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## Wed 26 October

7:00PM Armageddon Time

## Thu 10 November

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## Fri 11 November

12:30PM Where Life Begins

## Sat 12 November

2:15PM Turn Every Page

4:40PM Reckonings

6:30PM Karaoke

8:40PM Stay With Us

## Sun 13 November

12:30PM Three Minutes - A Lengthening

2:20PM Rose

4:20PM Remember This

6:30PM March 1968

## Mon 14 November

2:15PM The Auschwitz Report

4:20PM Where Life Begins

6:30PM Valiant Hearts

## Tue 15 November

2:00PM Rose

4:20PM The Burning Cold

6:50PM Karaoke

## Wed 16 November

2:15PM Stay With Us

4:20PM The Wild One

6:30PM My Neighbor Adolf

## Thu 17 November

2:15PM My Neighbor Adolf

4:30PM Rose

6:30PM Schächten

## Fri 18 November

12:30PM Reckonings

## Sat 19 November

2:00PM Karaoke

4:20PM The Rhapsody

6:40PM iMordecai

8:50PM Where Life Begins

## Sun 20 November

12:30PM The Art of Silence

2:30PM The Auschwitz Report

4:30PM Perfect Strangers

7:00PM As They Made Us

# Gold Coast Film Program

DENDY CINEMAS, SOUTHPORT —

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# Israel and Saudi Arabia: No longer enemies but **not quite friends**



*Saudi special forces salute in front of a screen displaying images Saudi King Salman, right, and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.*

THE AGE

BY VIVIAN NEREIM AND DANIEL AVIS



**RIYADH: ISRAEL'S LONGEST-SERVING PRIME MINISTER POPS UP ON SAUDI STATE-RUN TELEVISION FROM TEL AVIV. AN ISRAELI-AMERICAN DECLARES HIMSELF THE "CHIEF RABBI OF SAUDI ARABIA" AFTER ARRIVING ON A TOURIST VISA. A PROMINENT SAUDI FAMILY INVESTS IN TWO ISRAELI COMPANIES AND DOESN'T BOTHER TO HIDE IT.**

**All these recent events would have been unthinkable not long ago.** But previously clandestine links between Saudi Arabia and Israel are increasingly visible as some of the Middle

East's deep-seated rivalries cautiously give way to pragmatic economic and security ties.

Saudi crown prince and de facto leader Mohammed bin Salman is seeking to accelerate his plans to overhaul an oil-reliant economy, while Israel is keen to build on 2020's diplomatic breakthroughs with smaller Gulf nations.

**"We do not view Israel as an enemy, but rather as a potential ally," Prince Mohammed said earlier this year in a striking reassessment of one of the region's most consequential fault-lines.**

For decades after Israel's founding in 1948, Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf neighbours shunned the Jewish state in solidarity with the Palestinians expelled to create it. The thought of doing business with Israel was anathema. Even today, polling shows a vast majority in the Gulf oppose accepting Israel as just another country, suggesting developments have more to do with the agenda of autocratic ruling elites than a sea-change in Arab views.

**"It's more of a thawing of relations rather than a warming of relations," said Abdulaziz Alghashian, a researcher who studies Saudi foreign policy toward Israel. "It's still nevertheless pretty significant."**

Israelis are travelling to the kingdom with greater ease using third-country passports, a few routing their business through overseas entities and even discussing it in public.

## Money flows

Qualitest is an Israeli engineering and software-testing company acquired by international investors in 2019. It doesn't operate directly in Saudi Arabia, said Shai Liberman, managing director for Europe, Israel and the Middle East, but sells its product to other firms who then use it in the kingdom.

Investment is heading in the opposite direction, too. Mithaq Capital SPC – controlled by the Alrajhi family, Saudi banking scions – is now the largest shareholder in two Israeli companies: mobility intelligence firm Otonomo Technologies Ltd, and London-listed digital advertiser Tremor International Ltd.

Israel and Gulf nations established largely hidden security ties over shared concerns, especially Iran. But it's primarily the strong economic motivation that's driving more visible relations now as Prince Mohammed tries to lessen Saudi reliance on oil and develop advanced industries.

**“We like the innovation and the technology culture that Israel has, and we try to find ways to benefit from that,”**

## said Muhammad Asif Seemab, managing director of Mithaq Capital.

Officials in Riyadh are also allowing the wider debate around Israel to be re-framed.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was interviewed on Saudi television channel Al Arabiya, sitting in front of a Hebrew-language map and warning of the danger of a potential nuclear deal with Iran. Less well known is Jacob Herzog, the rabbi who's been allowed to minister to a tiny Jewish community of foreign workers in the Saudi capital.

## Coveted prize

When the UAE and Bahrain in 2020 signed US-brokered normalisation pacts with Israel, which became known as the Abraham Accords, there was speculation Saudi Arabia would follow.

For Israeli leaders, receiving recognition from Saudi Arabia – the region's geopolitical heavyweight – would be a coveted prize, and that's unlikely to change no matter what government is installed after elections later this year.

They didn't get it, partly because the kingdom's religious and regional prominence dictates different political considerations than those of smaller neighbours. An Israeli business owner visiting Riyadh still can't make a direct phone call to Tel Aviv, let alone a money transfer.

Jason Greenblatt, who was a special envoy for the Middle East under former US President Donald Trump and one of the accords' architects, said the Saudi leadership “recognises that Israel can be a huge benefit to the region” even if it's not yet ready to sign any kind of normalisation agreement.



US President Joe Biden at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv where in July he became the first US president to make a direct flight between Israel and Saudi Arabia.



In 2020, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, US President Donald Trump, Bahrain Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and United Arab Emirates Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan pose after signing the Abraham Accords. CREDIT: A

Greenblatt is raising funds for a blockchain and crypto technology investment vehicle, and said it's an "aspiration" of his to facilitate Saudi investment into Israel, though he concedes that will take time.

Polling by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy suggests growing disappointment with what the Abraham Accords have delivered, with only 19 per cent to 25 per cent of respondents seeing them positively across Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Bahrain. Yet their existence appears to have encouraged acceptance of unofficial ties with Israel among some in the Gulf, the institute said.

Others continue to voice their disapproval. In July, an imam of Mecca's grand mosque included a supplication against "the usurping, occupying Jews" while leading Friday prayers. And when an Israeli journalist who travelled to Saudi Arabia during a July visit by President Joe Biden found a way into the holy city that's off-limits to non-Muslims, condemnation was swift.

In this mixed atmosphere, Saudi officials maintain that a resolution between Israelis and Palestinians remains at the core of their policy.

Normalisation is "borderline offensive to keep talking about" and isn't a policy

goal in and of itself, Princess Reema bint Bandar, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US, said in June.

Still, American entrepreneur Bruce Gurfein is among those betting even the current gradual opening will be good for business.

Gurfein, who's Jewish and has family in Israel, recently drove a White Nissan Armada from his base in Dubai through Saudi Arabia to Jerusalem – a 26-hour road-trip that he spread out over a week, meeting businesspeople along the way. He's working on a business accelerator called Future Gig, connecting Israeli startups to the Saudi market and vice versa, with a focus on renewable energy, water scarcity and desert agriculture.

Neom, the crown prince's vision for a high-tech region on the Red Sea coast a 40-minute drive from Israel, could also fuel collaboration.

On a popular Arabic podcast, Saudi political sociologist Khalid AlDakhil recently laid out his ideas for strengthening the kingdom, touching on nuclear energy and the military – and a possible partner, if the rewards are worth it.

**"We honestly need to learn from the Israelis," he said.**



ARTICLE

# The world's most expensive city is not Paris, Shanghai or New York. It's Israel's coastal paradise of Tel Aviv



*Dekla Shaar's family was forced to live in a tent in a park after they were unable to afford rent. (ABC News: Haidarr Jones)*

ABC NEWS

BY MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT ALLYSON HORN AND HAIDARR JONES IN TEL AVIV

IF YOU HAD TO PICTURE THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES, THE FIRST PLACES THAT COME TO MIND MIGHT BE PARIS OR NEW YORK.

### Next on the list might be Rome, London or Shanghai.

But it turns out the city that tops the list is in Israel.

Tel Aviv was named the most expensive city in the world to live in in 2021 by global research group The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

The survey, which compares costs in US dollars for goods and services in 173 cities, reported the city's cost of living eclipsed that in places such as Singapore, Hong Kong and New York for the first time.

The EIU said the unenviable title was caused by the strength of the Israeli currency, the shekel, which made local prices more expensive when they were converted into US dollars.

But to locals, the EIU's findings are not surprising.

Dekla Shaar was forced to pack up her belongings and move her husband and five children into a tent in a public park after she could no longer afford her rent in Tel Aviv.

It was the lowest point of her life. But Ms Shaar said she was left with no choice because of the soaring cost of living in Israel's coastal city.

**"This is a very painful feeling, it feels so bad as a mum," she said.**

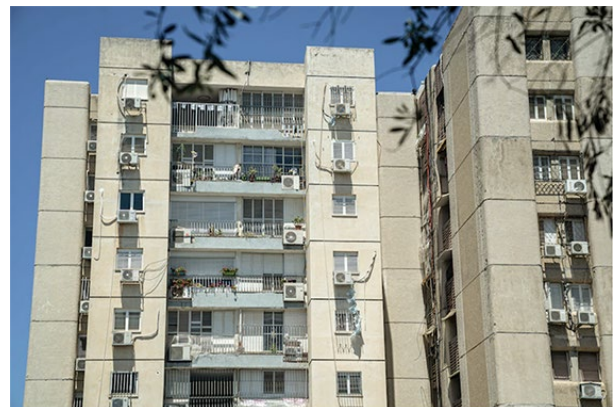
**"I've worked so hard to keep my kids happy until I collapsed and I had nothing to give them."**

She is just one of many families making sacrifices so they can continue to live in the world's most expensive city.

### Life in Tel Aviv comes with a hefty price tag

The Shaars became a one-income family last year after Ms Shaar had a car accident and could no longer work.

Her husband, who is a garbage collector for the Tel Aviv Municipality, earns about \$2,600 per month. Ms Shaar said it was not enough to cover the \$3,000 per month rent of their two-bedroom



*Rent in Israel has jumped, pricing many out of the market and contributing to rising inflation. (ABC News: Haidarr Jones)*

apartment in Giv'atayim, one of the poorest neighbourhoods of Tel Aviv.

The average monthly rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Tel Aviv in 2020 was \$2,064, and continued rising during the early stages of the pandemic, according to Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

**"Life in Tel Aviv is very expensive, prices are climbing all the time," Ms Shaar said.**

**"The price of bread, which is a basic food item, is so high, and rent, which was once affordable, today it is not. Everything is getting expensive in Israel."**

The EIU report also found the city experienced steep hikes in groceries, transport and alcohol costs — booze prices in Tel Aviv were the second highest in the world.

At a suburban Tel Aviv supermarket visited by the ABC, the cost of some basic groceries was nearly double that in Australia.

The cheapest loaf of brown bread cost \$9 – the same as a jar of basic peanut butter.

Like many other countries, Israel has been experiencing a post-pandemic surge in inflation, though it is still far below Western levels.

In July, it recorded a jump in its annual inflation rate to 5.2 per cent — its highest level since October 2008 — from 4.4 per cent in June.

Australia's inflation rate is 6.1 per cent. Economics professor Elise Scheiner Brezis from Bar Ilan University said there



Tel Aviv has experienced steep price hikes for groceries, transport and alcohol over the years.(ABC News: Haidarr Jones)

A box of tea bags was priced at about \$11 and one kilogram of chuck beef steak would set a family back \$30.

Ms Shaar and her family now live on a line of credit at some shops or rely on food donations to eat.

**“I owe this mini-market some money. I feel embarrassed to walk in there anymore,” she said, pointing to a supermarket close to where she met the ABC.**

**“When I have the money, I will pay them back.”**

**The ‘perfect storm’ behind the city’s status**

were several government-influenced factors that had created a “perfect storm” in Israel.

Most products, including groceries, attract a 17 per cent government tax.

Some imported products are also sluggish with an additional tariff and purchase tax, but the exact figures are kept largely secret.

Professor Brezis said Israel also operated like a “closed market” that limited imports, leaving Israelis to rely on local production that was controlled by only a handful of companies.

“We’re a small country so production is done by only two or three companies having a lot of monopoly power,” she said.





Israel's annual consumer price index (CPI) rose to a rate of 5.2 per cent in July, the most since October 2008. (ABC News: Haidarr)

**“Then take into account you have very high import tariffs – especially on agricultural products – so when you have imports you often have a sole importer.**

“And therefore you have one monopoly on top of the other, making everything much more acute.”

Earlier this year, angry Israelis protested on the streets of Tel Aviv to pressure the government to reduce the cost of living.

The issue has dominated political campaigning ahead of the country's general elections in November.

A cost-of-living report by Israeli aid organisation Latet found more than one-quarter of the country's population lived in poverty.

Politicians have promised to open up the market by allowing more imported goods, and investigating allegations of collusions between some Israeli production companies.

**“But any changes they make will take time to filter down to the people of Israel,” Professor Brezis said.**

**“It could take years.”**



Tel Aviv's climb to the top of the EIU's World Cost of Living rankings mainly reflected the soaring value of Israel's currency. (ABC News: Haidarr Jones)

NEWS

**National Workers' Organisation  
of KKL – JNF bring sunshine  
to kids with cancer**

J-WIRE



FAMOUS ISRAELI CHILDREN STARS VISITED “DANA-DUEK” HOSPITAL IN ICHILOV TO ENTERTAIN CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER IN AN INITIATIVE OF THE NATIONAL WORKERS’ ORGANIZATION OF KKL – JNF.

**Children’s mega stars Michal Haktana and the singer Dudu Aharon toured around the children’s hospital with pictures taken of them with the children.**

**During the event, 30 laptops were donated to the oncology department and other departments by the union, alongside toys and sweets for the children and their families.**

Head of KKL-JNF National Workers’ Union, Israel Goldstein, said: “The children hospitalised did not have the opportunity to enjoy the summer like the rest of Israel’s children. We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to make them happy and to have Dudu and Michal with us. KKL-JNF Workers’ Organization made its goal to contribute to the community in any way possible. We will continue to contribute as much as we can for the sake of the children, some of whom stay here for a long time. I want to thank the dozens of KKL-JNF workers who once again rallied to this important cause and came together to the hospital to cooperate.”



Michal Haktana, Israel Goldstein and Dudu Aharon visit Gavriel Niazov  
Photo: KKL-JNF



Israel Goldstein, Dudu Aharon, Adiel Hanimov and Michal Haktana



COVID

# **Better COVID vaccines are on the way. What do they do? And what technology might we see in future?**



THE CONVERSATION

BY PAUL GRIFFIN

REGULATORS  
IN AUSTRALIA  
AND THE UNITED  
STATES LAST  
WEEK APPROVED  
OMICRON-  
SPECIFIC  
BOOSTERS,  
FOLLOWING  
APPROVAL IN THE  
UNITED KINGDOM  
IN MID-AUGUST.

**In Australia, a Moderna Omicron booster has been provisionally approved for use in adults aged 18 and over. Supplies are expected to arrive in the coming weeks, however the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) is yet to advise the government on how the vaccine will be used.**

So what's new about the Omicron booster? And what sorts of advances in vaccine technology might we see next?

### **Why do we need new vaccines?**

The current COVID vaccines will go down in history as one of the greatest achievements of medical science.

Developed at record pace – without omitting any of the usual steps to ensure safety and efficacy – the vaccines significantly decreased the risk of severe disease and death.

But they're less effective at reducing infection. Frequent boosters have been required to protect against new sub-variants. This is because the spike protein, which the vaccines target, has changed. And over time, our protection has reduced due to waning immunity.

### **What are the Omicron-specific vaccines?**

Most manufacturers of approved COVID vaccines began making boosters targeting previous variants as far back as Alpha. But until Omicron, these variant-specific boosters offered no significant advantage over vaccines targeting the original, or Wuhan, strain.

The new Omicron boosters combine two different targets in the one vaccine, known as a bivalent vaccine. This provides broader cross-protection – against the currently circulating variants but possibly against future variants too.

The first of these boosters, manufactured by Moderna, targets the BA.1 Omicron sub-variant in addition to the original or Wuhan strain. It also provides some protection against BA.4 and BA.5. This is now approved in the UK, Australia and US.

The US has also approved the Pfizer bivalent booster, which targets the spike of BA.4/BA.5 as well as the original strain.

### **What vaccine technology might we see next?**

Scientists are working to develop COVID vaccines that:

- » Offer longer lasting protection

- » Protect against new variants and sub-variants
- » Provide similar levels of protection from a single dose
- » Don't require freezing or refrigeration, and that have an extended shelf life
- » Deliver a strong response from lower doses of active ingredient.

More than 120 potential COVID vaccines are in clinical trials. Here are some of the improvements they're working on.

### **More robust protection against new variants**

Most vaccines approved so far target the entire spike protein. But many vaccines under development specifically target the part of the spike protein that binds to the corresponding receptor on our cells. This is less likely to change than other parts of the spike protein, delivering more robust protection against new variants.

Candidate vaccines using this approach include Icosavax and one from the Serum Institute of India.

### **Easier storage**

DNA-based vaccines are similar to mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) but are more temperature-stable, making them easier to transport and store. One such vaccine, by manufacturer Zydus, has already received an emergency use authorisation in India and is injected into the skin. Another, by Inovio, is undergoing phase three trials.

### **Greater immune responses from lower doses**

With current COVID vaccines, the body is given instructions to make the spike protein, or the spike protein itself is delivered. The vaccines cannot replicate

or reproduce themselves. Vaccines that can replicate have the potential to generate stronger immune responses or strong enough responses from lower doses.

### **Variant-proof vaccines**

Finally, many vaccines under development have the ambitious target of protecting against all coronaviruses or vaccines that are essentially variant-proof. While this has not so far been achieved for any similar family of viruses, there are many promising candidates.

Many rely on combining antigens from many different parts of the virus or even multiple coronaviruses. Others combine multiple receptor-binding domains (potentially allowing the vaccine to give a broader immune response against a range of variants) with other innovative technologies.

### **Different routes of administration**

Current vaccines rely on administration via a needle and syringe. This is an issue for people with needle phobias, and presents challenges for the disposal of sharps. So many vaccines being developed are given via alternate routes.

One way to deliver vaccines is through the nose, known as intranasal vaccination. Rather than injecting, you breathe it in.

Giving the vaccine via the same route the virus gains entry has the potential to generate a response that's better able to stop the virus entering in the first place.

One of the main limitations of nasal vaccines is getting a strong enough immune response to be effective. However there are many promising candidates, including one I'm working on.





Omicron-specific vaccines have been approved but are yet to be rolled out. Diego Fedele/AAP

Vaccines given via the skin are also a promising area. In addition to the DNA vaccines injected into the skin, others are being developed using vaccine coated onto patches, essentially made of microscopic needles. This is easier to administer.

It may also have some advantages in terms of immune response and its ability to be stored at room temperature. One such vaccine that looks promising has been developed by a group originally from the University of Queensland.

Finally, oral vaccines you drink are also under development. While potentially the most convenient method of administration, it's also one that poses great challenges in terms of getting a strong enough response for the required effect.

**While up to five vaccines in development are exploring this avenue of administration, including one I'm involved in, they are in relatively early phases of clinical trials.**





The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has been Building Israel since 1901.

The JNF of Australia is a prominent and trusted communal organisation celebrating over 120 years of life-changing, environmental and social welfare projects, and building communities in Israel all the while maintaining a tangible link between the Jewish People and Israel.

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.

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For more information about JNF go the JNF Australia website [jnf.org.au](http://jnf.org.au) or contact JNF Queensland President David Jacobs on 0412 578 368

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Let me introduce myself to you.

I am a fifth generation of Jewish bakers that had bakeries in Europe in early 1900. With the Second World War, my family escaped, and some made Aliyah and settled underneath the Tabor Mountain in Kfar Tavor. My grandfather opened a bakery in the small village and both my dad, and his brother have baked since they were kids.

**I was born in that bakery and grew up with the amazing smell of fresh bread every day.**

During the pandemic I worked from home and had the time to experiment with different baking recipes, and from baking for my own family needs (Friday's Kiddush), friends started to ask me to bake for them. Thereafter, more people have asked to buy my bagels and challah on a weekly basis, usually Thursday or Friday.

I have certified my home kitchen to meet the food regulations and named the business from the first goodies I baked. Since the beginning, I have only baked for orders to ensure everything stays fresh and there is no waste.

In addition to the bagels and challah, I bake chocolate - cinnamon babka, pita bread with zaatar and honey cake.

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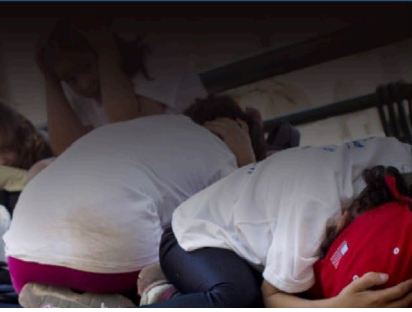
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For this year's annual JNF campaign, JNF is building protected playgrounds for at-risk children in the Negev. However, JNF can't keep these kids safe, without your kindness and generosity.

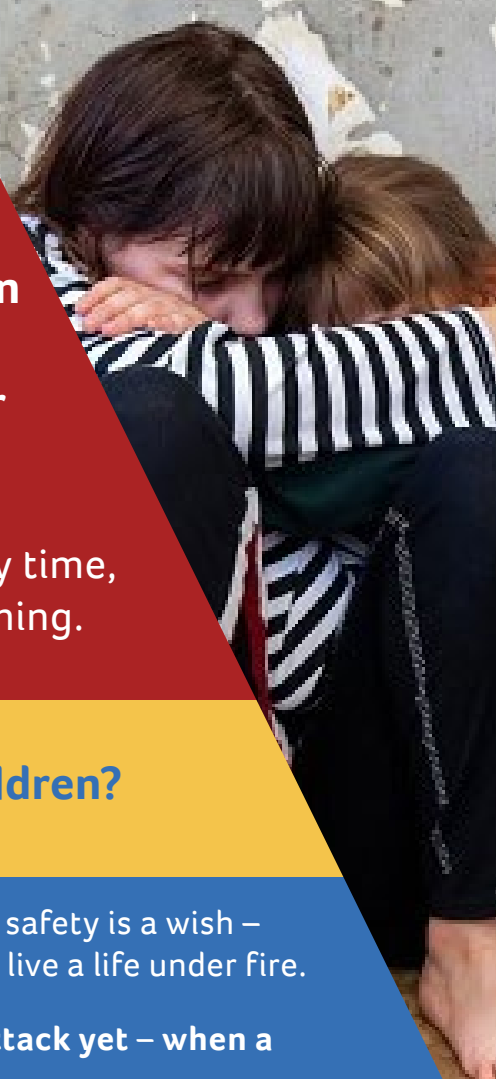
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**SECONDS**

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**

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!**



**PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DONATING AT**

<https://www.jnf.org.au/donation/#donqld>

and selecting Protective Kindergartens or by calling JNF QLD on 3392 9830 or 0412 578 368



**Kellie Bogan well known in the Jewish Community and a former graphic designer for SHALOM Magazine has officially launched his own business “Livestream Event”.**

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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 20 AT 7.30PM**

### **AGENDA:**

**Welcome/Present/Apologies**

**Minutes of 2021 AGM**

**Business from 2021 AGM**

**Correspondence**

**President's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Election of Officers**

**President, Directors (2), Treasurer and Secretary**

**Appointment of Auditor**

**General Business**

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



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## Mitzvah Day 2022 is on **Sunday 20 November**

### What is Mitzvah Day?

Mitzvah Day was born out of the belief that we can all make a positive difference to our world by taking action – together. On a single day, Mitzvah Day, the Jewish community together with other communities and individuals wanting to improve the world in some small way, take part in a range of activities simply to help others.

For example, On Mitzvah Day participants collect and distribute food, befriend and sing to seniors and people that are socially isolated, clean parks, prepare food and make and send gifts to needy children.

Our vision is to reduce hardship and poverty, to help our environment and to bring a little joy where it is needed, all through hands-on participation.

It is a way for people to take an active part regardless of their religion, age, sex or location.

Mitzvah Day brings enthusiastic volunteers to those who need support.

Mitzvah Day serves as a platform for creating local relationships, Jews with Jews and Jews with those from other faiths and communities.

By working together for the common good, we build stronger communities making them better places to live.

Mitzvah Day International was launched in the UK in 2008. Last year over 40,000 volunteers from 21 countries participated in over 1,200 varied social action projects, making a meaningful and long-term difference across a range of compelling causes and charities.

Such was the enthusiasm and uptake here in Australia and New Zealand that in 2021 we had over 50 organisations participating in over 40 projects.

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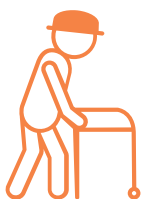


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The Australian Friends is immensely grateful for bequests to the Hebrew University over the years from generous bequestors from virtually every corner of Australia. Whilst we cannot write about each and every bequest, bequests have allowed for

- The creation of endowment funds to assist deserving students;
- The establishment of centres of excellence for research and study in various areas
- The creation of new buildings or wings providing much needed space for the university to continue to attract new students and enable vital research projects on its 6 campuses.

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Thanks to the generosity of a generous donor, the Australian Friends is privileged to be able to offer an amazing opportunity to see firsthand just what support for the Hebrew University achieves through our

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**The Courage to Care Program (CTC) aims to promote social harmony and reduce prejudice by inspiring/empowering children and adults to be UPSTANDERS rather than bystanders, when they witness discrimination. CTC uses stories of rescue during the Holocaust to plant the seeds of awareness, understanding and empathy for others.**

The CTC team of volunteers has been very busy this past month and showed professionalism and flexibility by some members multitasking and stepping up to take on leadership roles. We presented our program to nearly 500 high school students at the following schools with great success:

West Morton Anglican College, All Hallows (20 year 10 students), Marsden SHS, Kedron SHS, Glasshouse Christian College (Sunshine Coast), St Michael's Merrimac (Gold Coast), Robina SHS.

Whenever time permits, we encourage the students to ask the Survivor questions, after they have listened to the testimony and have participated in a workshop with a facilitator. Peter Baruch was asked: Do you forgive the Germans? How long did it take you to be able to forgive? What life advice would you give us – after your long journey in life? Suzi Smeed was asked: **“Why do you do this, that is, come and tell your story? Does this seem surreal in hindsight? Did you ever wish that you weren't Jewish?”**



*Peter Baruch shows his blanket at Robina SHS*

The students are encouraged to share what they want to do more of or differently after participating in the program, and some answers were: Sometimes it is easier to think only about yourself instead of putting yourself in another's shoes; Not making judgements or assumptions; Show my family I am grateful for them'; Be observant and take positive actions



*Suzi Smeed with students from Glasshouse Christian College*

Marsden SHS is a huge, amazing high school with passionate, welcoming staff. The student group is very diverse with over 70 cultural groups. Currently they have 3700 students and next year there will be over 4000, making this the largest number of high school students in one school in the Southern Hemisphere!



GOMA Exhibition

This was our first visit to Robina SHS and Sarah Sultmann, Senior Experienced Teacher Humanities, wrote to Kayla Siverman (Coordinator and Facilitator), praising each member of the team. She said, **“we cannot thank Courage to Care enough for the unforgettable experience myself and our Year 9 History extension students had”** She added, **“Peter Baruch, the Holocaust survivor, gave such a powerful retelling of his story. We felt so privileged. It was incredible to hear about Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese diplomat, who saved 6000 Jews, including Peter and his parents.”** If any of this sounds interesting to you, we are always looking for committed and passionate people to undertake training to join our professional band of volunteers. For further information please contact us at [queensland@couragetocare.com.au](mailto:queensland@couragetocare.com.au).

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> August the CTC team had a social and cultural outing at GOMA, visiting the incredible Chiharu Shiota: The Soul Trembles exhibition, with private guiding by CTC Executive member, Lee McNamee. The exhibition was amazing, and Lee’s professional guiding enabled us to really appreciate all aspects. Chiharu Shiota is from Japan but has lived in Berlin for many years. Many of her works have a strong resonance to the Holocaust, in particular the suitcases and the shoes. We were privileged to experience this world class exhibition, only in Brisbane.

On 14 September CTC and the QJBD welcomed Liza Wiemer, author of the book *The Assignment* at a well-attended gathering. When their favorite teacher tells them they must participate in a debate about the Holocaust – arguing for the Nazis- 2 students decide they must take a stand against an assignment that fuels intolerance and discrimination. The *Assignment* will remind readers that they always have choices – and that their choices can make a difference. This message is perfectly aligned with what CTC promotes.

September 2022  
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