

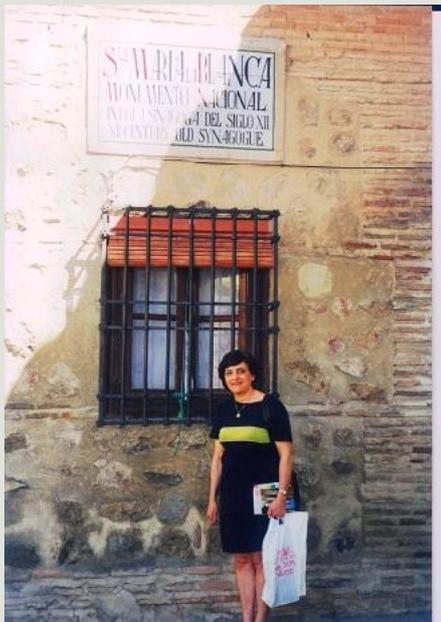
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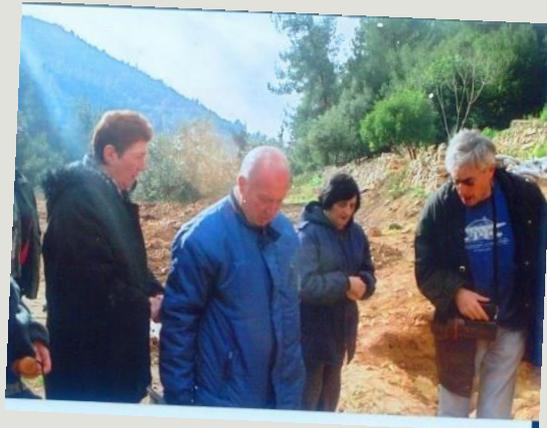
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*In front of El Transito Synagogue, Toledo, Spain in June 2000*



*December 2005 with Professor Ron Brtour and Cave of John the Baptist near Ein Karem, Israel.*

## Reflections

Since the marvellous celebratory evening in honour of Emeritus Professor Suzanne Rutland OAM, the event and Suzanne's plethora of achievements and areas of involvement have been reported on. In my view, and that of numerous others, it was both highly deserved and long overdue.

For my part, I feel much of the academic and wider communities have some idea of her achievements, yet I feel that only a much smaller number, actually know of her true dedication in its practical form.

Whilst I have known Suzanne for many, many years, I came to know her much more closely when both she and Emeritus

Professor Konrad Kwiet co-supervised my PhD, which I commenced in 2000. Since that time, I have been both a student and a colleague of Suzanne's, and very proudly can say that she is both a valued mentor and dear friend. Since that time I have taught with Suzanne in the Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture strand in the Dept of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies at The University of Sydney.

Suzanne and I have also worked closely with the entire executive and volunteers of the AAJS. To say that Suzanne is the backbone of the organisation would be an understatement. She is widely regarded as our 'elder stateswoman' and is relied on for her vast repository of experience and wise counsel. Simply put, the AAJS would not be in its current position without the enduring support of Suzanne.

To return to the practical form of Suzanne's dedication, I would like to state that I have never met any one other than Suzanne to date, who has dedicated their entire life and their tireless energy solely to their work. Above all, in this realm over the decades, Suzanne has created and nurtured the careers of others, projects and most importantly, strong relationships. Everyone she encounters is treated as special and one always feels valued and appreciated. And of course, Suzanne's warm and generous (and very tasty!) hospitality is notorious. Some of my fondest memories, will always be of our meetings relating to university at Suzanne's home, always followed by a delicious meal and good conversation.

For me Suzanne, I aspire to walk in your path, as I have no doubt, I am one of the many who has been inspired by you. Thank you for the precious legacy that you have developed and conveyed to all of us. I know that your retirement will not be idle, and wish you good health, every happiness and many more books and articles! *Kol tuv*,

**Dr Michael Abrahams-Sprod**  
**President AAJS Lecturer**  
**Department of Biblical and Jewish**  
**Studies School of Languages and**  
**Cultures UNIVERSITY OF**  
**SYDNEY (HBSJ)**

### **Yearbook Tribute**

*Suzanne Rutland (née Perlman) in 1958 when she was sponsored by her mother for 'Sponsor a Child', WIZO, the Women's International Zionist Organisation (my father died in 1956).*



Professor Suzanne Dorothy Rutland (née Perlman) was born in 1946 on Sydney's North Shore to Perla and Nat (Naftali), refugees, originally both from Poland. Her family was very involved with the North Shore Synagogue from its early years, and Suzanne's love of

Jewish history and Judaism was fostered there.

After completing her Leaving Certificate at North Sydney Girls' High in 1963, she was selected to represent *B'nei Akiva on Machon L'Madrichei Hutz L'Aretz* (Institute for Youth Leaders from Abroad), and on her return decided to go into teaching.

She completed majors in Hebrew in the Department of Semitic Studies, with Professor Emeritus Alan Crown and Rabbi Dr Israel Porush as her lecturers, as well as Honours in History, supervised by Professor Ken Cable, who continued as her supervisor for both her MA (Hons), graduating with First Class Honours in 1978, and PhD in 1991.

While continuing with her graduate studies part-time, Suzanne completed a Dip Ed at the old Sydney Teacher's College, and then taught English and History at Canterbury Girls' High until 1974, when her son, Benjamin Naftali, was born.

The late Harold Nagley had invited her to introduce a modern Jewish history course at Moriah College in 1974, but due to the birth of her first child, the course had to wait two years, starting in 1976. Her second child, Ronit Yaffa, was born in 1977.

On submission of her doctoral thesis in 1990, she founded the Hebrew and Jewish Studies teacher education program in the Faculty of Education at the University of Sydney and in 1997 was appointed as Lecturer in Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture in the Faculty of Arts, then as senior lecturer, moving up the ranks until she was promoted to Professor in 2011. She served as Head of Semitic

Studies and then Chair, when it became Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies, following a Faculty restructure, running the department for 11 years. In this period, she built it up from two full-time lecturers, to five full-time positions, thanks to the major bequest from Felicia Elhorn, and the support of the Roth Foundation.

Suzanne has published widely on Australian Jewish history, edits the Sydney edition of the AJHS Journal, as well as writing on issues relating to the Shoah and Israel. She received a major government grant with Professor Sol Encel to study 'The Political Sociology of Australian Jewry' and a grant from the Australian Prime Minister's Centre for her study of Australia and the Campaign for Soviet Jewry;

she has served as consultant for museums in both Sydney and Melbourne and has served in positions of community leadership. In January 2008, she received the Medal of the Order of Australia from the Australian government for services to Higher Jewish Education and interfaith dialogue.

At the national level she has contributed to a better understanding of Australian migration history, particularly since 1945, as well as ethnic relations between the Jewish and Muslim communities in Australia. She has developed an international reputation, contributing to the knowledge of three major totalitarian movements: Nazism, Communism and Radical Islam. In each case, Jews have been a primary target, with the Holocaust, the persecution of Soviet Jewry and, more recently, anti-Jewish feelings amongst some radical Muslims. Her research into Australian reactions to

these movements has deepened our knowledge in these areas. In retirement, she plans to continue her research and writing, as well as enjoying her three grandchildren in Sydney and her son in Israel.

*Yearbook compiled to celebrate the Career and Contribution of Professor Suzanne Rutland, OAM.*

### **Suzanne Rutland**

It is with great pleasure that I join the chorus of all those celebrating the achievements of Suzanne's academic career. Born 1946 in Sydney, her parents – the Perlmans – were pre-war refugees from Poland who had managed to find refuge in Australia. Like so many descendants of Holocaust survivors, she grew up behind a “wall of silence”. It took some time before she learnt of the fate of her extended family trapped in Eastern Galicia. Most of them did not survive the “Final Solution”. Obligated to keep the memory alive – a commandment of Jewish life – she studied History and Education. She started her career as a High School Teacher, and then moved into the world of academia, first at the University of New South Wales then at the University of Sydney. She quickly emerged as a driving force within the small but vibrant Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies – today internationally recognized as a center of scholarship. Based on her impressive teaching and research records as well as on her outreach activities she enjoys the status of the pre-eminent historian of Australian Jewry.

Let me add a personal note. Suzanne was one of the first Jewish

academics to welcome me upon my arrival in Sydney in 1976. She re-introduced me into a Jewish world down under or, to use her far more elegant term, on the Edge of the Diaspora. Over the years we taught and researched together. I have never had the pleasure of working with someone of Suzanne's tireless efforts and commitment to scholarship. I owe Suzanne an enormous debt and look forward to our continuing collaboration and friendship.

*Professor Konrad Kwiet Professor of Holocaust Studies in HBJS.*

### **Working with Suzanne R**

Suzanne became my colleague in the department at the University of Sydney in 1997, so that means we had worked together for eighteen and a half years when she retired recently. I say “the department” deliberately, since one of the major things that happened during all that time was that we changed from being the Department of Semitic Studies to being the Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies in 2003. Suzanne was a driving force in that major development, she was in so many important initiatives and decisions that shaped the growth of the department (being Chair of Department for 11 years), not least due to her efforts at securing such generous support from our wonderful donors, who are so essential to what we do. What is it like to work with Suzanne Rutland?

Suzanne is more a force of nature than a colleague, as she gets so much done in so many different projects every day. She claims she sleeps; I'm not sure how she has the

time. I do know that she can literally do several things at once, such as attend and be engaged with a meeting, while simultaneously answering her e-mails. And she has everything on file; everything! So she really does have a grasp on everything that is going on in the department. Now that she is retired, an Emeritus (more correctly: Emeritae) Professor, she of course seems to be just as busy as always. Fortunately for the department, Suzanne will still be around to help us all out.

The Australian Jewish community has been better served by its historians than possibly any of the country's immigrant groups, certainly the smaller ones. Of the distinguished group of Jewish historians of Australia the most prolific is Professor Suzanne Rutland, who has an outstanding record of archival research and ongoing productivity. She is the author of the book length national histories, *The Edge of the Diaspora* (1988, 1997) and *Jews in Australia* (2005), and a number of institutional histories, including works on the Jewish press (1995), the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (1998), Moriah College (2003), and the Jewish Communal Appeal (2007). Her most recent book, *Let My People Go* (2005), co-written with Sam Lipski, is a study of the role of Australian Jewish communal leaders in the campaign to free Soviet Jewry. The book was hailed by a reviewer as 'a revealing and important account ...thoroughly researched and superbly written'. Suzanne is also the author of a large number of book chapters and scholarly articles published in international journals, which include

significant findings on immigration policy and the Jewish day schools.



*Left to right: Prof Duncan Ivison, Jessica Roth, John Roth, Governor Dame Marie Bashir, Prof Suzanne Rutland, Stanley and Charmaine Roth, Danielle Lipsitz, Michael Roth and Ray Martin at Panel Launch, May 2014.*

Scrupulous attention to detail, hard work and unwavering commitment to principle characterizes her role as an academic. Her prime engagement has been with the historical record, not the intellectual fashions of the day, which necessarily limits the relevance (or 'shelf life') of a member of academic studies. Her work will continue to be widely read by those seeking insight into the communities formed on Edge of the Diaspora.

**Associate / Professor Ian Young  
Head of HBJs**

### **A Celebration of the Career and Contribution of Professor Suzanne Rutland, OAM**

On 30 August 2015 over 260 people attended a celebratory dinner in MacLaurin Hall in honour of the



Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies Professor Suzanne Rutland, OAM. In July Professor Rutland retired after more than 30



years of dedicated service.

Speakers at the dinner included Vice Chancellor Dr Michael Spence, Provost Professor Stephen Garton and SLC Head of School Professor Yixu Lu. In a moving speech outlining Professor Rutland's distinguished career, Professor Garton made special note of not only her scholarly achievements but also of her 'moral courage' with regard to the ongoing efforts she has made in encouraging respectful debate and discussion across the university, even on the most difficult of issues. Professor Garton also announced that the University had bestowed upon Professor Rutland the title of Professor Emerita, a well-deserved honour.

Keynote speaker, Professor Daniel Blatman of Hebrew University, visiting Sydney as a Sir Zelman Cowen Fellow, gave a thought provoking speech about the challenges and potential for Jewish studies departments internationally. In particular he urged scholars active in these areas to maintain a broad focus in their research, a posture he argued that was vital to keeping

Jewish studies fresh and engaging across disciplinary boundaries.

Past students paid tribute to Professor Rutland's dedication as a teacher both in speeches and in a movie produced especially for the occasion. A yearbook distributed on the evening contained the testimony of dozens of students who have benefitted from their studies in HBJS and have gone on to fill important positions in Jewish education and other leadership positions.

Colleagues spoke of her outstanding research record, with HBJS Chair of Department, A/Prof Ian Young noting that she could retire knowing that she had reached her 'century' of publications. Her outstanding service record both within the university and in the Jewish and broader communities was also noted with the diverse group in attendance bearing witness to the many communities and individuals she has forged connections with throughout her career.



Finally, the evening came to an inspiring end with the launch of the Suzanne Rutland Fund for Jewish Higher Education, which will be part of the Fund for Jewish

Higher Education. The Fund supports much of the department's activities through the generosity of the late Felicia Einhorn, whose story of survival during the Holocaust is featured in exhibition panels in the department's corridor. The monies raised will support students undertaking Jewish studies and forging careers in Jewish education, focussing on the areas of teaching and research about which Professor Rutland remains most passionate.

Dr Avril Alba has been appointed to replace Professor Rutland and is co-ordinator of the Jewish Civilisation, Thought and Culture program.

While Professor Rutland has formally retired, she will continue to work on her many research projects, as well as maintain postgraduate supervision duties. She will also remain a mentor and advisor to HBJS faculty and students who will continue to benefit from her years of experience. We wish her a productive, happy and healthy retirement!

*Professor Andrew Markus  
Monash University Centre for  
Jewish Civilisation*

### **Tribute to Suzanne**

I have known Suzanne for more than 25 years, since she first persuaded me to complete a Diploma of Education and train as a teacher of Modern Hebrew. In the years that followed Suzanne continued to support me: first, in my role as a Hebrew teacher in Moriah College (1992 - 1997), and later in my role as the Malka Einhorn lecturer in Modern Hebrew at the university of Sydney.

I would like to acknowledge two major contributions that Suzanne has made over the years. The first contribution pertains to the Modern Hebrew curriculum: It is through Suzanne's vision and support that the Modern Hebrew program at the University of Sydney has aligned itself with the curricula developed at the Hebrew University's Rothberg International School.



Suzanne's second significant contribution is further reaching and it affects the broader community. Suzanne has always been welcoming of all people irrespective of their religion, nationality and even their political views (regardless of how much she opposes such views). Her warm and welcoming manner has attracted students from many different backgrounds, and it has enabled us in the department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish studies, to introduce Hebrew and Jewish studies to a wide audience; as well as highlighting very human, tolerant and open-minded aspects of Judaism.

*Dr Yona Gilead Malka Einhorn  
Lecturer in Modern Hebrew. HJS*

## **Letter of Tribute**

Dear Suzanne,

I join with all your many well-wishers on your "retirement" and wish to pay tribute to your prodigious output, which has made you the undisputed doyen of Jewish Studies in Australia. I look forward to your ongoing research and writing, unencumbered by the time-consuming teaching role.

Although I have not been your student, I appreciate the help and friendship you have offered me over the years. I can't recall how many years it has been since I've known you, but it has been well over 30 years. When I was completing my doctoral thesis on Iraqi Jews in Australia who are regarded as Sephardi, I was grateful when you drew my attention to an exchange in the Executive Council of Australian Jewry correspondence, highlighting different understandings of the term "Sephardi" I used to introduce a chapter of my dissertation.

We have both been involved with the Australian Association of Jewish Studies since its foundation and have attended most of its annual conferences. You served as President of the Association during much of the 1990s, and I as Vice President for NSW, when I reported on the range of Jewish Studies programs available for adults in the various universities, along with those offered through "life-long learning" programs.

Since I assumed the editorship of the Australian Journal of Jewish Studies, I have had the good fortune of being able to turn to you for advice as a member of the Editorial Board, and more broadly in

the running of the Association and planning of conferences, as the knowledgeable, "elder statesman" of Jewish scholars in Australia, ever-ready to provide support, assistance and advice, articles and reviews when called upon.

Notwithstanding your formal retirement, I look forward to many more years of such support and friendship well into the future -- 'Ad Mea We-'Esrin'.

With warm,

best wishes,

*Dr Myer Samra ,  
Anthropologist and Lawyer,  
Graduate of Department of HJS*

## **Another letter of Tribute**

Prof Suzanne Rutland  
University of Sydney  
Sydney, Australia

29 July 2015

Dear Suzanne

On behalf of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem I want to congratulate you on your retirement from the department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies at the University of Sydney. Over the years we have deeply appreciated your critical role in building the department into a shining example of academic rigor that has shaped the tenor of Jewish life in Sydney and beyond. Your ability to recruit leading academics from around the world and at the

same time train local researchers has enabled the University of Sydney to earn an outstanding reputation that on the one hand is deeply committed to academic research and concurrently enriches the quality of Jewish education in Sydney. Your research about the history of Australian Jewry is widely recognized as the authoritative work on the accomplishments of this leading Jewish community. This research is coupled with an incredible devotion to enriching and deepening the quality of Jewish education in Australia in general and Sydney in particular.

Over the years, you have guided and mentored numerous leading Jewish educators who continue to impact the lives of Jews in Sydney and around the world. Your untiring efforts to promote the interests of the Florence Melton School has played a unique role in furthering pluralistic adult Jewish education in Sydney and thereby enriched the Jewish lives of hundreds of adults and their families in the community.

At this stage we want to thank you for your incredible contribution to date and wish you many years of good health and prosperity in the years to come. May you continue to 'go from strength to strength'.

*Brachot*

Dr Howard Deitcher  
Director, Florence Melton School of  
Adult Jewish Living  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
Mt Scopus, Jerusalem, 91905  
Israel

## **End of an Era**

One winter evening last month, at MacLaurin Hall, there was an unmistakable feeling that we are about to witness an end of an era. Following Konrad's retirement, Suzanne too decided that the time has come to hand over the noble task of teaching Jewish history and civilisation throughout the ages to a new generation of scholars who will make it their duty to secure the continuation of her life long work. This is because Suzanne's ethos was reflected in her commitment to the highest standards of teaching and research.

Suzanne is the historian of the Australian Jewish Community, the author of many books and countless articles published in academic journals. She travelled world-wide to present her work at international conferences, she was crucial in organizing lectures, given by visiting academics from overseas, securing funds for the benefit of her students and her department and stood at the helm of many committees and organizations. Yet, Suzanne is first and foremost a dedicated and caring teacher who shared her knowledge and gave unlimited time to her undergraduates and postgraduates, inspired countless students and made it her duty to see them succeed in their comprehension of subjects related to the Jewish experience in the past and in the present, in Australia and throughout the world.

I will always recall the moments when I was deliberating over a paragraph, the choice of words that would make sense of

what I had in mind, and the flow of ideas and new links that surfaced following the discovery of evidence in primary and secondary resources. I think about our long hours of consultations at her home or in her office and our endless correspondence, often around 1am in the dead of the night. What Suzanne provided were indispensable tools, crucial for one's advance into the depths of intellectual inquiry.

On my path to becoming a historian, Suzanne was there to guide me. There was not a subject on which she could not help me with. Patiently explaining and advising and correcting drafts of my master's thesis, followed by the those of my doctoral dissertation. These were wonderful, unforgettable years.

To you goes my gratitude for helping me accomplish my task, to make me realize that it was all worth the effort and that you, together with Konrad, were my source of inspiration and played the main part in making it all happen. Thank you Suzanne.

*Anna Rosenbaum PH.D, Candidate in Dept of HBJS (with thesis now submitted)*

### **A Long Association and Friendship 1982-2015+**

I first encountered Suzanne towards the end of 1982 when I first arrived in Sydney after ten years overseas, mostly in Israel, but certainly by July 1983. I occasionally attended her lectures on Australian Jewish history after I took up my position as archivist of the Archive of Australian Judaica

on July 4, 1983 at the invitation of Dr Alan Crown who was then Head of Department (then called Semitic Studies) for many years. She was a frequent visitor to the archive 1985 when doing doctoral work, working very hard consulting the extensive records of the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry as well as Australian Zionist records, which we managed to get catalogued in 1984 and 1985 with the help of Dr Peter Orlovitch and several archival students from the University of New South Wales. To my utter amazement, in a very short time, she produced a huge book of over 900 pages called "The Edge of the Diaspora" and completed her doctoral dissertation as well, an extraordinary feat in my eyes.

In 2000 we met in Madrid, and travelled to Seville to attend the International Council of Christians and Jews' conference as well as going round together to Toledo and Granada and then to the UK for a major Holocaust colloquium at Oxford University. In 2005 and a few more times we met in Israel at Ein Karem at the house belonging to the Sisters of Sion, and I went to her place for the Shabbat and even slept over, as there is no transport back to Ein Karem on Friday evenings.

Her students still come to consult the Archive, which contains essential resource material on Australian Jewish life. May this new phase in her life be fruitful and happy.

*Sr Dr Marianne Dacy Honorary Associate in Dept of HBJS*

## **One More Tribute**

My professor, mentor and now friend, Suzanne has completely altered my career path. After becoming a guide at the Sydney Jewish Museum, I felt a need to explore the Holocaust at a deeper level.

With Suzanne's encouragement I enrolled in a Master of Holocaust Studies. While studying with Suzanne, she unexpectedly offered me the position as Melton Director. Her belief in me has led to an unplanned and very enriching career in adult Jewish Education, both as the Melton director and as the administrator of the Fund for Higher Jewish Education. Suzanne has been a constant sounding board and invaluable advisor in all areas of my work.

Her depth of vision has made me realise the importance of post-school Jewish education for Jewish continuity. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with this outstanding leader in the field of Jewish education.

***Jillian Fine***  
***Educator***  
***Melton Programme Director***



***Foundation members of Australian Association of Jewish Studies, at first conference in Melbourne in 1987.***



***2013 AAJS Conference***  
***2016 AAJS Call for Papers***

## **EXTENSION**

Dear AAJS Members,

The deadline for the submission of papers for the 2016 AAJS Conference has been extended to September 1st, 2015. The conference is titled:

"Jews, Judaism and the Environment from Biblical Times to the Present", however any submissions are most welcome for consideration, regardless of their connection to the conference theme.

Please send through your papers for consideration by the new deadline.

The Call for Papers has been attached. A submission must include:

Applicant's full name and institutional affiliation

- Postal and email address  
Abstract of the paper to be presented (no more than 250 words)

- Short biographical note (no more than 50 words). Best wishes and 'shavua tov',

***Nathan Compton***  
***AAJS Membership Secretary***



**Call for Papers – Australian Association for Jewish Studies  
The 28th AAJS Conference, 14-15 February 2016  
Griffith University, Brisbane**

**"Jews, Judaism and the Environment from Biblical Times to the Present"**

**AAJS 2016 Brisbane**

From its very beginning, the people of Israel have been known as spiritual and literary. Whilst the biblical creation story of the physical world pre-dates the monotheism of Abraham, earth, sea, sky, celestial bodies and living species formed the backdrop for Jewish self-understanding. The composition of humans from the very dust of the earth, their role as custodians of creation and their blissful lives in the Garden of Eden nourished by plentiful water, embed respect and care for the physical environment in the Jewish understanding of human history. Indeed, the ancient Israelite religion was different from all other religions in that it worshipped one God, believing God to be the source of all creation, professing no *physical* manifestation. The relationship of Jews to their many landscapes has been vital both for the earlier periods of Jewish history and the contemporary era. The theme of AAJS Brisbane, *Jews, Judaism and the Environment from Biblical Times to the Present* invites exploration of Jewish/Jews' interaction with the environment from all perspectives, including but not limited to methods of scriptural interpretation, Jewish identity, society, literature, art, philosophy, language, religious connections to the Land of Israel (through the Abrahamic covenant), agricultural regulations and the entire context of human life arising from the physical environments described in the *Tanakh, Midrashim, Talmud* and much later rabbinic writings including Hassidism, modern Zionism and the technological life of modern Israel. Each field demonstrates the significant influence of geography and ecology not comprehensively explained as the outcome of Judaism's monotheism alone.

*Jews, Judaism and the Environment* is a forum to share intriguing Jewish phenomena arising from interaction with the environment and asserting

Judaism's endless creativity, reinvention and seemingly miraculous renaissances after major crises in a range of physical settings.

***Jews, Judaism and the Environment* convenes 14-15 February 2016 at Griffith University South Bank Campus**, located in the South Bank Parklands in Brisbane's city centre. The conference will be hosted by the Law School Socio-Legal Research Centre of Griffith University.

Papers on other topics will be considered but preference will be given to those bearing directly on the conference theme. **Please submit your paper proposal by Monday 3 August 2015 (EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER to Dr Deborah Cao via email [d.cao@griffith.edu.au](mailto:d.cao@griffith.edu.au). The Subject of the message should be 'AAJS Brisbane 2016 Proposal' (All applicants will be informed about the decision by Monday 31 August 2015).**

**Submissions must include the following:**

- **Applicant's full name and institutional affiliation**
- **Postal and email address**
- **Abstract of the paper to be presented (no more than 250 words)**
- **Short biographical note (no more than 50 words).**

AAJS encourages students engaged in academic research to submit proposals based on their work to the conference committee. **There will be eight scholarships available to assist students and young scholars to attend the conference and present papers.** Authors should clearly indicate their student status on their submission. Presenters are also invited to submit written articles for consideration for publication in the *Australian Journal for Jewish Studies*. Communication about the conference should be sent electronically to Dr Deborah Cao via email [d.cao@griffith.edu.au](mailto:d.cao@griffith.edu.au).

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**As this Conference addresses a small community of scholars, it is imperative that we all support the Association. Thus, it is a requirement that all presenters at this conference must have paid the conference registration fee, which includes the AAJS membership for 2014, by Friday 18 December 2015. Visit [www.aajs.org.au](http://www.aajs.org.au) for details.**

**Notre Dame de Sion  
and  
Ein Karem terraces**



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