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POINT OF VIEW

Douglas Murray: European Jew-hatred too deep to identify *‘even after years of therapy’*



British journalist and author Douglas Murray. Credit: Courtesy.

JWIRE

BY DAVE GORDON - JNS

Travelling in the Arab world, the British journalist Douglas Murray has found “fanatical obsessives” who know something about Israel but still criticise the Jewish state.

And then there are those who peddle “counterfactual history,” he told JNS.

“For instance, Egyptians think they won the war in 1973. Smart, Egyptian, young professionals will think that they won the war in 1973,” Murray told JNS of the Yom Kippur War during an interview in Toronto on Feb. 28 prior to his remarks at a Tafsik event.

“I had to break it to a friend in Cairo once that they lost badly. He said, ‘Really. I thought we whipped their ass?’” Murray said. “I said, ‘No, they whipped your ass. Seriously.’”

Since Oct. 7, Murray, 44, a best-selling author and associate editor of *The Spectator*, has done a lot of explaining about Israel on television—often on Piers Morgan’s show—and at speaking engagements. The Anglican-turned-atheist’s largest social media following includes many pro-Israel accounts that regularly share video footage of him denouncing Hamas, defending Israel and debating antisemitic guests.

Knesset member Danny Danon, a former Israeli ambassador to the United Nations, has called Murray a “great friend of Israel and of the Jewish people.”

“We need a special designation for those bravely standing with Jews and

Israel in facing the greatest surge of Jew-hatred in decades. Let’s call them ‘Heroic Friends of the Jewish People,’” wrote former American Jewish Committee CEO David Harris, now vice chair of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy. “My first candidate is Douglas Murray.”

Murray told JNS that many people aim to distance themselves from the Jewish state “because they don’t want Israel to be their problem.”

“Maybe if we come up with a perfect argument,” he said. “Maybe if we inform people about the history, and broadly speaking, you’re talking about trying to educate or inform people who are not educated or informed.”

Most anti-Israel people aren’t informed about the Peel Commission or the Balfour Declaration, according to Murray. “You’re talking about people who have never heard of any of these things,” he said.

“Among non-Muslims in the West, there’s a lot of ignorance, too. They fall into this psychopathy, in which they knowingly or unknowingly, usually unknowingly, desperately want to be able to accuse Jews of something,” Murray added. “That motivates them, and, of course, it makes them think that they’re good people.”

Media bias

Murray told JNS that the media gets things so wrong about Israel for two main reasons—one technical and journalistic, and the other moral.

Very few in the journalism business like to discuss it, but “there are wars you can cover and wars you can’t,” Murray said. *“Ever since Marie Colvin at the Sunday Times was killed in Syria in 2012, there were effectively no foreign reporters in Syria.”*

“It’s the same in a number of conflicts—the conflict in Congo being an obvious example, with vast loss of life and untold numbers of dead. But Western journalists aren’t interested in it,” he said. “That’s in part because of the extreme danger of operating in some of those situations.”

The war in Gaza is rare in having a military that “wishes to inform the media, actually gives the media answers to questions,” Murray said. “It’s not like Bashar al-Assad in Syria is very good at the comms department.”

Beyond logistics that facilitate international media coverage of the Israel Defense Forces, Murray told JNS that there is *“a desire of people to blame Israel for almost everything.”*

“Israel is accused of committing genocide every time it engages even in the most minimal conflicts, such as conflicts in 2009 and 2012,” said Murray. *“The same people who are saying that Israel is committing genocide now were saying the same thing then. They always say it. They always accuse Israel of behaving in a Nazi-like fashion. They always say that Gaza is a concentration camp, that sort of thing.”*

European Jew-hatred

Asked why there is so much antisemitism in Europe, Murray replied that many are “working out to have some kind of guilt complex, which ends up attacking the victim.”

“It is a desire so deep down, they probably could never identify it even after years of therapy—to blame the Jews and accuse them of the same thing done to the Jews,” Murray said.

He thinks there are other factors as well.

“Many Muslims attack Israel because they hate the Jews, and they hate the Jewish state,” Murray told JNS. “They can’t bear to see the Jewish state winning, ever. And that’s what sends them bananas, every time Israel is engaged in anything.”

Murray thinks that hatred comes from a *“general obsession with Israel with any military action.”*

“There are terms which just don’t crop up and ideas that don’t crop up in other wars, like the idea that proportionality is more important than victory,” he said. *“Or indeed the idea that fighting to a draw is a desirable conclusion after you’ve been attacked.”*

In an interview in late October with Rita Panahi, of Sky News Australia, Murray said that proportionality in war is absurd.

“It’s something which I think Western countries and the U.N., who always gang up on Israel whenever Israel is attacked, it’s something that these people always obsess about only in the case of Israel,” Murray said. *“We in Western democracies, whenever we’ve had to wage war in the past, do not say, ‘Is this entirely proportionate in a response, because proportionate is an abstract idea. What is proportionate in a conflict?’”*

“Proportionate in this conflict would mean that the response to the massacre of more than 1,000 Israelis in cold blood by Hamas a couple of weeks ago should be responded to by Israel by sending Israeli forces to rape exactly the same number of women as Hamas raped, and to decapitate exactly the same number of babies Hamas decapitated, and to steal hundreds of Palestinians and hold them in dungeons, and torture them as Hamas did,” he added. *“It’s obscene to even think in these terms.”*

Murray also told JNS that *“if people have any doubt that that’s the case, they should just compare the international obsession that is going on at the moment.”*

“If America would have the same proportion of its population murdered as Israel did on Oct. 7, it would have been something in the region of 130,000 Americans. No one’s going to tell me that if 130,000 Americans were butchered, raped and abducted in a single day, America would not tear up the earth,” he said. *‘The same with Britain and Canada.’*

South Africa

Murray told JNS that South Africa, in bringing its case alleging genocide against Israel before the International Court of Justice—the main U.N. judicial organ—primarily stood to gain Iranian money.

“The South African government brought this frivolous, ridiculous, defamatory case to the ICJ because Iran is giving them money to do so,” he said. *“They*

act as one of the many proxies of Iran.” (Both Johannesburg and Tehran are members of BRICS.)

“The South African government can’t keep the lights on in Johannesburg. So I don’t think they’re best placed to lay down what their views on a conflict are that they have no business butting into,” he said.

Looking at the United Kingdom and the United States, Murray sees noted differences between Jewish activism in support of Israel and against antisemitism.

“Jews, particularly in Britain, which I know very well, think that they should kind of keep their heads down. They shouldn’t complain too much. They’re lucky to be here,” Murray said. *“I say, ‘No. This is your country, and it has been through centuries.’”*

“In America, American Jews are much more outspoken, much more organized,” he added. *“Much braver, I think.”*





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OPINION

October 7: Rape as an instrument of genocide



JNS

BY **BEN COHEN**

Ben Cohen writes a weekly column for JNS (Jewish News Syndicate) on Jewish affairs and Middle Eastern politics. His writings have been published in the New York Post, The Wall Street Journal, Commentary, Haaretz and many other publications. His articles are reproduced in SHALOM Magazine from time to time.

Extreme violence against Jewish women were a part of Hamas's strategy that Black Shabbat, as necessary for the fulfilment of their aims as the murders and other atrocities.

As the world marked International Women's Day on March 8, the various social-media platforms lit up with posts from pro-Israel celebrities and influencers demanding the release of the female hostages who remain in the captivity of the Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

In the depths of the sewer that is social media—with X/Twitter at the head of the pack when it comes to antisemitic and anti-Zionist barbs—these posts were a welcome tonic, providing us with a glimpse of humanity amid all the hatred and dehumanization. But what they won't achieve is the defeat of the Oct. 7 denial trend that is being actively stoked by far-leftists (and a few far-rightists, too), Islamist sympathizers and fellow travelers, assorted minor academics, virtue-signaling Gen Z'ers and many more of the sub groups encountered on these platforms.

I was struck, as I surveyed these outpourings, by a simple realization. We—the Jewish community and the non-Jewish allies we cling to—have been stuck at the first hurdle in telling the terrible story of Oct. 7. Too many people don't believe us. Too many people won't believe us. The atrocities—the mass rapes and decapitations, the orgy of slaughter—are, in their fevered minds, a cynical Zionist fabrication designed to do what Zionists always do: Change the

subject and shift the world's attention from the situation on the ground in Gaza.

Just as there is no point in debating Holocaust deniers—all of whom are predisposed to the belief that the Holocaust was fabricated for the purpose of winning sympathy for Jews and Israel, but who nonetheless would embrace the opportunity to finish what Hitler started (or didn't start!)—there is no point in debating Oct. 7 deniers. These are not people who sift through evidence with an open mind. They come from an ideologically fixed position. They are unbending.

To my mind, there is a more important task than arguing with these useful idiots. And that is securing the recognition that the bestialities carried out by Hamas were war crimes and crimes against humanity. The pogrom was a necessary, integral component of its bid to destroy what the Hamas charter calls the "Zionist project" it characterizes as "the enemy of the Arab and Islamic Ummah ... a danger to international security and peace and to mankind and its interests and stability." In other words, a program of genocide.

That perhaps explains why so many commentators sympathetic to Israel hailed the recent U.N. report confirming many of the accounts of sexual violence committed by the Hamas monsters on Oct. 7. The United Nations, a thoroughly anti-Zionist body despite the fact that Israel is a member state, not only authenticated these claims but opened the door to a legal process targeting the Hamas leadership and its key operatives.

It is that latter goal that we need to focus on: The creation of an international tribunal to prosecute Hamas for its crimes in the legal tradition established by the post-World War II Nuremberg trials, as well as more recent international courts to try the atrocities committed in Bosnia, Kosovo and Rwanda.

By the United Nations own legal calculus, the foundations for such a tribunal are firm. Witnesses interviewed by the world body's investigative team during its visit to Israel effectively described Oct. 7 as an "indiscriminate campaign to kill, inflict suffering and abduct the maximum number possible of men, women and children—soldiers and civilians alike—in the minimum possible amount of time. People were shot, often at close range; burnt alive in their homes as they tried to hide in their safe rooms; gunned down or killed by grenades in bomb shelters where they sought refuge; and hunted down at the Nova music festival site as well as in the fields and roads adjacent to the Nova music festival ground. Other violations included sexual violence, abduction of hostages and corpses, the public display of captives, both dead and alive, the mutilation of corpses, including decapitation, and the looting and destruction of civilian property." At the Nova site, as well as on Road 232, the artery used by some festival-goers to escape the onslaught, and at the kibbutzim overrun by the terrorists, the U.N. team found that there were ***"reasonable grounds to believe that conflict-related sexual violence occurred ... including in the form of rape and gang rape, during the 7 October 2023 attacks."***

When it comes to prosecuting these horrors, there is a clear precedent set by the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, when 850,000 Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus were slaughtered by the loathed Interahamwe militias. One of the perpetrators, a former schoolteacher named Jean-Paul Akayesu, was prosecuted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) on 15 counts that included rape. Through its deliberations, the tribunal determined that rape and sexual violence "constitute acts of genocide insofar as they were committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a targeted group, as such. It found that sexual assault formed an integral part of the process

of destroying the Tutsi ethnic group and that the rape was systematic and had been perpetrated against Tutsi women only, manifesting the specific intent required for those acts to constitute genocide."

These words apply to the Oct. 7 atrocities with the same degree of legitimacy. Hamas is dedicated not just to the destruction of Israel as a sovereign state, but the physical destruction of its Jewish citizens as well. The rapes on Oct. 7 cannot be explained as the consequence of high spirits, ease of access to young, defenseless women by armed men or the effect of the amphetamines ingested by some of the terrorists. Rape was a predetermined part of their genocidal strategy, as necessary for the fulfilment of their aims as the murders and other atrocities.

Not surprisingly, the United Nations has given little indication that it intends to act on the findings of its own report. Both the Israeli government and the Jewish organizations present at the United Nations in both New York and Geneva need to hold the organization to account. The global agency now recognizes that the accounts of mass rape were genuine, and it recognizes, too, that rape is a key instrument for the execution of a genocide. We learned that in the Balkans and in East Africa, and now we've seen the same phenomenon in Israel as well. So, let's worry less about what the deniers think and more about securing justice for the victims.



Freed hostage Ofir Engel and families of Israelis still being held by Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip attend a press conference for the foreign media at Kibbutz Be'eri, Dec. 20, 2023. Photo by Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.



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OASIS OF PEACE

Inside Israel's Oasis of Peace, Palestinian and Jewish families are showing the world how the two sides can co-exist



Meet the Israeli and Palestinian children at Israel's School of Peace (John Lyons/Tom Joyner)

ABC

BY MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT **TOM JOYNER**
AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS EDITOR **JOHN LYONS**

Tucked just behind the tree line in verdant countryside, obscured from the view of passing cars, lies an oddity of Israel.

At first glance, the rows of quaint bungalows and winding streets could be a village anywhere – there is a post office, a swimming pool and a small hotel.

But to its roughly 300 residents it represents a utopian project, painstakingly built over half a century, holding the key to peace in a country seemingly perpetually at war.

Known in Arabic as Wahat al-Salaam and in Hebrew as Neve Shalom – translated in English as Oasis of Peace – it is Israel's only community shared intentionally between Jews and Palestinians.



At the school Israeli and Palestinian children play and learn together.(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

Its annual budget, council membership and even school curriculum are governed equally between the two groups in the hope it will show other Israelis – and the wider world – that a shared society is possible.

A shared society

Across Israel, Palestinian citizens – who make up one-fifth of the more than 9 million population – face daily institutionalised racism and live largely in communities separate from their Jewish counterparts.

But leaders of the Oasis of Peace say the community is an outlier against a national backdrop of violence and hostility toward Palestinians.



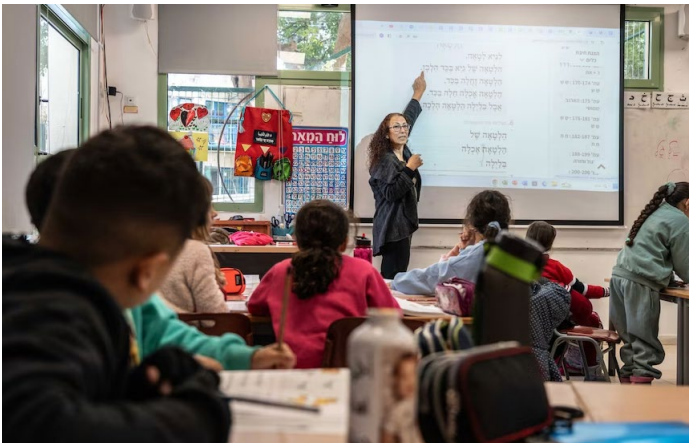
Co-education directors at the Oasis of Peace, Nir Sharon and Samah Salaimeh, chat on a bench in the school yard.(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

"It's working," said Samah Salaimeh, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, who runs the village's education system with a Jewish colleague.

"Nobody can ignore that."

On the grounds of its primary school, there are no Israeli flags on display, and its carefully balanced mix of students learn side-by-side in classrooms where lessons are taught alternately in Hebrew and Arabic.

In history class they are taught Palestinian perspectives, including the Nakba – the forced displacement of Palestinians by Jews during the creation of Israel in 1948 – as well as decades of suffering under Israel's occupation.



Long-time teacher Yael Zaltzman teaches a class with mixed Palestinian and Jewish children at the Oasis of Peace school. (ABC News: Tom Joyner)

"It's not easy all the time," said Yael Zaltzman, an Israeli Jew who teaches Hebrew.

"But this is a dream. I feel like I can change something a little bit in this country."



A Palestinian girl sits in class next to a Jewish classmate at the Oasis of Peace school. (ABC News: Tom Joyner)

Seated near the back of a noisy classroom one morning, two girls watched distractedly as Ms Zaltzman pointed to lines of Hebrew text projected onto the whiteboard.

"Abigail, you gave us a wrong answer," Ms Zaltzman gently scolded the Jewish girl of the pair.

"You now have to listen to what she's going to say," she added, gesturing to her neighbour, prompting the Palestinian girl to burst into a fit of giggles.

'The only place I would want to live' The Oasis sits roughly on the Green Line, the invisible boundary delineating Israel from the Palestinian land it occupies in the West Bank.



A sign at the entrance of the Oasis of Peace pointing visitors towards the school. (ABC News: Tom Joyner)

To reach it, you must take an exit off Highway 1, a major artery linking Jerusalem with Tel Aviv, and follow a winding road that leads to a turn-off signposted in three languages.

"This is the only place I would want to live in in Israel these days," said Eldad Joffe, a Jew who chairs the local council.

Since the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, the Oasis has found itself caught in its own battle for ideas as fighting continues only two hours away in Gaza.

The months of Israel's military campaign since have caused unease among residents, though in ways different to elsewhere in the country.



Two Palestinian boys read books in Arabic as part of language class at the Oasis of Peace school.(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

Few take notice any more of the frequent rumbling overhead of Israeli warplanes they say are heading to Gaza to bomb Palestinians.

"I feel terrible," Mr Joffe added, referring to Israel's killing of civilians.

"Just the case of revenge or holding onto territory, as far as I'm concerned, is not a justification."

Freedom to speak out

One-sided news coverage in Israel has helped galvanise strong support among Jews for the war and turned public opinion against any expressions of support for Gazans, no matter how benign.

A crackdown by authorities on social media posts by Palestinian citizens seen as critical of Israel's military campaign has cultivated an atmosphere of fear and distrust.

In the Oasis, shielded somewhat from the outside world, children have been encouraged by adults to work openly through what they're feeling.

"I can speak in Arabic and even shout in Arabic, and I know that no one will say anything negative," said



Jewish student Ahava Raviv (L) and her best friend Palestinian Aya Daadle sit outside at lunch break in the Oasis of Peace school yard.(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

Aya Daadle, an 11-year-old Palestinian student.

"Whenever I go to places where there are many Jews [outside the Oasis], it is more difficult to speak Arabic because they would hit me."

Aya and her best friend, Ahava Raviv, a 12-year-old Jew, both oppose Israel's measures in Gaza – Ahava even plans to resist conscription into the army when she turns 18.

"She is close to me. I sincerely believe we will stay like that forever," Aya added.



Long-time teacher Yael Zaltzman (centre) corrals a group of excited children from both Palestinian and Jewish backgrounds in her classroom.(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

For Samah Salameh, and her co-director of education Nir Sharon, decades of first-hand experiences of Israel's occupation have imparted lessons on how to provide the best guidance to the children of the Oasis.

"We have a history. We know how to deal with difficult times with the kids," said Ms Salameh, who is the descendent of Palestinian refugees forced by Zionists from their village in 1948.

In settings with children, teaching staff have made sure to emphasise there should be no apology for opposing violence, and that peace is a viable goal to work towards.

"In many ways, I think the children protect us as adults because they maintain normal relationships," she said.

A blueprint for the nation

This year marks 54 years since the Oasis was founded by a Dominican priest on agricultural land leased from a nearby monastery.

Today, there are some 80 families who live there – half Palestinian and half Jewish – and although there are the usual disagreements between neighbours, residents are proud to point out none have ever packed up and left.

In fact, a waitlist of newcomers to move there has grown so large that organisers have had to turn some applicants away.

Visiting scholars, foreign dignitaries and tourists come to the village to marvel at its success, and remark that such an idea could become a blueprint for the rest of the country to follow.

Elsewhere in Israel, there's not the same reverence – two arson attacks on the village in 2020 badly damaged a school building, while assailants slashed tyres and sprayed graffiti in a 2012 series of hate crimes.

With money from liberal-minded foreign donors, who finance the village through fundraising organisations abroad, the school has since been rebuilt.

"It's no secret that we are not that popular," said Ms Salameh.



Two Palestinian boys play next to two Jewish girls at lunchtime in the school yard in the Oasis of Peace. (ABC News: Tom Joyner)



A Palestinian actor performs a comedic play in front of the children from the Oasis of Peace school.
(ABC News: Tom Joyner)

"We are living evidence that peace is possible between Palestinians and Israelis. This government wants everybody to believe in war and killing."

That government, which under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is the most right-wing in Israel's history, takes a dim view of the Oasis, according to its leaders, who say it provides no financial support.

On the day the ABC visited, two inspectors from the education ministry – both from illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank – caused staff to bristle, though they left without an incident.

"We play tango with the system," Ms Salameh said.

"Sometimes we have to have a low profile and we want to keep going and do what we are good at."

One winter's morning, the school's children gathered in the hall to watch a performance of an Arabic play, Princess Zomorod, by a visiting troupe from the north of Israel.

Palestinian and Jewish students as well as staff watched attentively, enthralled by the story of a Palestinian woman seeking a suitor, breaking at times into roars of laughter.

"What I saw here, Arabs and Jews in the same hall — watching an Arabic play together — is something wonderful," said Rayan Rayan, an actor who played the eponymous princess.

"This is a good thing because they are raising them with these beliefs. When they grow up, they will keep them and practise them for life."



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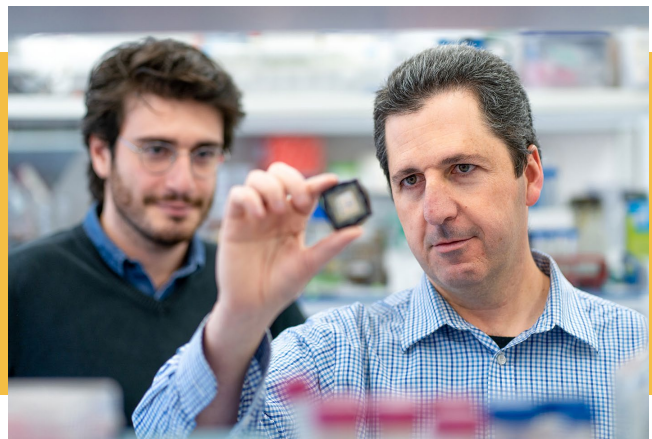
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Brisbane Jewry of Yesteryear 1920s -1930s

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A member of the Community has identified some of the people pictured below. *Are you able to identify any others*



Ike Freedman	back row, third from left
Sarah Defries	back row, seventh from left
Nelly Solo	back row, ninth from left (standing)
Mrs Freedman	middle row, fifth from left
Barny Defries	middle row, seventh from left
Beatrice Harris	middle row, ninth from left
Pearl Saragossi	middle row being held by her mother Bea Harris
Sylvia Eshensky	bottom row, fifth from left
Sheeba List	bottom row, sixth from left
Gertie Baratin	bottom row, eighth in from left
Becky Borshtein	bottom row, 9th in from the left
Mrs Fanny Ravdell	back row, third in from left, wearing white hat
Mr. Norman Ravdell	back row, fourth in from left, wearing hat
Mrs Elsie Borshtein	back row, fourth in from left (next to lady wearing white hat)
Esther Borshtein	third front row, seventh in from left
Becky Borshtein	third front row, eighth in from left



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C2C Qld EDUCATION REPORT

The Courage to Care Program (C2C) aims to promote social harmony and reduce prejudice by using stories of rescue during the Holocaust, to inspire and empower students to be UPSTANDERS rather than bystanders when they witness discrimination.

Our team had the opportunity to travel to regional schools throughout February and March, where we shared our classroom program at schools in greater Brisbane as well as Stanthorpe, Warwick and the Sunshine Coast:

**Brisbane
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Year 10
60 students

**St Joseph's
College
Stanthorpe**

Year 8
50 students

**Centenary State
High School**

Year 10
150 students

**St Pius X Catholic
Primary School**

Year 6
25 students

**Somerville
House**

Year 10
41 students

**Assumption
College Warwick**

Year 10
72 students

**Maroochydore
State High School**

Year 10
180 students

**Our Lady of the
Angels' School**

Year 6
50 students



Assumption College Warwick student thanking Survivor Mimi Wise.

Thank You

to our dedicated volunteers who made such meaningful connections with the students at these schools. Some comments from students and teachers:



“I will be confident and let the victim know I am there for them when I witness discrimination.”

Student, Centenary State High School

“Pastor Niemoller’s quote ‘If I don’t speak up there will be no one left to speak up for me’ is a good message because if you don’t stand up for others, then no one is going to stand up for you.”

Student, St Joseph’s College Stanthorpe

“Thank you Courage to Care – each one of you –you are joy and hope merchants!”

Teacher, St Pius X Catholic Primary School



C2C Team at Maroochydore State High School - Debi Grossman, Andree McFarlane, Lee McNamee, Survivor Suzi Smeed, Linda Briner, Michelle Watt and Survivor Peter Baruch.



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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.**

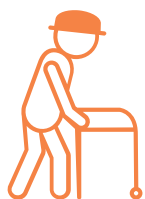


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