

קול ישראל TEMPLE TIME

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Shavuot @ TBI



Tuesday 22 May

5:15 – 6:30 pm

Shavuot Mishpacha in MRC

A Shavuot celebration specially for families with young children with age-appropriate activities.

And everyone gets ice cream!

7:30 pm

Cheese and wine

Preparation for Shavuot for adults and an opportunity for casual conversation

8 pm

Shavuot Ma'ariv service

In the main sanctuary

8:30 pm

Cheesecake kiddush

with Shavuot Cheesecake Competition!

8:45 pm til midnight

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Three one-hour learning sessions with our rabbis

- 1: 'Who is worthy of honour? Uses and abuses of *kavod* (honour, dignity) in Jewish tradition', with Rabbi Morgan
- 2: 'The true story of Ruth' with Rabbi Gevurtz
- 3: 'How many mitzvot are there?' with Rabbi Zylberman

Wednesday 23 May

10 am

Shacharit service

includes Yizkor, reading of the Ten Commandment from Torah and the Hallel Psalms

Ruth and choosing Judaism

Zoi Juvris

Why is it that we read the Book of Ruth – the story of a Moabite woman who chose to join the Jewish people and who eventually married a judge of Israel, Boaz – on Shavuot, when we celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai?



Torah commentators explain that Ruth is the model of Torah acceptance. Shavuot commemorates the acceptance of the Torah at Mt Sinai by the Jewish people, and the Book of Ruth describes the acceptance of the Torah by a single individual.

Her experience is a reminder to us that we, as individuals, are Jews thanks only to our own act of Torah acceptance. Judaism is not a racial trait and is not automatic for anyone; fundamentally, it is based on Torah acceptance, even for the children of Abraham.

Anyone reading the story of Ruth is immediately struck by the strength of her dedication to her mother in law, Naomi.

Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you, to turn back from following you. For where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people are my people, and your God my God; where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may God do to me, and so may He do more, if anything but death separates me from you. (Ruth 1:16-17)

This year, in preparation for Shavuot, we approached a number of members who are Jews by choice and asked them what Judaism means to them, and why they have chosen Judaism.

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Shavuot Cheesecake Competition



Do you make the best cheesecake this side of the black stump?

Enter the TBI Shavuot Cheesecake Competition and let the people decide!

Call Rhonda on 9510-1488 by Friday 18 May to enter. Judging by public acclaim on Tuesday 22 May, 8:30 pm before our Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Come taste the cheesecakes and participate in the judging panel! And may the best cheesecake win!

First prize: 1500ml bottle Commissioner's Block Shiraz, 2004!





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
ROGER MENDELSON**

Where we stand in the universe

If you look at the Melbourne community from a global perspective, there are many developing trends. These trends present a real challenge to us and we ignore them at our peril.

- The Israeli and former USSR communities are growing and they are overwhelmingly secular.

- Conversely, South Africans are basically observant and communally-minded. However, they come from a tribal society which fostered this. My feeling is that the next generation, living in a secular, multi-cultural society, will be much less observant.

- The great grandchildren of survivors are now being born. Their feelings of obligation toward community-building will be much less than for the first generation.

The challenge for us is to attract these diverse groups because without them we will start to wither away and many of these people will merge into the general community.

If we can be successful at this then TBI will continue to be the premier Jewish congregation in Victoria and one of

the top three in Australia. (Guess which are the other two?)

These are big picture challenges. Closer to home, we have to attract the next generation of our existing members and increase the level of involvement of our current members. All of this has to be achieved within the confines of a balanced budget and real constraints on the level of dues our members can afford.

So what are we doing about it? The Board is about to sign off on a budget for the next year which is essentially balanced. This is the basic building block which is required. To over-spend is ultimately to erode our very foundations. In business jargon, our Key Performance Indicators are looking good.

Attendances at services are on a clear upward trend (we actually count numbers), our membership list is growing, b'nei mitzvah bookings are increasing and Matan, our religion school, has achieved

bookings right at the higher level of our expectations.

Rhonda Nirens has become our new *B'Yachad* (Volunteers) co-ordinator. There is a far greater awareness from the active component of our community that we can only grow and prosper if we get more people actively participating with us, rather than regarding themselves as consumers of our services.

Rhonda's appointment provides a unique blend of TBI administrator with a long-term, committed congregant – after all, she wears both hats.

TBI must succeed in developing our *B'Yachad* program because it is major key to our future.

You may be wondering which are the other two major congregations. Based on membership numbers (an inexact science, due to lack of standard definition), the other two are our sister congregation Temple Emanuel Woollahara, and Central Shul, in Sydney. We each have about 2,800 individual members.

See you in Shul. Please come along and help the upward trend of our graph.

Roger Mendelson

Ruth and choosing Judaism *continued from page 1*

Ruth Davidson

Ruth was a founding member of the Friendship Club organising committee and remains active on a hands-on basis at the monthly meetings. She is also a key organiser of the Temple Time packing team and she assists in High Holydays preparations. Ruth is a regular at our Shabbat and festival services.

'Judaism was the only theology that made any sense to me. I had been raised a Christian in a fairly insular environment and, as I got older, I felt increasingly uneasy about the political origins of Christianity. Eventually I dropped any identification with Christianity.

When I enrolled in the Introduction to Judaism course, I had the opportunity to access a lot of information which helped me to confirm my feelings. I believe that there is a higher being, and the Jews are the only ones who conceive of this higher being in a way with which I can identify. God as

envisioned in Judaism makes sense to me – so I have to be Jewish!'

Graham & Stella Edgar

Graham and Stella attend every Shabbat and festival service and many of our social activities – no small feat as they live many miles from TBI. Retirees, they moved to Melbourne from New Zealand two years ago and have embraced the TBI community.

Graham: 'Stella and I lived in Christchurch in New Zealand for 29 years. I'd been skirting around my interest in Judaism for a long time but there really was no prospect in Christchurch as there was no Progressive rabbi.

'We went to England three years ago and eagerly took some instruction there, at North West Reform Synagogue in Alyth Gardens. In New Zealand I had considered myself a bit of an old testament scholar, but when we went to London, I realised that I knew almost nothing!

'We came to live in Melbourne permanently in 2005. We'd been on some exploratory trips here and came to a Friday night service at TBI, and also to a conservative Shabbat morning service. When we got to Melbourne, we signed up for the Introduction to Judaism course as soon as we could. We felt that the only place in town we fitted in was TBI. Coming to Melbourne and knowing nobody, TBI offered us not only a spiritual avenue, but also an active social outlet. Over the past five, nearly six years, Judaism has really become my life. The religion is, in fact, community. I get a big buzz from Shabbat services, but it goes much deeper than that, to a real feeling of belonging.'

Stella: 'I grew up in England and an aunt of mine told me years ago that I had Jewish antecedents from Romania who came to England via France. So it was always there,

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Jews: the People of the Book

For several decades BBC Radio broadcast a program called *Desert Island Discs*, which invited famous people to choose their favorite pieces of music to play on a desert island. At the end of the show the celebrities were asked to choose one book they'd bring with them, apart from the Bible, Shakespeare and an encyclopedia. Presumably the show's producers already included an encyclopedia because the guests would want to identify any strange species they encountered; Shakespeare, because he's quoted all the time; and the Bible, because wherever the desert island was, the Gideons would have got there first!

More seriously, these three books defined the program's audience: the encyclopedia defined them intellectually as people with a scientific outlook, whether or not they were scientists by profession; Shakespeare defined them culturally as British, even if they had never read any; and the Bible defined them religiously as Christians, whether they were Church-goers or not.

What book defines us as Jews? There is no question that it is Torah (here to be distinguished from 'the Bible', which, by that title, is indisputably a Christian book!), whether we are familiar with its contents or not. And even more, it is probably Torah in the traditional sense that defines us: not the 'five books of Moses' alone, but also the rabbinic writings that formed the interpretative context for the 'five books' – the Mishnah, the Talmud, the collections of midrash, the legal codes and more. In rabbinic language, this comprises both the 'written Torah' (*Torah she-bikhtav*) and the 'oral Torah' (*Torah she-b'al peh*). We needn't accept uncritically the *midrash* that Moses received both the written and the oral Torah from God on Mt Sinai in order to acknowledge the impact of these bedrocks of Jewish self-understanding on our personal identity as Jews.

To put it another way, without Torah there would be no Jewish story and as a result no Jewish People. The same may be said of God and Israel, the other two terms in the triad that creates Jewish identity. These three concepts – God, Torah, Israel – stand together. That is not to say, however, that they mean the same thing to all Jews. On the contrary, the fact that they mean different things to each Jew not only contributes to the richness of our heritage; more importantly, it means that Jewish identity is not a single thing, black or white. There are many shades of grey in Jewish identity.

Whatever the shade of grey, however, Torah is an intrinsic part of the mix. This is an essential lesson of Pesach. The heart of Pesach is the story of the Exodus from

Egypt. We can say that this narrative, the Exodus, is Torah in at least three different but related senses. First, the written Torah in its totality is constructed around the Exodus from Egypt. The stories of Genesis lay the groundwork for the Exodus, the tales in the remainder of the 'five books' respond to the Exodus. By its very style and contents, the Torah tells us that the Exodus is the 'grand narrative' of the Jewish people.

Second, every year at the *seder* we express the Exodus for ourselves by sitting down to a ritualized meal focused on symbolic foods – the *matzah*, the *maror*, the Pesach lamb (that we no longer eat), the *charoset*, the salt water, the hard-boiled egg, the *afikoman*. These foods mark our immediate connection to the grand narrative of our people. Through these symbolic foods we enter deeply into the spirit of the narrative, even though it is impossible for us literally to restage it.

Third, in the course of our *seder* ritual we include talk about the Exodus. That is, we narrate the Exodus in such a way that it retains the original language of its telling (the 'written Torah') while also taking on the language of 'today' (the 'oral Torah'), whenever that 'today' might be ('today', and its issues and concerns, changes from year to year; and the stories of many past 'todays' are embedded in the *haggadah*).

Every story has a conclusion. The conclusion of Torah is not yet written but, taking the Exodus as our grand narrative, we know what it looks like. It is 'to respect and care for the stranger, for we were strangers in the land of Egypt' (a *mitzvah* narrated 36 times in the Torah). This goal, expressed in the words of Torah, is also part of our identity as a People.

Jewish identity was forged in the furnace and desolation of Egypt, but it didn't take on its real shape, its meaning and purpose, until the giving of Torah at Mt Sinai. This is why the annual Jewish journey that we begin at Pesach does not reach

its conclusion until Shavuot, 'the season of the giving of our Torah' (*zman matan Torateynu*). Shavuot, too, is our story – the story of Torah.

Sue joins me in wishing you *chag Shavuot sameach*: a happy, peaceful and inspiring Shavuot, when we define ourselves once again on our religious desert island here in Melbourne, through the story of the giving of our Torah.

Fred Morgan

Community forum

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, our plans for the eventual replacement of our *siddur*, *The Gates of Prayer*, was another. The results of those discussions show that your input matters! Now, we aim to hear your opinions and suggestions on a further issue.

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.



Shavuot: an invitation to lifelong Jewish learning

During the period of the counting of the Omer (seven weeks of seven days starting from the second night of Pesach) we move from the celebration of freedom from slavery in Egypt on Pesach to the revelation of Torah at Mt Sinai on Shavuot.

Each year this period gives us the opportunity to reflect on our own relationship to Torah, a word that has diverse connotations. In its narrowest sense it means the five books of Moses found in the Torah scroll itself. In its broadest sense it can mean all of Jewish wisdom and literature written and revealed over the centuries. To be active and growing Jews we all need to be learning Jews: Jews who keep learning Torah. Not only is it a *mitzvah*, it's fun and rewarding too!

Here at TBI we are committed to providing ongoing opportunities for all ages to delve into Torah in its narrowest and broadest senses and to engage in discussion and reflection. For our pre-Bnei Mitzvah ages we have **Matan**, specially designed for those attending public schools or non-Jewish private day schools. All of the TBI rabbis visit The King David School to provide resources and to teach and learn with our TKDS students. We attend **Netzer** camps and provide support throughout the year for Netzer learning programs. Family-oriented services, on Friday night and Shabbat mornings as well as on festivals, are a fun way for the whole family to learn together.

And we must remember: learning Torah is not just for our kids! It is a lifelong commitment and lifelong adult *limmud* (learning) takes place at TBI throughout the year. You are invited!

On most Sunday mornings, from 10:30 am to noon, we confront a diverse range of topics (over bagels and cream cheese, of course). Beginning on 3 June, our regular 10:30 am **Limmud on Sunday** sessions will be preceded by a new, open **Bet Midrash** from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. In each session one of the rabbis will act as a resource, as participants pair up in traditional *chevrutah* style learning of our texts. (*Chevruta* style learning is where two people study a text together, teasing out the many layers of meaning – two heads are better than one!) Rabbi Morgan will be launching the new, open **Bet Midrash** with a study of the uplifting Hallel psalms.

Starting on Tuesday, 5 June we will also be offering new, regular, weekly sessions on the **Parashah Shavuah** (Torah portion) of the week (5:30 pm-6:30 pm). Each session of the **Bet Midrash** (Sunday mornings) and weekly **Parashah Shavuah** (Tuesday evenings) will stand alone so you can come as often as your schedule permits. Please join us whenever you can.

If you are interested in brushing up on your basic Jewish knowledge (or learning for the first time) you might like to join our year-long **Introduction to Judaism** course offered on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm, with intakes in July and January (these classes require registration but are free to members – please contact the TBI office for details).

If you'd like to learn some **Hebrew**, Ben Elisha and Albert Bentata run very popular courses twice a year and our VUPJ *Shaliach* (emissary from Israel), Yossi Cohen, leads an occasional fun and interactive conversational Hebrew Café.

All of these ongoing *limmud* (learning) opportunities are, of course, complemented by our year-round special events like the *tikkun leil Shavuot* night of learning (on Tuesday 22 May, with cheesecake competition!); guest speakers (such as Rabbi Jonathan Magonet, former principal of the Leo Baeck College Rabbinical school in London, who is joining us in June/July); our occasional forums; and Melton classes (such as the *'Modern Theologies of Judaism'* course being offered by Rabbi Morgan at Bialik College, commencing on 1 May at 8pm).

And don't forget about the wonderful learning opportunities afforded just by coming to *shul* on Shabbat and festivals, by reading your Temple Time and the reflections on the weekly *parashah* in our Temple Time supplements (available every week at shul and by email, just let the office know if you are not yet receiving them).

We are always eager to hear about other learning opportunities that you may be interested in. Just let us know!

As our Sage Ben Bag Bag in Pirkei Avot

teaches us: we must 'Turn [the Torah] over and over for it contains everything' (5.25). The study of Torah is exciting and rewarding. As Shavuot, the anniversary of the revelation of Torah, approaches let us all recommit to lifelong Jewish learning. At TBI we have plenty of opportunities. Come and join us!

For more information about any of the learning opportunities at TBI please check the pages of this Temple Time or feel free to contact us in the TBI office.

Rabbi Gersh Zylberman

GUEST LECTURE Alan Morinis



*'The spiritual tradition of
Mussar in Jewish life'*

Saturday 16 June, 5:45 – 7:15 pm
Temple Beth Israel
76 Alma Road St Kilda

Alan Morinis is a Rhodes Scholar, an award-winning television and film producer, and the author of *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* and *Everyday Holiness*. He is founder and director of The Mussar Institute in Vancouver.

Mussar is a 1000-year-old Jewish tradition, a spiritual discipline, and a practical ethical philosophy all rolled into one. Mussar has been learned and practiced differently in every generation though the core teaching of Mussar is that our deepest essence is inherently pure and holy, but over time becomes obscured by extremes of emotion, desire, and bad habits.

Temple Beth Israel invites you to

Shabbat Mishpacha

A worship experience especially for young children and their families

Every 4th Saturday of the month in our main sanctuary
9 - 9:30 am

26 May, 23 Jun, 28 Jul,
25 Aug, 27 Oct, 24 Nov

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



It's time for Shavuot Mishpacha!

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

Calling on all our young families with children up to seven years old to join us for an exciting Shavuot celebration geared just for you, on 22 May from 5:15 - 6:30 pm.

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai so many thousands of years ago. And this year at TBI our young families will be transported back to that magical moment to experience it for themselves! What a wonderful opportunity to learn about the centrality of the holy Torah in our lives as Jews.

And, of course, as with any Jewish festival, we will celebrate the day with good food! And since it is traditional to eat dairy on Shavuot, we will wrap up our program with an ice cream sundae bar. Who can make the best Mt. Sinai out of ice cream?! Who knows? It could be you!



I look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or write at 9510-1488 or rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

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at the back of my mind, and I've always had a great empathy for the Jewish people.

'My husband was instigator of this journey to Judaism. I began by supporting him for about four years in Christchurch, accompanying him to services and activities at the orthodox shul, but it was not until we went to England that we really began to understand and learn.

'He also enrolled first at TBI, and again, I went along to support him. It was only then that things began to fall into place. I remember thinking, 'why doesn't everybody want to be Jewish?' It's such a wholistic model. Such a difference from the tradition I came from: there isn't somebody judging me from the pulpit, telling me that I'm not good enough. Judaism is a faith of action, and a wonderful community. It fits us completely. To be embraced the way we have been has been incredible.

'I had the opportunity to defend Israel's incursion in Lebanon recently, and it felt so good, being a defender of Israel and the Jewish people! We've recently graduated from the course and I had the good fortune of choosing my own Hebrew name. My name - Stella - means 'star', and I found out that the Hebrew name Esther also means 'star'. I decided Esther feels right. She, too, was a defender of the faith.'

Russell Wiese

Russell is a young lawyer, recently married to Rachel Same. They are both regular participants in our Shabbat and festival services.

'I started seeing Rachel during our early university years and through her, I started to learn about Judaism and the ways Jews live a Jewish life. Sharing *yom tovim* with Rachel and her family stimulated my interest. I came to High Holydays services for the first time a number of years ago, and started to attend services. It was a gradual process.

'I came to the decision very gradually. I did a lot of reading, came to services and activities. I realised that I was living a Jewish life yet I was not formally recognised as a Jew. I had some significant life events coming up and it became important to me to do these in a Jewish way.

'The most important thing about Judaism for me is that it provides a code for how to live your life and treat others. Progressive Judaism is a very modern religion. The beliefs are important but the reason the religion appeals to me is because those beliefs are consistent with a modern view of the world. And, although I love the fact that it is modern in outlook, the traditions and the simple ideas, such as having a sanctified day of rest every week, really appeal to me.'

Jewish/Christian/Muslim Conference

Warburton, 2 - 5 July

Interreligious dialogue in the contemporary Australian context
'Healing of memories: history and reconciliation'

The fourth residential conference is open to members 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.

Conference cost: \$230 shared room/\$270 twin share or family/\$310 single room, inclusive of meals. Applications by 25 May. Enquiries to tel 9650-3294 or jcmavic@yahoo.com.au

A gift for life

They say that there are six degrees of separation between people. For Sue Morgan, a chance encounter on a holiday trip to the Kimberleys led to a rather wonderful gift for some aboriginal children living in country Victoria.



On the bus holiday, Sue got talking to another member of the party who, she learnt, had grandchildren at a kindergarten near Shepparton. Chatting to this grandmother, Sue

discovered that this was a very particular kindergarten that had a large proportion of aboriginal children. Located in Mooroopna near Shepparton, this kinder is privately funded by *Save the Children Fund*. The kinder had recently been renovated by Buntings but, on further discussion with her co-traveller, it was revealed that the kinder had a need for books.

Sue thought that providing money for books for this kinder would be a perfect project for the Social Justice Group at Temple Beth Israel. The Social Justice Group had been looking for a while for further suitable projects working with the aboriginal community.

Sue contacted the kinder and spoke to the teacher, Sharon, who confirmed that they did, indeed, need books and they would like to give a book to each of the kinder 'graduates'. They also needed refer-

ence books for the teachers. As time was short to collect money, the Social Justice Group thought that the quickest way to get the job done was to approach people directly about the project.

Sue enlisted the help of Jeff Nirens and together they asked eight families from the synagogue membership and two people from the business community. By the end of November they had collected \$850 which was posted to the kinder. It was enough to purchase a book for each child with money for the extra reference books. 'It was a lovely, warm, immediate response' said Sue, 'nobody said no.' Each person contacted contributed between \$50 and \$100.

The kinder was so thrilled with the gift they sent a thank you card signed by all the teachers. It was a great result from a very small but generous group within our community. The Social Justice Group wishes to thank these generous and anonymous individuals for their immediate and sincere response. It shows what wonderful things can be achieved with good will and a bit of lateral thinking. *Kol ha kavod* to the donors and to Sue and Jeff for their 'shnorrer' skills. Just be careful next time you take a bus trip with Sue Morgan – you never know what good deeds it might lead to!

Social Action programming awards

Thirty Progressive congregations in North America have been honoured with an Irving J. Fain Award for Outstanding Synagogue Social Action Programming by the World Union for Reform Judaism.

The Fain Awards are among the highest honours available to congregations within the Movement.

The Fain Award is given every two years to congregations whose work in the area of social justice is exemplary, have successfully involved large numbers of congregants in their programs and have developed genuinely innovative and/or particularly effective projects.

The award-winning programs will be distributed widely in a booklet and are also available on the Religious Action Center's online program bank, at www.rac.org.

LEFT: TBI has had a warm association with the Southern Sudanese community of Melbourne for a number of years.



Pesach Collection for Sudanese Refugees

John Hillel

When goods that had been collected by the Social Justice Group on Sunday 25 March were delivered to St James' Anglican Church in Dandenong, pastor, Rev. Stephen Odok remarked that he had been very impressed with the way the Jewish community had been willing to support a group that was not of their religion.

He said he sees this active concern for all humanity as one of Judaism's great strengths. Gratefully accepting the gifts on behalf of the Southern Sudanese Refugees, he asked us to thank the Jewish community for their generosity. We should, perhaps keep in mind (together with alleviating physical need) how effective this kind of action can be at breaking down prejudices and false assumptions about Jews and Judaism.

Sadly, there were few donations of food items that could be given to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre food bank, but a Mazon drive will be conducted later in the year and we hope that the TBI community will respond then with its usual generosity. In the meantime, if you do want to help asylum seekers, donations of Metcards and/or phonecards are always very welcome (via the TBI office).

A special word of thanks to Morgan Jonas for his help on the day, to Netzer for their assistance and to Tom Firestone who responded splendidly to our last-minute appeal for help with transport.

Sharing the Journey of Pesach

Sylvie Jonas

Rabbi Morgan together with the TBI Social Justice Group hosted a fun-filled 'Pesach warm-up Gathering' for people with special needs on 26 March.

Fifteen residents from three Jewish Care homes, together with support staff, attended. We were also honoured to welcome three other Jewish people with special needs and their carers.

Approximately 27 people attended and together we sang Pesach songs, discussed the various symbols of Pesach traditionally found on the Seder table and laughed a lot. At one stage we had to dodge a plague of insects, followed by frogs and then, very quickly, had to protect our heads from the table tennis ball-sized hail stones.

It was another wonderful night where the words of 'community inclusion' for all, sang through very clearly. The Temple Beth Israel rabbis together with the Social Justice Group are committed to promoting inclusion, acceptance and tolerance throughout our Jewish community. As a *kehillah*, may we open our hearts and recognise that people with a disability deserve to lead valued roles in our community and have meaningful relationships, just like you and me.



Drop In & Chat/Knitting Circle outing

Dot Nathan

A great time was spent together by the Drop In & Chat group during a special visit to celebrate Susi Engel's 83rd birthday at Bonbeach.

The birthday morning tea was held in the lounge-dining room at Amity where eight friends, Lilo, Ruth, Sadie, Rita, Erica, Bella, Phyllis, and Dot, enjoyed the abundance of food, including a birthday cake, lively conversation and playing word games. The morning was enhanced for Susi with the gift of some beautiful flowers and good wishes from the rabbis and staff of TBI and, of course, by the gifts presented by her friends. This was a very meaningful occasion where we, as a group, were able to make a difference by giving pleasure to one of our original, dear members of the 'Drop In & Chat' group.

Bottom left: Drop In & Chat participants celebrate a birthday morning tea.

A letter to my beloved son, Eitan

Yossi Cohen

So, my little boy, I think it's a good time to start writing you some memories from your *shlichut* to Australia. You were born here in Melbourne, five months ago and you were welcomed immediately into our lovely community. Mummy and I were very happy and proud that we had our first child, Aussie-made but Israeli owned, a proud 18th generation Israeli.

When a new child comes into this world everybody feels like they had part in the creation. Some think that they were the motivators, some think that they were the inspiration and some just know that they are to be the babysitters. In your case, you were born into a big communal family which welcomed you very warmly, but still it felt like something was missing: the family from Israel, the friends from home, the smells, the sounds and everything we, your parents, used to and still do, love so much.

You see, Eitan, it is very different to be an Israeli. You are born into a life where everyone has something to say concerning you, but I guess that is the Jewish way. From the first second of your life you receive a bag, a big one, which you will need to carry for the rest of your life. This special bag contains values, dilemmas, the fact that people love or hate you because you are Jewish and Israeli, dreams and hopes (maybe you will be the future prime minister? or maybe you will find a way to make vegemite smell good?).

This week, you will join us to celebrate your first birthday party, but it is not for you. Your land, your home, your state, is celebrating her 59th year. And you are going to miss the fireworks and the noise, the joy, smiles, the singing and dancing



and, of course, the *mangal* (bbq) with all of our friends.

Eitan, you need to know that life will be exactly what you will make of it. People will talk about your nation, land and state, and you will need to stand up and show them how much you love it (and you will!). They will tell you that it is time to leave, that nothing good is happening there and you will need to prove them wrong (and you will!). Only people who stay and take an active role can change the nature of our state and make it better.

We are living in a world in which it can be hard to create change but in Israel's case, you and the entire Jewish nation *can* have an influence on the outcome. It is in

your hands to make sure that this country will survive and bloom. You don't have the luxury to sit back, criticize and complain. I am urging you to know your way, your people, and your history (going back 17 generations). Enjoy the smells, the sounds and the sights that only your country, Israel, can offer you. Take them! Love this land and respect her as all the generations of your family before you have, and make yourself a good ambassador for your country.

It is not going to be easy and you will face lots of difficulties, but always remember that you have a big family and a big community all around the world that shares something special and unique with you, and that is LOVE, love for Israel.

In between the diapers, dolls and dummies, keep smiling for us and for the rest of the world. Enjoy your first Yom Ha'atzmaut with us, and soon you'll celebrate it at home.

CHAG SAMEACH
LOVE YOU, DADDY

Yossi Cohen is the VUPJ shaliach (emissary), working with Netzer, the VUPJ congregations and The King David School to foster knowledge, understanding and love of Israel in our community. Yossi, wife, Adi and brand new son, Eitan celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, with the community on 23 April.

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

You're looking for our Young TBI dinners!

For those aged 18 – 35+ on the fourth Friday night of each month, join a disparate 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. If you're keen, join the organisers to prepare the meal! Contact jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au or call 9510-1488



Shabbat Alive!

On Friday 25 May, 22 June 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.

Why go on a youth movement camp?

Youth movements have long been one of our community's providers of education, Jewish instruction, debates on Judaism and connection between ourselves and Israel. Probably more importantly, they also provide a crucial forum enabling Jewish youths to interact.

Why go on a Netzer camp?

Netzer, the world's second largest Jewish youth movement, provides such services to thousands of youths on six continents and tens of countries. Coming on Netzer camp enables participants to join a larger community of like-minded people and provides the opportunity to partake in the many aspects of being a Netzernik. It is a truly unique thing to belong to a community with its own self-written ideology on which we build understanding, acceptance, knowledge, personal identity and friendships.

On Netzer camp we create our own, unique environment with many people from different backgrounds and interests. With spirit, programs, friends, services, outdoor activities, leadership training, Shabbat together and countless other ideological trimmings, Netzer Camp becomes an experience like no other. It has long been a highlight of my yearly calendar and for good reason; where else can we take charge of our own lives and create a world that we believe in whilst having fun?

Netzer also conducts bi-weekly meetings, on Sunday afternoons, for all age groups. Call for more information, and give your child the opportunity of this unique and formative experience.



JEREMY BLISS
ROSH MECHANE



Machane Mevusag Camp Classified



Netzer Winter Camp

July 6th – 10th Senior Seminar

July 10th – 15th Junior Camp

Questions?

Jeremy Bliss, Rosh Machane (Head of Camp)

0402 291 701

LAGER B'OMER



Join TBI young adults for the drink of your choice and a chance to shmooze it up on Lag B'Omer.

Sunday 6 May, 3 pm onwards

Whyte Kaffe

1122 Glenhuntly Road, Glen Huntly
(opposite Safeway near Glenhuntly train station)

Questions?

jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au or 9510-1488

Exciting News!

TBI is proud to host A Netzer-style alternative minyan on Friday evenings open to all

Netzer will run a monthly Shabbat service upstairs in the MRC at 6:15 pm at the same time as our main service.

Commencing on 4 May 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, please join us.



Young Adults Ski Trip!

- Two full days of skiing
- meet young adults from all over Australia
- enjoy an awesome Shabbat experience **for only \$300!**



27–30 July
Jindabyne, NSW

More information?
Contact Jamie on 9510 1488
or jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au

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.

PLANNING A PASSAGE TO INDIA @ TBI

20 May, 3, 17, 24 Jun (not 27 May or 10 Jun)

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.

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

BET MIDRASH (STUDY HALL)

NEW! Commencing 3 Jun (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

Tuesdays weekly, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, commencing 5 Jun (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 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!

INFO Jamie on 9510-1488

SHERIDAN HALL SHMOOZE

Mondays, 7 May, 4 Jun, 9 Jul 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 Jun, 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-bet in six sessions. Tried, tested and proven over many years.

WITH Ben Elisha

COST \$50 includes material

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SIDDUR COMPREHENSION

Thursdays commencing 30 Aug, 7:30 pm

Taught by a master teacher to broaden and deepen understanding of our siddur brachot.

WITH Albert Bentata

COST \$50 includes material

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On our shelves

New acquisitions

Our library is proud to have acquired, hot off the press, two most noteworthy Australian publications.

The long-awaited and most recent work of Rabbi John S Levi, *These Are The Names – Jewish Lives in Australia 1788–1850*. This is a vast reference work of some 820 pages, with a further 50 pages of Appendices and a full index of names and vessels. The Temple library is greatly indebted to Margit Korn for her generous donation of this book.

New under the Sun – Jewish Australians on Religion, Politics and Culture is edited by Michael Fagenblat, Melanie Landau and Nathan Wolski. It presents a range of essays from contributors such as Robert Manne, Ruth Ostrow, Arnold Zable, Andrea Goldsmith, John Safran, Marcus Einfeld and Julie Szego, and one by Rabbi Morgan on Progressive Judaism in Australia. The anthology takes a snapshot of today's Jewish Australians and analyses the issues they face in the 21st century. As well as appealing to members of Australia's robust Jewish community, the anthology will interest all Australians who value multiculturalism and the preservation of religious and ethnic identity.

These two books can be found in our greatly expanding collection of Jews in Australia. This collection covers historical perspective, Australian Jewish authors of both fiction and non-fiction pertaining to Australia, as well as a section of biographical writings and memoirs.

The library is open for borrowing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or by arrangement with the Temple office, 9510-1588.

Newly observant Polish Jews turn to Reform

Ludmila Krzewska decided it was finally safe to be Jewish in Poland again. She had endured anti-Semitic taunts as a child. Her grandmother would have been killed by the Nazis had a Catholic family not taken her in. And her mother had been too traumatized to practice Judaism after the war.

That all caused her to bury her background as she grew to adulthood in Warsaw. But when the 25-year-old biology student ventured to recover her heritage five years ago, she met a different kind of rejection. She sought out Warsaw's Orthodox Jewish community, but was discouraged by one member 'because I have a *goyishe* husband,' she recalled.

So she turned to Warsaw's fledgling Progressive Jewish community, her husband eventually converted, and the pair have become two in a growing number of eastern European Jews to embrace a modern, liberal stream of Judaism amid a larger rebirth of the Jewish life devastated by the Holocaust.

'In Prague, Budapest, Warsaw, and many communities in Germany, there's been a tremendous resurgence of [Progressive] Jewish life,' said Rabbi Joel Oseran, vice president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in Jerusalem. 'We see young people searching for Jewish meaning, people who have come anew to their own Jewish identities. And Poland is the best example of that.'

Amid this Jewish renewal, many turn to Orthodoxy. Others, however, are drawn to Progressive Judaism because they consider it more in tune with modern life and say it allows them to remain more a part of the larger Polish world, their home.

Before World War II, Poland was home to a vibrant Yiddish-speaking Jewish community of nearly 3.5 million, Europe's largest. Following Nazi Germany's invasion in 1939, most were murdered in Nazi death camps.

Of those who survived, many fled, sometimes in reaction to anti-Semitic violence, or the repression that took hold under communism. Those who remained often turned their backs on the faith – though their last names sometimes prevented them from hiding their heritage – and many intermarried with the Roman Catholic majority.

Now, after the return of democracy in 1989, many Jews are returning to their roots. But it is tricky to live an Orthodox life in a staunchly Roman Catholic coun-

try. Pork sausages and other non-kosher foods crown most menus. There is only one kosher butcher in the entire country, and sundown in the deep of winter comes at 3 pm, meaning observant Jews should cease work in the middle of the work day on Fridays.

The Orthodox prejudice in central Europe against Progressive Judaism offends people like Emil Jezowski, a 17-year-old who was circumcised last year with a group of adult males from Beit Warszawa and celebrated his bar mitzvah recently.

'I am who I think I am – I am Jewish,' said Jezowski, whose father was born Jewish but whose mother was raised Protestant. He converted, along with his mother and three of his five siblings, last summer. 'No one can tell me I'm not after all these things.'

There is a belief among many Jews in the US and Western Europe that Poland is 'antisemitic' and that Jews should leave it for Israel or America. Polish Jews committed to rebuilding their lives in the land of ancestors, family and friends feel that outlook deprives them of the support they need to thrive.

'There's a kind of allergy to Poland,' Schuman said. 'The notion that Poland is a Jewish graveyard continues to have a great deal of sway and power.'

Written by Vanessa Gera and published by Associated Press.

'Yesh' Israel trip for Jewish students in years 10 & 11

The King David School is planning its second three week educational trip to Israel in December 2007 for students from the Progressive community to experience the many facets of Israel.

The three week trip will allow for time on Kibbutz Lotan, which is aligned to the Israeli Progressive Movement and is leading the environmental revolution in Israel. Students will partake in hands-on work experience on one of the environmental projects on the kibbutz as well as meeting peers who live in the Arava area. There will be seminars and tours with students from The Leo Baeck School, the largest Progressive school in Israel, including being billeted with families of students; and they will see many of the incredible attractions that Israel has to offer including Masada, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Golan Heights.

The Yesh tour is particularly keen to entice students from the wider Progressive community.

Please contact shayndel.samuel@kds.vic.edu.au or telephone 8508-9600 during school hours for further information.



Below: Yesh participants, 2006, in the Negev.



We need you! Volunteer today

Rhonda Nirens

Last month I spoke of my passion for the volunteer program at Temple Beth Israel. We have decided that each month we will highlight the wonderful team of the volunteers who currently help in so many ways. Each one of our volunteers gives as much of themselves as they feel comfortable with and that to me is what volunteering should be – comfortable, rewarding and exciting.



This month Jean Zemel, our incredible librarian, shares her thoughts on volunteering and what she has gained from her experiences.

Jean was asked if she would be interested in helping set up the library at Temple Beth Israel. Lacking experience in the workings of libraries but having a real love of books and of sharing knowledge with others, Jean set about quietly going through the books and magazines that were piled up in corners. She went to the Makor library to see how a Jewish library was run and how the books were catalogued. TBI was lucky enough to have received the four volumes of the Dewey catalogue system which gives all the

catalogue numbers and sections in libraries and Jean spent hours teaching herself where Jewish books fitted in the library system. Then she began to sort and catalogue all our books. She found learning these new skills to be stimulating and exciting, albeit a bit daunting at first.

With the help of volunteers including Itiel Bereson, Stella Harris, Marvin Alper, Lin Matthews and others, Jean set about building a catalogue system and a library that we are very proud of.

I asked Jean what she gained from her volunteering. She said that she felt that what she was doing was extremely useful because it is valued and helpful to our community. Whatever one does for others, Jean feels, the reward is in the doing. The satisfaction of knowing that one has helped others and the feeling of accomplishment and belonging creates a very powerful sense of achievement and pride in oneself. Jean said that she has

learned to fit in and understand her own community and is constantly being inspired by those who use the library to seek further information and knowledge. The friends Jean has made are a constant source of encouragement and have helped to make Jean very much part of Temple Beth Israel.

In her final comments Jean pondered that she wanted share knowledge but at the same time learning more was a privilege. She has gained a real sense of personal achievement by setting up and looking after our library at Temple Beth Israel.

We are indeed very fortunate to have such an inspirational lady as a valued volunteer.

To find out more about how you can become involved in the myriad of TBI activities and help us address some of the items on our wish list, please ring Rhonda (volunteer coordinator) on 9510-1488 (BH) or 9528-2935 (AH). Just let us know how much time you would like to share with your TBI community - on a one-off, occasional or continuous basis.

B'Yachad: Bringing the TBI community together

An alphabetical listing of some of the many groups and activities at Temple Beth Israel. Please call the contact person specified, call the Temple office on 9510-1488 or check our monthly calendar for dates.

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Social and support group for Jewish Australian families with adopted children (JAFAC).
Contact Fliss 0418 504526

DROP IN & CHAT/KNITTING CIRCLE

BYO tabletop games or indulge your craft interests. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am. \$2 for refreshments.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Entertainment & social interaction, first and third Wednesday monthly. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. \$7 includes lunch & raffle ticket.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Meeting every six weeks or so, offers companionship, support and provides helpful information to carers. Mondays, 25 June, 30 July at 7:30 – 9 pm.

MEN'S GROUP

An opportunity for Jewish men to gather for discussion on issues of concern. Meeting monthly in private homes. Contact Albert on 9555-2527 for details

NISHMAT COL CHAI

Jewish meditation, chanting, discussion on first Wednesday evening of the month. Occasional Jewish Renewal services with lay facilitators. Contact Eva Light on 9510-1488

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Become a Social Justice Group Associate to keep 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. Email johnhillel@yahoo.com.au

SUNDAY WALKS 'LECH LECHA'

Meet in Caulfield Park each Sunday morning for a walk in the Park followed by coffee.
David on 0414 339 238

TEMPLE TIME PACKING TEAM

Sort, wrap and pack *Temple Time* – note that the packing team meets only occasionally and you need not have an ongoing obligation. **To join the packing team call 9510-1488**

TOASTMASTERS

Develop communication and leadership skills, self-confidence and personal growth. Alan Samuel on 9510-1488

To include your group or activity in this directory, contact the editor on 9510-1488 or email zoi.juvris@tbi.org.au with details. If you want more extensive coverage, contact the editor to arrange a story.



From top: Ashleigh Anderson (bat mitzvah on 31 March 2007) with her mother, Maxine Haeta; Max Harrison (bar mitzvah 14 April 2007) with his parents Jeffrey & Heike, and brother Ari.



Introducing our new TBI receptionist



Charlene is the new face at the front of the TBI office!

Charlene Greenstein arrived in Australia about nine months ago from South Africa with her husband and her adult son (who is now living in Sydney) and daughter, to join her brother's family.

Charlene worked as an insurance broker for 30 years so this is quite a change! She's finding the new challenges exciting and she's looking forward to getting to know the community. Please stop by to say hello and welcome her.

Smachot

RECENT BIRTHS

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

Joel Samuel Cabelli (son for Gaby Stach & Paul Cabelli, great grandson for Rose Stach)

Tessa Evelina Frid (daughter for Simon & Mia Frid)

Noa Ariella Kalifa (daughter for Amelia & Nissim Kalifa)

Woody Harry Weissman (son for David Weissman & Natalie King, great grandson for Emily King)

Sophia Charlotte Wolff (daughter for Caroline & Alex Wolff, granddaughter of Tamara & David Wolff)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(28 Apr–3 Jun) Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday to:

• Victor Appelboom • Jude Bade-Boon
• Kay Bancroft • Irene Benjamin • Jean Berah • Arthur Best • Raphael Brous • Paula Cohen • Mirri Curtis • Susie Cymbalist • Eric Davis • George Dryen • Darren Finkelstein • Simone Fookes • Sue Freadman • Roma Frey • Ethel Goldin • Max Gross • Max Gross • Gary Haas • Isabel Hyman • Symon Hyman • Ruth Inwald • Magdi Jakobovits • Ivan Jarny • Lili Kiffer • Edith Kohn • Maurice Korman • Jack Krafchek • Eve Landman • Mary Levin • Philip Levy • Jonathan Mahemoff • Eve Mahlab • David Marlow • Dalya Metter • Naomi Miller • Michael Milmeister • Rex Moss • Peter Nathan • Diane Orner • Miriam Rabinov • Yola Rose • Ruth Rossdale • Lotte Roubicek • Boris Rozenvasser • Judi Schiff • Sara Segal • Manya Shmukler • Sebastian Theilhaber • Sharon Thurin • Eva Towers • George Upton • Vicky Vasserman • Martha Weiner • Eva Weisl • Trude Wieder • George Wynn • Ilse Ziffer

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

(28 Apr–3 Jun) Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries to:

• Maurice & Caroline Bando (15th) • Frank & Deany Arnheim (25th) • Carl & Madeleine Muller (25th) • Jack & Dianne Gringlas (30th) • Don & Jan Flash (35th) • Howard & Barbara Bellin (45th) • Sam & Ada Moshinsky (45th)

APRIL/MAY B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Max Harrison, Adelaide Rosenthal, Bradley Spencer, Marco Fink, Daniel Goodman

APRIL BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

Max Harrison, Bruce Levin, Ramelle Lewis, Simon Morawetz, Sue Morgan, Rabbi Fred Morgan, Roi Peretz, Adelaide Rosenthal, Jamie Wajnberg, Rabbi Gersh Zylberman

MAZAL TOV

We offer hearty congratulations to:

Rabbi Dr John Levi, who was recently awarded a PhD by Monash University for his thesis on the history and sociology of the Colonial Jewish community and for the accompanying book, *'These are the Names'* (Miegunyah Press). Rabbi Levi was also recently bestowed with Honorary Life Membership of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ)

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal tov to these recently engaged couples:

David Teleki (son of Ros & Stephen Teleki) **to Ylona Katz**

Anton Kolliner (son of Peter & Barbie Kolliner) **to Naomi Simon**

RECENT WEDDING

Mazal tov to this recently married couple:

Natalile Goldstat & Leor Samuel

Rachel Same & Russell Wiese

Adam Steinhardt (son of Susan & Robert Steinhardt) **& Ilana Prince**

Daniel Urbach (son of Jana Urbach) **& Katie Batterhan**

Bereavements

DEATHS

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

Annie Donath (mother of John Donath & Lorraine Stabey) • **Jessie Gild** (mother of Deanna Levin & Marlene Dryen, grandmother of Bruce Levin) • **Jacob Gild** (husband of Jeanette, father of June Davis & Judith Higgs) • **Isabel Hyman** • **Rella Jacques** (mother of Willian Jacques) • **Marly Kohn** (mother of Sym Kohn) • **Paul Lewis** (husband of Rose, father of Mary and Jeanette Lewis) • **Mayer Mont** (husband of Hilda, father of Paul Mont & Liz Olijnyk) • **John Lloyd Powers** (husband of Rosemary,

father of Jodie Powers and Kirsty Powers) • **Arnold Prezman** • **Chaim Rozenberg** (husband of Ruth, father of Athena & Pearle) • **Mark Tuckman** (husband of Malvina, father of Jonathan Tuckman & Ari Tuckman) • *Our condolences to Daniel & Caroline Gurvich on their loss*

Yahrzeits

Zecher Tzadik Livracha

Observed 5 May

Rachel Arber (mother of Ziona Zylberman) • **Suzanne Bentata** (daughter of Albert & Carol Bentata) • **Helen Berkovits** sister of Rose Rosta) • **Esther & Wolfe Berkowitz** (parents of Betty Marks) • **Tovia Bloshitzin** (father of Ducia Simons) • **John Jacob (Jack) Chazan** (husband of Halina Chazan) • **Henri Ciddor** (father of Pamela Hayat) • **Louis Eisfelder** (grandfather of Kevin Eisfelder) • **Margarete Fleischer** (mother of Ellen Pahoff) • **Phineas Franks** (father of Ruth Wengier) • **Walter Heine** (father of Leslie Heine) • **Marcia Joel** (mother of Graham Joel) • **Avner Kanatopsky** (father of Aviva Taft) • **Chana Lewin** (grandmother of Ann Dorey) • **Ilya Izrael Milechman** (1st husband of Helena Frosh) • **Esther Moss** (mother of Theo Moss, grandmother of Marcus Moss) • **Betty Roth** (great grandmother of Jeffrey Loewenstein) • **Raffaella Ruscigno** (mother of Anna Margolis) • **Shmul Rybolov** (father of Manya Shmukler) • **Fanny Shiff** (mother of Eva Shneider) • **Jacob & Julia Szpigelsztein, Basia Szpigelsztein Grabman, Sewek Szpigelsztein, Feliks Szpigelsztein** (parents and siblings of Roma Frey) • **Julius Thurin** (father of Eric Thurin) • **Jacob Wajzman** (father of Frances Stiglec) • **Hinda Yoffa** (mother of Enid Elton)

Observed 12 May

Harry Benjamin (father-in-law of Irene Benjamin, grandfather of Gordon Benjamin) • **Ron Blashki** (father-in-law of Sue Blashki) • **Cecilia Bram** (mother of Arnold Bram) • **Maurice Cohen** (father of Saul Cohen & Ann Gild) • **Rafal Cwajgenberg** (father of Esther Telkes) • **Robert Mendes da Costa** (grandfather of Miriam Levi) • **Isabel Jane Goddard** (mother of Susan Sonenberg) • **Jacob Goldberg** (grandfather of Dianne Gringlas) • **Egon Hacker** (father of Judy Chasemore) • **Neville Harrison** (father of Jeffrey Harrison) • **Philip Hayman** (husband of Jane Hayman) • **John Hearst** (father of Gary Hearst) • **Werner Heymann** (husband of Dorothea Heymann) • **Jarryd Phillip Hirsh** (son of

Irwin & Wendy Hirsh) • **Joseph Kahan** (father of Jeffrey Kahan) • **Lola Kelman** (mother of Hilda Brous, grandmother of Pia Brous) • **Millie (Malka) Levy** (mother of Philip Levy) • **Lily Lustig** (mother of Jenny Gorog) • **Alfred & Irmgard Marx** (parents of Irene Stern) • **Julie Betty Morris** (mother of Athol Morris) • **Eitan Newman** (cousin of Ron Dodge & Sandy Benjamin) • **Eric Newman** (father of Dorothy Nathan) • **Moishe Piterman** (father of Leon Piterman) • **Alfred Rogers** (husband of Gerda Rogers) • **Alfred Ruskin** (husband of Pamela Ruskin) • **Alla Savenkoff** (niece of Ducia Simons) • **Hugo Seligmann** (father of Fred Seligmann)

Observed 19 May

Hana Abish (mother of Ben Abish) • **Hilde Adler** (mother of Ilse Ziffer) • **Sylvia Belman** (mother of Joy Waller, grandmother of Lorraine Topol) • **Stephanie Berg** (daughter of Ralph Berg) • **Zina Braun** (mother of Moris Braun) • **Erich Bruch** (brother of Max Bruch) • **Kim Clain** (friend of Philip Mayers) • **Betty Dreyfus** (mother of Ilse Breth) • **Vaughan Hastings Goddard** (father of Susan Sonenberg) • **Benno Goldband** (step-father of Samuel Langer, grandfather of Dan Langer) • **Rosa Hoffmann** (grandmother of Mervyn Cohen) • **Boris Ivensky** (father of Bella Shannon) • **Isaac Kaplan** (father of Joy Waller, grandfather of Lorraine Topol) • **Gordon Kirsner** (father of Douglas Kirsner) • **Ernest Marks** (father of Jane Hayman) • **Sofia Miller** (sister of Efim Shmukler) • **Ethel O'Brien** (mother of Fliss Goldstein) • **Michael Mathias Perl** (father of Dianne Eilenberg) • **Samuel Rosenberg** (grandfather of Rhonda Nirens JP) • **Shayndel Rosenberg** (grandmother of Rhonda Nirens JP) • **Gerda Schifftan** (mother of Peter Schifftan) • **Kay Segal** (aunt of Alan Samuel JP) • **Abraham (Alfie) Seidel** (father of Philippa Jacobson) • **Ethel Sharp** (mother of Ron Sharp) • **Woolfe Sharpe** (father of Laurence Sharpe & Roslyn Levy) • **Morris Shinberg** (father of Simon Shinberg, grandfather of Peter Koadlow & Yehudit Koadlow) • **Luba Slome** (grandmother of Lorraine Topol) • **John Teleki** (father of Stephen Teleki)

Observed 26 May

Donald Anthony Bartrop (father of Paul Bartrop) • **Moses Batagol** (father of Mary Mahemoff) • **Peb Benjamin** (husband of Irene Benjamin, father of Gordon Benjamin) • **Jacob Harry Bentley** (father of Alan Bentley) • **David Bresner** (father of Irene Popper) • **Clarice Bristow** (mother

of Harry Bristow) • **Johanna Bry** (relative of Gary Hartmann) • **Faye Burns** (niece of Ann Greenwood & Harry Mrocki) • **Henry & Sarah Cohen** (parents-in-law of Eve Cohen) • **Margery Elton** (mother of Howard Elton) • **Betty Evans** (mother of Rhondda Hall) • **Rose Olga Fredman** (mother of Malcolm Fredman) • **Peter Holan** (son of George & Ruth Holan, brother of Jennifer Holan) • **Albert Jacob** (father of Lili Kiffer) • **Philip Ralph Joseph** (father of Margaret Bentley) • **Barbara Koadlow** (sister of Yehudit Koadlow) • **Alice Koranyi** (aunt of Peter Kolliner) • **Erwin Paul Kraus** (husband of Martha Sanders) • **Blanche Lind** (mother of Mary Dunn, grandmother of Fay Nussbaum) • **Efraim Meierowitz** (father of Fay Bock) • **Margarete Paneth** (mother of Charlotte Layton) • **Eric Pearce** (husband of Grete Pearce, father of Gerald Pearce) • **Emanuel Poznanski** (father of Mary Harber) • **Ota Roubicek** (husband of Lotte Roubicek) • **Shulim Shmukler** (father of Efim Shmukler) • **Miriam Swire** (mother of Rodney Swire)

Observed 2 June

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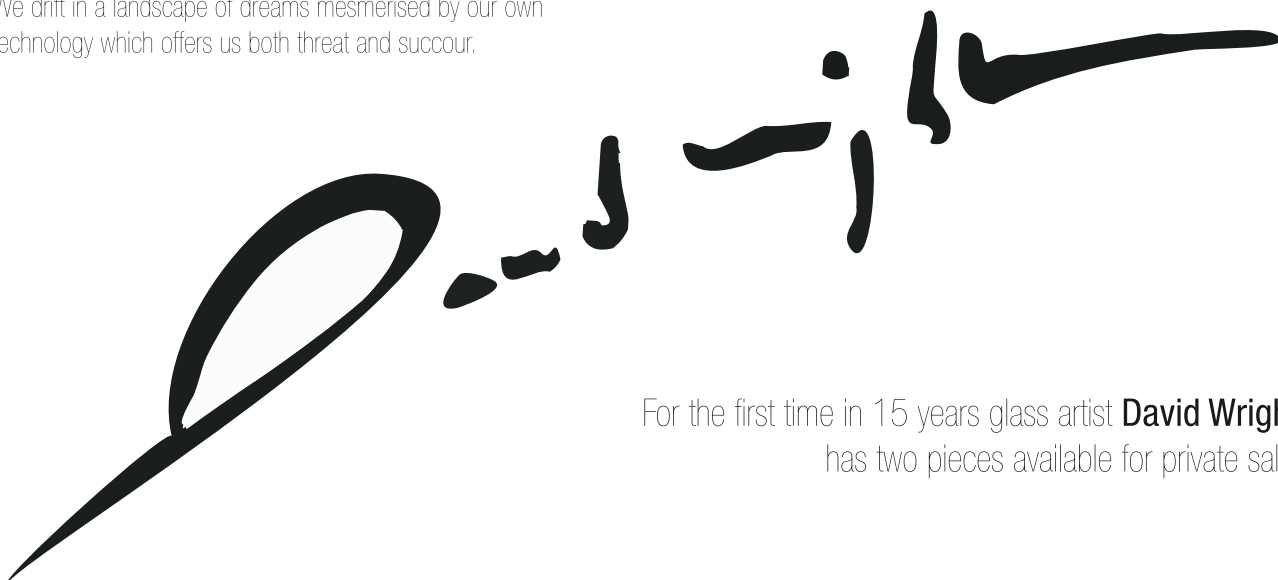
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