

Remembering Kristallnacht in 2020

CCJWA's 2020 Kristallnacht commemoration, recalling 'The Night of Broken Glass' November 1938, was held on Sunday 8 November. The use of Carmel School's Sylvia and Harry Hoffman Hall, for which CCJWA is always grateful, was enhanced by the involvement of Carmel School principal Shula Lazar to open proceedings; Carmel Primary School Choir singing *Rachem*, accompanied by Michele Galanti; and Carmel student Adi Goldberg rendering a beautifully evocative *Sh'ma Yisrael* (Sarit Hadad).

Remembering the tragic – and horrific – past can never be made palatable. However goodness and beauty in the human spirit can revisit its memory in ways to help us go forward, much like the *Kaddish* lifts us during loss. With that aim, 2020 Kristallnacht honoured the past with a selection of inspiring musical offerings (a *Doina* lament; *Spiegel im Spiegel*; *Eli, Eli* [Zehavi]), testimonies of Jewish persons (Lisa Tyre, Fred Bachner), and poems pertaining to concentration camps (*Verses, The Little Boy with His Hands Up*). This year's symbolic Candle-of-Hope, lit by Dylan Rockman and Amnon Ross in cooperation, well reflected anticipation for future peace. Further, the commemoration's high number of participants supported a continuing sense of community inclusion.

The key address by guest speaker Professor Max Kamien MD, AM, CitWA, on *Burning, Banning, Boycotting, Editing and Expurgating Books: The ever-present struggle for Freedom of Speech*, articulately analysed ingredients that allowed the injustices of this macabre chapter in history. Professor Kamien alerted listeners to the importance of defending freedom, with respect to publication of critiques, and pointed to insidious alterations (the Nazi manipulation of the Hippocratic Oath – upholding it while excluding particular human groups from humankind), and the kind of personality that burned worthwhile and indispensable texts.

This year, again, with respect to 'behind the scenes work', particular thanks are due to Dr Mary Marshall and Colin Rockman OAM JP. *Judith Schneider, Vice-Chairperson, CCJWA*



Revd Marie Wilson, Chairperson CCJWA, and guest speaker Professor Max Kamien MD, AM, CitWA before the commemoration



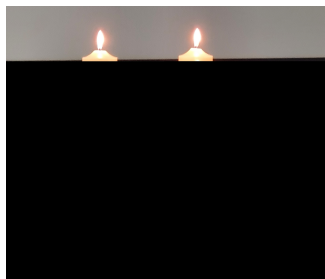
Rabbi Adi Cohen lights memorial candle



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Dylan Rockman and Amnon Ross



Memorial Candles



Hon. Kate Doust MLC and Simon Millman MLA



Judith and Ken Arkwright



Eli Rabinowitz, Rivka Matjeles and Sol Matjeles



Rabbi Dan Lieberman and Simon Millman MLA