

It gives me great pleasure to be presenting the Rebecca Sieff Award this evening. This award is the highest award any WIZO member can achieve.

This WIZO member has been involved for more than 40 years and has always been passionate about WIZO's work supporting the people of Israel.

Her passion came through her family's support of both Israel and the local community – her parents, both Holocaust survivors believed strongly in the importance of a strong Jewish state.

Over many years, she hosted many successful WIZO fundraising events in her home, always accommodating the group's needs with the greatest of ease.

She has been on the executive of her group and has even been president one year!

More recently, our Rebecca Sieff recipient has been involved in the day to day running of the WIZO NSW office, a huge example to her children and grandchildren, just as her parents were to her.

This member is conservative! Generous to a fault, loyal and so kind. She is a pleasure to work with – she cares about WIZO books and finances as though they were her own, she is fastidious in reporting, documenting and executing for the organisation.

She is most definitely the rock behind WIZO NSW finances and rock is an apt word to describe our honoree.

It is of course the wonderful, dependable, loyal WIZO NSW Treasurer, Julie Ross.

Julie will you please come up and accept this award.