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2024

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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.

JNF has always understood the critical role of Israel's periphery, whether by providing protection on the borders or by contributing significantly to Israel's demographic and economic growth.

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.**

JNF will fund projects that provide both the facilities and services needed to provide far-reaching support for those suffering from serious psychological and mental health challenges.

In addition, funds raised will also support communal infrastructure projects that help to recreate these communities, bigger, better, and more beautiful than ever, encouraging families to return home and attract a whole new generation of chalutzim (pioneers).



The approach of JNF remains simple:

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- Maintaining close relationships in Israel will also ensure no duplication of precious donor funds, which are being received from wonderful supporters in Australia and around the world.

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INTERVIEW

## Sharri Markson on facing the hate



Sharri Markson (Giselle Haber)

**THE JEWISH INDEPENDENT**

BY **VIC ALHADEFF**

VIC ALHADEFF OAM IS FORMER CEO OF THE NSW JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES AND FORMER EDITOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN JEWISH NEWS



# Sharri Markson talks about antisemitism, advocacy and how she responds to the more controversial actions of the Netanyahu government.

Outspoken advocate Sharri Markson says rabbis have told her that she has been put in the right place at the right time to do the job that she's doing. "Being a fighter for what's right is intrinsic to my personality," she tells *The Jewish Independent*. "Most jobs don't lend themselves to commentary and opinion. Mine does. And rabbis give me blessings to keep doing what I'm doing."

Markson is the host of the eponymous prime-time opinion show *Sharri*, which features on Sky News at 8pm four nights a week. She first landed a weekly spot on the network in 2018 and has broken several agenda-setting stories, including an investigation into the origins of Covid-19 which became the book, *What Really Happened in Wuhan*.

Markson hosted a Sky News documentary of the same name which was viewed 13 million times and for which she interviewed Donald Trump – his first interview as US President with Australian broadcast media.

But it's her unremitting focus on antisemitism that now dominates her agenda and output, with clips of her programs viewed globally, including in the US, Israel, South Africa and Canada.

Markson is both loved and divisive. Large sections of the Jewish community support her partisan lens, but there are others – Jewish and non-Jewish – who are critical of her singular focus on antisemitism and unwillingness to engage with Israel's faults.

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Readily acknowledging that her television program is a combination of journalism

and advocacy, Markson regards herself as "extremely fortunate to have an opinion program which gives me the platform and ability to speak out against antisemitism. This is an unprecedented crisis for our country. The entire Jewish community is feeling it, irrespective of individual political views or ideologies.

*"Most media outlets barely cover the issue, and most political leaders aren't taking it seriously enough. I feel obligated and driven to put pressure on our leaders to stand up to it. We can't let this situation become normalised."*

Markson says the leadership on combatting antisemitism at News Corp and Sky News has come from the top. "Sky CEO Paul Whittaker said Josh Frydenberg's documentary was the most important one he has made." She adds that; Lachlan Murdoch has spoken publicly about antisemitism and even visited Israel to see the sites where Israelis were massacred.

Markson says more people are watching Sky News now than in the past, *"particularly people who weren't ideologically aligned with the network. People tell me they never watched before, but now they're watching every night"*.

**Mainstream Australians hate what's going on, hate the aggression they see on the streets**

She receives considerable abuse from members of the public, has reported threats to the police and on occasion has shut down her social media accounts. "The abuse on Twitter is insane. It's hard to believe people can be that antisemitic. Having said that, overall I feel great warmth and support from Australians in general.

*"Mainstream Australians hate what's going on, hate the aggression they see on the*

*streets, hate the vandalism of politicians' offices, hate the doxing. Mainstream Australians are generally supportive of our community and of my reporting. Many people contact me and identify as Catholic or Christian and express support. My religion was never something I had thought about before in the workplace; now it's front and centre of my identity."*

Markson has been an outspoken advocate for Jews and Israel since October 7 but her on-air commentary has focused little on critically examining the Israeli government's prosecution of the war, settler violence in the West Bank or Palestinian civilian casualties in Gaza.

The Jewish Independent asked her about some more controversial aspects of Israeli policy.

On whether Benjamin Netanyahu should agree to a ceasefire in exchange for the hostages. "Ideally, we need the immediate return of all the hostages as well as the destruction of Hamas. Leaving Hamas in power means that October 7 and its pain, trauma, brutality and tragedy could happen again, affecting hundreds more families. Hamas' reason for being is to destroy Jews and Israel. And leaving a single hostage behind in Gaza would be like walking away from a Jew in a concentration camp.

*"Western leaders have repeatedly demanded of Israel an immediate ceasefire, yet in the same breath they say Hamas can have no role in the future governing of Gaza. How do leaders like Penny Wong think Hamas will be destroyed if there is an immediate ceasefire? No leader internationally has been able to articulate the answer to this question. There is no clear path forward, only difficult choices."*

On settler violence in the West Bank: "I concur with the recent Executive Council of Australian Jewry statement which unequivocally condemns this lawless behaviour and says those responsible should be dealt with according to the law."

On Palestinian civilian deaths in Gaza: *"Heartbreaking and devastating."*

On Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich saying it's justified to starve Palestinians: *"I absolutely condemn that statement. That said, Israel hasn't used starvation as a tactic; thousands and thousands of aid and food trucks have been going in."*

On corruption allegations against Netanyahu: *"These are matters for Israel. It's a democracy with regular elections. It's also a rule-of-law democracy with a fiercely independent judiciary and there's no intimidating its Supreme Court."*

Advocacy is not new to Markson; in 2014 she led the reporting in The Australian which culminated in high-profile columnist Mike Carlton parting company with the Sydney Morning Herald.

Born in Sydney, Markson attended Moriah College and Ascham, followed by two years of a Media/Communications degree at the University of Sydney. An internship at The Sunday Telegraph led to a full-time position, which prompted her to abandon further thoughts of study. *"Even as far back as 2002, the lecture halls were already very ideological and anti-News Corp."*

Dating her passion for journalism back to her childhood, Markson recalls watching Jana Wendt on 60 Minutes. *"And if we saw a fire engine race past, I'd ask to follow it. Finding out what was happening was instinctive. As a 16-year-old copy-kid, part of my job was to photocopy the pages and take them to the editors. It was such a privilege to see the news before everyone else did. I loved that."*

Her career took her to State and Federal Parliament and saw her appointed chief of staff of The Sunday Telegraph at age 25, followed by senior roles at Channel 7, Cleo, The Australian, The Daily Telegraph and now Sky News, while her journalism awards include five Kennedys, two Walkleys and two Sir Keith Murdoch Awards.

*"Journalism is utterly different today to what it was when I started," she adds. "There are far fewer journalists today, but far more media advisers. Far more competition for product, but far fewer people looking seriously into major issues."*



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POINT OF VIEW

## We need to choose our friends more wisely



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**THE JEWISH INDEPENDENT**

BY **VISHAI CONYER**

Avishai Conyer is the Federal Chairperson for Netzer Australia

# Jews feel isolated but we cannot let the yearning for affirmation blind us to receiving support from the wrong people.

As a young Jew with a kippah on my head and a Magen David around my neck, I have become an all-too-visible target for antisemites. Long before this war began, I have had coins hurled at me from car windows and Jewish slurs spat at me on my way home from work. Only last month a stranger stopped me to ask whether I had a visa to be in his country and a few weeks earlier, someone else pointed at my kippah and laughed. Both before and after October 7, people have constantly shouted "Free Palestine" in my face - always before they bother to ask about my political beliefs.

Despite having actually faced less harassment over the last 11 months than before, I feel more unsafe than ever: I choose to sit at the back of the bus so fewer people see my kippah; I tell stories about my gap year while carefully avoiding to mention where I spent it; and I deliberately avoid the main entrance of my university library to steer clear of being personally targeted with anti-Israel rhetoric.

My experience as a young Jew has become constrained by the shackles of identity politics that force me to constantly censor myself and conceal my identity. Although I may have been subject to less attacks, the language of antisemitism has become normalised around me... and that is terrifying.

Surrounded by blind hate, I keep asking myself how a war on the other side of the world has so profoundly impacted my life in Australia.

Is it because the Left has gaslighted our community by attempting to define Jewish oppression for us? Is it because the Right has exploited our suffering to score political points? Or is it because our own community perpetuates a narrative of victimhood that makes it nearly impossible to escape feelings of isolation? Perhaps, a combination of all three.

It's become easy to blame the Left. Even if we were to overlook references to the "tentacles" of the "Jewish lobby" or the failure of many to condemn a terrorist organisation that calls for the genocide of Jewish people, it remains inexcusable that challenging the lived experiences of Jews has become normalised in progressive circles.

For a movement that prides itself on empowering minorities to speak for themselves and on recognising the role of discourse in perpetuating oppressive social norms, their activism has conspicuously excluded the Jewish voice.

Many of us feel abandoned by the leaders and institutions we thought we could trust. In turn, we have shifted from being a community at the forefront of human rights and social justice to a broken people battling with growing despondency every day.

## As abandonment fuels loneliness, the moral rigour which usually informs Jewish interactions with the world can wane.

In our Jewish echo chambers, we are suffocated by constant cries of antisemitism. And yet, we do not let ourselves escape this weight of Jewish suffering - partially because now is a time to look inwards and partially because we are too afraid to look out.

But we must be careful. As abandonment fuels loneliness and loneliness breeds desperation, the frame of moral rigour which usually informs Jewish interactions with the world can wane. In this vulnerable state, Jewish communities have begun to ally with anyone who positions themselves as champions of Israel and defenders of the 'Jewish Faith', without seeing that many instances of support result in exploitation rather than multicultural liberation.

When mainstream politicians imply a connection between the rise of antisemitism in Australia and the High Court's ruling that indefinite detention is unlawful, they reveal their willingness to use Jews as pawns in their anti-immigration agendas. Such rhetoric only furthers the growing divide between Jews and other minority communities.

## **Support for the Jewish community has become an ideological tool and antisemitism has been weaponised for political gain.**

When many evangelical and messianic clergy voice their support for Zionism, they do so in the context of a theological imperative for Jews to return to Israel as a prerequisite for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Paradoxically, the Australian Christian Lobby still even hosts materials on its website suggesting that the “Jews plot[ed] to kill Jesus” while condemning antisemitism at the same time.

Evidently, support for the Jewish community has become an ideological tool and antisemitism has been weaponised for political gain. In our rightful criticism of the Left for tokenising the anti-Zionist Jew, it can be argued that we have become the token minority of the Right in the process. How else can we explain why so many conservative commentators are vocal supporters of Jewish people while simultaneously prejudiced against other minority communities?

This is not to imply that everyone who supports Jews or speaks out against antisemitism has ulterior motives. Indeed, it is vital to acknowledge and appreciate the support we receive from across the political and religious spectrum. Rather, this is a call for caution - to ensure that in forming new alliances, we do not unintentionally reinforce the very antisemitism we seek to combat.

This is also a call to pay closer attention to the values of those from whom we accept support. There is something deeply unsettling about the fact that many of our current allies are individuals who actively campaigned against the Voice, support indefinite detention for refugees, and adopt weak stances on LGBTQIA+ protections, among other questionable moral positions.

## **Even more troubling is the possibility of compromising our own moral principles in pursuit of friendship.**

These views are antithetical to Judaism's rich ethical teachings, which implore us to “*welcome the stranger*” and recognise the equality of all human beings as we are all created “*in the image of the Divine*”.

Even more troubling is the possibility of compromising our own moral principles in pursuit of friendship. Sometimes, it is legitimate to welcome unexpected friends and embrace the nuance of being able to agree on some issues while disagreeing on others. But often, we cannot always control how our alliances are perceived or which ideas we may unintentionally validate. Protecting our values may, then, necessitate taking greater care in choosing our allies, even if that means standing with fewer.

Now, more than ever, the Jewish community's desire to be seen and heard is profound. I, too, long for validation and embrace. Yet, we must guard against allowing our yearning for affirmation blind us to the places from where we receive it. If support for our community is dependent on others exploiting our identity for their own ends, what happens when we are no longer of use? And if we sacrifice our values and distort our sense-of-self to gain acceptance, what does that say about who we have become?

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JEWS IN LITERATURE

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## Daniel Deronda: George Eliot and the Jews.

[JEREMYROSEN.COM](http://JEREMYROSEN.COM)

BY **RABBI JEREMY ROSEN**

Rabbi Rosen's mission is to teach. To show what Judaism has to offer and how living its life can be reconciled with modernity and living in two worlds. And to make this learning enjoyable.





## In 1290 Jews were expelled from England. In 1656 Cromwell failed to persuade parliament to welcome Jews back officially.

In 1753 the Jew Bill giving Jews citizenship was defeated by the antagonism of the Church and the merchant classes. And it would not be for a hundred years that all disadvantages were removed. So, it is surprising that in such an atmosphere of hatred, positive voices could be heard. And none more so than that of George Eliot (1819-1880) whose real name was Mary Ann Evans. Always one of my favorite English novelists.

She combined command of the language with a gift for a great story and an acute observation of the inequalities, and social hypocrisies of her age. She ought to be on every university's literature courses. But she won't of course for two reasons. She lived and wrote during Imperial Britain. And she was pro-Jewish.

**Eliot is remarkable not just as the outstanding female novelist, but uniquely as the most important non-Jewish literary voice in support of Judaism and Jewish identity in the nineteenth century and beyond.**

Benjamin Disraeli had written novels *Coningsby* and *Tancred*, with major Jewish characters and their rejection of their Jewish origins, earlier. But both novels are mediocre works of literature. The Jewish element is quite incidental. And reflects Disraeli's ambiguity about his Jewish origins.

In contrast, George Eliot wrote *Daniel Deronda*. Not one of her best novels admittedly, but still a major work of Nineteenth-century literature. In it, through the character of Mordecai, she argues persuasively for the contribution that Judaism has made to the world. And for

the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Israel, long before Theodore Herzl wrote his *Altneuland* or the Balfour Declaration and the Holocaust.

*Daniel Deronda*, was published in 1876. It concerns the relationship Deronda had with two women with whom he crossed paths. One, an English rose called Gwendolin. The other a Jewish girl called Mirah. The plot, in brief, is that Daniel Deronda was raised by a wealthy gentleman, Sir Hugo Mallinger. Deronda thought that he was Sir Hugo's illegitimate son. One day, boating on the Thames, Deronda rescued a young desperate Jewish girl, Mirah Lapidoth, from attempting to drown herself. She had come to London in search of her mother and brother after running away from her unsavory and exploitive father. Deronda undertook to help her look for her mother (who it turned out had died) and brother. Through them, he is introduced to London's Jewish community and Judaism.

**Daniel, met Mordecai, who, despite his ill health, was passionately committed to the Jewish people and was working and preaching for them to be restored to their Promised Land. Through their conversations, Mordecai succeeded in influencing Deronda and pressed him to become an advocate for the Jewish people. Deronda was attracted to Mirah and his desire to embrace Mordecai's vision became stronger. But he was still confused about his own identity.**

Deronda was finally reunited with his mother and learned that she was a Jewish opera singer with whom Sir Hugo was once in love. She had married and had a child, but because she resented the rigid religious upbringing of her childhood, she wanted to hide her identity from Deronda. On her husband's death, she asked Sir Hugo to raise her son as an English gentleman, never to know that he was Jewish.

**Daniel having discovered his Jewish identity, committed himself to carrying out Mordecai's vision for the Jewish people. Daniel married Mirah, and the newlyweds prepared to set off for "the East" with Mordecai. But then Mordecai dies in their arms, and that is where the novel ends. A fascinating quote from the book are the words "Every Jew should rear his family as if he hoped a Deliverer might spring from it."**

Eliot showed real familiarity with Judaism and Jewish identity beyond that of any earlier non-Jewish novelist. She had met a Talmudic scholar called Emanuel Deutsch who was working at the British Museum, and he started to teach her Hebrew and a great deal more about Jewish life. Ironically, he set out to visit the Holy Land but died on the way there.

When Daniel Deronda was published, Chief Rabbi Adler of England wrote to thank her for her accurate and sympathetic portrait of Deronda and Judaism. A stark contrast to Dickens's portrait of Fagin in *Oliver Twist*, or Melmotte in Trollop's *The Way We Live Now*. However, many non-Jews resented and criticized her positive description of a Jew.

Henry James, wrote a piece called *A Conversation* published in the *Atlantic Monthly* in which he satirized Eliot's *Deronda* and initiated a discussion in which all the negative stereotypes of Jews were presented as being a truer portrait.

Things have not changed much since. *Daniel Deronda* would never be read nowadays in an American or European University's English department for fear of giving offense. Chaucer wrote that "Love Conquers All." Nowadays in our intellectual world, it is "Hatred that conquers all." Or as our Rabbis put it "Both love and hatred distort the mind."

**All this reminds me that there was and still is much goodwill towards Jews in our world. If only we humans could focus on what we share rather than what divides us!**





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JNF QLD thanks everyone for your ongoing support of JNF AUSTRALIA projects in Israel and want you to know that the people of Israel appreciates everything JNF has done to help Israel and its people not only now in these times of great need but in the future as JNF helps to rebuild Israel from the trauma of OCTOBER 7.

**Wishing you strength and  
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Healing  
Israel's South







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

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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.

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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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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 strength, comtort and security.

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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.

C2C has had a fantastic Term 3 of the school year, sharing our classroom program with **1,272 students** and **78 teachers** at schools throughout SE-Qld. Our final week of school visits for the term saw our team present our program to a range of student groups from Year 6 through to Year 12:



**St Catherine's  
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Year 6  
62 students



**Kingston Learning  
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Year 10, 11 & 12  
80 students



**St Columba's  
Primary School**

Year 6  
28 students



**Mountain Creek  
State High School**

Year 10 & 11  
76 students



**Coolum Beach  
Christian College**

Year 6 & 12  
90 students





**We have received wonderful feedback from teachers who experienced our program and look forward to our return visits in future years:**



*"We will be rebooking C2C to visit our school again as it is critical that students know about the biggest historical event of the twentieth century. C2C speakers are able to educate our students in such a sincere and impactful way. Students are also able to make links to their behaviour today, by listening to stories about how to be an Upstander. There are concrete actions for students to take. This makes the C2C program so important."*

*~ Teacher, Kingston Learning College*



Survivor Suzi Smeed connecting with students at Coolum Beach Christian College.

*"Our staff and students were so grateful for this amazing opportunity to learn firsthand from Suzi and the team of life in the Holocaust times and its impact after. To combine this knowledge with a program that focuses on compassion, kindness and love and the skills in being an Upstander was inspirational. The Courage to Care team were incredible speakers. Our students were captivated by the experience and it was evident that they learnt a lot. The de-brief session after with their class teachers was rich in discussion and a hunger to learn more. Many many thanks and we look forward to rebooking for 2025."*

*~ Teacher, Coolum Beach Christian College*



Survivor Suzi Smeed with Year 6 students at Coolum Beach Christian College.

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## Holocaust Survivor Peter Baruch shares experiences of March of the Living

Members of the Courage to Care Queensland team gathered on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Queensland Holocaust Survivor Peter Baruch shared stories about his recent trip to Poland and Israel as part of the March of the Living this past May.

Always a wonderful storyteller, attendees loved hearing about Peter's travels and particularly the very personal places visited such as the site of his father's factory. Peter also shared stories of the day he found the graves of some relatives and was able to say "Kaddish", for passed family members at the gravesides.

Peter was quite emotional at times telling his personal memories and special moments of his trip both to Poland and Israel. Needless to say, some of our Queensland team also needed tissues.

Peter also cherished having his daughter with him on this very personally and culturally meaningful trip with the March of the Living.





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Jewish Help in Need Society of Queensland is a registered not-for-profit Charity which provides financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to members of the Jewish Community in Queensland.

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# On Behalf of my Executive and Committee of Wizo Qld, we wish our members and Community *Shana Tova* and well over the Fast

Our hearts and prayers are with our beloved Israel throughout this horrific ordeal.

May they be safe and we wait for our hostages to be released.

**Am Yisrael Chai.**

**Emergency funds are needed** to build more Shelters for the safety of our kindergartens and school children.

**Please help us to make this a reality!**

With Warm Wizo Wishes,

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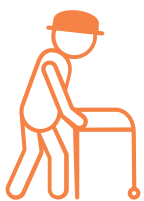


We remember all the survivors and although many have passed the few remaining provide us with an inspiration **TO NEVER ALLOW THE SHOAH TO OCCUR AGAIN.**



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**We can assist**  with visits, transport, social contact, arranging medical help, liaison with Claims Conference, and some limited financial assistance.



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Maariv 7:00pm

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