

# Meet the Senior Team



*Jo Gluckman*

## **Head of Jewish Learning & Head of Nesiah**

Jo joined the BJE team last year, and is passionate about providing all students with the best Jewish educational experience. She has extensive previous experience in the education sector as an English teacher, school psychologist, and administrator

She has also led several Israel Programs at Moriah College and is excited to support BJE students and parents with their journey in Israel this year.

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*Ronnen Grauman*  
**Deputy Head of Nesiah**

Ronnen has had the privilege of accompanying many school groups to Israel and is looking forward to Nesiah with even more excitement than ever before. He believes that this premiere program has the potential to change lives, and on Nesiah, students will have the opportunity to further develop their relationship with Israel and the Jewish People.

In his opinion, there is nothing more special than witnessing the awe and wonder of the students as they experience the very best Israel has to offer.



*Itzik Sztokman*

**Executive Principal of UJEB**

Itzik is a passionate educator and has worked in Jewish Education for more than 20 years.

An alumni of the Senior Educators course at Hebrew University, he has held various positions both at Mt. Scopus and Moriah College in the Primary and High schools.

Itzik has led various groups to Israel and is so excited that BJE and UJEB are working together to send so many Jewish teens across Australia, together, to Israel.

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*Mark Gluckman*

## **Senior Staff on Nesiah**

Mark is a firm favourite on all the Israel Programs that he has joined. His profession is IT but his passions include running, cycling and adventurous outdoor activities.

Mark has significant experience working with teenagers of all ages. He has been a Senior Staff member on four Israel Programs, he volunteers on the Jewish Care Mentor Program and trains young people for triathlons.



*Hanit Gershberg*

## **Senior Staff on Nesiah**

Hanit has worked at BJE for the past 3 years in various roles from managing the BJE's database and enrolments to taking an active part in the Nesiah Program.

Hanit is a native Hebrew speaker, she was born in Israel and has lived in Sydney for the past 19 years. She is very passionate about the Nesiah Program and connecting our youth in the Jewish community with Israel.

# Meet your Madrichim



Roy (Head Mad)

**Random Fact:**

I am an arsenal supporter

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Cottage cheese (don't judge until you try it)

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I love to play football or run/workout. I also enjoy playing guitar

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm most excited about meeting new people and all the cool activities planned

**Random Fact:**

I used to play the flute

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Shakshuka

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Swims at the beach, late night drives with friends

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm most excited to visit the Shuk and Tel Aviv Beach



Jenna

# Meet your Madrichim



Aaron

**Random Fact:**

I have fallen out of a pool before

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Shwarma v'falafel

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Travel to Europe

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

Marzipan - if you know, you know

**Random Fact:**

I'm not nice without iced coffee

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Felafel and pita!

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Make new friends so I can hang out with their pets

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

The food and the fun!



Mia

# Meet your Madrichim



Shani

**Random Fact:**

I have a collection of "mood" mugs - one for each of my moods

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Rugelach

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Hang out with friends and go on little adventures

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm most excited to meet everyone and make amazing memories

**Random Fact:**

I am related to King David

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Sabich

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I love watching Soccer at all hours of the morning

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

Exposing the beauty of Israel to all the chanichim (students)



Noah

# Meet your Madrichim



Rachel

**Random Fact:**

My favourite colour is Pink

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Falafel

**What do you do in your spare time?**

I love to bake

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm most excited for trying new things and long lasting experiences

**Random Fact:**

I drink around 8L of water a day

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Sushi Sandwich

**What do you do in your spare time?**

Basketball, Netflix and going to the beach

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

Lots of long bus rides!!



Shannon

# Meet your Madrichim



Jasmine

**Random Fact:**

I have an obsession with Messina Ice Cream

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Rugelach

**What do you do in your spare time?**

In my spare time I hang out with friends, bake, go bouldering and boxing

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm most excited for all the food and visiting the shuk

**Random Fact:**

During my time living in Israel for 7 months, I volunteered with the Israeli Army, and also taught English at a primary school in the middle of the desert!

**Favourite Israeli Food:**

Sabich!

**What do you do in your spare time?**

If I'm not singing songs from a musical, I'm watching one!

**What are you most excited for in Israel?**

I'm super pumped to be able to watch the journey each and every person will take throughout the trip, and in particular be able to witness what may be the first Israel trip for some (of hopefully many!) - and of course I'm excited for the borekas in Jerusalem!!



Joseph