

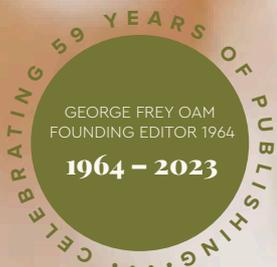


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# Film Festival

2023  
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# Brisbane Film Program

NEW FARM CINEMAS, NEW FARM —

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## Fri 17 November

2:00PM Airborn 10

## Sat 18 November

2:30PM Anna and the Egyptian  
Doctor 12

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8:50PM SHTTL 39

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Wall 18

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Killer 36

6:50PM Hummus Full Trailer 24

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Mogul 26

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## Wed 22 November

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NEW YEAR

## Israeli population pushes 10 million



*Thousands of Jewish worshippers at Jerusalem's Western Wall recite special penitential prayers on Aug. 25, 2023, during the month leading up to the High Holidays. Photo by Yoav Dudkevitch/TPS*

J-WIRE

## Israel's population will pass 10 million in 2024, according to data the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) published ahead of the Jewish New Year.

As the Hebrew year draws to a close, the Jewish state has a population of approximately 9.795 million people, the report said. Some 7.181 million (73%) identify as Jewish, 2.065 million (21%) as Arab and 549,000 (5%) as neither.

**The country's population will reach 10 million by late 2024 and 16 million by 2048, the CBS said. By 2065, Israel's population is expected to have doubled.**

Jews in Israel who are at least 20 years old are identified as 44% secular, 45% traditional or religious, and 11% Orthodox.

The average life expectancy for Israeli men rose slightly over the past year to 80.7 years, compared to 84.8 years for women.

According to the CBS, Israel's overall population grew an estimated 2% with 172,000 babies born and the arrival of 74,000 immigrants.

Among Jewish Israelis, David was the most commonly chosen name for boys born in 5783, followed by Ariel and then Lavi.

Overall, Muhammad remained the most popular name for Israeli newborns. Second place went to Adam, with Yosef/Joseph/Yusef ranking third.

Abigail was the most popular name for Jewish girls, and also in the overall ranking. Tamar came in second, both in the Jewish sector and overall. Other popular girl names included Miriam, Sarah and Yael.



OPINION

## Why is it so hard to forgive ourselves? Yom Kippur and the liberation from shame



*On Yom Kippur, we are reminded that we stand before God and God alone — and if He can and will forgive us, then we have the right and the capacity to do the same for ourselves.  
(RapidEye / iStock / Getty Images)*

ABC RELIGION AND ETHICS

BY RABBI DR BENJAMIN ELTON

Chief Minister of The Great Synagogue, Sydney.

## Yom Kippur was translated by sixteenth century English Bible scholars as “the Day of Atonement” — but what is the best Jewish translation of the word kippur?

**Really it means “to wipe away”, and Yom Kippur is the day that our sins are wiped away. We are guilty of certain sins, they are real, and they need to be removed, leaving us cleansed and pristine. There are three ways that can happen.**

The first is when we have sinned against God. In that situation we confess, we regret, we resolve not to repeat our sin. That is the process known as teshuva or repentance. If we do, God will wipe away the sins we have committed against Him and remove our guilt.

The second is when we have hurt someone else — and in that case, we apologise to that person and we hope that we will be forgiven, which is the process by which the offended party wipes away the sin and again we cease to be guilty.

There is a third way our sins are wiped away: not when God forgives us, or when we forgive other people, but when we forgive ourselves, because that can be the most difficult process of all.

There is a famous story of two politicians talking. One says to the other about a colleague, “**You know he’s his own worst enemy**”, to which the other replies, “**Not while I’m alive, he isn’t.**” The truth is that often we are our own worst enemies. While other people might be willing to forgive and forget, we can do neither for ourselves. Often this lack of self-forgiveness isn’t for wrongs at all. It isn’t because we have caused harm to other people; indeed, in such a case it would be improper for us blithely to forgive ourselves without thinking of those our actions have affected. More often — and with greater damage to ourselves — we are withholding forgiveness, we blame ourselves, we are punishing ourselves, for things which are not our fault, or for simply for being human with all the imperfection that implies. In reality, we are guilty of nothing, but we still feel shame.

There is a powerful scene in Gus Van Sant’s 1997 *Good Will Hunting* when the psychologist Sean Maguire (played by Robin Williams) has a conversation with Will Hunting (Matt Damon), an apparently cocksure but profoundly self-destructive maths prodigy. The young man was beaten by his foster father when he was a child. Sean turns to Will and says, “**Son, it’s not your fault.**” At first Will brushes it off, saying “**I know.**” But Sean persists and repeats the words: “**It’s not your fault.**” Will begins to break down. At first, he reacts angrily, but then sobs uncontrollably as Sean hugs him. The façade has been broken and the damaged child, who is deeply ashamed, who blames himself for being beaten, can start the process of healing.

I'm not saying that any or every therapeutic process is that quick or dramatic, but at the heart of all talk therapy is processing, digesting, the parts of our past we cannot let go, which continue to harm us in the present, when we can't stop blaming ourselves and punishing ourselves for things that aren't our fault — when we cannot rid ourselves of shame we ought not to feel.

When we can accept that we are not perfect, then we can begin to be healthier and happier people. I can tell you from personal experience that when I make a mistake, or when something doesn't go as well as I had hoped, I beat myself up about it, more than anyone else would, and that always does more harm. A small error or imperfection gets into your head, anxiety sets in, and then the result does not improve — it steadily gets worse and you feel bad when it's all over.

Even the most experienced performers can fall into this pattern. When Stephen Fry was recording the audiobook version of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, he had to say "Harry pocketed it." He tripped over the words once or twice and then it became a roadblock in his head, to such an extent he asked J.K. Rowling if she would change the text. For some people this is not just a rare event. People who stutter develop a fear of certain words, and this fear leads them into a cycle of shame, self-isolation, anxiety, stress, and low self-esteem — all because of a merciless failure to forgive themselves. That is just an acute example of a phenomenon many people experience, and it comes when we care too much about the small errors and too little for ourselves. Our feelings are genuine and can't simply be chased away with an attitude of **"it's not that**

**important, get over it"**. Our feelings are important to us. Nevertheless, there has to be a different form of self-forgiveness.

We find that by turning to God. Because do you know Who understands that we are not perfect, doesn't expect perfection, but loves us anyway? God does. God is the key to breaking out of this negative cycle. On Yom Kippur this is what Jews say about God in our prayers:

***King Who forgives and pardons our iniquities, and the iniquities of His people, the House of Israel; and Who removes our sins each and every year.***

We sinned last year, and God forgave us. He knew we would sin this year, and He still forgave us. He knows we will sin next year, but He is still willing to forgive us today. He tells us to deal with our guilt, but He also tells us not to be ashamed.

It is vitally important that we recognise that we stand before God and God alone— and if He can and will forgive us, then we have the right and the capacity to do the same for ourselves. As Rabbi Jonathan Sacks pointed out, Judaism believes in guilt, but it does not believe in shame. Guilt comes from knowing we have sinned in an objective way, before God; shame is the result of feeling the weight of other people's disapproval and of our own expectations. A reluctance to practice self-forgiveness is ultimately a result of shame, and not of guilt. Guilt recognises there is right and wrong in the world and that has to be addressed seriously. Shame is an unhealthy but seductive attachment to subjective opinions, of ourselves and others.

We try to avoid shame by pretending we are perfect, even though we know we are not. Guilt is relieved by being

honest about who we are — to ourselves, to others, and to God — and opening ourselves up to forgiveness. Shame comes when we identify ourselves totally with our missteps, but dealing with guilt is based on the understanding that what we have done wrong is not intrinsic to ourselves. We are not blemished, and we are not tainted. As Jews say every

morning in one of the first prayers we recite: “The soul you have implanted in me O Lord is pure.” And it stays pure. There is no reason why we should not forgive ourselves because we are always worthy of forgiveness if we put right whatever we may have done wrong — and especially if, in truth, we haven’t done anything wrong at all.

***So let’s ask God for forgiveness,  
let’s forgive other people,  
and let’s forgive ourselves.  
Let’s head into the future  
without guilt and without shame,  
but only with God’s love  
and His many blessings.***



RELIGION

## First Melbourne Orthodox synagogue appoints woman to rabbinic role



PLUS61J MEDIA

BY **DEBORAH STONE**

Deborah Stone is Editor-in-Chief of Plus61J Media. She has more than 30 years' experience as a journalist and editor, including experience as a reporter and feature writer on The Age and The Sunday Age, as Editor of the Australian Jewish News and as Editor of ArtsHub.

## Shira Hadasha, an egalitarian Orthodox community, has appointed Rabbanit Ellyse Borghi as its pastoral care and life cycle guide.

Shira Hadasha becomes the second Orthodox synagogue in Australia to appoint a woman to a rabbinic role. Rabbanit Judith Levitan is religious programming coordinator at Maroubra Synagogue in Sydney.

Rather than running services, Rabbanit Borghi's role will focus on adult education, preparing b'nei mitzvah students and couples for marriage, and supporting community members in times of sickness and mourning.

***"It's a lay-led community and it's a big part of Shira's identity that everyone has a place and everyone's contribution is valued, and the shul wasn't looking to change that model. Everyone takes turns leading prayers and reading from the Torah,"*** said Borghi.

***"Where we were looking to expand was where we saw a gap and that's really the essence of rabbinic work, to act as a community guide."***

Shira, an 18-year-old community which meets at the Theodor Herzl Club in Caulfield, is an unusual synagogue. It follows a completely Orthodox service and adheres strictly to halacha, as interpreted by the most liberal Orthodox authorities. Women lead services and read Torah but men and women sit separately, divided by a mehitzah (a curtain prevents them seeing each other).

Women cannot count in the minyan or lead certain prayers, but the community also counts a minyan of women and reserves leading certain prayers for women to balance those that can only be led by men.

Rabbinit Borghi, 34, was ordained in 2019 by Yeshiva Hare-El in Israel. In addition to her part-time role at Shira, she is a children's lawyer working for Legal Aid and the mother of three young children.

She said she appreciated the considerable change that has occurred in Orthodoxy in recent years to enable greater participation by women.

***"My role has taken a lot of work for decades from people in the Jewish community, going back to the women's prayer groups in the 1990s. I don't come out of nowhere,"*** she told Plus61J Media.

As for the remaining limitations on women in Orthodoxy, Rabbanit Borghi said she views them with patience, drawing on her observation of how women have gradually gained more of a place in the secular legal world. She acknowledges there are still barriers but is ***"quite optimistic about the trajectory"***.

## ISRAEL

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# At 97, Ruth is Australia's oldest migrant to Israel



*Ruth Tarlo will be remembered to many in our community as she and her husband Professor Hyman Tarlo lived in Brisbane for many years. Ruth while in Brisbane was involved in a range of Jewish Organisations including WIZO and the Progressive Jewish Congregation at the time.*

**PLUS61J MEDIA**

**BY ITTAY FLESCHER**

Ittay Flescher is the Jerusalem correspondent for Plus61JMedia. Since moving to Israel in 2018 from Melbourne, where he was a high school teacher for 15 years, Ittay has been collecting stories about the people with whom he shares Jerusalem. He is also the Education Director at a youth movement that brings together Israeli and Palestinian teenagers to work towards equality, justice, and peace.

## Ruth Tarlo remembers Israel's creation, but she no longer believes in the idealised picture she had then. She talks to ITTAY FLESCHER.

Aliyah (moving to Israel) is never easy but imagine picking up from Bondi Beach in Sydney and moving to Israel in 2023 at the ripe old age of 97. That's what Ruth Tarlo did this year, making her the oldest ever olah (migrant to Israel) from Australia, and the second oldest in the history of Israel.

Born in Liverpool, in northwest England, in 1925, Ruth Tarlo moved to Australia in 1956 with her husband Hyman Tarlo for a better climate and improved work opportunities. She worked as a high school science teacher for several decades.

Ruth (who insists we use her first name) taught the first computing course in an Australian high school back in 1976. Her principal had given her the option of either teaching three-dimensional geography or teaching computing. She chose the latter, and still joyfully remembers her absurd first computing lesson. The school could only afford one very large and expensive machine, so she was teaching computers to classes where not a single student had one. In 1983, she wrote the first book to teach the computing syllabus published in Australia.

Speaking to Plus61J Media from the Beit Protea retirement home in Herzliya where she now lives, Ruth was full of energy, humour and vibrancy. She shared

many stories with great detail about her childhood in Ireland. She grew up as an ardent Zionist, whose father was the head of the JNF in Dublin.



*Ruth Tarlo with her computing textbook*

Ruth has two daughters and a son. Both girls moved to Israel. Her younger daughter fell in love with the country while on a WUJS tour, her older sister followed. Both married Israelis.

Ruth is old enough to remember the UN vote that partitioned Palestine and created Israel. She remembers sitting in her dining room with her husband hearing the live radio broadcast from New York in 1947. "We were delighted with the outcome, but none of us really thought about the Arabs living there at the time," she recalled. "We grew up on the idea that Israel was an empty land, but I later discovered that was not the case, especially after 1967."

She is a keen follower of the news who has lived through Israel's entire history as a state. I asked which event she remembered most vividly, and she said, without a moment's hesitation, "The Rabin assassination."

"I was on a flight back from Israel to Australia and first heard the news a moment after we landed. I was devastated. How could a Jew do this?" She also recalled her anger at Netanyahu for cheering on anti-peace demonstrators in Rabin Square in the months leading up to Rabin's murder by a religious Zionist extremist.

A happier memory is the optimism she felt seeing the signing of the Oslo Accords 30 years ago. She said how wonderful it was to watch Rabin, Peres, Clinton and Arafat walk out together on the White House lawn and hope that Israelis and Palestinians were on the verge of turning a leaf in their struggle for peace.

***"It's still hard for me to accept that I'm now a citizen of Israel and I have this government which I could not possibly support."***

New migrant Ruth Tarlo

Over the years, as she educated herself more about Israel, she came to realise that it isn't the country her educators had taught her about. She especially noted how difficult it is for Arabs to sing the anthem Hatikvah which speaks of a "Jewish soul".

If she was PM, she would do her best to create a two-state solution, although she acknowledges that this is an exceptionally difficult proposition in the current reality.

She is also very opposed to the ongoing judicial overhaul and has been a supporter of the New Israel Fund for

several decades. Her nephew, Alan Bolchover, was the chief executive of the NIF UK from 2006-2010. She thinks the most important NIF grantee is Machsom Watch, an NGO founded in 2001 by three Jewish Jerusalemite women who were shocked when they first observed what happens to Palestinians at Israeli military checkpoints. The organisation now has over 500 women who regularly monitor checkpoints and crossings between Palestine and Israel.

Regarding the Australian Jewish community, she said, "They always had a policy of almost always supporting the government of the day in Israel, and I could never fall in with them on this front."

She is very much looking forward to her first vote in an Israeli election, to finally have her say on the direction of the country. "It's still hard for me to accept that I'm now a citizen of Israel and I have this government which I could not possibly support," she said.

Since moving to Israel to be closer to her daughters and many grandchildren, she has appreciated the great privilege of being in the Jewish state. At the same time, she misses her son and his family who still live in Sydney.

When she landed, the authorities asked for a letter to prove she was Jewish, which she supplied from Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins from Sydney's Emmanuel Synagogue, but was worried they would cause problems because he wasn't Orthodox. Thankfully, the process went smoothly, and she is now proud to be in Israel as the oldest olah from Australia.

HOLOCAUST

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## Letter shows Pope Pius XII likely *knew* of Nazi crimes



*Pope Pius XII Photo: Wikipedia*

J-WIRE

## Newly discovered correspondence suggests that World War II-era Pope Pius XII had detailed information from a trusted German Jesuit that up to 6,000 Jews and Poles were being gassed each day in German-occupied Poland.

**The documentation undercuts the Holy See's argument that it couldn't verify diplomatic reports of Nazi atrocities to denounce them.**

The documentation from the Vatican archives, published this weekend in the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*, is likely to further fuel the debate about Pius' legacy and his now-stalled beatification campaign.

*Corriere* is reproducing a letter dated December 14, 1942, from the German Jesuit priest to Pius' secretary, which is contained in an upcoming book about the newly opened files of Pius' pontificate by Giovanni Coco, a researcher and archivist in the Vatican's Apostolic Archives.

Coco told *Corriere* that the letter was significant because it represented detailed correspondence about the Nazi extermination of Jews, including in ovens, from an informed church source in Germany who was part of the Catholic anti-Hitler resistance that was able to get otherwise secret information to the Vatican.

The letter from the priest, the Reverend Lothar Koenig, to Pius' secretary, a fellow German Jesuit named the Rev. Robert Leiber, is dated December 14, 1942.

Written in German, the letter addresses Leiber as **"Dear friend,"** and goes on to report that the Nazis were killing up to 6000 Jews and Poles daily from Rava Ruska, a town in pre-war Poland that is today located in Ukraine, and transporting them to the Belzec death camp.

According to the Belzec memorial, which opened in 2004, a total of 500,000 Jews perished at the camp. The memorial's website reports that as many as 3500 Jews from Rava Ruska had already been sent to Belzec earlier in 1942 and that from December 7-11, the city's Jewish ghetto was liquidated.

**"About 3000-5000 people were shot on the spot and 2000- 5000 people were tak en to Bełżec,"** the website says.

The date of Koenig's letter is significant because it suggests the correspondence from a trusted fellow Jesuit arrived in Pius' office in the days after the ghetto was emptied and after Pius had received multiple diplomatic notes and visits from a variety of envoys of foreign governments from August 1942 onwards with reports that up to one million Jews had been killed so far in Poland.

While it can't be certain that Pius saw the letter, Leiber was Pius' top aide and had served the pontiff when he was the Vatican's ambassador to Germany during the 1920s, suggesting a close working relationship especially concerning matters related to Germany.

According to *The Pope at War*, by Pulitzer Prize-winning anthropologist David Kertzer, a top secretariat of state official, Monsignor Domenico Tardini, told the British envoy to the Vatican in mid-December that the pope couldn't speak out about Nazi atrocities because the Vatican hadn't been able to verify the information.

**"The novelty and importance of this document comes from this fact: that on the Holocaust, there is now the certainty that Pius XII was receiving from the German Catholic Church exact and detailed news about crimes being perpetrated against Jews,"** Coco was quoted by *Corriere* as saying.



## JNF AUSTRALIA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN 2023 SOROKA MEDICAL CENTRE

**“Build it modestly and make the grounds a healing oasis for the hard-working people of the Negev” *David Ben-Gurion***

These were the instructions given to the leadership of Soroka in the 1950’s. This year, on Israel’s 75th anniversary, JNF Australia is partnering with Soroka Medical Centre to revitalise the grounds of this centre and transform the landscape and outdoor spaces into the beautiful healing oasis that Ben-Gurion envisioned.

Established in 1959, Soroka was a single building, housing only vital medical services for the residents of Be’er Sheva, then a small but growing community. Soroka is now the largest hospital in southern Israel and the primary medical centre for the 1.2 million residents (including 400,000 children) of the Negev. It is a strategic asset of the State of Israel and plays a crucial role as THE frontline hospital of the South, treating soldiers and victims of terror.

### INSIDE THE JNF AUSTRALIA PROJECT

*Three main areas to be developed:*

The main entrance to provide a beautiful, accessible space for all who enter the medical centre

A healing garden at the Children’s Hospital for the benefit of Soroka’s youngest patients

A therapeutic and treatment garden in the Child Development Institute where young patients with chronic issues receive ongoing treatment.

**Please show your support and donate at**  
<https://jnf.org.au/soroka/#blbxqld>

*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!

## SOROKA'S VITAL STATS

**1.2 MILLION PEOPLE**

Soroka is the primary medical centre for Israel's South.



**250,000 EMERGENCY VISITS**

Soroka's Emergency Department is the busiest in the country

**17,000 BIRTHS**

A bus load of babies are born at Soroka every day.



**40,000 PEDIATRIC ED VISITS**

Tens of thousands visit the clinics and outpatient facilities of the Children's Hospital.

**REHABILITATION OF 3000 CHILDREN**

Each year, the Child Development Institute receives 1500 referrals and treats 3000 kids with a variety of needs.



## ASK THE RABBI

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# ***Shule for the irreligious?***



**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](http://www.oztorah.com)

## Q. I'm not religious, so why should I go to shule?

### A. It all depends on what "not religious" means.

Perhaps you do not observe Shabbat or kashrut strictly, but though that's an immense pity it doesn't prevent you being religious or having spiritual feelings.

Perhaps it has something to do with your particular synagogue; I've heard it said about certain congregations, "That's not a religious shule".

Presumably it means that the synagogue is not strictly Orthodox, but it's strange to call a shule irreligious: for how can a house of worship be anything other than religious?

The fact is that we all have our moments of sheer, breathtaking spirituality.

We all know people of sheer piety and goodness and places of sheer awe and reverence. The whole of nature breathes religiosity. We look above us and have no choice but to say with the Psalmist, "The heavens declare the glory of God."

We see the trees shaking in the wind, and they seem like worshippers swaying. The birds too seem to be spiritual when, as the prayer book puts it, "b'tziftzuf m'tzaftz'fim" – "they chirp a song unto God".

Rav Kook was spiritually moved when he gazed at the art works in the National Portrait Gallery in London.

He said, "When God created light, it was so strong that one could see from one end of the world to the other. But lest the wicked abuse it, what did God do? He preserved the light for the righteous in the time of the Messiah,

but now and then there are great men who are privileged to see it. I think Rembrandt was one of them.

The light in his pictures is the very light that was originally created."

Rav Kook also said that music, geometry and even law were a source of poetry and even spirituality. Albert Einstein said it was a religious experience "when a man has a true idea (and) something within him drives him on".

But it is not only great and famous people who do great deeds and create great works that inspire the hearts, minds and souls of others.

The so-called little people also do great deeds when they raise themselves from dust to destiny. They all attest to the spiritual force and energy in the universe. In their own way they are all religious.

Yes, some come to the synagogue and are put off by the apparent lack of spirituality in the people around them, the incessant chatter that some cannot control, the banality of thought that is all they can muster on a holy day in a place of worship.

Yet even in shule, especially in shule, we can all make spiritual discoveries.

If we look into the face of our child, our parents or grandparents, we know there is a God. If we leaf through the prayer book, we are reminded of and moved by the principles of beauty, truth, justice, compassion and peace around which the liturgy is built.

Sorry my friend, I simply don't know what you mean when you tell me you are not religious. I think you are religious after all.

I apologise if this gives you a shock, because you are going to have to face some teasing down at the golf course this week when you tell your colleagues you have caught religion.

But on the other hand, when your colleagues themselves think about it for a moment, they will discover that they are religious too.

So you'll smile, and they will smile, and when you and they come to shule next you'll find there is a smile on the face of the shule too.



**JNF QLD MITZVAH DAY** was held on Sunday 10 September 2023 prior to Rosh Hashanah when a small but dedicated group of people from the Community came together at the Mt Gravatt Jewish Cemetery to clear the grave stones to honour and give respect to the departed.

Bernie Goldman of the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha soon after sent this to this message to JNF QLD

*On behalf of the Brisbane Chevra Kadisha, thank you JNF Qld for holding JNF Qld Mitzvah Day at Mt Gravatt Jewish Cemetery last Sunday.*

*This is a terrific initiative and it is really good to have this annual practical respectful support for the burial place of our loved ones and Jewish community members who have passed away.*

*The people who were there on Sunday morning worked with great heart and made a terrific team. What a great group of people.*

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## Queensland Holocaust Museum

On 19 September 2023 the Queensland Holocaust Museum launched the world's first online Holocaust museum, built with gamification technology, that features more than 30 Queensland survivor stories.

The Queensland online Holocaust museum is a visually engaging, interactive, digitally intelligent, and immersive experience that brings the story of the Holocaust to life.

Self-guided, free and easily accessible from any computer (it's not built for mobile phones), the online resource is designed for an international audience and is accessible 24/7.

**Click on the link below to experience the online museum for yourself**

[www.holocaustmuseum.online](http://www.holocaustmuseum.online)



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.

Our Qld team finished off a very successful and rewarding school term with a week on the Gold Coast, where we shared our program with 22 Year 9 Academic Excellence students at Robina State High School and 148 Year 10 students at St Michael's College Merrimac.

Intention cards were distributed to students at the two schools, prompting them to reflect on the statement: I can make a difference in my community by...

***“Standing up for what is right, and helping people who may be marginalised by talking to them and making them feel accepted and comfortable.”***

Student, St Michael's College Merrimac

***“Being an Upstander - I can do this by including people who are being left out”.***

Student, Robina State High School

***“When I see someone getting bullied, I can go and stick up for them by either extracting them or saying “Stop, you don't even know them”.”***

Student, Robina State High School

***“Doing something to comfort the victim and ignore the bully. Actions matter.”***

Student, St Michael's College Merrimac

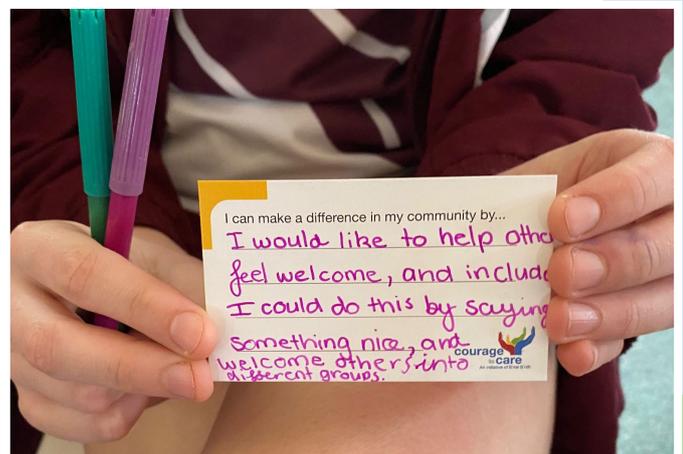
Our wonderful Survivor Peter Baruch delivered his testimony at both Gold Coast schools with such dignity, keeping students totally engaged. When asked in a Q&A, ***“What one thing would you like to tell your younger self?”***, Peter responded: ***“Learn from what you have been taught and be courageous.”***

Thank you to our amazing volunteers for a fantastic school term. The Qld team are having some well-deserved time off for rest and relaxation over Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the September school holiday break.

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](mailto:queensland@couragetocare.com.au).



Ngair Douglas presenting at St Michael's College Merrimac



A St Michael's College student's response to an Intention Card.



# QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH EX SERVICEMEN & WOMEN (QAJEX)

## Remembrance Day 2023

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

**Annual Pilgrimage to the Lutwyche Cemetery**

On

**Remembrance Day  
Sunday 12 November 2023 at 11am**

(Please assemble 10.45am sharp)

Each year to mark Remembrance Day the Queensland Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men & Women (QAJEX) and communal friends attend a special Service at the Gravesites of Jewish Servicemen who died while serving during the 2nd World War & who are buried at Lutwyche Cemetery in Brisbane.

As decades have passed since 1945 fewer & fewer Jewish Ex-Service Men & Women are available to attend this Service to pay tribute to those Jewish service personnel who gave the supreme sacrifice during the World Wars & other conflicts.

QAJEX appeals to you to attend this year's Annual Pilgrimage to the Lutwyche Cemetery on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November commencing at 11.00am sharp.

The Service is not lengthy.

Loris Roubin QAJEX (0418 300 529 / loris\_r@hotmail.com)

Remembrance Day, 11 November:

Originally called Armistice Day, this day commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918 (the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month).

Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British Governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. In October 1997, then Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, issued a proclamation declaring:

*"11 November as Remembrance Day and urging Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day each year to remember the sacrifice of those who died or otherwise suffered in Australia's cause in wars and war-like conflicts."*



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Please join our Queensland Jewish community commemoration of Kristallnacht.

**When:** Thursday 9 November 2023

**Where:** Hanly Room, which is on the ground floor of the Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane, which is just a 2-minute walk from the Queensland Holocaust Museum.

**What time:** Please arrive at 6pm for 6.30pm commencement. The event will conclude by 8:30pm.

The evening will feature the film, Drefus Drei, the Aria Ensemble and the Mendels family speaking of their family's experience during the Holocaust.

There will be a presentation by students from Brisbane's Brigidine College as part of their Suspend Judgement 2023 Holocaust remembrance program.

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## THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF QLD (JNF QLD)

**has moved its office:**

**JNF QLD President** David Jacobs

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