



קול ישראל TEMPLE TIME

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Accountability

Jeremy Basser celebrated his barmitzvah on 20 January and his parasha, Va'era tells the story of the first six plagues. His drash was an eloquent and insightful lesson for Pesach.



If I were a Jew living back in those ancient days, I would have been so annoyed! All these horrible plagues befalling Egypt but Pharaoh is still denying our freedom as Jews, making

us believe that we can never be free.

Of course, we're all happy that we end up being free. But I want to look at the story from another point of view, the point of view of the Egyptians.

When the plagues befell Egypt, weren't many Egyptians harmed? Wasn't it really

only Pharaoh who was in the wrong? And as for Pharaoh, was he really evil? If he had simply allowed his slaves, the Jews, to leave Egypt, his people would have suffered and the Egyptian economy might have collapsed.

And then there are the plagues themselves. Couldn't there be another way for the Jews to get out of Egypt, without anyone being harmed? And why use plagues? A plague spreads; you can't stop it and you can't hide from it. I've always wondered why Jewish tradition calls the ten plagues 'miracles'. It seems to me that 'miracles' suggest something good and positive. Even if the plagues were good for us Jews, weren't they bad for the Egyptians who are also 'God's creatures'. Is it acceptable for God to have

harmed God's own creatures?

We might compare the ten plagues with the death sentence in modern law: they both punish one party for harming someone else. I believe that the death penalty as it is practiced in certain places such as America and Singapore should be prohibited. I have this opinion because, if we believe that God created the world including us humans, then for me it follows that we shouldn't harm someone whose life isn't ours but really belongs to God. I also believe that God shouldn't harm someone, even if God created them because God creates us with independent natures, and so God must want us to be free to live out our natures.

Many people have asked, 'Where was God during the Holocaust?' The Nazis murdered 6 million Jews and 3 million

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Do you have children or grandchildren in Grades 2 - 6?

Do you know what to do with them over the April holidays?

Send them to TBI's first-ever

PESACH DAY CAMP!

Arts/crafts – music – games and sports – cooking
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Fun and Jewish!!

Trained and experienced staff

Early-bird rates until 21 March

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4-5 April 2007
9 am-4 pm





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
ROGER MENDELSON**

What Shul is really about

In the last few weeks I spoke to two friends who are both TBI members. Both seemed somewhat defensive about the fact that they rarely attend shul. I have never seen one of them here, ever, and I only knew that he was a member because his name is on the Membership List.

In both cases, the motivation for remaining a member had to do primarily with family obligation, although I suspect that each had a deeper, ill-defined reason, being a sense of duty to the community.

Each of them volunteered basically the same line which was: 'I don't believe in God, so it would be hypocritical of me to come to shul'. The God part of shul-life I leave to the Rabbis.

I dare say that the majority of TBI members have question marks over their belief in God. Some may well be atheists, a larger group will be agnostics and an

even larger group will have a belief in an 'eternal being' but be unable to define it further. I would guess that only a minority would have an unshakeable, clear belief in the traditional God of the Torah.

We are a pluralistic organisation and it is not hypocritical for us to question our belief in what God is. This goes almost to the core of Progressive Judaism. We are born to think and our religion encourages thinking.

As a former agnostic, I can well understand where such people are coming from. However, I believe that they fail to understand what our shul is really about.

Everyone has their own pathway to belief and, for most, it is an ongoing journey of discovery. TBI provides the institutional framework for that journey but does not prescribe the end result or make judgement of anyone.

We are a religious community (*kehillah*) and we can enhance the lives of all our

members. To the questioners, I say that you are not alone. Join in many of the educational opportunities we provide. Meet other like-minded questioners. Hear the views of others. Find peace and tranquility in our services. Share in the joy of others as we communally celebrate their family *smachot*. Provide comfort to those in our community who mourn. Learn from the wisdom of our fore-fathers and understand that your questioning is nothing new. Learn and appreciate the highs and lows of the annual Jewish calendar. Allow yourself to float along and suspend judgement.

Being part of a Jewish *kehillah* can be frustrating and, at times, annoying but the benefits overwhelmingly and spectacularly outweigh the negatives. Being part of a Progressive *kehillah* offers even greater scope to a questioning person because we encourage you to question. All we ask is that you have an open mind.

If you find yourself fitting into the category of my two friends, then I urge you to find out what we have to offer and let us find out what you can offer us.

See you in shul some time (I hope).

Roger Mendelson

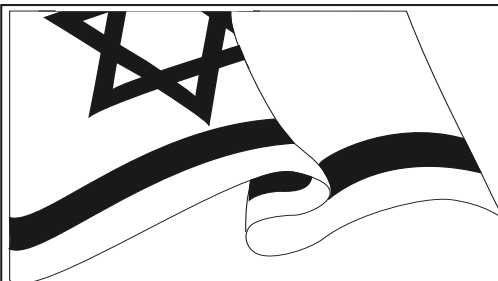
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gypsies, communists, homosexuals and other people who didn't deserve to die. Doesn't God have to take responsibility for this plague of death? Others believe the correct question is not, 'Where was God?', but 'Where was man?'. Why didn't good people stop what was happening? I believe that this second question is the right question, and I think that although terrible things happened, God had nothing to do with the war...it was man's responsibility.

God shouldn't be used as the excuse for all the good or bad things that have happened in history.

So now, when I ask myself, 'what does my parashah mean?', my answer is that God can't be held responsible for the bad things that happen in life, but at the same time, God can't be praised uncritically for all the good things that have happened, because it is humans who make history, not God.

God created the door, we human beings are the ones who walk through it. Ultimately, we must be held accountable for things that go right or wrong in our world.



**Yom Ha'atzmaut
Israel's 59th
Independence Day**

Shabbat Ha'atzmaut @ TBI

Friday 27 May at 6:15 pm

The Temple Beth Israel family comes together for a celebratory service and oneg Shabbat to celebrate Israel's anniversary. Come and demonstrate your support and your faith that the future will be bright and peaceful.

The community concert

Monday 23 April, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Hamer Hall, The Arts Centre, Melbourne

Starring three fabulous guest artists from Israel, together with an amazing array of well-known local talent, under the banner of 'Byachad - Together'.

Tickets from Beth Weizmann on tel. 9272-5555

or easy online ticket purchase on www.jewishaustralia.com/shop



Affirmation and commitment

Seven years ago this month, in March 2007, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) – the largest rabbinical body in the progressive world – passed a resolution stating that, ‘the relationship of a Jewish, same gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual’, and permitting members of the CCAR to perform such rituals of affirmation.

The CCAR was not the first rabbinic body to pass a resolution allowing their members to officiate at same gender commitment ceremonies. The rabbinical association of the Reconstructionist movement (like TBI, a constituent of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, the WUPJ) endorsed ceremonies of commitment for gay and lesbian couples in 1992.

As recently as December 2006, the Law Committee of the Conservative Movement (the authority of which is recognised, for example, by Kehillat Nitzan here in Melbourne) voted to accept two Responsa, one reaffirming the status quo according to which the Conservative movement does not authorise same sex marriages, and one permitting Conservative rabbis to perform same-sex commitment ceremonies. The difference is that the first Responsum speaks of marriage (*kiddushin*) while the second speaks of ‘commitment ceremonies’. The same difference is acknowledged by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Union of Reform Judaism, the largest affiliate of the WUPJ, in his comment on the CCAR resolution. He says, ‘It is important to note what the resolution on same gender unions does and does not say. It does not compel any rabbi to officiate at such a ritual and, indeed, supports the right of a rabbi not to officiate. It does not specify what ritual is appropriate for such a ceremony. It does not say that the ceremony performed should be called a “marriage.”’

The understanding that same gender relationships can be as loving, stable and mutually fulfilling as heterosexual relationships has taken many years to develop. Civil law in most countries still fails to acknowledge such partnerships; and orthodox religious law, not only in Judaism but also in other faith traditions, is even more strictly bound to the views of past generations. Yet we in the progressive movements have agreed for some years that gays and lesbians deserve to find their home in our synagogues as much as heterosexuals do. As Rabbi Yoffie puts it, ‘If there is anything at all that Reform Jews do, it is to create an inclusive spiritual home for all those who

seek the solace of our sanctuaries. And if this Movement does not extend support to all who have been victims of discrimination, including gays and lesbians, then we have no right to call ourselves Reform Jews.’ The issue now is not whether gays and lesbians have a place in our sanctuary; it is whether their stable, committed relationships can be affirmed publicly by the spiritual leaders of our communities.

The Rabbinic Council (*Moetzah*) of the UPJ in Australia, New Zealand and Asia has been discussing this issue for several years; at least since the CCAR resolution was passed in March 2000. The question we have been asking ourselves is whether we should permit our members to officiate at same gender commitment ceremonies without forfeiting their membership of the *Moetzah*. In order to understand this issue better, the *Moetzah* has several times been addressed by gay and lesbian congregants, as well as by rabbis from the CCAR who do perform such ceremonies. We have also studied the Responsa of the various progressive movements in order to grasp their reasoning within the boundaries of Jewish law and tradition.

We feel that we are now at the stage when the issue should be opened up for wider discussion among the members of our synagogues. We are eager to hear what the members of our communities have to say about their rabbis performing same gender commitment ceremonies, and more generally about the right of gay and lesbian members in our communities to have their long-term relationships recognised in some Jewishly meaningful way. Again, it is important to note that the decisions that the *Moetzah* takes in this regard will not obligate rabbis to perform such ceremonies, and the ceremonies themselves will not be called *kiddushin*, marriages in the traditional Jewish sense. But the decisions will enable members of the *Moetzah* to perform public ceremonies of commitment for same gender couples.

Rabbi Zylberman has already held a productive discussion on the issue with the VUPJ Men’s Group, and we welcome

your views. **To this end, we are holding an open Community Forum on Thursday 17 May, 8.00-9.30 pm, in the Friedlander Bet-Midrash.** We do hope you’ll be able to join us that evening to hear more about the proposal and to express your views.

As we quickly approach Pesach, the season of our freedom (*zman cheruteinu*), I can’t help but feel that this discussion is another step in that long, unending journey of humanity from bondage to freedom, a journey that we call the human story.

Sue and our family join me in wishing you a safe, healthy, kosher, and peaceful Pesach: *chag same’ach!*

Two community forums

From time to time issues arise that we feel would benefit from discussion by the whole community. The question of the participation of non-Jewish parents in *bnai-mitzvah* ceremonies was one, and the results of that discussion show that your input matters! Now, we aim to hear your opinions and suggestions on two further issues.

The Siddur Roadshow

Join us on **Thursday 26 April, 8 pm, in the Friedlander Bet Midrash.**

Give your opinion and ideas on a range of topics relating to prayerbooks and worship, as we consider our options after *Gates of Prayer*.

Same Gender Commitment Ceremonies

Join us on **Thursday 17 May, 8.00-9.30 pm, in the Friedlander Bet-Midrash.**

An opportunity to share your views on our rabbis performing same gender commitment ceremonies, and more generally about the right of gay and lesbian members in our communities to have their long-term relationships recognised in some Jewishly meaningful way.



To eat or not to eat, that has 'bean' the question...

I once attended a seder in Jerusalem where the *machatonim* (in-laws) of a newly married couple were sharing Pesach together for the first time. The Ashkenazi host prepared the usual Pesach delicacies of gefilte fish, chopped liver and matzah ball soup. In walked the new in-laws, originally from Morocco, with plates of rice and beans. You could have heard a pin drop.

Every year in the lead up to Pesach the number one question I get asked is: 'So rabbi, what's up with beans on Pesach? Can we eat them or not?' This question has been posed to rabbis for centuries and is becoming even more urgent in the modern period when Ashkenazi and non-Ashkenazi Jews are increasingly living together and marrying each other in Israel and around the world.

So what's the story? There are five grains (wheat, barley, oats, spelt and rye) whose flour undergoes the process of leavening (*chimutz*) when mixed with water to produce *chametz* (leaven). It is a *mitzvah* to abstain from *chametz* throughout Pesach, starting about two hours before midday on

the Erev Pesach (14 Nisan). Matzah is ok even though it is made from wheat flour because it is strictly unleavened.

In the 13th century rabbis in France expanded the forbidden list to include items collectively known as *kitniyot* (from the Hebrew word *katan*, small), namely rice, millet, corn and legumes, and this custom continues, to varying degrees, in many Ashkenazi homes to this day. Some have even extended the prohibitions and also exclude peanuts, garlic, peas and oil derived from these products.

There are various explanations for the custom of prohibiting the consumption of *kitniyot* on Pesach. Some have explained that foodstuffs such as rice and legumes sold

in the marketplace often contained small amounts of grain mixed in. Others suggest cooked dishes made with *kitniyot* look very much like those containing *chametz* and might lead to people eating actual *chametz*. Still others were concerned that, despite the Talmud's insistence to the contrary, rice and legumes do indeed ferment when soaked in water.

Notwithstanding these concerns, non-Ashkenazim never accepted the prohibition on *kitniyot* and so today happily eat rice, beans, corn and millet on Pesach. In fact, according to the Israeli Masorti (Conservative) legal authority Rabbi David Golinkin, there have been many prominent sages who opposed it from the earliest days. In an important Responsa on the subject Rabbi Golinkin rules that the custom ought to be abolished, firstly because he argues it to have no justifiable *halakhic* basis and because:

- a) It detracts from the joy of the holiday by limiting the number of permitted foods;
- b) It causes exorbitant price rises, which



Communal Second Seder Tuesday 3 April 6:30 pm

Led by Rabbi Fred Morgan, this seder is structured to ensure all members and friends can participate! Professional catering with all the ritual trimmings!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

No. adults _____ Cost: \$ _____

No. children _____ Cost: \$ _____

No. concessions _____ Cost: \$ _____

Total participants _____ SUBTOTAL: \$ _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Adults	\$35 members
	\$48 non-members
Concession	\$25 members
	\$38 non-members
Children to 13	\$16 members
	\$20 non-members

Bookings will only be accepted with payment by Friday 23 March. For information contact the Temple office on 9510 1488.

I enclose a cheque for the TOTAL COST of the seder, payable to **Temple Beth Israel**. I understand there is a non-refundable fee per person for cancellations after 23 March 2007. *Post to P.O. BOX 128 ST KILDA 3182, or drop into office.*

result in 'major financial loss' and, as is well known, 'the Torah takes pity on the people of Israel's money'; c) It emphasizes the insignificant (legumes) and ignores the significant (*hametz*, which is forbidden from the five kinds of grain); d) It causes people to scoff at the commandments in general and at the prohibition of *hametz* in particular – if this custom has no purpose and is observed, then there is no reason to observe other commandments; e) Finally, it causes unnecessary divisions between Israel's different ethnic groups.

Rabbi Mark Washofsky, the Chair of the Central Conference of American Rabbis Responsa Committee writes that, 'From its beginnings, the Reform movement has relaxed [the custom of forbidding *kitniyot*] and permitted the consumption of rice and legumes during Pesach. Some liberal Jews may wish to abstain from these foods out of personal piety, as an affirmation of familial tradition, or in solidarity with general Ashkenazic practice. There is, however, no religious requirement that they do so.'

Here in Australia, where the majority of the Jewish community comes from an Ashkenazi background, many people strongly support retaining the custom of excluding *kitniyot* on the basis of tradition and in order to remain in step with the practice of friends and other family members. Whatever our individual decisions on the matter, I'm sure that the question of *kitniyot* will remain with us for many years to come.

With Rabbi Gevurtz, I wish you and your family a kosher and *zissen* (sweet) Pesach!



Pesach Services

First Day Pesach
Tuesday 3 April at 10 am

7th Day Pesach
Monday 9 April at 10 am
will include Yizkor and the
'Song at the Sea'

Join us!

Remembrance

Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, falls on Sunday 16 April this year. The most enduring way of ensuring that the tragedy of the Holocaust is not forgotten or repeated is to make sure that the voices and stories of survivors are not neglected. The TBI library has in its collection many of the published testimonies of survivors living in Melbourne and their stories are compelling and raw. Here are two tiny scraps of remembrance.

Judy's Story

My mother, sister, aunts and uncles, grandmother and cousin, as well as neighbours from surrounding towns, with hastily packed bags and bundles all headed towards Warsaw. Surely in the big city things would be safe. In a big city one could become invisible in a crowd.

As we shlepped on, the sky was brightly lit and gunfire and explosions shattered the air. We came to Falenica, a small town, late that night and hid in a large old dilapidated barn. That was where my doll became thirsty. In all the confusion I snuck away to where I saw a well and pump in order to get water for my doll.

Presently my six year old sister Tosia appeared, with a look of sheer horror on her face. "Come back quickly, you'll get us all killed! Must I always watch over you?" she said.

It was a role she assumed throughout the next five years in hell. Without her I would never have survived. She was an absolute genius at managing to beg, steal or smuggle a chunk of bread, an apple or potato and always, always she shared with me.

By and by we arrived in Warsaw, where we did not become invisible in the crowd. Instead, together with a hoard of other Jews, we were herded like cattle into the Ghetto.

During that brief journey, which may have taken no more than three or four days, but seemed like forever, I grew up and was a child no more. Now it did not matter if my doll was thirsty. In fact she found herself abandoned somewhere in the grey streets, with the grey people and their yellow stars.

Excerpt from 'Judy's Story', by Judy Kolt, published in the anthology 'silent no more'.

Don't Shoot!

We are finally travelling back to my native Vienna after six years as prisoners in the dreaded Gulag, in remote Siberia and Kazakstan...We are waiting at a siding. I

need to relieve myself. I get off the train and amble along to a spot where I can be alone – such luxury. I am buttoning up my pants, slowly turning around and there, right in front of me, with a gun pointed at my head, shouting, 'You SOB German soldier, trying to escape! Hands up!'

I tell him in Russian, I am a girl, not an escaped POW. 'Please listen, I will show you,' I plead. In those few seconds my life swims before my eyes. The starvation, the sickness, seeing people dying, the humiliations, the brutalities, and the irony of being shot on the way back home. I am going to be killed.

Excerpt from 'Don't Shoot!' by Eva Marks, published in 'silent no more', an anthology of Holocaust recollections by child survivors of the Holocaust, compiled and edited by Nina Stone. Eva has also published an autobiography, 'A Patchwork Life'.

Both these books are available to borrow from our TBI library.

YOM HASHOAH

Commemoration at Temple Beth Israel

Sunday 15 April, 6 pm

A solemn and reflective commemorative service in our synagogue.

Community Commemoration

'Living In Hiding'

Sunday 15 April, 7:30 pm

Robert Blackwood Hall

Monash University, Clayton

\$18 adults/\$12 concession

YOM HAZIKARON

Whole community commemoration for Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terror

Sunday 22 April, 7 pm

Robert Blackwood Hall

Monash University, Clayton

Admission is free at the door.

Meet Tzevet Matan!

Jamie Wajnberg

Most people spend their summer holidays lying on the beach, travelling, catching up on books and movies, seeing friends. This past summer I was presented with a challenge; learn how to be a teacher, and then learn how to be a co-ordinator of a synagogue religion school.

It's been an amazing learning and growth experience so far, and I'm really enjoying it. The other marvellous benefit for me was to get to know and now joyfully work with the following people, all of whom make MATAN 2007 the most fabulous learning program available this side of the equator. Let's meet the team:

SHERYL TOPOL recently completed her Bachelor of Teaching (Primary and Secondary) degree at Deakin University. Sheryl taught grades 2 and 3 last year at MATAN and this year is teaching our combined Prep-2 class. Sheryl has been a long standing member of Temple Beth Israel, participating in several community events, including our Purim Spiels over the past several years and being a great contributor to our Young Adults group.

BEN ELISHA almost doesn't require an introduction as he has been an integral part of religion school at Temple Beth Israel since the early 1990s. Ben was Principal of the Eitz Chaim Learning Centre for several years, and has taught almost all grade levels in the school. Ben holds a Bachelor of Education and a Masters' Degree in Education from Deakin University, and has just completed a diploma of Business and Human Resource management at Swinbourne University. Ben is training and development co-ordinator for the Department of Justice, and we are delighted to have Ben teaching our joint grades 3 and 4 class.

KARLI JACOBS has taught almost every year level in the school at TBI for the past 5 years. Karli earned her Bachelor of Education from Melbourne University, and splits her time between teaching at MATAN and raising her sons, Ari and Eli with her husband, Ronnie. Karli is teaching our grade 5 class.

MARTINE PAYNE moved to Melbourne six months ago from Sydney. She spent 2001 in Israel on Shnat Netzer and served as a Netzer madricha, then as a Sunday School teacher at our sister congregation, North Shore Temple Emanuel. Martine holds a BA in sociology from the University

of New South Wales and a BFA in photography from the Centre of Fine Arts at the University of New South Wales. Martine started teaching at MATAN in late 2006 and is excited to be returning this year to teach our year 6 class.

RAPH AJZENSZTAT is co-teaching the B'nei Mitzvah group with Kath Cozens. Raph brings his experience of many years as a Netzer madrich and a teacher with the Leo Baeck Centre's religion school program. Raph is studying Arts/Law at the University of Melbourne, and has also just spent several months overseas, having accepted a scholarship to study law in Berlin (in German!). Raph spent extended time in Israel after his study trip, soaking up the atmosphere and bringing back volumes of knowledge to share with his B'nei Mitzvah students!

KATH COZENS comes to us straight from our sister congregation in Adelaide, Beit Shalom, where she has been teaching Religion School and B'nei Mitzvah for several years. Kath spent 2002 on Shnat Netzer and spent three years as a madricha in the movement, also taking on the roles of National Head of Education, State Head of Education and Head of the Adelaide branch of Netzer. Kath recently graduated from the University of Adelaide with a BA in Anthropology and is currently enrolled at Monash University, undertaking a Diploma of Education. Kath's knowledge and vitality informs her role as a B'nei Mitzvah

class teacher and also as a private B'nei Mitzvah tutor.

SAM HESELEV and **OLIVIA METTER** are our Teachers' Assistants for 2007. Both completed the B'nei Mitzvah Program in 2006, and were 'MATAN-nikim' themselves. Sam is in year 9 and has just started at Melbourne High School, and Olivia is in year 8 at Melbourne Girls College. Sam and Olivia provide assistance to the combined Prep-2 class and the joint grade 3 and 4 class, as well as keeping all of our resources in order.

RHONDA NIRENS JP has been providing administrative support to the religion school for several years, amongst her thousands of other responsibilities at Temple Beth Israel. Rhonda handles all enrolment, payment and administrative enquiries and is always happy to respond to any query (at almost any time of day!) And of course, there is the Rabbinical Team!

There's a Chinese proverb, that 'teachers open the door. You enter by yourself.' There's a complementary Jewish proverb, 'as you teach, you learn.' Both messages encapsulate what MATAN is about. We are here to give the gift of Torah, for today – that means that our team does not just help your kids open the door, but to really look deeply at what is on the other side, always driving home the concept of ongoing, lifelong Jewish education.

I look forward to seeing you next Monday at MATAN! Wishing you and your families and happy and kosher Pesach.



TBI now offers innovative membership options

This financial year you will be able to choose from among a number of new membership options that will best suit you and your family.

The Board of TBI is implementing a number of initiatives commencing 1 June 2007 for the benefit of our membership. We hope that the flexibility offered through these new options will make Temple membership easier, more accessible and more attractive to our wider Progressive family.

Generational membership

We are introducing a membership category whereby members of different generations of the same family may nominate to receive **ONE** account covering a number of generations within that family.

For example, a grandparent may wish to pay for all descendants or a member may wish to pay for ancestors and descendants within the family or take advantage of this category to join up other members in your family, such as parents who are not currently members.

Join another member of your extended family

A special rate applies for the first two years of membership for any of your family 'clan' who are not currently members of Temple Beth Israel.

Young adults: 18 – 25 year old

To encourage our younger members to remain active in the Temple family during those early years of independent living when money is tight, the Board has decided that **NO FEE** will be payable by those in this age group except for a security levy of \$10 per annum.

Dual Synagogue membership

A special low fee has been established for those who are members of a non-VUPJ congregation who wish to support or maintain an association with Temple Beth Israel.

Friends of Temple Beth Israel

A special low fee has been established for non-Jewish partners or individuals who are not Jewish but who wish to support our work and our community.

We all live busy lives and the demands on our time and resources are constant. We hope that these new membership options will offer greater flexibility for you to partake in the life of our congregation.

To take advantage of any of these initiatives or for further enquiries please phone/email our executive director, Alan Samuel on 9510-1488/alan.samuel@tbi.org.au

Temple Beth Israel invites you to...

Shabbat mishpacha!



A worship experience especially for young children and their families.

Every 4th Saturday of the month
9-9:30am

24 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May,
29 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug, 27 Oct, 24 Nov

Questions? Rabbi Gevurtz 9510-1488
or rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au



SHABBAT ALIVE!



On Friday 23 March, 27 April and 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 special Shabbat service for everyone who enjoys some extra *va-va-voom* in their Shabbat experience.

Exciting News!

NETZER ALTERNATIVE MINYAN

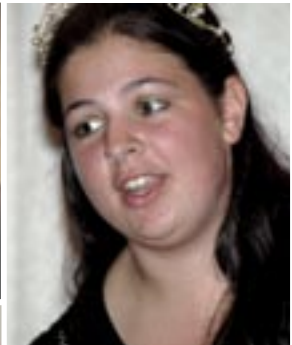
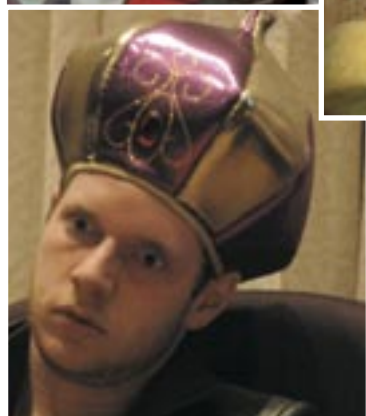


Netzer is starting a monthly Shabbat service upstairs in the MRC at TBI



Commencing on 4 May at 6:15 pm and on the first Friday of every month

If you are interested in a fun, relaxed gamutlich kabbalat shabbat service, Netzer style, with guitar accompaniment for our brachot, then please join us.





Purim!



With thanks to everyone who entered into the spirit and was rewarded with a riotous evening, morning and afternoon of fun. Special thanks to the spielers, our 'official' photographer and everyone who helped organise and prepare for our annual 24 hours of fun.



LIMMUD @ TBI

Life-long Jewish learning

LIMMUD ON SUNDAYS @ TBI

Adult learning for members and friends, Sundays, 10.30 am – 12 noon.

Presented by TBI rabbis and guest lecturers. Gold coin donation.

EILU V'EILU

'These and these are the words of the living God', based on an internet email program developed by the Union for Reform Judaism in America. Two rabbis debate an issue which is then opened up to rebuttal, discussion and summation.

Further sessions on 19, 26 August

TWO HOLY DAY OFFERINGS

Pesach and Yom Hashoah, presented by Rabbi Morgan.

25 MARCH 'The Chief Rabbi's Haggadah' – preparation for Pesach and the Seder through Rabbi Jonathan Sacks' Haggadah

15 APRIL 'After the Shoah' – for Yom Hashoah, a reflection on the impact of the Holocaust on modern Jewish life.

JUDAISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The mitzvah of *bal tashchit*, do not destroy – As an expression of our concern with environmental issues and the damage we do to the world in which we live out our Judaism, Rabbi Zylberman will be leading two activity-based sessions.

22 APRIL a guest expert will conduct an environmental audit of TBI: how environmentally friendly is our synagogue?

29 APRIL a visit to the newest environmentally friendly house in Melbourne, the home of Rabbi Jonathan Keren Black.

DETAILS 9510-1488 for further information

BET MIDRASH (STUDY HALL)

NEW! Commencing 3 June (following Shavuot), the Bet Midrash will be the first session on Sunday mornings, 9.15 - 10.15am

The Bet Midrash will provide an opportunity to learn texts one-to-one with other participants in the program, resourced and guided by the rabbis of TBI. Designed for those who are eager to deepen their appreciation for the Jewish textual tradition through close readings and intensive discussion. A

more advanced course for people with some Jewish knowledge; Hebrew language skills helpful but not essential.

WHEN Each session self-contained, come as often as you like.

WITH Rabbis Morgan, Zylberman and Gevurtz

COST Gold coin donation to cover materials

FIRST SERIES: On the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 113-118) with Rabbi Fred Morgan, 3, 17, 24 June (not meeting 10 June). Please bring a copy of these psalms, if possible.

PARASHAT HASHAVU'A: DISCUSSION ON THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Weekly, commencing 5 June (portion Shelach-lecha)

Presented by the rabbis of TBI and guests

This NEW course will introduce the Torah week by week. Stop by TBI for a bit of learning on your way home from work or school. This is a program for adults of all ages and backgrounds, no prior knowledge or language skills required. It will run every Tuesday afternoon, 5.30-6.30 pm, excluding Jewish, secular and rabbis' holidays!

MATAN @ TBI

Mondays after-school program at TBI

4 – 5:30 pm for prep to grade 2

4 – 6 pm for grades 3 to Year 8

Matan Jewish Studies and Hebrew program offers small classes, relevant Jewish learning, a fun, interactive program focussing on Jewish customs, festivals, values and tradition and great opportunities to socialise with other Jewish children. Enrolments are now open!

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PLANNING A PASSAGE TO INDIA @ TBI

20, May, 3, 17, 24 June (note: not 27 May)

In February-March 2008 Rabbi Morgan will be leading a fabulous three-week tour to India, focusing on places of great religious significance for the major faiths of India as well as Judaism: Varanasi, Delhi, Agra, Amritsar, Khajuraho, Udaipur, Mt. Abu, Mumbai, Ajanta, Cochin and more. As a taster for the tour, this series of sessions presented by Rabbi Morgan will look at India's leading religious traditions – Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and Sikhism - through Jewish eyes.

UPJ SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE RABBI PROF. JONATHAN MAGONET

July 1st



Coming from the UK, Rabbi Magonet is one of the world's foremost Jewish teachers. He recently retired as Principal of the Leo Baeck College in London, Europe's premier seminary for the training of progressive rabbis, where he was also professor of Bible for nearly 30 years. He is also a pioneer in interfaith work and, together with Rabbi Lionel Blue, edited four prayer-books for the British Reform Movement. This is a unique opportunity to learn with Rabbi Magonet. Not to be missed!

SHERIDAN HALL SHMOOZE

Mondays, (none in April), 7 May, 4 June, 9 July at 2 – 3 pm

With Rabbi Morgan at Sheridan Hall

Rabbi Morgan continues these popular monthly sessions at Sheridan Hall, at the new time of 2 – 3 pm, corner of Northcote Avenue & Hawthorn Road.

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT JEWISH MINI-SCHOOL: MODERN THEOLOGIES OF JUDAISM

Rabbi Morgan at Bialik College.

8 sessions, Tuesdays, 1 May – 26 June, 8-10 pm.

Repeated in Term 4, 9 Oct – 4 Dec

This course looks at the works of two contemporary thinkers who both come from the 'orthodox' world but have very different approaches to issues in modern Judaism - Irving 'Yitz' Greenberg and Jonathan Sacks. The course will tackle the key theological issues that challenge Jewish life today and include ideas of other Jewish scholars with whom Greenberg and Sacks are in intellectual conversation. A reading list will be provided. Melton Code: T25/FM

Special offer to TBI members of entry without the usual Melton pre-requisites. Registration through the Jewish Museum, 9534-0083.

ALEF-BET HEBREW @ TBI

Thursdays, 19, 26 Jul, 2, 9, 16, 23 Aug at 7 pm

Guarantees a basic knowledge of the alef-beth in six sessions. Tried, tested and proven over many years.

WITH Ben Elisha

COST \$50 includes material

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Melting away differences

Dorothy Graff

Dear reader, I invite you to come with me on a journey. The setting is peaceful: One can hear the birds chirping, it is near a river – the source of life - and there is wide open space all around. Jews, Christians, and Muslims live in harmony with each other and treasure the quality of their listening one to the other.

Each is prepared to share that they are on a search – some call it a faith journey, others a spiritual one – each lives by the deep wisdom as they understand it so far of their own religion and yet each has questions about some of its values or tenets. Each person is secure enough in themselves to accept this and to be open to the certainties and questions of the other. They speak with each other with humility and respect and a willingness to learn.

Am I dreaming, you ask? Is such a scenario possible? To that question: a resounding 'Yes!' Sue Morgan, Dot Nathan, Caroline Heard and I from TBI were privileged to participate in a three day live-in conference in February run by the Jewish, Christian, Muslim Association. It was their first all-female conference. Progressive Jews from our sister congregations and modern orthodox Jews represented our faith, there were Christians of many denominations, Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Salvation Army, and Quaker amongst them, and Lebanese, Egyptian, and Indonesian Muslims. Ages ranged from early 20s to 89!

The Conference theme was *Continuing Conversations* and this, indeed, it turned out to be. There was a loose program structure whereby speakers from the group spoke for a short time on the topic and then small groups formed where participants could express their reaction to the material presented, explain their religion's point of view or, in the safety of small numbers, share their own feelings in relation to it. Examples of such topics

were: diversity within each faith, a woman's experience within her faith tradition, and perspectives on current ethical and social issues. Many commented that they had never spoken so much in such a short time before!

The organisers very cleverly also introduced other forms of sharing and more

lighthearted ways to learn about each other. People were asked to bring a religious symbol that spoke to them – these were placed in the centre of the room for all to admire – cloths, religious items, CDs. On the first night we were treated to a lesson in belly dancing by a professional instructor and had great fun after some initial personal embarrassment about how clumsy we must be looking! On the second night, by which time we had got to know each other much better, we began with some Israeli dancing. Oh dear, it was one of the Christian ladies, whom we followed: she had taken classes several years earlier and had remembered more steps than us Jews! This was followed by some singing where each religious group introduced a song or two which the others then learned to sing. At one point, we were singing a Catholic meditative verse in rounds – quite beautiful. One side was weaker than the rest – the 'teacher' stopped to look why this was so: the group was made up of Muslims and Jews not quite at home with the Latin words. The joke was that until that moment, no one had stopped to see who was actually sitting with whom



– religious differences had melted away to the point that we were not conscious of who was from where any longer.

The cynic might say: 'all well and good, but that was a flash in the pan and now all will return to business as usual'. Time will tell. It is abundantly obvious that some very deep connections were made between



International Conference of the Australian Council of Christians and Jews Sydney, 8 - 11 July, 2007

A topic-crammed 4-day program under the overall theme, **'Healing a broken world: the faiths working together.'**

A series of keynote speakers will each to be followed by delegate-participating workshops and many discussion groups. Visits to selected Jewish and Christian institutions, cultural and social functions.

Conference brochures and information are available from sbfamily@bigpond.net.au

Jewish/Christian/Muslim Conference 'Partners In Dialogue' Warburton, 2 – 5 July

The fourth annual residential conference is open to members of one of the three Abrahamic faith communities.

Participants include clergy, congregational lay people, academics, tertiary students and those who work professionally in these faith communities.

Participants are expected to be in attendance for all four days of the conference, which will include discussions, learning experiences and opportunities to participate in prayer according to the three traditions.

Expressions of interest are sought. Enquiries to the TBI office, 9510-1488.

several people of different faiths. That will not go away. Several future meeting dates, including invitations to people's homes, have been set – that will also not go away. But more importantly, people are emailing each other a great deal of information on local inter-faith activities, humanitarian good news stories from the Middle East, and useful reference sources. If any one of these ventures continues into the future, it will all have been worthwhile and there will indeed be 'continuing conversations' as the title of the conference invited us to do.

Global warming and Jewish responsibilities

A recent article in the Australian Jewish News by Yossi Aron points out, and as followers of the recent TBI Mitzvah Project on the environment, not to mention Rabbi Zylberman's column in Temple Time will know, Jews have a special responsibility to care for the environment.

An ever-expanding culture of over-consumption has afflicted the West since the dawning of the oil age and it is this that has brought on a time of reckoning. Scientists now agree, we must act now if we are going to avoid disaster. We cannot wait for governments, encumbered as they are by vested interests and a focus on short-term electoral advantage to do it for us. Torah and simple self-preservation makes it incumbent on we Jews to tread more lightly on the planet. It is time to reflect seriously on our environmentally profligate lifestyles.

Truck wanted! Can you help?



The household goods collection for Sudanese refugees this

Pesach is an opportunity to clear out those cupboards of useful but unwanted goods before the festival.

However, many people have wanted to donate household goods that may be of use to a refugee family at other times during the year. When these goods are large furniture items such as tables, wardrobes, sofas etc. we have been unable to take up the offer because we simply don't have access to transport to carry these items to the families in need. This is very frustrating both for the donors and the Social Justice Group as these items would indeed have been very useful for newly arrived families setting up households in Melbourne.

We are looking for someone with access to a truck and driver large enough to carry furniture items. It is only an occasional need, for when such items are donated.

If you have access to a truck, or to someone who you think could help, call Kathy Earp on 0425- 702-671.

With this in mind, the Social Justice Group in collaboration with Rabbi Zylberman, Rabbi Keren Black and the Temple staff have decided to organise a forum to be run over two Sundays to which anyone who is concerned and wants to join with others to perform the *mitzvah* of working to saving the planet, is invited.

In the first session, on **Sunday 22 April**, an environmental expert will carry out an energy-use audit in the Temple. Participants will be able to follow the audit and discover ways of saving resources that can be translated into action for your own homes and offices. In the second session, on **Sunday 29 April**, we will have the opportunity to visit the home of Rabbi Karen Black, an ordinary suburban home that has been designed to minimise resource usage. For details, please call the office, 9510-1488.

I can't do much but...

Want to get involved in Social Justice Activities occasionally, but don't want to have to commit to more than a 'one off'?

The answer is to become a **'Social Justice Group Associate'!**

Just email me at johnhillel@yahoo.com.au and we will keep you posted about what is going on and when one-off help is needed for an event.

You choose if and when you want to get involved on a one-off basis. No further obligation will be assumed.

ON THE WEB...

- Temple website www.tbi.org.au
- For news and information about Israel and the Progressive Jewish world, subscribe to ProjeNews-subscribe@egroups.com
- Bet Olam Jewish Funeral services 24 hours, 7 days a week. www.jewishfunerals.org.au or call 9883-6237

ONLINE DONATIONS FACILITY

You can now donate to the tax-deductible Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund (PJCF) online at www.ourcommunity.com.au/progressivejewishculturalfund

Prepare for Pesach 'A Family Haggadah'



A beautifully produced Progressive family haggadah with a contemporary interpretation by Rabbi John Levi, accompanied by a cookbook of delicious Passover recipes and a CD of the ceremony's ageless songs.

Now available from TBI office: A boxed set of 6 haggadot, a cookbook and CD for \$150. Additional haggadot available. Haggadot, CD and cookbook are available separately at \$20 each.

'The Art Of Memory' Works by Aloma Triester

Exhibition at Leo Baeck Arts Centre
37 Harp Road, East Kew
20 March to 27 April 2007

Opening: Sunday 18 March, 3 to 5pm
Artist's Talk: Sunday 25 March, 2.30pm
(Gold coin donation)

Details and viewing times on www.lbc.org.au

Music for Pleasure

A BPS special event

Sunday 6 May at 2:30 pm
BPS, 549 Centre Road Bentleigh

Artists include
Debbie Grace (soprano)
Gabby Kolb (violin)
Maurice Duband (organ solos)
The 'Encore' Harmony Quartet
Melinda Ash (soprano)

Meet the artists at High Tea following the performance

\$20 includes refreshments
Bookings essential for catering purposes
Myra Mendelson, 9555-3061
or BPS office 9563-9208

The King David School helps build bridges between our cultures

Building bridges between the cultures often begins with students. In a Federally-funded initiative, 'Building Bridges' was established as an interfaith program for Year 10 students and The King David School was selected as a participant.

Students from five schools (Catholic, Baptist, Muslim, Anglican and Jewish) meet regularly over a five-week period as part of an Intercultural Cluster. Each school takes their turn in hosting the students and group discussions provide an opportunity to understand the differences and similarities between their religions. The program concludes in a joint schools day of creative activities and dialogue with schools from all the regional groups.

In 2006, students Josh Teichman and Ramelle Lewis were invited to speak about the program at a Parliamentary luncheon attended by the Premier, Steve Bracks and many other dignitaries. Their words

have been duly noted for perpetuity in Hansard.

This year, The King David School was joined by the Australian International Academy (Coburg), St Monica's (Epping), Thornbury High School and Siena (Camberwell) at the school's Purim celebrations.

King David School student Ramelle Lewis (far right) pictured with other students and Premier Steve Bracks at Parliament House.



We need you! Volunteer today

Rhonda Nirens

You may be aware that Ian Samuel is retiring from *B'Yachad* (our volunteer program), having laid a firm foundation over the past year. Together with Rabbis Morgan, Zylberman and Gevurtz, I want to continue the work.



I am passionate about keeping this vision alive and helping it expand, grow and come to life. By working together we can continue to produce and build a wonderfully warm, family atmosphere for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. It is my desire to be part of the legacy that will ensure the continued growth and strength of Temple Beth Israel well into the future. To do this, we need you with us.

Many of you know me as the Assistant Executive Director of Temple Beth Israel and also as a Funeral Director for Bet-Olam Jewish Funerals. I wish to dedicate my free time to bringing this vision alive with your help, support and enthusiasm. My mother, Betty Rosenberg, spent many happy years involved with the Women's Guild alongside Irene Benjamin, Robyn Levi, Josie Grinblat, Marian Lawrence, Mim Segal,

Shirley Samuel and many other stalwarts of our community. I grew up with many happy memories of Temple dances, Religion School, Pesach Seders, cooking together, batmitzvah ceremonies, young adult camps and was very much aware of the warmth and comradeship that flowed through the temple and made it my home.

Times have changed and all of us lead busy lives so finding a spare hour in a full schedule can seem impossible. However, making it a priority to find that time can be richly rewarding. My husband Jeff and our five wonderful daughters have all spent many hours volunteering for various tasks. Whether with Netzer, taking photos at festivals or partaking in the myriad of activities, they have discovered that volunteering is a wonderful experience both in giving back to our community and in deriving a real sense of belonging. This all contributes to a family atmosphere that we work towards. We would be thrilled to have you as part of

these wonderful times and further enhance the *B'Yachad* program with your help.

Our dedicated Rabbis and Ian Samuel have put together this wish list for our future. A tiny selection of this wish list is:

- Religious life
- Social Justice
- Festivals
- Gardening
- Library
- Help with Shabbat lunches
- Outreach
- Help with Young TBI oneg Shabbat dinners
- Communications
- Friendship Club
- MATAN school
- Hospital visiting
- Telechat

If you find areas of interest that you wish to be involved with, please let me know. Alternatively if you have any other suggestions, I would be thrilled to hear from you. I look forward to speaking with you.

I can be reached at the Temple office on 9510-1488, at home on 9528-2935 or on email rhonda.nirens@tbi.org.au

Smachot

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome those individuals and families who have joined our congregational family since 10 October 2006.

• Simon Abraham • Sylvie Berchick with Sean and Benjamin • Neil Brand • David Cohan • Steven Cohen and Ann Thayer-Cohen with Adam and Natan • Alex and Milliana Elberg • Tzvi and Michelle Fleischer with Dana • Randi Goda with Sidnee • Mark Koronczyk • Mark and Kelly Lippmann with Noah and Sasha • Sharon Mason • Justin Redlich and Nicole Blau • Paul and Judith Roberts with Georgina • Raymond and Bronia Thompson with Rachel and Andrew • Boris Vainberg • Mila Wagner with Walter

RECENT BIRTHS

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

Jade Bianca Super Cohen (daughter for Melanie & David Cohen, great granddaughter for Joy Waller)

Jacob Emmanuel Mandie (son for Laurence & Natasha Mandie, grandson for Jeanette & Brian Mandie)

Emma Leah Rose (daughter for Shane & Galia Rose)

Jemma Sonia Seligmann (daughter for Tammy & Aryeh Seligmann; granddaughter for Ann & Fred Seligmann)

Joshua Michael Shaw (son for James & Leanne Shaw)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(17 Mar - 27 Apr) Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday to:

• Chester Alan Troy • Marlyn Bancroft • Leora Benjamin • Peter Benjamin • Vicki Black • Sara Bock • Rebecca Brott • Myer Brott • Joseph Brown • Jillian Burnett • Joe Chakman • Deborah Chemke • Lois Cyngler • Daniel Eckhaus • Vivienne Elton • Susi Engel • Ricky Feigin • Eva Felts • Leanne Fink • Olga Finkelstein • Ellen Frajman • Bob Freidin • Judith Fremder • Helena Frosh • Harry Greenberg • Amy Greenberg • Martha Gries • Heinz Gries • Anneliese Gries • Esther Hartman • Susan Hearst • Margaret Hendler • Gabriel Hoenig • Richard Ingleby • Tadeusz Irlight • Barbara Kamler • Karen Katz • Warren Kaye • Douglas Kirsner • Ernst Kohn • Sym Kohn • Frieda Kolieb • Stephanie

Komesaroff • Basja Levy • Robert Marcus • Anita Marks • Margot Melzak • Henry Mitchell • Stella Mitchell • Inge Mohrer • Harry Mrocki • Gerald Pearce • Edith Peer • Hanna Popiolek • Madeleine Popper • Bronia Raynor • Michael Rich • Rita Richter • Monique Rogelberg • Ken Rossdale • Norman Rothman • Edith Sadlon • Denise Same • Shayndel Samuel • Lala Saunders • Gusta Schwarcz • Neil Schyer • Benn Selby • Simon Shafer • Vicki Sherman • Joel Shulkin • Benjamin Skrabal • Alma Slawik • Nikki Sonenberg • David Steinhardt • Irene Stern • Rosemary Swiderski • Felix Syber • Paul Tescher • Olga Tramer • Sally Unglik • Jake Van Hoof • Ruja Varon • Karin Weller • Trudie Westheimer • Barry Wicks • Oscar Zent

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

(17 Mar - 27 Apr) Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries to:

Robert Raynor & Bronia Raynor (5th) • Lionel & Karen Katz (5th) • Marc & Emma Light (5th) • Alan & Sharon Simon (5th) • David & Shelly Harris (10th) • Kate & Christopher Graham (10th) • Gary & Vivien Lewis (15th) • Jack & Fay Bock (25th) • Sam & Joanne Gubieski (25th) • Jack & Jennifer Krafchek (30th) • Tom & Jenny Gorog (35th) • Rubin & Ursula Piekarski (40th) • Michael & Cheryl Spivakovsky (40th) • Colin & Sue Silver (45th) • Jack & Katie Gould (50th)

FEB/MARCH B'NEI MITZVAH

Mazal tov to our b'nei mitzvah and their families:

• Eli Swart • Kieran Hirsch • Danielle Cohen • Isaak Newcombe • Gabi Palti • Mairead Lesman • Alexander Rose • Shafaye Gesundheit • Ashleigh Anderson

RECENT BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

Danielle Cohen, Tammy Cohen, Kieran Hirsch, Nick Kolliner, Peter Kolliner, Mairead Lesman, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Isaak Newcombe, Gabi Palti, Rena Rabin, Eli Swart, Jamie Wajnberg

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal tov to these recently engaged couples:

Emma Jacobs (granddaughter of Pamela Aird) **to Darren Shulsinger**

Laura Jakobovits (daughter of Penny & Andrew Jakobovits) **to Adam Bock** (son of Fay and Jack Bock)

Georgia Samuel (daughter of Graeme Samuel & Lynne Samuel) **to Adam Broder**



From top: Gabi Palti (bar mitzvah 3 March 2007) with his family; Kieran Hirsch (bar mitzvah 10 February 2007) with his family; Eli Swart (bar mitzvah 3 February 2007) with his family.

RECENT WEDDING

Mazal tov to this recently married couple:

Bernard Shafer (son of Simon & Ellen Shafer) **to Dahlia Tauber**, in Sydney

Bereavements

DEATHS

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

• **Maria Jakimowicz** (mother of Teresa Casson) • **Anna Malady** (wife of John James Malady, mother of David Malady) • **Basil Stanley Sherman** (husband of Jennifer Sherman, father of Lisa van Geldran & Bonnie Sherman) • **Beryl Simmons** (sister of David Simmons) • **Mark Tuckman** • **James Vinson** (husband of Nora Vinson, father of David Vinson, Monica Ellen & Jenny Krafcheck)

YAHREZEITS

Zecher Tzadik Livracha

Observed 24 March

• **Samuel & Ester Malka Brott** (parents of Rebecca Brott) • **Samuel Carp** (father of Esther Michael) • **Stanley Lewin Fredman** (father of Malcolm Fredman) • **Fritz Frohlich** (husband of Else Frohlich) • **Maurice Helmer** (husband of June Helmer) • **Zack Heyman** (great nephew of Dianne Samuel) • **Gitty Hoenig** (mother of Susie Balint) • **Edith Jelinek** (mother of Eve Bartrop & Michael Jelinek) • **Alma Joske** (mother of Adrienne Basser) • **Hugo Klempfner** (father of George Klempfner, grandfather of David Klempfner) • **Mendel Korn** (father-in-law of Margit Korn) • **Betty Lipson** (mother of Gerda Cohen) • **Sarah Lurie** (mother of Elstynne Sive) • **Sara Mandelbaum** (mother of Richard Manders) • **George Mansfield** (father of John Mansfield) • **Diana Lee Marks** (daughter of Stan & Eva Marks) • **Martin Martin** (father of Yvonne Elton) • **Alfred Rood** (husband of Rose Rood, father of Julian Rood) • **Jascha Spivakovsky** (father of David Spivakovsky & Michael Spivakovsky) • **Basil Starr** (father of Alex Starr) • **Adolph Stevan Irlicht** (father of Tadeusz Irlicht) • **Isabel Zipper** (grandmother of Marcus Zipper)

Observed 31 March

Heinz Werner Abrams (step-father of Barbie Kolliner & Carol Young) • **Eva Balint** (mother of Michael Balint) • **Arnold Dreyfus** (father of Ilse Breth) • **Chaim Finkelstein** (father-in-law of Sara Finch) • **Otto Fleischmann** (step-father of Carl Muller) • **Allan Fradkin** (father of Barry Fradkin) • **Eva Friedlander** (mother of Inge Ruben) • **Lou Green** (father of Sue Silver) • **Hella Herling** (aunt of Gerda Thurin) • **Marianne Klempfner** (mother of George Klempfner, grandmother of David Klempfner) • **Sarid Kornfeld** (grandaughter of Leslie Paleg) • **Walter Law** (father of Marion Selton) • **Rebecca Phillips** (mother of Esther Hartman & Katie Gould) • **Edith Pulver** (mother of Peter Pulver) • **Bella Ross** (sister of Philip Levy) • **Sam Rybolov** (brother of Manya Shmukler) • **Leah Ryvitch** (mother of David Ryvitch) • **Friedl Schiff** (mother of Peter Schiff) • **Marcus Schlen** (father of Sandra Lew) • **Olga Segal** (mother-in-law of Mim Segal) • **Jacob Silber** (husband of Betty Silber) • **Solly Sive** (father of Leslie Sive) • **Joan Snyder** (mother of Ralph Snyder) • **Julie**

Solomon (mother of Janice Mansfield) • **David Sholum Sonenberg** (father of David Sonenberg & Norman Sonenberg) • **Ella Szyfberg & Schleama Szyfberg** (siblings of Felix Syber) • **Karl Welisch** (uncle of Gerda Thurin)

Observed 7 April

Emil & Helen Asznovicz (parents of Richard Asznovicz) • **David Bayer** (brother of Rosy Matthews) • **Evelin Pauline Cohen** (mother of Isabel Hyman) • **Benjamin Einhorn** (father of Rita Schulberg) • **Pola Feigin** (mother of Abrasha Feigin) • **Robert Feigin** (son of Abrasha & Lili Feigin, husband of Monica Feigin, father of Alexander, Anita & Ricky Feigin) • **Paul Freadman** (husband of Fleur Freadman) • **Lionel Friedman** (father of Norma Brand) • **Cypra Anne Helmer** (daughter of June Helmer) • **Solly Israel Jackson** (father of Rhona Mayers) • **Lionel Louvain King** (husband of Emily King) • **Don Lawrence** (Lawrence (, father of Michael Lawrence & Peter Lawrence) • **Gerald Layton** (husband of Charlotte Layton) • **Hilda Leder** (grandmother of Karin Weller & Richard Leder) • **Rosette Levin** (mother of Norman Levin) • **Fred Lustig** (father of Marion Lustig) • **Ted Lustig** (husband of Heather Lustig) • **Hyman May** (father-in-law of Edna May) • **Renee Mendes da Costa** (mother of Miriam Levi) • **Zygmunt Milechman** (son of Helena Frosh) • **Lovis Moss** (wife of Theo Moss, mother of Marcus Moss) • **Talya Opat** (daughter of David & Debbie Opat) • **Paul Porges** (father of Dani Mahemoff) • **Dorys Raynor** (1st wife of Robert Raynor) • **George Ross** (husband of Kitty Ross) • **Jacob (Kuba) Schulberg** (father of Robert Schulberg) • **Alfred Shiff** (father of Jonathan Shiff) • **Jack Silver** (father of Colin Silver) • **Paul Stach** (husband of Rose Stach) • **Gordon Stanton** (father of Jenny Samuel) • **Mayer Yahia** (friend of Magdee Taryan)

Observed 14 April

Morris Akkerman (father of Charles Akkerman) • **Sam Bando** (brother of Jacob Bando, husband of Ellen Bando, father of Phillip Bando) • **Sara Bando** (mother of Jacob Bando) • **Colin David Blashki** (husband of Sue Blashki, father of Jonathan Blashki & Miriam Blashki) • **Leah Fradkin** (mother-in-law of Theo Moss, grandmother of Marcus Moss) • **Erwin Friedlander** (father of Inge Ruben) • **Herta Herling** (mother of Gerda Thurin) • **John Kennedy** (1st husband of Catherine

Zaitman) • **Norman Klings** (father of Laura Silver) • **Eric Manning** (father of Gerda Shelton) • **Ronald Mendelsohn** (father of Oliver Mendelsohn) • **Charlotte Nathan** (mother of Jeffrey Nathan) • **Joseph Edward Nathan** (father of Peter Nathan) • **Leon Rebaizen** (uncle of Adam Ryan) • **Nathan Schwartz** (father of Rose Rood) • **Mary Silverman** (mother of Nora Bruch) • **Hans Spitz** (father of Eve Lustig) • **Paul Stein** (husband of Ruth Stein) • **Kate Tobak** (mother of Beatrice Levy) • **Grace Togget** (cousin of Lore Schenk & Peter Selton) • **Irma Wildberg** (mother of Anneliese Falkenstein, mother-in-law of Rachel Wildberg) • **Hyman Joseph Wittner** (father of Anna Cowen & David Wittner)

Observed 21 April

Hannah Bancroft (mother-in-law of Kay Bancroft) • **Anna Batagol** (mother of Mary Mahemoff) • **Harold Davis** (uncle of Edward Davis) • **Ken Dean** (husband of Jocelyn Dean) • **Lilly Friedlaender** (mother of Gerda Bandman) • **Heinz Geiger** (father of Evi Nelson) • **Felix Halpern** (uncle of Ann Dorey) • **Ilse Hartmann** (mother of Gary Hartmann) • **Louis Hoffman** (grandfather of Mervyn Cohen) • **Guenter Jacob** (father of Barbara Jacob) • **Danielle Lenore & Stephen Bram Joske** (children of Judith Latham) • **Beatrice Kaufman** (sister of Sara Finch, aunt of Max Fink) • **Samuel Kaufman** (father of John Kaufman) • **Katie Klooger** (mother of Kenneth Klooger) • **Leslie Koadlow** (father of Peter Koadlow & Yehudit Koadlow) • **Michael Korabielnik & Stella Korabielnik** (brother-in-law & sister-in-law of Ann Dorey) • **Hyman Leo Figg** (father of Eve Markov & Rae Singer) • **Chaim Lewin, Nathan & Sabina Lewin**

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