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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Shalom Chaverot

We are halfway through October and thank G-d that our hostages are now back home with their families. We wait patiently for the release of the final remains of the last 16 hostages.

We have been working tirelessly in Queensland with our latest campaign Beit Pa'Amonim (House of Bells). This campaign is ongoing throughout 2025. It's not too late to make your donation to help babies and toddlers be placed with adoptive families.

We are so proud to announce that our membership campaign has grown from strength to strength. The Executive have been busy contacting potential members and organizing events with a great deal of success. Luana Goriss VP WIZO Qld continues to talk and write about the work of WIZO for Christian groups and publications, as well as online discussions about WIZO and Israel. Many have become members and donated.

On the 7th of November we will be having a Chanukah Card making day, to be held at the Gallery Rooftop in Broadbeach, hosted by Chris Jacobs. This will be a great opportunity to get together with some Christian ladies who are eager to connect with WIZO. Please contact us for more specific details.

J- Fest will be holding an event on the 16th of November from 10:00am at the RNA Showgrounds. This event is open to the public and we hope to get a great crowd. WIZO will have a stall and also helping on the Falafel Stall, so come and say hello! This event is open to the public and we hope to get a great crowd.

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With your generous donations, memberships and support, WIZO QLD has already far exceed our yearly quota by 30%, to send to our Project in Israel.

We have just been advised of the passing of Tova Ben-Dov (Hadani) nee Goldman, former Chairperson and President of World WIZO and Honorary Lifetime president. Tova was known by many of us for many years. Baruch Dayan Emet.

With warm WIZO greetings,

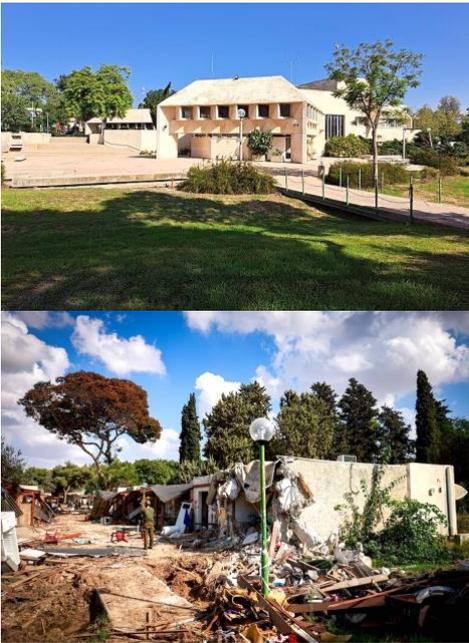
Sylvia Lipski

President WIZO Queensland

QUEENSLAND'S 2025 PROJECT

The Children of Sderot

Kibbutz Kfar Aza before and after
October 7, 2023.



On October 7, 2023, Hamas/Gaza attacked the Israeli town of Sderot, located just one kilometre from the Gaza border. A total of 45 rockets were fired on Sderot, killing 20 people.

Hamas and Gazan terrorists then launched a large scale massacre on the nearby Kfar Aza kibbutz. The IDF found beheaded children ranging from babies to toddlers, along with adults who had been dismembered and burned. In total, 71 were massacred and 17 taken hostage.

In August this year, we at WIZO Queensland (Australia) turned our attention to the dispossessed children of Sderot. Our Project focuses on newborns and toddlers and will work together with Beit Pa'amoniim (House of Bells), Israel's sole specialised transition facility that provides life-saving care and tailored care plans to enable transitions for the children to adoptive families.

DONATION TOWARD PROJECTS

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Children of Sderot

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October 7: The Blood, the Lies and the Betrayal That Followed

Ayaan Hirsi Ali

October 7, 2023, became the bloodiest day for Jews since the liberation of the camps. Hamas gunmen crossed into Israel and carried out atrocities so depraved that language can scarcely contain them. More than 1,200 people were executed. Mothers were raped before their children. Infants were murdered in their cribs. Young people were gunned down at a music festival. Another 253 men, women and children were dragged into captivity, vanishing into the tunnels beneath Gaza. The killers filmed themselves. They livestreamed their atrocities. One phoned home mid-massacre to tell his mother he had murdered ten Jews with his own hands. She praised God and told him she was proud.

This was not combat, but the deliberate killing of a people - a modern pogrom broadcast to the world.

Worse still was what came next - not in the Middle East, but in the cities and institutions of the West. Within days, the shock that had briefly united the democratic world began to fade into something far less certain. Governments that had rushed to express solidarity soon began to hedge. The language changed. Suddenly, there was talk of “context,” of “cycles of violence,” of “disproportionate response.” Those who had built entire careers condemning cruelty seemed blind to it when it butchered children and abducted grandmothers from their homes.

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The United Nations became a theatre of the absurd. In the two years following the massacre, the General Assembly passed resolution after resolution condemning Israel, while Hamas - the orchestrator of mass murder - escaped a single word of censure.

American and European universities revealed themselves as incubators of hatred dressed in academic language. At Harvard, student groups issued statements holding Israel responsible for the violence inflicted upon it. At Oxford, protesters waved the green flags of Hamas and described the slaughter as liberation. Marches swept through the streets of Western cities. The chant, “From the river to the sea,” echoed across London, New York and Paris. Everyone understood its meaning: the erasure of Israel, the elimination of its people. Yet intellectuals insisted it was merely a cry for freedom.

The numbers tell a different story. In the United States, antisemitic incidents rose by more than three hundred percent in the months after October 7. In Britain, over two thousand anti-Jewish hate crimes were recorded, shattering every previous record. Synagogues in Germany required armed guards. In France, Jews were

assaulted in broad daylight. The veneer of tolerance—thin to begin with—had finally split. Antisemitism had not returned; it had merely shed its disguise.

Israel was left with no choice but to fight. The alternative was to accept Hamas rule over Gaza indefinitely. To accept that Jewish children would grow up within range of rockets, and that another October 7 was only a matter of time. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) began the daunting task of dismantling the infrastructure of terror. More than four hundred miles of tunnels - dug with international aid money - snaked beneath hospitals, schools and apartment buildings. Israel struck over thirty thousand military targets, crippling Hamas command centers and weapons depots.

None of this mattered to Western critics. In their telling, Israel remained the villain and Hamas the victim. Calls for a ceasefire proliferated, as if coexistence could be negotiated with those who see compromise as defeat. The question left unasked was this: how can a ceasefire preserve peace when it also preserves those devoted to your extermination?

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Hamas understood something vital about modern warfare: battles are fought not only with bullets but with stories. It learned to weaponize suffering, knowing that Western audiences would respond with emotion before reason. Research later revealed that more than seventy percent of the viral content about Gaza circulating in the weeks after October 7 was false or distorted, showing how deception had become its most reliable strategy. Hamas knew that in an age of instant outrage, truth counts for

less than narrative and that compassion, when stripped of judgment, can be easily swayed.

October 7 did not invent antisemitism. It merely exposed how close to the surface it remained. Jews in Sydney, Berlin and New York discovered that acceptance was conditional. The new antisemitism arrives wearing different clothes: the academic's tweed, the activist's keffiyeh, the journalist's byline. But its essence is ancient - the belief that Jewish blood is cheap, that Jewish suffering is secondary, that Jewish survival is still subject to permission.

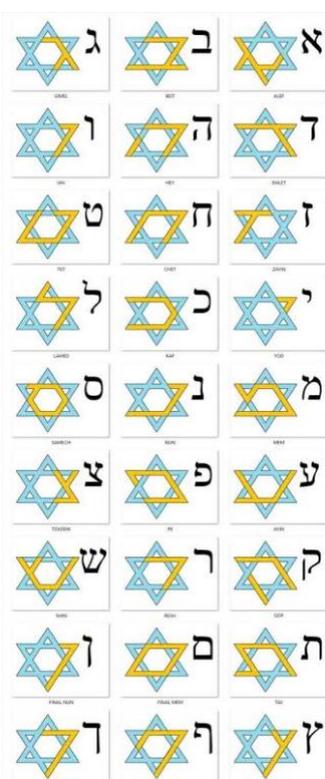
Heads of state who only two years ago walked through the ruins of the kibbutzim and the music festival, who saw the blood on the walls and the ashes of tents, soon softened their words. The vows of unconditional support they made amid the smoke of slaughter were quietly qualified within weeks. What began as solidarity soon dissolved into hesitation. The same delusions that have long haunted Western diplomacy re-emerged. In foreign ministries and conference halls, diplomats once again reached for the old formulas, speaking of 'two-state solutions'. Australia, Britain, France, and other European nations went even further by recognizing a Palestinian state and thereby granting legitimacy to terror.

We must stand with Israel. Not because it is flawless, but because its survival safeguards the very idea of order and conscience in the world. When Israel stands, it affirms that decency is worth defending, that human life is not expendable. If it falls, the darkness that follows will not stop at her borders.

The Magen David - Shield of David

Luana Goriss

In an attempt to delegitimize the modern Jewish nation and disconnect it from Biblical Israel, anti-Jewish conspiracy theorists claim that the Magen David (lit: Shield of David) is associated with ancient Babylonian pagan rituals. They say the six-pointed star historically represents the occult, magic and sorcery and that in the 1800s it was adopted as the symbol for the Zionist cause and exhibited on the flag of Israel. The Magen David is far from that, rather, having its roots in deep Jewish symbolism.



The Star of David is believed to have been displayed on King David’s shield (*magen*). We don’t know why David used this symbol, but he was undoubtedly aware of the ‘hidden’ meanings in the Torah as he says in Psalms: “Uncover my eyes and I shall look at hidden things from Your Torah.” Psalm 119:18.

David may have known that the entire Hebrew *Alefbet* is hidden in the Magen David, the total sum of the Hebrew language - the language of creation – a powerful force in itself with which to go to war.

The Magen David is not just a recent symbol adopted by Jews and the State of Israel. The first archeologic trace of the Magen David was in the ruins of an Herodian building in Bet-El, Israel, dating to 300 B.C.E. The Magen David can also be seen in the ruins of a 2nd century C.E. synagogue in *Kfar Nahum* and in another synagogues in Judea during the Byzantine era. In the following centuries, many Jewish communities adopted the Magen David as a Jewish symbol.

LAUGHTER... THE BEST MEDICINE

He who laughs last, didn't get it

The wealthy Morty Greenbaum shows up at the country club with his new wife, a beautiful woman half his age.

His buddies are very impressed and later they ask him how he got such a gorgeous young wife.

“I lied about my age,” Morty confesses.

They ask, “Did you tell her you were fifty?”

“No,” replies Morty. “I told her I was ninety.”

Max Goldberg goes to see his cardiologist. The doctor examines him and then tells Max he'd like to speak to Mrs. Goldberg privately. So Max leaves the room and his wife comes in. The doctor tells her, “Mrs. Goldberg, your husband's condition is extremely serious. It is exacerbated by stress so you must do everything you can to eliminate stress from Max's life. When he gets up every morning, make his favourite breakfast and bring it to him in bed. Give him a hug and a kiss on his way out the door and call him at work to tell him how great he is. When he comes home in the evening, have his slippers and a delicious dinner waiting for him. Give him whatever he wants in the bedroom and act sweet to him at all times. If you do this, Max can live another twenty years.”

Mrs. Goldberg nods along, then leaves the office and gets in the car, where Max worriedly asks her what the doctor said. Mrs. Goldberg responds, “You're going to die.”

LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH WIZO

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT YOUR LEGACY WILL BE?

It goes without saying that family comes first, but imagine being able to help future generations in Israel with a bequest to WIZO.

For over 90 years WIZO has been blessed with the philanthropic gestures of supporters from all over the world. This has enabled us to invest in projects that truly support the people of Israel who need our help.

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU GIVE?

No matter how big or small, any bequest to WIZO is vital and greatly appreciated. There are a few ways in which you can approach your personal bequest and these include:

-  Leaving a **lump sum** of your choice to WIZO.
-  Choosing to leave a **percentage** bequest.
-  Giving a percentage of your **estate**.
-  Donating cash, bonds, stocks, real estate and tangible personal property such as art or antiques.
-  Assigning life insurance designating WIZO as one of your beneficiaries.



HOW DO YOU LEAVE A LEGACY?

Including WIZO as a beneficiary in your will is surprisingly simple. Ask your lawyer to ensure that your will or trust directs a bequest to WIZO for the purpose you specify.

Contact Sylvia Lispki for a Bequest Form
sylvialipski@gmail.com 0417 788 449

HOW WILL YOUR LEGACY BE USED?

You can either specify a Project to which you would like to direct your bequest or direct WIZO to apply its discretion, ensuring that your funds are used to support the most urgent needs as they arise.





Israel ישראל News

Prime Minister of Israel – 22 October 2025

The Government and the entire establishment for the missing and the captives of the State of Israel are determined, committed and working tirelessly to return all of our deceased hostages for proper burial in their country.

The Hamas terrorist organization is required to uphold its commitments to the mediators and return them as part of the implementation of the agreement. We will not compromise on this and will spare no effort until we return all of the deceased hostages, every last one of them.

As of October 22, 2025, following the Gaza ceasefire agreement implemented on October 13, 2025, Hamas has returned the bodies of 15 deceased Israeli hostages out of the 28 whose remains were still held in Gaza at the start of the truce. This leaves 13 deceased hostages' bodies unreturned.

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Drop off your empty containers, including wine
bottles
and donate your refund to WIZO.



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RECENT EVENTS

BRISBANE – WE WILL DANCE AGAIN



A Message to Christian Zionists

Adapted from the work of: Rev. Malcolm Hedding, ICEJ Executive Director-Emeritus

Since the birth of the State of Israel in 1948, the theological error known as 'Replacement Theology' has begun to decline and a theology of Christian Zionism that understands the importance of God's everlasting covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the nation he would birth through them, is increasing.

Today tens of thousands of Christians have a committed belief in the importance of standing with Israel and blessing the Jewish people in line with Genesis 12:3 - "I will bless those who bless you and I will curse those who curse you and in you, all the families of the earth will be blessed."

However, just as the term 'Zionism' has been turned into a negative word by Israel's enemies, 'Christian Zionism' is also under attack and often misrepresented in the media and in much public discourse.

Christian Zionists

If Zionism is the belief in the Jewish people's right to return to their homeland, then a Christian Zionist should simply be defined as a Christian who supports the Jewish people's right to return to their homeland. Under this broad and simple definition, many Christians would qualify no matter what the reasons are for their support. Just as Jews of all persuasions formed the Zionist movement, then Christians of all persuasion can also fall within this broad definition of a Christian Zionist.

Theology of Christian Zionism

The actual theology of Christian Zionism supports the right of the Jewish people to return to their homeland on scriptural grounds. The biblical foundation for Christian Zionism is found in God's Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was in this covenant that God chose their descendants to birth a nation through which He could redeem the world. To accomplish this, He bequeathed them a land in which they could exist as His chosen nation.

Christian Zionism teaches that God's covenant is still valid today. There remains a national destiny over the Jewish people, and their national homeland is their everlasting possession in fulfilment of God's plans and purposes for her. The New Testament not only affirms the Abrahamic covenant with the Jewish people but also confirms the historical mission of Israel and that Israel's gifts and calling are irrevocable.

BECOME A MEMBER OF WIZO QUEENSLAND

By becoming a member of WIZO QLD, you become part of 250,000 Zionist women worldwide. In Israel, WIZO has the highest rating for accountability among charitable organizations. We support one out of four Israel citizens and are the NUMBER ONE welfare agency, after the Israeli Government.

For a mere \$40.00 per year, you can stay connected with all that is going on in WIZO Queensland. You will also receive our Queensland Newsletter, which you are reading right now, every two months. The Newsletter, as you can see, is filled with upcoming events, articles, photos and everything that goes on in the world of WIZO and current Israel news.

You can become a member through this link: <https://square.link/u/80Ai7eHo>

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