

Message from JNF Australia for the Jewish Changemaker Awards 2018

It is an honour, on behalf of JNF Australia, to acknowledge the inspiring contributions made by young changemakers within our community and we congratulate them all for their outstanding accomplishments.

This year's 60 nominees, from school students to young professionals, all showed exceptional passion, creativity and dedication towards their chosen causes. We are lucky to have such motivated youth and young adults and know that they will continue to make a very positive impact upon the Jewish community, Australian society and Israel.

In partnership with the Israeli Embassy, nominees will also be selected to represent Australia at the Diplomatic Seminar for Young Jewish Leaders Summit in Israel, held annually by the country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All seminar representatives will also experience a JNF tour of Israel, visiting iconic and life-changing projects throughout the country.

JNF Australia is proud to partner with B'nai B'rith for the Jewish Changemaker Awards. As the Awards gain momentum from year to year, they have become a platform for the discovery of outstanding talent within our community and recognition of our emerging leaders.

Kol Hakavod,



Peter Smaller
President



Dan Springer
CEO

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 seven 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: Our units are social hubs dedicated to bringing Jewish men and women together. Interests and activities include: exhibitions, outings, guest speakers, film, theatre and music nights, weekends away, walking groups, book club and games nights.

B'nai B'rith Youth (Kids Club) runs holiday programs for 8-14 year olds with creative themes including photography, first aid, eco-crafts and sustainable-living workshops.

Battle of the Bands competition is a music competition for bands formed by teenagers.

Community Support: B'nai B'rith supports a number of benevolent projects for the sick and needy in Israel including:

- ▶ **The Jaffa Institute** for educating socially disadvantaged adults.
- ▶ **The Be'er Sova Soup Kitchen** which provides meals for impoverished families and needy Holocaust survivors.
- ▶ **B'nai B'rith Kalanit** supporting young people at risk and providing barmitzva and batmitzva opportunities.
- ▶ **The B'nai B'rith Bargain Bazaar** is a volunteer-run op shop that has sold donated clothing and household goods for more than 30 years. Proceeds support numerous charities within the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Sydney.
- ▶ **Food Parcel Deliveries:** B'nai B'rith members and friends pack and distribute food parcels to members of the Jewish community prior to Pesach and Rosh Hashanah.

Retirement Villages: Princess Gardens Rose Bay, Kadima Gardens Wahroonga and Guilfoyle Gardens Double Bay. B'nai B'rith Retirement Villages is an independent public company. It offers financially-accessible accommodation in Sydney for members of the Jewish community to be able to live independently in a community environment

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* is a major project that 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 Changemakes 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.





Alfred Dreyfus

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We can't thank you the nominees enough for your dedicated, unselfish contribution to humanity. Also many thanks to those who made the effort writing up the nominations despite being busy with every day work. Reading up on most of the nominations made our committee aware that our ongoing efforts were in keeping with the purpose of acknowledging these most worthy candidates. They are all winners and so are those who benefit by their contributions.

Unity of Purpose

I feel that we should all STOP for a moment and consider OTHERS as our young nominees have done -for our community, Australian society, and humanity in general.

The Alfred Dreyfus Anti Defamation Unit and B'nai B'rith Globally

B'nai B'rith International was established 174 years in the United States and in Australia 74 years ago. It is multifaceted, being communal, fraternal, charitable and dedicated to make our world a better place. Our Unit, is now in the process to launch a proactive program to further curtail racism and thereby anti-Semitism.

It has already instigated a pro-active arm with the "Moving Forward Together 's" Harmony projects - the Poster & Song Writing competitions, the Harmony Walks for Unity, the Moving Forward Together Festivals. This was acknowledged by receiving the Premier's Harmony Award last year. The Alfred Dreyfus Unit also has an Annual Human Rights Address, a flyer for this years event is in this brochure.

Many Thanks

To our partners, the JNF and particularly Etty Ayalon, who worked with us non-stop to make this happen. To Harry Triguboff AO and the Meriton Apartments our major sponsor. Our judges Peter Wertheim AM, Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM, Anat Sultan-Dadon the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Israeli Embassy in Canberra, Avril Alba and Waverley Councillor William Nemes. To the committee consisting of Etty Ayalon, Yona Cass, Sonia Newell, Yigal Nisell, Dudu Gotlieb.

Wishing the nominees continued success in all their efforts.

Ernie Friedlander OAM
President



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HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT - TIME FOR A REVIEW

PRESENTATION BY JULIAN LEESER MP
FOLLOWED BY Q & A



One of our youngest Parliamentarians, Julian Leeser, the Federal Member for Berowra, has worked as a lawyer, as an Executive at the Australian Catholic University and served on several Boards. He has a demonstrated passion for continued reform in human rights policies and late last year was an attendee at the World Conference on Human Rights.

Organised by the Alfred Dreyfus Anti Defamation Unit in conjunction with B'nai B'rith NSW. Addressing all forms of racism - promoting understanding and social justice.

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AWARD NOMINEES

YOUTH: Ages 14-18



Bonfil Anila *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society*

Anila is an articulate, intellectually curious and passionate young lady determined to make a difference in the world. Her contributions to her school, Jewish community and wider Australian community include: Peer Support Leader 2018, Year 11 Jewish Life Madricha. Participation in Green Sunday for three years, volunteering as a Young Guide at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Clean Up Australia Day with the Girl Guides, clothes sorting for homeless people with Dignity, sorting Yiddish books for the Jewish Historical Society, volunteering at the Jewish Writers Festival, packing birthing kits in the Jewish community for women in Africa, volunteering at Lifeline, collecting JNF Blue Boxes and visiting the aged at Kadima Gardens and the Monty as part of being a Jewish Life Madricha. Currently, Anila co-chairs the ReBOW (Rebuild Our World) and Chesed committee.

Nominated by: Carolyn Steinman (Teacher Masada College)



Cherny Gila *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Gila has taken many actions to help others, making the world a better place. Gila volunteers for several Jewish organizations within the Perth Jewish Community and wider community. She helps pack thousands of food packages to send to Mexico. Her work for the Jewish community is most visible with the Menorah Charity Fund for the underprivileged, selling second hand goods to raise money, sorting them out to ensure that they are properly categorised, labelled and priced, babysitting for single mothers, running education programs for children – helping a Jewish boy with autism who is a very talented artist now spearheading a fantastic art exhibition and fund raises.

Nominated by: Shula Lazar (Principle Carmel School)



Gold Talia *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Talia volunteers for Bnei Akiva, is a prayer leader at Moriah College and is always available when needed. Talia has great initiatives seeking to do more for the community. Talia and her entire family are very involved and she acts as a wonderful role model to other students and peers.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici (Shaliach)



Lustig Monique *Contribution to Australian Society*

Since 2012 Monique did Stand Up's ABC program and has volunteered at Stand-Up Holiday Programs and Mitzvah Day. She organised a bake stall and raised money for Stand Up and RSPCA. Since her 12th birthday, she has accepted donations for charity instead of gifts. She has volunteered at Emmy Monash and since 2014 is a Madricha at Habonim, volunteers with Friendship Circle and helped with NGO telethons. She is now Social Action Captain at Scopus and recruits others to volunteer too and has received numerous awards.

Nominated by: Lisa Buchner (Program Director)



Marks Adam *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Adam has been volunteering for Bnei Akiva since the beginning of last year. He helps at Mizrahi Shule with the younger kids and does a lot for the community and his school. He always gives an Israel update to his friends and advocates for Israel in School, Bnei Akiva and the social media.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici (Shaliach)



Miller Talia *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society, Support for the State of Israel*

Talia volunteers at her shul as part of the Teen Torah Tag Team. She was a Sunday School Madricha for four years and is now part of Netzer. She has volunteered for JCA, JNF Green Sunday and many JNF fundraisers. She has been part of the school Charity Committee and has volunteered with organisations such as Dignity and Lifeline to help sort and package clothes for the homeless. She is a Young Guide at the Museum of Contemporary Art and has helped package birthing packs for women in Africa. At school she is developing a program alongside Share the Dignity to collect and distribute sanitary items to the homeless. Currently Talia is planning a sleep out in conjunction with another school to raise awareness of the plight the homeless. This project is to be run through Vinnies and Humanity.org. It promotes Live Below the Poverty Line and Rations for Refugees. The group plans to form a partnership with an organisation in Israel to address social needs within Israeli society.

Nominated by: Carolyn Steinman (Teacher Masada College)



New Coby *Contribution to Australian Society*

Coby collects second hand soccer boots and sports gear. He represents the charity group 'Kit Bags for Kids' that collects and distributes the boots and sporting gear to remote Indigenous communities and Asylum Seekers. A passionate soccer player Coby wanted to give back to the community. Since 2014 he has collected over 350 pairs of boots and soccer kits. In 2017 he received a Highly Commended honour from the Fred Hollows Humanitarian Foundation for the contribution he is making to Society. He wants everyone to feel the same!

Nominated by: Michelle New (Mother)



Segerman Oliver *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society*

Oliver started volunteering at Sydney Friendship Circle when he was 13 and is now approaching 16. He is an inspiring young teenager who has changed the life of others with his kind and generous heart. His selfless nature and strong belief that we can make our society a kinder and more accepting place for everyone has brought positive results. He has been involved Sunday Circle, Summer and Winter Day Camps, and the Friends@ Home programs. Sunday Circle and day camps aim to teach young children with disability about themselves and skills required in life while involving them in Fun activities. In the process he develops strong friendships. Oliver has changed the life of an autistic child which means the world to the child and his family, lifting their spirit as soon as he walks through the door.

Nominated by: Rabbi Sender Kavka (Supervisor)



Smith David Yehoshua *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Davi is a Bnei Akiva Madrich and volunteers his time to coordinate youth events at Mizrahi synagogue. He leads prayers, assists with preparing the kiddush and Jewish holiday activities for youth. He also volunteers at Moriah leading prayers, preparing kiddush and volunteering for school activities in addition to being on the Tzedakah and other committees at school.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Smith Shmuel Yaakov *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Kovi is a Bnei Akiva Madrich and volunteers his time to coordinate youth events at Mizrahi synagogue. He leads prayers, assists with preparing the kiddush and Jewish holiday activities for youth. He also volunteers at Moriah leading prayers, preparing kiddush and volunteering for school activities in addition to being on the Tzedakah and other committees at school.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Torban Sean *Contribution to Australian Society*

Sean has been volunteering and working at Headspace since May 2017. He is a proactive young man who wants to make changes that are positive and meaningful. Sean has supported and volunteered at multiple community events. He has educated himself by completing 'Mental Health First Aid' & 'Understanding of the Mental Health Act'. These courses have enriched Sean to understand and help the community he lives in. He has actively advertised this service, is collaborator, a listener and a change maker.

Nominated by: Jennifer Udovich (Year 12 Wellbeing Tutor, Emanuel School)

YOUNG ADULT: Ages 18-35



Abel Tyla *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Tyla has by caring for each individual, made a real difference to the lives of children via Hineni. She has built connections with them to emphasise strong links to the community, Judaism and Zionism. She is empathetic and places her chanichim at the centre of her experience. She has, on multiple occasions transformed the confidence and commitment levels of participants who have gone on to be regularly connected to the community. Tyla has continually shone within Hineni.

Nominated by: Benjamin Prawer (Colleague from Hineni)



Altman Eve *Contribution to Australian Society*

Eve went on Shnat gap year program with Habonim Dror (HD) gap year and participated in programs and camps in HD Sydney. In 2017 she was the Chairperson of HD Sydney. Currently she is working as the Jewish Organiser on the Voices for Power Campaign with the Sydney Alliance, aiming to equip communities to organise themselves to find solutions to more affordable power and more efficient pathways to renewable energy, helping communities find real solutions to access renewable energy and encouraging the Jewish Community to be a leading change maker in the domain of climate change.

Nominated by: Ianir Lewin (Shaliach)



Briner Sharni *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Sharni runs Betar QLD and since Betar is the only Jewish and Zionist movement in QLD, she caters to youth from all streams of Judaism and political views. She is very community orientated and there is not one community event that she is not involved with, especially this year's Israel celebrations. Sharni is leading the Betar movement towards Achdut and Arwut, doing so by setting an example to Madrichim and Chanichim. She is the face of Jewish Youth leadership in QLD.

Nominated by: Naama Louria (Shlichah)



Brown Scott *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Scott has made tremendous contributions of volunteer work within the Jewish Community including being on the planning committee on three separate Limmud's in various capacities such as marketing and logistics. His volunteering credits also include: Young Adult Chabad, Shir Madness, Hagshama, Network, Shalom, I-Society, Nefesh and AUJS and previous Changemaker award from 2014. His future aspirations include leading Birthright and be on more planning committees.

Nominated by: Scott Brown



Burnie Mitch *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Mitch Burnie made Garin Aliyah in 2015 to be a part of the Jewish people making Israel a better place. He served in the army in the Education Corp educating soldiers about Israel, values and Jewish life. He came back and currently is the Young Adult Program Manager for Shalom, where he creates inclusive and engaging events for Sydney's Jewish community. Working with I-society on shared programs, collaborating Zikaron BaSalon with Courage to Care, the YES committee for the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

Nominated by: Ianir Lewin (Shaliach)



Burston Saul *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Saul truly epitomises what it means to be a Jewish changemaker. His passion for our community is evident through the plethora of roles he has held over the last six years. He has been a volunteer for Friendship Circle and Flying Fox and has been a Challah For Hunger committee member and Project Manager. His true dedication lies with AUJS, where he has been the Victorian Tikkun Olam Officer, Vice President, President and now National Chairperson, bringing the organisation from strength to strength. Saul is the current Chairperson of AUJS and has promoted AUJS values in all its entirety. Saul has solidified AUJS relationship with other community organizations, has worked on programs about Israel and Jewish heritage. Saul advocates for Jewish students at a very high up level, meeting with all members of the community to promote AUJS and its beliefs. He has worked on fundraising, promoting Jewish education as well as being an extremely competent leader for AUJS to rely on.

Nominated by: Gabriella Davis (Colleague) and Gareth Milner (Co-worker)



Cassuto Alon *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Through his role as Chairperson of the YAICC Committee over the past seven years, Alon has managed to successfully establish, develop and lead a committee of volunteers to create one of the most successful not-for-profit mentoring organisations in Australia for Jews, non-Jews and specifically the Aus-Somali community. Alon fosters an environment to empower others to be creative, grow and succeed over challenges. Additionally, he has helped establish and lead the board of Aish Australia with Rabbi Saffer.

Nominated by: Derek Loewenstein (Father in law)



Charak Miriam *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Miriam is currently the NSW Bnei Akiva Merakezet/Coordinator, following her 3 years as Madricha. Miriam also volunteers for Maccabi NSW helping with registration days and setting up stalls when required. She has also given of her time to help the junior Moriah band students with cello in the mornings and always answers the call for volunteering within the community.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Cohen David *B'nai Brith Award for Leadership*

David has been instrumental in his role of leadership at Maccabi, developing a mentorship program targeted at 18-25-year-old Maccabi members that are seeking transition into leadership positions within their club community. Since 2017 the program has engaged 15 young leaders within NSW and Victoria providing leadership training and mentorship to the participants whilst undertaking leadership roles within their community. Graduates have been inspired to develop their own program within their club.

Nominated by: Lauren Ehrlich (Mentee)



Coppel Daniel *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Daniel has formed a local Zionist youth movement for Jewish children and youth in Canberra; the CaTZ (Canberra Tnuva Zionit). CaTZ provides an educational, Zionist and pluralistic informal platform for families of the entire Jewish spectrum. Thus, filling an educational gap that had existed in the Canberra Jewish community. Today, three years after CaTZ has been formed, 35 children and young people attend weekly programs. CaTZ, has a functioning body of seven Madrichim who run programs and meet on a regular basis. Last year, Daniel initiated the first youth camp in Canberra for 30 years. Daniel was the head of CaTZ for almost three years. When he stepped down he stayed connected and tuned in to what's happening, and his advice has proven highly valuable. Currently, Daniel is the head of the Zionist Council of Canberra. The Council runs Israel- and Zionism-related events for the Jewish people in Canberra and plays a major role in bringing important and valuable issues and events to the small community.

Nominated by: Almog Zoosman (Shalliach)



Dvuchbabny Sapir *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Sapir is a dedicated and self-motivated member of the Russian speaking Jewish community. He is energetic and goal orientated striving to build and strengthen our community. Sapir initiated a number of extremely successful events that attracted a large audience from different age groups including a Jewish themed Trivia Night, children programs at Limmud FSU, Channukah and Purim celebrations. Despite his busy student life completing his Bachelor degree in Medical Science, he still finds time to volunteer at the Sydney Jewish Museum.

Nominated by: Anna Maylis (Kangarusski Coordinator)



David Alon Bar *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Alon Bar David is the Hineni Youth Movement Shaliach. As a Shaliach Alon strengthened his Chanichims' connections to Israel and JNF. Alon went above and beyond his call of duty and on a personal level by volunteering his spare time to JNF. He participates in meetings, graphic designing educational materials, volunteering his skills in support of our Education Shaliach Yigal Nisell. Alon is passionate about Israel and continuously gives of his time freely to support Zionist education.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Epstein Jordan *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Jordan has been involved in the Jewish community since a very young age at the Central Synagogue as well wanting to give back through involvement in a variety of groups. At the end of high school, he attended the AUJS International Academy Program and is now in his 4th year at UNSW studying Aerospace Engineering and is an ongoing member of AUJS. He was an exchange student in Canada broadening his educational horizons, achieving A+ he worked for an Australian start-up Timeweave. During this time, he was involved with the Alpha Epsilon Pi Jewish Fraternity (situated in eight countries) in the capacity of Chairman for Jewish Life. He is passionate about actively inspiring the next generation of Australia's STEM students. Jordan was selected to attend the AJC UNESCO Seminar in Paris last year. He is now the President of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Nominated by: Jordan Epstein



Ezzes Ben *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Ben is a pre-service teacher studying at USyd. He is a former member of Hineni, as well as the Moriah College EDJE team and taught at BJE for two years. He is the founding President of AEPi, President of AUJS USyd, a Deputy at the NSWJBoD, and a proud Shalom College resident. Ben is passionate about innovative engagement and thinks at all times about doing more for the community. His paper on Jewish education won him an award from the Sinai Scholars Society.

Nominated by: Leigh Gordon (Partner)



Faigenbaum Talya *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership, Contribution to Australian Society*

Talya runs a pro bono legal service to help Jewish women obtain a Gett. She works with courts, the police, Rabbanim, lawyers and the Beth Din to create solutions to Gett refusal cases. Talya is currently the only female legal practitioner in Australia combining her legal and advocacy skills with the knowledge of Jewish law to dynamically assist Agunot. She received the 2015 Women in Law Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award. 2016 she featured in the ABC film "Divorce According to God" She also featured in an Age article "Breaking the Chains".

Nominated by: Kai Faigenbaum (Husband)



Fisher Yaron *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Yaron is young man with a great capacity for leadership and articulate insight. He uses these qualities to benefit the Jewish community by being an outstanding contributor to Bnei Akiva. He is a very active and enthusiastic participant in many educational, religious and cultural programs for the community. He also has a great sense of affinity, sensitivity and compassion for people of all types as well as ages – from young toddlers to the very elderly.

Nominated by: Marcus Solomon (Rabbi)



Friedman Matt *Contribution to Australian Society*

Matt Friedman is the founder of 2Birds1Bee, a company that promotes respectful relationships and sex education, through educational workshops for both primary and high school students, as well as parents and service providers. Matt is also a trained facilitator with Love Bites, a nationally accredited Respectful Relationships program aimed at year 10 students. Matt has been an invaluable asset to the JewishCare team, as he has assisted with facilitating this program in many of the Jewish and other local high schools in the eastern suburbs over the past 12 months. Matt has also been volunteering with UN Youth Australia. He's currently serving on the National Executive as the Chief Human Resources Officer, and previously deputy. He convened two of their international activities; Young Diplomats Tour and Pacific Project, a month/fortnight long educational tour of Europe/Timor Leste respectively.

Nominated by: Mimi Zilka, (Colleague Jewish Care)



Gelvan Maria Rachel *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Support for the State of Israel*

Maria is currently the AUJS Deakin in Melbourne and resident of Moishe House Kangarusski. As such she works with the multiply stakeholders to acknowledge the Jewish presence at the university organizing events for students. Maria also leads the project "Memory. Assistance. Generations" interviewing and collecting information on Holocaust victims for "Yad Vashem" and has collected more than 3000 names. The project published two books where they revealed the postal correspondence during the World War II from soldiers to their relatives. Maria has also volunteered for Magen David Adom, JDC, Hillel and Limmud FSU an international Jewish education organization that focuses on giving young Russian-Jewish adults the opportunity to revitalize and restore Jewish learning and to strengthen Jewish identity in their communities.

Nominated by: Anna Maylis (Kangarusski)



Gold Rikki *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Rikki is my daughter-in-law. Rikki epitomizes the modern Jewish young woman – married with 2 young children while holding down an actuarial position with Zurich Insurance looking after the Asia/Pacific region. She has been voted onto the Board of Management for the Sydney Jewish Museum and just recently gave the recitation representing the 3rd generation at the Sydney Jewish Museum (SJM) Remembrance Morning. She has strong Jewish values and an equally strong connection to Israel.

Nominated by: Miri Gold (Mother-in-law)



Hayman Noam *Support for the State of Israel*

Noam is a young adult who has devoted all his youth to education and volunteering for the State of Israel. Noam was the coordinator of the Bnei Akiva youth movement in Sydney and Head of AZYC. He has taught activities and lessons about Israel and strengthened the awareness of the youth to Israel. Noam volunteers with the Jewish National Fund and supports the Education Shaliach in organizing volunteer days and educational events for Israel. Noam has always volunteered for helping without getting anything in return.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Hayman Liora *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Liora is on the JNFuture committee and coordinates the Yachad program, a Shabbat community for young adults including the latest updates on cool kiddush's, interesting guest speakers, shiurim and networking with other like-minded young Jews. Liora makes an effort to keep the religious people in the community active by creating tasks for them and also invites and involves the secular community. She volunteered for Bnei Akiva for 2 years also being their medic having a back ground in nursing.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Israel Ezra *Contribution to Australian Society*

Ezra has been a volunteer for Hatzolah since 2011. Ezra is one of Hatzolah's most active and dedicated responders. Despite his busy work and university commitments, he avails himself 24/7 to take emergency calls. Ezra treats all patients with dignity and respect and has all the time in the world for patients who need someone to just talk to.

Nominated by: Shimon Davidowitz (Volunteer for Hatzolah)



Kagan Roi *Contribution to Australian Society, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership, Support for the State of Israel*

Roi's amazing capacity and commitment to the Perth Jewish Community whilst also doing a double degree in Medicine and Mathematics is outstanding. He spends his time between giving his efforts to the Jewish Community and engaging with the "Follow the Dream Project" providing tutoring for Indigenous Australian School students, helping them reach their own potential for their ATAR pathway. Previously he has been leader of numerous positions such as: Head of Education for Perth Bnei Akiva camps, Head Boy of Carmel school in 2015, received a "Caltex Best All Rounder Award in 2015. Roi is also a Modern Zionist and a fervent supporter of the State of Israel.

Nominated by: Melanie Kagan (His Mother)



Kwiet Sophia *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Support for the State of Israel*

Sophia is the current National Campaign Co-ordinator for the Australasian Union of Jewish Students. Sophia, in 2018 has done her utmost to ensure that the Jewish Community portrays Israel in a positive light. She ran the campaign (19-26 April) titled "Reclaim the Z Word". The campaign was structured in a way that let students and professionals talk about the importance of Zionism and what it means to them. At a very young age of 22, a very mature initiative.

Nominated by: Gareth Milner (Co-Worker)



Kowal Lexi *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Lexi has held and continues to hold many roles in the Jewish community leadership including AUJS National Vice Chairperson, NCJWA Board Subcommittee Member, AUJS Board Director and Zionism Victoria volunteer. From combating anti-Semitism, representing the 9000+ Jewish tertiary students on campuses around Australia, her commitment is unwavering. She put aside most her studies for a year in

order to be in the forefront of Israel advocacy. Now as a Board member on many community organizations, her strategic thinking and planning is of great importance. Furthermore, she sits on the Monash Student Association, a non-Jewish organisation as an office bearer, curtailing anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

Nominated by: Jade Katz (Volunteer at AUJS)



Lavan Ilan *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ilan is the Ohrsom Sydney Coordinator. A program aimed for students on the periphery that have no Jewish communal interaction building a sense of community and belonging arming them with a real internal connection to Judaism and Israel. Ilan also supports the JNF Education Shaliach in all his activities at schools and charity events in addition to recruiting additional volunteers for JNF when needed.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Lavan Shira *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Shira is the Ohrsom Sydney coordinator. She is very dedicated to the task and gets results. Ohrsom inspires students through international trips to Israel and weekly interactive social and learning programs that build a sense of community, in the process arming them with a real internal connection to Judaism. This program is aimed for those students on the periphery that have no Jewish communal interaction. The trips to Israel are subsidised on the proviso that on the students return they commit to a Jewish studies program.

Nominated by: Yigal Nissell (Friend)



Levett Ashleigh *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ashleigh has been working for JCA for almost four years and has been an invaluable member of the fundraising campaigns. She has facilitated numerous projects in the Sydney Jewish community. Ashleigh has been integral in developing and implementing a program to engage the younger demographic, a group that is traditionally not interested in attending community events. Her results have been astounding as she has succeeded in increasing the number of young donors to the JCA exponentially. This has made a major difference to alleviating the needs of our Community. In her role as engagement manager, fundraiser, facilitator and event planner, Ashleigh always demonstrates a positive attitude and exhibits high standards in everything she does. She displays an outstanding commitment to our community. She works tirelessly with her volunteer committees outside of her office responsibilities and displays leadership skills far beyond her age.

Nominated by: Brenda Kaplan (Colleague)



Metzger Rebecca *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Rebecca has been a Hinenei Coordinator and Madricha for the past 4 years. She is passionate and dedicates her time to the youth, strengthening their bond between the Jewish Community in Australia to Israel, Judaism and Zionism. Rebeca was a CSG volunteer for 3 years and always answers the call to volunteer for JNF educational activities without hesitation and goes above and beyond her duty.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (friend)



Meltzer Julia *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

In 2016 Julia went on Shnat gap year program with Habonim Dror. She educated Israeli Arab youth in Sahnin and Jewish Israeli youth in Mitzpe Aviv. In Sydney she was a Habonim leader for 3 years, coordinating cultural activities before she became the Chairperson. Today she guides junior children supporting them with their leadership skills. As part of the AZYC-NSW she works on collaboration between all the youth movements and collaboration with the Jewish community in events.

Nominated by: Ianir Lewin (Shaliach)



Meyerson Matthew *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Matthew Meyerson is a quiet achiever whose contribution to the Jewish Community deserves to be recognised. He has worked as a volunteer and subsequently as a leader and full time operations manager for the CSG for over 7 years. He has achieved high levels of leadership within the CSG and his commitment to ensuring the safety of our community includes hours of planning for major communal events, partnering with the AFP and working with the Israeli intelligence team to plan PM Netanyahu's visit.

Nominated by: Denise Meyerson (Mother)



Milner Gareth *B'nai Brith Award for Leadership*

Gareth has shown exceptional leadership in his current role as the Australasian Union of Jewish Students Vice-Chairperson. Gareth oversees all of our 60 student leaders in NSW. Gareth's ability to support and mentor our student leaders to be the best representatives they can be and ensure they remain passionate and motivated in their volunteer roles is a true testament to Gareth's ability to foster and nurture the growth and development of the future leaders of our community.

Nominated by: Saul Burston (Colleague)



Moallem Jonathan *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Jonathan Moallem is a standup member of the young Jewish community. He is serving with distinction as Vice President of both AEPi and AUJS UTS, having only re-engaged with the community recently after leaving Emanuel in 2015. Both organisations have benefited from his tireless contributions, including single-handedly creating websites, cooking Shabbat meals for dozens of students and being an extremely active volunteer. Jonathan hopes to continue aiding the community in whatever way he can.

Nominated by: Ben Ezzes (Friend)



Myerson Asher *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Asher has contributed to the Jewish community by undertaking a wide range of roles. His involvement with Habonim, saw him taking the roles of: Head of Winter Camp (2016), Perth Head of Education (2017), Perth Habonim Chairperson (2018), Madrich for Years 3-6, 7-8 and 11 (2016-2018), Member of Judaism Executive (2016) and Member of Zionist Executive (2017-2018). Asher presented at Limud Oz (2016-2018), was a member of the planning committee (2017-2018) and represented Limud Oz Perth at Limmud Connect (2018). He was also a Bar Mitzvah Madrich (2016-2018), Year 6-12 Zionist Seminar Co-ordinator (2017) and Interfaith Co-ordinator (2016) for Carmel and Co-ordinated an interfaith soccer tournament.

Nominated by: Debbie Myerson (Mother)



Rachamim Erez *Contribution to Australian Society*

Erez has been a volunteer with Jewish Care's Youth Services since 2016. It runs a Big Brothers Big Sisters program that links children aged 7-15 facing any kind of adversity with a volunteer mentor for a minimum of 12 month. Erez was a volunteer tutor for 2 years. In the process he was linked with a young boy facing significant mental health issues. This ongoing support was huge to this young boys recovery. He then decided that he wanted to utilise his time to support Jewish Care on a macro level, helping the Youth Teams Ambassadors Program link with children on the wait list and assisting to recruit more volunteers.

Nominated by: Rachel Collins (Supervisor)



Rinon Aleks *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Aleks was the Director of Betar QLD last year. She is still involved as a contributing volunteer in the movement. Last year, she made Betar QLD, which is the only Jewish youth movement in the state (and for some kids the only connection to Judaism, Zionism and Israel), a place where Jewish kids from all streams, backgrounds and families can call their second home. Aleks devotedly worked on expanding Betar to the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast, by running monthly activities there.

Nominated by: Naama Louria (Shlichah)



Samowitz Daniel *Support for the State of Israel*

In 2009 Daniel made Garin Aliyah building an urban kibbutz and educating Jewish youth from all over the world. He served in the army. He was appointed as the Educational director of World Habonim Dror from 2013-2016. He gained extensive experience over the past decades in the world of informal Jewish education. He is currently building an informal education department at the Emanuel School and is the Head of youth education at Emanuel Synagogue. Daniel also volunteered with: WithU, Moishehouse, Standup, JCA Launchpa.

Nominated by: Ianir Lewin (Shaliach)



Schmidt Jordana *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Jordana has been the President of the Hobart Hebrew Congregation for two years and has been on the Board of Management since 2014. She is also the Vice President (Tas) of the ECAJ. She is a community lay leader and supports both the Orthodox and Progressive sections of the Congregation. She has been nominated for Australian of the Year twice and has been a finalist in the Tasmanian Young Achievers Award in 2016 and 2017. She provides Jewish education to the community and other Tasmanians.

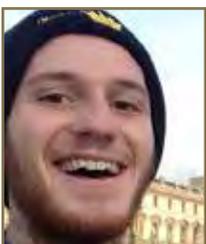
Nominated by: Lauren Gurion (Mother)



Schneider Aaron *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Aaron is a remarkable young leader for the Jewish community, He has volunteered for three and a half years in Bnei Akiva making changes that contributed to the whole community. He has also been the Head of Bnei Akiva Sydney and in the last year was influential for over 130 kids and 30 madrichim every week. he has put University in his last priority so the community will come first. today he still volunteers to come and advise to Bnei Akiva and help with 'less important jobs' like painting and cleaning.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici (Shaliach)



Schonker Adam *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Adam has shown remarkable commitment by moving from Melbourne to Sydney leaving family and friends to revitalise Betar in NSW. He realised the great need for direction and stepped in to fill the gap. He was in Betar from a young age and decided to go Betar's gap 2017 year in Israel for the 'Shnat 'program. Whilst he was away, Adam heard of the Betar Sydney struggles due to low madrichim numbers. Sydney Betar would have struggled immensely without him. He made a huge impact, not only by assisting in running the movement. He is a role model with his altruism and "Can Do" attitude. Adam has volunteered to be a madrich along with becoming 'Head of Education and the Winter Camp'.

Nominated by: Naama Lourie (Betar Shlichah)



Seldowitz Dovi *Contribution to Australian Society*

Dovi worked for Caretakers Cottage, a charity that assists homeless children and their families. He produced a comprehensive directory of youth refugees in NSW which included a mobile app version (named Matter Day 2017) – free for downloads on Apple and Android app stores. He also assisted in securing funding for a pilot art therapy program (funding from Wolper Hospital and Randwick Council). Subsequently Dovi

co-produced selected case studies demonstrating the impact of art therapy on homeless teens. Dovi also volunteered assisting the Beaches Outreach Project. Personally, he aspires to advancing his studies of sociology (specifically on the Jewish community) and in his spare time blogs as the “Chabad Sociologist”.

Nominated by: Hezie Lazerov (Manager Courage to Care)



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

Emma runs the children’s services at Coogee Synagogue and was recently appointed as an observer on the Synagogue Management Committee. Emma has a remarkable amount of energy that she directs toward the Jewish community, always looking for innovative and meaningful ways to contribute. Emma innovates, and thereby affects change! Emma convened the Pink Breakfast at Moriah in year 12, and also volunteers at the Friendship bakery. Emma is passionate about creating change and fighting for equality.

Nominated by: Lisa Greenstein (Administration person at Coogee Synagogue)



Shmailov Michelle *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Michelle is a Hinenei coordinator and Madricha for the past 3 years. She is passionate and dedicates her time to the youth, strengthening their bond between the Jewish Community in Australia to Israel, Judaism and Zionism. Michelle always answers the call to volunteer for JNF educational activities without hesitation and goes above and beyond her duty.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell (Friend)



Snoyman Doron *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Doron just CAN’T stop doing for the community. He is volunteering in numerous organisations and is an inspiration to many of the youth in the community. He volunteers in Bnei Akiva for 4 years and took many leadership roles upon himself. He also volunteers in Moriah and goes there every lunch time to give a shiur to the year 10-11 students. He has 15-20 students in each class that go on their free time during lunch. There is so many more to Doron.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici (Shaliach)



Slotar Shayna *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society, Support for the State of Israel*

Shayna Slotar has devoted her life to the Jewish Community of Australia. Shayna has volunteered for Maccabi in both WA and NSW and received a Maccabi WA certificate of honour in July 2009. She represented AUJS in 2011 in the US and Israel on the Leadership Development Program and was AUJS WA President for 2 years. She won volunteer of the year from JNF and was a Blue Box collector for many years. Shayna raised money for cancer research, volunteered at Limmud Sydney on several occasions and received an award from the Australian Defence Force for leadership. Shayna volunteers on the board of Young UIA – organising many events and doing many call outs to ensure the continuation of engagement of the Young Adult Jewish community.

Nominated by: Tooti Kotkin (Director, Events to a T)



Solomon Hillel *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Hillel assists in running the Shul service at Maurice Zeffert Home for the Aged and Perth Hebrew Congregation. He has now started a Youth Minyan at Dianella Beit Midrash. He assists Menora Charity and has been an active member of a committee looking at refurbishing the Jewish Centre in Perth. He teaches Cheder and assists at Carmel School giving lectures where required. Last year he was the President of Bnei Akiva and now he is Rosh Chinuch in charge of education. Hillel Solomon is a true leader and his commitment to the Perth Jewish Community is ongoing.

Nominated by: Joan Hillman (President of Jewish Community Council of WA)



Sussman Julia *JNF Award for Contribution to Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Julia Sussman graduated from Emanuel in 2014 and travelled to Africa where she volunteered for animal rehabilitation and rescue centres in Namibia and South Africa. Since she volunteers 10 weeks annually at a Baboon Rescue and rehabilitation centre in South Africa. Julia also volunteers for NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service. Her work involves rescuing and looking after injured/abandoned Australian Wildlife, education talks at schools/community groups and training new members. Julia has been a leader on Emanuel School's Zionist Seminar for the past two years and in 2016 she became involved with March of the Living. Currently Julia is working on forming a Holocaust Education Committee aiming to expose youth to Holocaust survivor's testimonies. Julia is a Fellow of the Susan Wakil Fellowship and is a volunteer of the Geshet Committee, an Emanuel School.

Nominated by: Sonia Newell, Development Officer (Emanuel School)



Steinberg Gina *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Gina has fully immersed herself in every aspect of her leadership and volunteer work relishing being part of and giving back to Carmel School, the Jewish and broader communities. Gina had the following leadership roles: Treasurer for shared accommodation in Israel for 17 youth, Head Girl – Carmel High, School Camp Kef leader Habonim Dror youth leader, Co-editor School Student Shtik, Netball Coach Year 6 aged girls, School Outdoor Education Camp Leader. Gina volunteer at Community Purim Festival, community service engaging with residents at Old Aged Home, Maccabi Breast Cancer Day, Cancer Council's Daffodil Day, JNF Green Sunday. Gina has received the following awards: The John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship, The Principals Award for Outstanding Contribution to Carmel School, The Lee-Ann & Jodi Cartoon Award for Outstanding Participation in the Interschool Sports Program and more.

Nominated by: Karen Steinberg (Mother)



Tate Olivia *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Olivia is a Netzer Perth Chairperson for the last two years. She has been successful in attracting more youth and children to engage with after school Jewish content in a small community, providing monthly sleepovers for the Synagogue's children, Sunday programs, Youth Kabbalat Shabbat and a winter camp. This achievement has not happened before in Netzer's history for the past decade and is due to her determination and strong values.

Nominated by: Dudu Gotlib (Shaliach)



Tuval Ike *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ike is passionate about inter-community relations. In 2015, Ike felt blessed to lead a peace walk from Yeshiva Shul to Lakemba Mosque. Ike went to Israel to study, where he created a podcast called 'Building Jerusalem'. He interviewed a diverse range of people about their visions of a better world, including interfaith leader and former MK Michael Melchior, Palestinian businessman and peace activist Sam Bahour, and civil rights lawyer Anat Hoffman. Ike aspires to love peace and pursue peace.

Nominated by: Ike Tuval

Images from the Change



Etty Ayalon, Ernie Friedlander and Anat Sultan Dadon



Some of the nominees with Ernie Friedlander



Steve Ligoff The MC with Yona & Michael Cass



Yigal Nisell and Rabbi Benji Levy

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Anna Marks OAM & Gidon Goodman



Anat Sultan Dadon, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel and Elias Visontay



Rabbi Kastel and Adam McCurdie



Guy Eshed (in the striped top) with the group

OUR JUDGES



Dr Avril Alba

Avril is Senior Lecturer in Holocaust Studies and Jewish Civilisation and Chair of the Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies at the University of Sydney. She teaches and researches in the broad areas of Holocaust and modern Jewish history with a focus on Jewish and Holocaust museums. Her monograph, *The Holocaust Memorial Museum: Secular Sacred Space* was published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2015. From 2002-2011 Avril was the Education Director at the Sydney Jewish Museum where she also served as the Project Director/Curator for the permanent exhibition *Culture and Continuity* (opened 2009). She was also Project Director/Consulting Curator for the permanent exhibition *The Holocaust* (opened March 2017) and co-Chief Investigator with A/Prof Jennifer Barrett and Professor Dirk Moses for the permanent exhibition *The Holocaust and Human Rights* (opened February 2018). Research and development for this exhibition was supported by the ARC Linkage Project Australian Holocaust Memory, Human Rights and the Contemporary Museum.



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.



William Nemesh

Will Nemesh is the Jewish Community Relationship Manager of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies. He has worked in politics for a number of years, as an advisor for various members of parliament across federal and state governments. His involvement within the Jewish community has spanned over 10 years, as an executive member of AUJS, volunteer at Montefiore nursing home, footballer at Maccabi, a member of B'nai B'rith and a current board member of Emanuel Synagogue. Will is also an elected Councillor on Waverley Council.



Anat Sultan-Dadon

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



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 SPEAKERS



Adam McCurdie

Adam is the co-founder and Managing Director of Humanitix. Humanitix is the first not-for-profit events ticketing platform that transforms booking fees into a force for good and makes events more accessible for people with disabilities. Humanitix aims to alleviate suffering, improve the living of people with disabilities and reduce education gaps. 100% of profits are distributed to address a range of causes including mental health and suicide prevention services, domestic violence shelters for women, meals for disadvantaged school students, indigenous scholarships and many more. Adam graduated from UNSW with degrees in engineering and mathematics before pursuing a career in management consulting with Accenture. After being inspired to transform business into a force for good, Adam came up with idea for Humanitix with his best friend Josh Ross and soon left his career with Accenture to launch the organisation. Humanitix has now ticketed thousands of events across Australia, transforming booking fees into a force for good and is growing quickly. Adam is the winner of last year's Game Changers.



Teneille Murray

Teneille is the current Director of Youth and Young Adult activities at the Zionist Council of NSW and also heads up their Israel Programs department. She holds two degrees, a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Commerce. Her passion is to find new and innovative ways to connect the diaspora community with Israel as well as leading young adults on the ZNCSW Israel programs. Teneille is a Changemaker and has seen firsthand the incredible power of what we can achieve working together in our community.

OUR MC



Rabbi Yossi Friedman

Rabbi Yossi Friedman was born and raised in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs and was involved in communal work from a very young age. He served as 'Shamash' (beadle) at South Head Synagogue from the age of 6. He completed his schooling at Sydney Boys' High school in 2003 and graduated from the University of NSW in 2006 with a Commerce Degree. He undertook study at Rabbinical Colleges in Australia and Israel and obtained his Semicha (ordination) in 2008. In that same year Rabbi Yossi introduced the first communal Passover Seder to Bali, Indonesia for 100 Jews. In 2009, he spent nine months in Israel furthering his studies before undertaking the appointment as Youth Rabbi of Sydney's Central Synagogue, where they served for three years. Rabbi Yossi was appointed Rabbi of Cremorne Synagogue in 2012. In 2013, Rabbi Yossi became a Chaplain to the Royal Australian Air Force and he holds the rank of Flight Lieutenant. In June 2015, Rabbi Yossi accepted the position of Chief Minister at The Kingsford Maroubra Hebrew Congregation and College Rabbi to Mount Sinai College.



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