

# NCJWA and Israel - 1

**“It was an article of faith among all Jewish people in the Diaspora that if Israel was going to survive it was us who were going to help, because no one else was going to”** (Lawrence Rosenblum)

## Ongoing NCJWA National Projects in Israel

- Ilan Foundation (for disabled children, Tel Aviv - since 1964)
- Haifa University scholarships for Ethiopian women (since 1988)
- Haifa Rape Crisis Centre (since 2003)

## NCJWA Australian Initiatives

- **Israel Advocacy** - From 1975, during the National Presidency of Ray Ginsburg AM, NCJW successfully lobbied the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andrew Peacock and the Minister of Home Affairs, Bob Ellicot, to vote against any U.N. Resolution equating Zionism with Racism. Australia voted against this Resolution when it was put forward at the 1980 Copenhagen U.N. Women’s Conference and the 1985 Nairobi Women’s Conference.
- In 1982 Ray Ginsburg AM was invited to join with other Jewish leaders to meet with Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, to discuss the crisis in Israel.
- **NCJWA Working Towards Peace** program was launched in 2004 to present and discuss Israel’s stand during the second Intifada.
- NCJWA has continued to host special events presented by Israeli Advocacy experts, parliamentarians, Israeli and Australian guest speakers.
- NCJWA is affiliated to the Zionist Federation of Australia, and works with the United Israel Appeal (UIA) Women’s Division.
- **Celebrating Israel** is an annual event, launched by NCJWA in 2005 to commemorate the U.N. Assembly’s passing of Resolution 181 in 1947, “The Partition Plan”, which called for the establishment of a Jewish State alongside an Arab State. This led to the establishment of the State of Israel. This date continues to be celebrated by NCJWA NSW and has included the Jewish community’s official launch of Israel’s 60th anniversary in 2008, a communal tribute to ‘Doc’ Herbert Evatt and a debate on The Partition Plan.
- **NCJWA Israel Project Study Tours** are ongoing and have taken place in 1957, 1987, 1990, 2004, 2009 and 2013. Such tours enable NCJWA members and friends to visit and study Council Projects in depth.
- **Scholars in Residence** - NCJWA brings notable women to each of its Sections around Australia as Scholars-in-Residence. Past scholars include Judith Karp, Leah Rabin, Prof. Alice Shalvi, Yafa Tarkay and Sharon Shenhav.



Celebrating Israel 2012



Dedication at Haifa University 2013



Ilan Foundation



Haifa University Ethiopian Scholarship recipients

Jerusalem 2013



**CJW** - original name of organisation  
**NCJW** - refers to National Body, now known as NCJWA  
**NCJW NSW & NCJWA NSW** - refer to NSW Division