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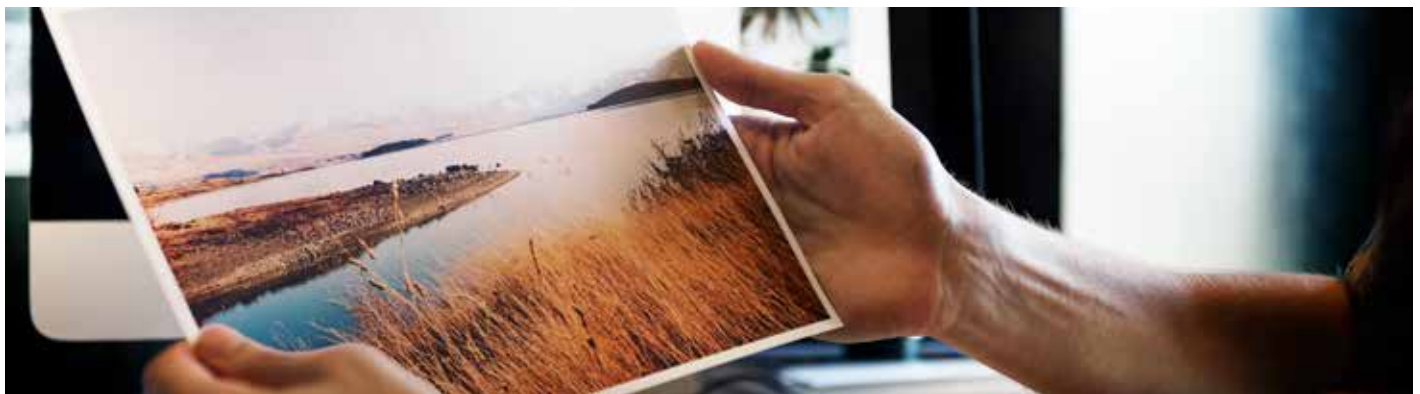
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Impressions of Israel

BY DR PETER PEDERSEN

Dr Peter Pedersen, renowned war historian, reflects on his visit to Israel with the JNF Anzac Mission and shares his impressions

Nowadays it is not often that I am wide-eyed and misty-eyed at the same time. My participation in JNF Australia's Anzac Centenary Mission last October was one of those occasions. The visit was my first to Israel and I never ceased being impressed. So much so that I greatly regret not having gone to Israel when I was younger.

Way back in 2015 Peter Smaller and Dan Springer asked me to be the Australian consultant historian for the Light Horse interpretive centre the JNF intended to build in co-operation with the local authorities in Beersheva and I agreed. I am so glad that they wanted me on board, and not just because my work on the project led to a most generous invitation from them to join the Mission. Being part of that project was a rare experience. The Israeli design team was dynamic, collaborative and open-minded and, along with the other teams involved, working to a deadline and a budget that, I have to tell you, my colleagues in cultural institutions here in Australia thought impossible. And yet they pulled it off; they achieved what the Australians believed would never happen.

For me, that encapsulates Israel. It's a country where achieving the impossible is routine. I think many of the Israelis that I met grew tired of my constant expressions of amazement. What made me gasp was normal for them. I'll mention a few examples that might evoke some memories. There was the transformation of the Hula Valley at one end of Israel and the Negev at the other. The development of desert-proof crops at Ramat in the Negev fascinated me. Towns and kibbutzes, such as Sderot and Nahal Oz flourish despite constant security threats, which speaks volumes for their residents. But then that's a microcosm of Israel, prosperity and resolve amid encircling hostility.

As a former soldier, I admire the guts and daring involved in the capture of the Golan and, in Jerusalem, Ammunition Hill, in 1967. Avigdor Kahalani personifies those qualities. Meeting him and then hearing his superb account of how his tiny force fended off hundreds of Syrian tanks on the Golan in 1973 – on the actual battlefield – were inspiring.

I'll never forget the thrill of seeing Jerusalem Old City and Lake Galilee for the first time. Everyone is familiar with them from media images, but actually to lay eyes on them is just

incredible. That brings to mind another impression of Israel: the seamless blend of antiquity and modernity. I saw it often in the five days I spent touring Christian sites after the Mission – a 'pilgrimage' that, as a Christian, I felt called to do.

During that time, I covered the length and breadth of Israel again and saw places that struck me deeply. Masada and the national cemetery on Mount Herzl were two of them. They are a moving reminder of the cost of freedom and, in the case of the cemetery, the price that has been paid for the independence whose declaration in 1948 we saw brilliantly re-enacted at JNF House in Tel Aviv. What made them especially poignant for me was that induction ceremonies for young Israeli men and women starting their military service were being held in both places during my visits. The existential threat that they are guarding against is evident at Yad Vashem, near Mount Herzl. I was assistant director at the Australian War Memorial and have seen many of the world's great commemorative institutions and memorials. I can honestly say that there is none finer, nor more evocative, than Yad Vashem.

Ask me for my abiding impressions of what I saw and felt in Israel and I'd probably say two things. One is an outlook that conveys indomitability, get up and go, and a sense of being alive. Think of that young woman who guided us at Old Geshar at the start of the mission, the girls who spoke to us on the bus in the kibbutz near the Gaza border and the youngsters at Nitsana, and you'll know what I mean.

The second thing is the extent to which the JNF contributes to Israel and makes it stronger and more secure. That we saw many JNF projects on the JNF mission was not surprising. But I assure you that I saw a whole lot more after the mission. You should feel proud. The three weeks I spent in Israel amount to one the great highlights of my life.



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YOM HASHOA

Holocaust Memorial Day

2018

Tuesday, 17th April, 2018
Gold Coast Art Centre
6:30pm for 7:00pm

Guest Speaker: Eddy Berkovits

Entrance fee: \$10:00



Born in Brisbane in 1953, being the son of a holocaust survivor, Eddy has devoted his life to teaching others within the fields of special education, vocational career training and environmental education.

As a past principal of Queensland's only Jewish school, Eddy inculcated a culture of adventure, learning and community engagement creating opportunities for youth to travel and experience Israel and the Australian natural environment.

An advocate for Indigenous education, Eddy was influential in establishing vocational pathways of young people within isolated communities by living within these communities and creating successful futures.



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The Chevra is run by volunteers who meet with family, coordinate with George Hartnett Funerals and Brisbane City Council cemetery management, conduct Tahara, supervise the funeral and burial, assist with arrangements for a monument. We work with cemetery management to manage the Jewish section at Mt Gravatt. We operate the Jewish Chapel, maintain the Anzac Memorial Garden and Martyrs' Memorial and retain a watching brief over the Jewish section at the historic Toowong cemetery.

WHAT DOES BLUE BOX MEAN TO YOU?

As we observe Passover, this special time in the year, we think about all the traditions that have united and kept us together over time. Blue Box is one such tradition that has linked us to Israel for 117 years. At the Fifth Zionist Congress in 1901, Theodor Herzl asked delegates for donations to purchase land in Eretz Yisrael to establish a Jewish homeland.

Two weeks later the iconic Blue Box was born. Stamped with the words “National Fund”, small tin boxes were distributed to Jewish communities across the globe, generating vital funds to buy, develop and cultivate the land of Israel.

117 years on, JNF’s iconic Blue Box remains a beacon of hope and continuity, and a reminder of Herzl’s visionary words: *“If you will it, it is no dream.”*

For over a century, money raised in Blue Boxes has assisted in efforts to build the infrastructure of a modern, thriving state.

The Blue Box is a symbol of JNF’s efforts to develop the land, plant forests, create parks, prepare soil for agriculture and settlement, carve out new roads, build water reservoirs, and help establish new communities.

But the Blue Box is more than just a fundraising device. From the beginning, it has been used as an important educational vehicle, forging the bond with Israel. It’s placement in every home, school, restaurant and synagogue is a powerful symbol of Jewish unity, and a reminder of the part everyone can play in strengthening Israel and supporting its people.

The Blue Box Pesach Campaign this year is dedicated to building a green oasis at the Beit Halochem (House of Warriors) Rehabilitation Centre in Ashdod.

This soon to be built facility will provide a home away from home for thousands of injured soldiers and victims of terror living in Israel’s Southern coastal region who require vital therapies and programs as part of their rehabilitation.

The 376m² roof garden to be situated on top of the Physiotherapy and Hydrotherapy wing, will serve as a quiet, peaceful outdoor space, providing welcome relief from the everyday stresses of living with severe injuries. It will become a place to escape, heal and regenerate.

JNF invites you to be part of this most important project.

Your generosity will help support the rehabilitation of Israel’s wounded soldiers and victims of terror and vastly improve their quality of life.

This Pesach is our chance to reaffirm our connection to Israel and its people through the JNF and the tradition of Blue Box.

We at JNF QLD thank you in anticipation for your kind and generous support and wish you and your family a happy, healthy and peaceful Pesach

Please show your support and remember you can donate online for a safe and secure payment option at <https://www.jnf.org.au/blue-box-projects/>

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Tony Gariano President JNF QLD
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ANZAC COMMEMORATION 2018



All Jewish Ex-servicemen & Women, their families & members of the Jewish Community are invited to attend the special ANZAC Commemoration Shabbat service as follows:

The Jewish National Fund of Queensland together with QAJEX and the Brisbane Hebrew Congregation will host the 2018 ANZAC Service & Kiddush at

The Brisbane Synagogue

98 Margaret Street

on

Saturday 21 April 2018

Service commences 9.00am

To assist with catering, RSVPs would be appreciated to Alan Rose (info@brishc.com) by the latest Monday 16 April 2018



Queensland Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen & Women (QAJEX)

ANZAC COMMEMORATION 2018



All Jewish Ex-servicemen & Women, their families & members of the Jewish
Community are again invited to attend

THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE ANZAC SQUARE Brisbane

on

ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25 April 2018

(Assemble 8.45am sharp followed by Wreath Laying & Kaddish 9.00am sharp)

PLEASE NOTE:

The Queensland Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen & Women (QAJEX) encourages all Jewish Ex-servicemen & Women &/or their family members to forward their name & contact details to John Goldman (john.goldman@optusnet.com.au). The purpose is for QAJEX to create a register of Ex-Service personnel & their family members living in Queensland from both Australian & Overseas Defence Forces.



KIBBUTZ NAHAL OZ says thank you JNF Australia for your support

Shalom,

I am pleased to announce that the projects that were undertaken with the generous support of JNF Australia and KKL-JNF have been completed.

The Cleaning and Rehabilitation of the Reservoir

Approximately 80 percent of the silt that accumulated over the years – meaning approximately 30,000 cubic meters of silt and alluvial soil – was pumped out during the project. The removal of the silt from the reservoir enables the kibbutz to collect more rainwater, which is so vital to agriculture in the Negev. In monetary terms, this is a savings of approximately NIS 100,000 per year, although its primary contribution is the ability to increase the amount of water available for the kibbutz's agriculture industry.

The Keeping It Green Project: Conservation of Water Used for Landscaping

The purpose of this project was to make water use more efficient in the landscaping of Kibbutz Nahal Oz. The project had two goals: water conservation and environmental preservation.

These goals were met in the following ways:

- 1.** The installation of an advanced irrigation control system that enables professionals to use the precise amounts of water that the flora require, perform real-time monitoring of water loss stemming from malfunctions and/or damage to the pipes, and irrigate specific vegetation according to the precise amounts of water that it requires.
- 2.** Laying a system of pipes to irrigate the flowerbeds with reclaimed and/or fresh water. The new, more reliable infrastructure provides the desired water supply and pressure for specific types of work, and enables financial savings during the transition to irrigation that uses reclaimed water.
- 3.** Reducing the use of flora that consume too much water and choosing flora that consume less. Among other choices, we have begun using "hardscape" methods, which include inanimate elements such as synthetic grass and other types of ground cover. Lawns have been reduced in size and replaced by gardens planted with flora that consume less water.



We predict that the above actions will result in water conservation of up to 50 percent in the kibbutz's landscaping by this coming summer. While the amount of money saved is estimated in hundreds of thousands of shekels per year, even more significant is that this conservation enables us to maintain the high quality of life and environment that are so important to us.

In the name of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, I wish to express my gratitude once more to the donors for their generous and important contribution, as well as to KKL-JNF for its support of the project and for making it a matter of high priority.

Your support encourages the community of Nahal Oz, giving us the strength to go on, to remain here, and to strengthen settlement and community life in the area.

With blessings,

Ohad Cohen

Coordinator

Kibbutz Nahal Oz



Brisbane Chevra Kadisha Tahara Workshop

Sunday 29 April 2018

10.00am - 12.00noon
(morning tea provided)

South Brisbane Hebrew Congregation
Givat Zion, 46 Bunya Street, Greenslopes.

**For members of the Brisbane Jewish community
who can contribute through Tahara**

Both new and existing Tahara volunteers are invited to attend

Being involved in a team of 4 or 5 Jewish men or women to prepare a member of our community for burial is a great mitzvah.

Tahara is conducted around 8.30am or 4.00pm (weekdays) to help volunteers manage their day.

We are seeking additional Tahara volunteers to achieve our target of 12 to 15 men and 12 to 15 women who can be available at least a few times a year.

We have a core group of committed volunteers but having more people to draw on would make a real difference.

Looking forward, we see a critical need to enlarge our panel of volunteers for men but also a need for additional women.

This workshop is designed to train new volunteers and provide insights into Tahara for both new and existing volunteers.

Please RSVP to:
Bernie Goldman (Chevra Secretary)
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Good Deeds Day Volunteers get to work in Ben Shemen Forest

JNF - 17 MARCH 2018

“It’s a win-win-win situation. We enjoy the activity, the forest benefits from our actions and we enjoy the clean forest.” The idea that every single person can do something good, be it large or small, to improve the lives of others, and positively change the world, is what lies behind Good Deeds Day and KKL-JNF stands firmly behind that notion.

Tuesday, March 12: The [Ben Shemen Forest](#) in central Israel was a hive of activity as thousands of people combed the tree-covered landscape to collect garbage. They came from all walks of society including groups from various industries including hi-tech and banking, pensioners’ clubs and the health sector. There were those that came with their families and others that arrived on their own. Many were wearing the white “[Good Deeds Day](#)” T-shirt, and all came with the shared goal of making Ben Shemen Forest clean again.

Onsite to meet the volunteers as they gathered at the Mitzpe Modiin [Lookout Tower](#) were several KKL-JNF guides who were operating an information table. They greeted the groups and presented them with gloves and garbage bags for gathering the rubbish, together with a short explanation of how to go about the task. The guides then led the volunteers to the sites that were in need of cleaning.

KKL-JNF guide Vicky Yitzhaki said that she always begins her explanation with a brief history of the Ben Shemen Forest, and explains why it is so intimately connected to the organization she represents. Speaking to a group of volunteers from Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), she said that the Ben Shemen Forest was the first large forest that was planted by KKL-JNF in Israel, until the planting of the Yatir Forest in the South.

“It covers an area of some 30,000 dunams with cypress, pine and oak trees, and is open to visitors all year round, at no charge. Every day, this forest is pleasantly busy with people who come to enjoy the open air, [bicycle](#) enthusiasts and bird watchers, but on weekends and holidays, the forest is packed to capacity. Unfortunately, the visitors leave behind a lot of refuse that our garbage-crew deals with, but they cannot be everywhere all the time. That’s where you come in to the story...”

IAI employee Yuval Nadir who enthusiastically set about [collecting garbage](#) said that he feels lucky to be outdoors on such a beautiful day.

“It’s a win-win-win situation. We enjoy the activity, the forest benefits from our actions and we enjoy the clean forest. We fulfill our commitments to nature and our obligations as citizens of the state.”

KKL-JNF’s Nurit Dreyfus, who is the manager of the Ben Shemen Forest and [Ayalon Park](#), spent the day racing around in her van meeting people and groups who had registered and could not find their way around the forest, and making sure that everything was being carried out as planned. She said that every year, more and more people want to take part in Good Deeds Day. “This [forest](#) is very popular because it so close to many residential areas, such as the city of Modiin. People who live around here feel that it is their forest, and they want to take care of it. Today they will clean spots that are difficult to reach on a daily basis. Every year on this day the forest receives a new breath of life as tons of waste, which is both an ecological hazard and dangerous for wild animals, is removed.”

IAI employee Dalia Levy said that the experience of cleaning the forest taught her an important lesson.

“Next time I am here with my family I will make absolutely certain that neither we nor any of the people around us leave any rubbish behind. They will hear loudly and clearly all about this problem.”

Tel Aviv Residents Adi Skittel and Lena Simyanov who read about “Good Deeds Day” on the KKL-JNF website were just finished cleaning the area of the Thai Pagoda together with IAI Computer programmer Yitzhak Tzarfaty, when 2 tour busses full of women pensioners from Beit Shean arrived at the site. That entire tour was led by KKL-JNF guide Noam Tamir, who said that participants generally have no idea what it takes to keep a forest clean. “It is taken for granted that the site will meet their expectations because that is how it always is.”

Soon after the group of pensioners from Bet Shean left the Thai Pagoda, a group of Marine Biology students on a post-doctoral course at the Weizman Institute arrived to take a break from cleaning the forest. They were accompanied by their very friendly teacher Prof. Assaf Vardi, who declared that his student Noa Barak-Gavish was the leader of the group. Speaking for her colleagues, Noa said that as a marine biology student the issue of ecology and nature preservation is near and dear to her.

“I am distressed at the amount of contamination that I see in nature and that includes the sea. As soon as we heard about this activity we all changed our timetables in order to take part.”

A large group from Bank Leumi arrived and another from the Clalit HMO. Leading the Clalit group was family doctor Dr. Roberto Einbinder, who said that he scheduled appointments from only from 4:00-7:00 PM that day in order to be here.

“Look at what I collected in half an hour. There is plenty of junk here. One just has to move the upper plant layer to see it. I am finding no end of plastic plates and cups and clothes and other things that just do not decompose in nature. Once left they are here to stay unless physically removed.”

Seventeen participants arrived from The English Business Networking group ABC (Always Be Connected), which is based in Modiin. While carrying a large bag of waste to the garbage bin, ABC member Karen Black said she had a lot of fun this day.

“This was good therapy. At first you think there is not much to do but when you begin you start to see the dirt. I think our country needs a good spring-cleaning in more ways than one.”

Another ABC member Yaakov Star said: “There are not enough garbage cans in the forest”. That statement set off a cacophony of responses: “There are no garbage cans at all in places they are needed”, “There should be more ‘do not litter’ warning signs”, “There should be billboards showing the large fines that will be imposed for littering”.

Karen Black was later seen telling KKL-JNF’s Ofer Yuma where she thinks the garbage cans should be placed. She thanked the KKL-JNF crew for arranging Cleanup Day.

Gan Raveh residents Eti Mendelbaum and Galit Ben Shoshan who arrived with their respective sons Amit Ben Shoshan and Dotan Mendelbaum said that they came to take part in the event as part of the boys’ Bar Mitzvah year activities. Eti said that the two boys have been friends since they were born and that they grew up together.

“I believe that that the Bar Mitzvah year should be educational as well as ceremonial. Taking part in “Good Deeds Day” fits in well.”

Modiin Resident Alex Sabanok, who was cleaning alongside the Mitzpe Modiin access road, said that he comes to the forest on every opportunity he has. “This is my forest and it’s my duty to keep it clean. I clean my home for Passover as I am required to do by Jewish Law and cleaning the forest is part of the Passover spirit.”

Good Deeds Day 2018 was carried out in KKL-JNF sites throughout the country to mark the onset of spring and the approaching Passover holiday with thousands upon thousands of participants all pitching in to keep the forests clean.

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Wednesday 18 April - 10am

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National Archives of Australia
16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

The National Archives will have more information on their Facebook page in early April - <https://www.facebook.com/naagovau>

Jewish contribution in Queensland

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Kneidlech

BY TOVA BLUMBERG



This is an addendum to last year's snippet about kneidlech.

First, however, a reminder quotation from last year:

"The proof of a good kneidel, an expert stated, is if it doesn't jump into your neighbour's plate when you want to insert the spoon. It should be firm enough not to disintegrate when the spoon is inserted, but not hard".

The great Jewish cooks of yesteryear, my own great-grandmother included, made kneidlech stuffed with meat!!! Many believe, therefore, that since the Chelmer Chachomim, those wise men of Chelm, puzzled over how the hole got into the bagel, they must also have puzzled over how the meat got into the kneidel. Another considered opinion, however, is that men who puzzled over how the hole got into the bagel would never even begin consider how the meat got into the kneidel. It would be too far beyond their intellectual capacities.

It's purely a matter of opinion.

What is definite is that if a little of the spirit of Purim flows over to Pesach, it doesn't make us chometzdig.

Perhaps, this year, some of our own excellent cooks will accept the challenge and revive the old delicacy of meat-filled kneidlech - and how they did it can remain with them, to allow for discussion, or simply give food for thought.

Whether stuffed with meat or of the regular variety, may everybody's kneidlech be of exactly the right texture, and absolutely delicious.

Chag Sameach and B'ta Yavon

Tova Blumberg

(In East European Jewish folklore, the city of Chelm (Pol., Chelm; Yid., Khelem) functions as an imaginary city of fools, similar to that of the Greek Abdera, the English Gotham, and the German Schilda, among numerous others. The legendary "town of fools," often presented ironically as "The Wise Men of . . .," is a feature common to most European folklores. Chelm, as was the case with its counterparts in other cultures, spawned hundreds of tales describing outlandish naiveté and stupidity that have been printed in dozens of editions in a variety of languages. Many of these are titled The Wise Men of Chelm. Chelm, located approximately 65 kilometers southeast of Lublin, had a Jewish population from at least the fourteenth century, and was a real town whose residents bore no connection to the stories. If anything, the town was known for Torah scholarship.

There are many similarities between the stories of Khelemer khakhomim (Yiddish for "wise men of Chelm") and those of other cultures, particularly those found in the Germanic variants.)

St Peter Claver College, Riverview: Having the courage to make a difference



Two holocaust survivors have encouraged Year 11 students at St Peter Claver College, Riverview, to stand up for what's right, rather than be a bystander, when faced with injustice.

Living historians Mimi and Susie shared their experiences during World War II with the students, emphasising the story of their rescue and the support provided by others – support which enabled them to survive.

The pair are members of the Courage to Care travelling exhibition, an organisation that aims to empower senior school students to stand up to prejudice, discrimination and bullying.

Mimi explained how she was only seven-years old when war broke out.

She told the students how she was constantly on the run from the Nazis with her grandparents, mum and dad, and her little brother.

Her parents did everything they could to keep the children and grandparents safe even if it meant being separated for months on end without any form of contact.

Student Summer-Rose Radley said although Mimi's story was one of millions to be told, it really moved her and made her feel grateful for everything that she had. "What these survivors went through is so traumatic that we can't even imagine," she said.

"Yet people like Mimi are so resilient that they can continue a family in a completely different country and live their life to the fullest.

"I think a message that everyone should take out of this is that we should be so grateful for the people that we love and the fact that we live in a society where discrimination is not tolerated."

Student Ryan Green said he felt privileged to meet and hear the stories of two Holocaust survivors.

"They gave us an insight into how tough it was being Jewish during World War II," he said.

Ryan said they learnt about various movements by those who were against the Nazis and who risked their lives to save countless amounts of Jewish people across Europe.

He said they included the Danish resistance movement and many everyday citizens.

"The bravery and courage of these individuals who risked not only their lives, but their families also, to stand up against their government and protect people they may have never met before, in my eyes is something to be commended."

He said he was extremely grateful to have been a part of such a life changing experience and was every student took away something different from the stories.

"I'm sure it has inspired many of my fellow peers to stand up against discrimination in the community, as, although our actions may not compare to those of the Danish resistance, they can be a great importance in ensuring that everyone is treated equally."

"I know that thanks to the Courage of Care volunteers we have all learnt a valuable lesson."

Student Tuia Gregory said he wanted to make a difference.

"So much of what had happened in these rescue stories was dependant on the courageousness of a select few who stood up against the oppressors and made the choices necessary to create change," he said.

"Nothing will ever change if we don't take the steps towards positive action.

"To make a difference in this world we must all join together to do what we know is right by having the courage to care," he said.

Assistant Principal for Religious Education Angela Ryan said the student-centred program conveyed messages of social tolerance and of living in harmony.

She said it linked in particularly well with Study of Religion and Religion and Ethics and with Say No to Bullying Day and Harmony Day.

"The exhibition emphasised the importance of standing up to racism, persecution and any form of prejudice, especially in relation to individuals who belong to minority groups.

"It was especially relevant to school students as they encounter media images of intolerance and prejudice, or when they experience racism or bullying at school," she said.

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Dear all,

B'nai B'rith & JNF are delighted to launch the 2018 B'nai B'rith & JNF "Jewish Change Maker Youth & Young Adults Award" nominations. This will be the 6th consecutive Awards ceremony honouring the people in our community who have made a difference to society. This year all suitable nominees will be considered for the 2019 Israel Foreign Ministry Diplomatic Seminar for Young Jewish Leaders taking place in Israel which is fully subsidised.

Nominations close on 1 May 2018.

For online nominations visit

<https://www.jnf.org.au/changemaker>

The awards ceremony is on 21 June 2018 in Sydney.

Please nominate candidates you may know deserving of acknowledgement. The nomination categories are as follows:

Youth (ages 14 - 18)

- Contribution to the Jewish Community
- Contribution to Australian Society
- Support for the State of Israel

Young Adults (ages 18 - 35)

- Contribution to the Jewish Community
- Contribution to Australian Society
- Support for the State of Israel
- Leadership

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

Many thanks,

Etty Ayalon

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AWARDS

Honouring young people making a difference in our community



**NOMINATIONS
OPEN**
[www.jnf.org.au/
changemaker](http://www.jnf.org.au/changemaker)
Closing date for submissions
1 May 2018

CATEGORIES FOR YOUTH

(AGES 14 TO 18)

\$500 prize money for each category

- Contribution to the Jewish Community
- Contribution to Australian Society
- Support the State of Israel

CATEGORIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

(AGES 18 TO 35)

\$750 prize money for each category

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- Support for the State of Israel
- Leadership

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NOMINATION FORMS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM:

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Tzedek ('Justice' in Hebrew) is an Australian-based support and advocacy group for Jewish victims/survivors of child sexual abuse promoting their needs and interests and offering them and other relevant stakeholders a range of services.

The principal objective and activity of Tzedek is to promote the prevention or control of harmful or abusive behaviour, specifically, the prevention of harm arising from the sexual abuse of children within the Jewish community.

We are a National Service available to support and advocate for survivors in every state of Australia.

Vision

A Jewish community free of child sexual abuse and the associated harmful behaviour.

History

Tzedek was founded in December 2012 in response to numerous cases alleging serious child sexual abuse and subsequent cover-ups within various Jewish community institutions throughout Australia.

Due to rapid development within Australia (including the ongoing Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse), it was considered most appropriate to establish an independent organisation to respond to this issue.

In 2015, a new CEO, Dr. Michelle Meyer was appointed to the organisation. The organisation has shifted its focus to the prevention of child sexual abuse within the community. During 2015, the organisation launched Child Protection Week with a professionals and community education forum.

Our Mission

To prevent child sexual abuse by:

- raising awareness and creating a cultural change in relation to child sexual abuse;
- educating the community including children, parents and organisations;
- empowering members of the Jewish community to be able to prevent, recognise and address child sexual abuse for themselves and others.
- assisting and supporting the victims/survivors of child sexual abuse within the Jewish community and their families with counselling, support groups and other services
- advocating for survivors

Tzedek in Queensland

In 2015 QJBD formed a Working Party to review policies and best practices in the prevention of child sexual abuse within our Jewish community. This was set up largely in response to the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse, of which the Jewish communities around Australia were not immune.

Delwyn Cameron, who had been part of this working party, was asked by the QJBD to take on the role of establishing Tzedek in Queensland, to foster ongoing awareness, advocacy and support for the protection of children against sexual abuse in our community and to support adult survivors.

This same year, Delwyn attended a two-part forum for professionals as well as a Community Education Forum "Safe in Our Hands" being run by the Tzedek National in Melbourne.

Tzedek was originally founded in 2011 by Manny Waks, himself a survivor of child sexual abuse, to act as a support and advocacy group for Jewish victims/survivors of child sexual abuse. It is dedicated to prevention through education and public awareness. This was later headed by Dr. Michelle Myer as C.E.O. Tzedek National who has provided us with ongoing mentoring and support.

Since then, Delwyn has formed a committee of suitably qualified and experienced professionals to assist her in the ongoing work of Tzedek Qld. This committee includes Professor Ian Shochet, Karen Weber (representing the Gold Coast community) and more recently Alberta Berkovitz.

Since Tzedek Qld. has been formed, they have undertaken a range of activities: to develop important networks, raise awareness through facilitating workshops both in the community generally and at Sinai College in particular, as well as supporting and advising individuals whose lives have been affected by child sexual abuse.

We are currently in talks with Sinai College to again facilitate a range of sessions for parents and students.

This year Tzedek has also been invited by Betar to facilitate sessions with their leaders to further raise awareness of sexual abuse and workshop appropriate strategies in dealing with disclosures from children.

Tzedek sees itself as a community organization using best practices for developing ongoing ways to educate and empower our community against child sexual abuse as well as supporting child and adult victims of child sexual abuse. We welcome requests from individuals and community groups in our community towards this end.

Delwyn Cameron

Coordinator of Tzedek Queensland

A celebration for everyone!

STATE ZIONIST COUNCIL OF QUEENSLAND

70TH

YOM HA'ATZMAUT
פסטיבל יום העצמאות

Festival

SUNDAY 22 APRIL, 12pm, JCC
(More details soon)

QUEENSLAND

Multicultural Awards 2018

www.qld.gov.au/qma

Queensland Multicultural Awards - Nominate now

Nominations for the 2018 Queensland Multicultural Awards are now open and we encourage you to nominate.

Since 1990, the Queensland Multicultural Awards have recognised community volunteers, groups, businesses, government agencies and media whose long-term efforts have helped all Queenslanders to participate in our economy and community.

Last year we saw worthy winners from across the state and from a range of backgrounds, such as the winner of the Minister's Multicultural Award, Mesh & Knots MASSI MATSI Women's Group consisting of mainly Australian South Sea Islander elders from Mackay.

The overarching theme for this year's awards is: *Building a prosperous, fair and harmonious Queensland.*

This year's award categories are:

- **Outstanding Young Achiever** – Under 25 years, including volunteers.
- **Outstanding Individual Achiever** – 25 years and over, including volunteers.
- **Community** – For not-for-profit community organisations or groups.
- **Education, Training and Skills** – For government and non-government early childhood education and care, schools, universities, TAFEs or registered training organisations located in Queensland.
- **Business** – For businesses, companies, or media.
- **Government (Local and State)** – For a government organisation or team within a government organisation.
- **Multicultural Queensland Ambassador** – For organisations participating in the Multicultural Queensland Ambassador Program.
- **Minister's Multicultural Award** – This recognises the outstanding achievements of a nominee, selected by the Minister from all nominations.

Nominations for the 2018 Queensland Multicultural Awards close on **Monday 7 May 2018**.

Award winners will be announced at a special lunch in August, during Queensland Multicultural Month.

Don't let your location deter you from nominating. If you're not within driving distance to Logan City, Multicultural Affairs Queensland will arrange flights and transfers for finalists and include a ticket to the Awards lunch*.

To learn more and nominate, visit www.qld.gov.au/QMA

* Return airfares, transfers to and from the airport, and lunch ticket paid for one finalist per nomination.

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Children at Gan Gani have fun at Purim

It was Purim time again at Gan Gani!

Gragger making, baking hamantaschen, singing Purim songs, performing a Purim "Shpiel" and dressing up in our favourite costume was the order of the day. We had fairies, queens, builders, pirates, kings, queens, superheroes, jesters, unicorns, cats and witches.

Chag Sameach Pesach from Gan Gani to everyone in the community



Socially Yours

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE COMMUNITY

Wishing a happy birthday to **Harry Engel** who celebrated his 80th birthday on 5 March. Harry was born in Vienna at a difficult time in history but grew up in Sydney. His biography, *From There to Here - Vienna to Sydney*, was launched in May 2017 by Michael Briner at the Lamm Library in Melbourne.

Socially Yours is and always will be news from the community, for the community.

If you would like a special occasion included please email
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BRISBANE HEBREW CONGREGATION

The Brisbane Synagogue
98 MARGARET STREET, BRISBANE

Regular Services

Shabbas, Friday evening: Ma'ariv 6.00pm.

Shabbat Morning: 9:00am.

Shabbas Discussions: Shiurim (Study Group)
conducted by Rabbi Levi Jaffe
8.30am to 9.00am

each Shabbas prior to Service.

Kiddush is held after Shabbat morning
service.

Weekday Services: Mon and Thurs at 6.00am.

Synagogue Office: Telephone 3229 3412

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admin@brisbanehebrewcongregation.com.au

Sick Visitations: Phone Rabbi Levi Jaffe on
0419 136 451

Grape Juice & Candles available. Contact the
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3229 3412 to make appropriate arrangements
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Web: brishc.com

South Brisbane Hebrew Congregation

46 BUNYA STREET, GREENSLOPES

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SHABBAT SERVICES:

Friday 6:15 pm. Sat 9:15 am

Children's Service on the first Shabbat of each month -
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Details as advertised in "Shalom"

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Maccabi Qld - 0420 591 762

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3821 4460 or 0412 995 268

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Qld Jewish Community Services - 0423 194 737

JCare Qld - 1300 133 660 - jcareqld@gmail.com

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GOLD COAST

Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BRISBANE - REGULAR EVENTS

Community Diary Bookings - Kathy Gould 3411 3664 - 0402 497 413 - kathygould45@msn.com

WIZO Aviva: 2nd Tuesday each Month (n)

WIZO Hadassim Sharon: 4th Wednesday each month (d)

NCJW Meeting: 3rd Monday 7.30pm

QJBD: 4th Wednesday every 2nd month

GOLD COAST - REGULAR EVENTS

NCJWA Gold Coast: Monthly meetings – first Monday of each month – 7.30pm

We are now on Facebook and our website is

www.ncjwa.org.au - 0412 377 488 - goldcoast@ncjwa.org.au

Temple Shalom: Office 5570 1716

-Services: Erev Shabbat 6:30pm, Shabbat morning 10:00am

-Oneg Shabbat: 2nd Friday each month following evening service;

-Seiudat Shabbat: Last Shabbat each month following Torah service

-Groovy Movers exercises: Mon & Wed 10:00 am - 12 noon, Fri 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Gold Coast Hebrew Congregation: All enquiries 5570 1851

- Friday Night Live - Uplifting Service every Friday Night - 5:30pm

- Shabbat Kiddush - Following the service every Shabbat at 9:00am

- Kabbala and Jewish Mysticism - Journey of the Soul Monday evening at 7:30pm

- Talmud Classes - Thursday evening at 7:30pm

- Talmud Torah Cheder - Sunday 9:30 - 11:30am

- Women Monthly Rosh Chodesh night

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