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Former JNF QLD president
Awarded the Medal of the Order
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Division (OAM) at the Kings
Birthday Honours 2023



MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

At the recent 2023 King's Birthday Honours Communal identity Gail Paratz was awarded the **MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE GENERAL DIVISION (OAM)**

Gail received her award for

“Service to the Jewish community, and to interfaith relations.”

Gail has been a tireless communal worker for many years and her award is in due recognition of her dedication and efforts for many organisations and causes especially as set out here

National Council of Jewish Women Australia

- Vice-President, Brisbane Branch, since 1999.
- National Board Member, 2009-2014.

Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies

- Chair, Jewish Interfaith Committee, since 2010.

Jewish National Fund Australia

- President, Queensland Branch, 2007-2014.
- Member, National Board Jewish National Fund Australia, 2007-2014

National Council of Women Queensland

- Member, Selection Committee for Bursaries, since 2017.

Queensland Faith Communities Council

- Foundation Chair, since 2017.
- Member, Foundation Steering Committee, 2016-2017

Gail said on hearing of her award: *“It’s a lovely recognition of how interfaith contributes to the stability of a community and the deep, real friendships that we have here in Brisbane and I suppose in a communal sense, recognition of our small, small but mighty Brisbane Jewish community”*

The Jewish National Fund of QLD (JNF) congratulates Gail on her most well deserved award and her support of JNF projects in Israel.



POINT OF VIEW

Happiness

What is happiness? Can the pursuit of happiness be a right, an experience, a state of mind, or an aspiration?



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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.

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The Hebrew word most often translated as Happiness is ASHRey (in modern Hebrew MeuShar). A word with a root SHaR which can also mean a poem or song. It is used only once in the Torah itself. “Be Happy Israel who is like you, a people saved by God” (Deuteronomy 33.29). But it does recur throughout the Book of Psalms, most popularly as in 144:15 “Happy are the people who dwell in your house.” In both cases, the JPS translates the word Ashrey as happy. But the more traditional Art Scroll prefers the word fortunate! Which I prefer.

The Mishnah (Avot 4) says “ Who is a rich man? Someone who is satisfied with his lot.” Which implies that happiness is a state of mind, an attitude. The word for a rich man is Ashir. But Ashir is the same word for happy. So, it could equally mean that satisfaction is what defines happiness.

Some Indian traditions identify happiness with sexual fulfilment. Greek philosophers thought of happiness as a state that can be reached, and that one can remain in that state. Some identified it with Hedonism, the pursuit of pleasure. Others with wisdom, knowledge, and self-control. Various words in Greek and Latin are used for happiness. Aristotle’s Eudaimonia is the highest human good that we should all strive for. Some might say mindfulness. The Latin Salus also means well-being and welfare. Felicitas means good fortune and pleasure. Gaudium means happiness and joy. The varieties are many. But there is a difference between happiness as a state of mind that suffuses one’s life and personality and the happiness that comes from specific actions and experiences.

This is why I find happiness a problematic word. Instead, the Torah much more frequently uses the word Simcha, best translated as joy. The emotion we should focus on to achieve a state of blessedness rather than just happiness. Which is the foundation of our relationship with God, religion, and humanity. To do good. This is what we call a blessing even if sometimes it is a burden. In the words of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, “ It is a positive command to be joyful all day long.” Serve God through joy through interacting with others positively,

doing things of an uplifting nature that encourage joy and humanity.

It is not happiness or pleasure that I feel when I go to a hospital or a funeral. But I know it is the right thing to do and I feel joy in that I am helping another person even though I may not be happy at that moment. Happiness seems to me to belong to the realm of pleasure but does not necessarily have anything to do with being a good or spiritual person. One can be fortunate without being happy and certainly happy without being rich. A hippopotamus may be happy wallowing in the mud, as much as a person may be happy in a drug-induced euphoria. But I would not want to change places with them.

I would like to say there are two kinds of happiness. Physical happiness is universal. But spiritual happiness is when one adds that extra dimension that comes with the Hebrew word Simcha. And if I had to choose a Latin word to express it, I would choose beatitude which means blessed. It is much more than just feeling happy. It involves a sense of gratitude. A blessing.

This was the experience and the message my parents bequeathed to me. Epitomised by sitting around my parent's table on a Friday and Festival night. The candles lighting up the Shabbat table. The joy on my parent's faces and the songs we sang together, serious, contemplative, rhythmical, and lively, interspersed with words of wisdom and tradition. That is what has inspired

me. Those were happy moments that repeatedly bring me joy, pleasure, and satisfaction. I have had many moments of pleasure in my life.

We start every day with blessings expressing gratitude for everything we have in life. When we say “Baruch Ata” it is translated Blessed are You which is so easily misunderstood as if God requires our blessing. It is rather a way of saying “thank You”. And in return when we are blessed by another person or God, it is an expression of love, sympathy, concern, and connection. As the Mishna says (Brachot 9:3) “ We bless God for the bad as well as the good.” It is an acceptance of our fate, for better or for worse. Satisfaction with what one has and determination to try to make the world a better place even when things around us cause us pain.

Happiness can be pleasure and enjoyment. But doing good brings true joy which is a thing apart and beyond.

OPINION

Why can't we talk about Ukrainian antisemitism?



Museum of the History of Ukraine in World War II and Monument to the Motherland in Kyiv, Ukraine. Credit: Alexander Vovck via Wikimedia Commons.

J-WIRE

BY **Jonathan S. Tobin**

Editor-in-chief of JNS (Jewish News Syndicate).

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTISEMITISM TO THE LIBERAL CORPORATE MEDIA? HOW MUCH OF IT A PRIORITY IS IT FOR THE ORGANISED JEWISH WORLD?

In both cases, the answer is that it is not as important as their commitment to support the war against Russia being fought by Ukraine. That's the only conclusion to be drawn from a troubling story reported this week in The New York Times.

According to the Times, the wearing of insignia and symbols associated with the Nazis and their allies are prevalent among the troops fighting for Ukraine. It even acknowledged that antisemitism is baked deep into the history of Ukrainian nationalism—something that explains why these symbols are being worn by Kyiv's soldiers. But as the article also made clear, it's a bad idea to mention or discuss these facts unless you're prepared to be labelled as a tool of Russian propaganda.

The dynamic here is a familiar one to anyone who has been following press coverage or commentary since Russia's authoritarian President Vladimir Putin launched his brutal and illegal invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022. Nothing the Ukrainians or their popular President Volodymyr Zelenskyy say or do can be allowed to distract from the prevailing narrative about the conflict. This mandates that not only must

everyone acknowledge the awfulness of the Putin regime and the consequences of the war it started. It also means we must adhere to the dubious notion that Zelenskyy is the reincarnation of Winston Churchill and that Ukraine is an exemplary nation that is fighting not just for its own independence but for Western democracy and freedom.

Ukrainian forces, inspired by Zelenskyy, defeated an offensive clearly intended to undo the independence they had achieved after the collapse of the Soviet empire in 1991. Since their initial success, the Ukrainians have been locked in a stalemate with Putin's army. Moscow has lost most of the territory it overran last year but holds onto all of the areas of Eastern Ukraine as well as Crimea, which it took in a separate campaign in 2014.

Support for war

Even though the war now appears to be over Zelenskyy's demand that Russia gives up the territory it took in 2014 rather than Ukrainian independence, it is still held up as a sacred crusade. That's a point of view that has been adopted by a broad cross-section of opinion embracing the Biden administration and its media cheering section, as well as establishment Republicans, all of whom seem to be in favour of doing their best to perpetuate the war until Ukraine has defeated Russia, even though no one seems to know how that can happen.

Washington sent more than \$100 billion to Ukraine last year. The likelihood is that this kind of spending will continue this year and indefinitely into the future with the war taking on the all-too-familiar pattern of unwinnable and endless conflicts that American taxpayers are supposed to think is a good use of their money. Anybody who dissents from

this consensus—a category into which a growing number of Americans who rightly believe there are better uses for their money than fueling a bloody quagmire that does nothing to enhance American security and might actually be undermining it—gets quickly labelled as a Putin stooge or a victim of Russian propaganda.

That is the dynamic that the Times explained in its article about the reluctance of the media as well as the organised Jewish world to acknowledge the curious fact that the alleged defenders of Western freedom in Ukraine engage in nostalgia for the Nazis.

A tragic history of antisemitism

As is often the case throughout history, the truth is messier than neat narratives about good and evil. The Russians may be bad, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the Ukrainians are the embodiment of all that is good.

The reason why Ukrainians wear these symbols is not exactly a mystery. While Ukrainians have the right to self-determination and independence, their nationalist movement has been linked to antisemitism since its beginnings.

The Ukrainian state honours the memory of Bohdan Khmelnytsky, the 17th military leader of Ukrainian Cossacks who led an uprising against the Polish/Lithuanian kingdom that then ruled much of the country. Khmelnytsky is best known to Jews for the massacres of Ukrainian and Polish Jews, which he organised and led, and which are immortalised in modern literature by books like Isaac Bashevis Singer's *The Slave*. This was the worst disaster to befall European Jewry from

the Crusades to the Holocaust; historians estimate that more than 100,000 Jews were slaughtered by Khmelnytsky's followers while thousands of others were enslaved or held for ransom.

Yet the Ukrainian Republic named its highest military honour after Khmelnytskyi in 1995, and its current Jewish president, who is protected by a unit that is named after the Cossack murderer, has awarded it to his soldiers.

The Ukrainians also embrace the memory of one of the leaders of the republic that was declared in Ukraine in 1919 after the collapse of the Tsarist empire. During the course of the war that it lost to the Russian Bolshevik regime that absorbed Ukraine, Symon Petliura, the head of Ukrainian forces, led pogroms that were responsible for the deaths of as many as 70,000 Jews.

Another Ukrainian hero is Stepan Bandera, a nationalist who led forces that collaborated with the Nazis during the Holocaust. Like many Ukrainians, he was eager to ally himself with anyone who opposed the Soviet regime of Joseph Stalin, which had murdered millions of Ukrainians in the Holodomor terror famine. Though they would ultimately also be oppressed by the invading Germans, a great many Ukrainians actively participated in the murder of the Jews there in 1941, taking a principal role in atrocities like the Babi Yar massacre.

The events of the Holocaust were highlighted last year by Zelenskyy during his virtual speech to the Knesset. As part of his effort to persuade Israel to abandon its own interests and join the war against Russia, Zelenskyy claimed that Russia's invasion was morally equivalent to the

Holocaust and then made the equally false assertion that Ukrainians had stood in solidarity with the Jews of their country, thus obligating Israelis to rally to Ukraine today.

This wasn't just false. It was the sort of statement that, had it been uttered by anyone else, would have been rightly labelled as Holocaust denial. But since Zelenskyy is now the new Churchill, virtually everyone in the West, including the organized Jewish world, gave him a pass for this.

While Zelenskyy's election as Ukraine's president is not unreasonably considered proof that the country's attitude towards Jews is changing, his willingness to lie about the Holocaust was also evidence that rejection of its history of antisemitism is not considered good politics there. So, if Ukrainian soldiers often wear symbols associated with the Nazis and antisemitism, then it can hardly be considered a surprise.

Yet Jewish organisations aren't interested in speaking out about this even though they are quick to allege that over-the-top criticism of Zelenskyy by Tucker Carlson employed antisemitic memes. Whether or not that is true, Zelenskyy is hardly the paragon of democracy he is made out to be. Ukraine remains a deeply corrupt country, and dissent against its government is punished—something that was made clear by Zelenskyy's ban on the Ukrainian Orthodox church because of its historic ties to Moscow.

As the Times article acknowledged, those Western journalists who have been allowed to visit the front have

asked soldiers to take the Nazi symbols off before they took their pictures, thus ensuring that Western audiences would be kept clueless about it.

This is a familiar pattern with respect to coverage of a war in which everything bad that happens—including, for example, the destruction of a Russian oil pipeline—is immediately declared to be the fault of the Russians, even though that turned out to be the work of Ukrainians. If the identity of those responsible for recently breaking a dam that helped supply water to Russian-held areas and led to much suffering comes to light, it may turn out to be a similar story.

Mindless isolationism and/or antisemitism, if not support for Putin, is freely imputed to those who are sceptical about the need for Americans to commit to indefinite backing of the Ukrainians rather than to work to end the war as soon as possible. But the proof that Jew-hatred has remained a factor in Ukrainian culture is considered something that may not be mentioned, let alone protested.

Speaking about this doesn't justify Putin's actions. Nor does it erase Russian antisemitism. It's possible to be honest about the Ukrainians and their Nazi problem without validating Putin's bogus claim that the goal of his invasion was to "de-Nazify" Ukraine. Still, denying the truth about Ukrainian antisemitism doesn't help defend the cause of freedom. On the contrary, the willingness of so many to cover up for Zelenskyy and his forces undermines the fight against Jew-hatred. It's time for those who claim to defend Jewish interests to say so.

BOOK REVIEW

Anne Frank's best friend tells her story 78 years later



THE AGE

BY Pat Sheil

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MY FRIEND ANNE FRANK

HANNAH PICK-GOSLAR

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This book is well worth reading. It is deeply moving, beautifully written and, yes, you will need a tissue or two to get through it. But if you are one of the few people who have never read Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl*, then you should read it, or re-read it, before opening Hannah Pick-Goslar's remarkable memoir.

On the face of it, it seems absurd that a book by a living author called *My Friend Anne Frank* could have been written and published in the past two years. Anne died in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 – almost 80 years ago.



Hannah Pick-Goslar (right) and her childhood friend Anne Frank during a game of hopscotch in Amsterdam before the war.

So who is this person writing in 2022, purporting to be her “friend”? When I first saw the title, I recoiled at the suspicion of a hack trying to squeeze a quid out of one of the 20th century's most touching and tragic tales. *The Diary of a Young Girl* remains an astonishing collection of adolescent reflections on self and circumstance. It is made all the more poignant in that it is one of those rarest works of non-fiction when the reader knows the ending before they begin, but the writer never does.

But *My Friend Anne Frank* is the real deal, unlikely as the timing may seem. Pick-Goslar's was indeed a friend of Anne's, both Jews born in Germany (Anne in 1929, Hannah a year earlier), their families fleeing Nazism separately to the “safety” of Holland in 1933. They went to school in Amsterdam together, enjoyed the same birthday parties, and Hannah, dubbed as Hanneli, or Lies, appears several times in Anne's diary. (Anne had a deep respect for privacy, even in this most secret file, and hid the identities of both close friends and irritating pests in a slew of pseudonyms.)

It is this overpowering, bittersweet foreknowledge of what is to come that any reader of Anne's diary finds so overwhelming, inspiring and yet so awful. How many of us have wept at her dreams of a romantic and intellectually adventurous future, all beginning with the words “... after the war”?

Pick-Goslar's autobiography was written well after the war. Born in Berlin in 1928, she died aged 93 in Jerusalem last October. This story, very much her own, was co-written and edited with deft compassion and diligence by journalist Dian Kraft. It is as moving as Anne's because not only did they play together as children, but Hannah knows how it ends.

The dreadful, transitory reunion of the two girls at Bergen-Belsen, days before Anne's death, with Hannah throwing a sock stuffed with bread across a barbed wire fence for what was possibly Anne's last meal, is truly heartbreaking.



Hannah Pick-Goslar in 1998, when she was 69 years old.

For two years, Hannah and her family had been told that Anne's family had long since escaped to Switzerland, while of course they had been hiding in the secret annex. In this surreal confinement, her writing and imagination become entangled with an inevitable self-examination of her emergence as an evolving young woman, and helpless love for the boy Peter.

In June 1943, Hannah and her baby sister were sent to Westerbork transit camp, from where Anne and her sister, Margot, were to board the final death train, their hiding place having been betrayed to the SS in August 1944. Hannah and her sister, Gabi, were also taken to Belsen, where the privations and gratuitous cruelty only made them wonder why, how, this was happening to them, "just because we are Jews".

Through it all, on the brink of starvation and picking lice off the head of her three-year-old sister, Hannah would close her

eyes and dream of being with Anne, well fed and sound asleep in a cosy bed in Switzerland – until the day she hears her friend's voice through a barbed wire fence stuffed with straw so that the prisoners could not see each other. Anne can barely speak; she is starving, dying of typhus. Hannah scrimps food from her barrack across the wire and throws it over. Anne screams – another woman has stolen it.

Hannah tries again the next night. The last words she hears from her friend are "got it". The next day, the fence, tents and sheds beyond the wire are all gone, as is Anne. The Russians liberate the camps days later. Hannah, at death's door herself, and weighing under 30 kilograms, spent months recovering in a Canadian-run hospital.

For almost 80 years, she worked as a nurse and a pre-school teacher before touring the world as a Holocaust survivor, "Anne Frank's friend", lecturing and telling her story. Decades after the war, she died peacefully, surrounded by generations of loving descendants, whom she'd often described collectively as her "revenge on Hitler".

Hannah Pick-Goslar

My Friend Anne Frank





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.

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 been well received and we thank everyone for their support of this most important JNF Australia project in Israel

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.

Thanks to your ongoing 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.

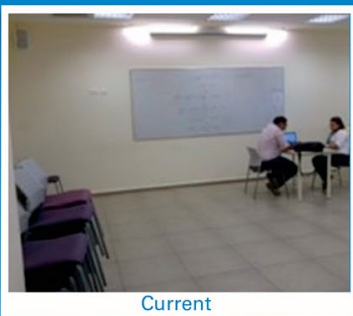
The expansion will offer an opportunity for more Negev residents to dream big and achieve their desired future.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

Join with JNF QLD to renovate and expand the centre to include outdoor spaces, a podcast room, cultural and social areas and much more.

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COURAGE TO CARE

Henry shares his story



Henry signs autographs at St Josephs

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MELBOURNE COURAGE
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SPEAKER PROFESSOR
HENRY EKERT HAS
SHARED HIS STORY
WITH MANY STUDENTS
OVER THE YEARS, AND,
ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
WIFE BARBARA, HAS
VISITED ST JOSEPH'S
COLLEGE ON NUMEROUS
OCCASION

The students are always moved and grateful, but on his most recent visit he was presented with something extra sweet

The heartfelt thank you card from the students featured a Twirl chocolate bar.

The significance? Henry has explained to the boys that a chocolate bar was the first thing he was given when he was liberated from the Nazis.

Henry is one of a group of Holocaust Survivor Speakers visiting schools across Victoria sharing their own personal, and incredibly moving experiences of being rescued by people with the moral strength and courage to stand up in the most challenging of circumstances.

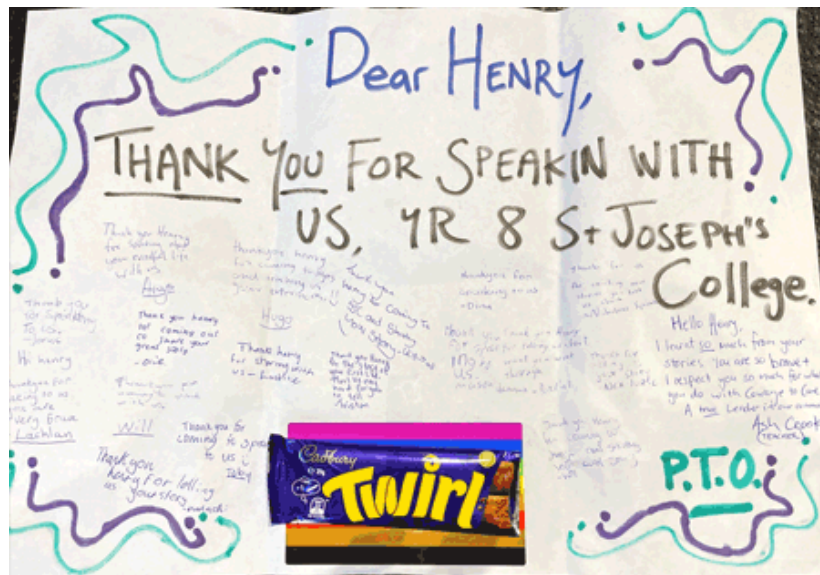
These stories highlight the importance of having the courage to care, and combined with practical tools, enable students to stand up against racism and discrimination in all its forms.

The now-retired Professor Ekert went on to become a children's cancer and haematology specialist and director of the division of medicine at the Royal Children's Hospital.

During his medical and research career, the survival rate for childhood leukaemia improved from about five per cent to almost 95 per cent, and even in retirement Professor Ekert continues to devote his time to improving the lives of children.

“My story has got an element of optimism, and an element of the misery of World War II,” he said. “The optimism is my success as a doctor and all the things I accomplished in my time at the Royal Children’s Hospital, but the other story I tell them about is my first life and the bystanders and carers.”

The Polish people who saved the lives of the Ekert family did it at risk to their own lives and their own welfare. “They had the courage to care,” Professor Ekert said. “Individuals who care can save somebody. As a result of saving that somebody, that somebody can then contribute to the world to come ... as I have in terms of children with cancer.” Professor Ekert followed his radiologist father into medicine but was determined to treat patients rather than diagnose them.



A card of thanks

“My father was a doctor, a radiologist, and there was never any question in his mind that I would also be a doctor. I didn’t want to be a doctor who diagnosed, I wanted to be a doctor who treated patients on the frontline ... I wanted to be the one who could stand up on the frontline because, as a child I was always a victim.

“I could really challenge childhood cancer and blood disorders. I could stand on the frontline and focus on the tragedy of dying children and suffering children and do something about it because during the war I had no such chance at all ... I was just a little child whose life mattered to no-one at all except for my parents and I was away from my parents.”

It took Professor Ekert’s father ten years to have his qualifications fully recognised in Australia and to be registered as a medical practitioner, but during those years, he worked as a radiographer for the tuberculosis service.

His father gained his Australian qualifications just six months before Professor Ekert registered as a doctor.

Professor Ekert’s son Paul has also followed into the family business and is also a prominent childhood cancer researcher.

My talk with the children confirms the story of the Holocaust in a personal way that validates the teaching of the facilitators about the evils of stereotyping, discrimination and racism.

Henry Eckert added: “I stress the courage of the upstanders and the good consequences that may issue from there. My experience at St. Joseph College in Newton has been particularly rewarding because the students are willing to express their thoughts and feelings directly to me. They and their teachers are very special to me.

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.

Here we are already at the end of another busy school term! Our recent school visits have seen us share our C2C classroom program with students in Moreton Shire, on the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and in the Lockyer Valley.

Our team presented to 169 Year 10 students at Murrumba State Secondary College on 18th and 19th May, where the school library featured a display of books on WWII and Holocaust. During the workshop facilitation a student commented: I will take notice if people are struggling and be more courageous in helping others.

On 29th and 30th May we presented at Unity College at Caloundra, where 130 Year 10 students listened intently to Peter Baruch and Suzi Smeed share their moving stories of life during the harrowing time of war, and of all the people who made it possible for the students to be listening to them both today. One student reflected: The program has made me more aware about how the Holocaust affected so many people and how it can be used to teach others the importance of standing up for what's right; while a teacher commented: Hearing testimony is absolutely essential for young people to link big concepts such as social justice to real life people.

Friday 2nd June saw our team travel to Faith Lutheran College at Plainland where 18 Year 10 students discussed how they can be Upstanders in their own lives after hearing Rochy Miller share her mother Boba's story of survival: The program brought to life what we are studying in the classroom, with examples of first-hand experience and the power of how we can work together.

Our team presented four sessions to 91 Year 10 students at St Hilda's School on the Gold Coast on 12th and 13th June. Monday 12th June was the anniversary of Anne Frank's birthday, who would have been 94 had she survived the Holocaust, and marked 81 years since Anne was given her diary as a birthday present in 1942. It was a poignant point that day as our team shared our program with girls who are the same age that Anne was when she wrote in her diary whilst in hiding. Students commented: I will check in on others more often and I will show guidance for younger students.

After the June/July school holidays we will begin Term 3 where we look forward to sharing the C2C classroom program with over 1,300 Queensland school students!

We are always keen for more committed and passionate people to join our team of dedicated volunteers. Anyone interested is invited to observe the program in action and if they would like to proceed then full training and mentoring is provided. If you or someone you know in Brisbane, Gold or Sunshine Coast may be interested in this inspiring volunteering opportunity, please email queensland@couragetocare.com.au.



Storyteller Rochy Miller with teachers and students at Faith Lutheran College Plainland.



Survivor Suzi Smeed sharing her testimony at Unity College.

100TH BIRTHDAY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

In March the Queensland Courage to Care team had the privilege of hearing the first-hand testimony of Holocaust survivor David 'Dickie' Groenteman, aka 'The Flying Dutchman'. Dickie was a teen living in Amsterdam when he was arrested by the Nazis. With the help of a number of Upstanders, Dickie went on to escape a prison death sentence and survive three years in Auschwitz, before moving to Australia after the war.

On Sunday 18th June Dickie celebrated his 100th Birthday, an incredible milestone commemorated with a trip to his hometown of Amsterdam and visits to other places of significance in his life story – some places with happy memories such as his childhood primary school; and other places with harrowing memories like Herzogenbusch concentration camp.

Dickie was accompanied on his travels by journalist and storyteller Mac Lyon who is chronicling Dickie's story for an upcoming documentary. You can follow Dickie's travels on Mac's Instagram 'Stories Told' at account [storiestoldau](#).



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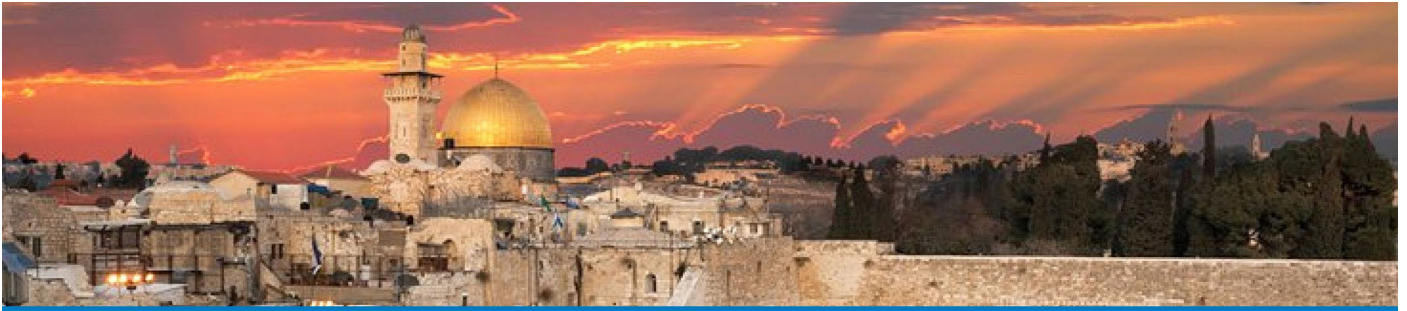


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As a unique, co-educational Jewish Primary school, Sinai College caters to all students willing to uphold the values and ethos of the College. Situated on leafy surrounds in Burbank, Sinai College is the small school alternative for every student.

With some of the best student: teacher ratios in Queensland, we pride ourselves on putting children first, with personalised education in a nurturing environment, ensuring your child flourishes. At Sinai College we emphasise not only academic success, but personal, social and spiritual growth ensuring our students become critical lifelong learners and contributing community members.



Caring for their future, today

Australian Curriculum

- Fully endorsed ACARA curriculum V9
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- Authentic assessment through student folios

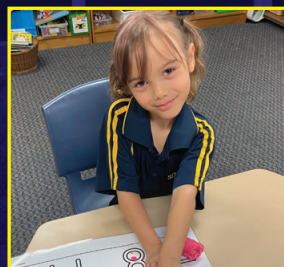
Student Focused

- Very small class sizes (less than 15 students)
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**Interest free loans are available
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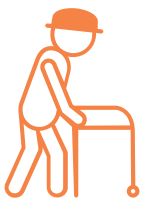


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If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything about JNF QLD
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Maariv 7:00pm

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Mincha 17:30 followed by Shiur until Maariv

Maariv 7:00pm

Shacharit 7:30am

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ALL COMMUNITY DIARY BOOKINGS

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	Oneg Shabbat 2nd Friday each month
	following services
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