



Shalom Adelaide

A Continent and a Friend

By Gerald M. Steinberg - Jerusalem Post 26/1/04

In an era of anti-American and anti-Israel political correctness Australia has become the leader of a counter-revolution based on morality and common sense. Instead of double-talk and double standards from much of the self-declared "international community," Australian leaders consistently say what they mean, and mean what they say. When the head of Sydney University's Peace Foundation emptied the concept of peace of any content by honoring Hanan Ashrawi, the PLO's star propagandist and leader in the demonization of Israel, officials noted the absurdity of the decision and stayed far away. The policies adopted and implemented by Prime Minister John Howard and Foreign Minister Alexander Downer – who is in Israel for an official visit – are characterized by a combination of backbone, courage and principle, which have paid off well for the Australian people. Canberra is now widely recognized as a leader in the response to terrorism and the restoration of international stability.

In sharp contrast to European politicians and diplomats whose policies on terrorism and the Middle East have been total failures, the Australians are increasingly welcomed as realistic and effective. Like the Bush administration and, on occasion, Tony Blair's Britain, the

Howard/Downer foreign policy recognizes the inherent immorality and transmission of weakness in even handed responses to terrorism and hatred. Australia has consistently avoided being caught in the demonization of Israel, joining a handful of countries in opposing the General Assembly resolution which asked the International Court of Justice to investigate Israel's separation barriers. In contrast, Canada and most of Europe took a carefully even handed and entirely unprincipled position by abstaining.

THESE POLICIES go beyond words and UN votes, and include a direct role in the war against terrorism. After el-Qaida's 9/11 terror attacks, Australia was one of the few countries that recognized the essential need to respond without political hesitation or ethical equivocation. In both Afghanistan and Iraq Australian forces showed an extraordinarily high degree of professionalism and dedication. Their special forces operating in the large desert regions of Western Iraq ensured the protection of Israel by prevented the launching of Scud missiles. And before the war that ousted Saddam Hussein and his regime, the Australian navy played a leading part in the effective enforcement of the sanctions regime.

Although critics have ridi-

culed the Australian government for acting as Washington's "deputy sheriff," these policies have been both principled and served Australia's national interest. Although Australia is a continent unto itself and its location in the Asia-Pacific is far from the insanity of the Middle East, there are many local sources of instability and threat. But in contrast to Europe's hand-wringing and ineffective policies in the Balkans, Australia acted with effectiveness to end conflicts and impose order in both East Timor and the Solomon Islands. Dismissing the criticism from Indonesia and others, Canberra sent troops to East Timor to end the violence and help the creation of an independent state and a new reality for its residents.

Where other countries only pay lip service to human rights, this Australian policy places the emphasis on reality, including the right to security against terror. The depth of the Australian commitment to universal human rights was clearly demonstrated in the case of the Iranian Jews arrested and tried in Iran. An Australian observer went from the embassy in Teheran to Shiraz in order to be present at the trial, letting the Iranian leadership know that its actions were being monitored and that Australia would not stay si-

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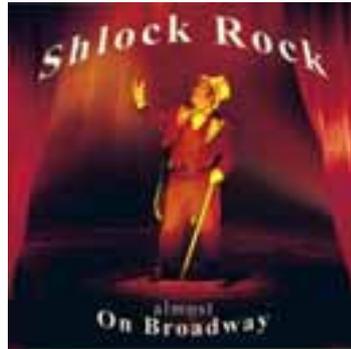
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lent. Such actions may have prevented the Iranian authorities from issuing death sentences. Recognition of the achievements created by this "both feet firmly planted on the ground" approach has also earned Australia the respect of many countries around the world. The government's critics warned that its very visible role and dispatch of troops to create stability in East Timor would lead to a crisis in relations with Indonesia and China. But instead of a crisis, China's leaders have gone out of their way to develop good relations with

Asia's other emerging regional power, and stepped up contracts to Australian firms in energy development and other areas.

Widening the focus to the global dimension, Australia has been elected unanimously to replace Libya as head of the UN Human Rights Commission, creating conditions for undoing the enormous damage caused by the politicization of this organization in the days of Mary Robinson and the infamous Durban conference on racism. This is an opportunity to reverse the

abuse of this and other human rights groups as frameworks for anti-Israel and anti-American propaganda.

For all these reasons, as well as steadily increasing trade with Israel and a firm rejection of anti-Semitism – old and new – Alexander Downer, Australia's foreign minister, deserves a very warm welcome in Jerusalem.

The writer is director of the program on conflict management and negotiation at Bar-Ilan University.



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The Adelaide Institute of Jewish Studies 2004 Offerings

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SHULHAN IVRIT: Share your lunchtime with fellow Hebrew speakers! Shulhan Ivrit ("Hebrew Table") meets the second Tuesday of each month, 12-1 pm. Eva Tuckfield, instructor

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SA Friends of the Hebrew University (Jerusalem)

President: Mrs. Pamela Mendels

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The details for the February meeting of the SA Friends of the Hebrew University are as follows.

Speaker:

Professor Alison Mackinnon.

Topic:

“The Challenge of Sustainable Societies”

Date and time:

Sunday, February 8th,
3.00 pm.

Venue:

the home of
Dr and Mrs A. Mendels.

Professor Mackinnon of the Education, Arts and Social Sciences Division of the University of South Australia is also the Foundation Director of the Hawke Institute, the research institute of the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre. Previously she held research posts at the Australian National University.

She has a University of Adelaide doctorate and an honorary doctorate of the University of Umea in Sweden. Her research and teaching interests, which have led to many book and journal publications, include changing patterns of family formation and relations between the sexes, population change, women's lives in contemporary and historical perspective, and both school and higher education.

Light refreshment will follow the talk and discussion.

There is no charge for members of the SA Friends of the Hebrew University. For non-members it is \$5.00, and concession holders \$2.00.

The University

The International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization announces a Workshop on

Hebrew Proficiency for University Teachers of Jewish Studies in Reading Academic Hebrew Texts, Jerusalem, 4-23 July 2004. The Workshop Director is: Prof. Steven Fassberg, Department of Hebrew Language, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Centre is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications to participate in a workshop designed for professors and advanced doctoral students in fields related to Jewish Studies who seek to improve their ability to read academic literature in modern Hebrew. The three-week workshop will take place in Jerusalem from Sunday July 4, 2004 through Thursday, July 23, 2004. Participants in the specially tailored workshop will improve their proficiency in the specific Hebrew terminology required in their field of teaching and research, thereby gaining better access to a larger body of sources and bibliography, both classical and current, which are available only in Hebrew. Spending three weeks in the academic environment of Jerusalem, the Hebrew University, the National Library, the Academy of the Hebrew Language, the Israel Museum, and many other institutions, will help achieve this goal

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thors of some of the articles will be invited to discuss their works with the students.

The intensive workshop is open to those who already read modern Hebrew and successfully pass a placement exam. The costs of accommodation, board, and travel to and from Israel are the responsibility of participants or their sponsoring institutions. Special rates for participants and accommodation in Jerusalem for the dates of the workshop have been arranged by the International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization. The fee for participation in the workshop is \$200. Interested applicants should submit the following:

A CV; A short statement of the candidate's specific research interests; and A description of the candidate's Hebrew language background.

**Applications may be sent by
e-mail, fax or post to:**

The International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Yitzhak Rabin Building for the World Center of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem 91905, ISRAEL.

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B'nai Brith



ART SPIEGELMAN: MAUS AND OTHER WORKS

an exhibition in the Migration Museum, Kintore Avenue

during Adelaide Bank 2004 Festival of Arts

27 February – 14 March 2004

Art Spiegelman has long been acknowledged as one of our era's foremost comic-book artists. In this exhibition from New York, he combines the traditional skill of a cartoonist with insights of contemporary psychology and history. In addition to works from Mad Magazine, Blasé, Raw Magazine and New Yorker are a number of pieces from his two volume work Maus.

The Boston Globe described Maus as a 'brutal moving work of art'. It is a twentieth century masterpiece which brought the horror of the Holocaust to mass audiences through the medium of cartoons. Through depicting the Nazis as cats and the Jews as mice, the work graphically illustrates the horror and inhumanity that can result from racism.

Maus is the story of Spiegelman's father Vladek, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe. The story moves between Poland and Rego Park, New York; juxtaposing the terrifying nightmare of Vladek's past the author's complex and "tortured relationship with the ageing father as they try to lead a normal life of minor arguments and passing visits against a backdrop of history too large to pacify".

Australian tour is organized by the Jewish Museum of Australia. With the effort of the Migration Museum, B'nai B'rith South Australia and with the sponsorship of the Adelaide Jewish Museum and the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce we were able to secure this exhibition for Adelaide.

B'nai B'rith South Australia is inviting the Adelaide Jewish Community to meet the Museum's Director Viv Szekeres and view the exhibition at 11 am on Sunday 29 February.

Please RSVP Migration Museum 82077570 by Monday 23 February 2004.



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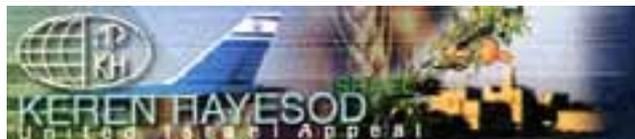


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Such a display of Jewish power struck some observers as the ideal way to consecrate a site where more than a million Jews were slaughtered during World War II. But the ceremony took place over the objections of the National Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Polish Institution located at the camps.

The controversy sparked further debate on how best to commemorate the Holocaust. The parameters however were set by the Israeli Government when they fixed the date to commemorate the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The implication was that in addition to mourning the death of everyone else, observers of the holiday should lament the victims' passivity. By extension, the holiday as currently conceived and scheduled serves as a justification for Zionism's creation of a new archetype: the Jew who takes responsibility for themselves and their brothers.

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WIZO South Australia wishes to advise that tickets in the WIZO Silktacular Lottery are still available from the WIZO office or any WIZO group.

The closing date for tickets sales has changed to Tuesday 6th April 2004.

The new draw date will be Wednesday 14th April 2004

New publication date will be Wednesday 21st April 2004

WIZO HIC

A Luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. Hilde Hines at 12:30 on Wednesday 4th February. All are welcome. Cost \$15.00 includes Bridge/Games to follow or relax - catch up with friends and meet some new ones.

RSVP Ph 83796030.

If transport is required please phone 83382320.

Refuah Sh'lema to our esteemed Co-President Mrs. Gogo Sulan-Schueler who we hope to have back among us ASAP with all her usual drive and enthusiasm! And thankyou to Mrs. Bessie Krell who keeps us on track so capably in Gogo's absence

Kidz for WIZO

Gaya Tish was born in Israel in 1995 in KIBUTZ NAAN and was 6 years old when she came to Australia. She is now 8 years old and she speaks, reads and writes in Hebrew and English.

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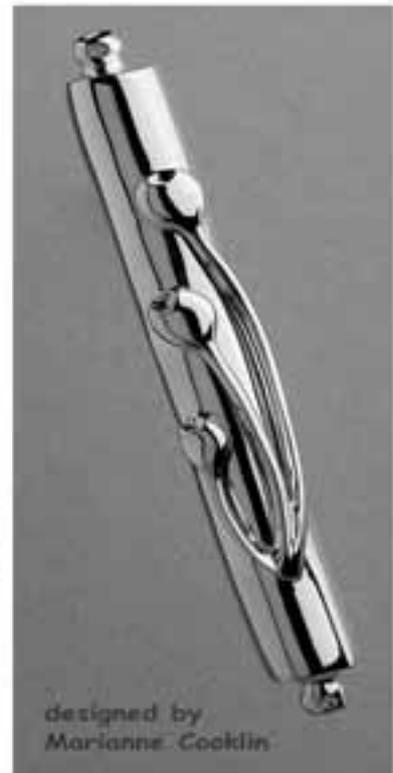
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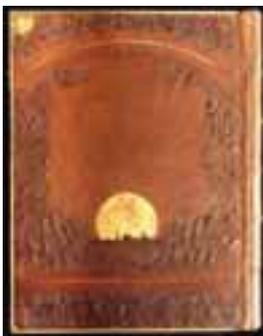
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It was on the 19th of Tevet, 5662 (December 29, 1901) that the Fifth Zionist Congress proclaimed the establishment of a Jewish national fund, namely: Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael.

On the 19th of Tevet 5764 (January 13, 2004), we mark 102 years since the founding of KKL.

By a rare coincidence, this date was already a festive occasion for the Land of Israel – it was on the same day in the year 5638 (1878) that the first furrow had been ploughed in Petach Tikva. The Day of the Furrow thus also became KKL Day. The same date, with a difference of 23 years, but one festival, the festival of the soil of the Land of Israel.

On the day on which KKL was founded, the first contributions were made by Yona (Johann) Kremenetzky, Binyamin Zeev (Theodor) Herzl and his assistant, David Wolffsohn, followed by all the participants at the Congress. The records of these contributions fill the first page of Volume One of the KKL Golden Book (below).



Since then, KKL has diligently responded to the many challenges of conserving and developing the Land for the sake of the Jewish People.

All the trees were created for man's enjoyment" (Midrash Breshit Rabbah XIII:2)

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As each year, this year, too thousands of school children immigrants, soldiers, young people and old will go to plant trees throughout Israel during the week of Tu Bishvat

The plantings will start with a Festive ceremony in Jerusalem, in the presence of Mr. Moshe Katzav, President of the State of Israel. Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael –JNF is the practical expression of the merger between the national vision of settling the land while making its wilderness flourish and improving the quality of life of the citizens of the State while conserving the quality of the environment.

In recent years, KKL-JNF has integrated into its traditional tasks of forestation and land development an additional task, namely: opening the forests and parks to the public and developing them for the welfare of the State's residents and future generations. The prominent example of this integration is the development of the Lake Hula Park, which is nearing completion at this time.

The lands of the Hula Valley had been an ecological hazard for years and were jeopardizing the quality of the water in the Sea of Galilee. They have been restored by KKL-JNF, which is currently developing there a unique tourist bird-watchers' park; the world has only a few such parks like it. In the migration season, visitors can observe millions of birds migrating between Africa and Europe, who rest up on their journey in the Hula Valley. The Park has observation points, walking paths and bicycle trails and was planned with an emphasis on preserving the environmental balance.

The many KKL-JNF projects are undertaken with your participation and assistance and that of world Jewry.

On Tu Bishvat, the New Year for Trees and the festival of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, we are sending from Jerusalem our thanks and warmest wishes for your ongoing partnership in the efforts to preserve, nurture and develop the Land.

Sincerely,

Yehiel Leket
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