



**New Zealand  
Friends of Israel  
Association, Inc.**



Honesty Integrity Commitment Vision Justice

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# **Annual Report**

**Year Ending 31 March 2014**

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## President's Report

The financial report covers the 12 month period ending 31 March 2014 while the President's report also refers to events up to the date of writing (4 September 2014).

### The Christchurch Rebuild

Many of our members are located in Christchurch and the longer term consequences of the disaster have had an ongoing effect on the Association. Amidst insurance claims, uncertainty over people's homes, detours, traffic congestion and financial hardship, maintaining focus on the Association's goals and objectives has continued to be challenging for many of our members.

### Events

We have had an interesting mix of events through the year. The following events were particular highlights:

#### Eva Lavi and Prof. Daniel Gold

For the last four years the Jewish Federation has been bringing a Holocaust Survivor to New Zealand each year. Last year the Jewish Federation asked us to organise the Christchurch leg of Eva Lavi's tour of New Zealand schools. This year we were asked to organise the entire South Island leg of Prof. Daniel Gold's tour, as well as assist with his visit to Wellington.

We were able to organise volunteer teams in Christchurch, Queenstown, Dunedin and Wellington.

Many thanks to:

- Heather Burgess (Christchurch)
- Kate MacPherson (Christchurch)
- Conny van Gronsveld (Queenstown)
- Henk Hoogvliet (Queenstown)
- Bethney Thompson (Dunedin)
- Rob Hamill (Dunedin) and
- Joanna Moss (Wellington)

Without their hard work, conscientiousness and tenacity, the tour would not have been a success. In total over 40 schools were visited throughout New Zealand and over [xxx] students heard his story. Often we heard reports that the children we're so engaged that "you could hear a pin drop."

Some schools have suggested that there would be merit in follow up presentations on Jewish history and culture.

#### H.E. the Ambassador of Israel to New Zealand

We were able to welcome Josef Livne, a new Ambassador to New Zealand. At first it might seem that trade and cultural exchange might be the only meaningful interactions between Israel and New Zealand, however recent events in Gaza have shown that the hearts and minds of the New Zealand public are also at stake. Throughout the conflict, Israel's friends have emerged wherever they may be to lend their voice to support her.

### HIT

This is our third year as agents for Hosting Israeli Tourists (HIT) in Christchurch. It is a program that allows New Zealanders to host Israeli Tourists as they travel through New Zealand. Even now, over

three years since the February 2011 earthquake, Backpacker accommodation in Christchurch continues to be in short supply.

Over last Summer, the program continued to be popular and during the peak period, all the hosts were full and a call for additional volunteers was again made to accommodate the excess. We are grateful to Rebecca for all her hard work in acting as our representative for HIT. Enrolments are up by over 15% on last year. Unfortunately the number of hosts has fallen considerably. If you are able to take an Israeli traveller or two even for a night then I urge you to make yourself known to Rebecca Marchand.

### **Fundraising**

Our sausage sizzles have continued to be a fun time for members to get to know one another and to work side by side. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Shirley Bunnings store who has been a great supporter in allowing us to book a series of sizzles many months in advance. This has been invaluable. During the 2013/2014 Summer we raised \$1,296. Many thanks to Kate Macpherson and all the committee members for their wonderful assistance. This year we were also joined by Israeli travellers who were eager to assist: Alon Canaan, Rotem Kahani, Ofir Mizrahi, and Yaniv Nikaein.

### **Christian Anti-Semitism and Hebraic Roots of Christianity**

Many prejudices against Jews have arisen from a flawed view of Judaism. At the same time, many Christians have a renewed interest in rediscovering the Jewish roots of their faith and Jewish scholars are reclaiming Jesus as a Jew.

We have identified two courses that can assist attendees to learn more about first Century Judaism. These courses are called Ha Yesod and Behold the Man. Our calls for expressions of interest resulted in many responses and our first study group began in June 2014.

### **Newsletter**

Thanks again to everyone who has sent in comments about the newsletter. Portraying Jewish affairs in as wider perspective as possible remains an important goal. It is not pleasant to be defined by the Middle Eastern conflict or even by racial prejudice. We have therefore ensured that there has been an emphasis on topics that highlight the humanity of the Jewish people. Food, spirituality and humour characterise all human beings. We hope that through these lenses you catch more than a glimpse of their humanity.

We hope you got as much pleasure from the newsletter we did in compiling it. If you have any ideas for articles or heartening stories about Israel or Jews then please forward them to us.

### **The Internet**

The Internet has had a transformative influence on modern society. As a society we too have been exploring this technology as an aid to reaching our audiences and to benefit our members. Over 55% of our newsletters are sent by email. Our average daily visitor numbers to our website have risen by over 75% over the previous year. Members can find upcoming events, interesting articles, too many to include in our newsletter, about all things Jewish both in New Zealand and abroad on our site. Remember, if you ever lose your newsletter, go to [www.nzfoi.org](http://www.nzfoi.org). New posts are announced on Twitter and much of the material is mirrored on Facebook. The numbers of "likes" on our Facebook page have nearly doubled over the last 12 months.

### **Gaza**

The current conflict in Gaza has brought much anti-Semitic sentiment to the surface around the world. Nazi slogans not heard commonly since the 1930s are being repeated again, this time not in Germany but in France and across Europe. More closer to home, our Prime minister has also been

subjected to anti-Semitic abuse. All these developments show Israel and the Jewish people need their friends more than ever. Many of our members have participated in pro-Israeli rallies organised in Auckland and Wellington.

### **Future Outlook**

#### **Jewish Federation of New Zealand**

We look forward to working with the Federation again in 2015 on the Holocaust Survivor project. There is the possibility of carrying out presentation about Jewish history and culture in high schools as a follow up to this year's presentations.

#### **Advocacy**

The recent Gaza conflict has re-iterated that there is much work to be done in raising public awareness of the true circumstances in the Middle East.

### **Thanks**

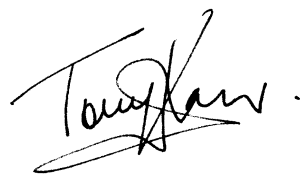
Much thanks must go to Barry Thompson our vice President for his ongoing support; Rebecca Marchand our Secretary for her faithful endeavours; John & Alison Clarke for their diligence on the accounts and their contributions as committee members, Glennis Lane for her diligent pursuit of building and operating a rich and informative library covering Jewish literature, culture and history; and Daniel Morgan our Committee Member for his generous gift of time and commitment. We also acknowledge the hard work of Susette MacLachlan. Many thanks to Penny Ingram for her input through the year. We also extend our gratitude to Yoko Allan who has done an admirable job organising the kitchen at every meeting. Everything runs so smoothly because of their efforts.

I should also extend a special thanks to my wife, who has allowed me to attend to many NZFOI matters even though we have four children aged 10 years and under.

Of course, every society owes its existence to the support of its members. Thank you for your support. The ongoing strife between Arabs and Jews in Israel, the quickening rise of Anti-Semitism across the world, and the anti-Semitic slurs on our prime minister during the current general election here in New Zealand remind us that our work is vital.

Thank you

Tony Kan  
President  
NZFOI



## Financial Report

### Accounting Policies

The financial statements presented here are for the entity NZ Friends of Israel Association Incorporated (NZFOI), an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. NZ Friends of Israel Association Incorporated qualifies as an exempt entity under the Financial Reporting Act 1993. The Association is also a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005.

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been used.

### Contingent liabilities

At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities. NZFOI has not granted any securities in respect of liabilities payable by any other party whatsoever.

**Table 1 Profit and Loss Statement**

Category Description	2013	2014
<b>Income</b>		
Bank Interest	163.77	227.37
BBQ Sales	2,182.10	2,452.41
Chocolate Sales	50.00	-
Donations	335.00	2,840.00
Library	0.00	175.00
Membership Fees	1,210.00	1,280.00
Sales	0.00	1,572.00
Supper Donations	40.00	64.50
Calendar Sales	490.00	312.00
Torah Study Materials	0.00	220.00
Badges	0.00	30.00
Fundraiser	215.10	
Concert/Speaker entry Fees	208.75	100.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4894.72</b>	<b>9,273.28</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bank Service Charges	0.00	22.50
BBQ Expenses	1,029.39	1,157.12
Recording studio hire	184.15	250.00
Chocolate	0.00	1,166.95
Presentation materials	60.80	-
Gifts-Supper Supplies	39.20	-
Travel	368.95	-
Holocaust Education		2,572.00
Library-Books/DVDs	134.49	99.99
News Letter	444.20	315.20
NZFOI Phonebook Listing	103.50	103.50
Office Supplies	151.38	252.65

Category Description	2013	2014
Postage & Delivery	281.90	460.50
Venue Hire	700.00	138.00
Advertising	117.50	20.00
NZFOI Badges	343.86	-
Register Direct (Web Page)	0.00	284.71
Calendars	321.86	173.53
Jewish Community Donations	119.00	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,400.18</b>	<b>7,016.65</b>
<b>Total Income less Expenses</b>	<b>494.54</b>	<b>2,256.63</b>

**Table 2 Balance Sheet**

	2013	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Bank Accounts		
Cheque Account	3,796.87	2,865.58
Rapid Saver Account	4,069.47	8,347.99
PayPal		245.75
Cash	50.00	50.00
Account Receivable	-	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>7,916.34</b>	<b>11,509.32</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>7,916.34</b>	<b>11,509.32</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	-	1,090.60
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,090.60</b>
Equity	<b>7,916.34</b>	<b>10,418.72</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>7,916.34</b>	<b>11,509.32</b>

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