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Rose Toms' Report to WIZO Keshet AGM 13th February 2022

Rose commenced her report with memories of how she and Maurie met, married, raised a family in New Zealand and eventually moved and settled in Australia. As regular church members, they attended a new church in Sydney, where the pastor, and us all, were invited to hear a speaker from Israel share about Christian's support and love for the Jewish people. This sparked a new direction in their lives and following a trip to Israel and visiting Yad Vashem, Rose wanted to do something to help. Rose showed 2 photos, one of a pile of children's shoes of victims of the holocaust and another photo of children in one of WIZO'S child care centres, explaining in a graphic way how she became so involved in WIZO, and started the WIZO Keshet group 30 years ago. She wanted to know how she could help the Jewish people.

Anti Sematism has a very sad history in the Christian Church. Why trust Christians? Why start a WIZO group of mainly Christians? Fortunately there were people in WIZO who knew Rose and Maurie from the past and Friends of Keshet was given a green light and we launched our meetings with great enthusiasm. This has been our way of helping the women and children in Israel in a practical way.

Thank you to Paulette - Australian President, Pamela - President of WIZO Qld, Betty, Margot, Peter and Janet, Helen Woodrow, Lyn Prowse-Bishop, Nichola for all her expertise with the newsletter, also Bridges for Peace for printing the newsletter and for all Keshet members. THANK YOU.

I will end by saying 4 things.

- 1, Thank God every day of your life.
- 2, Show kindness.
- 3, Never give up.
- 4, Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Finally. Thank you Maurie for all your wonderful support.

Rose Toms, Retiring President of WIZO Keshet.



*Rose becomes a Life Governor of
WIZO Ahuzat Yeladim*



This Certificate Confers the Title

'Life Governor'

OF

WIZO AHUZAT YELADIM

ON

Rose Toms WIZO Kesher

With sincere thanks and great appreciation for her many years of dedication, as founder and President of WIZO Kesher.

February 13th 2022

Paulette Cherny OAM
President WIZO Australia

Esther Mor
World WIZO President



There is a ship named Kesher W.I.Z.O. which sails through the seas of life. God placed as it's Captain a very special person whom He had spoken to back in the year 1987. When Rose heard the calling, she kept it in her heart until the time was right for her to stand at the wheel and steer the boat through the years, with her faithful crew of helpers that God had placed at her side.

Rose sailed her ship into many places and hearts and lives, leaving behind a love for Israel and her people. As the seas got rough over the years her calling and love got stronger and her faithful crew helped with the hard work to keep the ship afloat, sometimes the wind blew so hard against them, but God was with her at the wheel of faith, and as they sailed on they became stronger and her love deeper.

Now it is time for Rose to step aside and let the next Captain take the wheel.

Only God knows what is ahead in the seas of life, and who best can help guide the ship along the next adventure.

May that person be willing to say **Yes to God** just like Rose did all those years ago.

To say **Thank you** to Rose for all her leadership, love and friendship always with a smile on her face, making everyone so very welcome, seems so inadequate Words fail me. May we all keep our love for her always in our hearts.

Enjoy your time dear Rose with all your friends as it is time to dock the boat at shore .

All my Love

Joanne.xo

A plaque has been added at the WIZO Ahuzat Yeladim property in Israel to acknowledge Rose's title of Life Governor there.

This is a rare and prestigious honour.



To our valued Keshet members

In this newsletter are reports of our recent WIZO Keshet AGM, where we farewelled our much loved President, Rose Toms, who stepped down from the position of President after 30 years of leadership.

As no one stepped up to take on the position of President, the position stays vacant for the time being. A steering committee, which has been functioning for several years under Rose, has now stepped up to take the leadership of our group.

Those present on this committee at the moment are Betty Dykes, Secretary of WIZO Keshet, and Margot Gray Treasurer of WIZO Keshet, Janet Roberts, Kiti Bruisma and Nichola Wallace. At our first meeting I was made the chairperson.

This committee has met on several occasions to decide how to proceed further. A newsletter was deemed urgent to inform all our faithful members, spread far and wide, about the leadership position. Should you want to contact me for more information I will be pleased to hear from you on 0408 544 563 or email me at rbdykes@bigpond.com

Betty Dykes - WIZO Keshet Secretary

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