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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Women speakers

JOFA is proudly launching in Melbourne and the Jewish Community Alliance Australia (JCAA) has established the first national Jewish women's public speakers bureau.  
The bureau boasts 60 women from across four states and territories, and aims to solve a long-term problem that Jewish and community groups have in finding suitable and qualified women for public speaking opportunities.  
JOFA president Noam Kaltmann said, "Many organisations and synagogues have previously expressed interest in having a centralised bureau that will allow them to find women who are qualified to speak at events or on panels, and JOFA Australia hopes that by creating this resource we will multiply the opportunities available for Jewish women in communities across Australia."

Among those that have signed up to the bureau are doctors, lawyers, accountants, teachers, rabbanits, professors and advocates.

"We look forward to sharing the wealth of knowledge that these women bring forth," said Kaltmann.

JOFA is keeping the expression of interest form to join the bureau open and has an option allowing people to both self-nominate or nominate other qualified women.

"Sometimes women have a hard time putting themselves forward for opportunities," said board member Chaya Herszberg, adding that "overseas we have seen that the American JOFA speakers bureau has allowed many

women to be considered for speaking opportunities and we are keen to replicate this success."

For more information, visit [facebook.com/JOFAAustralia](http://facebook.com/JOFAAustralia)

### TECHNION SCITECH Applications close soon

The application deadline for Technion - Israel Institute of Technology's SciTech 2022 program has been extended to February 14.

Described as "an amazing program" by Technion Australia CEO Yoash Dvir, SciTech is an "international summer camp" at the leading Haifa-based research university.

Students in years 10-12 with strong academic records are encouraged to apply for the program, which is scheduled to start in July and run for three-and-a-half weeks.

Scholarships are available to help with the cost of flights.

Dvir said the program is highly selective and "only five people from Australia will be accepted".

For more information or to apply, visit [sctech.technion.ac.il](http://sctech.technion.ac.il) or email [yoash.dvir@austechnion.com](mailto:yoash.dvir@austechnion.com)



Students at a prior SciTech program.