

## AROUND THE J-COM

with Aaron Fetter



ZFA

### Israel photo competition winner crowned

THE ZFA's gap year photo competition has been run and won for 2018. The aim was for participants to capture 70 years of Israel and their own experiences in the one shot. After many breathtaking submissions, a photo taken in the fields of kibbutz Ein Hanatziv by Ilan Janet from Bnei Akiva's Limmud program was adjudicated the winner.

"We found a pile of giant telephone wire spools abandoned in a corner of the field," Janet told *The AJN*.

The group got creative and rode the spools through the field. *The AJN's* very own photographer Peter Haskin chose the winning shot. Janet studied studio art in year 12.



EMMY MONASH

### Saftas visit kinder kids

EMMY'S Culture, Community and Wellbeing Department helps to ensure all residents live a full life: socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically. An intergenerational program recently commenced in partnership with Mount Scopus College.

Each week two residents, Lesley Sheeziel and Sula Rozinski, attend classes in upper kinder. Known affectionately to the children as Safta Lesley and Safta Sula, the residents participate in activities, engage with the students and inspire them to forge real relationships with older generations.

The children love having an older and special visitor in the classrooms and it is a highlight of the week for the residents.

Emmy Monash ensures that little things matter through many innovative programs like this one.

### STAND UP & MACCABI VICTORIA Communities connect through sport

OVER 120 members of Melbourne's Sudanese refugee community recently took part in a sport program organised by Stand Up and in partnership with Maccabi Victoria's Henry Jolson Pathways Program.

Jewish volunteers gave their time to run a day of sporting activities that ignited fun and friendship between these diverse communities.

Stand Up's Refugee Support Programs Director Lisa Buchner said, "It was wonderful to see such delight on the faces of the children and their parents. Sport is not only a healthy activity, it's also a great equaliser, that

has the power to transcend cultural and religious barriers."

Melbourne City FC and the Football Federation of Victoria helped facilitate the sports program, while Gidi Sweet and Tim Purcell from T & G Football Academy made appearances, as did Maccabi player Nat Court and VFLW code-hopper Amy Silver.

The Henry Jolson Pathways Program "has a focus on the development of multicultural programs and activities that provide a pathway for improved relationships with other ethnic and religious groups in our community," Maccabi Victoria General Manager Sheryl Furman told *The AJN*.

CARMEL SCHOOL

### Unique paper art exhibition

AN art exhibition showcasing the work of the Really Useful Recyclers, a unique enterprise of two young men with autism, Joshua Flintoff (21) and



From left: Del Smith, Courtney Smith, Joshua Flintoff, Deb Flintoff and the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment and Disability Services.

Courtney Smith (21), was recently hosted by Perth's Carmel School.

The talented duo produced inspiring paper art products from recycled used and unsold newspapers.

The exhibition gave visitors the opportunity to view and purchase from the vast array of work which included jewellery and wall art to decorative vases, platters and mirrors.

The Really Useful Recyclers' commitment to the old adage "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and now

"Reinvent" has earned them much appreciated and valued roles in both their local and the wider community.

With limited employment opportunities for young adults with a disability, recycling in the community one newspaper at a time has enabled Josh and Courtney to grow and evolve with a role tailored to suit their very specific skill set and range of interests.

Deb Flintoff, speaking on behalf of the Really Useful Recyclers was "thrilled to have been given the opportunity to bring together the community, our families and friends to share in this next chapter of our vision for Josh and Courtney, to live a meaningful and productive life, doing what they are inspired by and enjoy".

MOUNT SCOPUS

### Authors inspire and captive

Renowned children's author Morris Gleitzman spoke to Mount Scopus