



February 2021



Tonight is Purim. A time for celebration as we recognise courage, bravery and the ability of each one of us to make a difference. We extend acts of kindness through the giving of Mishloach Manot (gifts of food to friends) and Matanot L'Evyonim (gifts to the poor) bringing a ray of sunshine into the lives of others.

We read about Queen Esther, a heroine who hid her true identity and together with her Uncle Mordechai, courageously saved her people from the wicked Haman.

Particularly at this time of course we think of the thousands of hidden warriors all around us. Wonderful doctors, nurses and other key workers, scientists, researchers and volunteers, working tirelessly to save and protect all of us!

At WIZO, we think too of the amazing educators and care givers at our WIZO Day Care Centres located at hospitals. Here the children

of medical teams and key workers are cared for, enabling parents to carry out their vital roles knowing their sons and daughters are in the best hands. Then there are the educators, counsellors and staff at our WIZO Youth Villages, who are making sure that teenagers, often from broken and very troubled homes, as well as those who cannot go home, are receiving the care and therapy they need in these unsettling times.

We are mindful of the WIZO professionals and support teams who look after mothers and children who have found refuge in WIZO shelters from the trauma of domestic abuse; currently a pandemic within a pandemic in this time of crisis.

All these wonderful people are also hidden heroes, committed to ensuring a healthy and better future for all, putting the wellbeing of others ahead of their own and bringing a ray of sunshine into the lives of all those they care for.

There is a quote that says “On this day of Purim we must learn to endure the bad so that we live to see the good”. Through all the troubles of recent times, we have certainly seen so much good and kindness around us!! A powerful ray of light through the darkness!



Wishing you all a Purim Sameach with the hope that this time next year we will once again be able to celebrate together.



Ronit Ribak-Madari
Chairperson WIZOUK



Maureen Fisher
CEO WIZOUK

The latest from Israel



We know you will love this cute clip of this year's Purim celebrations at WIZO Day Care Centres!





Students in the 11th grade who live and study at the WIZO Nachlat Yehuda Youth Village brought Purim cheer to the elderly residents of a nearby retirement home.



That first kiss...



As part of WIZO's commitment to young people at all stages of life, WIZO has developed the '**Mine & Only Mine**' programme.

This innovative, nationwide domestic violence prevention programme identifies and prevents violence during the dating phase in the first romantic relationships of young people. The programme focuses on young men and women, 16 - 26 years old.

WIZO empowers young men and women with vital life-skills to avoid negative choices and violations. In the prevention of violence against women, WIZO starts young.

However, sadly domestic violence is a real threat and impacts many young families, often with children too young to fully understand. We'd like to share with you Irena's moving story. Now grown up, Irena tells us how WIZO stepped in to save her and her family when she was a young girl.



WIZO's intervention gave Irena a brighter future. In her own words:

***"I'm very pleased with who I am today
and WIZO gave me that".***



Events

**It's great to see so many familiar and new faces at our online events.
Thank you for your kind and generous support of our virtual
functions.**

Bake Off Time with speaker Zack Cohen



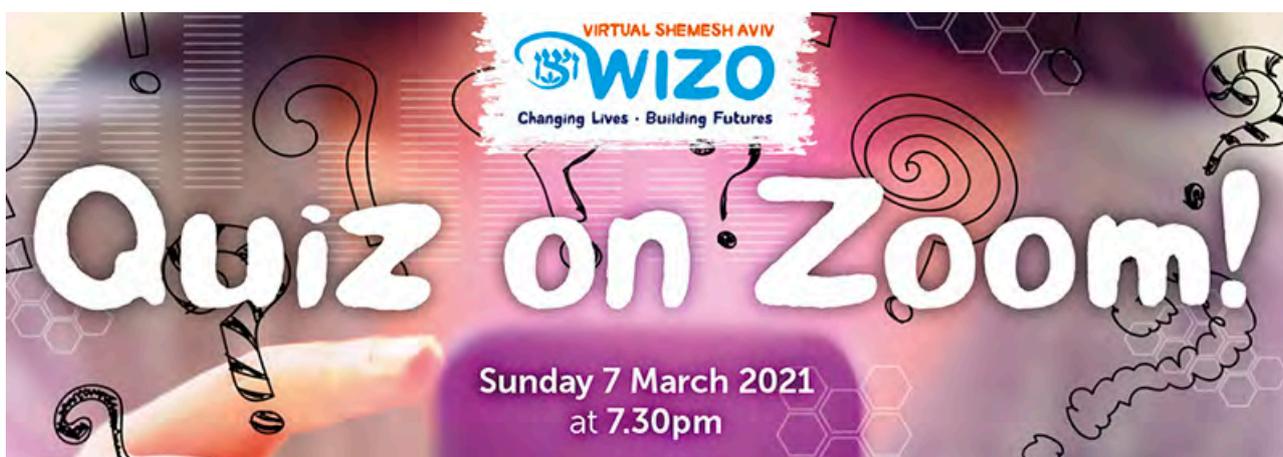
All generations are welcome to hear Zack speak about his time in Junior Bake Off and answer questions.

Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 8pm.

Suggested voluntary donation: **£12.50** per household

[Book Here](#)

Quiz on Zoom!



For teams of up to 8 people. If not together, groups can confer via WhatsApp. The team host to submit answers via email.

Sunday 7 March 2021 at 7.30pm.
Suggested voluntary donation: **£10 per person**

[Book Here](#)

For further information, please contact:
Gloria: 07703 799 790

Keeping Your Head in the Game

**How do you maintain the mental focus needed,
when 50,000 fans are booing you?**



Please join us along with all the football and sport crazy players and fans in your life for this fascinating panel discussion with some sporting experts and legends - including anecdotes from the changing room and discussions about mental health. Includes a complimentary book. It will be a fantastic event!

Panel: Chaired by **Rob Nothman** – BBC Broadcaster

Gary Bloom – Sports performance psychotherapist, host of award winning therapy show ‘On the Sporting Couch’, Talksport radio and author of ‘Keeping Your Head in the Game.’

Pat Nevin – Broadcaster and former player

Louise Kermode – Head of Services for Jami.

Sunday 7 March 2021 at 7.30pm

From the comfort of your home via Zoom

Ticket – **£20** including a complimentary copy of Gary Bloom’s book ‘Keeping Your Head in the Game’.

[Book Here](#)

Beyond the Headlines

Perhaps you are involved in business activities with Israel, charitable projects or simply engaged in conversation about Israel or, maybe you have students in your family who find themselves in debates with their peers?

VIRTUAL WIZO
Changing Lives · Building Futures

Beyond the Headlines

A fascinating and informative Q&A about the ‘misleading’ headlines on Israel and International Law, the status of the territory and Israel’s relationship with the Palestinians.

Guest Speaker Natasha Hausdorff

Thursday 18 March 2021 at 8pm
Tickets: £7.50 per household £4 for students

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Natasha Hausdorff, a WIZO trustee, is a Barrister and Director of the NGO 'UK Lawyers for Israel'. Natasha speaks frequently on international law, foreign affairs and national security policy and holds law degrees from Oxford and Tel Aviv Universities and was a fellow at Columbia Law School.

Please join us for a better understanding of the legal arguments around 'illegal settlement', 'illegal occupation' and discussions on the legality of the Israeli vaccination programme.

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Penny Junor Talk

A promotional banner for a virtual tea event. On the left, the WIZO logo is displayed with the tagline 'Changing Lives · Building Futures'. The background features a string of Union Jack flags hanging from a tree. On the right, a portrait of Penny Junor is shown. The text in the center reads: 'Virtual Tea with Royal Biographer Penny Junor speaking on: The Monarchy after another 'Annus Horribilis' for the Queen'. Below this, it states 'Wednesday 17 March 2021 from 3pm - 4pm from the comfort of your home via Zoom'.

Southgate WIZO invites you to a Virtual Tea with Royal Biographer **Penny Junor** speaking on:
The Monarchy after another 'Annus Horribilis' for the Queen

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Some 'sweet' buys

A sweet lockdown treat or tasteful gift



Following the huge success of our Virtual Chocolate Tasting Experience, sponsored by Firetree Chocolate,

Firetree has very kindly offered to donate **10% of all sales to WIZO** when using the code **WIZO10** in its online shop. To check out Firetree's delicious dairy free kosher chocolate please click below and use the code **WIZO10** 😊

[Firetree Chocolate](#)

If you missed our very interesting evening and would like to watch the recording please email bookings@wizouk.org.

Keep an eye out for the next event in our Food & Drink series!

Missing that hug?!



A virtual hug is the next best thing. Give the gift of a **'virtual hug'** bracelet to those special people in your life to let them know you're thinking of them. Bracelets are **£6** including p&p.

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Colour in T-shirts



This t-shirt comes in four fun designs with a set of ten pens for children to colour in and make their own art to wear.

All the t-shirts come in ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11 years.

Proceeds will help us bring colour to the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged children in WIZO's care.

T-shirts are **£10** including p&p.

Please ensure you add in the size you would like in the additional information box at the checkout.

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The WIZO online shop



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Please save your bric-a-brac, accessories, jewellery, shoes, vases, handbags, sports clothing & footwear that could be sold to raise vital funds for WIZO.

If you have any items to donate, please call **Tal** on **07989 788179** or email tal.wizouk@gmail.com to discuss items and collection. *(we can collect from all postcodes)*

Save your stamps for WIZO!



For several years one of our members has been collecting postage stamps to sell and raise funds for WIZO. Please keep your used stamps, especially if they are interesting, commemorative or special edition, and post them to WIZO Head Office: WIZOUk, Charles House, 108-110 Finchley Road, London NW3 5JJ

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