



## WELCOME

It's fair to say that the last 12 months did not pan out the way we were hoping!

With COVID-19, our in-person launch had to be rescheduled, but more sadly the Year 10 Class of 2020 was unable to travel to Israel, and the Class of 2021 will unlikely be able to travel too.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has kept us busy working with the challenges being thrown our way.

We are still very much focused on our mission of subsidising the Year 10 Israel UJEB trips for students in non-Jewish schools.

Our additional challenge now is to ensure that those groups of Year 10 students that missed out on the trips are given an opportunity to visit Israel on an organised trip once international travel restarts.

In light of the events in the Middle East and the upsurge in global anti-semitism, it's important for Jewish students in non-Jewish schools to be connected, better understand Jewish history and the politics where it relates to Jews and Israel, and importantly have a strong sense of their Jewish identity.

Supporting Year 10 students in going to Israel, and making sure as many can go as possible, will provide them with their sense of Jewish self and make them more active members of our community in the future.

Ronn Bechler,  
President,  
Israel for Youth Foundation Inc.

## ACHIEVING TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

With the assistance of the JCCV (Jewish Communal Council of Victoria), we were excited to learn in February that our application for tax deductibility had been approved.

Israel for Youth Foundation has been accredited by CJES (The Council for Jewish Education in Schools) which is the entity providing tax deductibility for donations for Jewish education in schools and on University campuses.

## BUILDING OUR FUND

The Israel for Youth Foundation Inc. provides grants of up to \$5,000 to enable Jewish students from non Jewish schools in Vic, WA, NT, SA and Tas, to travel to Israel and discover its history, politics, religion, culture and spirituality.

Our goal is to provide financial support to families of children in non-Jewish schools so Year 10 students can have an Israel experience, and return home to become more active and engaged members of our community.

The establishment of the Israel for Youth Foundation was inspired by the achievements of Y2i (Youth to Israel) who support students in NSW, ACT and Qld to attend the BJE (NSW Board of Jewish Education) Year 10 Israel Trip - the same trip we support that is co-ordinated through UJEB (Victoria's United Jewish Education Board).

Over the last 18 months, we have been quietly growing our Endowment Fund, and are proud to share that our balance sheet has been steadily growing through the support of donors who share our vision for the long term.

If you would like to be part of this opportunity, please reach out to me or a member of our Board. All donations (above \$2) to the Israel for Youth Foundation are tax deductible.



# MEET OUR BOARD



**Ronn Bechler, President**

Ronn is the Founder & CEO of Market Eye, with over 25 years' capital markets experience.

He has been actively involved in the Jewish community, having been President of the Young Business Forum (AICC, Sydney), on the Mount Scopus School Council and various sub-committees, and more recently as a Director of JNF Australia and Vice-President of JNF Victoria.



**Sandra Jacobs, Secretary**

Sandra is the CEO of the Bennelong Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Melbourne based family office Bangarra Group. She is also the Founder & Chair of The Nappy Collective, a national charity supporting young families in crisis. She has held a number of NFP board positions including Vice President of Women in Finance (VIC) and the Tarrawarra Museum of Art.

Sandra is the proud mum to Lyla and Thomas who are currently students at Gardenvale Primary school.

**Bianca Burd**

Bianca is a Bialik College graduate and was a student in the School's maiden Year 10 Israel Program. Actively involved in the Jewish Community from a very young age, she was a participant in the AUJS Leadership Development Program and went on to become its National Vice President.

Bianca and husband, Dan, are vocal advocates in supporting more tourism to Israel, believing that strengthening the Diaspora's connection is an integral ingredient to a strong future.

Bianca has 20 years of experience in the Retail sector and currently advises to industry on growth opportunities and strategy. She is the mum of Moses and Ariella who both attend Mount Scopus.



**Michael Ostrobrski**

Michael is a strategic and results driven Operations Manager with a career spanning 20+ years; working with local and global corporations, across the Australian and European hospitality industry. Michael is a Wesley College graduate and is also a dad to Toby who attends Caulfield South Primary School, and Arielle who attends Buddies.



**Adam Carew**

Adam has vast experience in financial management, corporate governance, accounting, taxation, investment structuring and private equity investing. Currently CFO of Wingate.

Adam has also been involved in a range of community based organisations, including being a co-founder of the Maccabi Cycling Club, and board member of Stand Up (previously Jewish Aid Australia).

He is the proud father of Jackson and Hayden who attend King David School, and Blake who attends Caulfield South Primary School.



**Maxine Bechler**

Maxine's background is in education and human resources. Maxine was actively involved in the Scopus PA for many years. She is community minded and believes in the ever-growing need to provide opportunities to Australian Jewish teenagers who do not sit inside the Jewish day school system.

Married to Ronn, they are the proud parents of Ellie (who participated in the '17/18 Israel intake), Jonny who attends Caulfield Grammar, and Benji who is at Mount Scopus.



## PLANNING AHEAD

Many conversations have been taking place regarding the students who missed out on the Year 10 Israel Trip. This is in parallel with our counterparts at Y2i.

We all want to ensure that these students are given an opportunity to experience Israel, even if it might take place after high school.

When international travel restarts, there may be multiple groups of students travelling to Israel, so our Fund needs to be prepared for this possibility.

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## STAYING IN THE LOOP

If you know a family in the non Jewish high school system, they should join our database to be kept in the loop.

Please get them to contact us or sign up through our website by clicking [here](#).

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## CONTACT US

Want to shoot the breeze or ask questions?

Please call Ronn on 0400 009 774 or  
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### NICOLE GOODMAN

BRAND STRATEGIST & DESIGNER

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Audit • Property • Tax Consulting • Lending & Finance

Nicky Postan is a Principal at LDB Group and is our auditor. Thank you Nicky for supporting our charity!