



WIZO AVIVA Doing What Matters
newsletter

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Congratulations to

Johnny and Sharryn Goldman,

on the occasion of their recent

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

They are indeed a golden couple who are sorely missed by the Brisbane community.

Wishing them many more happy years together in Melbourne, close to their beloved family.



To our dear friend in WIZO,

Rose Toms,

Federal Executive and WIZO Keshet President,
we convey our heartfelt condolences on the
passing of her beloved remaining triplet sister,
Lizzie, who passed away recently

in New Zealand.

May her blessed memory sustain you, Rose, and
know that you are in our hearts at this sad time.

With love from all your WIZO friends.

Tova Blumberg Z"L

(17 December 1932 – 12 September 2021)

Tova was born in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on 17 December 1932 (18 Kislev 5693, Shabbat Parashat Vayishlach). She was the only child to Munya and Joshua Blumberg. She always took pride in celebrating her birthday twice a year, once on the civil date and once on the Hebrew date.

Her father passed away on 4 March 1961 (16 Adar 5721) in Israel where he is buried. Her mother, a Life Member of WIZO Qld., died in Brisbane 37 years later on 27 May 1998 (3 Sivan 5758). She lived in Israel for a very short period with her parents as they had considered moving there.

Tova was very attached to her parents and lived with both until her father passed on and she then continued living with her mother until her mother passed away. Tova never married. She lived in the family home in East Brisbane that her father had designed for the greater part of her life, moving to Montefiore Shirah Nursing Home Sydney in March 2019. In early 2000 she began to experience mobility issues. After nearly 20 years her mobility issues progressed to the stage that she could no longer look after herself causing her to explore a move to a high care facility. Unfortunately, she never enjoyed her new home in Sydney, but the move was absolutely necessary as she could no longer look after herself in Brisbane.

Tova served as Honorary Secretary to the Women's International Zionist Organisation (WIZO) Qld, for many years as librarian to the United Board of Hebrew Education Queensland (UBHEQ) and was the instigator in the

establishment of Friends of Sinai College Brisbane. She really enjoyed attending the monthly Cultural Group gathering of the older generation where a delicious luncheon was prepared by volunteers. She attended Brisbane Girls Grammar School (Class of 1952).

She was a very charitable lady contributing both time and money to many organisations. She was very proud of her parents' and her family's significant Jewish Communal involvement in Queensland, which dated back to the establishment of the now State Zionist Council of Queensland. Her passion, especially for education, was so great, but she never looked for personal recognition, only for recognition of her beloved mother and father.

Tova lived a very private lifestyle which unfortunately didn't lead her in creating a close circle of friends.

Following her sudden passing in Sydney early evening on Sunday 12 September 2021 and her wish to be interred alongside her mother at Mt Gravatt Jewish Cemetery in Brisbane, arrangements were made to transfer her to Brisbane. With Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day Wednesday/Thursday 15/16 September and because of Covid transport issues, her funeral could not take place until Friday 17 September 2021. May she rest in peace.

(This Eulogy was written by Johnny Goldman who tirelessly went out of his way to provide Tova with the care she needed to continue living as independently as possible over the course of many years ...Kol HaKavod Johnny!)

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**On behalf of the women and children of Israel,
we thank you for your continued support.**

The Missing Link



Please find some interesting links below:

Aviv, Young Leadership

In early July, World WIZO in conjunction with WIZO Aviv Young Leadership and WIZO USA, held a Zoom which unfortunately, because of the time difference, we were unable to join in on. This Zoom concentrated on standing up to anti-Semitism and counteracting efforts to delegitimise the Jewish state. The motivation behind this event was to give our WIZO ambassadors the tools to engage in healthy discourse about Israel. Our very own Rolene Marks, WIZO Executive Member for Public Diplomacy & Hasbara was in conversation with Amanda Berman, CEO of Zioness, a coalition of Jewish activists and allies, who are unabashedly progressive and unapologetically Zionist. I would recommend you take time out to listen to this recording as both young women are very passionate about us all being able to counter anti-Semitism and there are lessons to be learned. Please share this among your younger WIZO members.

[Watch the recorded Zoom meeting here.](#)