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Congratulation to the nominees and thank you to the nominators

When set out, we felt that it is most important to realize and acknowledge young people who went out of their way to do good deeds. Far too often positives are overlooked replaced by cynics and sensationalism.

We are thrilled by the number of the nominations and by the contributions of these young people. We also appreciate those who made the effort to nominate these unselfish individuals, in most cases leading a busy life.

I feel that we should STOP for a moment and CONSIDER OTHERS as our young nominees have done – for our community, society in general as well as humanity.

B'nai B'rith Internationally was established 175 years, is globally in over 50 countries, it is in Australia for 75 years. 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 Anti Racism initiative. It has already instigated the Moving Forward Together projects which so far include the Harmony Day Poster & Song Writing competitions along with the Harmony Walks. This year 3500 posters and 30 songs involving 103 students were entered. Some of the posters are absolutely brilliant – identifying with the theme “Harmony is up to US” – planting the seed for the students.

Many Thanks:

To our partners the JNF and particularly Etty Ayalon, who worked with us non-stop to enhance this event. To Harry Triguboff AO and the Meriton Apartments our mayor sponsor. To the organising committee of Etty, Yona Cass, Rabbi Alon Meltzer, Sonia Newell, Haim Ayalon, Tali Weinberg and Yigal Nisell. Our judges – Peter Wertheim AM, Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM, Gabbi Budai, William Nemesh and Ron Gerstenfeld from the Israeli Embassy.

Wishing the nominees continued success in all their efforts.

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 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.



Message from JNF Australia for the Jewish Changemaker Awards 2019

JNF Australia is proud to acknowledge the inspiring contributions made by young Jewry in our society. It is always heart-warming to see our communal organisations coming together for this purpose and the list of nominees that we have again this year is very impressive.

As a community, it is vital that we nurture the future generation of leaders and JNF Australia is honoured to be partnering with B'nai B'rith in staging these awards for the 7th consecutive year.

Last year we launched JNFuture, aiming to engage, energise, and empower young adults who are committed to Zionism, the environment and community development. Our first JNFuture delegation recently returned from a young leadership mission in Israel, all enthused to take an active role in growing the group and furthering its mission and hope to be joined by this year's Changemakers.

Mazal Tov to all nominees for your outstanding accomplishments to date and wish you every success in your future endeavours and ongoing commitment to Tikkun Olam.

Kol Hakavod



Dan Springer
CEO





BATTLE OF THE BANDS

CALL TO YOUNG BANDS

ONE PLANET

Do you sing, play an instrument or love to play music?

Are you between the ages 12 and 18?

Make your voice heard and strike a chord

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AWARD NOMINEES

YOUTH: Ages 14-18



Rafi Franklin *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Rafi has dedicated himself to volunteering for JNF and has attended the last 4 Green Sunday telethons. He not only attends Green Sunday every year, but is instrumental in recruiting student volunteers each year. Rafi also gives back to the Jewish community through his role as a leader (Madrach) at Bnei Akiva. He is dedicated to all areas of community including his school, synagogue, youth movement, and the JNF. He is always personable, welcoming, and never fails to reach out to those around him. Rafi was the JNF Sylvia Smaller-Winnikow Award recipient for 2019, honouring his outstanding service as a young volunteer to the Jewish Community

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Leila Freedman *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Leila is a very active volunteer as a leader (Madricha) of Bnei Akiva. She is a dual Vice Captain at Moriah, running all charity initiatives at the school in addition to promoting both JNF Green Sunday and Blue Box. Leila is the Jewish Life and Zionism Captain at school and was instrumental in making Moriah a Tedex School. Leila also initiated a project called "Mags to Distract" in which she redistributes used magazines to hospitals and waiting rooms in a wide range of clinics. The project is run via Moriah and Leila is now in the process of having the project expand to all Jewish day schools around Australia.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Ella Gil-Manoz *Contribution to Australian Society*

Ella took part in the Emanuel School Generosity Abroad Kenya trip, involving 3 weeks volunteering to build and repair a school, animal conservation, community and sustainable environment work. She raised \$7000 required to cover her expenses. She co-presented her Kenyan experiences at Emanuel Synagogue Changemakers event and is a member of Generosity Abroad Youth. Ella has organised 2 fundraisers with a sustainable theme. Ella is passionate about environmental issues, taking initiatives, and attending last year's student "Climate Rally" where she gave an impassioned speech to former MP Kerry Phelps in the hope for climate action. She was also active for the JNF's Green Sunday fundraiser. She has volunteered in reading groups at Chifley Public School, at "Threads Together" and at the Montefiore Home Randwick. She devotes much of her free time helping at Jewish Care events such as "What Chicken Soup Can't Cure", Purim and Pesach events. Ella also helps out at mental health and well-being coffee groups and running Shabbat Dinners for Jewish Care.

Nominated by: Daphna Lewin-Kahn, Teacher Emanuel School



Roy Halberstadt *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Support for the State of Israel*

Roy has been part of HaTzofim since its establishment in Sydney 3 years ago. He is an integral part of the Hadracha team, having lead years 8-9 and this year being responsible for all the Hadracha programs. He mentors all the new young leaders and helps with the program, motivation and sourcing of content. Roy is an example for all the scouts by helping others. He is reliable, trustworthy, optimistic and charismatic. Besides for HaTzofim, Roy is also captain of his soccer team and has a wonderful team spirit.

Nominated by: Michael Manhaim, Executive Director Ha'Tzofim Australia



Nevo Hyams *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Nevo is currently in Year 11 and has been part of Tzofim since the day the movement commenced in Sydney, 3 years ago. He is one of our most dedicated leaders (Madrich). He is part of the Hadracha Tzavet (Leadership Training Group) for the past 3 years and this year is leading the annual leadership course. As a leader of Tzofim, Nevo is committed to connecting the Hebrew speaking community to Israel and within the broader Jewish community in Australia. By hosting activities only in Hebrew, he helps develop a deep identity for Tzofim's members, focusing on Israeli culture, Jewish values, Zionism, leadership and social involvement. Nevo is a kind and humble kid, always has a smile on his face, and is very committed to his student and peers.

Nominated by: Michael Manhaim, Executive Director Ha'Tzofim Australia



Miriam Itzkowitz *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to Australian Society*

Miriam has done many engagements in the Jewish community and for the Australian society. They include volunteering for Friendship Circle, participated in Creativity Inc, fundraising for the Newtown Asylum Seeking Centre, and teaching English to East Timor children through the Emanuel project. She has also been involved in Autism Advocacy through speaking engagements at school, shul and fundraising over several years for the cause. Miriam has volunteered for JNF Green Sunday telethon, MDA Red Sunday Pesach telethon, the JCA phone campaign, as well as selling Legacy badges, participated in the Smith Family Student 2 Student programme, teaching children to read and visited refugees in Villawood. She currently volunteers as a Madrichah in Betar, which she has been since year 6, she is also a chorister and frequent Torah reader at the North Shore Temple Emanuel. Miriam volunteers at Emanuel Synagogue in Kaf Kids. She participates in her school programme "You can sit with me", encouraging students to create an inclusive environment for each other. She further volunteers at B'nai B'rith Bargain Bazaar.

Nominated by: Rabbi Daniel Siegel, Head of Jewish Life Emanuel School, Rabbi Nicole Roberts, North Shore Temple Emanuel



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

Adam has involved himself in the community at all levels. Dedicated and very active within the community, he is readily available to volunteer his time for the benefit of the community. Adam is a leader (Madrich) within Bnei Akiva, volunteers for JNF Green Sundays regularly and is now also a JNF advocate at Moriah College in addition to being a prayer leader and Chazan at Moriah. Adam also volunteers at Friendship Circle camps and has committed to spending time with a child on a weekly basis. Adam's work is varied, but his commitment is unwavering.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Leanne Juter *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Support for the State of Israel*

Leanne has been involved with HaTzofim for 3 years, helping to connect the Hebrew speaking community to Israel and the broader Jewish community in Australia. She is leading the yearly Hadracha course for years 8 – 9 along with coordinating the social media and advertising Tzavet. She is consistently involved with community events, taking part, initiating and helping others. Besides Tzofim, she is excellent in school, helps BJE as a teacher assistant for Hebrew and Jewish studies. She participated in the year 10 program of BJE where her passion for being an integral part of the Jewish community has grown, particularly within the Israeli – Jewish community. She is a role model for the new madrichim, is respectful, responsible and exemplifies the Israeli spirit and attitude. Leanne is a real leader, helping to create, grow and evolve new leadership in the Israeli community in Sydney.

Nominated by: Michael Manhaim, Executive Director Ha'Tzofim Australia



Tova Kass *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Tova is a dedicated young woman. Living in Melbourne, Tova has devoted her time to volunteering and aiding large families. She does childcare, works with youngsters on their homework, assists in preparing food and any other task required. She has worked with many different families, including one family whom she has assisted for 4 years. She is always there when needed and is a truly lovely person, with a heart of gold.

Nominated by: Anna Woolf, Cousin



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

Talia is school captain at Masada College, with special emphasis on social justice initiatives. She also recently got in touch with JSA regarding helping with some of their work. Talia has helped North Shore Temple Emanuel for years, with tots, speaking at services, Teen Torah Tag Teams and other needs. She was a Sunday School Madricha for 4 years. She has also volunteered for JCA, JNF Green Sunday and at many JNF fundraisers. She has also been part of the school Charity Committee and has volunteered with organisations such as Dignity and Lifeline to help to sort and package clothes for the homeless. She was also involved in the sleep out in conjunction with another school to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless, promoting Live Below the Poverty and Rations to Refugees.

Nominated by: Rabbi Nicole Roberts, North Shore Temple Emanuel



Benjy Orwin *Contribution to Australian Society*

Benjy has made a difference to many needy people. He got inspired by questioning what homeless do to keep warm. Being only 9 years old didn't stop him to initiate, on his own accord, the campaign "Socks 4 Support". He spoke publicly to school assemblies and his shul to encourage people to donate to support the needy. He approached Coles, Woolworths, Glen Eire Council, David Southwick, Beth Weitzman successfully. Benjy also spoke on J-Air and did whatever he could to collect as many socks as possible. He was also sending letters to organisations to help with collection points. Over a 6 month period, Benjy reached his goal of 5000 pairs. The socks were distributed to "Reaching Out Because We Can", "St Kilda Mum's", "Avalon Centre", and to an African orphanage. He did tours of the charity premises to ensure they would reach the homeless. Socks and scarfs are his 2019 mission.

Nominated by: Charlene Orwin, mother



Eytan Taub *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Eytan volunteers within the community on many levels and is always willing to give up his time for a greater cause. He is a Bnei Akiva Madrich, volunteers for JNF Green Sundays regularly and is now also a JNF advocate at Moriah College. Eytan is also a prayer leader at Moriah, a Chazan and also volunteers at Friendship Circle camps in addition to having committed to spending time with a child on a weekly basis. His heart is always prepared to contribute.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Ilya Weisman *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ilya has been nominated for his outstanding contribution to synagogue services. He is one of a handful of boys who has not only continued to attend regular Shabbat services post Bar-Mitzvah but has in fact learned new aspects of the service order to lead the community. He is a terrific role model to the younger members of the ACT Jewish community.

Nominated by: Veronica Leydman, Community member

YOUNG ADULT: Ages 18-35



David Aviles *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to the State of Israel*

David has been part of Ha'Tzofim Australia since the inception three years ago. He is in charge of logistics and safety matters, represents Ha'Tzofim on the AZYC NSW board and volunteers with CSG. David takes care of everything and everyone and is always available to help. He helps initiate, create, organise and lead community events. David maintains the Ha'Tzofim facility, makes sure it is kept as best as possible and ensures the madrichim have all they need for their activities in addition to replacing leaders when absent. David is active in the AZYC. David works almost full time so that he can pay for camps, seminars and events. Next year David is expected to return to Israel and enlist in to the IDF with Garin Tzabar.

Nominated by: Michael Manhaim, Executive Director of Ha'Tzofim Australia



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

Adam was selected as a Youth leader for Maccabi Carnival January 2019 and was commended on his leadership qualities. Adam also volunteered his time and effort as a Bnei Akiva Madrich last year and will continue to do so in 2019. He attends three weekly meetings to plan and provide engaging informative programs. Adam attended two Bnei Akiva Camps last year as Rosh Tziud and Junior Madrich. Adam has also recently been selected to be the Bnei Akiva representative at the Perth Hebrew Congregation. He has also manned the JNF call centre and baked rogelach for mishloach manot. Adam has been coaching Master Blaster Cricket for Maccabi over the cricket season. In the future, he will be involved in getting AUJS up and running in Perth once again. Adam has taken on all these voluntary roles with passion and a smile and has made an enormous contribution to Jewish life in the Perth Jewish community and beyond.

Nominated by: Kerri Altschuler, Mother



Haim Ayalon *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Haim has been a committed member of the UIA Young Leadership Executive for over 3 years. His enthusiasm and dedication to helping those less fortunate in Israel is endless. He volunteers his time and energy with passion and genuine care. He is always the first to put his hand up and achieve the best he can. Haim embodies the very essence of community, he is passionate and willing to help everyone and anyone. No task is too big or difficult. He is happy when making others happy. Haim has a successful DJ Solutions business and is fundamental to events across JCA, UIA, Friendship Circle, JNF, MDA, Dover Heights Shul and the list goes on. He volunteers his time and supports several organisations with his technological equipment and know how in a heartbeat. His life revolves around bringing happiness to people/families at the most important moments of their lives. Behind the scenes he works tirelessly ensuring events run seamlessly. His contribution is countless, but most important it is endless.

Nominated by: Lisa Kirstin, Friend and Tali Roomer, Events & Marketing UIA



Royi Bercovici *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Royi is a Senior Emissary of the Jewish Agency, B'nai Akiva, the ZFA and Moriah College. He has dedicated every waking moment of the past 3 and a half years to the Sydney Community. His leadership and guidance has built an entire generation of Jewish leaders who will go on to lead the Jewish community for years to come. Royi is responsible for all the movement's activities across

Australia, which includes 800 members and 120 leaders creating strategic plans, managing budgets, developing resources, managing the Israeli delegation, creating and developing content, support and development of instructors and managers, contacts with organisations inside and outside the community, publishing periodicals and writing articles, winter and summer camps management and training seminars. In addition to this, he passionately volunteers his time to the Zionist religious community in Sydney, developing a strategic plan for the religious community, managing relations with various organisations and raising joint projects.

Nominated by: Aaron Schneider, Colleague



Sarah Bendetsky *Contribution to Australian Society*

For many years, Sarah has been involved with voluntary work including informal Jewish education such as running Jewish summer camps, outreach programs, aged care and orphanages' assistance and community development. Sarah started a volunteer-driven grassroots organisation Subbotnik in 2015. Subbotnik shares the joy of Judaism with the Russian-speaking Jewish community in Australia in the most inclusive way by organising events and programs 'where Russian culture meets Jewish tradition'. From holiday celebrations and challah bakes to Jewish storytelling gigs, shiurim and monthly outings for Holocaust survivors, Sarah always plans another exciting initiative for the community. In 2018, Sarah established the Souper Kitchen to assist community at the time of need with the delivery of over 1000 free, kosher, nutritional meals cooked by volunteers each month.

Nominated by: Maria Rachel Gelvan, Co-volunteer and Friend



Gali Blacher *Contribution to Australian Society*

Gali and her co-founder Maddy Jones recognised the need to make the homeless feel accepted. They created an enterprise called The Good Box, designed to provide people living on the street with a gift box of essential basics. Maddy and Gali developed relationships with charities and organisations such as Jewish House, who distribute boxes to their guests. They came second at JCA's Shark Tank, winning \$15,000 which gave them the funding to officially launch an online store. They have been approached by many organisations wishing to use them for corporate team building days to educate their staff on the complex issue, as well as similar programs for schools. Gali is the definition of a mensch. Her energy, enthusiasm, and innovation identifying a need for a product like The Good Box, sourcing support from companies to donate their product, and brokering social services in the local community has been nothing shy of ground-breaking.

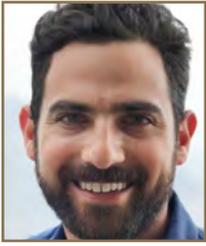
Nominated by: Hazel Mill, Administrator Jewish House



Megan Byala *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Megan was the community liaison of the Perth branch of Habonim Dror in 2018 and is currently the 2019 head of education. In these positions, Megan has given back to her community in Perth by ensuring that Habo has a high level of community involvement. Specifically, Megan coordinated Habo's efforts in running events in the Israeli community of Perth, working with Menora Charity Fund, aiding Carmel School and much more. Megan has also been a part of coordinating collaborative events between the different youth movements in Perth, an endeavour which promotes unity and acceptance within the community. Megan personally devotes much of her time to not only working in the youth movement but working at Carmel School, volunteering at Menora Charity and helping community organisations with various events that they put on throughout the year. Having young adults like Megan remain in the Perth community to spend extensive time bettering it is a feat not worth ignoring.

Nominated by: Samuel Hoffman, Friend



Mark Cartoon *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Mark has always been proud of his Jewish identity and understands the importance of supporting the community in which he lives. He is very passionate about ensuring the sustainability and growth of the Perth Jewish Community and volunteers his time in the hope to give back to the people and organisations from which he has benefited over the years. Mark is actively involved in a number of community organisations and holds the following executive and other leadership positions: Honorary Treasurer (Board member) of the Perth Hebrew Congregation (2016-2019), Honorary Treasurer (Board of Management) of the Community Security Group, Board of Management / Advisor of the Ruth Landau Harp Early Learning Centre and PHC representative on the Jewish Community Council of Western Australia. Mark has also been actively involved in a number of other communal organisations and has emceed Yom HaZicharon commemorations and other functions for the State Zionist Council.

Nominated by: Michael Sebbag, Perth Hebrew Congregation



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

A self-confessed nerd (but specifically a Limmud nerd), Sarah has been the fearless leader of Shalom's Limmud Oz in Sydney for the past few years. After a long time of dedication to her beloved Bnei Akiva, Sarah is finishing off her honours thesis while bringing diversity, education and culture to hundreds of members of the community. Not to mention she is a fantastic Bat Mitzvah educator in her spare time as well.

Nominated by: Mitch Burnie, Friend and Colleague



Jenny Cohen *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Jenny was a fellow on the Sydney Stand Up Fellowship last year and after being inspired from this experience has created the Three Cups of Tea Program, together with Shalom. It is a program encouraging a free expression and safe space when talking about Israel in our Jewish Community. Jenny's passion for the betterment of the community through this program is extremely inspiring to those who work with her and she is excited to watch this program grow and develop.

Nominated by: Mitch Burnie, Friend and Colleague



Jordan Cohen *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Jordan is actively involved as a volunteer in the Sydney Hatzola organisation. He attends regular training and is unconditionally available at all times as a first responder, saving lives. He will go out on call/s during the night at any hour regardless of his social, working and university commitments. He was an active member of CSG for two years but due his religious commitment, his involvement in Hatzola and an injury, he is no longer involved. He was head of NSW AZYC last year, involved in decision making, arranging youth holiday camps and activities. He was a youth leader for Bnei Akiva for two years after spending a year in Israel on the Limmud program. He volunteered as a youth leader at the South African Bnei Akiva year-end camp in 2016 paying his own way to get to the camp. He was a Madrich on the 2017 IST program run by Moriah. In addition he is a volunteer Bondi life saver. Jordan is currently completing a business degree and intends to apply for medicine.

Nominated by: Lianne Cohen, Mother



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

Daniel is dedicated to giving back to the community and has held numerous leadership positions. These include Hineni Fed Gizbar (2017), Founding CaTZ Rosh (2016-17), CaTZ camp Rosh (2017), Hineni Madrich (2015-17), CaTZ Madrich (2016-17), CaTZ camp volunteer (2018), ANU AUJS President (2016), ANU AUJS VP (2018), ZFA Board Member (2018), Limmud Shavuot Youth Coordinator (2016-17), LimmudFest Youth Coordinator (2017), ACTZC President (2018) and was awarded the ACTJC Award

for youth volunteer (2016). Daniel founded Canberra Tnuva Tzioni (CaTZ) from scratch, now a stable movement with regular chanichim, and madrichim, and left the movement in a position to be able to grow and take on the shape of the community and the mad body, which has changed drastically. He worked closely with Rabbi Alon Meltzer to bring CaTZ into the new chieder program, and get parents and the community on board, working closely with 4 generations of shlichim for youth engagement.

Nominated by: Stefan Misrachi – Community member



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

Chloe attended Emanuel School from Year K to Year 12 and was Jewish Life Madricha and Jewish Day School Liaison in 2016/2017. She won the “Outstanding Service to the Jewish Life of the School Prize” at the 2017 High School Speech Night. Mercaz-Masorti Australasia is delighted to sponsor Chloe’s participation in the 2019 NOAM Olami Onward training course where participants take part in a professional internship, leadership and educational training and experience daily life in Israel. 15 participants from around the world will spend 6 weeks learning together and afterwards return to their home communities as leaders in Masorti Judaism from the NOAM Olami movement

Nominated by: Sonia Newell, Emanuel Synagogue Alumni Relations



Guy Eshed *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, Contribution to the State of Israel JNF, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Guy has been part of Ha'Tzofim since the day the Sydney centre opened three years ago. Guy does the best he can to help and support others. He is a friend and leader for his Tzevet and has been involved with all Ha'Tzofim community events. He is currently in charge of educational programs for years 3-6 and supports the young madrichim. Prior to that he was a Madrich for 3 years. Guy provides the centre with up to date information and latest news from Israel. He teaches the young scouts about Israel, about his life in Israel and helps create and strengthen their Israeli identity. Guy’s actions in Ha'Tzofim help strengthen the community, create new bonds and be an integral part of the wider Jewish community.

Nominated by: Michael Manhaim, Executive Director of Ha'Tzofim Australia



Dion Esterman *Contribution to the State of Israel*

At the end of VCE, Dion won the Rabbi Abranok Community Scholarship to Israel for his MTA Shnat program. After returning, he took on the role of Rosh Tarbut and Madrich at B'nai, followed by Gizbar and Rosh Machane, Madrich and Rosh Machane, Global Leaders Program at Monash University, followed by multiple Federal positions, including Merakez, Gizbar, Rosh Israel Programs and Rosh Machane. Dion also joined Maccabi Australia helping develop their gap year leadership program. Subsequently he became Madrich helping as an Assistant Manager of the junior delegation at the Maccabi Games that year. Dion took on the Presidency of the Beit Midrash Minyan in Mizrachi and served on the shul's board. He was also the Youth Director of Caulfield Shul, leading, shaping and developing the youth programs and future strategy. After moving to Canberra, Dion became a Moishe House Without Walls host, and hosted dinners for young adults. When the ACT Zionist Council was established, Dion took on the presidency to help grow it and become a part of the wider ZFA community. Last year Dion made Aliyah.

Nominated by: Stefan Misrachi, Community Member



Gemma Fink *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Gemma has been volunteering with UIA for nearly 5 years, as part of the NewGen committee and was made Co-Chair in 2016 following which she joined the Young Leadership committee. Her main role on the committee is engagement, with the purpose of engaging young adults from our community. This involves event organisation, recruitment of volunteers and spreading the word about their various events, which Gemma finds rewarding. Gemma began volunteering for UIA because of her passion for Israel

and love of the Jewish community. As part of her volunteering with UIA, she attended the International Young Leadership Keshet Conference, where she met young leaders from around the world. Gemma has also volunteered for ZDVO and was a part of their young adults committee for 2 years (2016-2017), in addition to being a part of the Big Brother/Big Sister program for 2 years (2015-2016).

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Hannah Golan Burnett *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Hannah has held a number of volunteer positions including cheder teacher in 2016, Madricha/ Rosh Chinuch since 2016 until now for Canberra Tnuva Tzioni, ACTJC choir director 2016-2017, Secretary ACT AUJS 2017, President ACT AUJS 2018, Treasurer ACT AUJS 2019 and Beni mitzvah teacher-2018-2019. During her time studying in the ACT, Hannah has had a focus on spreading information about Jewish perspective on modern issues to the wider community through interfaith and Israel themed events, often organised with the Israeli embassy. Through her work based at the ACTJC and as Rosh Chinch for Canberra's pluralistic youth movement has been to create a program and curriculum that is suited for Canberra's unique and diverse Jewish community. Hannah sees herself continuing to work with the Jewish community in the future. Hopefully through her field of study [musicology] she will continue to bring communities across the spectrum of religious observance and background together in song.

Nominated by: Stefan Misrachi, Community Member



Sarah Greenbaum *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Sarah was the previous Vice President of the ACT Jewish Community (ACTJC), Chair of the ACTJC Progressive Congregation and member of the Board of Progressive Jewish Education. While in these roles she planned and carried out a successful Limmud program, played a critical role in establishing a formal Progressive congregation committee, and formalised the congregation through registration with the Union of Progressive Judaism. She also negotiated a contract allowing for a visiting Rabbi to run services and programs to the Progressive congregation on a monthly basis, and inspired a social network that started with congregation pot-luck dinners, which has now evolved into deep friendships and community connections. Sarah achieved all of this whilst working for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading.

Nominated by: Jessica Dowell, Chair of ACT Jewish Community Progressive Congregation



Samuel Hoffman *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Sam Hoffman is the 2019 chairperson for the Perth branch of the youth group Habonim Dror. At just 19 years of age, Sam is responsible for all the leaders (madrichim) of Habonim Dror Perth, and for the movement's overall strategic direction. This makes him a leader of leaders, a unique type of leadership that should be widely acknowledged and celebrated. Sam's leadership thus far has resulted in Habonim Dror, Perth seeing the largest number of participants in 10 years. His commitment to giving all madrichim a place to be leaders within Habonim Dror has provided them with motivation, ultimately leading the movement to great success.

Nominated by: Megan Byala, Friend



Keri Holloway *Contribution to Australian Society*

Keri has taken a small annual kids holiday program and grown it to an ongoing holiday leadership and mentoring program for kids, teens and young adults in the communities of Toomelah and Boggabilla. In her seven years of dedicated work, Keri has tirelessly and generously worked to build the small program into an amazing and life-changing experience for community members and volunteers alike. Her kindness, vision and wisdom have been instrumental in changing many individuals' lives for the better.

Nominated by: Yvette Hymann, Director Aboriginal Partnerships



Gabriel Jammy *Contribution to Australian Society*

Gabriel has been a vital part as an intern at B'nai B'rith for 3 years. He single-handedly organised the teen "Battle of the Bands" competition which began back in 2017. Throughout his studies, he volunteered his time with the local music radio station "Blitz" and was primarily involved in producing and hosting a local music radio show where he interviewed emerging artists and broadcast their music. Central to all his work, independent or connected to an organisation, is his undying passion for local music, and for helping aspiring acts achieve their musical dreams.

Nominated by: Vivienne Radomsky, B'nai B'rith Intern Supervisor



Madelyn Jones *Contribution to Australian Society*

Maddy is one half of the social enterprise The Good Box. Maddy and her co-founder Gali Blacher recognised the need to make people who are disenfranchised and homeless feel accepted and recognised. They decided to work with charities already helping reduce homelessness and create a movement that would spark up conversations between those that are homeless and those that aren't. Establishing such conversation helps break barriers. The Good Box was designed to provide people living on the street with a gift box of essential basics – showing dignity, respect and care for people in need. Homelessness is an issue that is extremely multi-faceted. Maddy and Gali developed relationships with organisations such as Jewish House, who distribute boxes to their guests. They came second at JCA's Shark Tank, winning \$15,000 which gave them the funding to officially launch an online store. They have been approached by many organisations wishing to use them for corporate team building days to educate their staff on the complex issue, as well as similar programs for schools.

Nominated by: Hazel Mill, Administrator Jewish House



Asher Klein *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Asher has always been a natural leader and is incredibly dedicated and passionate about the Jewish community here in Australia as well as his connection to Israel. He was Head Madrich (leader) at Emanuel School in 2016. He won the award in Year 12 for "the student who best exhibits humility, honesty, integrity, hard work, excellence, community and love of Emanuel". He briefly led at Habonim in year 11 (2015) and has led at Camp Sababa in 2018. His passionate volunteering has led him to be employed within our community in two roles; first IBC in Sydney for this coming year, and as a Jewish studies teacher at Emanuel Synagogue for Bnei Mitzvah students. He and a friend have also been working on the concept of starting a "young minyan Shule" and have quietly been meeting to brainstorm a successful model. He was a youth leader at the Emanuel School Year 10 Zionist Camp which runs annually. He also tutors students and he is incredibly engaging and innovative.

Nominated by: Dani Klein, Mother



Lauren Klimt *Contribution to the State of Israel*

Lauren has been an exceptional leader of the Zionistic youth movement Hineni. She has given countless hours over many years to bringing hundreds of children in our community to appreciate and love their Judaism and their commitment to Israel. She has led many overnight camps and has organised weekends away. She has also worked on a curriculum and raised funds, has run events for Purim, Lag B'Omer and Tu b'Av and weekend and Shabbat services.

Nominated by: Rabbi Levi Wolff, Central Synagogue



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

Emma is currently the AUJS NSW Regional President and in the past has volunteered for both Netzer and BJE. Emma has volunteered on numerous BJE camps and in 2017, she completed the Year 13 Netzer program. In 2018 she became co-head of junior camp for Netzer NSW. Her AUJS career started in 2017 as a member, slowly becoming more involved. In 2018, she devoted her time to being the Macquarie Events Co-ordinator where she organised food events, Holocaust memorial events, and many more. In 2019, she was elected as the NSW Regional President. Emma is responsible for the marketing of all the events this year, including Purim, Hava Tequila, Shabbat Dinner and Wentworth Debate. Emma has effectively lead a team of more than 10 people, including being part of the Union Executive for AUJS. Emma has high aspirations in AUJS and beyond in the Jewish community, as she intends to ensure that all Jewish people are involved and are able to get involved with any experience possible.

Nominated by: Gareth Milner, Partner



Donovan Janks *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Donny is first and foremost a mensch. After years of service as the Mazkir of Habonim Dror Sydney he is the gift that keeps on giving. Donny has been working for Emanuel School and Emanuel Synagogue as an informal Jewish educator. However, more impressively, it is the work he does on top of that for this community as a volunteer. Last year Donny was the marketing chair for Shalom's Yom Limmud and has come back this year as the volunteer chair of the whole festival. In addition he is the musical and spiritual director for Sydney's up and coming secular humanist Shabbat service and community. A generous community member who deserves a lot of recognition for the time, effort and quality he provides the fringes of our community.

Nominated by: Mitch Burnie, Friend and Colleague



Keren Lax *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Keren is the sganit Merakezet for B'nei Akiva Sydney. She runs the youth movement and inspires 30 young leaders, 120 kids in weekly activities and 200 children over camps. She also volunteers at Moriah College and as a result decided to study education so that she can create an impact on the community through education. Keren spends over 20 hours a week doing communal work and is an excellent role model that her peers look up to. Keren is very knowledgeable and is always thinking ahead visioning a better future for our community. She is the embodiment of leadership and empowers all our students.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici, Shaliach



Jake Leibowitz *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Jake is a strong advocate for the Perth Jewish community and Israel. He dedicates his time to davening at Carmel School and the Maurice Zeffert Home in addition to running the youth programs at the shule. Jake joined B'nei Akiva as a Madrich and became Rosh Machane for the 2018 winter camp. Currently Jake is the B'nei treasurer in addition to supporting the Menora Charity Fund, Perth Hebrew Congregation, Carmel School, JNF, Dianella Shul, Bnei Akiva and UIA. Jake was a presenter at Limmud OZ Perth 2018 and at the Carmel School Zionist seminar 2019. Jake joined the executive of the Jewish Community Council of Western Australia (JCCWA) as the Youth Representative in 2018 and has been asked to accompany the Carmel School year 10 Shorashim group to Israel as a Madrich this year. Jake also provides tutoring to high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Whilst in Israel, Jake completed a MDA First Responder course and does volunteer shifts when in Israel. Jake's positive nature and willingness to participate holds him in good stead for inspiring others to make a difference to the lives of those around them.

Nominated by: Jianele Gabriel, Perth Hebrew Congregation



Elenore Levi *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Elenore is the Director of the AUJS Board and has volunteered on the board since 2014. She sits on the Employment Subcommittee and the Susan Wakil Fellowship Subcommittee and was co-leader on the AUJS Susan Wakil Fellowship trip in July 2018 (a two-week educational tour to New York and Washington DC during which the participants met with diplomats, journalists, politicians, strategists, Jewish community activists, and more). Eli is the Chair of Programming, Limmud Oz 2019, an Elected Deputy and Member of the Education Committee of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies and also chaired Limmud in your Lounge 2018, a new concept that she pioneered with great success. Eli is a Committee Member of Or Chadash, a member of the Young Great, the young adult division of The Great Synagogue, and was a presenter at Yom Limmud 2018 on the panel “Who do you think you are? Jewish Australian stories”, whilst also being a member of the marketing team for Yom Limmud 2018. Eli is passionate and dedicated to the community.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Joel McCarroll *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Joel and his family have been members of North Shore Temple Emanuel for his entire life. Joel has been involved in the Jewish Community through the Netzer youth movement. Joel joined Netzer in 2008 and participated on the Shnat Netzer program in 2014. Joel has been a Netzer Madrich (leader), and he served as the Netzer Sydney Mazkir in 2016. Joel graduated from Masada College in 2013. Joel is a musician and guitarist who serves as a service leader within Netzer and the wider community. He currently works for Stand Up ABC and is involved with teaching Year 7 students at North Shore Temple Emanuel Hebrew and Religion School.

Nominated by: Rabbi Nicole Roberts, North Shore Temple Emanuel



Gareth Milner *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community, B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Gareth is passionate about the engagement of young Jewish Adults in the community and as such volunteers his time on the JNFuture Committee - a committee aimed at creating and strengthening the Jewish identity in the next generation via events and education that focus on strengthening the bond between Israel and Australia. Gareth is the National Vice Chair of AUJS and sits on the AUJS National Board of Directors responsible for international programs, national leadership training summits and several conferences. Gareth was instrumental in reinstating the AUJS NSW Ball that was dormant for 15 years and is now running for its 3rd consecutive year and attracts over 150 students. Gareth has excellent leadership skills and being dedicated to the community is definitely a next generation leader to look out for.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Jonathan Moallem *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Jonathan has been involved in Alpha Epsilon Pi Sydney (AEPi), Sydney's Jewish fraternity, AUJS, and has held varied leadership positions. He has held numerous positions at AEPi including Sergeant at Arms, Social Media Coordinator, Vice President, and President over the course of 4 years' service. His goal has been to prioritise greater emphasis on Jewish communal engagement and attempting to cement the organisation's core values in leadership development for the community in creating young, Jewish men of good character. He was a Vice President of University of Technology Sydney's AUJS chapter, supporting the team to achieve greater presence, learning and collaboration on campus. He is currently a fellow of AUJS' Susan Wakil Fellowship, constructing an awareness campaign on data privacy and protection for the Australian people.

Nominated by: Jonathan Moallem



Kiana Ospovat *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Kiana is a former Kesser Torah College student and Vice House Captain. She has volunteered for JNF Green Sunday for 5 consecutive years in a row and this year stayed the full day rather than just the one dedicated session. She was a B'nai Akiva Madricha in year 11 and is very passionate about her role as a student leader. Kiana loves working with children and is a dedicated Madricha for Dover Heights Shul camps and Shabbat morning services. Kiana was also a Madricha for Friendship Circle camps in years in 2015-2016 and volunteered for the B'nai Akiva car wash fundraiser last year. She loves to contribute to the community and brings a great energy to all that she does.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



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

Jonathan has been heavily involved in the Brisbane CSG over the past 7 years. He currently holds a senior (voluntary) position in this organisation. He is a totally reliable, highly professional and committed member and serves frequently throughout the year protecting Shuls, and the Jewish community at many gatherings. He trains and is a certified Krav Maga instructor and is an enormous asset to the CSG and by extension to the Yidishe community at large. Throughout his University studies spanning 7 years he was an active member of AUJS and has been a member of the QJBD Inter-faith Sub-committee. He has attended many interfaith events representing the Jewish youth and community and is very well known in Queensland Interfaith circles. He aspires to join the Diplomatic Corps and would be a positive force in this organisation.

Nominated by: Michael Briner, Member of the Brisbane Jewish Community



Erez Rachamim *Contribution to the State of Israel*

Erez has been a volunteer with MDA for over 12 months. In that time, he has assisted with providing a strategic framework for the organisation, allowing them to prioritise their activities. He has also provided insights into fundraising to young professionals, becoming a founding member of the Young MDA committee. His input has been invaluable, especially given the organisation's general lack of resources, both in people and finances. Without volunteers like Erez, MDA would not be able to undertake the level of engagement that they do. He has been pivotal in their fundraising efforts and as such, the funds that can be provided to MDA Israel.

Nominated by: Doron Lazarus, CEO Australian Friends of Magen David Adom



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

Daniel became involved in contributing to the Sydney Jewish community at the age of 15 when he joined Habonim Dror. Since then he has become a valued member of the organisation, taking on a leadership role as a Madrich, and currently heads the Year 6 program, organising and leading weekly meetings as well as holiday camps. Daniel has a strong social conscience and participated in Emanuel School's trip to the Northern Territory engaging with disenfranchised Indigenous youth at a sister school called Jilkmiggan. He travelled to Israel on Emanuel Schools Chavaya program and his relationship with Israel has continued strongly. In 2018 Daniel participated as a volunteer leader for the year 10 group at the Emanuel School Machaneh Yakka. Daniel is a passionate musician and together with his band "Before the King", has performed at community events including Yom Haátzmaut, Yom Hazikaron and Shir Madness. Daniel continues his commitment to the Jewish Community with his involvement in Habonim and Ayelet Hashachar, demonstrating a strong commitment to Jewish youth, Jewish Continuity and social Justice.

Nominated by: Vivienne Radomsky, Mother



Ayelet Rev *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Ayelet is the Merakezet (Chairwoman) of Bnei Akiva Sydney. She runs the youth movement; inspiring 30 young leaders, leading 120 kids in weekly activities and exciting over 200 children at camps. She has created a safe and professional environment for all. Spending over 20 hours per week working for the community, she has proven to be an excellent role model and her colleagues look up to her. She is very knowledgeable and is able to think ahead for a better future to our community. She is the embodiment of leadership and as she is a woman who empowers our entire movement.

Nominated by: Royi Bercovici, Shaliach



David Rosenberg *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

David is involved in Dayenu, the Jewish LGBT+ group and has been instrumental in helping Emanuel Synagogue organise their annual Mardi Gras Shabbat dinner and the synagogues young adults' trip. He is an Israeli born Australian, a lawyer with a background in industrial design and engineering. He has been very active in the Jewish community across a range of initiatives and organisations, most recently in collaboration with Emanuel Synagogue's young adult community. He is a Moriah graduate and a Habonim alumni.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Sarah Sack *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Sarah Sack has been volunteering in the Jewish Community since her school days when she became a Hineni youth movement Madricha. This led the way for becoming involved with AUJS and now she is the AUJS Marketing and Events Coordinator. Sarah is very passionate about Jewish engagement and for the past year has been on the NSW JNF Future committee working towards increased participation of young Jewish adults in events that strengthen Jewish Identity and the bond to Israel. Sarah also volunteers for the Sephardi Synagogue youth programs and is passionate about working with youth and giving back to the community in this way.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Dovi Seldowitz *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Since moving to Australia from the United States 5 years ago, Dovi has worked tirelessly in the NFP sector, initiating and organising exciting and innovative projects with support from foundation and community grants. His achievements include: Jewish Youth Leadership Project, funded by ORAH and run by Courage to Care NSW; Unknown Heroes Project celebrating the memory of rescuers in the Rwandan, Cambodian and Armenian genocides, run by Courage to Care in collaboration from survivor groups and funded by B'nai B'rith NSW (Andrew Havas OAM Fund); Pink Triangle Project: Tribute to the memory of LGBT victims in the Holocaust (forthcoming) run by Courage to Care and funded by the Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia; Art Therapy for Homeless Kids: Project run by Caretakers Cottage and funded by Wolper Hospital Health Foundation; Homeless Kids Matter Youth Refuge Directory, a state service directory and mobile app. Dovi is passionate about supporting others and influences the lives of many.

Nominated by: Hezie Lazarov, Courage to Care Program Coordinator



Amy Kaplinski Shapiro *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Since the age of 11, Amy has given her heart and soul towards serving the Jewish community in many different capacities. Amy was a dedicated volunteer at the Montefiore Home where she participated in the 'Shabbat on wheels' program, assisting residents with lighting Shabbat candles and interacting with residents in the Dementia unit. She has long been involved there singing and entertaining the residents on a regular basis and as a result was presented with a Montefiore volunteering award. Amy has volunteered for the 'Jewish Education Matters (JEMS)' after school education program which led

her to become involved in volunteering with the Camp Sababa working closely with special needs children. At present Amy is Head of Hineni Winter Camp 2019 following over a decade of involvement in the movement and her participation in the recent Shnat Leadership Program in. Her future aspirations include educating others to perpetuate the continued growth of the Jewish community by training them to become future leaders, in this way assuring a community that is strong and vibrant.

Nominated by: Abraham Emanuel Kaplinski, Father



Ariela (Speedy) Shatari *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Ariela is 20 years old, went to Rose Bay Public School and is currently studying Ancient History at university. She is a Youth Engagement Officer at BJE and recently took the year 10 BJE students on their trip to Israel. Ariela also volunteers at the Holocaust Museum, is passionate about Israel, football and education and enjoys sharing information with her students at public schools.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Noa Shaul *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Noa Shaul has been an active part of the Jewish community for 8 years. She began her leadership in Year 11 as a madatzit for Habonim Dror. Since returning from Shnat Noa has taken on different roles including madricha, Habo's Melbourne Mazkira, Habo's Federal Mazkira, and Federal Head of the AZYC in 2019. This year Noa is re-accrediting the AZYC across all the movements with the Australian Childhood Foundation, focussing on prioritising the safeguard of children. She has ensured that all madrichim are able to care for their participants on all levels and has worked with Jewish Care to provide madrichim with mental health training. Noa spearheaded a first time hadracha seminar for new madrichim nationally. Coming from a public school, she is a role model for chanichim coming from these schools, showing them that they do have an important place. Noa prioritises the Jewish youth movement world giving 100% of her energy and time towards making the movements better and the community a better place for youth and young adults.

Nominated by: Melanie Perch, Executive Director Australian Zionist Youth Council



Alina Sherbakov *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Alina is 22 years old, lives on the North Shore, and just completed her B.A. Alina is a Tzofim alumni and head Bogeret. She actively volunteers at Tzofim, leading the year 4 chanichim, and looking after their overall activities, camps and educational programs. Alina also volunteers as Marketing Director for the UTS Build Student Society which focuses on empowering students towards gaining the skills to reach their leadership potential and is also the Public Relations Officer for BIG, the UTS IT Society. Alina is passionate about education and leadership in the Jewish community.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Shayna Slotar *Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Shayna Slotar moved to Sydney 4 years ago, and the moment she stepped off the plane, she volunteered her time and energy into the Jewish community. After volunteering her time in Perth across numerous organisations, she decided she wanted to further her involvement in the Sydney community through UIA and Maccabi. Shayna has been a part of implementing engagement events within UIA young leadership for over 4 years, thanks to her event management background, and would like to continue to bridge the gap between the Jews in the diaspora and the State of Israel. Shayna also was part of implementing a Maccabi Mixed Netball competition which brought together young adults within the community to provide them with an opportunity to be involved in the Jewish community through sport. Shayna decided to come on as a Changemaker ambassador for this year's awards night. The reason was to create an event where the nominees feel special about being nominated and will continue to give back to the community.

Nominated by: Lara Slotar, Mother



Natali Smud *Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Natali Smud arrived in Australia 3 years ago and throughout her time in Australia she has given back as a volunteer to the Jewish community. Natali has been involved in a variety of engagement events within the youth and primary aged division at her local synagogue. Natali hopes to continue this voluntarily work at the synagogue and further support the congregation through her medical work.

Nominated by: Rabbi Nicole Roberts, North Shore Temple Emanuel



Dean Smuskowitz *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Through Dean's high school years he was an active member in of the Habonim Dror program, inspiring, guiding and leading youth to be a part of the Habonim Youth Movement. After returning from Habo Shnat Program in 2018, Dean and a team of 8 took on the responsibility usually shared by a team of 20+. Dean maintained a positive attitude and energetically immersed himself in his role as the sole Boger (Adult Leader) for Year 11's, 7's and 8's as well as Rosh of Winter camp, which involved planning and running the entire administrative side of the camp. Currently in his second year of leadership, Dean is leading the Year 12's through their Shnat preparation process, a challenging and demanding role that requires understanding of the stresses the Year 12's face in HSC, and at the same time supportive as a mentor. Dean's commitment, drive and passion is critical to the engagement of our Jewish youth and their connection to their Jewish identity.

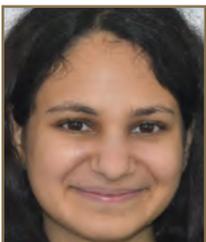
Nominated by: Beverley Smuskowitz, Mother



Rikki Stern *Contribution to Australian Society*

Rikki has established a platform for girls seeking support, advice and to not feel so isolated through their fight against Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She founded the "Cancer Chicks Australia" based on a UK model run by Olivia Smith as she could not access resources recommended in Australia. Olivia welcomed Cancer Chick Australia in December 2018. In a few short months, Rikki has grown this network to over 123 members from all over Australia who share a cancer journey and 659 followers. Rikki is determined to break down the stigma surrounding cancer. She is now being approached to speak across Sydney at local schools like Emanuel and Moriah and other organisations about her resilience and breaking down the beauty stigma. She has also recently spoke at the Lymphoma Association Charity Event – Legs Out For Lymphoma and been approached by Revlon Australia who are now supporting her group of women through makeup product donations.

Nominated by: Steve Jocum, Boyfriend



Hila Tsor *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Hila is currently employed by the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies as the Community Relations Officer. Her past roles include being the Social Officer and President of AUJS at Sydney University, co-chair of Challah for Hunger – an international Jewish charity. The project Hila is most passionate about is 'Yallah!', an organisation dedicated to remembering the narrative of the Jews from Arab Lands and the persecution to which they were subjected. 'Yallah!' also aims to increase awareness of this history within the younger generation and to celebrate the history of the Mizrahi/Sephardi heritage and its contributions to the Sydney Jewish Community. Since launching last August, 'Yallah!' committee has arranged four events with over 50 young adults at each event. In July 2019, Hila will be a Madricha for Taglit-Birthright. Hila is a dedicated, intelligent and hardworking person, who is passionate about and committed to the welfare of the Jewish community.

Nominated by: Helene Cadry, Committee Member "The Plight of Jews from Arab Lands and Iran"



Benjamin Ware *Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Benji Ware is described as the YES man, giving 100% to every opportunity. His contribution to Bnei Akiva for two years, as well as volunteering as an informal educator at a Jewish day school, has made him a perfect nominee for this award. His further involvement in the past few years as a volunteer for AUJS has proved him to be a natural leader and role model for the future of this community.

Nominated by: Yigal Nisell, Education Shaliach JNF NSW



Ben Wilhelm *Contribution to Australian Society*

Ben Wilhelm created “Remember September” in 2015, following the death of his father Danny 4 and a half years ago from pancreatic cancer, just 9 months after diagnosis. Ben aims to raise awareness of and funds for research to find a cure for this dreaded disease. Not only did Ben lose his beloved father to this disease, but also his first cousin Danielle Sirmai (nee Feller) at the age of 33 (6 weeks after diagnosis). Ben’s efforts are being supported by members of the Emanuel School Community and the wider community. So far, he and his supporters have raised over \$175,000. Unfortunately, due to the nature of this cancer, it is rarely diagnosed early, so treatment is limited and outcomes are poor but with Ben and his friends’ help and our support, we hope that one day there will be a cure for pancreatic cancer. The link to “Remember September” is: <http://rememberseptember.gofundraise.com.au/>

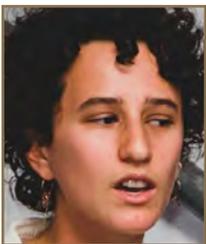
Nominated by: Sonia Newell, Emanuel School Alumni Relations



Sara-Tova Yaffe *B'nai B'rith Award for Leadership*

Sara-Tova resides in Sydney together with her husband and four young children, and aims to inspire people from all walks of life. Sara-Tova serves as an active Rebbetzin for the City of Sydney & Inner City East. Sara-Tova has always had a passion for assisting and inspiring people to tap into their inherent potential regardless of age, gender, religious affiliation or political views. She has been involved with mentoring, coaching and outreach since 2002 and has continued and extended her influence and leadership skills throughout the past 17 years. Her passion, energy and commitment for positively guiding others has taken her throughout the world, mentoring and educating in countries such as Sweden, Israel and across Australia. Her founding leadership philosophy is based on the strong belief that every individual, no matter circumstances, has the skills, ability, strength and resources to overcome their challenges and achieve their deepest of dreams.

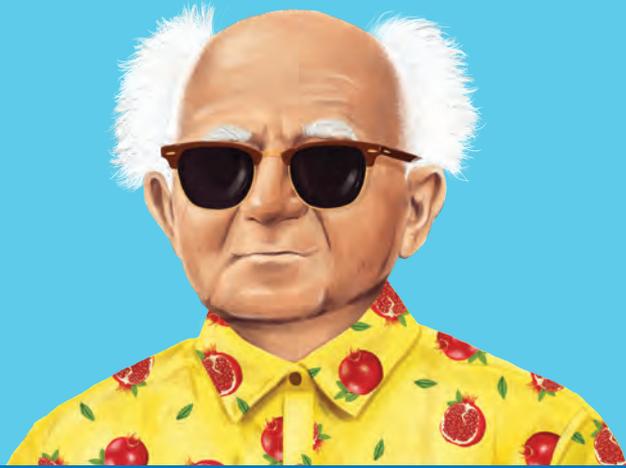
Nominated by: Heather Levi, Mother



Stephanie Fae Zwi *JNF Award for Contribution to the Jewish Community*

Stephanie is an extremely talented and generous musician, educator and leader. After multiple years involved in Habonim Dror she has continued to devote her skills and time to our community. As a leader of the Ayelet HaShachar secular humanist community in Bondi, Stephanie is breaking new grounds into the unknown, developing the way our community expresses itself and encourages more to do the same.

Nominated by: Mitch Burnie, Friend and Colleague



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Gabbie Budai

Gabbie is currently the NSW Executive Director at the JNF where she has served for the past 2 years. The JNF, established in 1901, is responsible for the sustainable development of communities and conservation of scarce natural resources throughout Israel. For over a century the JNF has operated in Australia as one of its most prominent and trusted communal organisations, raising funds for life-changing, environmental and social welfare projects, while maintaining a tangible link between the Jewish people and Israel. Graduating with a BA Education, Gabbie has worked in a diverse range of fields throughout her career. Her experiences in the Not For Profit space include her role as the Community Fund raising Relationship manager at The Children's hospital Westmead and at the Children's Cancer Institute Australia.

She has held a variety of roles in Education, Human Resources, Start Up and Hospitality. Gabbie was the director of a successful catering business for 8 years, which operated from a commercial kitchen in Rosebery. She presents strong business management, event management, volunteer management, account management, and general management skills and is dedicated to engaging the Jewish community with their heritage and Israel.



Ron Gerstenberg

As a Certified Public Accountant, Ron held the position of Tax inspector at the Tax Authority of Israel from 2003 to 2008. He also has a Law degree from Ono Academic College as well as a BA in Business Administration and Accounting (CPA, Magna Cum Laude).

After graduating from the Diplomatic Academy in 2010, Ron was posted as a junior staff member in the Latin America Division. He held the position of Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul at the Embassy of Israel in Uruguay from 2010 to 2015. He is currently a diplomat at the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is also Deputy Director for Public Affairs Academy and Branding. He also did a full mandatory military service in the IDF from 1993-1996. Ron is married and has three children.



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.



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 SPEAKER



Shayna Slotar

Shayna has been part of the Change Makers committee after being selected to go to Israel last year. She will reflect on that experience. She is an amazing young woman who accomplished many wonderful deeds. It includes volunteering putting together 3 young leadership events – creating and implementing for past 4 years a Mixed Netball competition (ages 18-35) for young adults to get together and continue being involved in the Jewish community through sport. Shayna gave 7 years to AUJS across numerous state and national positions including President. She would like to continue bridging the gap between Jews in the diaspora and the State of Israel, bringing a more educated approach to events. Shayna also hopes to bring to the organising committee a younger division in order to retain those young volunteers and grow them to be future leaders of the community.

OUR MC's



Haim Ayalon

Haim is one of Australia's top mobile DJs and is the owner and manager of both Sincopa and DJ Solutions. He has been involved in entertainment and production for over 12 years and has worked at over 1000 events. He has performed at many exclusive events all over Australia and recently Israel, South Africa and Thailand too. DJ Haim has toured with artists like Pink and Evermore and performed for companies like Red Bull, Lululemon and Sony to name a few. His accolades include: Winner of Red Bull iBattle at UNSW, Winner of DJ Idol at Coogee Palace, Organiser and Host of So You Think You Can DJ at Empire Hotel. When Haim is not working, he is usually playing soccer or busy getting involved in the Jewish community wherever he can. He is a proud supporter of the Changemaker Awards and is very honoured to be one of the MCs.



Liora Baram

Liora is a graduate of Moriah College (Class of 2013), and has studied at the Hebrew University, the University of Edinburgh, and the University of Sydney. When not studying, she works at Reputation Institute, performs comedy, and volunteers for organisations in the Jewish community. She is also part of the vibrant Or Chadash shule community, and the Sydney Women's Tefillah Group.

Changema



From left to right: Yigal Nissel, Dan Springer, Anat Sultan-Dadon and Ernie Friedlander



Rabbi Yossi Friedman, Gilla Czerny and Dan Springer



Etty Ayalon and Rabbi Yossi Friedman



Rabbi Yossi Friedman, Dovi Seldowitz and Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM

ker Awards



Rabbi Yossi Friedman, Talia Miller and William Nemesh



Talya Faigenbaum, her mother, Ety Ayalon and Sonia Newell



Rabbi Yossi Friedman, Talya Faigenbaum and Rabbi Mendel Kastel OAM



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EARLY DRAFT OF BUSINESS PLAN

OBJECTIVE

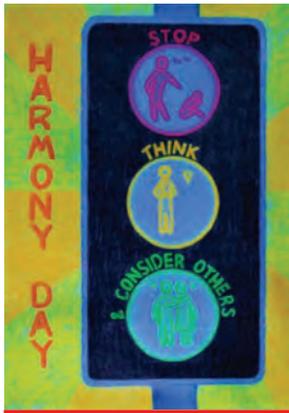
- ▶ Curtail the rise of Racism.

THE PROCESS

- ▶ Define the obstacles, realise that it is not a quick fix – needing patience and perseverance – step by step actions
- ▶ Create a pro-active approach, addressing prejudice and stereotyping, raising questions and creating doubt in those who are promoting racism
- ▶ Putting forward an action plan on empathy and consideration of others.
- ▶ Have an open minded working group consisting of 3 channels in their field of expertise – contact to media, politicians, communities/universities.

TIMELINE

- ▶ Continue research, develop strategy and tactics
- ▶ Advise and invite key players, including Premier, Opposition Leader, Governor General
- ▶ Have the Plan ready to launch in July/ August 2019
- ▶ Develop it further in 2019



STOP THINK CONSIDER OTHERS

STOP ~

- ▶ Take a step back before you rush into anything

THINK AND REALISE ~

- ▶ Think about the damage caused by Prejudice, Discrimination and Stereotyping.
- ▶ Think about the vilification, conflict and violence caused by it.
- ▶ Realise its negativity. How it leads to hate and destruction as well as disillusionment of young people.
- ▶ Realise the other person may look different, have a different religion, different background but is human, has feelings, gets hurt same as we do.

CONSIDER OTHERS ~

- ▶ The benefit and need that kindness, love, compassion and harmony will bring to our planet; nationally as well as globally.
- ▶ The benefits resulting from considering people on their merit regardless of colour, race or religion.
- ▶ The benefits resulting from confronting racism in all forms and have the courage to say **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.
- ▶ That by doing so we will provide a safer and better world for our children and grandchildren.
- ▶ That too often the **ME FIRST** attitude displayed, is hurting particularly people that are most vulnerable.
- ▶ That human nature needs to be tamed, being riddled by conflicts and have the strength to admit "I was wrong".

CALL FOR ACTION – STATEMENT OF INTEND

**EACH PERSON CAN DO IT — LET'S NOT
BE BYSTANDERS**

Harmony Day - Poster Competition 2018

