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Israel's 60th Anniversary year at TBI

Rabbi Fred Morgan

On 29 November 1947 the United Nations voted by 33 to 13 with ten abstentions to create a Jewish State, the State of Israel, in the mandatory territory of Palestine. The 'Yes' votes included both the United States and the Soviet Union.

From November this year, the Jewish community of Melbourne together with Jewish communities around the world will be celebrating Israel's 60th anniversary in great style. We at TBI will be offering our own contributions to mark this milestone. Over the next nine months we'll be running a number of *limmud* programs on Israel-related themes plus two series of cultural events, one related to Tu B'Shevat and the second over the period from Lag B'Omer until Yom Yerushalayim. The details of the Sunday *limmud* programs over the remainder of 2007 are already available:

• **11, 18, 25 November**

'The Jerusalem Program: the basis of modern Zionism', led by Rabbis Zylberman and Gevurtz, will introduce the 'Jerusalem Program', which all TBI-niks have affirmed through their shul membership, and give participants a chance to discuss some of the basic issues surrounding modern Zionism.

• **9, 16 December**

'The Jewish People and the Jewish Land: a religious perspective on the JNF', led by Rabbi Morgan, will present the religious and textual background to the work of KKL-JNF and look at current issues involving the ownership of land in Israel.

• **1-3 February**

A Tu B'Shevat program on Kibbutz Lotan and ecological issues in Israel, including a full weekend of food-fests, talks and activities: a Netzer-style Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by an Oneg Shabbat dinner celebrating Israel's land and produce; a Sunday morning Israeli-style breakfast for all ages, hosted by Netzer; presentations by the JNF education shaliach, a founding member of Kibbutz Lotan (a Progressive kibbutz



in the Arava).

• **10-17 February**

UIA-Progressive Trust guest speaker from Israel.

• **2 & 9 March**

A special *limmud* on 'The Status of Women in Israel and in Judaism'; and 'The Walls of Jerusalem', issues facing modern Israel seen through the symbolism of the Kotel and the Fence.

• **9 May**

Shabbat Atzma'ut at TBI, special Oneg Shabbat dinner and celebration.

• **23 May (Lag B'Omer) until 2 June (Yom Yerushalayim)**

A week of cultural activities, including a Virtual Israel Tour, Israeli cinema, presentation on modern Israeli literature, Young TBI program, Israeli dancing, and much more!

Do any of these programs take your fancy? We need lots of involvement, from shleppers to publicists, chefs to front-of-house, organisers to creative artists. Please let us know if you can help!

Limud @ TBI

BET MIDRASH

11, 18, 25 November; 9, 16 December
at 9.15 - 10.15 am

The Bet Midrash precedes the popular *Limud on Sundays*. Each session is self-contained, come as often as you like. Designed for those who are eager to deepen their appreciation for the Jewish textual tradition through close readings and intensive discussion. Learn texts one-on-one with other participants, guided by Rabbis Morgan, Zylberman and Gevurtz.

LIMMUD ON SUNDAYS

10:30 am - 12 noon

Adult learning for members and friends presented by TBI rabbis and guest lecturers. Gold coin donation.

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9, 16 December 'The Jewish People and the Jewish Land: a religious perspective on the JNF', led by Rabbi Morgan.

PARASHAT HASHAVU'A

Discussion on the week's Torah Portion,
weekly on Tuesday afternoons,
5.30-6.30 pm

A program for adults of all ages and backgrounds, no prior knowledge or language skills required.

SHERIDAN HALL

SHMOOZE

Mondays, 1 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 Dec,
at 2 - 3 pm

Rabbi Morgan continues these popular monthly sessions at Sheridan Hall, corner of Northcote Avenue & Hawthorn Road.



**FROM THE PRESIDENT
ROGER MENDELSON**

Another year

This is indeed a strange and exciting time of the year. Coming out of the depths of winter, our year reaches a crescendo. Family members return from overseas and interstate, tribal loyalty re-emerges and we approach these special few weeks with a combination of excitement, dread, expectation and inevitability.

The whole year becomes focused on one special day and this day has its own special rhythm, pulsating with a series of highs and lows and eventually, for some, ending in moments of pure ecstasy.

I am talking, of course, about the peculiar Melbourne religion of the AFL Grand Final.

However, there are eerie parallels with our own High Holyday *Yontiff* period.

From the feedback I have had, and certainly my own perceptions agree, that from Rosh Hashanah right through to the dimming of the lights after Neelah on Yom Kippur, it was as if our team had worked its way through to the Grand Final and then actually won.

No president of TBI could fail to be moved upon looking out over the sea of faces during the sombre moments of Kol Nidre. This is our community en masse. Despite our diversity (and we certainly are a diverse lot) we come together with a common purpose and become transformed into a true religious community.

There is doubtless very good reason why Jews tend to gravitate towards the entertainment industry and the performing arts, because there is so much theatre inherent within our services.

There has been a subtle shift over the years within TBI, from one of communal observation to one of communal involvement. Our music traditions have their genesis in the tradition of the progressive movement in prewar Germany. Joe Stupel advises me that when he first became involved in TBI music, it was very much a question of the congregation quietly observing the cantor and listening to the choir, like an audience at a concert.

Today our Yom Kippur services have become more like an opera, with full congregational involvement. We are all actors in the drama. This theme develops during the afternoon service, with a large number of readings by congregants and the involvement of many young people (our youngest Torah leynner was only 14 years old).

This communal involvement really picks up pace during Neelah, which has a true operatic quality. There is a reading by the rabbi, followed rapidly by communal



reading, then a burst from the cantorial soloist, followed up by a response from the choir and then a singing response from the whole community and then a switch back to the soloist and then communal chanting, with the pace and volume ever rising, followed by a blast from the Shofar (rather like the final siren), then the dramatic turning down of lights and unleashing of unbridled joy at havdalah, followed by spontaneous hugging and handshakes.

Who could not be moved and uplifted by such a scene. When it comes to putting on grandeur and dignity, TBI surely excels. Yet at the same time, we are a warm, friendly community and ultimately this is how we end the day, in handshakes, smiles, tears and hugs.

For those of you who come to shul only over the High Holyday period, I have a little secret to pass on to you. The feelings of community and upliftment which comes at the conclusion of Yom Kippur are available every week, albeit in smaller dosages. Our weekly Erev Shabbat and Shabbat services are like mini Yom Kippurs.

As your resolution for 5768, may I recommend that you plan to come to at least one service each month and help to build our TBI community.

On behalf of each of you, I would like to sincerely thank the particular players who helped contribute to such a wonderful High Holyday period, namely our three wonderful spiritual leaders, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Rabbi Gersh Zylberman and Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz, our choir master, Joe Stupel, Eli Firestone, who accompanied on the organ, our absolutely brilliant choir and the legion of individuals who have worked so hard behind the scenes, including in particular Alan Samuel, our Executive Director and Rhonda Nirens, his Executive Assistant.

I also wish to thank each of you for your chanting, singing, reading and simply being there, to contribute to the ruach.

I wish you chag samech.

Roger Mendelson

Welcome to the TBI Mishpacha

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

Clap your hands, sing along! Presenting TBI's Mishpacha services! From Shabbat to Festival services, this year has been a wonderful time for our young Temple families as we have gathered together to celebrate Shabbat and the Festivals at our brand-new Mishpacha family services.



Together we have celebrated Shabbat through song, story, and fun every 4th Saturday morning of the month at 9 am! I invite you to be a part of this important time for young families,

a time to teach your developing child what it means to pray, what it means to rejoice in Shabbat. Join myself, Rabbi Gersh, Cantor Rhondda and other young families in a warm and relaxed atmosphere as together we envelop our children in the richness of our prayer tradition.

And the Mishpacha community of young families also gathers together on the Festivals in the Jewish calendar year. Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Mishpacha services were packed with young people singing the traditional Holyday prayers, reading from a special young person's machzor and listening to stories that conveyed the message of the day. Many families then continued their celebration by joining in our family programming featuring an adventurous exploration of the 'Days of Creation' and a dramatic retelling of the story of Jonah led by the dynamic team of our Temple Educator, Jamie Wajnberg, as well as Joanne Loewy-Irons, Nicole Brown,

Ellen Frajman, Claire Cyngler, Jeremy Bliss, Nicole Pasmanik, Simon Phillips and Tara Kornhauser.

Our Sukkot Mishpacha service was enthusiastically led by the students of our Matan Religion School before we all had a chance to have a little pizza in the sukkah.

I am looking forward to joining your family in rejoicing with our children in

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz



TBI Bubs n Bagels

First and third Tuesday monthly

10:30 – 11:30 am at Temple Beth Israel

Join Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz in our new monthly group for babies up to 18 months right here at TBI!

Grab yourself a bagel, then sit down, relax and get to know other Temple families with littlies. Each month we'll have a different Jewish surprise to keep things lively.

contact rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au

or call 9510-1488



The ongoing journey towards community

Dorothy Graff

The setting is TBI, High Holydays, 1997. Our new Rabbi, Rabbi Fred Morgan, is giving one of his first sermons. He explains his vision for us: to transform Temple Beth Israel from a congregation into a vibrant community centre. He's done it before, in the UK.

Who of you who heard Rabbi Morgan speak, thought: 'what a grand vision, but it won't happen – we're too large and too disparate. Best of wishes anyhow?' I must admit that I was one of them.

And here we sit, ten years later, living testament that his vision has come and is coming to fruition. We now have over 30 groups and countless activities with many, many people involved. How has this happened?

Rabbi Morgan, Fred, has always had a remarkable ability to marshal resources and bring out the best in people. I've been so fortunate to be one of them. There are many of us. Let me use my own case to demonstrate how TBI growth and development has occurred through Fred's inspirational leadership.

In April, 2002, I arranged a meeting with Fred to ask if there were any guidelines on mentoring as I had decided to mentor a friend in the Introduction to Judaism class. No, there weren't. When I left the meeting, I had been given a document about a potential Religious Action Group which I could convene that would address *tikkun olam* (social justice) issues. I don't ever remember saying that I would take on the role! Yet Fred's enthusiasm, energy, and trust were so contagious that I agreed. And it was one of the best things I ever did! Many of us say we started in leadership positions in a similar way.

Over the five years that I convened the Social Justice Group, as it became known, Fred was always there for us. We understood how important *tikkun olam* was to him as a practical expression of Progressive Judaism and we did our best to honour the intent and spiritual significance. What we did was left to us. His optimism and gratitude were in endless supply for what we did with our heart.

What was the outcome? Members of the group realised their own strength within, developed a passion for a cause that particularly appealed to them, and learned to work together with the greatest respect for each other; life skills. As well, we enabled many others from TBI to help and be involved when and where they could. We had great achievements and these continue now with John Hillel as Convenor.

Through Fred's inspirational leadership, other groups continue to spring up, meeting ever more needs of TBI's 2800 membership. Networks for all ages and interests are thriving.

Behind Fred's energy is Sue's warmth and understanding of all matters human. As we know, together they make the most supportive and loving team, dedicating themselves to the TBI family and beyond to the general community.

And so, has Rabbi Morgan achieved his vision which we heard those High Holydays ten years ago? Enormously so. Fred treats us as we are and also as we are capable of becoming. TBI has become a vibrant community centre and, with commitment and energy, we can continue to become even more so.

We have made Fred's vision a reality. Not Fred alone; we've done it together. It's a partnership.

Fred, thank you for your spiritually motivated approach which you demonstrate so well by honouring and respecting every single individual.

We hope you are pleased with the result and eagerly await your next ten-year period. We congratulate you and wish you, Sue, and your family all the very best!

Social Justice Group presentation to Fred and Sue Morgan on their tenth anniversary at TBI.



Perpetual Memorials for 'Rhythm of Fire'

The sculpture *Rhythm of Fire*, created by Andrew Rogers in 2005, stands in the forecourt of Temple Beth Israel as a memorial artwork.

Ms Ruja Varon is the first member of our community to take the proffered opportunity to purchase a memorial plaque to commemorate the life of her father, Moshe Varon, and his extensive family who perished in the Holocaust.

Rhythm of Fire offers an opportunity to members who wish to make a more substantial memorial offering. For enquiries, contact Alan Samuel 9510-1488 or alan.samuel@tbi.org.au



Spotlight on Sylvie Jonas

Rhonda Nirens

You have by now become familiar with my articles each month on our wonderful group of volunteers. Each and every one of our volunteers does amazing, but often unnoticed, work for the betterment of Temple Beth Israel.

I first met Sylvie some 13 years ago, not long after her mother passed away. Rabbi Brian Michelson was instrumental in helping Sylvie through a very difficult time. He showed Sylvie compassion and sincerity – he was the right person at the right time. Sylvie began bringing her children, Rebekah and Morgan, down from Emerald to Erev Shabbat services and also to the Religion School. This was no mean feat – it was a 240 km round trip every weekend! Our mothers, who worked tirelessly for NCJW, Temple and other Jewish organisations, inspired most of us by example. Sylvie's mother was no exception. She taught Sylvie the importance of knowing where you have come from, the importance of connection *L'dor vador* (from generation to generation), of compassion, and the need to pass the love of Judaism and social justice on to her children.

Sylvie began the sole parents group (*Flying Solo*) back in 1995. This provided the venue for single parents to talk, socialise and feel connected to the Temple and to our community. Her journey and commitment to 'all are entitled to be and to live a life without depravation' has continued to grow though Sylvie's involvement with the Social Justice group's work with the Sudanese community. From arranging furniture pickups and deliveries to the Sudanese in Dandenong, coordinating and rostering Temple members to work at the Sacred Heart Mission in St. Kilda over the summer, serving on the Religious Life committee, to organising a Domestic Violence Shabbat this September. She hopes to organise the 'white ribbon' day for the whole community to bring awareness and help to those within our community who suffer from domestic violence. As Sylvie said: 'our community has to be very proactive against violence – everyone is entitled to feel safe, not to feel threatened and have nowhere to turn to.' These are a few of the projects to which Sylvie has dedicated her skills.

Now she is also working at Gawith Villa – an organisation which is a day service provider for adults with an intellectual disability. Her dual role of managing



volunteers and as community development leader helps the Jewish residents to find outreach placements and to reconnect with their Judaism. She has achieved this partly by organising mini services for festivals with the assistance of Rabbi Morgan, and by bringing residents to Shabbat Alive services.

Sylvie quotes Rabbi Chaim Stern, who wrote in his book, *Day by Day*, 'There is the frustration of knowing that I will never accomplish all that I set out to do. And so sometimes I am tempted to give it all up. The ideals I cherish for the world – peace and contentment, justice for all, and food for the hungry – likewise seem so distant of realisation. God, at such a moment as this, reminds me to do what I can, for that is something I can keep on doing.' This quote encapsulates how she feels about social justice issues and helps her to keep going.

I could go on about Sylvie's many achievements and her quiet determination to help make our world a better place. Her skill of making those around her feel included and her passion about each and every project that is tackled. We are truly blessed to have such an incredible lady as part of our community.

A Prayer for a Happy New Year

May you be blessed with good neighbours who are there for you when you need them, and who are not around too much when you don't need them.

May the clothing styles of yesterday come back so you can wear all that stuff that you don't have the heart to throw away.

May the expressions, 'you know', and 'like', 'it's hot' and 'whatever' be retired. And may those old-fashioned expressions, 'thank you', 'pardon me', 'after you', and 'you look lovely', come back instead.

May the world enjoy a year that is free of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, drought—and political speeches, which produce the most wind of all.

May you have a spouse, or a child, or a friend, or a grandchild, who loves you, even though they really know you.

May you win the lottery, and thereby acquire a host of long-lost relatives, and may you remember Temple Beth Israel when you win.

May there be peace this year between the Jews of Israel and the Arabs, and may there also be peace between the Jews of

Israel, which sometimes seems more difficult to achieve.

In the darkest moments of this new year, and there will be some dark moments, may you remember that you are not alone, that God loves you, that is why He made you just a little bit lower than the angels.

May you feast your eyes often on green trees, on blue waters, and on the happy faces of those you love.

May we keep rage off the roads, and out of the workplace, and out of our homes, and direct it instead at racism, at poverty and at all the evils that we politely tolerate.

May we learn that what really counts most is not the years but the days, not how much we can accumulate but how much we can share, and with whom.

May you have enough to give you contentment, and may you have enough left over, so that you can be generous.

May the telemarketers not call you during dinner time, and instead, may you receive calls, from long lost friends and from new ones too.

Sunday 9 December

The Great Chanukah

Family Fun Farm Day!



12 noon to 3 pm, Gemrock Farm, Gembrook



BBQ, animal petting zoo, horse and camel rides, Israeli dancing, family games, music and lots of food!

\$25 per family includes food, drinks and ALL ACTIVITIES!
Bookings are essential by 3 DECEMBER for catering purposes. Call 9510 1488 for information and bookings.



Netzer Weekly!

Every Sunday a group of kids get together in the depths of TBI and do what few people have had the privilege to do before. For two hours we sing, dance, laugh and play all while learning about Israel, Judaism and how to make the world a better place. The meetings are free and run by a wonderful group of enthusiastic university students who understand the importance of inspiring the Jewish Youth.

Netzer Shabbat Services

On the first Friday of every month the Netzer Kehillah gathers to welcome in Shabbat with a beautiful service full of singing and prayer. You are welcome!

Netzer Sleepover

Come to the Grade 2, 3 and 4 Sleepover
24 November, 6 pm at TBI

Are you in grade 2 and would like to see what Netzer is before you come on camp? Come to meet everybody, play games, eat lollies, have a great time and your parents can get all the info about camp. For more information call Jordy 0421-618-632

Meetings run every Sunday this
October and November for kids in gr 3 – yr 12

For information, call Claire
0402-893-763
melbournenetz@netzer.org.au

Friday 2 November, 7 December
at 6.15pm
Magid Resource centre, upstairs at TBI



TBI Young Adults try Bedouin style

Sukkot 2007 had a distinctly Middle Eastern flavour for young adults. We had planned to dine in the sukkah in the true style of our ancestors, but due to Melbourne's typically inclement weather, we shifted into the Friedlander Beit Midrash.

Falafel, pittot and numerous dips and salads were enjoyed along with great singing, discussion and, as always, awesome company. For more information on our

monthly Shabbat dinners, email jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au or check our new **Young TBI group on Facebook!**



Netzer Summer Camp

Federal Senior Camp
(yr 10 – yr 12 in 2008)
5 – 15 January
(camp will be in Sydney)
Andrew 0439 004 519

Junior Summer Camp
(yr 3 – yr 9 in 2008)
22 – 27 January
Simon 0406 582 232

Chanukah soccer charity match

The Jew Crew (*TBI Young Adults*)
VS
The Barmi Army (*b'nei mitzvah kids*)
for the Maccabe Cup!
9 December from 6 pm
in Alma Park

BBQ food and drinks
and cheer on your team!



Light the *chanukiyah* afterwards
All proceeds will benefit
Jewish Aid Australia
More info: maccabe.cup@gmail.com

Changes for Matan in 2008

From the beginning of first term in 2008 Matan classes will be held on Tuesdays!

We are also seeking a permanent Education Director to build on the work done by Jamie Wajnberg and Amelia Kalifa. Interviews are now under way and we hope to announce the new Director in the next issue of *Temple Time*.

We are also working towards a more robust and integrated curriculum. Look out for more news as it comes to hand.

Can you save a life?

Learn now!

By special arrangement, two first aid courses conducted by trained, professional instructors, at Temple Beth Israel.

Basic Life Support (Level 1)

Sunday 11 November 9 am - 5 pm
\$85 per person

Senior First Aid (Level 2)

Sundays 11 and 19 November 9 am - 5 pm
\$175 per person

This is at a substantially lower cost than you will find anywhere else! Both courses will cover CPR and no previous knowledge is assumed. Many employers now also require first aid certification, so take advantage of this opportunity and gain an essential, and potentially life-saving, skill.

Enquiries & bookings with Yvonne Fischer
9510-1488 yvonne.fischer@tbi.org.au
by Monday 22 October



ARZA Annual General Meeting

Thursday 18 October 2007 at 4.45 pm
The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
1 Macquarie Street, Hobart

For a copy of the agenda, or to participate in the Annual General Meeting by teleconference, please contact the ARZA/UPJ office by phone 03-95338587 or by email upj@upj.org.au



Evening Performances

Monday 29 October at 7.30pm
Tuesday 30 October at 7.30pm
Wednesday 31 October at 7.30pm

Special Abridged Matinee Performance
Wednesday 31 October at 12.30pm

TICKETS

Single: \$16 (\$10 for Matinee)
Family: \$70 (2 Adults and 3 children)
Ticket Bookings on 9527 0121

Temple Time Mailbag

KUDOS FOR TEMPLE TIME AND THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the editor, TBI Board, rabbis & administrative staff! It confirms again what I've considered for over 60 years - how fortunate we members are. When I compare the vast diverse range of activities now compared with those of the 1940s when my late wife and I started Temple Teens...wow!

HARRY GREENBERG

DOMESTIC ABUSE FACTS AND FIGURES TRULY FRIGHTENING

- Statistically, a woman is three times safer walking alone in the back streets of Melbourne at night than she is in her own home
- One in five women experiences physical abuse in her lifetime with many more being abused emotionally, psychologically, verbally, sexually and financially
- In Victoria alone, some 1500 women and 3000 children are housed in women's shelters each year as a direct result of domestic violence
- More than 70 per cent of domestic violence cases go unreported (Leigh Glassner, Deputy Commissioner of Police, September 2007)
- Domestic violence is 'an equal-opportunity destroyer', crossing all socio economic levels as well as cultural and religious boundaries. No community is immune - secular or religious, wealthy or poor, educated or not - not even ours!

Domestic violence is a tragedy lived out in far too many homes. But the story is not unremittably bleak. There are stories of extraordinary courage and of grassroots efforts to establish resources for safety, healing and awareness, including the story of TBI's generosity over these recent Yamim Nora'im.

To date, our congregational response to this year's Kol Nidre appeal means that 250 battered Victorian women will each receive a supermarket voucher to help them feed their families for a few days once they leave a refuge to re-enter society. That's 250 women and their children for whom TBI has made a concrete IMPACT - and I know that more donations are still flowing in! Thank you!

Established in May 2006, IMPACT began with some volunteers providing a Mothers' Day gift to every woman in hiding as a result of domestic violence. Since then IMPACT has given nearly \$25 000 worth of goods and vouchers to victims of abuse.

IMPACT is an income tax exempt charity, allowing donors to claim a full tax deduction on all donations over \$2. Your ongoing support - financial, physical, intellectual and/or emotional - matters! For IMPACT news email kkaplan@impactforwomen.org.au or check www.impactforwomen.org.au

Thank you again, families and friends of TBI, for making an IMPACT.

KATHY KAPLAN

FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, IMPACT FOR WOMEN INC

Send your letter to: **Temple Time Mailbag, PO Box 128 St Kilda, 3182** or email the editor, zoi.juvris@tbi.org.au

TBI community responds generously to tzedakah Appeals

Our Kol Nidre appeal offered members of the TBI community the opportunity to give to two outside beneficiaries in addition to giving to our own Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund. Once again, Temple Beth Israel members demonstrated their generosity and sense of *tzedakah*.

IMPACT for women benefited by \$4358, enabling IMPACT to distribute supermarket vouchers to more 250 women and their families escaping situations of domestic violence.

The Jewish Community Council of Victoria, the roof body and voice of the Vic-

torian Jewish community, received \$540 in support of its community-wide projects.

The TBI community also responded with great generosity to the JewishAid Australia appeal for Sudanese resettlement in Israel. In honour of Rabbi Morgan's 10th anniversary, the TBI community donated \$5775 to this appeal, which will assist Israel in resettling Sudanese refugees who have fled from Darfur.

The appeals are still open. To make a donation, call TBI on 9510 1488.

Smachot

RECENT BIRTHS

We welcome the new babies who have expanded our congregational family!

Dylan Burrows (son for Noe Harsel & Michael Burrows) • **Ashley Jakobovits** (daughter for Simon & Suzanne Jakobovits, granddaughter for Andrew and Penny Jakobovits) • **Harriet Elizabeth Popper** (daughter for Sarah & Jeff Popper, granddaughter for Marianne Christie and Ron & Madeleine Popper, great granddaughter for Kurt & Irene Popper, Eva Schwartz & Lloyd Moulton) • **Charles Portnoy** (son for Jane & David Portnoy, grandson for Bruce & Pat Davis) • **Benjamin Lawrence Snell** (son for Lara Bliss-Snell & Craig Snell, grandson for Philip & Andrea Bliss) • **Simcha** (grandson for Elaine & Abe Kovkin, born in Israel)

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal tov to this newly engaged couple:

Jessica Arkles (daughter of David & Jenny Arkles) to **Amnon Keleman**

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(14 October – 17 November) Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday to:

• Monique Arnheim • Michael Balint • Susie Balint • Frankie Blei • Jacob Boon • Caren Brand • Pia Brous • Michael Burrows • Lynn Chaitman • Rachel Chakman • Mary Cohen • Lynne Datnow • Louise Dawson • Peter Dobos • Ron Dodge • Henry Drillich • Suzi Finkelstein • Simon Fisher • Rita Greiner • Paul Hall • Gary Hartmann • Julie Jarny • Nicole Kahan • Elfrieda Kaufmann • Jason Kozica • Samantha Kozica • Marit Larson • Leonard Levin • Marc Light • Marion Lippmann • Leslie Lustig • Arnold Mahemoff • Rachel Marin • Alan Michael • Michelle Miller • Gil Miller • Joel Morgan • Sandra Naftal • Leon Piterman • Ingrid Popper • Ron Popper • Irene Popper • Jonathan Prezel • Georgina Roberts • Galia Rose • Vivienne Rosta • Simon Shinberg • John Silberberg • Lindsay Solomon • Tom Spencer • Rodney Spernat • Alfred Sternberg • Miri Sward • Rosalind Teleki • Freda Trytell • Janis Upton • Hilda Wallis • David Welner • Sandra Willis

• Caroline Wolff

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

(14 October – 17 November) Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries to:

• Jacob & Steffi Bando (55th) • Lou & Maree Paykel (50th) • Philip & Faie Basser (50th) • Allen & Barbara Lang (45th) • Jeffrey & Violet Loewenstein (40th) • Peter & Barbie Kolliner (35th) • David & Danielle Segal (25th) • Peter & Judy Lawrence (20th) • Caren Brand & Folker Shaumann (15th) • William & Barbara Sasse (15th) • Simon & Suzanne Jakobovits (5th) • David & Andrea Frydman (5th)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER B'NEI MITZVAH

(14 October – 17 November) Mazal tov to our b'nei mitzvah and their families:

Sam Cohen, Amy Rockman & Mia Schau-mann.

RECENT BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

(18 August – 29 September)

Sarah Austen, Lauren Basser, Romy Briner, Tammy Cohen, Laura Dreyfus, Joe Dreyfus, Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black, Judy Firestone, Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz, Rhondda Hall, Sam Heselev, Rosie Heselev, Sylvie Jonas, Zoi Juvris, Devorah Komisaroff, Gabi Lewis, Marion Lustig, Kieren Mihaly, Simon Morawetz, Evi Morawetz, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Sue Morgan, Evi Nelson, Simone Sandler, Student Rabbi Scott Segal, Georgia Slonim, Leya Snider, Jamie Wajnberg, Fairlie Wayne

Bereavements

DEATHS

We remember these recently deceased and offer sincere condolences to their families:

Ursula Becher (mother of Judith Becher & David Becher) • **Helen Beck** (mother of Tom Kordo) • **Frank Coopersmith** (father of Dianne Samuel, father in law of Alan Samuel) • **Magda Curtis** (mother of Dan Curtis) • **Ruth Fischer** • **Morris Finkelstein** (father of Charla Smith) • **Selina Franks** (mother of Ruth Wengier and Neville Wengier) • **Mervin Goldstone** (husband of Gloria Goldstone,



Harriet Elizabeth Popper, one of our youngest members



Daniel Striglec (centre) was barmitzvah on 21 July 2007, with parents, Frances & Sam and brothers, Rami & Yonatan, and aunt Rabbi Helen Bar-Yacov

father of Anthony, Mark and Philip) • **Etta Hirsh** (mother of Irwin Hirsh, mother in law of Wendy Hirsh) • **Sonia Horowitz-Young** (sister of Ben Horowitz) • **Herta Koretz** (mother of Dianna Chapman) • **Irmgard Goldstein** (mother of Heidi Goldstein) • **Pineches Majzner** (husband of Joy Majzner, father of Victor Majzner) • **Susie Rockman** (mother of Irvin Rockman) • **Harvey Shaw** (step-father of Devorah Komisaroff) • **Rebecca Polak Truman** (mother of Harriet Riches, aunt of Robert Neiter) • **Minnie Wolman** (aunt of Caroline Berkowitz)

YAHREZITS

Zecher Tzadik Livracha

Observed 20 October

• **Kurt Barry** (brother of Edith Peer) • **Emma Blum** (mother of Rose Rosta) • **Moshe Finkelstein** (husband of Sara Finch, father of Max

You want to add some shmooze and spice to your Shabbat experience?

You're looking for our Young TBI dinners!

For those aged 20s to 30s

fourth Friday night of each month, 26 October & 23 November, join a diverse group of younger TBI members for a Shabbat meal following our erev Shabbat service.

Meet old friends and make new ones, shmooze and relax, enjoy music and delicious food. No need to RSVP.

If you're keen, join the organisers to prepare the meal!

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SHABBAT ALIVE!

On the **fourth erev Shabbat** of each month, welcome Shabbat with drums and cymbals, guitars, singing, vibrant rhythms and the energy of our junior chazzanim!

A service for everyone who enjoys some extra *va-va-voom* in their Shabbat experience.

Fink) • **Bela Gelbman** (grandfather of Sarah Gelbman) • **Gertrude Gutermann** (mother of Ursula Piekarski) • **Ana Ivensky** (mother of Bella Shannon) • **Stasha Lesser** (mother of Sylvie Berchick) • **Sam Light** (husband of Helen Light, father of Suzanne Hain, Larry Light) • **Eva Loewy** (mother of Peter Loewy) • **Cyril Mayers** (father of Philip Mayers) • **Eva Moshinsky** (mother of Sam Moshinsky) • **Louis Moss** (father of Theo Moss, grandfather of Marcus Moss) • **Tillie Pose** (mother of Valda Heyman) • **Elise Raynor** (sister of Robert Raynor) • **Victor Rochman** (father of Emile Rochman) • **Rafael Rutman** (father of Dianne Gringlas & Anita Lurie) • **Cypora Rybajzen** (mother of Adam Ryan) • **George Shannon** (husband of Bella Shannon, father of Monica Shalit) • **George Simmelmann** (1st husband of Helen Ryvitch, brother of Jeff Simmelmann, father of David Simmelmann) • **Adele Southwick** (mother of Stuart Southwick) • **George Soveny** (husband of Catherine Soveny) • **Vera Splitter** (mother of Leon Splitter, grandmother of Martin Splitter & Phil Splitter) • **Dorothy Wachs** (mother of Anne Faiman & Liz Sonnenberg) • **Eva Wagman** (mother of Henry Wagman) • **Mozes Wajnberg** (grandfather of Jamie Wajnberg) • **Armin Windholz** (father of Vera Freidin)

Observed 27 October

• **Lewis Bernstein** (father of Leila Cohen) • **Samson Brand** (father of Paul Brand) • **Aaron Ronald Castan** (father of Steven Castan) • **Noel Castan** (friend of Max Fink) • **Pamela Ceber** (mother of Nicole Hipolito) • **Esther Celia Frederick** (mother of Ernest Frederick) • **Jean V Cohen** (mother of Beverley Gorr) • **Rosa Cohn** (mother of Kurt Schwarz) • **Heddie Davis** (mother of Andrew Davis) • **Leslie Jack De Santo** (father of Madeline Muller) • **Hinda Friedman** (mother of Alan Friedman) • **Rosa Goldenfein** (sister of Victor Goldenfein) • **Millie Grinblat** (aunt of Janice Mansfield) • **Harry Halprin** (husband of Zara Halprin, father of Hannah Forshaw) • **Wallace Harris** (husband of Jill Harris) • **Henry Isaacs** (father of Joan Katz) • **Herbert Jackson** (husband of Lolo Jackson) • **Rosa Kassel** (mother-in-law of Erika Fisher) • **Walter Kern** (husband of Renee Kern) • **Jerry Kolieb** (husband of Frieda Kolieb) • **Ethel Korn** (mother-in-law of Margit Korn) • **Fejga Leah Shulman** (mother of Albert Shulman) • **Hans Margis** (father-in-law of Judy Margis) • **Freda Rogers** (mother of Diana Opat & John Rogers) • **Shirley Samuel** (mother of Graeme Samuel, Brian Samuel, Ian Samuel & Neil Samuel) • **Richard Schiff** (father of Peter Schiff) • **Sifra Smadic** (mother of Sara Finch) • **Gisella Snow** (mother of Ross Snow) • **Channa Urach** (mother of Margit Korn) • **Monique Bernard West** (daughter of Sharon Mason and Daryl West)

Observed 3 November

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Observed 10 November

• **Frances** (mother of Tanya Tescher) • **Hannah Orah Arkles** (wife of Basil Arkles, mother of David Arkles) • **Renée Cohen** (mother of Barbara Sharp) • **Matilda Davis** (mother of Eric Davis) • **Sarah Davis** (mother of Eva Felts) • **Hedwig Eisfelder** (grandmother of Kevin Eisfelder) • **Philip Epstein** (father of Joseph Epstein) • **Phyllis Fradkin** (mother of Barry Fradkin) • **Henry Frosh** (2nd husband of Helena Frosh) • **Edith Geiger** (mother of Evi Nelson) • **Minnie Greenberg** (mother of Harry Greenberg) • **Ivan Greenberg** (father of David Greenberg) • **Alexander Haar** (father of Mary Burger) • **Harry Hyams** (father of Leslie Hyams, father-in-law of Marilyn Hyams)

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Observed 17 November

• **Benjamin Aarons** (grandfather of Maurice Slonim) • **Etel Bontschek** (mother of Martha Gries) • **Norman Cohen** (cousin of Marion Pizer & Robert Levin) • **Percy Cohen** (father of Leon Cohen & Mervyn Cohen) • **Ian Dorey** (husband of Ann Dorey, father of Phyllis Dorey & Ron Dorey) • **Alfred Fleischer** (father of Ellen Pahoff) • **Dave Friedman** (father of Deborah Woolf & Naomi Carrick) • **Lily Gardner** (mother of Stella Edgar) • **Friederike Graetzer** (mother-in-law of Liselotte Graetzer) • **Leo Alfred Hartman** (husband of Esther Hartman, father of Rodney Hartman) • **Gerda Betty Hauck** (mother of Gaby Cohen) • **Chloe Howard** (grandaughter of Rodney & Aviva Taft) • **Andrew Michael Kahan** (son of Josh & Minnie Kahan) • **Fred Linden** (father of Suzie Linden) • **Franz Berthold Lippmann** (father-in-law of Marion Lippmann, grandfather of Helen Light) • **Beryl (Jacki) Phillips** (mother of Marylou Orloff) • **Adam Popiolek** (husband of Hanna Popiolek) • **Margaret Rajh** (mother of Judith Roberts) • **Barry Rubin** (father of Janine Roff) • **Frederic Schneider** (father of Sonia Zimmermann) • **Francis Slonim** (mother

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The Sixth Annual General Meeting
of Temple Beth Israel Inc.

(76th AGM of Temple Beth Israel)

will take place on

Sunday, 28 October, 2007 at 10:30 am

Morning tea will be served at 10 am

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October/November 2007 at TBI



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Cheshvan 5768 10 am Sunday Walk (Caulfield Park) 10:30 am Limmud on Sundays: "Islam for Dhimmis" with Justice Nathan October 14	3 Cheshvan 4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish studies 15	4 Cheshvan 10:30 am Bubs'n Bagels 5:30 pm Limmud @ TBI: Parashat Hashavu'ah 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 16	5 Cheshvan 11 am Friendship Club featuring Gersh Mikhman and Grysha Cvigoren 7 pm Netzer Moetzah 17	6 Cheshvan 7:30 am TBI Va'ad breakfast meeting 18	7 Cheshvan 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service 19	8 Cheshvan Shabbat Lech Lecha 10 am Shacharit Shabbat service 20
9 Cheshvan 10 am Sunday Walk (Caulfield Park) 10:30 am Limmud on Sundays: "Islam for Dhimmis" with Justice Nathan 8 pm Men's Group 21	10 Cheshvan 4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish studies 7:30 pm Dementia Support Group 22	11 Cheshvan 5:30 pm Limmud @ TBI: Parashat Hashavu'ah <i>No Introduction to Judaism class</i> 23	12 Cheshvan 10:30 am Drop In & Chat 7 pm Netzer Moetzah 8 pm Maccabi Toastmasters 24	13 Cheshvan 25	14 Cheshvan 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat "Shabbat Alive!" service with Junior Chazzanim 7:30 pm Young TBI Oneg Shabbat dinner 26	15 Cheshvan Shabbat Vayera 9 am Shabbat Mishpacha service for young families 10 am Shacharit Shabbat service Barmitzvah of Sam Cohen 27
16 Cheshvan 10:30 am TBI Annual General Meeting in the Friedlander Synagogue All members welcome - morning tea at 10 am 28	17 Cheshvan 4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish studies 29	18 Cheshvan 11:30 am "Up'n Running" coffee, cake and discussion 5:30 pm Limmud @ TBI: Parashat Hashavu'ah 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 30	19 Cheshvan 7 pm Netzer Moetzah 31	20 Cheshvan 7:30 am TBI Va'ad breakfast meeting November 1	21 Cheshvan 6:15 pm Netzer-style alternative minyan (MRC) 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service 2	22 Cheshvan Shabbat Chayyei Sarah 10 am Shacharit Shabbat service Batmitzvah of Mia Schaumann 3
23 Cheshvan 10 am Sunday Walk (Caulfield Park) 4	24 Cheshvan <i>TKDS VCE exams in MRC</i> 4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish studies 5	25 Cheshvan Public Holiday 10:30 am Bubs'n Bagels <i>No Introduction to Judaism class</i> 6	26 Cheshvan 7 pm Netzer Moetzah 7:30 pm Nishmat Col Chai Meditation with Eva Light 7	27 Cheshvan 7:30 pm TBI Board meeting 8	28 Cheshvan Shabbat Kristallnacht 6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service 9	29 Cheshvan Shabbat Toledot 10 am Geshet alternative minyan (MRC) 10 am Shacharit Shabbat service Batmitzvah of Amy Rockman 10
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