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In the wake of the brutal Hamas terror attacks in Israel's South, JNF has set up an emergency fund for the region's traumatized communities

We are praying for the victims' families, the IDF soldiers who are bravely working to defend our homeland, our friends and family, and everyone impacted by this situation.

This attack has decimated many communities, but it will never destroy our spirit.

JNF Australia has for decades worked in close partnership with all the communities on the Gaza border and is uniquely prepared to assist in meeting the emergency requirements created by the current crisis and their long-term needs.

JNF's emergency team on the ground are currently co-ordinating activities to respond rapidly to the ever-changing needs including temporary housing, fire and rescue and civil defence equipment, respite activities, psychological support, and more.

Your generous donations have supported and will continue to support the following:

- Evacuation of residents from Gaza border communities.
- Provision of supplies such as bedding, toiletries, clothing, etc to evacuees.
- Firefighting and protective equipment for civil defence the first responders to community emergencies - including radios, bulletproof vests, helmets, and tactical clothing.
- Mental health support for children and adults, who have experienced this catastrophe firsthand.
- Respite activities for the children traumatized by terror.
- Food and medicine for the elderly, infirm and displaced.
- Child care for parents who need to continue their vital work protecting our homeland.
- The promise that we will help rebuild devastated communities and keep the spirits and hopes of the residents, strong.
- Please note that 100% of your generous donations are distributed to those who need it the most.





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Help provide basic needs including food medicine and supplies to those that need it



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We are providing immediate support for the survivors of the Gaza border communities.

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Mental health support and resilience activities for survivors and evacuees

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Keren Kayemeth LeisraelWorld Chairwoman – KKL-JNF



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> א' חשוון תשפ"ד October 16, 2023

"Swords of Iron" War

Letter from the KKL-JNF Chairwoman to Jews of the Diaspora

On the morning of Shabbat, October 7th, The State of Israel woke up to a terrible reality. A black reality of more than 1,300 murdered, hundreds of abductees, thousands of wounded and physical and emotional devastation inflicted upon the communities of the Gaza Envelope and southern Israel. Not since the Holocaust have so many Jews been murdered in a single day. The festival of Simchat Torah instantly morphed into days of mourning, sorrow, and pain. There is no Israeli family that has not been touched by the pain of loss in one way or another. And in the midst of all this darkness and deep chaos – exactly as described in Parashat Bereshit this past Shabbat - there was light. The nation of Israel arose in all its glory and mobilized as one to assist both the injured civilians and the IDF soldiers currently fighting for our country.

So did KKL-JNF. Since its foundation Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund has accompanied the State and has stood by it in its most difficult moments. Likewise, during these difficult days KKL-JNF is standing by the residents of the "Gaza Envelope" and the South, in order to provide an emergency response to their communities and to save the region's residential-agricultural communities.

The KKL-JNF Board of Directors made urgent decisions, which resulted in the immediate evacuation of residents to safe accommodation while providing recreational activities for the children. We also decided to provide immediate financial assistance (over NIS 35 million) for the security reequipment and restoration of the emergency system of local alert teams in communities adjacent to the Gaza border. We have mobilized to help restore their emergency medical system and we are collecting donations for the purchase of ambulances.

As KKL-JNF has done all these years, so too now it will do everything in its power to help and support the residents of the South and the members of the security forces, and this in cooperation with KKL-JNF organizations all over the world.

I have instructed our professional staff to remain in direct contact with the heads of local and regional authorities in Gaza Envelope and the South, so that we can map and identify their needs. We will continue to assist the authorities in this difficult time together with you, our dear partners.



BRISBANE

Brisbane turns out for Israel



A member of Brisbane's Tongan community expresses support for Israel at the rally.

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS

BY PETER KOHN

Attendees learned of vigils with families in Israel kept by Na'ama, a visiting Israeli scientist based at the University of Queensland and by Yonatan, an Israeli paediatric surgeon at a Brisbane hospital.

MORE than 500 people turned out in support of Israel at a rally in Brisbane's CBD on Sunday, chanting "Israel we stand with you", many waving Israeli flags and holding signs expressing solidarity with families of those murdered in southern Israel and Israelis abducted to Gaza as hostages.

Clearly moved, Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies president Jason Steinberg told The AJN afterwards, "We heard real stories from people who have either just been in Israel or have lost people."

The rally heard difficult accounts from Ruby, a young Brisbane woman, who returned from her Shnat gap-year program in Israel after the Hamas attacks. "It was 6.30am and they told us that Gaza was attacking ... we thought they were just being dramatic," she said.

"We were all talking in the shelter ... suddenly the ground shakes ... followed by a missile hit extremely close to us. Everyone went silent besides a few whispers of 'I'm scared' and 'I want to go home'."

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"Queensland thankfully is a beacon of multiculturalism," the state's Multicultural Affairs Minister Leanne Linard told the rally. "I can say on behalf of our government, there is no place for hatred or violence."

Brisbane Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, who had ordered the lighting of Brisbane's Story Bridge in blue and white, described the catastrophe as "an issue of humanity".





As a Jew, I can despair or look to the lessons of history



Vision posted to X, formerly Twitter, of people fleeing the Nova music festival in southern Israel.

THE AGE

BY JOSH FRYDENBERG

Josh Frydenberg is the former treasurer of Australia.

Thirteen days ago, my world changed, our world changed, forever.

The medieval slaughter of innocents representing the single biggest loss of Jewish life since the Holocaust punctured the aura of invincibility that surrounded the Israeli Defence Force.

Terror has ushered in widespread trauma leaving a whole nation grieving for the more than 1400 lost and 200 missing. It has left deep psychological scars in the Jewish community in and beyond Israel's shores that may never heal.

As a person of Jewish faith who has only ever known of a confident and strong Israel, I never thought I would feel, as my parents did in 1973 during the Yom Kippur war, the existential threat facing Israel. But now I do.

As a person of Jewish faith growing up in a tolerant and multicultural Australia, I never thought I would feel, as my grandparents did in 1933, the rising tide of European antisemitism which would consume their families in the flames of the Holocaust. But now I do.

I am anguished and anxious about the future.



Former treasurer Josh Frydenberg arrives at a Jewish community rally in Melbourne.

When fears over safety see Jewish students afraid to attend lectures on campus, Jewish parents feel the need to keep their children home from school and Jewish schools advise students not to wear their uniforms that make them identifiable outside school grounds, we know we have a problem.

And when demonstrators in Sydney chant "f--- the Jews" and "gas the Jews", we know just how dangerous and serious that problem really is.

What happened last week outside the Sydney Opera House was nothing short of an abomination. A national disgrace that has become an international embarrassment.

Just think for a moment what just happened in our own country. Instead of being able to show solidarity with Israel as our national icon was lit up in blue and white, sympathetic Australian Jews and non Jews were told to stay away for their own safety as a rampaging mob was given centre stage.



No such behaviour was tolerated near the Eiffel Tower, the Brandenburg Gate or Number 10 Downing Street when they were lit up in blue and white. To the contrary, thousands rallied outside these landmarks, singing the Israeli national anthem, the Hatikvah, and showing their spontaneous support.

If that was not bad enough, it's been reported that it was said to the leadership of the NSW Jewish community that "maybe it'll just be easier if we don't light up the Opera House to protect you people".

"You people": what a disgraceful term for a community of proud Australians that has never seen a conflict between their faith and their nationality.

A community that has produced our greatest citizen-soldier Sir John Monash, governors' general, governors, chief Justices, chief scientists, Nobel Prize winners, leading business figures, philanthropists, medical professionals, among so many others ...

I can dwell on the death, despair and darkness that is dominating debate, or I can share some of the lessons of history and what they tell us about how the light will shine again.

For more than 2000 years, the enemies of Israel have been seeking its destruction. The Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Nazis, to name just a few. But history tells us that the enemies of the past are no more. The Jewish people survived and Israel prospered.

So now, despite the huge challenges ahead, I see the light returning.

When leaders across the Western world including US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz speak with piercing moral clarity in defence of Israel and rush to be by its side in its hour of need, it gives me comfort Israel has support where it counts.

When thousands of Israelis line the pavements waiting to donate blood, open their homes to fellow citizens who have lost loved ones and volunteer to serve in the army before they're even asked, it gives me hope that Israel's debilitating internal divisions can be relegated to a thing of the past.

We are all here for the same reason – because we support good over evil and because we know Winston Churchill was right when, in the heat of battle, he said, "if you're going through hell, keep going".

These are indeed the darkest of times. Every day innocent lives are being lost in both Israel and in Gaza. We cannot lose our common humanity as Hamas makes victims of the people of Gaza, too. It is my hope that, despite all that has happened, the light will eventually shine through.

This is an excerpt of a speech given in Melbourne to support victims of terrorism.



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 12th 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 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th 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."



"Kristallnacht" or the "Night of Broken Glass" involved a series of pogroms carried out on 9–10 November 1938 and is regarded as the beginning of the Holocaust. In a single night, 92 Jews were murdered and 25,000-30,000 arrested and deported to concentration camps. The Nazis coordinated the attacks on Jewish people, synagogues, shops and homes across German territory as part of their antisemitic policies.

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.

Please make every effort to attend and share this information with your friends and family.

For further information, please email: info@qjbd.org



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OPNION

"I'm completely broken": Australian Jews are struggling to comprehend our greatest post-Holocaust calamity



Almost every Australian Jew has lost a relative or acquaintance to terror or in one of Israel's wars, but never before have so many people in our community lost so many loved ones in such a short period of time. (Sckrepka /iStock / Getty Images)

ABC RELIGION AND ETHICS

BY JOSH FELDMAN

Josh Feldman is a Melbourne-based writer who focuses primarily on Israeli and Jewish issues.

I'm not an overly emotional person. In fact, I rarely cry at all. But on Sunday night, while on my way to pick up a friend for communal prayers following Hamas's barbarous, unprecedented attack against Israel, I had to pull over after suddenly breaking down in tears. It was all too much.

The reports are beyond horrific. The footage is unbearable. Mothers and their toddlers kidnapped. Terrorists filming and uploading the murder of a grandmother to her Facebook for her children and grandchildren to see. Entire families wiped out.

As of writing, Hamas's attack has left more than 1,400 Israelis dead. For the tiny Jewish state, that's equivalent to around 3,500 Australians or 45,000 Americans, and with over 3,000 Israelis wounded, the number is guaranteed to rise.

On top of the dead, around 200 Israelis — among them babies, toddlers, and grandparents — have been kidnapped by Hamas terrorists and taken into the Gaza Strip. In WhatsApp group chats and on social media, messages abound from Israelis sending pictures of their daughters, husbands, parents, and

grandmothers who have been taken hostage by Hamas, desperately pleading for help.

Not since the Holocaust — during which the Nazis and their collaborators shot, drowned, gassed, and burned six million Jews, simply by virtue of them being Jews — have so many Jews been murdered in a single day. Not since the Holocaust have Jews been subjected to atrocities so reminiscent of that indescribably dark era in our people's history — atrocities that we long hoped were relegated to the past.

These are, without doubt, some of the darkest days in Jewish history.

The deluge of incomprehensible stories I come across seems unending. Just take one. Tamar Kedem-Siman Tov and her husband Johny lived on Kibbutz Nir Oz with their three children, 6-year-olds Shahar and Arbel, and 4-year-old Omer. Hamas terrorists murdered them all. An entire family. Gone.

It's hard to put into words what Israelis and Jewish communities around the world are feeling right now. For Jews in Australia, the news broke during the Jewish holidays of Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah, when many of us — my synagogue included — refrain from using electronic devices. But as news made its way through the congregation, you could see the pure horror and disbelief in peoples' eyes. At another Melbourne synagogue, after the congregation sang Hatikvah — or "The Hope". Israel's national anthem — one attendee recalled that it was the first time he'd ever seen people cry in synagogue.

Almost every Australian Jew has someone in Israel: an aunt, son, grandmother, brother. My thoughts jumped

immediately to my cousin who has been stationed by the Israel Defense Forces on the Gaza border in recent weeks, and with whom only weeks ago I celebrated the Jewish new year of Rosh Hashanah in Israel. The first question to enter my head was. If he's dead, how do I get to Israel in time for the funeral? I had to wait more than 24 hours — until I could use my phone — to call my family in Israel and confirm he was alive.

But that did little to stop the pain. I, along with countless other Jews around the world, began frantically messaging everyone we know in Israel — including those with whom we haven't spoken in years — desperately hoping for them to respond that they and their families are alive and unharmed.

Some of my messages remain unanswered.

Next were the messages to friends and family who have been mobilised by the Israeli military, begging them to stay safe. But for the foreseeable future, they won't be able to tell me directly that they're okay; instead, we have to rely on the continuously updated list of dead Israelis. Along with Jews worldwide, I will scroll through the list every day, reading each name and where they are from, praying that my eyes don't land on the name of a loved one.

To hope I won't recognise any names, however, is almost an act of folly. On Sunday, a good friend found out that his cousin was killed by Hamas. Another family friend hasn't heard from his son since Saturday, when the attack began. Their other son, supposed to get married next week, is recovering after being shot in the leg. I still can't fathom that mere

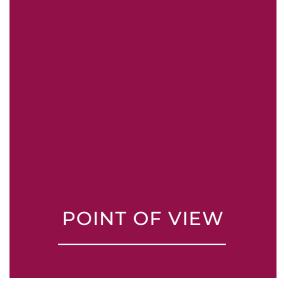
weeks ago, I was in Israel sharing a laugh with their sister while they stood just metres away, blissfully unaware of how their lives would soon forever change for the worse.

On Tuesday night, a friend sent me a picture of a 25-year-old girl he knew. There she sat, smiling in front of a picturesque lake and mountains. The image was accompanied by her funeral details. On Wednesday. I discovered that a friend's uncle was killed. Later that day, I checked in on another friend, asking if his family and friends are all okay. "Unfortunately not", he answered. I asked if he knows people who have been kidnapped or killed. "Yes". he said. I didn't have the heart to ask him any more.

Almost every Israeli has lost a loved one to terror or in one of the country's wars. But while Australian Jews have deep familial connections to the Jewish state, never before have so many people in our community lost loved ones to terrorism, and in such a short period of time. The scale of the tragedy is simply unimaginable, and so is the toll it is taking on us. Since the attack began on Saturday, every phone call I've overheard has followed the same script: I just can't stop crying. I'm completely broken.

I have no words to console any of these people. What do you say to someone whose family member was murdered by terrorists who went on to execute parents in front of their children simply because they were Jewish?

I don't have an answer. I don't know if I have an answer for anything at the moment. Over the last few days, something inside me has broken. I don't know if it can ever heal.



One of Israel's first citizens has a message for Netanyahu and Hamas



Sarah Saaroni lived through the Holocaust CREDIT:JOE ARMAO

THE AGE

BY MELISSA CUNNINGHAM

Melissa Cunningham is a reporter at The Sunday Age.

When Hamas militants launched a surprise dawn attack on Israel just over a week ago, killing 1200 Jewish citizens, Holocaust survivor Sarah Saaroni was transported straight back to the horrors of World War II.

"I felt it all so deep inside of me. Israel is a part of me," the 97-year-old says.

Saaroni, who became one of Israel's first citizens when it declared independence in 1948, is calling for a resolution to the conflict to avoid the loss of more innocent lives.

"Who is really the victim in all of this?" the great-grandmother says. "It is the innocent people on both sides. The children, the families. It is innocent people who always lose the most."

Saaroni, who now lives in Melbourne but still has family in Israel, has been watching gut-wrenching scenes of the war from afar, filled with dread and heartache about the rising death toll.



As Israel prepares to invade the Gaza Strip, home to 2.3 million people, thousands of whom are fleeing to the south of the city, Saaroni is calling for an end to the bloodshed and for humanity and peace to prevail.

'In a war, nobody wins.'

Holcaust survivor Sarah Saaroni

"You cannot live in a world with hatred." she says. "You will destroy yourself and those around you. In a war, nobody wins. Everyone has the right to live where they want to live, and how they would like to live, in peace."



A montage of photos Sarah donated to the Jewish Holocaust Centre of her family before the war. Rear from left: Brother Gidal, mother Estera, Sarah and father Aron. Front: Brother Julek, sister Zosia, Zosia's son Misza and husband Ziamka Buszmac. CREDIT:JEWISH HOLOCAUST CENTRE ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

If she could speak to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the leaders of Hamas, Saaroni says she would tell them: "Live and let live. We all belong to one, big human race. We must find a way to live alongside each other."

The UN and aid groups have warned that the mass migration within Gaza, Israel's siege and a potential broader conflict in the Middle East will cause untold human suffering. For Saaroni, it feels like history repeating itself.



Photos of Sarah Saaroni from her photo album, donated to the Jewish Holocaust Centre. CREDIT: JEWISH HOLOCAUST CENTRE ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

"These are all people," Saaroni says. "The world is so beautiful; if only we could all live in peace. You don't have to love everyone – you can like your neighbour, or even dislike him, but don't hate another human being."

For more than 40 years after World War II ended, Saaroni could not bring herself to discuss the horrors she experienced.

For years, she had nightmares. In her dreams, she was always running, hiding, trying to escape.

"I was always caught in the end," she says. "I used to wake up with my heart pounding and wet from perspiration. It was as if I was really physically running."

She grew up in Poland, and as a teenager, her family was forced to move into a Jewish ghetto riddled with disease, where there was no running water and not enough food or medicine. People were captured and taken away to concentration camps and there was death all around her.

When Saaroni was 16, her parents sent her to Germany with false papers that said she was a Polish Christian. It was the last time she saw them.

In Germany, the Nazis arrested Saaroni after it was discovered she was Jewish. She was interrogated, tortured and condemned to the Majdanek concentration camp. She narrowly escaped this fate by fleeing a train full of prisoners during a transfer in Leipzig.

After the war, Poland no longer felt like home. Saaroni joined a group of more than 1000 young Jewish refugees, pretending to be Greek, who crossed war-torn Europe's borders and headed for Palestine.

On the way, they were captured by the British at an Italian port and sat on the boat for six weeks. They staged a hunger strike, which made headlines across the world. In May 1946, they arrived in Palestine, legally. Saaroni was reunited with her beloved brother Gidal.



Sarah Saaroni lived through the Holocaust and was captured by the Germans .CREDIT:JOE ARMAO

In Palestine, Saaroni joined the underground defence movement Haganah, formed as part of the Jewish resistance against the British presence in Israel, and took part in the Israeli War of Independence in 1948.

However, she says living in Israel felt like living on top of a volcano that is erupting all the time.

Saaroni migrated to Melbourne. In the 1980s she taught herself to sculpt, and her pieces, inspired by the war, are exhibited in synagogues and museums around the world.

It was only after writing her memoir, Life Goes on Regardless, about her experiences growing up in the war, that she finally felt free. "I remember I looked out the window and suddenly I saw colour," she says. "Before, everything was grey. I could see the fruit on the trees, the butterflies, the birds singing. I felt so light. I was sure that if I went outside and flapped my arms I would have been able to fly." In her home in Kew, which is full of her handmade sculptures, Saaroni finds a photo, kept in a treasured folder of pictures of her family, artwork and newspaper clippings.

The image shows a bronze statue of a tree that she sculpted, which is displayed at a holocaust museum. She calls it the Tree of Life. The tree sits on top of a mass grave. The tips of the branches are carved like human hands rising from the roots below and outstretched towards the sky.

ASK THE RABBI



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

Q. Someone I know who converted to Christianity insisted on saying Kaddish at his mother's funeral. Should the rabbi have stopped him?

A. Halachic authorities began seriously debating in the Middle Ages whether a Jew who became a Christian or Muslim was still to be treated as a Jew.

The consensus was that such a person was residually Jewish, not entitled to Jewish privileges like being called to the Torah but not exempt from obligations like clearing the chametz from his house before Pesach. This applied even if the former Jew no longer counted himself as Jewish. The rabbis quoted a passage from the Talmud, "Though a Jew has sinned he is still a Jew" (Sanh. 44a); on the verse in Joshua (7:11), "Israel has sinned", the sages said that even though Israel sins he is still called Israel. A convert to another faith is legally or technically not deemed to be a non-Jew except that he is not entitled to the privileges of being Jewish, as stated above.

The convert you mention could have excused himself from saying Kaddish, but since Kaddish is an obligation the rabbi was right not to stop him saying it, especially since it is universal in theme and language.

There is however the symbolism of Kaddish, generally understood as a commitment to honour a parent's memory by being a faithful Jew, and whether this applies when a person who has officially turned his back on Judaism is a question.



Once a Jew always a Jew?

Q. Can anyone be thrown out of Judaism?

A. Unfortunately there are Jews who do not think, speak, believe or act in accordance with Jewish tradition and ideals, and that is certainly a pity, a tragedy, even a catastrophe...but once a Jew always a Jew. You are a Jew because of *who you are*, which is basically an ethnic matter, a matter of peoplehood. Judaism is a religious culture but Jewish culture is inseparable from Jewish peoplehood. Judaism is the religion of the Jewish people.

A Jew who is disloyal is still a Jew. A Jew who does not live as a Jew is still Jewish. The rabbis of Amsterdam tried to punish Spinoza for wrong ideas but they couldn't prevent him remaining a Jew.

The answer to your question is "No".

Thrown out of judaism



C2CQld 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.

On Monday 9th October we presented our classroom program to 38 Year 6 students at St Columba's Primary School in Wilston. It was clear by their eloquent and informed responses that the students had discussed the Holocaust and Upstander behaviour in their classes prior to our arrival. Our storyteller Rochy Miller shared her mother's incredible testimony and answered some very perceptive questions during the Q&A. One student said to Rochy, "Thank you for sharing your mum's story—I will never forget it."



C2C Team with students at Ambrose Treacy College.

Two full days at Ambrose Treacy College saw our team present to 180 Year 9 students on 10th and 11th October. Peter Baruch shared his story of survival with great spirit while students listened on intently, followed by a comprehensive discussion on Upstander behaviour, with students commenting:

"To be an Upstander takes courage. Anyone can be an Upstander, if they reach out to each other."

"I learned different strategies that I had never thought of how to be an Upstander."

"The program has let me learn more about the real struggle of Jews in Nazi Germany and what can happen when no one stands up to injustice."



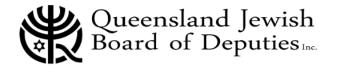
Survivor Peter Baruch sharing his survival story with great spirit.

"Encouraging active Upstanders is essential for fostering a compassionate and responsible society where individuals take action to help when they witness harm or injustice."

On Friday 13th October we held two sessions with 75 Year 10 students at Kedron State High School. Storyteller Rochy Miller again shared her mother's testimony with heart and great professionalism, and the students debriefed the story well in the workshop facilitations.

C2C's Education Manager Danielle Blumberg was visiting from Sydney and attended sessions at St Columba's and Ambrose Treacy College. Danielle was impressed by the C2C Queensland team and the way we present our classroom program, commenting: "I thoroughly enjoyed seeing you deliver such an important message to students. It is clear that you all live our C2C message and are passionate about spreading this message to all."

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.



FUNDING FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

Know a Jewish student enrolled in a Queensland university who needs financial assistance?

The Martha Goldsmid Memorial Bursary is available to Jewish students enrolled in a Queensland university who are in need of financial assistance because of their parents' low income level and/or limited earning capacity.

This bursary commenced in the 1951 to encourage tertiary education for Jewish students whose parents had low incomes and was established by Joseph Albert Goldsmid, in memory of his wife Martha Goldsmid, in recognition of the financial assistance that he received from the Jewish community when he was a student.

Recipients are encouraged, but not obliged, to contribute back to the fund after becoming financially established to ensure the long-term viability of the perpetual nature of the bursary.

The Queensland Jewish Board of Deputies Incorporated (QJBD) is responsible for the bursary and four Trustees assess applications and distribute the funds on an annual basis. The Trustees are: Howard Posner (Board member JCare Qld Inc and Past President of JCare Qld Inc & Maccabi Queensland Inc), Professor Ian Shochet (Faculty of Health, School - Psychology and Counselling at QUT), Jason Steinberg (President, QJBD) and Paul Myers (Vice-President, QJBD).

Communal organisations are now called on to nominate a Jewish student, or students, enrolled in a Queensland university who may be eligible for the 2023/2024 bursary. Previous recipients are eligible to apply.

Only nominations made by a Queensland Jewish organisation will be accepted.

All nominations are strictly confidential, must be endorsed by a Queensland Jewish communal organisation, and be lodged with the QJBD via email no later than 5pm on Sunday 3 December. Only nominations submitted using this form will be accepted. The bursary is a modest amount and may be awarded to multiple students. All disbursements are at the discretion of the Trustees.

Please send nominations to paul.myers@qjbd.org. For further information, contact Paul on 0403 062 007.

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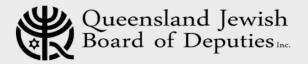
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entire Jewish people. It lives and lasts not because of work well done in the past, but because of vital work in the present and, even more importantly, because of the great, important tasks still awaiting it in the future."

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

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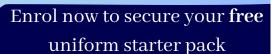
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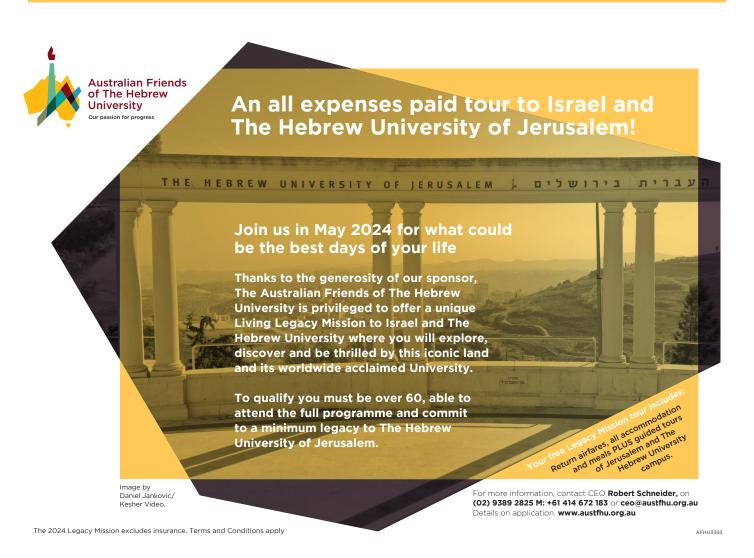




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have passed since the Holocaust, an act of unimaginable evil and a continued stain on human history.

Although we can never forget and should constantly revisit this memory we can be proud that Judaism and Yiddishkeit has survived and continues to flourish today.



We remember all the survivors and although many have passed the few remaining provide us with an inspiration TO NEVER **ALLOW THE SHOAH TO** OCCUR AGAIN.

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Particularly the elderly but also the young who need assistance.



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