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## **Message from JNF Australia for the Jewish Changemaker Awards 2017**

JNF Australia is proud to partner once again with B'nai B'rith for the annual Jewish Changemaker Awards, which has become a key platform for recognising emerging young leaders within our community. This event not only provides the opportunity to acknowledge some very inspiring individuals but to also help them sharpen their skills through leadership and advocacy scholarships in Australia and Israel.

This year's nominees are passionate and committed in their endeavours to benefit those around them. Their resourcefulness and ingenuity have created game changing initiatives that support the needs of younger people and help ensure the continuity of active Jewish life in Australia. As a community we are very lucky to have such talented and motivated individuals volunteering their time through our various communal organisations.

Congratulations to each and every nominee that has made it to this year's Awards. It is an honour to help recognise your noteworthy contributions and accomplishments and support your progress towards leadership roles within our community and broader society.

Kol Hakavod ,

Peter Smaller  
National President

Dan Springer  
Chief Executive Officer



## Alfred Dreyfus

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### WELCOME AND THANK YOU

We thank you young nominees – you are all winners and so are the beneficiaries of your dedicated efforts. We also greatly appreciate the nominators who took the time and effort to put you forward. On behalf of our Unit and all of B'nai B'rith I extend our best wishes to you – society is very fortunate to have young people who devote so much of their time to contribute, making big differences to other peoples life, we wish there would many more like you. We hope that you will be role models for others to follow.

### THE ALFRED DREYFUS UNIT AND B'NAI B'RITH

B'nai B'rith International was established 173 years ago and 73 years in Australia. It is a multifaceted organisation, being communal, fraternal, charitable and dedicated to make our world a better place. The Alfred Dreyfus Unit, besides combating racism and thereby anti-Semitism, has instigated a pro-active arm in the "Moving Forward Together Association". The Unit besides having this project to the Youth, has an annual oration and panel discussions – this year we also had two at Limmud Oz.

The Moving Forward Together project has the Annual "Harmony Day Poster & Song Writing competitions", and the Harmony Walks. This year it was honoured at Harmony Dinner attended by over 1500 guest with the Premiers Harmony Award. It has established wonderful working partners with NRL the National Rugby League, the Bahá'í Community, STARTTS, the Australian Catholic University among some of them. It has also branded "Harmony Day – Every Day" as it really should be.

### MANY THANKS

To our partners, the JNF, and particularly Etty Ayalon, who worked non-stop to make this event happen successfully. To Harry Triguboff AO and Meriton Apartments our major sponsor. Our judges Peter Wertheim AM, Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM, Rabbi Orna Triguboff, Anat Sultan-Dadon and Len Mahemoff OAM. The committee consisting of Etty Ayalon, Yona Cass, Dudu Gotlieb, Sonia Newell, Steve Ligoff, Yigal Nisell and Travis Russell. I also like to thank Emanuel school, Masada & Moriah colleges in forwarding nominations as did AUJS.

Wishing the nominees continued success in their future efforts and careers.

Ernie Friedlander OAM  
President

## Always Working For The Community

B'nai B'rith International, is the oldest and most widely known Jewish humanitarian, human rights and advocacy organisation. After 7 decades in Australia, B'nai B'rith continues to work for the welfare and wellbeing of the Jewish and wider community. In New South Wales its activities fall into four categories:

**Social and Cultural:** A full social program is provided including talks, walks, book clubs, games afternoons, while often fundraising for specific projects including ones in Israel, and for educational scholarships. Kids' Club runs school holiday programs for 8-12 year olds with creative themes, such as photography instruction and art lessons.



### Welfare and Wellbeing:

Projects in Israel which are supported by B'nai B'rith include:

- ▶ The Jaffa Institute for the Advancement of Education, The Wingate Institute for educating socially disadvantaged young adults, Israel Guide Dog Centre, Be'er Sova restaurant and soup kitchen, supplying meals on wheels to disabled seniors.
- ▶ B'nai B'rith Bargain Bazaar: Established over 30 years ago, the Bargain Bazaar sells donated second hand goods (clothing and household items) with all proceeds donated to various charities. Located in Surry Hills, the Bargain Bazaar is staffed solely by volunteers.
- ▶ Food Parcel deliveries: Following a practice of 52 years, B'nai B'rith members and friends continue to distribute food parcels to members of the Jewish community, prior to Pesach and Rosh Hashana.



### Retirement Villages: Princess Gardens, Rose Bay and Kadima Gardens, Wahroonga

B'nai B'rith operates two retirement village complexes, offering 103 units of affordable self-care accommodation in a caring Jewish environment for seniors. The Retirement Villages are run by an independent board of B'nai B'rith members. [www.bbrv.org.au](http://www.bbrv.org.au)

### Anti-discrimination Programs aim to encourage community harmony, actively campaigning against discrimination.

- ▶ **Courage to Care:** A community outreach initiative that demonstrates the importance of standing up to bullying and prejudice whenever it occurs, delivered through an educational program supported by a travelling exhibition.
- ▶ **B'nai B'rith Alfred Dreyfus Unit:** The purpose of this Unit is to confront prejudice, discrimination and stereotyping. It works towards breaking down barriers in its outreach to the wider community, with programs promoting the acceptance of ethnic, religious and cultural diversity.

The following programs represent the work of the Alfred Dreyfus Unit:

- ▶ **The Harmony Poster and Song Writing Competition:** *The Harmony Poster and Song Writing Competition* is a major project which reaches out to primary and high school students. Approximately 4,500 posters are submitted from schools in NSW.
- ▶ **The Harmony Walk** was launched to address vilification, hate mongering and violence. It aims to build bridges of understanding and an inclusive society.
- ▶ **The Jewish Changemakers Award** recognises the important contributions made to the Australian and Jewish communities by our dedicated young people who go above and beyond to make our world a better place. The Human Rights Address is an annual event where keynote speakers are invited to address topical humanitarian issues.



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# AWARD NOMINEES

## YOUTH: Ages 14-18



### Emanuel Cohavi *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Emanuel was not quite 12 years old, when his family moved from the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney for his father to take up employment with Parramatta Synagogue as spiritual leader, and take up residence in Parramatta. In the three years, he has been at Parramatta, he has adapted and endeared himself to the local community. He celebrated his Barmitzvah with the Parramatta Synagogue community; invited his friends to attend Shabbat with him at the Synagogue and has actively participated in Synagogue services and functions. Emanuel has mastered the reading of the Torah for the Shabbat minyan and when necessary happily holds the Services. He prepares and takes part in leading Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services. Emanuel has also been a leader in the synagogue's Sunday Chedar in helping the younger children with their Chedar lessons. He also helps prepare pre-bar mitzvah boys for their call up and Torah reading.

*Nominated by:* Michael Morris, President Parramatta Synagogue



### Chloe Corne *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Chloe is a young woman who cares deeply and passionately about her Jewish heritage and Jewish continuity. Her personal commitment to Jewish learning and Jewish living is expressed and reflected in her significant contributions to and engagement with the Jewish community. Chloe leads communal tefillah for Emanuel School and leads their daily birkat hamazon. She helps plan and run the school's weekly kabbalat shabbat service and is also a central contributor in envisioning, organizing and running the school chagim programs together with special commemorative events and celebrations. As early as year 9, Chloe was teaching Hebrew as a volunteer at JEMS, volunteering for JNF Green Sunday and an active member of the Emanuel synagogue. Chloe often leads the congregation in conducting the service and in reading the Torah and is a registered Bar and Bat Mitzvah teacher on the Emanuel synagogue list.

*Nominated by:* Rabbi Daniel Siegel, Head of Jewish Life Emanuel School



### Guy Eshed *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ever since Guy's arrival to Australia in 2015 he has volunteered his time generously to support the JNF Education Shaliach in all his activities. Guy supports the Shaliach in preparation for all youth movement camps in all the holidays throughout the year across all the movements. Guy not only supports in preparation but also attends the camps nationally to help facilitate the activities. Guy assists with the activities in all Jewish day schools on a regular basis and is a regular volunteer at JNF Green Sunday. Guy also volunteers his time generously to support all JNF events throughout the various campaigns during the year. Guy has great spirit and is always asking how he can help and what to do next. He is always willing to answer the JNF call and is a great asset to JNF as a volunteer and in turn the wider community for his selfless giving.

*Nominated by:* Etty Ayalon, JNF Australia National Executive Assistant



## Raphael Franklin *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

In 2016, Raphael (Rafi) received the Rotary Club of Rose Bay Citizenship Prize for Community Service as part of the Kesser Torah College (his school) prize giving ceremony. Rafi is an active member of Bnei Akiva youth movement. He was appointed the Gabbai of the Bnei Akiva Shule for 2016/17. His duties include arranging people to lead services and on Shabbat and festivals call people to the Torah. During the daily school services, he performs a similar role at his school. Rafi uses his technical skills to create weekly newsletters for Bnei Akiva and Kesser Torah College. He has volunteered for the last two years at JNF Green Sunday and mobilised a team from his school, as well as, Bnei Akiva to assist in the telethon. The team raised more than \$5000. Similarly, Rafi arranged a team to assist with the Magen David Adom telethon in 2016. Earlier this year Rafi also assisted in the Sydney Community Kollel Chardiy telethon. Over the last two years Rafi has volunteered weekly at JEMS assisting children from state public schools read Hebrew and in running children services at the Jewish Learning Centre (JLC).

*Nominated by:* Eitan Franklin, Father



## Ariella Glasser *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ariella looks after the children at her local synagogue and provides free babysitting for parents in her community. She has volunteered every year for the JNF (Jewish National Fund) and MDA (Magen David Adom) telethons to fundraise for international charities. She has also volunteered at the Montefiore to set up and pack up their fêtes as well as sing to them and play guitar for them and volunteered her time in the holidays of 2016. Ariella has been involved in producing an interactive presentation showcasing how Masada promotes Jewish unity. She also oversees filming and editing of a community video that highlights the vibrant Jewish community of St Ives. She is a Prefect and was awarded the Gmillat Chassidim charity award, Paul Cullen Conscience Shield for Community Service Award, the Rabbi Rogut OAM trophy for displaying a thirst for Jewish Knowledge Award and the Derech l'Eretz prize at the end of 2016. Ariella was a peer support leader at her school in 2016 and has been elected to be on the young leadership board to discuss issues facing teenagers in the Jewish community as well as to generate ideas to better the community.

*Nominated by:* Ms Lyn Rutherford, Year 12 Patron Masada College



## Gidon Goodman *Contribution to Australian Society*

Gidon has been attending the Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick every fortnight since he was three years old for treatment for Gaucher Disease. This resulted in his family having to pay expensive parking fees every fortnight. Over 10 years this amounted to \$10,000.00. In 2016 the hospital parking rates increased and Gidon (then 13 years old) decided to act for fairer parking fees. He has created a "Change.Org" petition calling for a change to the parking fees. He simultaneously contacted politicians and the media to draw attention to this issue and to rally support within government for change. After eight months of campaigning and meeting with NSW Attorney General Gabriel Upton, the MP for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith, the ex-Health Minister Julia Skinner, the current Health Minister Bram Hazaard and NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and collecting 70,000 signatures for his campaign, Gidon had something concrete to put forward. In March 2017 the NSW Government announced changes to hospital parking fees which will come to effect from 1 July this year. The change is estimated to cost the NSW Government \$11,000,000.00.

*Nominated by:* Cathy Laurence, Family Friend



## Adam Kerbel *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Adam Kerbel's mature and sensitive approach has led him to volunteer continuously in many sectors of the Jewish community including Carmel School, the Perth Hebrew Congregation, the Menora Charity Fund and Jewish National Fund (JNF). Due to existing relationships and cross-generational interaction within the community, Adam took it upon himself to approach Carmel School to suggest an outreach program with the Maurice Zeffert Home (a residential aged care facility and retirement village in Perth). Adam recognised the needs of the residents, specifically in the IT/Tech Support realm. The residents appreciate his help, support and empathy. Many have enjoyed his input and help in keeping

them connected and in touch with their families through technology that was otherwise overwhelming and out of reach for them. It has become apparent that his visits are looked forward to each week and that relationships go beyond just tech support.

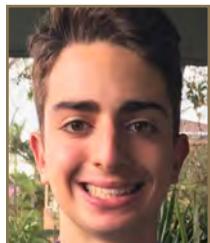
*Nominated by:* Gail Kerbel, Grandmother



### **Tammy Lazarus** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community Contribution to Australian Society*

Tammy Lazarus has been volunteering at Friendship Circle she was 11 years old. Volunteering was embedded in her family's upbringing. Her three older sisters are greatly involved at Friendship Circle and her entire family is involved in helping people with a disability in the wider community. The Lazarus family was shortlisted for the 2014 NSW Volunteering Team of the Year by the Centre for Volunteering in Australia for 1000's of hours that the family had volunteered to provide formal and informal support for families with children with disabilities. Tammy is part of the Team Leadership Committee where she develops her leadership skills for advocacy and helps with the organisation's strategy. At Friendship Circle, she is a buddy and friend at the Sunday Circle program, helps behind the scene in the kitchen for the overnight Shabbaton camp and participates as a one-on-one buddy in the various day camps. She also volunteered for Jewish Education Matters, Kesser Torah College, JNF Blue Box. She has also volunteered in an orphanage in South Africa, and packed food boxes for people in need.

*Nominated by:* Friendship Circle, Supervisor



### **Matt Nurick** *Contribution to Australian Society*

In 2016, Matt was the primary fundraiser in his school's (Moriah College) Movember Australia 2016 - raising \$3150 of the \$5633 raised by the school's Movember Team. Matt's primary focus was to raise awareness about the high suicide rate and mental health issues faced by men in Australia. He delivered a speech to over 600 students and teachers during a High School Assembly. Having personally been affected by his grandfather's suicide in 2014, it was not easy for him to stand up and deliver his speech in front of a huge audience. Matt believed that his actions would motivate others to focus on improving mental health and help reduce suicide in men by generating conversations about suicide prevention and men "doing it tough". Matt's actions generated significant positive feedback from his peers. Matt has been in contact with Movember Australia with the view to creating an opportunity for him to become a Youth Ambassador for Movember. He is committed to continuing his Movember Fundraising at Moriah every year and highlighting the importance of addressing men's mental health and decreasing male suicide rate in Australia.

*Nominated by:* Heidi Kopel, Mother



### **Ariella Woolf** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ariella has been volunteering with the Jewish National Fund (JNF) (Victoria Division) for the past five years. She started volunteering at the young age of 12 and now at 17, she continues to donate her time to the organization at every given opportunity. Ariella attends all JNF (Victoria Division) Blue Box and Green Sunday telethon appeals. She attends every single day scheduled for each telethon appeal. Ariella has raised significant funds for the organization and has shown continued support as well as, maturity, commitment and dedication to the organization. She often recruits other students from her school to come along to these telethons and is a wonderful ambassador for the JNF.

*Nominated by:* Tammy Cohen, JNF VIC Blue Box Coordinator



### **Sage Ziman** *Contribution to Australian Society*

Sage is engaged in educating herself and others on the challenging conditions of refugees' lives. She has visited the Willawood Detention Centre where she met refugees and heard their stories. Sage shared her experiences with her peers at the Emanuel School and participates in a weekly discussion group about refugees. She has connected with refugees recently released from detention and with speakers from a variety of organisations, Australian and Israeli, investigating what can be done to assist refugees adapt to the Australian society. Sage also became personally involved in helping a refugee woman who

was pregnant by procuring for the baby clothing, bedding and equipment. On her trip to Israel through Chavayah Sage learnt of the living conditions of Eritrean refugees. She hopes to visit this community again and contribute to the education and creative children's programs for them. She seeks to learn about African culture whilst creating relationships within communities. Sage has volunteered at JEMS after school program teaching primary school children Hebrew. At school she has promoted sustainability education by planning and holding an Environmental Night, including the showing of the documentary 'The 11th Hour'.

*Nominated by:* Rabbi Daniel Siegel, Head of Jewish Life, Emanuel School

## YOUNG ADULT: Ages 18-35



### Sasha Aron *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Sasha began her journey as a Hineni Madricha in 2012 for 4 years. Throughout those years she was Head of Canvassing and Marketing, Junior Mentor, Head of Hineni 2015 winter camp and event coordinator. In 2016 Sasha became the Chairperson for ZYC NSW and coordinated the Jamboree seminar for year 9-11 chanichim across all movements. She was the first point of call for external organisations wanting to engage youth movements for ceremonies and created opportunity for inter youth movement engagement despite varying ideologies, aiming to work towards a common goal. Sasha became an Academy Madricha leading a group of 60 school graduates in Israel for 6 weeks. Sasha was an active AUJS member and is currently the Public Affairs Assistant at the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and has recently joined Young Labour. Sasha has been recruited by the Built Environment faculty and UNSW to tutor first year students and also tutors Hebrew in the community.

*Nominated by:* William Nemesh, Colleague



### David Benveniste *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

David contributed to the Centenary of Anzac Jewish Program in South Australia as an unpaid volunteer by preparing a video presentation on 'South Australian Jewish Anzacs' based on archival research and photographs of World War I Jewish servicemen and women. David became an ongoing volunteer at the Adelaide Hebrew Congregation, assisting with South Australian Jewish History Museum displays in the hall and with library and community archive tasks. In 2017 he represented the South Australian Jewish History Museum at the Palace Nova cinema giving speaking on the importance of film to Jewish history at a public preview of the movie 'Denial'. In 2016 David completed an Advanced Diploma in Screen and Media in the field of Film and Television Production and aspires to a career in that field.

*Nominated by:* Gary Benveniste, Father



### Maddy Blay *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Maddy is the Merakezet (Head) of the Hashomer Hatzair Movement (Hashy) and leads other young adults, takes care of logistic and is a madricha for years 6-7. This year Hashy has a lot of difficulties and are short of manpower. She is an outstanding student who is putting all of her free time into Hashy, and does it with great love and passion.

*Nominated by:* Neta Feuerstein, Hashomer Hatzair Shlicha



### Daniel Brockwell *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Over the past year Daniel has taken on a number of leadership roles within the community his mission being to guide others that share his passion. Daniel is the current President of the UNSW Soccer Society responsible for arranging weekly games, tournaments and social events for over 2500 members together with his executive and sub-committees. Notably, he led the campaign to recruit over 500 new members, a society record driven by his love of soccer. Daniel recently co-founded the Alpha Epsilon Pi Sydney fraternity chapter in 2016, serving as Social Media and Civics Chair establishing a social media presence and creating career workshops for its members. Daniel also

serves as a team leader for a pro-bono business consulting group where he consults on marketing and CRM strategies, guiding a team of 5 consultants. As a leader Daniel aims to propel teams in the creation and spread of products that automate and customise people's lives for the better.

*Nominated by:* Daniel Brockwell



**Leeor Chabat** *JNF Award Contribution to the Jewish Community  
Contribution to Australian Society • B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

In August 2015 Leeor established 'J-Seek' a Facebook group. Since its inception it has helped and transformed how many voices of our community interact with each other. Close to 2 years in the making, Leeor's platform has amassed more than 15,000 online users nationwide and internationally, as well as niche groups which have brought the community even closer together. J-Seek is operated solely on his goodwill and consistent efforts. The positive feedback he receives from the community reaps the benefit. He does not generate income from facilitating such communal connections. Whilst studying at University, working part-time and developing new business ideas he still manages 1-2 hours a day administering the constant requests for listing as each is curated for its appropriateness and value to the community. It is not a forum for advertising, it is a breathing and thriving community of people seeking answers. Helping lives at the top of the agenda, it includes reuniting of family members with their loved ones, finding jobs, creating financial stability, providing referrals and giving a sense of belonging to the community.

*Nominated by:* Jade Shubitz, community member



**Jordan Epstein** *Support for the State of Israel • B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership  
JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Jordan has been continuously involved in the Jewish community since a very young age. Inspired to give back through involvement in a variety of groups he attended the AUJS International Academy Program. Jordan was selected as the UNSW representative for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, requiring him to communicate with over 1000 other students in his year to inform them of upcoming events and share ways for them to become more involved in student life at university. He is Vice President of Alpha Epsilon Pi, which has its headquarters in the USA and is a founding member of the Sydney group. Jordan has passed on a great deal of support to other leadership roles within the group, allowing him to directly help with preparation for events in support for Israel. He has intention to run for President of Alpha in Sydney, being further involved with campus and the community, to propose solutions for current Israel and Judaism related issues.

*Nominated by:* Brendan Zlatkis, Friend



**Benjamin Ezzes** *Educator of the Year Award • B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Ben is an incredibly talented educator who has changed this community for the better. He has been a teacher for the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) for two years. He has a deep commitment to this community, and has volunteered for B'nai B'rith, Limmud Oz Sydney, Our Big Kitchen and many other organisations. He has achieved academic success in his Bachelor of Secondary Education at the University of Sydney, choosing to major in Classical Hebrew and English. He is also co-founder and President of Alpha Epsilon Pi Sydney, which he transformed from a small group of 16 spirited Jewish students into a tight-knit cohort of 35 leaders, with their own House on campus. He is driven, ambitious and passionate about education, and wants to change the face of Jewish education in this community by putting focus back on the individual student.

*Nominated by:* Leigh Gordon, Partner



**Maxine Feldman** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community  
B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Contribution to Australian Society*

Maxine has been volunteering for Friendship Circle for over 4 years and has an unexpected level of commitments and organisational skills, she is also an ambassador for the program. Maxine is involved in the day camp organising committee and is an inspiration for others as she rises to new challenges and gives extra time to complete what needs to be done. She is also involved in creating the orientation material, educational and visual supports, schedules and other critical tasks towards

the success of the activities. She has helped to recruit and train new volunteers for the organisation by being a model and inspiration. Maxine has influenced the next generation by leading by example and for this others look up to her. She is also volunteering for Cerebral Palsy Alliance and Jewish Care whilst studying in the field of Speech Pathology at University.

*Nominated by:* Sender Kavka, Friendship Circle



### **Seri Feldman Gubbay** JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

Seri is currently a second year bogeret in Habonim Dror. She is studying a double degree of Law and Communications, works 4 days a week as a veterinary assistant and tutors young Jewish students in the community. Seri takes evening university classes in order to volunteer her time at Habonim. She is currently the head madricha for year 11, the Rosh of the upcoming winter camp, and a co-facilitator of the weekly Shabbat service, 'Ayelet HaShachar', providing secular Jews a space to be proactive and engage with their Judaism. Seri will be attending a course for Habonim Dror madrichim in Israel, where they will learn about how to be better leaders and lead value based lives.

*Nominated by:* Romy Feldman, Mother



### **Carla (Carly) Fisher** Contribution to Australian Society

Carly has spent the last three years working at the UNSW student life organisation, Arc. All her roles have focused on seeing students armed with the highest humanitarian tools to become future leaders in the community. Initially her role was to facilitate the inclusion of international students and provide opportunities for them to see Sydney and its local surrounds. This continued in her position as the Global Village Coordinator, where Carly worked to increase the number of Australian students traveling abroad to volunteer with organisations that are engaged with their local communities to make a significant and sustainable difference. Currently, she leads Phil' – Arc's student-led philanthropic initiative. This allows her and the volunteers to connect with Child Life and Music Therapy at the Sydney Children's Hospital as they aim to raise \$50,000 for the cause. Carly has extensive experience with charities and not-for-profit organizations, including Our Big Kitchen and Thread Together, where she has not only contributed to the goals of each organisation, but also incorporated her work with the university student body.

*Nominated by:* Andie Halas, Part-time employer at Thread Together



### **Zack Garkawe** JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

Zack is a Mount Scopus graduate who was awarded the VCE Excellence in Media Awards and Birch Family Award for Media Studies who has been volunteering his time in the Jewish community ever since his graduation. He joined the Monash University Jewish Student Society in 2014, became Treasurer in 2015 and President in 2016. In 2014 Zack was also a youth leader and photographer at the 33rd Maccabi Junior Carnival. As the National Treasurer for AUJS Zack raised over \$700,000 and volunteers over 20 hours a week whilst completing his university degree. As a result AUJS is a functioning organisation that supports over 25 campuses across Australia and New Zealand. In addition to his volunteering Zack runs his own event photographer business, mainly for charity and non-profit events within the Jewish community. Zack is also an Open Day Ambassador for Monash University.

*Nominated by:* Isabella Polgar, Colleague



### **Jessica Harrison** B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

Jessica began volunteering at the age of 15. She is a Masada Alumni, a member of North Shore Temple Emanuel (NSTE), an active volunteer at Netzer and a Hebrew teacher at Meah, NSTE's religious Sunday school and at Kef Kids, Emanuel Synagogues Hebrew School. As a teen member of NSTE Jessica organised and led a program called Shabbat Tots on a monthly basis offering Jewish activities on Shabbat for young families. Later on she helped run "Teens Learn Torah", another monthly Jewish education activity. Jess became a junior leader at Netzer and Madricha for years 4-6 every

Sunday. On her return from Shnat in 2016 Jessica became a Madricha for year 12 and has since become Rosh Chinuch (Head of Education). In 2017 Jessica became Netzer's Federal Rosh Chinuch and widened her responsibilities overseeing the educational process of over 250 children and 50 madrichim. Jessica is an advocate for progressive Judaism appearing on many panel discussion throughout the community.

*Nominated by:* Dudu Gotlib, Netzer Shaliach



### Noam Hayman JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

Noam is a well-known figure in the community and began his volunteering career as a Bnai Akiva madrich working his way up to Vice President and then Head of Bnai Akiva, coordinating weekly educational programs. In 2017 he became the Head of the Australian Zionist Youth Council in NSW. In addition Noam volunteers with Hatzolah and volunteered to run children's programs at Limmud Oz. As a result of Noam's love for public speaking, he is often invited to speak at shule and community events. Noam gives of his time selflessly and also provides Jewish studies extension classes at Mount Sinai, he gives dvar torah at Moriah Primary assemblies, is a Youth Director at JLC and a Bar Mitzva teacher. Noam goes above and beyond his call of duty providing heart felt Jewish education and community connection to children who attend secular public schools.

*Nominated by:* Riva Hayman, Mother



### Alexandra Knopoff JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

Alexandra has made numerous significant contributions to the Adelaide Jewish community in particular and boarder national community. Since her Bat Mitzvah in 2010 Alexandra has been active and taken on the following roles: Mazkira and bogeret at Jewish Adelaide Zionist Youth (JAZY), Executive Member of State Zionist Council South Australia and Australian Zionist Youth Council, Cheder teacher at Bet Shalom synagogue, Purim spiel writer/director for Bet Shalom, Board Member at Bet Shalom. As Mazkira of JAZY Alex ensures the continuity of the only Jewish youth movement operating in South Australia. She organizes all youth movement events and communal events such as Yom Ha'atzmaut and Purim carnivals. She is a prominent figure in the Adelaide Jewish community and as such is invited to speak at many events the most recent being a multifaith panel at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

*Nominated by:* Annetay Henderson-Sapir, President, Beit Shalom Synagogue



### Lexi Kowal JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

*B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Support for the State of Israel*

As Vice Chairperson of the Australasian Union of Jewish students, Lexi is in the forefront of the Jewish community and Israel advocacy. She has put her studies on hold for a year in order to help lead the 200+ volunteer organisation. From combating anti-Semitism, to representing the 9000+ Jewish tertiary students on campuses around Australia, her commitment to the community is unwavering. Previously, Lexi was Victorian President of AUJS, where she organised local events, and guided the 7 campuses in Victoria. Now as National Chairperson, at the age of 19, she has liaised with media to combat Holocaust denial on campuses, assisted in organising conferences for hundreds of Jewish tertiary students, assisted in organising Israel programs for 200+ students for 2017, and often represents the 18-21 age groups in community meetings and events.

*Nominated by:* Jade Katz, Volunteer at AUJS



### Noa Levin JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community

In primary school Noa was elected Head girl in 2009 at Carmel school in Perth. She was unanimously elected again in year 12, both students and teachers recognised her leadership and communication skills. That year she pioneered a magazine for students by students. In 2014 she participated in the "March of the Living" and all through her school years was a member of Habonim Dror. Completing year 12 she joined a Shnat leadership program learning and experiencing the diverse life that is Israel. Now she has undertaken Habonim's leading role as Mazkira for WA. She is part of the leadership that pioneered the change in structure to Habonim for its junior movement, making it more

appealing, resulting in treble the membership. She is also involved with UIA, JNF, SZC and WIZO. Noa contributed to having 3 leaders move to Perth to support Habonim. She was also instrumental in forging new relationship with Perth's secular Israeli community and is responsible for future planning and fundraising efforts for Habonim WA.

*Nominated by:* Vivienne Levin, Grandmother



### **Chaim Levitansky** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Chaim assists and volunteers for many Jewish causes and when Rabbi Mendel Kastel needs assistance he steps as a chaplain in non-Jewish schools. Since 2007 has been studying for his rabbinical ordination. Chaim came to Australia in 2011 working part time in the Centre of Jewish Life as a student Rabbi. He volunteers to help Bar Mitzva boys for JEMS, hosts a weekly BBQ/ Pizza for teens in his home and has a weekly Jewcrew at Reddam High. He also organises Holiday events, excursions, birthday visits and workshops. Teens come from Cranbrook, Randwick Girls High, Rosebay Secondary, Moriah, Emanuel, Kesser Torah, Kamballa, Sydney Boys High and Reddam. Chaim's disposition is that nothing is ever too much trouble and he offers his time willingly.

*Nominated by:* Hazel Mill, Jewish House



### **Rabbi Benji Levy** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Educator of the Year*

In a voluntary capacity, he inaugurated the Shabbat Project in NSW, which touched over 20,000 Jews. Having moved back from Israel to lead the Jewish community, he is the Dean of Jewish life & Learning at Moriah College. Renewing all of the curriculum across Ivrit and Jewish Studies, recruiting world class educators, tripling the numbers of Israel Study Tours and building one of the largest departments of experiential Jewish education in the world. Rabbi Benji Introduced the Tikvah Fund, sending tens of students to Ivy League College's in America to study about Judaism and Israel. He founded Kesher Academy, offering adult education to broader audiences. Rabbi Benji served as the Rabbi of Mizrachi Synagogue on High Holidays for over 3 years and founded the Mikolot public speaking competition with the Joint. He also founded Mibereshit Australasia and directed the Counterpoint seminars. He is currently writing his PhD in Jewish philosophy for which he received the Australian Post-Graduate Award.

*Nominated by:* Michael Weiner, Employee Moriah College



### **Joel McCaroll** *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Joel is a Masada alumni, a member of NSTE and a proud volunteer of Netzer. Joel became a junior leader in the movement in year 10. After school as a natural progression he went to Netzer Shnat and upon his return continued to volunteer and impact the community. Joel was Rosh Machane in 2015 and in 2016 became Netzer Sydney Mazkir (chairperson). In addition Joel took upon himself to help NSTE run youth services on Friday evenings and once a month with Rabbi Nicole Roberts. Today Joel serves as Netzer Australia Federal Mazkir (chairperson) and is in charge of all of Netzer Australia operations – overseeing the Jewish non-formal education of over 250 children in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Canberra. Joel is also on the Progressive Boards such as the UPJ, the BPJE, the ZFA and ARTZA.

*Nominated by:* Dudu Gotlib, Netzer Shaliach



### **Adam McCurdie** *Contribution to Australian Society*

Adam McCurdie has spent 10-11 years dedicated to the Community Security Group (CSG), where he is a senior instructor. At university, he studied engineering in maths and was the top graduate at a global leading management consulting IT firm Accenture. He then went and did a Masters in Horticulture and Technology, where he co-founded and became a director of Ripple Capital, which is a social enterprise which helps refugees establish businesses in Australia. He simultaneously taught at the Sydney University business school. In 2015 Adam co-founded Humanitix – [www.humanitix.com](http://www.humanitix.com); a charity which operates a ticketing platform, and donates the profits of all booking and payment fees to a charity of the event

organisers choice. It is currently ticketing JCA's fundraisers for May, and has also helped UIA & MDA with their fund-raisers. For the wider Australian community Humanitix is on target in 2017 to donate close to \$100,000 to charities addressing core issues in health, environment, education and indigenous affairs.

*Nominated by:* Joshua Ross, Partner/Best Friend



### Aaron Meyer *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Contribution to Australian Society*

Aaron's work this year in political engagement within the Jewish students community was most successful, particularly being his first year with AUJS. Through running a political conference, he represented the Jewish students community in dealing with politicians and student activists, fighting for issues that impacted our community, the impact of which has been strongly felt. Behind the controversy over Young Greens boycotting AUJS, he was working through immense amounts of media and logistical procedures to ensure Jewish students were not affected by the anti-semitism that gained widespread attention. Aaron co-founded and heads the Multicultural Coalition of Young Leaders, where in his capacity as the AUJS head of NSW Political Affairs, he is in forefront of several cultural and interfaith students groups aiming to better exercise the core values underpinning multicultural Australia. All this is a testament to his passion for the community and Australia.

*Nominated by:* Elias Visontay, Immediate Past President AUJS NSW



### Asher Myerson *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Support for the State of Israel*

Asher is dedicated to his roles in Habonim, Carmel School and within the Jewish Community in general. Asher was Habonim Head of winter camp in 2016, Yr 7/8 Madrich, 2017 Rosh Chinuch (Head of Education), Yr 3-6 Madrich. In 2016 he also co-ordinated the inter youth movement senior Yom Hashoah and is a Va'ad Yahadut member of Judaism Executive. In 2017 he became a Member of Zionist Executive, bringing Cafe Invrit to 18-22 year olds in Perth. Asher participates in the Carmel School programs coordinated by the school's Head of Jewish Studies. He runs informal education sessions in High School, assisting Carmel's Shaliach with the Bar Mitzvah program. Asher is the Program Co-ordinator of year 6-12 Zionist Seminars and an Interfaith Madrich in the "Building Bridges" program. He recently co-ordinated an Interfaith Jewish/Muslim/Sikh/Christian indoor soccer tournament and is currently a full time physics and philosophy student.

*Nominated by:* Debbie Myerson, Mother



### Isabella Polgar *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Support for the State of Israel*

She is currently National Chairperson of AUJS and has taken a year off university to volunteer full time for the organisation. In addition to being AUJS chairperson she is an Executive of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, the Zionist Federation of Australia, the World Union of Jewish Students and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. She also volunteers her time in the Labor Party of Australia as co-convenor of the Labor Israel Action Committee and has been a delegate of the World Jewish Congress, as well as been invited to be a delegate at the American Jewish Congress. Isabella has been a past participant of Taglit Birthright, AUJS Leadership Development Program and also volunteered for numerous Non Jewish organisations, St Johns Ambulance as well as the Royal North Hospital Emergency Department.

*Nominated by:* Liraz Poorian, Past Executive Director of AUJS



### Solomon Rachamim *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Solomon was linked as a volunteer tutor with a client of Jewishcare for over a year. The young person he was linked with was experiencing challenges, and Solomon made a big impact on this young person's life, aside from offering tutoring support. The young boy looked up to Solomon as a mentor and positive role model. Due to the success of the relationship and the positive changes he was making in the life of this child, he then took on the role to become the child's Big Brother on the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

*Nominated by:* Rachel Collins, Supervisor



## Malki & Yossi Rodal *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Rabbi Yossi and Rebbetzin Malki Rodal have enriched the spiritual lives of isolated Jewish communities all around Australia. Their work in far-flung locations has enabled Jews everywhere from Darwin to Wollongong to hear the Megillah, experience the joy of a communal Shabbat dinner, receive delivery of kosher supplies for Pesach, and know that they have support for their community, wherever they may be. The couple works as a close team for Chabad of Rural and Regional Australia (RARA) looking after the needs of Jews who live outside Jewish centres and in remote places. Malki and Yossi inject much energy into isolated Jewish communities and bring people together. They provide a link to Judaism and Jewish people with much enthusiasm, care and warmth. They are genuine role models and awaken Jewish tradition and culture that has been dormant in many. They are always on standby to be of assistance to those who wish stay connected with the communities. The Jewish community in Wollongong has greatly benefited from the regular visits of Malki and Yossi and has greatly appreciated their benevolence to them and other small Jewish communities that are often overlooked by the mainstream Jewish organisation

*Nominated by:* Dr. Yoke Berry, Facilitator KEVA Community, Wollongong



## Karmi Shariev *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership Contribution to Australian Society*

Kami's passion to achieve change within the Jewish student community saw him introducing several new initiatives to better engage AUJS members that previously didn't interact with the organisation. As 2017 President he has spearheaded work on the internship program for members, providing professional development opportunities. He is also working on a coalition building to better integrate Jewish students into the wider student multicultural community, and better place AUJS's standing in the community. Connecting volunteers has allowed AUJS the increased capacity to run these initiatives. His vision of tackling issues from a bigger picture perspective heightened the buzz that has increased capacity and engagement. He was previously Treasurer for AUJS at Sydney University. He also volunteered with Jewish Care and other community organisations.

*Nominated by:* Elias Visontay, Immediate Past President of AUJS NSW



## Emma Sharp *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Emma is dedicated to the Friendship Circle and its bakery that she helps run every Thursday afternoon, in addition to delivering the challahs when necessary. Emma engineered her university timetable to ensure that her Thursday's stay free for this purpose. She has helped with the Friendship Circle's Chanuka toy drive and was a full time volunteer for Camp Sabbath last year and volunteered for night shifts this year. Emma will be the first to volunteer for any Friendship Circle activity aiming to support children with difficulties. Emma also volunteers for the Coogee Synagogue where she recently coordinated and managed a full Purim program for the kids which was a huge success.

*Nominated by:* Jodi Sharp, Mother



## Guy Sussman *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Guy was the recipient of the 2017 NSW Sylvia Smaller-Winnikow Award honouring his outstanding service as a young volunteer to the Jewish National Fund of NSW & the broader Sydney community for his exceptional contribution to Jewish youth as Head of Hineni Sydney. After spending a year in Israel with Hineni on their leadership program, Guy has an active role in the movement, organising regular events for the youth of the community. Guy ran Hineni's winter camp last year, bringing over 140 young members together for an unforgettable week. Guy is passionate about his role and as a result in 2016 accepted the position of Head of Hineni Sydney. Guy regularly donates his time to ensure the growth of this purely volunteer based movement.

*Nominated by:* Etty Ayalon, National Executive Assistant JNF Australia



## Devorah Tockar *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

From the age of 15 Devorah dedicates her school holidays to working voluntarily at the Great Synagogue Day camps twice a year. By the time she was 17, she was running camps from beginning to end, organising outings, managing the campers and their parents and even in charge of the budget. She loves life and loves to give. She has recently completed her Social Work degree after 10 years part time while juggling her family and community commitments. She is committed to promoting Jewish values, culture and tradition by living it herself and leading by example. She was a 'big sister' for a young girl with difficult family circumstances. She works currently at Jewish House, an NGO supporting our community and beyond who are in crisis. She feels that she has a voice, advocating for great change and social justice for all. Recently she received an Award from UNSW as best student in work placement.

*Nominated by:* Hazel Mill, Jewish House



## Elias Visontay *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

*B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership • Support for the State of Israel*

During his time as AUJS NSW President in 2016, Elias took a holistic approach to change how AUJS was viewed by both Jewish students and more broadly by the wider student community. Understanding that the way to improve the Jewish students experience on campus was linked to our interaction with those around us, his efforts with encouraging involvement within AUJS, running a political conference, and for the first time in years, leading a delegation of Jewish students to the National Union of students conference, were part of his vision to give AUJS more power, in its efforts to curb campus anti-semitism. Helping to create connections between the Jewish student community and the other groups, he has given non-Jews an opportunity to meet and understand the Jewish community and allowed more Jewish students to strengthen their own Jewish experience. He was a mentor to many and was involved with JBOD's Community Relations Committee and other inter-group & political work. Elias has guided his Jewish community involvement beyond the campus environment and has been an AUJS volunteer for many years.

*Nominated by:* Kimi Shariev, NSW President AUJS



## Maayan Zlatsin & Gal Landau *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Maayan and Gal are 2 beautiful young people who have been volunteering with the JNF for the past 4 years. When they started volunteering with JNF, Maayan was in Year 9 at Bialik College and Gal was finishing year 12. Together, they have supported every single Telethon that JNF has held from Blue Box mop ups to Green Sunday telethons. They are both extremely enthusiastic and are committed to supporting the JNF in every way. They have raised significant funds for the organization and have shown much initiative, determination and great leadership qualities. Both Maayan and Gal are be great ambassadors for the JNF and potential future leaders.

*Nominated by:* Tammy Cohen, JNF VIC Blue Box Coordinator

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# OUR JUDGES



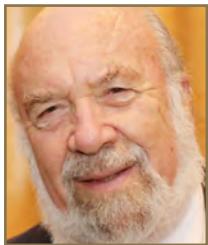
## Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM

Rabbi Kastel is CEO of the Jewish House Crisis Centre. He started there in 2008. Jewish House is a non-denominational, not for profit organisation that services people in crisis.

Born in New York, he received his rabbinical ordination from the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York after studies in England and Australia.

He worked as a youth leader in many countries, including the United States, the former Soviet Union, the Ukraine, Canada, Belgium, England, New Zealand and Australia. He started up The Chabad Centre in Double Bay and served as a Rabbi of the Great Synagogue from 1993 – 2008.

Additional to all of the above, Rabbi Kastel is chaplain of the Police Department of NSW, Maccabi of NSW, Reddam House College as well as being the chaplain for hospitals. When the Olympics were on in Sydney, he was chosen to be the chaplain of the Jewish athletes. He sat on the board of WAYS (Waverley Action for Youth Services), and is past-President of the NSW Rabbinical Council. He often spends New Year's Eve either in the Emergency ward of the hospital or visiting the police stations.



## Len Mahemoff OAM

Born in Melbourne in 1940 to Russian parents and matriculated from Mt Scopus College. He joined the family packaging manufacturing business in 1959 and married in 1961. Moved to Sydney in 1964 to manage new manufacturing plant. He left the family business in 1976, and established a plastics fabrication business in 1978.

Len embarked on 12 years of classical voice training in 1980 after being advised that he possessed a true bass singing voice, pursuing a semi-professional singing career whilst still running the family company in Sydney. He enrolled at University of Technology in 1990 to do a Law Degree, graduating in 1998.

Following open heart surgery in 1999, he sold the business and worked as a lawyer for 2 years until gaining a Child and Family Mediation Diploma, accepting a mediation role in this capacity for the Uniting Church. Invited to join the Jewish National Fund of Australia as its national Bequest Director in 2002, where he has been since.

Len has been engaged in a post-graduate Masters Degree at the University of Sydney since October 2016. He continues to maintain a rewarding singing career, as well as pursuing his studies and working part-time for the Jewish National Fund.

In January of 2017, he was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours list.



## Anat Sultan-Dadon

Ms Anat Sultan-Dadon is the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel in Canberra since August 2015.

Ms Sultan-Dadon studied Psychology and Education (B.A.) from 1996-1999 and Criminology (M.A.) from 2000-2001, both at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In 2004 she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and graduated the diplomatic training course. She was posted to the Embassy of Israel in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 2005 – 2008, as Deputy Chief of Mission. From 2008-2011 Ms Sultan-Dadon served as Head of the Public Affairs Department at the Embassy of Israel in Berlin. From 2011-2012 she served as a desk officer in the Eurasia Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. From 2012-2015 she served as Political Counselor and Head of the Public Affairs Department at the Embassy of Israel in The Hague.

Ms Sultan-Dadon was born in 1974. She is married and has three children.



## Rabbi Orna Triguboff

Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff teaches Jewish spirituality and Kabbalah in Sydney and internationally. She runs Kabbalah Tours of Israel and classes in Jewish meditation. Orna received her Ph.D. from the University of Sydney, majoring in Kabbalah Studies, is a member of the Progressive Union of Rabbis, receiving her training from the Jewish Renewal Movement and ordination from Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. She serves at the Emanuel Synagogue in Woollahra.

Orna is also the founder of the Neshama Life organisation, which aims to further teachings about Jewish Spirituality and harmonious community, Orna has over 25 years experience in teaching yoga and meditation. Orna trained in Hatha yoga with Acharya Upendra Roy. Many of the Neshama Life activities are set in nature, such as Jewish chanting at the beach. The aim is to present a vision of Jewish identity that is inclusive, spiritual, meaningful, promotes peace, tolerance, compassionate community and connection to nature.



## Peter Wertheim AM

Currently the Executive Director of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, which is the national peak body of the Australian Jewish community, Peter was previously a lawyer for 32 years. His major clients included trade unions and other not-for-profit organisations, and he also acted as honorary solicitor for a number of charities, including the Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd, Redfern, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales, East Timor Relief Association Inc., Australian International Fund for Disadvantaged Children in Vietnam Limited and numerous Jewish community organisations.

Peter was one of the lawyers who acted for the Executive Council of Australian Jewry in the late 1990's and early 2000's in a series of racial vilification cases in the Federal Court of Australia. He was also the elected leader of the Jewish community in Sydney from 1996 to 2000.

In 2003 Peter was made a member of the Order of Australia for services to the Jewish and wider communities and for work in a variety of projects promoting communal harmony and understanding. Since 2004 Peter has been a Statutory Board Member of the New South Wales Anti Discrimination Board, a State government body.

In July 2010, Peter was appointed by the Australian Federal Government as a member of its Australian Multicultural Advisory Council and in 2011 to its successor body, the Australian Multicultural Council.

# OUR MC



## Steven Ligoff

Steven Ligoff is a previous award winner, having won the Youth award for contributions to the Jewish community in 2015. Prior to winning the award Steven was coordinating youth services for the North Shore Synagogue, running the Masada college Charity committee, acting as a Betar Madrich and participating in various charities such as Live Below the Line and Students on the Streets.

Since 2015, Steven has used the connections that he gained from the award to drive his work both for and independent of the Jewish Community. He holds positions within the B'nai B'rith Alfred Dreyfus anti-Defamation Unit; Co-Running its 'In Discussion' educational talks division. He is also on the executive of Moving Forward Together, assisting in the Harmony walk program and beginning to form MFT's budding youth activities division. Steven has recently begun getting involved with the NSW Board of Deputies in the community relations division, and is in the process of beginning a program to combat poor mental health among Male youths. He has also assisted in the Planning of the Changemaker awards in 2016 and 2017.

# The Moving Forward Together Harmony Project

