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Archibald Prize 2023 winner
Julia Gutman Head in the sky, feet on the ground



ARCHIBALD PRIZE

Unanimous Archibald winner



Main image by Archibald Prize winner Julia Gutman at the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2023 winners announcement, Art Gallery of New South Wales.
Photo: Ben Ong/Art Gallery of NSW

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS

BY JESSICA ABELSOHN

JEWISH ARTIST, JULIA GUTMAN, IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST WINNERS AND THE 11TH WOMAN TO WIN THE PRIZE SINCE IT BEGAN IN 1921. SHE SAID, 'I'M SO GRATEFUL TO BE WORKING AT A TIME WHEN YOUNG FEMALE VOICES ARE HEARD'.

SYDNEY-BASED Jewish artist Julia Gutman has won the coveted Archibald Prize for 2023, taking home \$100,000 for her portrait *Head in the sky, feet on the ground*.

The 29-year-old, who graduated from Sydney's Moriah College in 2011, is one of the youngest winners in the history of the Archibald and the 11th woman to win the prize since it began in 1921. She joins fellow Jewish women winners Judy Cassab (1960 and 1967), Wendy Sharpe (1996) and Yvette Coppersmith (2018).

Gutman was **"elated and overwhelmed"** to hear she had won the Archibald, saying she was amazed

when she received the phone call from Art Gallery of New South Wales director Michael Brand.

"Shocked, dumbfounded, but very happy. It's honestly completely surreal. I'm so grateful to be working at a time when young female voices are heard," she said. For the first time ever, there were more works by women than men in the Archibald finalists.

Accepting the award last Friday, Gutman said she had "dreamt about it since I was 12 years old".

As with Gutman's other works, the portrait featuring singer-songwriter Jessica Cerro, best known by her stage name Montaigne, was created using found textiles and embroidery alongside oil on canvas.

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Much of Gutman's works explore themes of femininity, intimacy and memory, which is why for her Archibald entry she wanted to work with someone she knew well.

"Montaigne and I have been friends for a few years and there is a lot of alignment in our practices. We are both interested in creating our own forms and approaches rather than strictly adhering to any one tradition," Gutman said.

Montaigne is the first female musician to be the subject of an Archibald Prize-winning portrait.



Archibald Prize winner Julia Gutman with her portrait of singer Montaigne, *Head in the sky, feet on the ground*.
Photo: Diana Panuccio/Art Gallery of NSW

Gutman's painting was selected from 949 entries and as the winner from 57 finalists, in a unanimous decision by the gallery's board of trustees.

"This year, the trustees were impressed with such a high standard of works, but the winning artists captivated us all. The decision about this Archibald Prize winner was unanimous," board president David Gonski said. Gutman is the granddaughter of Sydney Jewish community stalwart, the late Margaret Gutman, a former executive director of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies who devoted decades of service to the NSW Jewish and broader community.

NSW Jewish Board of Deputies CEO Darren Bark said, ***"The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies warmly congratulates Sydney-based artist Julia Gutman for winning this year's prestigious Archibald Prize. On behalf of the board and the entire community, we wish Julia a hearty mazal tov on her incredible achievement."***

Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) executive director Dr Colin Rubenstein said the Australian Jewish community was "overflowing with pride" following Gutman's win.

"Her whole family, the Gutman family, have a right to be enormously proud

of her. In fact, all of Australian Jewry is overflowing with pride today," he concluded.

Jeremy Jones, AIJAC's director of community and of international affairs, added, "I have been familiar with and a huge fan of Julia Gutman's work for a number of years. She is hard-working, creative, an inspirational communicator and a truly deserving Archibald winner."

Moriah College wished Gutman and her family mazal tov on her "extraordinary achievement".

"The importance of creative subjects and design thinking in education today cannot be underestimated. We've seen subjects such as visual arts and design & technology receiving increasing appreciation, and we are so proud of Julia for inspiring the next generation of young budding artists and creative entrepreneurs.

"We look forward to following Julia's future success through the many opportunities that will undoubtedly come her way," principal Rabbi Yehoshua Smukler said.

This year's Archibald finalists also featured a portrait of advocate and activist Ronni Kahn, founder and CEO of food rescue charity OzHarvest by two-time Archibald finalist Marie Mansfield.

POINT OF VIEW

The antisemitism that never went away



J-WIRE

BY BEN COHEN

Ben Cohen is a New York City-based journalist and author who writes a weekly column on Jewish and international affairs for JNS.

ANTISEMITISM EXPRESSES ITSELF IN MANY FORMS, BUT FEW ARE AS LETHAL OR AS PERSISTENT AS THE CARICATURE OF THE HOOK-NOSED JEW SITTING ON A PILE OF CASH, LOOKING PLEASED WITH HIMSELF.

This kind of image has appeared countless times over the centuries in a range of countries and cultures, always with the same goal of depicting the “Jew” as a sinister other who pushes his own sectarian interest at the expense of society as a whole. The most recent example came from the British newspaper The Guardian—not the first time this publication has been taken to task for featuring antisemitic caricatures and probably not the last time either.

In this case, the cartoon demonised Richard Sharp, the outgoing chairman of the national broadcaster, the BBC.



The Guardian newspaper has apologised for and removed from its website a cartoon depicting BBC chairman Richard Sharp that was slammed as antisemitic, April 29, 2023. Credit: Twitter.

Drawn in a deliberately grotesque style, the image was composed of two figures: Sharp and former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who was portrayed as a pudgy naked baby sitting atop a brown pile of debris cheerily assuring Sharp that “I put you down for a peerage in the New Year’s Honors list,” which is Brit-speak for being formally nominated for elevation to the House of Lords.

As befits an ambitious, self-aggrandising Jew keenly enhancing his social status, at least in the mind of the antisemite, Sharp was drawn with a fleshy face, a hooked nose and a sly, underhanded expression while carrying a box labelled “Goldman Sachs,” the investment bank where he previously worked and where he served as the boss of current British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. Separately and together, all these elements conveyed a strong sense of Sharp as a quintessentially Jewish infiltrator, bending one of Britain’s most cherished institutions together with the country’s prime minister to his every whim.

The cartoon generated widespread outrage inside and beyond the British Jewish community. As a consequence, The Guardian removed the image from its website and proffered an apology to the Jewish community and anyone else who was offended. The cartoonist Martin Rowson also produced his own lengthy apology, in which he confessed to feeling “enormous regret, idiocy and deep shame.” He also said that he was aware

that Sharp was Jewish but nonetheless claimed that this “fact never crossed my mind as I drew him.”

The Guardian clearly has a great deal of explaining to do—not least as to why its editorial staff is seemingly unable to identify antisemitic images that denigrate Jews with about as much subtlety as a cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad wielding a bomb (which would be rightly and uncomplicatedly denounced as Islamophobic), or one of a hoodie-clad black youth robbing a white person at gunpoint (which would be rightly and uncomplicatedly denounced as racist).

There are two (at least) possible explanations for this lack of awareness. The first is fairly benign; people these days have very little cognisance of what antisemitic imagery constitutes because they barely see it around them, especially when compared with their generational equivalents in the previous two centuries. The second is more troubling, that complaints of antisemitism are a priori suspect because they are a means of shutting down legitimate debates about Jewish influence, particularly when it comes to supporting the State of Israel.



Propaganda recruiting poster of 27th SS volunteer division Langemarck with the title: "Flemish All in the SS Langemarck." Photographed by Lord Liberty via Wikimedia Commons.

The dismissal of Jewish concerns about antisemitic hostility to Israel's existence as merely the exploitation of historic Jewish victimhood to perpetuate the current victimhood of the Palestinians—an argument that has been frequently advanced in the pages of *The Guardian*—has resulted in a desensitisation towards antisemitism more generally. If Israel is regarded as an oppressive state with wealthy Diaspora Jews eagerly supporting it with money and political influence, then there is very little space for any empathy with the community's current sense of insecurity or any identification with the persecution that defined previous generations.

In these situations, a typical response of Jewish leaders

has been to call for more education—about Judaism, Jewish culture, the Holocaust, the relationship between Israel and Jewish communities abroad and much more. The problem with advancing “education” as a means of dampening down antisemitic feelings is the rather large assumption that the knowledge and insights gained in a classroom session will trump the antisemitic bigotry imbibed on social media, in school playgrounds, in certain mosques and in other locations, both real and digital.

Precisely because there are no guarantees of success, it is vital that whatever educational programs are offered are first-rate in terms of substantive analysis and hard-hitting in terms of the conclusions that are drawn. Last month, I wrote about an extraordinary collection of antisemitic images and objects—postcards, walking sticks, paintings and other trinkets—currently housed at the Technical University of Berlin in Germany. Assembled in the aftermath of the Holocaust by Arthur Langerman, a Belgian Jewish survivor of the Holocaust, the collection spans several centuries and continents.

Having covered antisemitism for more than 20 years, I like to think that I am relatively inured from being shocked at such images, but I'll admit that I wasn't prepared for what I saw in the Langerman collection. Every monstrous depiction of Jews you could possibly imagine, including the sexual abuse of children, the execution of Jesus and the joyful participation of Jews in usury, is contained there in.

Langerman explained to me that his primary motive in gathering this collection (the largest of its kind in the world) was to try and answer a perennial question: How could an apparently civilised country like Germany dehumanise and then exterminate 6 million Jews? "The answer is that they were inundated with antisemitic images showing Jews as rats, bugs, spiders—vermin that you have to get rid of. This was the message they were receiving 100 years before the Shoah. It's why I have never found a single statement from a Nazi saying, 'I regret what I did,'" he told me.

Slowly but surely, similar imagery is creeping once again into public discourse. Sad as it is to say, Rowson's caricature of Richard Sharp in *The Guardian* could sit quite happily in Langerman's collection. For that reason, every political cartoonist should be given the opportunity to study Langerman's archive and Jewish organisations would do well to arrange their visits.

Will imparting knowledge of the long tradition of visual antisemitism persuade cartoonists that while a Jewish person is, like anyone else, fair game for satire, their Jewishness should be left out of the equation? We owe it to ourselves to try.

OPINION

Hypocrites



J-WIRE

BY **Rabbi Jeremy Rosen**

Rabbi Jeremy Rosen lives in New York. He was born in Manchester. His writings are concerned with religion, culture, history and current affairs – anything he finds interesting or relevant. They are designed to entertain and to stimulate. Disagreement is always welcome.

WE JEWS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUTLIERS.

Now it seems everyone else wants to catch up with us and claim victimhood, discrimination, abuse, and alienation and the only way to cope is to be mean to everyone else. We are admired and despised, and we are our own worst enemies.

We are commanded to love each other, to be responsible for each other, and to be loyal to our traditions. And yet we are so divided and conflicted, religiously, socially, ethnically, and politically it is unbelievable. There is no way we can agree as a people, a nation, or individuals on almost any issue. And no one seems willing to give an inch. I am a complete anomaly, and I don't fit into any regular category. And some might think this is a fault, but I think it is fantastic. Even if I realise most people are just not as comfortable as I am being that way and need the reassurance of the group.

I dislike extremes and hypocrites, whether of the left or the right, secular or religious. As at this moment, the religious wing of our people is on the ascendancy, although far from a majority yet, their failings hurt me more because they matter to me, they reflect on me. So, I derive some comfort from realising that two thousand years ago the rabbis already noticed this phenomenon of hypocrisy.

The volume of the Talmud that is being studied daily at the moment, Sotah, is preoccupied with betrayal and unfaithfulness. It discusses raw human nature and illustrates how many of us fall short of the Torah's ethical ideals. Here's an extract that illustrates what I am driving at.

"The Sages taught: There are seven pseudo-righteous people who erode the world, the Shikmi, the Nikpi, the Kizai, the Medukia, those who say tell me what my obligations are, and I will perform them, those who are righteous out of excessive love, and those who are righteous out of excessive fear" (Sotah 22b).

All of them are hypocritical in one way or another, betraying the ideals of the Torah. Shikmi, are like the men of Shechem who converted only for financial gain, and Nikpi are those dragging their feet on the ground in an attempt to appear humble and injuring themselves in the process (they sound like nitpickers). The Kizai are the bloodletting righteous who like to show how much they are suffering for the sake of religion, and the Medukia are so excessively strict that they squeeze all the pleasure of life out of themselves. Some are pious to show others how good they are, others out of fear. Each one looks down on the other and each one thinks he or she is superior and that they are fooling everyone else. *The Aramaic 'nicknames' Shikmi, Nikpi, Kizai, and Medukai are the equivalent of such current words of abuse as " flasher, shtarker, bragger, bluffer, phony, or jerk".*

In theory, you might think that such people ought to stop pretending, or exaggerating, and abandon the whole enterprise. But Rav Yehuda says in the

name of Rav, that a person should always engage in Torah study and performance of the mitzvot for their own sake, but if not they should still carry on even if for the wrong reasons, because eventually, they may come to perform them for the right reason (and the routines provide a framework for putting things right, in theory at least). Nevertheless, you can see why in some circles the name Pharisee became pejorative. Even if its main usage meant pious in a good sense, people have always put on fronts.

Of course, religious people are no more or less prone to hypocrisy than any other group of human beings. Indeed, one might say that homo sapiens might be defined as the only hypocritical animal!

So, given this universal tendency to try to impress others with how innocent, pious, or how right and upstanding people are while in practice doing far more damage than they realise, either by trying to force their views and standards on others or by simply being selfish, how or should one respond?

The Talmud much later on, toward the end of the folio, goes on to say this.

“In the time leading up to the arrival of the Messiah, impudence will increase, and high costs will pile up. Although the vine will produce grapes, the wine will be expensive. The authorities will be corrupt, and no one will rebuke them. to give reproof about this. The judiciary will be a place of promiscuity, settlements will be destroyed, and people will go from city to city to seek charity, but they will find no mercy. And the wisdom will putrefy, and

people who do fear sin will be held in disgust, and the truth will be absent. The youth will shame their elders, elders will stand before minors. Normal family relations will be ruined, sons will disgrace fathers and daughters will rise against their mothers, a daughter-in-law against their mothers-in-law. A man’s enemies will control his household. The face of the generation will be like the face of a dog. A child will no longer be ashamed before his parents (sounds very much like much of society today). And upon what is there for us to rely? Only upon God in heaven” (Sotah 49b Mishna /Gemara my translation).

There’s a lot there that sounds like modern societies with their topsy-turvy value systems. Sometimes when reason fails, and compromise seems impossible one can only throw one’s hands up in the air and say admit “There are none so queer as folk.” We just don’t understand people and things may get so bad that all one can do is pray for a miracle, whether we expect a messiah to come and get us out of this mess, or some other miraculous event that will succeed in banging our heads together. Sorry, bang the same drum again. I would love with all my heart to see peace. To see Jews happy, Palestinians happy, secularists, religious of all shades, getting along. I just can’t see it! So, if we try our best and we cannot succeed in changing others, at least we should take care of ourselves and those we can help and ensure we don’t fall into any of those categories above, Shikmis, Nikpis, Kizais, or Medukais. **But in the meantime, as we always used to say in Israel Yihyeh Tov! It will be OK, we will survive.**

ASK THE RABBI

When bad things happen to good people



RABBI RAYMOND APPLE

Rabbi Raymond Apple was for many years Australia's highest profile rabbi and the leading spokesman on Judaism. After serving congregations in London, Rabbi Apple was chief minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney, for 32 years. He also held many public roles, particularly in the fields of chaplaincy, interfaith dialogue and Freemasonry, and is the recipient of several national and civic honours. Now retired, he lives in Jerusalem and blogs at www.oztorah.com

Do you agree with Harold Kushner's thesis in his book, "*When Bad Things Happen to Good People*"?

This famous book was published over 40 years ago after the author's son died from a terrible wasting disease.

Kushner recognised as a fact of life that good people suffer unjustly whilst bad people (at least sometimes or more often) seem to get off scot free.

The way the Talmud puts it is, "tzaddik v'ra lo, rasha v'tov lo" ("The righteous for whom things are not good, the wicked for whom things are good").

One of the classical explanations is that this is the way it appears to our here-and-now human perception, but in the long sweep of history, including the World to Come, the reality may be different.

The argument that Kushner put forward was that we may be asking the wrong question.

Instead of measuring a person's destiny against their moral worth, maybe we should see things in terms of the physical laws of the Creation.

The way the world was made, God has contracted Himself to make room for His creation. The resultant world operates according to parameters which He cannot adjust or interfere with.

It is not that He lacks goodness or morality, but other principles function in Creation and in the final analysis God can only lament when the result seems morally unfair.

What He does is to sit on the ground with us and share our pain.

An interesting argument, but as I pointed out in a radio broadcast at the time the book was published, it neither accords with nor satisfies the tradition of Judaism.

What Judaism has to say is that God knows what He is doing, and though we are often surprised and even disturbed at what we see, we trust that in the larger scope of things everything has its place.



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



JNF QLD BLUE BOX PESACH 2023

The Jewish National Fund of QLD (JNF) Blue Box Pesach Campaign has now started

In Israel's 75th year, JNF Australia continues its vital work in growing and nourishing the land and supporting the people of Israel through life changing projects.

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This Pesach, with your support, JNF QLD will provide new opportunities for young adults in the Negev's capital and surrounding areas through the expansion of the Be'er Sheva Youth Centre.

What role does the Centre play in the community - It provides fundamental services in the areas of higher education, employment and career and community development.

Who does it serve - Currently 8,000 soldiers, students, job seekers, entrepreneurs, young families and new immigrants.

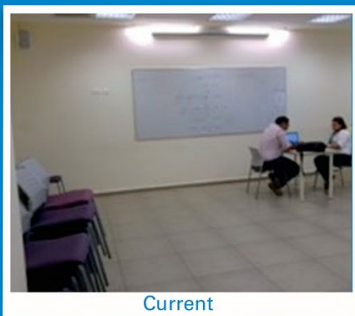
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THE COURAGE TO CARE

SUZI SMEED is a much-loved and valued member of the QLD Courage to Care (C2C) Team. We were delighted to be well represented on Thursday 27th April 2023 at the launch of her inspiring memoir in Brisbane.

She courageously, warmly and clearly shares her riveting testimony about her time as a young Jewish girl swept up in the Holocaust in Hungary.

Together with Terence J. Quinn, Suzi has published her book which is dedicated to her mother Erzsebet, her grandparents Jenó and Irma, and all who perished in the Shoah.

When MC Alan Jones asked her why she chose the title 'The Courage To Care', Suzi spoke passionately about her wish to educate people, especially school students, and how she was encouraged by Kayla Szumer to join the Qld C2C team as a Survivor. She said, "C2C is an outstanding organisation that was change-making for me. In later life it feels that I am doing something of real value for the community."

Suzi explained the C2C program and read out quotes of student feedback such as, ***"Your story was so moving, inspiring and encouraging. I know that I need to not judge others because I do not know what their past and present story is."***

Despite her humble and traumatic beginnings in Hungary, nowadays Suzi has many high-profile friends. The diverse audience included His Excellency, Amir Maimon, the Israeli Ambassador who especially came from Canberra for the event and spoke of his admiration for Suzi, how she touched his heart and when she speaks people really listen. He thanked her for her ongoing efforts to educate, spread love and generally for who she is as a great friend.

In attendance to show support was the former legal luminary, Ian Callinan AC, Parliamentarians, and a large cross section of admirers. Suzi's story keeps a light shining on anti-Semitism and discrimination and inspires us all to be better people.

Maxine Cheilyk



photo by Eddy Berkovits

Suzi Smeed



EDUCATION REPORT

The Courage to Care Program (C2C) aims to promote social harmony and reduce prejudice by inspiring/empowering children and adults to be UPSTANDERS rather than bystanders, when they witness discrimination. C2C uses stories of rescue during the Holocaust to plant the seeds of awareness, understanding and empathy for others.

As we began Term 2 of the school year, C2C had the pleasure and privilege of hosting Survivor Mimi Wise in Queensland for a week of school visits. Mimi shared her testimony with 108 Year 10 students at All Hallows' School and 193 Year 10 students at St Patrick's College, who listened attentively to Mimi's story of survival. Two St Patrick's students were so moved by Mimi's testimony that they approached her afterwards to give her a hug. Mimi has been active for six decades in Holocaust education in Sydney, including over 27 years with Courage to Care.

When time permits at the end of our program, students have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A with our Survivor/Storyteller. At Stretton State College, our Storyteller Kayla Szumer shared her late husband Adam's story of surviving the Holocaust with the help of Upstanders and following the session the 31 Year 10 students had many thought-provoking questions that were thoughtfully and eloquently answered by Kayla.

Over two days at Assisi Catholic College we shared our program with 65 Year 10 & 11 students who were engaged and attentive throughout their sessions. Our team also held a Teacher Session which was enthusiastically attended by 35 teachers and staff from the school. This session was incredibly well received, with the teachers deeply moved by Survivor Peter Baruch's testimony and inspired by the program's initiative to empower students to be Upstanders in their own lives.

An attendee of the Teacher Session commented:

***"It was a wonderful message and program.
Peter was an amazing storyteller and had me in tears."***

Survivor **Mimi Wise**
sharing her testimony
at St Patrick's College.



C2C team members Ngaire Douglas, Claire Brazil, Storyteller Kayla Szumer, Astrid Wurfl and Phillip Zavelsky with staff and students at Stretton State College.



This school term has seen many inspired responses to the Courage to Care classroom program, with students feeling empowered to be Upstanders:

- I will be more open-minded and respectful to people and their cultures.***
- I won't be scared of my friends' judgement when I stand up for other people.***
- I will try to stand up for others in situations that I can instead of waiting until someone else does first.***

The program made me realise I have a lot of reflecting to do. Even in today's society with homophobia, racism, antisemitism, ableism, transphobia... There's so much I can do. There's so much I can change.

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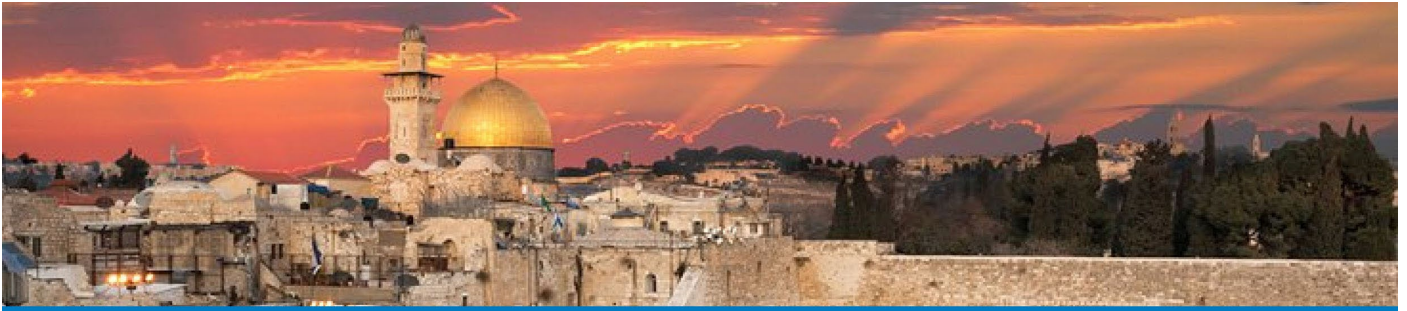


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Sinai College has welcomed their new Principal

Mrs. Christine Harman.

As the only Jewish day school in Queensland, Sinai College has proudly served the Jewish community, and the broader community of the Southern Brisbane area for over 30 years. Welcoming students from all faiths and observance levels, whether they identify as orthodox or progressive, Sinai College is a safe, accepting, and diverse environment where children can feel safe and supported as they grow into vibrant young citizens.

Christine is enormously proud to have joined the College, after previously serving as Principal at one of the most culturally diverse schools in Queensland. In this role, she became an advocate for her school community, and through this, she saw the College grow by nearly 35% and led the College successfully through the COVID pandemic.

Prior to this, Christine served as Deputy Principal in schools for disadvantaged and disengaged young people, ensuring all students had equal access to education. Christine is a passionate educator, having started her career teaching Math and Science at Sheldon College and holds Masters's qualifications in Guidance and counseling.

Sinai College is on the cusp of a new era, reinvigorating itself and bursting with potential. Always proud of its small school status, Sinai is bracing for growth. With beautiful, leafy acreage grounds, and excellent facilities that include two full-size soft courts and a full-size swimming pool, Sinai College is poised to grow.

As the only Jewish day school in Queensland, Sinai boasts an integrated Jewish studies program that includes Hebrew for all students, as well as a dedicated Hebrew language program that aims to have students not only reciting Hebrew but reading and writing confidently. Christine is working closely with the Hebrew instructors, as well as with the accreditation boards to write Queensland's first and only Hebrew curriculum.

Teaching the most recent, accredited Australian curriculum, the students of Sinai College get the individual attention they need to flourish. Coupled with the onsite, qualified College Chaplain, children are nurtured, both academically and emotionally.

With so much potential, Christine looks forward to meeting you to discuss the difference that Sinai College can make for your child.





Sinai College

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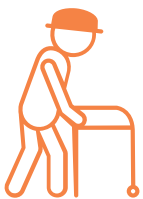


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THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF QLD (JNF QLD)

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If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything about JNF QLD
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Saturday evening:

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Maariv 7:00pm

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Mincha 17:30 followed by Shiur until Maariv

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 7:30am

Monday Evening: Shiur 6:30pm, covering the
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ALL COMMUNITY DIARY BOOKINGS

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NCJWA Meeting	3rd Monday 7:30pm

GOLD COAST - REGULAR EVENTS

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	Oneg Shabbat 2nd Friday each month
	following services
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