Australia is a separate entity and independent of JNF organisations in other countries, including in Israel.

However each JNF organisation wherever situated are linked, by a shared history, emotion and mission to further their mutual purposes and objectives for the people of Israel.

As David Ben Gurion said, **“JNF is an everlasting Jewish fund for the entire Jewish people. It lives and lasts not because of work well done in the past, but because of vital work in the present and, even more importantly, because of the great, important tasks still awaiting it in the future.”**

Every JNF project is a unique and wonderful way of identifying with Israel and its people and provides all of its supporters an opportunity to solidify their link with the people of Israel.

For more information about JNF go the JNF Australia website jnf.org.au or contact JNF Queensland President David Jacobs on 0412 578 368

2022 B'nai B'rith and JNF Australia - Youth & Young Adult Changemaker Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2022 B'nai B'rith & JNF Youth & Young Adult Changemaker Awards. This is the 9th consecutive year of awards aimed at recognising and celebrating our community's young activists, encouraging the next generation of future leaders to continue their advocacy and entrepreneurship.

Last year the Joshua Levi Young Professional was inaugurated and won by Cassandra Barrett for her outstanding contribution to the community through her role at JewishCare Victoria focusing on community education in relation to mental health. As a result of her recognition and award, thanks to the Levi family who are continuing Josh z"l's legacy and passion for making the community a better place, Cassie is now in Israel furthering her career.

This year the awards program will be announcing the top 36 Changemakers under the age of 36, nationwide in 3 main nomination categories: the Joshua Levi Young Professional Award, the Young Adult Volunteer Award and the Youth Volunteer Award.

David Redman CEO of the Australian Jewish News shares that "the AJN is again excited to be part of this wonderful program that recognises the invaluable work done by young volunteers in the community. The passion and dedication of these young people is inspiring and shows that the future is in good hands"

A Changemaker is someone who demonstrates commitment and passion to their cause. They make a considerable impact and or create change. Whether for the Jewish community, Australian Society, Israel, or in a leadership role. They may volunteer for an organisation, fundraise for a cause close to their heart, build intercommunity relations, impact social justice, educate, advocate or innovate.

Ernie Friedlander OAM, President of the B'nai B'rith Alfred Dreyfus Unit and initiator of the awards believes that "acknowledgement for the Change Makers is more important than ever. Too many young people are too preoccupied with their needs – they don't have enough time to consider others. Those, who are nominated are the opposite – they care and deliver unselfish deeds, they are champions, and we are very proud of them."

"When the Changemakers become aware of their nomination they are always very honoured by the recognition of their heartfelt contributions in their respective areas. The judges are always blown away by the incredible social entrepreneurship of the next generation. The judges have a tough yet rewarding job" shares Etty Ayalon, JNF's Changemaker project coordinator.

Whether a volunteer or in a professional capacity nominate a Changemaker today who is worthy of recognition for their achievements <https://www.australianjewishnews.com/changemakers/>

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Q. Prince Charles once praised Chief Rabbi Sacks Z”L as “A light to the nation”. The words are obviously based on Isaiah’s prophecy (chapter 49 verse 6) that Israel would be “a light unto the nations “. How does one go about being a light to the nation or nations?

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Maimonides says that Christianity and Islam, though theologically erroneous, deserve respect because they help to teach monotheism and ethics.

Every serious thinker recognises that Judaism is the source of spirituality and ethics. So if we are indispensable to the world, why are we criticised and misunderstood?

One of the factors behind antisemitism is the human experience that some pupils turn on their teachers.

It is ironical, on the other hand, that there are Jews who are so busy working with and on the world that they forget to be Jewish “far sich” – for themselves.

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