

# ReflectionNZ

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Meet

## Our NZ Team

Introducing: Cathy Coldicutt



Cathy is the Managing Editor of *Israel & Christians Today* newspaper, both international and national, and is part of the Editorial Team. It is Cathy's role to coordinate and

collate the articles, then design the newspaper in keeping with the Christians for Israel International guidelines. Cathy also manages the *ReflectionNZ* newsletter, ensuring the content is current and relevant to our New Zealand readers.

Cathy also manages our website, [www.c4israel.org.nz](http://www.c4israel.org.nz) ensuring global Christians for Israel news is updated weekly. She has recently added online newspaper and newsletter subscription forms, as well as a donation page.

She is blessed with a great sense of humour and relates easily to people of all ages and is a person of the highest integrity. Cathy and her partner, Colin live in Auckland with their beautiful 12-year-old daughter, Jade.

## News from New Zealand

By Bryce Turner, New Zealand National Executive Director

Welcome to our latest edition of ReflectionNZ, the newsletter of Christians for Israel New Zealand. Since our last newsletter it feels like so much has happened. The election has had people talking all over the country, some in great fear of what the future will bring under this new coalition government. I am reminded of the verse in *Timothy 2:2* that commands us to pray for those who are put in authority over us.

My family and I were privileged recently to take part in a Passover meal. During what was a wonderful, informative evening – thanks to the Slavic Gospel Association and Celebrate Messiah – I was reminded of how so much of the tradition and history of the Passover meal has remained essentially unchanged over thousands of years. As the meal brings people together to remember the events of the Passover, when Moses led God's people out of slavery in Egypt, you can reflect on the many centuries since; centuries of change, of joy and of suffering, of war and of peace. Through all this, however, the Passover meal has remained basically the same. This has just a little extra meaning for me this year as we ponder our country's new government. It reminds me to stop and take a breath, to realise that in a few years time we will probably wonder what all the fuss was about, and to realise that God is still in charge! Let us pray for our government, that they would be mindful of God's direction in the decisions they make – whether they know it or not!

As I write this, I am saddened to see the fantastic achievements of the Israeli Judo team, two of whom have just won gold medals at the Abu Dhabi Judo Grand Slam. I am saddened because they were denied the right to wear their country's uniform, to fly the Israeli flag, or even to have their own anthem played at the medal ceremony. We must continue to pray for our Israeli brothers and sisters, as they face anti-Semitism in so many ways, even on the sports field. Please pray that our government would continue to build relations with Israel, that our diplomats would have the courage to speak up when such blatant discrimination is evident. Thank you for taking the time to join us, in support of Israel.

## Update from the Office

By Cathy Eksteen, Office and Administration Manager

It's been super busy here at the office; I cannot believe that two months have flown by so quickly since our last newsletter, and we're now producing our third! My children have also reminded me that it's now only two months until Christmas!

Our beautiful celebratory 'Jerusalem' magazines have finally arrived. Those of you who ordered your limited edition copy should have received it by now; if not, please contact me. If you'd like to order one, I still have some left. They're \$25 (including p&p), so please be quick before you miss out.

Aliyah support has been incredible, and I'm still working on getting those certificates out as well as the continuous updating of our accounts processing system, but not long to go now.

New subscriptions for the newspaper have also increased! If you know of friends, family, churches or groups that would like a copy of our *Israel and Christians Today* newspaper, feel free to contact us. Thank you all again for your generous giving and support, I'm continually humbled and privileged to be a part of this work.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

The office will be closed  
Friday 22 December 2017  
to Monday 15 January 2018

**NB: The next newsletter  
will be March 2018**

## Jewish Kitchen

### Potato Latkes



Kids think Hanukkah is all about the presents, but adults know it's really about the latkes. These little potato pancakes are fried in oil to commemorate (one of) the ancient Hanukkah miracles:

*After the Jews won their rebellion against their Syrian rulers in 164 BCE, they found their holy temple had been desecrated. They only had enough untainted olive oil to light the menorah for one day, but miraculously, the candles stayed lit for eight days, giving them time to restock their supply.*

So in honour of that oil, Jews deep fry. Serve the latkes with applesauce, sour cream, or cranberry applesauce.

#### Ingredients:

3 large potatoes, peeled and grated  
1 small onion, grated  
3 eggs  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
½ cup vegetable oil

#### Instructions:

Place the potatoes and onion into a bowl, and stir in eggs, salt, and flour as needed to make the mixture hold together. With wet hands, scoop up about ⅓ cup of the mixture per patty, and form into flat round or oval shapes.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat until it shimmers, and gently place the patties into the hot oil. Fry until the bottoms are golden brown and crisp, 5 to 8 minutes, then flip with a spatula and fry the other side until golden.

Line a colander or strainer with 2 paper towels, and drain the cooked latkes.

Serve hot.

### What's Happening?

## US and Israel Leave UNESCO Citing Bias

Courtesy of Israel Institute of New Zealand

On 17 October 2017, the United States announced it would withdraw from the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) because of *"mounting arrears at UNESCO, the need for fundamental reform in the organisation, and continuing anti-Israel bias."*

Shortly after the US

announcement, Israel issued a statement that it would also leave the UN body, saying UNESCO had *"become a theatre of absurd. Instead of preserving history, it distorts it."*

UNESCO has had a long history of anti-Israel bias and anti-democratic politicisation of its stated mission to coordinate international cooperation in education, science, culture and communication. UN watch director, Hillel Neuer, explained some of the reasons the US withdrew from the organisation:

*"Between 2009-2014, UNESCO adopted 46 resolutions against Israel; one on Syria; and zero on Iran, Sudan, North Korea, or any other country in the world. UNESCO paid tribute to mass murderer Che Guevara, elected Syria to its human rights committee, and created prizes named after the dictators of Bahrain and Equatorial Guinea, whose ruler Obiang says God empowered him to kill whomever he wants. UNESCO has a noble founding mission, but that has been completely hijacked by the world's worst tyrannies and supporters of terror."*

This is not the first time that the United States has taken a stand against UNESCO. In 1984, the United States withdrew because of a pro-Soviet Union bias within the organisation. Only in 2002 did the George W. Bush administration decide to rejoin in an effort to build cooperation. In 2011, when UNESCO accepted Palestine as a full member, the Obama administration stopped the US \$80m annual budget in protest.

Following an absurd UNESCO resolution in October 2016, which denied Jewish ties to the region's holy sites, Israel suspended ties to the morally bankrupt organisation.

That 2016 vote garnered outrage from Australia's Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop, who called the resolution *"Highly politicised, unbalanced and provocative"* – an unusual political move as Australia was not a voting member. Also unusually, The UNESCO Director-General expressed criticism of the resolution saying *"To deny, conceal or erase any of the Jewish, Christian or Muslim traditions undermines the integrity of the site and runs counter to the reasons that justified its inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage list."*

The Mexican ambassador also took an unprecedented step and refused to obey instructions from Mexico City to vote for the Arab-drafted resolution. For this, he was awarded the 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award, and he lost his job. Despite the protests, the resolution passed.

UNESCO's executive board ratified the contentious resolution in May this year, calling Israel an *"occupying power"* in its capital, and perversely accusing Israel of planting *"Jewish fake graves"*. Then, in June this year, UNESCO took a vote to deny Jewish ties to Hebron.

It is a great shame that an organisation with worthy goals can be taken over by undemocratic nations and used as a tool for political ends. It is unsurprising that Israel is targeted just as Jews have been targeted for millennia. UNESCO New Zealand has so far refused to comment on any of the biased resolutions or the withdrawal of the United States and Israel.

In recent decades, New Zealand has tended to promote liberal democratic values in most major foreign policy issues. The decision by other liberal democracies – most notably the United States, Israel and Australia – to react to rising anti-Semitism in UNESCO could force New Zealand to confront its own position on the UN body. Because of the anti-Israeli sentiment that has become more overt in UNESCO, our continued association with that body could represent guilt by association.



UNESCO headquarters, Paris

### Reader Giveaway

If you have a favourite Jewish recipe, send it to us at [newspaper@cjisrael.org](mailto:newspaper@cjisrael.org).

If your recipe gets published in the March 2018 issue, we'll send you a FREE Jerusalem Collector's Item magazine (RRP \$25).

## Events Around

**New Zealand**  
November 2017

New Zealand Premiere

Join the Zionist Federation of NZ and  
Ebenezer Emergency Fund NZ**WELLINGTON - Tuesday**  
**7 November @ 7pm**Beehive Theatre  
Parliament Buildings, WellingtonTickets: Adults **\$10** Youth & Students **\$5**

Registration is required for security purposes.

Register: Richard and France Brader,  
Ph: 04 472 9284 | erichfrance@actrix.gen.nz**\* LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE \****Please note the location is subject to change.*

Join the NZ Friends of Israel Assoc.

**CHRISTCHURCH - Sunday**  
**12 November @ 2pm**Harmony Church  
220 Antigua St, ChristchurchTickets: Adults **\$10** Youth & Students **\$5**

The Holocaust Centre of NZ invites you to an evening of Chamber Music hosted by Inbal Megiddo &amp; Donald Maurice, with performances by NZ Symphony Orchestra, NZ School of Music and the Druz'ya Quartet.

**KRISTALLNACHT CONCERT****WELLINGTON - Thursday**  
**9 November @ 6.30pm**St. James Theatre  
87/77 Courtenay Pl, Te Aro, Wellington*They have put together an excellent selection of music written in ghettos, concentration camps and post-war. Pieces include the Ballad of Mauthausen and a Jazz tribute to Coco Schumann, one of the founding members of the Ghetto Swingers jazz group formed within Theresienstadt concentration camp. Some pieces performed will be NZ premieres.***FREE EVENT ADVERTISING**Advertise your event **FREE** on our website, newspaper and newsletter. Email it to Cathy Coldicutt: [newspaper@c4israel.org](mailto:newspaper@c4israel.org) or complete the form on our website. Include event, location, date and time.**FREE NEWSLETTER**Sign up to our bi-monthly newsletter on our website or email Cathy Eksteen: [info@c4israel.org.nz](mailto:info@c4israel.org.nz). Include name, address, phone and you'd prefer email or post. Historic issues available on website.

## Latest News

**NZ, Israeli Officials Negotiate Innovation Funding Agreement**

The New Zealand and Israeli governments may sign an innovation agreement that would see technology firms from both countries fast-tracked to receive funding from their respective government grants agencies.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) international relationships manager Simon Rae confirmed a deal was moving closer. He said the agreement would encourage companies and universities from both countries to share research, information and possibly join ventures that both governments would help pay for.

"The agreement would support cooperation on innovation and research and development between firms in New Zealand and Israel," Rae said. "This could mean funding through existing New Zealand government grant mechanisms." He said the terms of the agreement were still being discussed but no extra taxpayer money would be set aside for the deal.

The same processes that already exist to get funding from grants agency Callaghan Innovation would apply for New Zealand companies or entrepreneurs working with Israeli counterparts, he said.

But companies working with Israel could be given priority to access government funding under the agreement.

Taxpayer's Union executive director Jordan Williams said prioritising companies which

were working with Israel would be an example of politics corrupting objective decision-making.

"Should we encourage cooperation between companies and other countries? Yes. Should the Government use taxpayer money to prioritise companies that do? No."

Rae said the New Zealand government would not fund Israeli companies or entrepreneurs. Its own government and likely its own grants agency the National Innovation Authority would fund them, he said.

Innovation Minister Paul Goldsmith said the agreement would enable a "range of cooperative activities" between New Zealand and Israel. He confirmed its main purpose was to "facilitate research and development collaboration" between the two countries.

The genesis for an agreement was a visit by 50 business leaders to Israel last year. Another New Zealand business delegation is set to visit Israel this month. Rae said officials from New Zealand and Israel had "made substantial progress in negotiating the text of the agreement" since 2016, but it had not yet finalised.

The Embassy of Israel in New Zealand was approached for comment but could not be reached because it was the second day of the week-long annual Jewish celebration Sukkot when work is deemed forbidden.



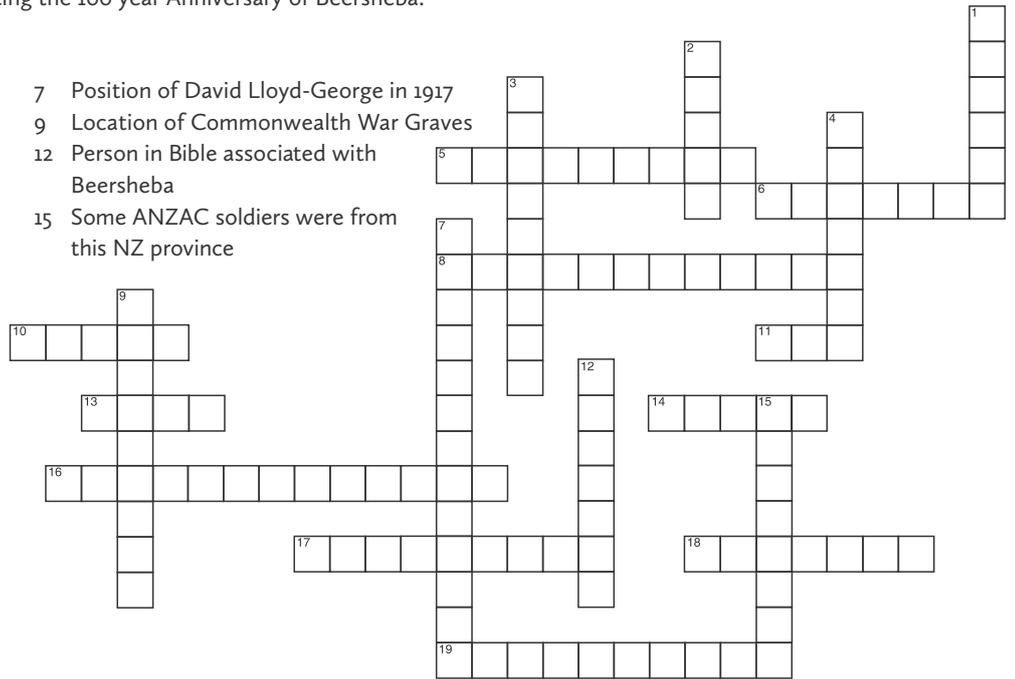
- For the office team, especially Cathy Eksteen, who are nearly through a huge system upgrade to help us process our communications and donor information more efficiently.
- For the Christians for Israel South Pacific Training Forum beginning 3 November 2017. Our International Executive Director Mr Andrew Tucker is coming over from Holland to lead the forum. Whilst here he will also be holding some strategic meetings with diplomats, politicians and other key people, in his other capacity as an international lawyer. Andrew works as legal counsel for the European Coalition for Israel and the new thinc. project. May this be a productive and powerful time, and may our delegates be safe as they travel.
- For our new Government; as it is sworn in and parliament gets underway. May our representatives be wise and discerning, and prepared to further develop our relationship with Israel in spite of international misinformation.
- For those who have travelled to Israel – especially from New Zealand and Australia – to the BeerSheba, Ayun Kara and Balfour centennial celebrations. May they be safe, and enjoy the special relationship we have with Israel in commemorating these events.

# Extra for Experts - Test your Biblical Knowledge

Have a go at our Biblical crossword, celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of Beersheba.

## ACROSS

- 5 New Zealand soldiers also fought here  
6 A mosquito-borne infectious disease  
8 New Zealand established a camp here  
10 Problematic Insects for the troops  
11 Month that Israel became its own state  
13 The Canal that Turkey tried to take over  
14 Abbreviation for NZ and Oz soldiers  
16 Israel's first President in 1948  
17 Where battle took place 31.10.1917  
18 Politician who signed a declaration  
19 Lord in favour of a Jewish national entity
- 7 Position of David Lloyd-George in 1917  
9 Location of Commonwealth War Graves  
12 Person in Bible associated with Beersheba  
15 Some ANZAC soldiers were from this NZ province

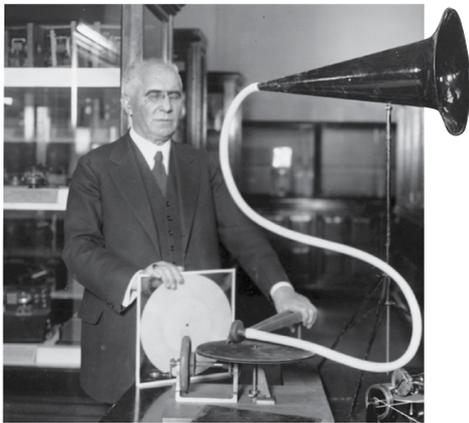


## DOWN

- 1 Original country proposed for Jews  
2 Farewell gift given to NZ soldiers  
3 Ancient town New Zealanders captured  
4 Surname of General who lead the battle

## Jewish Contribution to the World

# Emile Berliner - Inventor of the Record



**Today we take for granted the ability to play recorded music over loudspeakers. And that's because men like Emile Berliner did all the hard work to make it possible.**

Inventor Emile Berliner was born in Hanover, Germany in 1851 to a poor Jewish family. He was one of 13 children. Emile completed an apprenticeship to become a merchant, and then emigrated to the USA. It was in Washington, DC that he began to tinker, and

was able to finally earn a living at what had until then been a hobby.

After Alexander Graham Bell patented the first telephone in 1876, Berliner developed an improved telephone transmitter, or microphone, which was later acquired by the Bell Telephone Company for a small fortune. Bell further offered Berliner a job at his factory in Philadelphia.

It was around this time that Berliner invited his brothers, Jacob and Joseph, to his new homeland to show them the miracle apparatus on which he was working. The brothers later returned to Germany and, inspired by Emile, founded a telephone factory in Berlin in 1881.

By 1883, Berliner had left Bell Telephone Company and was self-employed, which gave him time to work on his sound recording techniques, eventually leading to the invention of the record. The relatively simple technology made records well-suited to mass production. In 1888, Berliner publicly

presented the record, along with the device he had invented to play it, the gramophone.

A year later, Berliner successfully launched the gramophone and record in his native Germany, too. In 1894, Berliner founded the United States Gramophone Company, followed by sister companies in England, Germany and Canada.

In 1908, Berliner further improved on his design by developing the first double-sided recordable disc.

After a business deal forced him to resettle in Montreal, Canada, Berliner expanded his horizons by developing engines. He ended up inventing what was probably the first radial aircraft engine in 1908, a device that was soon after used in what was probably the first successful helicopter.

Berliner later established the first commercial radio station in Montreal in 1924, before retiring back to Washington at the age of 70. He died on August 3, 1929.

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