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## News from the NZ Desk

### ■ Bryce Turner New Zealand Executive Director

Kia ora koutou, thank you so much for joining us in this edition of ReflectioNZ, the newsletter of Christians for Israel New Zealand. This is where we share with you our news and information of interest here in New Zealand, and we really appreciate the time you take to read it and support us in this work.

#### Did you miss us?

The especially observant ones amongst you will have noticed that we skipped the last issue of ReflectioNZ. This wasn't anything dramatic, simply that... well... we were so flat out doing the work we ran out of time to write about it! There was a very challenging time with a mad scramble to reschedule meetings when our president Rev Willem Glashouwer took ill and was unable to travel – thank you to those who have been praying for him. He has had a brief operation and is now well on his way back to health. We were very encouraged, however, when our International Executive Director Rev Cornelis Kant visited. We had also been intently studying the political scene in Israel, but even after the second elections of the year it still seems to be anyone's guess just what the Israeli government is going to look like for the next few years.



View from Mitzpe Ramon into the Negev Desert | Photo: pxhere

#### Have you been to Israel?

We are looking forward with great anticipation to our next Christians for Israel NZ Israel Study Tour, supported by Rhema Media. Departing 21 February 2020, this will again deliver a life-changing experience for a group of New Zealanders. There are still a few spaces left on the next tour, so if you or someone you know has been thinking about exploring the Holy Land, check out the promotion later in this newsletter. Time after time we hear back from those who have toured with us, about just what an inspiring and powerful experience they have had in Israel. We'd love to have you with us in 2020!

#### Thank you!

I would really like to offer my thanks to those wonderful people who continue to support the various projects we sponsor. It is a great privilege to forward those funds,

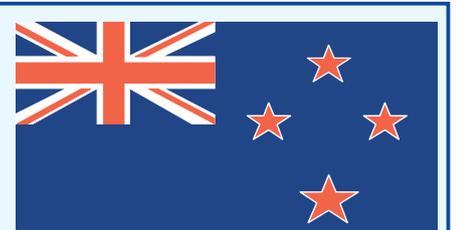
and I know it is hugely encouraging to know we are supporting them from all the way down here in New Zealand.

Special thanks also to those who have contributed towards our own ministry costs. As we have shared in previous newsletters and in Israel and Christians Today, Christians for Israel New Zealand is working through the reality of increasing costs. To continue making the Israel and Christians Today paper – our main resource tool, with a growing circulation of approximately 8000 now - available free of charge, we are having to contend with ever-increasing costs in production, paper, printing, and of course postage. This is a huge challenge at the moment for our small team, but we are very grateful for your continued support and prayer as we share the true, biblical understanding of Israel. Thank you for joining us in support of Israel.



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## Jewish Kitchen

### Kreplach: Jewish Dumplings



*Kreplach*, eaten the day before Yom Kippur, symbolises the kindness, mercy and protection of God, all enveloped as one – as the meat is enveloped within the dough.

#### Ingredients - For the dough:

2 C all-purpose flour  
 ¾ tsp salt  
 3 large eggs, beaten  
 3 T cold water

#### For the meat filling:

2 T vegetable oil  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 1 clove garlic, finely chopped (optional)  
 3 cups chopped, cooked beef  
 1 large egg  
 1 tsp paprika  
 salt and black pepper to taste  
 Chicken soup to serve

#### Directions - To make the dough:

Place flour, salt and eggs in a food processor, gradually add just enough water for the dough to form a ball. Wrap dough in plastic wrap, let it rest for at least one hour.

**To make the filling:** Sauté onion and garlic over medium heat for 2-3 minutes or until softened. Place meat in a bowl, add onion, garlic, egg, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Roll dough, a portion at a time, on a floured surface until dough is thin (less than 3mm). Cut dough into 7cm squares.

Place heaped teaspoon of filling in the center of each square. Fold the dough over the filling to make a triangle. Pinch the dough together to seal the edges (or wet two sides of the square).

Cook in a pot of boiling water for 15 minutes, or until tender. To serve, place the kreplach in chicken soup and cook for 4-5 minutes or shallow fry.

# National Party MPs Call for Moving Embassy to Israel



Simon O'Connor



Todd McClay

## ■ Dr David Cumin

Director | Israel Institute of New Zealand

Two New Zealand National Party Members Parliament have challenged the government to move the Israeli embassy from Turkey to Israel.

Todd McClay, a former ambassador for the Cook Islands and Niue to the European Union and current National Party spokesperson for Trade, spoke first. Simon O'Connor, Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, spoke immediately following. Both speeches were part of the Estimates Debate – External Sector.

Both National MPs mentioned recent discussions at the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee involving Israel. The committee discussed the error by Immigration New Zealand that wiped Israel off the map, with Mr McClay saying “There could be many reasons why this happened; none of them are good reasons, none of them are acceptable.”

Mr McClay also acknowledged the ‘forthright’ apology from the Minister over the incident. Both MPs also mentioned discussion in the committee around where New Zealand’s embassy to Israel is based. Mr McClay said “It is time that we made sure that all across Government in New Zealand they are clear on New Zealand’s position on Israel and Palestine and the Middle East. Actually, it is time for the Government to make a decision that the embassy that looks after the State of Israel, the independent State of Israel, is no longer in Turkey, it is Israel. The Opposition would

support that. That would be a very good use of money.”

This sentiment was also endorsed by Mr O'Connor, who said “I’ve called for a while as well that New Zealand should be relooking at how it does its diplomatic relations with Israel, notably that we should not be having those relationships out of Ankara. That’s not needed. In fact, it arguably is the wrong symbolism — would certainly encourage New Zealand, as we did in the discussion with the Minister, to relook at how it does its diplomacy in that regard. Personally, I’d like to see it in Israel; just as Israel’s shown us respect by having its ambassador here. We should be looking to have [ours] in Israel.”

As well as a mark of respect, it would also likely relieve the ambassador posted to the embassy in Ankara, Turkey. Ms Wendy Hinton currently has that role and is accredited to Azerbaijan, Israel, Jordan, Turkey. Turkey and Jordan have diplomatic relations with Israel but they are not strong. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan recently said “Whoever is on the side of Israel, let everyone know that we are against them,”

The Israel Institute of New Zealand has previously suggested that the New Zealand ambassador be based in Jerusalem. This would send two strong signals: that the relationship is valued and important; and that New Zealand understands that Jerusalem is Israel’s capital.

We applaud the speeches of Mr McClay and Mr O'Connor and hope the discussion continues in good faith.

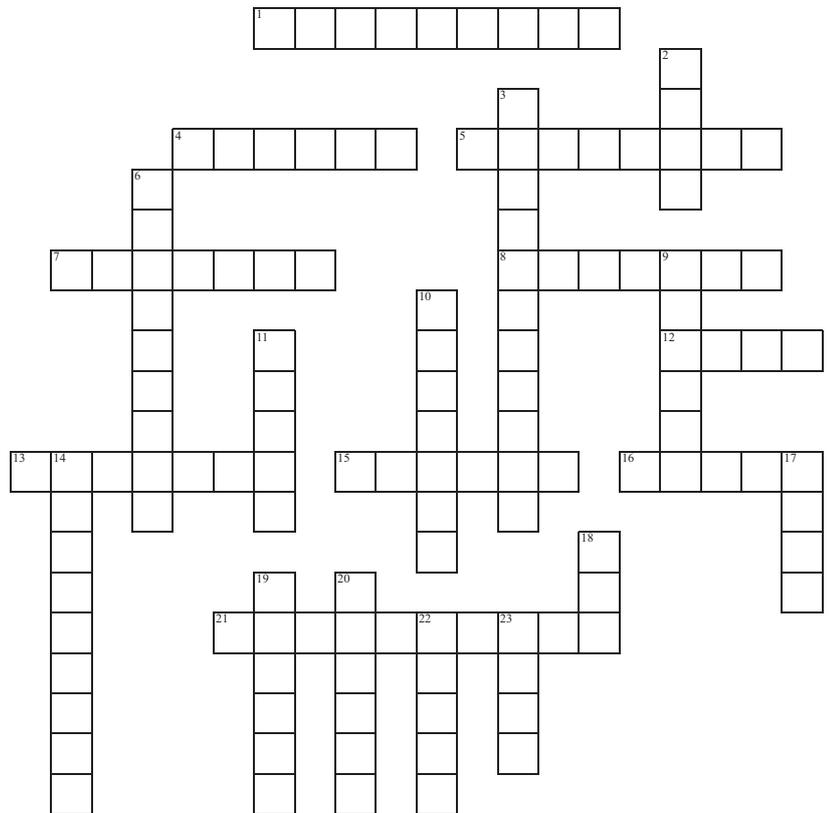
## Extras for Experts

### ACROSS

1. The holiest day of the year in Judaism
4. He was given strength from his long hair
5. I will be your God, you will be my people
7. He was ordered by God to sacrifice his son Isaac
8. A native or inhabitant of Israel
12. First king of Israel
13. She was the wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob
15. He anointed Saul as the first king of Israelites
16. This person was a appointed king
21. Garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives

### DOWN

2. This symbolises his ark and a rainbow
3. Where Jesus was baptised
6. The political and religious center of the Jewish people
9. Who was Israel's last king?
10. He made the construction of the Temple
11. Abraham's son
14. This Sacrament is the 'source and summit' of Christian life
17. The sea where you can float
18. She was made from Adam's ribs
19. What language is mostly spoken in Israel?
20. The name of Israel's currency
22. The first empire to enslave the Israelite people
23. This man was first created in the book of Genesis



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# Community

## Women of Influence



Inge Woolf, who is a Holocaust Survivor, has been named as a finalist in the prestigious Women of Influence Awards in

the 'Community Hero' category. She has been selected for her inspiring work with the Holocaust Centre, as well as other volunteer community work.

In 2004 a Jewish prayer house burnt down and nearly 100 Jewish graves desecrated in Makara, Wellington. This sparked Woolf into action. With a group of committed volunteers, she was determined to combat racism and antisemitism and to teach tolerance and understanding. She says: "I knew I could use my experience as a Holocaust survivor for good."

The Wellington Holocaust Research and Education Centre was formed, which quickly became the national organisation, the Holocaust Centre of New Zealand. Woolf was the founding director and also held the role of chair during its early years. She says the HCNZ continues the work they started.

Woolf was born in 1934 in Vienna, Austria. In 1938, with her family, she fled Vienna. She came to New Zealand in December 1957.



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Escorted by Bryce and Eleanor Turner, and Graham Simpson of Christians for Israel NZ



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