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Dear JNF Friend and Supporter of Israel,

The JNF Annual Campaign 2024 will fund specific projects to help the families devastated by the atrocities of October 7 by helping to rebuild their strength resilience and provide a pathway to healing.

Healing Israel's South represents JNF's broad vision for the future and the JNF Annual campaign for 2024 will initiate the next vital stage of support for our communities devastated by October 7.

JNF's long-term commitment to the communities of Israel's South has been demonstrated through decades of direct support.

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JNF feels that the families of Israel's South are truly our families and October 7 shook us to our very core.

As we have celebrated together for many years, so too we now deeply feel their pain.

JNF, thanks to our wonderful JNF community who donated during our Israel Emergency Response Campaign, sent to Israel 100% of over \$5m raised, directly to 28 communities and more than 15,000 families

As the situation in the South moves from emergency to immediacy, the JNF Annual Campaign will undertake to continue this same commitment to supporting specific projects that directly assist those in need.

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QUEENSLAND HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

'Our museum is world class'



Inside the Queensland Holocaust Museum.

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS

BY AJN STAFF

The Queensland Holocaust Museum's online experience won gold in the virtual experience category and the physical museum won silver in the cause events category.

The Queensland Holocaust Museum has capped off its first anniversary by winning two prestigious international awards.

Eventex recently announced its 2024 global awards selected from 1207 entries from 62 countries across six continents. The Queensland Holocaust Museum's online experience won gold in the virtual experience category and the physical museum won silver in the cause events category.

Museum chairman Jason Steinberg said the international recognition for Queensland and its creative agency, Alive X, was an acknowledgement of being able to take a subject like the Holocaust and then implement something that had never been done before.

"Our multifaceted physical and online spaces tell the story of the Holocaust in a way that it has never been told – through the voices, stories and artefacts from Queensland survivors," Steinberg said.

"The fact that we were up against this global field of amazing facilities and online projects, simply getting recognised is an achievement, but winning a gold and silver is testament to the fact that our Queensland Holocaust Museum is world class."

Since opening to the public for three days a week in July last year, the Queensland Holocaust Museum has had more than 6600 visitors, including 3000-plus school students from more than 70 schools. Steinberg said both the attendance and award recognition were encouraging, particularly given the rise in hatred against Jews in Queensland and the resurgence of Holocaust denial.

"Engagement with school students about the Holocaust has never been more important and every person who comes through our doors gets to hear Queenslander survivor stories," he said.

"92 per cent of students visiting the physical museum have heard the testimonies directly from some of our amazing Queensland Holocaust survivors – we know that this personal interaction changes people's mindset and empowers them to make a difference – to stand up against hatred."

Alive X founder Ant Hampel said his team wanted to focus on providing deep, powerful, sensory journeys to build strong and unbreakable emotional connections with visitors using the Holocaust content in remarkable new ways.

"It was a privilege to have the opportunity to create both the physical and online environment in a way that embraced the very best of meaningful storytelling, engagement, technology and collaboration," he said.

"The positive global reaction to the online experience has been astonishing because the content is evocative and memorable and includes more than 200 pieces of factual material, historical footage, and interviews with Queensland survivors whose stories are riveting eye-witness accounts."



Why did we go wrong?



JWIRE

BY JEREMY ROSEN

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

Why are we having difficulty coming to terms with this reality, the realization of how much we are hated ?

As a student growing up in Britain, I took part in demonstrations against racism, prejudice and fanaticism wherever it appeared in favour of tolerance and universality. A new era in which the post-war hopes of building a brave new world would at last be within reach. At university, we always debated in a civilized manner.

Even then, the anti-Israel gang always pushed their agenda. At Cambridge University in 1962 there was a debate that the state of Israel had no right to exist. It was conducted in a typically British gentlemanly manner. I recall saying how ironic that after Jews were told to "go home". When they did, they were then told they had to leave. At the same time the Oxford Union hosted a less civilized debate: "The Creation of the State of Israel is One of the Mistakes of the Century".

The most controversial issues in post-Second World War Britain were the Cold War and immigration. The first wave of immigrants was the West Indians. They shared many religious, cultural and political views with the host country. But because their skin was different, they suffered discrimination and alienation just as Jews had for hundreds of years previously. The British politician Enoch Powell warned against losing British values and identity and welcoming different people into the country would lead to rivers of blood. For this, he was ostracized and considered to be mentally unstable, however brilliant he was. Discrimination continued even as both parties fought for integration. We were civilized and tolerant, and besides,

we needed cheap labour. But it was never the aim of West Indian immigrants to impose or change British society, just to remove the barriers. The black community into British society could now be said to have been an overwhelming if not yet complete success.

When Muslim immigration began to increase, that too was met initially with opposition, which we fought against. I was a spokesman for Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits working strenuously to build bridges and to help the process of Muslim integration into British society. Later Chief Rabbis wrote and spoke about the importance of multiculturalism and all the politically correct tropes and themes of the beauty of living together and sharing the same house. How naive we were.

There is no reason why in a free society different religions and cultures should not co-exist while preserving their own. But when one tries to impose on society as a whole or one other minority, this is a recipe for disaster especially when it infects politics.

We should have known that the conflict in the Middle East however much we might have dreamed that it could be solved by peaceful negotiation, was going to be the one issue that got in the way of genuine dialogue and cooperation with many, not all, in the Muslim and the left-wing socialist , antisemitic community. We thought it being England, and a reasonable society it was something that would be manageable and the English tendency to want to see both sides of an argument might prevail. But this has not happened.

Today with some exceptions we face a Tsunami of hatred and American, European and British citizens of all kinds calling for death to the Jews. Professor Jeffrey Alderman in a recent blog accurately described the re-entry of religion and ethnicity into the British Political system. Wherever religion enters politics the results are disastrous. Think of Northern Ireland, Iran and Israel as examples. In the west we used to vote according to our political not our religious preferences. Now for the first time in the UK, we have a Muslim religious party entering the arena.

Before the recent election people would ask me what I thought about the leader of the Labour Party Keir Starmer. They pointed to the fact that he had tried to root out anti-Semitism in the Labour Party and that his wife was Jewish. They assumed from this that he would take a balanced position on Israel. Of course, the Foreign Ministry, under all parties, has always been pro-Arab and anti-Israel. I wondered whether he would be able to maintain his balanced view. Or would he capitulate to pressure and play the universal political game or realpolitik, and compromise and use Israel as the scapegoat. So far it does not look hopeful.

Serge Klarsfeld's response to the situation in France today was that if it's a choice between a very antisemitic party and one somewhat antisemitic, he would prefer the somewhat. Henri Bernard Levy said he simply could not vote either for the anti-Semitic left or the anti-Semitic right. So, what are we to do? Not vote? Put one's head down protecting what we have as communities even if we have to be armed? Or move somewhere where we think we will be treated with greater respect and with less violence?

Both Melanie Phillips and Niall Fergusson (who have been ostracized by the left) have spoken about the moral decay and betrayal of values in the West today caused by delusions of pluralism, ludicrous, damaging dogma and digging up the past to claim colonialism, white privilege and oppression now. Everywhere, there has been capitulation to politically correct values (especially when it comes to Israel and the Jews). Meanwhile, the Protestant Christian has also capitulated to political correctness and failed to fight for its values.

As the Bible says we cannot put our trust in Princes. This doesn't mean to say we shouldn't continue to try to talk to another side or to try to pressure politicians as best we can. But it does mean, once again, we Jews are being forced to protect ourselves. We know the dangers of appeasement and not to hide our heads in the sand like ostriches or expect either a politician or the heavens to intervene and solve our problems for us.As Ecclesiastes (Kohelet) says the world goes round and round. There is constant change. I hope the circle will turn again soon.

OPINION

Should Israel be a Jewish state, or a state for the Jews?



The Western Wall in Jerusalem

FUTURE OF JEWISH

BY SAUL GOLDMAN

Many people confuse "a Jewish state" with the present reality of "a state for the Jews." Here is the nuanced difference, and what it means for Israel's future.

A Jewish State or a state for the Jews?

The question implies more than grammatical divergence; it cuts to the essence of Israel's current political and social discord.

There are some Jews who do not want Judaism outside of the synagogue because they believe that Judaism is merely a religion rather than the culture of the Jewish People. Yet poetry, law, philosophy, and history are all non-religious elements of Judaic civilization.

This ideological divide was imprinted in the very manifesto of modern Zionism.

Theodor Herzl's vision was a projection of his own assimilation and indifference to Judaic values and culture. The pamphlet he wrote was actually entitled, **"Der Judenstaat" ("The State of the Jews")**. But, it has been commonly rendered as: "The Jewish State."

Herzl published his idea in February 1896. Despite its current connotation as the Jewish state, Herzl and many of the early Zionist thinkers intended their project to describe a state for Jews. This was not actually envisioned as a sovereign state, but merely a place where Jews could live together as a colony or an autonomous entity under the sovereignty of either the Ottomans or some European state.

In other words, Herzl presented what was merely an extension of the European ghetto; a separate place for Jews. A state of Jews describes a demographic entity. Currently, the discourse within Israeli society is about whether we shall continue to be an extension, an outpost of Western civilization, or become a Jewish state which Herzl would have described, in German, as "Der Judischstaat."

For those demanding that Israel be a state of its citizens in the fashion of a modern liberal democracy, Judaism is perceived as reactionary and parochial. For one group of Israelis *"liberal democracy"* represents an ultimate concern. Perhaps they can accept their Jewishness, but like in any other liberal democracy, it would be confined to the synagogue.

In every other sense, as Israel's first prime minister David Ben-Gurion had hoped, we would be a nation like any other nation. But, who really aspires to be ordinary? When we think about it, ordinary or common implies that we have succeeded in blending in. Assimilation is a kind of social camouflage beneath which the real Jew, as conflicted as he may be, remains hidden

The state of Jews would simply occupy space. The Jewish state would move to define and characterize that space. In ancient Biblical terminology, making something special in a certain place was called sanctification.

The debate over the character of Israel reveals the deep socio-spiritual tensions affecting Israeli life. We may have removed the Jew from the ghetto. But, we failed to remove the ghetto from the Jew. Hence, these tensions will continue to irritate Israelis.

For example, the root of the present judicial crisis is neither in points of law

and governance. It is, in many ways, a continuation of the historic drive to be accepted. Israelis continue to idolize liberal democracy despite the fact that, as Plato warned, it is beginning to reveal its cracks and weaknesses.

Israelis are not asking the right question — "How can we be more Western?" The right question is: How can we govern ourselves, in our neighborhood with our demographic tensions, and still be a just society, a light unto the nations?

The current argument about Israel being a state of its citizens begs the question of character. Indeed, even in ancient Israel, the status of the non-Jew was ensconced in law. Being and becoming a Jewish state means being a nation whose identity and self-image is clearly rooted in our own understanding of reality.

For example, all men are not created equal; neither in physical endowment nor in mental ability. Hence our ancient law insures equal treatment under the law. Christians such as Augustine argued that man was essentially good and that evil, itself, did not exist. It was merely the absence of good.

Jews reasoned that all people have the potential to be either good or evil. The difference was not abstract. It was a matter of nurture. Left alone, man's nature was evil from his youth. But, education helped people to suppress their aggressive instincts and live in more socially acceptable ways.

In Israel, we live alongside countries who believe deeply in their own culture and see its manifestation in Sharia law. Across the Mediterranean are nations balancing communism, socialism, and capitalism — all merely economic ideologies. But, can the nature of man be reduced to a species called homo economicus. Neither of these systems actually cherish human freedom, an ideal so central to our history.

Long before Edmund Burke or John Locke, these ideas were articulated by Moses, Akiba, Ben Zakkai, and Spinoza (to name only a few of the thinkers who have shaped the evolution of our Judaic civilization). The fact that Jewish values are embedded into Israeli law does not make it unwelcoming to non-Jews. Believing this would imply that Judaism is distasteful for Muslims or Christians, whereas both Islam and Christianity have foundations in Biblical and Pharisaic Judaism, as does Western culture in general.

The allegation that Israel is an ethnoreligious state is simply ridiculous. The fact that the king of England is crowned by the archbishop of Canterbury does not render England an ethno-religious country. No one calls Spain an ethno-religious country because its official religion is Catholicism. While Israel is not an ethno-religious state, its goal should be to unite all of its citizens by cultivating a common national spirit based upon those same Hebraic values that shaped Western civilization.

The state of Jews has many politicians; too many. Yet there is hardly a statesman. The politician is a facilitator, but the statesman is a leader.

The state of Jews was envisioned as a solution to the Jewish problem. It was created out of fear and trauma. Accordingly, our Law of Return was actually a mirror of the Nuremberg Laws defining a Jew by having one Jewish grandparent, rather than by our own laws. The reborn nation was to be the guardian of the Jews, whereas it should be the educator of the Jews. The state of Jews is idolatrous inasmuch as we over-value the "work of our own hands." Our technology contributed to both our economy and defense. However, it fostered the same illusion that must have occupied the minds of more primitive peoples thousands of years ago. Namely, that the Divine was a thing rather than a force.

The revelation of October 7th was no different than our shock on October 5th, 1973 when we believed that the Bar Lev line would defend us. We believed in our "wall of stone" just as the French believed in its Maginot line. Our generals continued to build walls and devices. As long ago as ancient Israel, we built a wall around Jerusalem while, across the Mediterranean, Lycurgus warned the Greeks to trust only in a wall of men.

The state of Jews is moribund, with many Israelis suffering from a sense of anomie and homelessness even in their own home. Hence, by the millions, they are seeking their future elsewhere.

The Jewish state, however, is becoming never to be completed because it lives in history, not to be misconstrued as the past. The Jewish state becomes or evolves as it learns the lessons of its own history.

The Jewish state is home to the Chosen People; chosen not because they are Jews but because they understand that being Jewish means becoming better, stronger, and more industrious.

Further, the Chosen People are iconoclasts. We are the heretics who revealed the delusion of paganism. We are the revolutionaries who freed people from slavery. Our prohibition against worshipping graven images does not apply only to wood and stone. Judaism liberated mankind by insisting that freedom (which is the message of the first commandment) merely reiterates an axiom of natural law. Freedom begins in the mind. Therefore, we were prohibited from worshipping any god other than the God who identified Himself as ultimate reality. The graven image is permanent whereas life is impermanent. The danger is in believing that ideas are transcendent whereas they are merely our means of making sense of a transient present.

In other words, time changes everything. We must never allow one idea such as democracy to become sacrosanct. That is why both Plato and Jeremiah envisioned a society governed by "shepherds" (Jeremiah) or guardians (Plato) rather than rules or laws. Laws, as we were taught, are to live by; they serve man.

We must be cautious. Man has an almost natural propensity to enslave himself. It is, in fact, a biological instinct. The sages called it yetzer ha-rah in Hebrew, or evil inclination. Why was it described as evil? Because instincts are about what feels good rather than what is good. Over the centuries, mankind has enslaved itself to religion, to drugs, and to lucre.

For the Zionist founders, antisemitism was a threat. But, if perceived correctly, as for example, through the lens of the ancient sage, Ben Azzai, evil too contains its blessings.

The surge in antisemitism throughout the world can crush us or strengthen us. In a collection of essays, the historian Salo Baron described the Jews as a people "steeled by adversity."

Such is the resolve of the Jewish state.



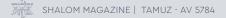
SHALOM MAGAZINE

is pleased to announce that respected journalist author and Editor **Jan Shure** will be contributing her opinions about Israel and the Middle East in SHALOM Magazine through access to her blog at the Times of Israel.



BY JAN SHURE

Jan's blogs and can be found on https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/author/jan-shure/



We would like to introduce Jan to our readers and below is a bio of Jan for your information.

SHALOM is very pleased to welcome Jan to our pages and we look forward to reading her insightful opinions in future editions

British journalist Jan Shure has been writing about anti-Israel media bias since the mid-1990s; has been blogging about it for The Times Of Israel since 2020 and is now talking to publishers about turning her 50-plus blogs into a book.

Shure acquired her expertise in the 1970s as deputy editor of the long-defunct UK publication, Jewish Observer & Middle East Review before working as a freelance journalist, contributing to UK national newspapers and magazines before moving to the world's best known Jewish newspaper, the London-based Jewish Chronicle as its woman's page editor.

"The idea of 'women's pages' is frankly ludicrous and mildly offensive today," asserts Shure. "But in the 1980s all newspapers still had women's pages." As she also points out "in the 80s women were not yet as involved in 'hard news' and politics as they are now, so working in 'soft features' was pretty much all that was available."

After rising to take various senior editorial roles at The Jewish Chronicle, Shure became a regular on TV and radio, as an *"expert"* on Israel, the Middle East and the UK Jewish community. "I did everything from regional radio stations to international broadcasters like CNN and Sky. While there were lots of women on TV screen in the 90s, I think it was still relatively rare to have a woman talking authoritatively – or I hope authoritatively – about geopolitics," says Shure.

During a spell away from journalism, while working in an online fashion business she had co-founded, she was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Major surgery in 2014 left her with severe physical impairments but following the sale of the website in 2017, she returned to journalism including writing a regular fashion page for The Jewish Chronicle, contributing opinion pieces for both the JC and Jewish News, and blogging for The Times Of Israel where she writes about the corrosive effect of media bias.

As well as being a wife, grandmother and a *"keyboard-warrior"* on social media, she is also a volunteer for UK antisemitism charity, Campaign Against Antisemitism.

OPINION

Thinking outside the (shoe) box, have we been played over Bella Hadid and Adidas?

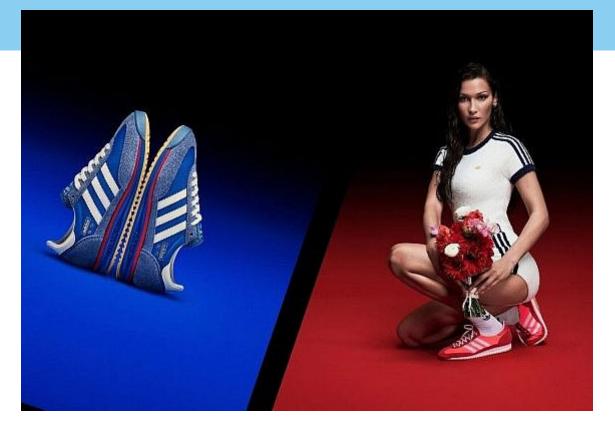


TIMES OF ISRAEL

BY JAN SHURE

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I gather Bella Hadid is "consulting lawyers" with a view to legal action against Adidas for dropping her from its campaign – you know, the tone-deaf one where a Palestinian model advertises a "retro" sneaker from the Munich Olympics that is most remembered for a murderous terror attack by Palestinians which left 11 Israeli athletes dead.



Bella Hadid's Adidas campaign

Her Instagram page makes it perfectly clear how committed she is to the Palestinian cause, and therefore how unimaginably stupid it was for Adidas to have chosen her for this campaign in the first place, not to mention how unimaginably stupid it was for Adidas to launch a "retro" line from the '72 Olympic Games without taking into account that these Games are most remembered for a murderous terror attack. While I realise most of people working in the Adidas marketing department were almost certainly infants in 1972, or not even born, that's hardly an excuse. The first page of any internet search of "1972 Olympic Games" – and probably all following pages – would have unrelentingly recalled the terror attack, (at least until last week's furore over Hadid overtook it.) And then, of course, there was Steven Spielberg's film, Munich, which though not one of his best, hardly went unnoticed when it was released in 2005.

Which brings me inescapably to consider the possibility that it was not necessarily unimaginably stupid and that perhaps you, me and Bella have all been played.

While, hopefully, I do not sound like a conspiracy theorist, I can't help wondering if we have all unwittingly participated in a huge promotional campaign for a sportswear company that may have been losing its hold in the top rung of sportswear sales. I have no evidence – this is only a hunch – but it is clear that not only its original competitors such as Nike, Reebok, New Balance and Converse seem to be catching up or overtaking, but new specialist sportswear brands such as On and Under Armour are also powering ahead.

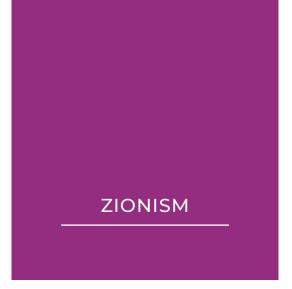
And if we also consider the impact of the fashion trainers – which of course account for a large chunk of the sneaker/ trainer market – we must also include brands such as Veja, Onitsuka and Madewell, plus niche brands such as Stepney Workers Club and also the (insanely expensive) premium designer brands such as Gucci, Dior et al

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when they ask авоит... zionism The word 'Zionism' is frequently misused and maligned. Can you explain what it really means?



THE JEWISH INDEPENDENT

BY SIDRA KRANZ MOSHINSKY

Sidra Kranz Moshinsky is a writer, researcher and educational leader. Having taught and led in Jewish education for over fifteen years at a number of schools. She is now working on projects across the community, including the Jewish Museum of Australia. Sidra is also a board member of Stand Up Australia: Jewish commitment to a better world Like any ism worthy of its suffix - such as feminism, socialism, liberalism or capitalism - Zionism is a broad term encompassing varied, evolving and even contradictory understandings.

In recent years and greatly heightened in the last nine months, it has become something of a flash term with people, often hurriedly, taking sides as they vociferously affirm or denounce the ideology and those who uphold it (the ists). Amid this, many are caught in the middle, confused about why it is suddenly so contentious and how to identify themselves in relation to this movement.

At its most basic, Zionism refers to the modern movement for self-determination of the Jewish people in its ancestral homeland, the land of Israel, also known as Zion.

The centrality of the land of Israel, of Jerusalem and Zion to Judaism as a religion and to Jews as a nation is absolute. It is the biblical land of promise, it was here that the tribes became a nation and a kingdom, the two temples were erected in Jerusalem, the language of Hebrew, our lashon hakadosh (holy tongue), emerged from here. After the first exile to Babylon in 586 BCE, many (not all) of the Jews returned to the land in a movement known as Shivat Zion, a precursor to the modern movement. Jews pray facing Jerusalem three times daily, are buried facing Jerusalem, enunciate the hope 'Next year in Jerusalem' at the Pesach seder, it is the focal point of our redemptive vision. These and many more examples constitute the historic, cultural, spiritual and tangible links between people, land and faith.

When modern Zionism first emerged in the late 19th century, its leading proponents had varied aspirations for the movement. For Ahad Ha'am, it would lead to a spiritual and cultural renaissance, centred in the land of Israel. For Herzl and others, the goal was political, exemplified in the title he gave his seminal work 'Der Judenstaat' ('The Jewish State') 1896, although the Jewish nature of this state was vague.

In its early days and in response to the urgency of antisemitism generally and the Kishinev pogrom of 1903 specifically, there was a moment when the nascent movement considered the possibility of accepting another territory, in this case Uganda, as a temporary shelter for a desperate people. This debate came close to splitting the representative body and its resolution affirmed the unequivocal connection between Zionism and the land of Zion. (Meanwhile, the Jewish territorial movements continued to explore other locations for some time, including Australia's Kimberley region.

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Certainly, the movement at the time was not accepted by all Jews and it split families and communities. For example, Sir Isaac Isaacs, Australia's first native-born governor general, one-time chief justice of the High Court and prominent member of the Jewish community, spoke out against it.

To debate and critique theoretical Zionism and the prospect of a Jewish state in the 1920s and 1930s is of a fundamental different character than to do so today, when the state of Israel has been functioning for over seven decades and is home to over nine million people.

Contemporary misuse

Zionism, the movement and the word, began to be associated with controversy when the UN infamously passed the resolution equating it with racism in 1975, a move led by Arab countries which oppose the right of Jews to a homeland in the Middle East. The resolution was later repealed but the association of the term with negative connotations stuck, particularly on the political far left.

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In current debates, the term Zionism is often used as a shorthand for Israel's government or military decisions. Those who oppose Israeli policies declare themselves "anti-

Zionists".

There is a laziness and intellectual sloppiness in equating one thing with another. To say Zionism is racism or colonialism or genocidal is as deductive and fallacious as equating feminism with sexism or capitalism with evil.

Israel is a complex society, it has many problems and is far from perfect (show me a society that is). This is compatible with Zionism. The government of Israel may make poor decisions and taint the reputation of the Jewish state. This is compatible with Zionism. The Palestinians have the right to a state and Israel has the right to exist safely alongside it, as envisaged by the international community in the Partition Plan of 1947. This is compatible with Zionism.

To misappropriate the term Zionism as a means of attacking Israel is to create a wedge on which only one side can be positioned as morally good.

To undermine the rights of the Jewish people to self-determination but not other nations, to delegitimise and threaten to wind back an internationally-recognised state but not others, to demonise actions of Israel that would be accepted were they being done by another sovereign state are all manifestations of the newest iteration of antisemitism.

When others have sought to define what it means to be a Jew, we have always insisted upon defining ourselves, adopting our 'stiff-necked' stance within an ongoing conversation with surrounding society. The same is true now of the zed-word.

So, when they ask you about Zionism, tell them it's rooted in our oldest story of promise, pilgrimage, exile and return, while simultaneously an ever-evolving expression of peoplehood. With its broad scope, we may have different understandings of its loftiest aims and grittiest concretisations, but we can and must refuse to be boxed in, labeled and shamed by antisemites sporting new garb and jargon.

What's in a name?

Some may ask why the Jewish state was not given the name Zion. Interestingly it was only in the days leading up to the declaration of independence in May 1948 that the name of the Jewish state was determined. By all accounts, it was rather a rushed process, decided on by a small committee led by David Ben Gurion.

Many assumed the state would be called Judea, after the original Davidic kingdom and the name later used by the Hasmoneans. This name would also reinforce the inexorable links between Jews, Judaism and Judea.

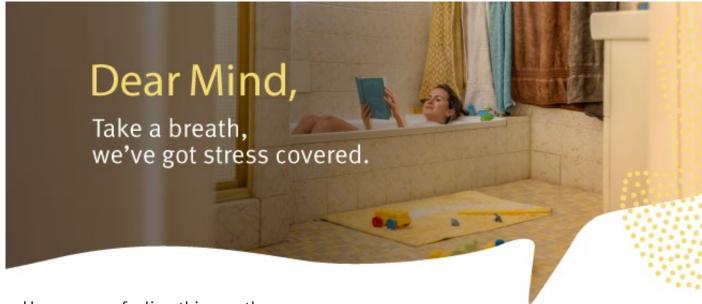
Another possible contender was, of course, Zion (Tzion). In addition to being a hill in Jerusalem, it also refers to the land as a whole, as in 'By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat, sat and wept, as we remembered Zion' (Psalm 137). The earliest modern movement of return was called Chovovei Tzion (Lovers of Zion). For various reasons, this name too was rejected, including that it would create confusion between citizens of the actual state and Zionists living around the Jewish world.

When Ben Gurion suggested Israel (a shortening of the biblical term eretz Israel, the land of Israel) there was initially a lukewarm response but it was soon accepted by a majority of the committee and made official a few days later.



Your Mental Wellbeing





How are you feeling this month,

SHALOM MAGAZINE READER

We hope this item finds you well.

We want to remind you about the importance quality sleep for a healthy body and mind.

Sleep plays a crucial role in allowing your brain the necessary 'down time' to process and store the information it receives during the day. Insufficient sleep not only affects your mood and concentration, but it's also a major contributor to anxiety and depression.

In our real wellbeing journey, we hear how a bout of insomnia led to a lifelong search for seriously good shuteye.

We've also pulled together some valuable tips to help you sleep better.





Real wellbeing journey

A story about sleep. And lack thereof...

Your 20s are meant to be some of the best years of your life. But when insomnia struck Katarina at age 22, she really struggled. Initially, her concern was the sudden onset—she was worried about why this was happening to her, and why now? Unfortunately, this only compounded the problem, and her anxiety around getting to sleep caused her to lose even more. And so, Katarina began her search for a seriously good night's sleep.

"Sleep is super important for my mood and general happiness. I find I crave sugar a lot more when I am tired, and I'm also more prone to getting sick."

She also confesses that she gets cranky and finds it hard to focus at work when she hasn't slept well. Who doesn't, right? Conversely, after a good night's sleep, Katarina says she feels energised, and much more resilient.

This might all seem obvious, but what wasn't as clear were the reasons for her erratic sleep patterns. Over the years, Katarina began taking more notice of what did and didn't work for her.

"Working at my computer at night, texting friends, online shopping, bright lights and exercising late all have negative effects on my sleep."

By age 30, her sleep was improving. Katarina felt like she finally had her sleep sorted. Sure, she had to still work at it, and yes, there were late nights here and there, but overall she was sleeping tight.

Then it happened! She became a mum.

Sleep became a thing of the past—for her at least. Katarina became obsessed with sleep again, but not her own, her adorable little Neddy's. Sleep became something she just took when she could get it, and while this comes with the territory for most new parents, Katarina's history of insomnia caused her to feel anxious all over again, as she worried she'd never get back to a healthy sleep routine.

Jump forward a few years, and Katarina is now a loving mum of two. With her boys old enough to sleep through the night and life a little less chaotic, Katarina has worked hard to get her sleep back on track.

"I have a pretty strict nighttime routine of herbal tea, shower, skincare and teeth brushing at a regular time every night. I also try to resist looking at my phone. I'm not always very successful but I have set up the colours of the screen to be warm from 9pm-5am to reduce blue light—just in case that helps."

Now in her early forties, Katarina is regularly getting about seven hours sleep a night. However, she continues to investigate ways to get her best sleep possible.



"I tried meditation to help me wind down, which helped a little, but the best thing I have found is to listen to podcasts through earphones to go to sleep. Nothing too exciting though! I try to find things that are interesting enough to listen to, but not interesting enough to stay awake for."

She still occasionally has periods of insomnia but worries less about them now. By taking her sleep seriously, Katarina has learnt what works best for her.



Six sleepy ways to mental wellbeing

1. The darker, the quieter, the better

Exposure to even low levels of light while sleeping has been linked to symptoms of depression. So, try and make your room like a cave - quiet and very dark.

2. Eat smart, sleep tight

Going to bed feeling hungry or full can cause discomfort and may keep you up. Avoid large meals, caffeine or alcohol within a couple of hours of bedtime.



3. The cool thing to do

Sleep experts recommend sleeping at between 15 and 20 degrees celsius. Try using a fan, opening windows and wearing cool pajamas.

4. Lights down, devices down

Try not to use devices with a screen (phones, laptops, tablets, computers, TVs) in the lead up to sleep. The blue light they emit can seriously affect your sleep patterns.

5. Be a morning person

We're not suggesting you wake up at 'what-the-heck-o-clock'—just that you do any vigorous exercise or highly energetic activities earlier in the day so that you're not too buzzed to sleep at night.

6. Live, sleep, repeat

Try sticking to a regular sleep schedule. Maintaining a routine around sleep can help you feel sleepy at the right time. We're creatures of habit and our bodies crave routine!

Looking for more tips?

We hope you've found something of value in this month's newsletter. If nothing else, think of it as a bit of a wakeup call to help you create a more conducive environment for consistent and quality sleep. Remember, prioritising your sleep is a solid investment in your overall wellbeing.

Visit the Your mental wellbeing website to find out more about how getting consistent, quality sleep can support your mental health, and create a healthier relationship with your mind.

Show me more tips



JNF (Jewish National Fund) is delighted to announce that nominations are now open for this year's annual **B'nai B'rith & JNF Youth and Young Adult Jewish Changemaker Awards**, aimed at recognising and celebrating our community's young activists.

Since October 7, there has been a substantial increase in youth & young adults who have been instrumental in advocating for Israel and our community that are deserving of acknowledgement.

Do you know or have a young professional or volunteer within your organisation that is worthy of being recognised as part of Australia's next "Top 36 Under 36" If so, JNF encourages you to nominate them in one of 3 categories:

- The Joshua Levi Young Professional Award (\$5000 prize)
- The Young Adult Volunteer Award (\$3000 prize)
- The Youth Volunteer Award (\$1500 prize)

Please nominate at least 2 volunteers and or outstanding employees.

Nominations close Friday 6 September 2024

Our aim is to encourage the next generation of leaders to continue their advocacy and entrepreneurship.

This year to streamline communications, JNF is inviting a representative from each organisation join our WhatsApp group.

The "Top 36 Under 36" together with the winners of each category will be announced in the Australian Jewish News on 13 December 2024.

For further information and to NOMINATE NOW follow this link: https://www.australianjewishnews.com/changemakers/







The Jewish National Fund (JNF) has been Building Israel since 1901.

The JNF of Australia is a prominent and trusted communal organisation celebrating over 120 years of life-changing, environmental and social welfare projects, and building communities in Israel all the while maintaining a tangible link between the Jewish People and Israel.

Today JNF Australia is working to ensure that the people of Israel who live in the underdeveloped periphery of the country, particularly in the Negev, have a brighter future and can also share in Israel's success story and ensure its ongoing sustainability.

JNF Australia is a separate entity and independent of JNF organisations in other countries, including in Israel.

However each JNF organisation wherever situated are linked, by a shared history, emotion and mission to further their mutual purposes and objectives for the people of Israel. As David Ben Gurion said, "JNF is an everlasting Jewish fund for the entire Jewish people. It lives and lasts not because of work well done in the past, but because of vital work in the present and, even more importantly, because of the great, important tasks still awaiting it in the future."

Every JNF project is a unique and wonderful way of identifying with Israel and its people and provides all of its supporters an opportunity to solidify their link with the people of Israel.

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JNF is committed to healing and rebuilding communities as a vital part of protecting our homeland and the people of Israel for generations to come.

We cannot take Israel's existence for granted

With violent antisemitic attacks increasing all over the world, it has never been more important to preserve Israel as a sanctuary for the Jewish people and a source of strengh, comtort and security.

Remember JNF in your Will

One of the most significant ways to ensure the protection, growth and sustainability of communities in Israel for years to come is by making a gift in your Will to JNF.

Your bequest to JNF will help rebuild Israel's devastated communities and assist in keeping Israel strong and vibrant.

Your generosity and spirit remembered forever

INF welcomes bequests no matter how large or small. A gift in your Will is a perfect way to make a valued gift to Israel whilst maintaining needed funds in your lifetime. Your commitment to Israel will benefit generations to come and leave a lasting legacy.

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If you would like to learn more about leaving a gift in your Will to INF, please contact Romy or Len on 1300 563 563 or send an email to **Romy@inf.org.au** for a confidential chat.

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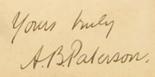


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WIZO Queensland invites you to attend...



Banjo Paterson Mous huly "The Celebrities in my Life" A.B.Palerson. a presentation by Denis Wayper.

Sunday 25 August, 3pm \$25 per person

A scrumptious afternoon tea will be served followed by the movie and talk.

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Denis Wayper will present his film and talk on this much-loved Australian. He found that a new book about Banjo Paterson told a lot more about his life and times than was generally available. We all know the Man from Snowy River, as it was made into a film, but what about the man behind the images and perceptive stories created in his bush poetry? In fact he rubbed shoulders with many characters in professional and social society, and so there is a lot to be revealed in this talk entitled "Banjo Paterson - The Celebrities in my Life"





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.

The first half of 2024 was highly rewarding and impactful for our team and program participants alike, with 2,147 students and 143 teachers and at 25 schools experiencing our classroom program. The second half of the year is looking to be just as amazing!

We began our first week of Term 3 of the school year with visits to three Brisbane schools:



A professional film crew recorded Holocaust Survivor Peter Baruch sharing his testimony with students at Brigidine College. We are grateful to the school for facilitating this filming of Peter's story for posterity, and for the Brigidine College students who listened intently as Peter shared his story of survival. The Dean of Professional Teaching, Nidean Dickson, said of Courage to Care:



"It is through the vulnerability of the Survivor Storytellers, and the heart of the Courage to Care team, that allows the pulse of humanitarian education to continue. We are so privileged to be in the presence of wonderful people doing extraordinary things."

"What are the benefits of volunteering for Courage to Care?"



"Apart from being such a shining light in the Jewish and wider community, C2C has given me an opportunity to meet and befriend many people I would not normally meet. Thank you C2C!"

"C2C gives volunteers a chance to spread a message close to one's heart and cement friendships with others in the team." "Educating young people about the history of the Holocaust and the wonderful feedback is very rewarding."

"I love sharing such valuable history with students and being with a group of amazing and committed people."

"I am hoping that my experiences will encourage others to be true Upstanders, good people, and make a valuable contribution to the world we all share."





Survivor Peter Baruch with students from Brigidine College.



Survivor Peter Baruch with Brigidine College Dean of Professional Teaching, Nidean Dickson.



Storyteller Kayla Szumer with student at Centenary State High School

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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.

JCareQld is a charitable association that provides care to the **Queensland Jewish Community**



Particularly the elderly but also the young who need assistance.



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