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Enjoy our bumper High Holyday issue!

We bring you inspiring and thought-provoking offerings relating to these Days of Awe. And, as this is the season of stock-taking, we've taken the opportunity to review the highlights of this past year, 5767, in the life of the Temple Beth Israel and wider Progressive communities.

Yamim Nora'im 5768 at TBI

It's time to prepare ourselves for High Holy Days!

We begin with our beautiful and haunting **Selichot** service on Saturday 8 September, an opportunity for spiritual self-examination that ushers in the High Holy Day period. Join us in the Friedlander Beit Midrash for a light supper followed by the service accompanied by *Kol Simcha*.

Erev (evening) **Rosh Hashana** services on Wednesday 12 September will be followed on Thursday morning by an early *Mishpacha* (family) service in our sanctuary, created especially for families with young children to grade 5. Bring your own *shofar* if you have one! The main service will follow, while our youngest members can participate in family activities in the Magid Resource Centre before joining the whole congregation for the *Shofar* service.

On **Second day Rosh Hashana**, we will be joined by Kedem and LBC for a less formal, more participatory service. Families are again offered a *Mishpacha* service, and the whole community is invited to make their way to Elwood Lifesaving Club for *Tashlich* after the service. Bring a picnic lunch! Shabbat Shuva follows closely that same Friday, with *erev* and *shacharit* (morning) Shabbat services.

Yom Kippur services commence on Friday 21 September with **Kol Nidre** and we gather again the next morning in our sanctuary for a day of solemn worship. An early *Mishpacha* service before *shacharit* is offered, with the option of participating in family activities afterwards. A discussion session will be available for young adults and teens during the *Yizkor* service.

Sukkot will be celebrated joyfully on Wednesday 26 September with the fun of *sukkah* decorating in our courtyard, a *Mishpacha* service, pizza dinner and then an adult service and *shiur* (study session). We gather again the next morning for the festival *shacharit* service.

Simchat Torah, on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning 3-4 October is the final, joyful crescendo of this High Holyday season.

All our services will take place in the main Sanctuary unless otherwise indicated. Check the back of your entry cards for all dates and times.

Join us, won't you?





FROM THE PRESIDENT ROGER MENDELSON

5767: the year that was

We all dread the moment when the Headmaster gets up to speak at Speech Night. You know the sort of thing: 'I'd like to thank Mr Huggins, the football coach and the lads in the team for a wonderful year. Unfortunately, they did not quite manage to win a game but things are looking better for next year'.

As we have reached the end of the year, I feel that there are many genuinely wonderful things to comment on. Unlike the aforementioned football team, we really did win many games during the year.

TBI began in excellent shape, with a talented and full Board, with a mixture of ages, gender and experience. The Board really did live up to expectations and has been an underlying source of strength.

The Presidential Team (comprising President, two Vice Presidents and Treasurer) has been in place now for two years and has enabled the presidential role to be spread amongst the four of us, who have acted in a collegiate and cohesive manner. This way, there is an inherent capacity to ultimately transfer power at the top and no one suffers a nervous break-down in the meantime. My thanks to Brian Samuel, Sam Sharman and David Arkles.

The Rabbinic leadership has strengthened immeasurably with Rabbi Gersh Zylberman taking on a greater role and Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz joining the team. We are now advertising for a new Education Director, as Jamie Wajnberg will be leaving us at the end of the year to make aliyah. Jamie has done a magnificent job, effectively running this position together with her Youth Director role. She has brought youth, vitality and infectious enthusiasm into the job.

Meanwhile, we are more clearly defining the duties of the proposed new Development Officer. I expect that the Board will proceed with the implementation of this idea.

During the year we celebrated a wide variety of *smachot*, involving individual congregants and family. Notable amongst them were the call-ups for two members, namely Hans Lutwak and Robert Raynor, who celebrated their 100th birthdays. Robert Raynor has been a hugely generous donor to TBI as well as to other causes and it was wonderful to be able to thank him whilst he sat on the bimah.

Our community suffered a great loss with the death of Walter Jona, a man who touched the lives of so many different people. His state funeral at our synagogue was a moving event and a testament to a life dedicated to communal service. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Alwynne.

Notable developments within the life of our community included the communal consultation process involved in changing the way we relate to non-Jewish people who are involved in some way in our community and also our adoption of the policy to allow same-gender commitment ceremonies (within the UPJ guideline).

These decisions are testament to our genuine progressiveness as a community. A similar consultative process is occurring with the development of the new *siddur*, which is being carried out within the VUPJ.

During the year, I have had such pleasure at being present at almost all b'nei mitzvah. The standards have been remarkably high and it has been such a thrill to see the number of guests we attract most weeks, who tend to be overwhelmed with the *heimishev* feelings which develop during and after the service.

Rabbi Morgan has now been with us for a decade and we are going to celebrate this event at a special Shabbat service on 1 September. Fred and Sue have brought their personal spirituality into TBI and have become, in their humble ways, an institution which, together, has impacted greatly on the communal life of TBI. Please join us for that service and join in the celebration.

There are so many people to thank, including all of our hardworking office and professional staff, led by the indefatigable Alan Samuel, our hardworking caretakers, our huge number of volunteers and, not to be forgotten, our Regulars.

The TBI Regulars are the life blood of our community and I feel so honoured to have got to know them and to have shared

the Jewish year with them, on a week by week basis.

TBI is in great shape. Our membership numbers are increasing, attendances at our services are increasing and there is a real air of vitality about the place.

I wish you L'Shanah Tovah and look forward to seeing you over the High Holiday period.

Roger Mendelson

High Holyday Security

Due to world events, our security will be very tight. We will have professional security personnel at all doors and entry into the synagogue will be by High Holyday entry card only, without exception.

If you arrive without a card you will be directed to a designated board member on duty to certify your membership. Please note that photo identification may be requested!

Following the *Mishpacha* services on *Rosh Hashana* and on *Yom Kippur*, the sanctuary will be completely cleared of all worshippers and belongings for security requirements.

The doors will be re-opened at 10 am for the main shacharit services commencing at 10:30 am.

Entry cards

High Holydays entry cards were posted to members in good standing by mid-August. If you have not received your tickets, please call the office on 9510 1488.

Sounding the Shofar on Rosh Hashana

Rabbi Fred Morgan

The *shofar* is the centre-piece of Rosh Hashana. Each year the packed synagogue waits with nervous anticipation to hear the piercing sound of the *shofar*.

If Rosh Hashana were to pass without the blast of the *shofar*, many of us would feel cheated, or deflated. It's hard to imagine how a new year could begin without that amazing moment when the *ba'al-teki'ah* raises the horn to his lips, the service leader gently utters the call, and the silence of the synagogue is shattered by the first *teki'a-a-ab!*

The sounds of the *shofar* are always the same and yet ever different. They reverberate in old-new patterns from year to year. Many of the meanings we associate with the *shofar* are ancient and revered; they have travelled well through the centuries. The medieval Babylonian scholar Saadia Gaon compiled a famous list of ten meanings for the *shofar*. They include nostalgic meanings: re-identifying with the Jewish people and with our own families, recalling the 'binding of Isaac' on Mt Moriah, re-imagining the giving of Torah on Mt Sinai; and also meanings that look ahead into the future: awakening to a new year, seeking to make amends for misdeeds, committing ourselves to selfless goals, taking notice of our responsibilities to others and to God.

Yet every year provides us with new contexts within which we experience the blasts of the *shofar*. As our lives change, so do the meanings we find in the sounds of the *shofar*. Every year I find myself listening to the *shofar* through the medium of my life, the highs and the lows of the year gone by. The same tones take on new resonances as I reflect on the happenings that have shaped my days. The tapestry of sound becomes richer and deeper with every year that passes.

So, the call of *shevarim*, the nine sharp staccato notes, puts me in mind of all those relationships shattered by a sharp word or thoughtless act. It reminds me that a single instant – a moment of oversight, an accident, a lapse in attention – can change a life forever. As a result it leads me to resolve to be more understanding of others, to be more patient with their foibles, to see my life – and the lives of those dear to me – less as my possession than as a blessing given to me by God.



The *Teru'ah*, the three medium-length blasts, signals to me that there is a process by which the broken shards of my world can be made whole. But the mending process takes place in fits and starts, at its own pace. Sometimes *teru'ah* is a call of desperation, of frustration. At other times the sounds remind me to remain hopeful. The *teru'ah* assures me that hope is the engine that drives life, but that hope never comes easily or without effort.

When I hear the third call, *teki'ah*, the single long sound that commences and concludes all three sets of *shofar* blasts, I often find myself holding my breath as though time itself is suspended and only the sound of the *shofar* is real. I am focused entirely on the present moment. This, for me, is the climax of *Rosh Hashana*. The long, unbroken sound is an intimation of the perfection which is not ours to enjoy in this life but which makes life's struggle worthwhile. It is like a Shabbat in sound, an auditory taste of the world to come. It is the wholeness I have been yearning for through the highs and lows of my year, and it is the promise of divine care and compassion that keeps me going through another year of my life.

As we hear the sounds of the *shofar* again this Rosh Hashana, may they bring us the patience, hope and promise we need to begin the new year 5768. I wish you a healthy, happy, peaceful new year.

For The Sake of the Beginning

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, is said to celebrate the anniversary of the creation of the world. Every year, we mark our own 'beginning' by remembering the very beginning, as it is written, *Bereishit barah Elohim et hashamayim v'et haaretz*, 'In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.'

The Hebrew word *bereishit* is usually understood as, 'in the beginning'. However, the Lekhivitzer Rebbe understood this word differently, '...the word *bereishit*... can be understood to say God created the world "for the sake of the beginning". All the Creator asks is that you make a beginning in the right direction.'

God created the world for the sake of beginnings. For the sake of our beginnings. And it is certainly at this time in the Jewish calendar that all of us make plans for our beginnings in this New Year. Each of us will make our own private plans about how this next year will be different from the last, how this next year will be better from the last.

And so this Rosh Hashana, as you move forward into your own beginnings, it is my hope that you continue to see Temple

Beth Israel as a place to help you along your way. How? For centuries, the synagogue has served three major functions for our people; as a *beit tefillah*, a house of prayer, a *beit midrash*, a house of study, and a *beit kneset*, a house of meeting. From spiritually moving prayer experiences to rich learning opportunities to warm social events, TBI's New Year promises to be packed with all three facets of synagogue life.

Interested in beginning your year with a new type of worship experience? Then join us for our musical **Shabbat Alive** on the fourth Friday of every month! Looking for an informal environment in which to learn more about our sacred texts? Check out the **Limmud Beit Midrash** on Sunday mornings. Or are your kids looking for a

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Return again...

Student Rabbi Scott Segal

As we move towards the High Holydays, the term *teshuvah* is usually understood to mean repentance. This tends to be our focus, especially on *Yom Kippur*.

We consider those we have offended or who have offended us. We seek forgiveness, offer forgiveness and beseech God to inscribe us in the Book of Life.

There is, however, another definition of the word *teshuvah*: return. It is this understanding of *teshuvah* that guides and inspires me on *Yom Kippur*. Every year we come to synagogue and return to the same prayers, the same *vidui* (confession), and the same Torah portion and, in doing so, have the opportunity to consider the changes in our lives vis-à-vis the *Yom Kippur* service.

How do the words strike me this year? Is there something that has happened in the past year that has changed the way I understand this prayer or that reading? Are there people who were with me last year that I am missing, or someone new who has become part of my *Yom Kippur* experience?

As I enter into *Yom Kippur* this year I bring with me a new nephew, a new congregation and my memories and experiences from my time in Melbourne. I have no doubt that these will affect the way I understand and interact with the *Yom Kippur* liturgy.

I pray that we all take this opportunity provided for us by the *Yom Kippur* service, to use it as a mirror that can reflect how far we have come over the past year and where we would like to find ourselves at this time next year. *Ken Yehi Ratzon*.

In remembrance of our children

Temple Beth Israel offers an opportunity to parents and grandparents who have lost a child at any time from conception onward to commemorate that loss with a personal entry in our Memorial Book. The book will be placed in the Ark during the Yizkor service on *Yom Kippur*. Visit the TBI office during office hours before the High Holydays and you can place your personal, handwritten inscription in the Book.

Who has achieved repentance (*teshuvah*)?

Rabbi Gersh Zylberman

This is the question posed by the great 12th century scholar Rabbi Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides, the Rambam) in the section of his *Mishneh Torah* entitled *Hilchot Teshuvah* (Laws of Repentance).

The Rambam himself offers this relatively concise answer based on teachings found in the Talmud (Yoma 86a/b): '[the person who has achieved true repentance] is the one who confronts the same situation in which she/he sinned when she/he has the potential to commit the sin again, and, nevertheless, abstains and does not commit it because of her/his *Teshuvah* alone and not because of fear or lack of strength.' (Yad, *Teshuvah*, 2:1).

Our Hebrew term for repentance, *Teshuvah*, with its verbal root *'shuv'* implies a return: a return to the right path. According to the Rambam, for the return to be complete it must be irreversible. Once we walk through the great Gates of Repentance we ought to shut them behind us. Our journey forward must remain on the straight and narrow.

Each year during the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe, we examine our paths



and recalibrate our life journeys in light of the successes and missteps of the past. For transgressions between one person and another, an essential task is to seek forgiveness directly from the person whom we have wronged and, if appropriate, to make

restitution. In all cases, once we recognise our mistakes we make a verbal confession (*vidui*), sincerely committing not to repeat them.

On *Yom Kippur* especially, we seek *kappara*, atonement. We aim to wipe the slate clean of those things that we regret, those things that eat away at us and weigh us down with pangs of guilt. Of course an essential prerequisite for atonement is repentance. *Kappara* requires *teshuvah*. The two go hand in hand.

During these Days of Awe, may we each make the time and take the opportunity to return, to make *Teshuvah* and to start afresh.

Kol Nidre Honours

The Temple Beth Israel community is delighted to honour the following members of our congregation for their service to our congregation and to the Union for Progressive Judaism.

Holding the Torah Scrolls on Kol Nidre:

- David Arkles (Treasurer, TBI)
- Philip Bliss (Vice President, WUPJ)
- Yossi Cohen (VUPJ Shaliach)
- Phyllis Dorey (President, UPJ)
- Peter Kolliner (Chairman, PJCF)
- Roger Mendelson (President, TBI)
- Brian Samuel (Vice President, TBI)
- Geoff Sandler (KDS Council)
- Sam Sharman (Vice President, TBI)

Kol Nidre Appeal

Jewish tradition teaches us to give *tzedakah* over the Days of Awe. It is your generosity at this time which will, to a large extent, enable us to continue to perform the daily miracles our community needs and expects.

Please direct your gifts to:

Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund (PJCF)

TBI General Fund

IMPACT for Women Inc. gift fund
Jewish Community Council of Victoria

Mazon appeal, for food, phone and metcards to be distributed to those in need.

Please complete the appeal form you received with your High Holyday entry cards and send it in.

Sukkah time!

Student Rabbi Scott Segal

You have to hand it to the Torah: it has a remarkably keen insight into human nature.

Following the intensity and soul-searching that come with *Rosh Hashana*, the *Yamim Nora'im* ('Days of Awe') and *Yom Kippur*, Jews are given an opportunity to have a bit of fun. This begins with the holiday of *Sukkot*.

Sukkot is a holiday that has a couple of different meanings. One is for us to recall the wilderness wanderings of the Israelites, when they dwelled in temporary shelters; the other is a celebration of harvest time (in the northern hemisphere).

Traditionally, there are a couple of key elements to *Sukkot*, one of which is the *sukkah*, the temporary structure, or 'booth' for which the holiday is named. The *sukkah* is generally a three-sided structure made from materials that are sturdy enough not to be blown away. The roof of the *sukkah* is made from *sekhakh*, which can be any material that grew from the ground and was cut off, such as tree branches, corn stalks, bamboo reeds or sticks.

Part of the fun of *Sukkot* is the opportunity to build and decorate the *sukkah*, not only the roof, but also filling the inside with pictures or items that relate to the harvest element of the holiday (in America, dried squash and corn are often used). Another important part of the *sukkah* is to 'dwell' in it, as the Israelites did. This can mean anything from having a meal in the *sukkah* to actually living in it (sleeping, eating and even bathing if you're especially creative) during the seven days of the *Sukkot* holiday.

The second key element of *Sukkot* is the combination of the *lulav* and *etrog* (also known as the *arba minim* or 'four species'). The *lulav* is actually the combination of three types of plant: a palm branch (in Hebrew, *lulav*), a myrtle branch (*badas*) and a willow branch (*arava*), while the *etrog* is a citrus fruit found in Israel. When we say the blessing for the *lulav*, it is customary to take the *etrog* in the left hand with the stem (green tip) up and the *pitam* (brown tip) down and at the same time take the *lulav* in the right hand, bring the hands together and recite the blessing. After reciting the blessing, turn the *etrog* so the stem is down and the *pitam* is up. With the *lulav* and

etrog together, gently shake forward (East) three times, and then pull the *lulav* and *etrog* back in front of the chest. Repeat this to the right (south), then over the right shoulder (west), then to the left (north), then up, then down. This is to remind us that God is everywhere.

Now we have all the tools to have a rockin' *Sukkot*, so let us make sure we help it live up to its title of *Z'man Simchateinu*, 'The Season of our Rejoicing.' *Chag Sameach!*

A Sukkot Invitation

Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

When we enter into our *sukkah* this year, we are taught that we will not be alone, for we will be in the presence of seven holy guests.

Right there in our *sukkah* will be the spirits of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and King David.

Why do these spirits visit us in our *sukkah*? The answer is found in the painful experience that all seven of these great Jewish leaders share in their life stories: Exile.

Every single one of the holy seven was exiled from their home, their loved ones, their comfort zone. Every single one spent a considerable amount of their life separated from the familiar, from their home – from Abraham's journey to a land he did not know, to Joseph's sale into Egyptian slavery, to Moses' 40 years in desert exile.

On *Sukkot* we are to remember their exile and invite them into our midst, into our home, out of their pain. And it is on *Sukkot* that our holy seven come to remind us that many in our own society are still in

a state of exile. To remind us that it is our sacred obligation to fulfil the *mitzvah* of *hachnasat orchim*, hospitality, of inviting earthly guests into our homes throughout the year, to bring back and embrace those in our own community who remain in exile.

The great Jewish philosopher Philo once wrote that on *Sukkot* we are taught that 'when you are surrounded by friends, to remember those who are lonely and desperate for company' (Special Laws 204, 206-211).

As we gather together with loved ones to observe the upcoming festival of *Sukkot* we take heed of Philo's teaching, and reach out to those in our midst who remain alone. Let us be the ones to invite them in. Let us be the ones to share our shelter and our friendship during this festive season and throughout the year.



TBI Sukkot celebration Wednesday 26 September

TBI invites mums, dads, grandparents and kids of all ages for our annual Sukkot celebration.

- at 5 pm Decorate the Sukkah, craft materials provided
- at 5:30 pm Sukkot Mishpacha service
- at 6:15 pm Pizza dinner
- at 7 pm Adult service and shiur

A Year Filled with Torah

Rabbi Gersh Zylberman

Historically there were two main cycles for reading the Torah (The Five Books of Moses - Genesis through Deuteronomy).

The cycle we are most familiar with today is the yearly cycle, which was the custom in the Babylonian communities of antiquity and became the dominant tradition for both Ashkenazim and Sephardim. But the custom prevalent in the community living in the Land of Israel centuries ago was a triennial cycle whereby the whole Torah was read over a three year period. While in Babylonia the Torah reading cycle could be celebrated yearly, just as we do nowadays on *Simchat Torah*, in *Eretz Yisrael* such a celebration could only occur every three years.

In a growing number of congregations, especially in the Conservative Movement, a new type of triennial cycle is being followed. In this new cycle the Torah is read

from beginning to end each year, but only a preset one third of every weekly *parashah* (section of Torah) is read each time around. In other words, in the first year only, say, the first third of each weekly *parashah* is read but in the following year it is the middle third and in the final year of the cycle the last third is read. This way every year the Torah is symbolically read from beginning to end and over a three year period every word of Torah is read once. *Simchat Torah* can still happen every year!

Here at TBI we follow the ancient Babylonian custom of a yearly cycle although we too only read a part of each week's *parashah*. The part we read is selected in advance, often by the b'nei mitzvah of the particular Shabbat in conversation with her/his tutor and the rabbis, and is usually chosen because it is particularly interesting, challenging or intriguing.

As we reach another *Simchat Torah* we are reminded of the thousands of cycles of Torah reading that precede us. May our new cycle of Torah reading connect us to this ancient heritage and bring us a deeper sense of purpose every day and every week of our lives.

Putting the simcha in Simchat Torah

Rabbi Fred Morgan

It was Rabbi Yitz Greenberg who first spotted the anomaly. He was writing in the days of the Soviet Union when, at considerable risk to themselves, thousands of Jews – Refuseniks and others – would gather in the courtyard of the great synagogue in Moscow during *Simchat Torah*. There they would dance and celebrate together.

Greenberg was amazed at the resilience and fortitude of these Jews. They had a natural aptitude for joy, for *simcha*. And he made the trenchant comparison between them and their American counterparts. He commented on how strange it is that American Jews flock to their synagogues over the Days of Awe, the most intense and difficult days of the Jewish year, but then stay away from the synagogues in droves on *Simchat Torah*, a time of joy and celebration. Maybe, he continued, the 'lost Jews' of the Soviet Union, Jews deprived of the right to practice their Judaism freely and without constraint, have it right. Maybe their intuition has led them to find the joy in Judaism; while the Jews of the West, given every opportunity to practice their Judaism openly and in freedom, overlook the joy in Judaism and focus only on the weightiness of their religion.

Of course, it's important to go through the introspection and self-examination of the Days of Awe, to feel the weight of our misdeeds, to perform *teshuvah* and to put ourselves back on the right path. But, once the process has come to an end, it's equally

important to celebrate our success – and to celebrate it in a way that acknowledges that Torah is at the centre of our Jewish lives by placing it literally at the centre of our dancing and partying.

Lots of people party today. They go to raves, to night clubs, to the casino. Some years ago Rabbi Dow Marmor delivered a powerful sermon entitled 'Nowism', in which he argued that they are following a 'torah' of conspicuous consumption and immediate gratification, and that the venues where they celebrate these values are the modern Temples of Excess. I suppose his words sound a bit preachy nowadays. But he had a point. How much real joy is found in these places? Aren't they often more about escapism than celebration?

Simchat Torah is an opportunity for us to express our joy at being Jews who have the freedom and wherewithal to celebrate God's gift of Torah. The Jews of the Soviet Union intuited this. We Aussies can appreciate it, too. I hope to see you at our *simcha*!



In the Temple Beth Israel community sukkah

The TBI community sukkah is available during sukkot for the use of the Temple community (when not booked by specific groups). Come and eat your lunch with us and enjoy the sunshine in our sukkah!

Friday 28 September: Young TBI dinner

Dinner for the younger members of TBI, with opportunities to meet, greet and enjoy the sukkah.

Saturday 29 September: Taskforce against family violence

Lunch for the members of the TBI/SJG taskforce against family violence committee.

Saturday 29 September: Chavurah dinner

Dinner for the members of the long-standing Temple Beth Israel chavurah group.

Sunday 30 September: Aleph Melbourne brunch

Brunch open to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Jews and their partners.

Booking essential with Rabbi Zylberman 9510-1488 or Michael Barnett michael@aleph.org.au on 0417-595-541

Tuesday 2 October: Bubs n' Bagels

Our regular babies' group will take advantage of the sukkah for the morning!

Honouring special people

Simchat Torah gives us an opportunity to honour a number of those who have served the congregation with distinctive devotion and commitment and who deserve our special recognition.



The *Chatan* or *Kallah Torah* (Groom or Bride of the Torah) who complete the Torah-reading cycle for the year, are called to the Torah for the last section of Deuteronomy. Then the Scroll is rewound to its beginning – with the help of the entire congregation, each of whom line our synagogue to hold the entire length of the parchment while the rewinding takes place – and the first verses of Genesis are then read by the *Chatan* and/or *Kallah Bereishit*, the Groom or Bride of the Beginning.

The roles of *Chatan Torah* and *Kallat Bereishit*, and for our young adults *Ben Torah* and *Bat Bereishit*, at *Simchat Torah* are among the highest honours that a synagogue community can bestow upon its members.

Chatanim and Kallot

This year, our congregation honours four outstanding people.

Our *Chatan Torah* for *Simchat Torah* 5768 is **Brian Samuel**. Brian's willingness to serve our community in so many different ways over the past several years has been an example for all of us to emulate.

As Vice President of Temple Beth Israel and Chairman of the Board of Management, Brian has attended meetings every day of the week both within and outside the synagogue, giving generously of his experience and expertise for the wellbeing of the community. He has taken a genuine interest in the wide range of our synagogue activities, made innumerable valuable suggestions to improve the running of the organisation and the benefits of its committees. Brian is and always an enthusiastic supporter of TBI initiatives in many different areas of synagogue life. Brian is always present at Friday evening service, greeting people at the door, unfailingly gracious and welcoming.

Dorothy Graff is honoured as our *Kallat Bereishit* in recognition of years of commitment and devotion given through her work as founding chair of the Social Justice Group and more recently through her role as an active member of the Board of Management. As creator and chair of the Social Justice Group, Dorothy established one of the most successful and *mitzvah*-orientated groups within our community. By her example, Dorothy enabled many members of Temple Beth Israel, who otherwise would not have had an outlet within their Judaism, to express their concerns for social justice in deeds of *chesed* and *tikkun olam*.

Joe Dreyfus is our *Ben Torah*, in acknowledgement of his contribution to Temple Beth Israel. He has tutored our b'nei mitzvah students and dedicated time and skill to Netzer over the last few years. We hope that Joe will continue to be an active, committed member of our community over the years to come. Joe has shared his talents and love of Judaism with so many of our young people through his service to Netzer.

Claire Cyngler is honoured as our *Bat Bereishit* this year, in recognition of her years of service to our community, always available to help and participate in whatever is on offer. The community especially salutes her as *Mazkira* (head) of Netzer this year, a role demanding a high level of commitment and skill. Claire is also working as part-time receptionist at the TBI front desk, a position that demonstrates the level of trust the community places in her.

We congratulate them all and may they go from strength to strength.

Get your Machzor now!

The *Gates of Repentance* is the only prayerbook used during our High Holydays services. The shul does not provide copies at services. Cost is \$45.

Large print *Gates of Repentance* suitable for those with sight impairment are \$72.50

Hearing Loop

To make use of the hearing T-loop facility, please activate the T-loop in your hearing aid and be seated in the centre blocks from the balcony forward during the High Holydays. If in doubt, ask the Shammash.

Parking Fines

During High Holydays, Port Phillip Council waives time restrictions in parking zones around the Temple. However, **illegal parking will still attract strict penalties at all times:** ie in front of fire hydrants, across driveways, in clearways/no-standing zones, permit zones or too close to corners.

Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER, 6:15 PM

dance with the Scrolls
sing loudly with the kids
enjoy refreshments and, most of all, rejoice in Torah with Hakafot.

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER, 10 AM

Help unwind the Scroll
Sing the Hallel psalms
Celebrate with our Chatanim & Kallot
Rejoice in Torah with Hakafot
Shower the kids with sweets

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Reflections on 5767

Phyllis Dorey

The year 5767 was another busy year for our communities here in our region and internationally.



The lay and rabbinic leadership of the UPJ continued to meet twice a year to learn, network, share matters of mutual concern and benefit, and to take an active role in developing strategic policy and

directions in partnership with the Executive Committee. We met in Point Lonsdale in November 2006, where we were joined by the presidents of our Mumbai and Singapore congregations; and in Adelaide in May 2007 where we focused on how we could build on the many innovative and successful social justice activities currently being undertaken in most of our individual congregations, in order to develop a project that would involve many more members of our congregations in a region-wide initiative, which could then become part of the World Union for Progressive Judaism's Global Social Action Network. It is hoped that by the time of our conference in Hobart (18-21 October 2007), we will have an action plan ready to share with our communities. Everyone is invited to join us for our biennial conference – the theme of which is *L'Chaim* – exploring and celebrating our Jewish lives through study groups, workshops, and socialising. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the work of the UPJ, what's happening in congregations around our region and meet like-minded people. There is more information and a registration form on our website www.upj.org.au

We were privileged to have in our communities Rabbi Jonathan Magonet – as the UPJ Scholar-in-Residence, and Student Katie Oringel as the UPJ Cantorial Intern from June to August. Both guests travelled to a number of our communities to share their experience and expertise, with our members and with the broader Jewish communities.

Rabbi Uri Regev, the well-known and highly respected President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism officially launched our 2007 UIA Progressive Trust Campaign. As in past years, the generous

support we received has enabled the critical work undertaken by the Progressive Movement in Israel to continue: many of us have been privileged to see, first hand, the huge impact our donations to these programs for new *olim* (immigrants) have made in improving the lives of our fellow Jews, especially those who seek to find a new home in Israel.

Sadly, our Executive Director, Janice Alper and her husband, both of whom were an important part of development and growth over the past three years, departed our shores to return home to their grandchildren. Janice will be sorely missed.

Our Netzer Shaliach, Yossi Cohen was selected as one of the three outstanding shlichim worldwide, honoured by the Jewish Agency in Israel for his work with our youth movement.

In March 2007, 18 UPJ regional delegates attended the 33rd Biennial World Union for Progressive Judaism convention in Israel. These included representatives from Hong Kong, Mumbai, Singapore, and Australia, who joined with delegates from 27 other countries. This year's convention program daily consisted of eminent and articulate keynote speakers, spiritual and musical services, concurrent workshop sessions, seminars, choreographed networking opportunities over lunch, site visits and socialising. We were intellectually stimulated, challenged, and renewed.

We learned about the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism's active commitment to *Tikkun Olam* – which included assistance for victims of terror, food drives for families in need and support for local charitable organisations. One poignant example was the *b'nei mitzvah* ceremony held at Or Hadash (in Haifa) for 15 children living as wards of the state at Haifa's *Ahuzat Yeladim* (children's village). These children had been removed from their homes for various reasons, from neglect to physical abuse. With support from Progressive communities in the USA, the synagogue was able to provide them with *tallitot*, gift certificates, a trip to Jerusalem and a buffet dinner for family and friends.

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growth, the gift of community and the joy of diversity within our vibrant and robust communities – here, in Israel and around the world.

Phyllis Dorey is a long-standing, committed, and active member of the Progressive Jewish community in Australia. She is a former board member and President of Temple Beth Israel. Phyllis currently serves as President of the Union for Progressive Judaism and Patron of The King David School Foundation.

Shlichut review and some tasty treats

Yossi Cohen

Shalom my dear friends. It's that time of the year when we all take a few minutes to reflect on our lives and on the year that is about to end. Some of us did well, some of us did less but we all did something and we all have an idea about what we would want to change for the next year...

So here is a quick summary from your shaliach. I have been working with the VUPJ for the last two years now, involved in the life of our community and in the life of our youth. I am happy to say that Netzer is going in the right direction. We had many discussions and thoughts about the future of the community and how we can help to create the best place for us to live in, and we tried to be as involved as possible in each of the congregations and affiliates lives. We doubled the number of kids on camps without having more leaders, are the centre of the youth movement world in Melbourne these days, and we are trying to be the centre for different communal activities.

The Progressive movement has undertaken many initiatives in the wider community, and we have promoted the Progressive cause widely. We have hosted youth activities, sponsored and supported some community-wide functions, and ensured representation in each of the intersections in our community.

I am proud, as always, to be the shaliach of this very committed and very Zionist *kehillah*, a community that asks some hard questions and tries to find the right answers.

During the last year we stood together as a community in support of Israel during the war against Hezbollah, we rallied to release the kidnapped soldiers and, sadly, we commemorated one year without them. We sent our youth leaders to visit and volunteer in Israel, we welcomed various guests into our community and we supported our progressive communities in Israel.

There remain many things that still need doing. We must continue educating our community, we have to increase the level of commitment within our community, we have to spearhead more initiatives, more often and strengthen the pride in our young and mature generations. The Progressive movement in Victoria is the largest by far and has some great qualities we can be proud of. Thanks again for the last year and may we all improve on our successes. *Chag sameach!*

ROSH HASHANA COCKTAIL

1/2 pomegranate
1/2 tsp of honey
3 mint leaves
Ice cubes
1/4 cup of gin

Mix everything together and served in chilled glass.



ROSH HASHANA BEEF STEW

Serves 4 people
2 tbs olive oil
1 kilo diced beef
3 onions, diced to 2 cm cubes
2 apples, diced to 2 cm cubes
3 carrots, diced to 2 cm cubes
1 celery, diced to 2 cm cubes
300 gm of mixed dried fruit
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cardamom
1 tsp ground nutmeg
salt & pepper
1/2 litre vegetable stock
1 cup red wine

Heat the oil in a large pot that you can use in the oven later. Add the diced beef and cook for 5 minutes, turning constantly. Add the onions, carrot, celery, apples and dried fruit and cook for another 5 minutes. Pour in the vegetable stock and wine, stir then add all the spices and stir again. Bring to the boil then place pot into a preheated oven (180-200C) and let it cook for two hours. Serve with plain rice.



POMEGRANATE SALAD IN VINEGAR

Serves 4 people

1 bunch of Italian parsley finely chopped
Seeds of 1 pomegranate
4 small radishes, chopped
1 Lebanese cucumber, chopped
1 Spanish onion, chopped
50 gm roasted pine nuts
Sumac vinegar:
1/3 cup of olive oil
1/3 cup of lemon juice
2 crushed cloves of garlic
1 tbs honey
1 tsp sumac

Mix all the vegetables together in a bowl, then mix all the vinegar ingredients in a separate jar and pour over the vegetables. Mix it all while smiling and singing *Rosh Hashana* songs.



APPLE & HONEY TART TATIN

1/2 pack of puff pastry
8 apples sliced to eighths
75 gm butter
1 tbs brown sugar
1 tbs honey
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp ground cardamom

Preheat oven to 200C

Melt the butter in a pot with the sugar and the honey. Add apples and cook until they are soft and shiny. Arrange the apples with the liquids from the pot in a round baking tin, sprinkle the cinnamon and the cardamom evenly in the mixture. Roll the puff pastry so that it's a bit bigger than the tin and cover the apple mixture with the puff pastry. Push the edges in around the apples and pierce with a fork. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the pastry is golden. Remove from oven and let it cool for 10 minutes, then turn it upside down on a wide plate. Slice and serve with heavenly vanilla ice-cream.



A year in the life of our community

The year 5767 was another busy one for Temple Beth Israel, with the strengthening of established activities and the generation of new groups. Most of our groups are initiated by our members themselves when a genuine interest, based on a need, begins to show itself in our community.

New developments

A wonderful addition to our rabbinic team in 5767, **Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz** is not really a new face. Known, loved and respected by so many of us since her first visit to Melbourne as our rabbinic intern, Rabbi Gevurtz has enriched our community.

Education Director **Amelia Kalifa** departed at the end of 2006 after successfully transforming our Sunday religion school into Matan. Youth and Young Adults Director **Jamie Wajnberg** took on the Education role and met all hopes and expectations by taking Matan to even greater heights.

5767 saw the culmination of a thoughtful, consultative process towards a more welcoming, hospitable TBI community. A series of forums on the role of the non-Jewish parent (and partner) in the life of the community assisted the evolution in our customs on how we welcome the non-Jewish parents and partners of our families.

Early in 2007, the TBI Board endorsed the decision of the *Moetzah* (Rabbinic Council) to allow its rabbis to perform same-gender commitment ceremonies between two Jews. This is one step in the ongoing efforts to ensure that Jewish gays and lesbians feel welcomed and respected within our community.

The *Siddur Roadshow* encompassed the whole Victorian Progressive community, with a series of forums discussing a range of topics relating to prayerbooks and worship. Much thoughtful processing is still to come before we decide on our new *siddur* options.

In late 2006, the Board overhauled and upgraded the membership database. With Ian Samuel at the helm, a team contacted just about every member family to update their family details.

This year, the Board cast a fresh look at our membership options, creating new and more flexible membership categories in recognition of changing times and family needs. TBI now offers a Generational membership, allowing multiple generations and branches of one family to join together. New deals are also available for young adults, dual synagogue membership, for

friends of TBI and for those with substantial diminished capacity due to dementia.

Shabbat and Festivals

Shabbat worship at Temple Beth Israel offers opportunities beyond our customary *erev Shabbat* service each Friday and *shacharit Shabbat* each Saturday morning.

A Netzer-flavoured *erev Shabbat* alternative minyan in the Magid Resource Centre, with guitar accompaniment and an informal youth atmosphere, was introduced in June this year and is held on the first Friday monthly.

On Saturday mornings we have wider offerings in the Magid Resource Centre: **Jewish Renewal** services bi-monthly (alternating with those held at Leo Baeck Centre). Geshher services on the third Shabbat of each month have become a beloved alternative for many. Lay-led, with an emphasis on Torah study, **Geshher** is one of the strengths of our community.

Purim was celebrated with our carnival, food, megillah pantomime and a successful innovation – an adults only Purim spiel supper show.

Our **Tu B'Shvat** seder has now become an institution, attracting an increasing number of enthusiastic participants.

Shavuot this year saw the introduction of a cheese and wine hour for young adults preceding the service, and an outstandingly successful Shavuot cheesecake competition before our Tikkun – innovations that will inspire future celebrations.

Mishpacha Services



Mishpacha is the really big news for 5767! Initiated and steered by Rabbi Gevurtz, *Mishpacha* (family) services are geared specifically for families with children from toddlers through to Grade 3.

Monthly Shabbat *Mishpacha* services on the fourth Saturday of each month are held in our main sanctuary before our customary morning service. The success of the

Mishpacha concept inspired us to expand it to encompass festivals - we will celebrate *Rosh Hashana*, *Yom Kippur* and *Shavuot* with special *Mishpacha* services.

Lifelong education: Limmud

One of the major changes in our education programming in 5767 was the development of the *Limmud: Lifelong Learning @ TBI* program. We consolidated the hugely popular *Sunday Quest* short course series and enriched it with initiatives such as *Parashat Hashavuah* each Tuesday afternoon while *Bet-Midrash on Sundays* allows for chavurah-style study of Jewish texts.

Limmud on Sundays has offered almost 20 short courses over the last year, taught by our rabbis – that's 40 Sundays out of 52!

In addition, two Hebrew short courses, *Alef-Bet Fundamentals* taught by Ben Elisha, and *Siddur Comprehension* by master teacher Albert Bentata, were offered by popular demand and met with great success.

In addition, our rabbis have led discussion groups and *shiurim* for festivals including *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, lectured at various communal venues and Rabbi Morgan has offered courses through the Melton School.

The depth and breadth of our *Limmud* program is testament to the knowledge, skills and passion for teaching of our teachers, led by Rabbis Fred Morgan, Rayna Gevurtz and Gersh Zylberman. *Limmud @TBI* has even stronger prospects for the coming year!

Introduction to Judaism

The VUPJ *Introduction to Judaism* course continued to attract strong attendances throughout the year, with a mixture of Jews by birth refreshing their foundational Jewish knowledge and non-Jews exploring Judaism. With annual January and July intakes, why not consider this year-long program of thought-provoking study?

Special guests and events

In 5767 our community enjoyed the privilege of hosting a number of special guests who widened our horizons.

Andrew Goldstein spoke on the state of Progressive Judaism in the New Europe and the great potential that lies there for a resurgence of Jewish life.

UPJ scholar in residence for 5767, **Rabbi Professor Jonathan Magonet**, gave our community an extraordinary

ten days of learning. Acclaimed biblical scholar, interfaith activist, lecturer and broadcaster, Rabbi Magonet held public lectures, discussion forums, study sessions and master classes. An inspiring and enriching experience.

Alan Morinis, founder and director of The Mussar Institute, spoke to our community on this 1000- year-old Jewish tradition and spiritual discipline.

For a week in October 2006, our community enjoyed the rare privilege of hosting **Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi**, founder of the Jewish Renewal movement and regarded by many as one of the most important Jewish thinkers of this century.

Scott Segal, our rabbinic intern for 2007, and student cantor **Katie Oringel** – the first student cantor we have hosted at TBI – have shared their skills and enthusiasm with us, enriching our communal lives as they also learned much from us in return.

Our Shammashim

This dedicated team of members experienced growth and change over the past year. Miriam Feldheim, the founding coordinator, handed over to **Caroline Heard**. Caroline and the team have worked enthusiastically and with great dedication, involving new people in the *shammashim* team and ensuring that professionalism, skills and knowledge development continue in parallel with a caring and welcoming approach.

Our choirs

Our *a capella* choir **Ruach**, and **Kol Simcha** have officially become regular participants in our Shabbat services over the course of 5767, taking turns to perform monthly on alternating months – a very welcome development since their first appearances as occasional special guests!

Our **Junior Chazzanim** have made a huge impact on our Shabbat worship this past Jewish calendar year. On the fourth Friday evening each month, they help us to welcome Shabbat with drums and cymbals, guitars, singing, vibrant rhythms and energy. The Junior Chazzanim have been an outstanding example of youth taking their place in the community and leading from the front.

The **TBI choir** remains the backbone of our musical life. In 5767, the TBI choir has sung on the fourth Shabbat of each month, and of course, the choir is an es-

sential component of our festival and High Holyday worship. **Joe Stupel** remains our choirmaster and organist, accompanying our service on most Shabbat mornings. In 5767, **Eli Firestone** has also played the organ for us, delighting the congregation and allowing Joe some time off.

Friendship Club

The **Friendship Club** is doubtless our most successful social group, this year celebrating the 8th anniversary of entertaining, stimulating and bringing people together from throughout the Melbourne Jewish community. The Friendship Club is already forward planning a schedule of artists and performers for 5768.

A major component of the Friendship Club is the renowned **Bring and Buy table**, staffed by volunteers who supervise the sale of an extraordinary array of hand-made items including shawls, caps, scarves, aprons, homecrafts, baby items. The number and variety of items made by so many volunteers seems to multiply every year! The proceeds from **Bring and Buy** have benefited a number of Temple Beth Israel and Social Justice Group projects.

Yes, the **Friendship Club** is one of our greatest success stories.

Caring Community Circle

Our pastoral care group is coordinated by the indefatigable Dot Nathan, whose caring and generous nature is renowned. She leads a group of dedicated individuals who have an equal generosity of spirit, passion and commitment.

The care they provide includes visiting the ill in hospital or at home, offering assistance to attend doctor's appointments or even to go shopping, phone support to those who may be alone or in need of support, bereavement care, transportation to events such as Shabbat or festival services or social activities.

The Caring Community team does all this with a handful of members. New members are always welcome.

Living with Dementia

This support group, founded and still coordinated by Dot Nathan, was a Caring Community initiative which developed its own momentum and consolidated during 5767. Meeting approximately every six weeks, with specialist guest speakers and discussion, it continues to attract new members and meets a most urgent need in

our ageing community.

Drop in and Chat/Craft Circle

Still going strong, adapting and meeting the needs of some of our senior members who gather to shmooze and play table top games, while others get busy knitting – mainly baby garments – which are distributed to a number of maternity hospitals.

Up 'n Running

The long-running *Tuesday Talk* discussion group was transformed over the course of 5767. We sought input and suggestions from participants and launched *Cafe Shmooze* in January 2007, offering shmoozing, conversation, coffee and light games. Participants wanted more! So...we provided more and **Up 'n Running** was launched. Coordinated by Rhonda Nirens, **Up 'n Running** is a fortnightly event on Tuesdays, offering a combination of coffee, speakers and conversation with social outings. So far, it is meeting with great success!

Social Justice Group

The SJG has enjoyed an immensely successful year! Founding chairwoman Dorothy Graff stepped down at the end of 2006, handing over to John Hillel. The SJG has organised so many wonderful events that it would take a whole magazine to do justice to them all. A very brief summary:

- Activities in support of the Sudanese migrant community, including cultural exchanges; distribution of goods and household items; promotion of teaching ESL and other skills through the SAILS program.
- Advocacy activities on behalf of asylum seekers on local, community and governmental levels, hands-on programs such as distribution of Metcards, toys, clothes and household goods.
- Support and development of the health and wellbeing of our own community through TBI Telechat to link our elderly to each other; the SJG web page and internet *Mitzvah Project*; mental health and depression forums; working bee at a Jewish Care home; *Soul Food* to provide nutritious meals to those home from hospital; worship services for Jewish adults with intellectual disabilities; and a spotlight on poverty in the community.
- Action on behalf of the wider community by assisting Rotary Caulfield with Meals on Wheels recipients and Sacred Heart Mission with the meals roster over Christmas and January; *Mazon* bags; as-

sisted street kids through Open Family Australia 'Books for Kids' project; supported Israeli educators in Australia delivering the Accelerated Learning Program for disadvantaged Koori children; and books for Koori kinder children in Shepparton.

- Interfaith work through Mosque visits to further interfaith relations; and some SJG members have been involved in Australia Intercultural Society initiatives *Building Bridges*, womens' evenings and upcoming conference.

- Global awareness programs such as environmental forums with JECO; focus on the plight of Burmese refugees and the persecution of the Karen ethnic community.

Young TBI: What a year!

Formed a little over a year ago under the leadership of Rabbis Zylberman and Gevurtz, the **Young TBI** group has flourished.

The once-a-month Shabbat dinners remain very popular, bringing together young members who love the atmosphere. New events have been initiated coinciding with festivals, offering social opportunities within a Jewish context. Young TBI spent an awesome Shabbat in Jindabyne, meeting young adults from our sister congregations in Sydney, then enjoying the white gold on Mt Perisher.

Young TBI is not a singles group or an attempt to be an 'adult' Netzer – it's about bringing together those who may feel marginalized when our biggest events are *b'nei mitzvah*. Young TBI is for those who are neither 13 or 43, but are looking to be part of a community, in their own way. Young TBI is still finding its niche and adapting to the needs of its members. As it is stated in Pirkei Avot 2:5, *Al tifrosh min hatzibbur* – do not your separate yourself from the community. Rather, come help build it!

B'Yachad: Bringing the TBI community together

B'Yachad is a visionary program, offering members the opportunity to use our own skills and talents to further the development and vibrancy of our community. B'Yachad growth and areas of operation depend entirely on the skills, interests and energy of those involved. Founded with visionary passion by Ian Samuel, B'Yachad is now coordinated with great dedication and skill by Rhonda Nirens.

Matan thus far

Jamie Wajnberg

It's Friday afternoon and the Temple Time editor has been on my back all week for a 'wrap up' of Matan so far this year. But how can you wrap up something that just keeps going from strength to strength every week? Let me paint you a picture:



4pm Kids start arriving. As they have just finished school, they are incredibly hungry, hungrier than they have ever been before, ever. So we provide some after school snacks – apples, oranges, carrots, celery, cucumber, pretzels and rice crackers. However, you can't until there are 10 students present, a minyan, so everyone can say the *brachot* together before eating.

4.10-5pm Hebrew time! Everybody breaks off into their separate streamed Hebrew classes. Upstairs, Sheryl is working with the Prep-2 class on integrated Hebrew and Jewish studies, whilst Adam sits next door with the 'younger' beginners Hebrew class, acting out Alef Bet shapes. On the other side of the Magid Resource Centre Karli is with the Intermediate Hebrew class, working through their textbooks and often being rewarded with a game or a sweet treat for good behaviour and hard work. Downstairs in the Friedlander Beit Midrash, Nicky is working with the 'older' beginners group on vowel worksheets and playing a few rounds of *smol yamin smol* (left right left) to get the kids excited about using Hebrew in games. Finally, through the shul in Slome Hall, Kath is working through the specifics of Siddur Hebrew grammar with the Bnei Mitzvah group.

5-5.15 pm *Tefila* – Our whole school assembly. In Semester 1, only years 3-7 were in *Tefila* whilst the Prep-2 class stayed upstairs with Sheryl learning basic T'filot for the very first time. Now we join together as a whole school, along with either Rab-

bis Morgan, Zylberman or Gevurtz for a short afternoon service and to talk about what we have learned so far this week, or perhaps about an upcoming festival or special day. During his internship, Student Rabbi Scott Segal has helped to lead Tefila, as well as Student Cantor Katie Oringel. At MATAN, we have no shortage of special guests!

5.15-6 pm Jewish Studies. Everyone streams into their class groups, focussing this term on Jewish Values. The Prep-2 class returns upstairs for their last 15 minutes of programming before they go home at 5.30 pm. Grades 3 & 4 work with Adam, studying the importance of *Tzedakah* and *Kibud Av V'Em* – honouring one's parents. Karli's Grade 5 class is busy studying the Mitzvah of *Hachmasat Orchim* – welcoming the guest, whilst Nicky's Grade 6 class in Friedlander is looking at the concept of relationships through the term *Bein Adam L'chavero* – the interaction between human beings. In the meantime, Kath's B'nei Mitzvah group is studying the Talmudic phrase *V'Talmud Torah K'neged Kulam* – how Torah study leads us towards Mitzvot.

That just covers what's happening now. I haven't begun to tell you about *Purim*, *Pesach*, *Yom Hashoa*, *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, *Yom Hazikaron*, *The Omer*, *Shavuot*, *Tisha B'Av*, and our next unit on the *Yamim Noraim*. Nor have I told you about our special visit from Annie Silver, who spoke to us about the Schneider's Children's Hospital, our MATAN Tzedakah project. I haven't even mentioned all of the hard work our students are putting in to learn different prayers and songs to lead our Sukkot Mishpacha services. It is impossible to speak in brief about MATAN – it's such a huge program, so ably led by our fantastic staff, Sheryl Topol, Adam Wajnberg, Karli Jacobs, Nicky Rose and Kath Cozens.

To be part of the amazing MATAN experience, call 9510 1488 or jamie.wajnberg@tbi.org.au

Peek into a community-minded synagogue

Fairlie Wayne

Who would've thought that as the winter weather raged, rain and hail assailing all who dared the outdoors, a party was brewing at Temple Beth Israel.

In all honesty, nothing could have prepared me for what met my eyes as I entered Slome Hall last Wednesday morning. Conversation and warmth permeated the filled room, in which nearly 100 congregants sat around tables, socialising, enjoying a wonderful lunch, and waiting with anticipation for the performer de jour. This was The Friendship Club.

I have been a Board Member of TBI for more than 6 months now, and whilst I was vaguely familiar with the terms *Friendship Club*, and *Drop in and Chat*, I didn't really know what they were. Similarly, whilst I have always been aware that TBI offers numerous social and educational opportunities, I was never truly privy to what really happens. I realised that I was more like a visitor in my own synagogue, and that relying on my grandmother for information about TBI just wasn't impressive for a board member. Thus my adventure into TBI's volunteer-led programs began...

First was *Drop in and Chat*. This fortnightly gathering usually consists of about 15 senior TBI members (including the very

oldest, aged 100!), who come to socialise, knit (I have learnt TBI's prodigious knitters are always at it!), do stimulating word games with the wonderful Dot or Alan, and share tea and cake. It was a lovely, cosy atmosphere, in which I was made to feel very welcome. Passing through the room were also the dedicated Temple Time packers.

Very impressed by this first gathering, I decided to visit the Friendship Club. The awful weather was a partial disincentive for leaving home, but when I saw that it hadn't deterred nearly 100 of TBI's senior members from attending, I felt slightly ashamed of my earlier doubts. Wow! What a sight to behold! What a wonderful ambience! A large table of boldly coloured, stylish knitwear enticed me at once (and consequently I now wear a lovely hand-crocheted beret, thank you TBI!), all knitted by TBI members, using TBI-bought wool, with proceeds going to TBI. More impressive however is the fact that up to 100 people come on a regular fortnightly basis to this program, to meet, greet and eat. That week the crowd was entertained by a talented opera singer

with piano accompaniment.

This is no simple project, and it relies heavily on the goodwill of TBI's fabulous volunteers. Many of those attending are brought to the function (and later taken home) by specially organised buses, or are picked up personally by volunteers. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the kitchen. Left-over plates of food are sold for \$1. Entertainment is organised by volunteers.

As clichéd as it may sound, these two visits gave me a real 'warm fuzzy feeling' about TBI. The more I know and have experienced, the more I am very proud to be on the Board of such an exceptional community-minded synagogue. There are many other TBI programs which are equally successful, including *Limmud @ TBI*, *Matan*, *Up 'n Running*, to name but a few.

Having had such a positive experience, I wanted all congregants to know what wonderful programs TBI is offering. I hope this may inspire you too, to help out in some way, personally or financially, to maintain such a vibrant community.

Spotlight on Rita Greiner

Rhonda Nirens

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

Whether it's packing High Holyday tickets, helping in the kitchen for the Friendship Club, serving on a committee, each and every one does what they can.

One such member is Rita Greiner. Rita has been a loyal member for approximately 40 years. She has raised three children and has two grandchildren. Helping is part of Rita's nature. She worked at Emmy Monash for 17 years and when she retired she became a volunteer there. For as long as I can remember, Rita has been a loyal member of our Temple Time packing team. She, along with other dedicated people, ensures that our Temple Time magazine is packed

and ready for posting each month. This is no small feat – there are over 1200 Temple Times that have to be folded, labeled and sorted into post code order. Rita always arrives with a cheerful smile and a willingness to help. She also has attended our discussion groups for many years and is an active participant.

Without people like Rita who gives her time so willingly to help, Temple Beth Israel would not be such a wonderful and welcoming place. We need more people like Rita who are happy to take on a task whether it is once a month or once every six months – it doesn't matter – what matters is being

connected to Temple.

With our High Holydays soon upon us it is a time to reflect and give thanks for all that our wonderful volunteers achieve. Without all our incredible volunteers, amazing and dedicated Rabbis, professional staff and wonderful members, Temple Beth Israel would be just a big building but with us all helping and caring for each other we have made Temple Beth Israel into a 'second home'. A place where we feel welcomed and cared about, a place where we are accepted for who we are and what we can do.

Wishing everyone a Shana Tova.



Shalom Chaverim...

Student Rabbi Scott Segal

‘When I think of the various options that are available to me for the coming summer, none has as much potential for learning, growing, adventure and fun as serving in Melbourne.’

This is what I wrote in my cover letter when I applied to be the rabbinic intern. As my time here in Melbourne comes to a close and I have an opportunity to reflect on my experience, it makes me smile to think that the potential has been fulfilled. I have had a great time getting to know the community in general as well as the many individuals with whom I have had the chance to work, learn and just chat. I have also had a fair number of opportunities for fun! Some of that has been the novelty of the ‘firsts’ (driving on the right, footy, being told I have an accent), but beyond that there have been chances to go out a bit, hear some music and just take in the Melbourne scene.

It has also been an incredible learning experience for me from a professional perspective. Having an opportunity to work with the rabbis at TBI and in the rest of the Melbourne progressive community has provided me not only with wonderful resources, but they have helped me to better understand what the work and life of a rabbi



really entails. My time here has also been eye opening in the sense that I return to the US with a far greater appreciation of Progressive Judaism as a worldwide movement, specifically its development and practice here in Australia. There are distinct differences between American and Australian Progressive Judaism (for example, I’m going to have to re-learn the American version of the *V’ahavta*) and it is important that we make the effort to continue to learn from each other. I can only hope that I have been able to give to the Melbourne community as much (or at least a fraction) of what it has given me. Take care, be in touch and hopefully I will be back soon! *L’hitraot!*

On the Shelf

The TBI library has some wonderful resources to help you prepare for the High Holydays. Come in and find some treasures on our shelves!

Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days, A guided journal, by Kerry M Olitzky and Rachel T Sabath.

Preparing Your Heart is designed to help people connect with the spiritual rhythm of this time. It guides the reader through the month preceding Rosh Hashana through Yom Kippur. Prompted by passages from Psalm 27, meditations, commentary and guided journal work, the reader travels a day by day spiritual path with 40 steps to repentance in the form of 40 pages of reflections.

A Faithful Heart – Preparing for the High Holy Days by Rabbi Benjamin Levy.

A Faithful Heart takes the reader on a journey into the medieval text of Ma’aseh Avraham Avinu, a compilation of the midrashic sources about Abraham, the first Jew. Providing his own translation and commentary, the author has assembled a compelling midrashic study of the character of Abraham, providing an opportunity to examine the themes related to the High Holydays, such as repentance, belief in God, the efficacy of prayer and making ethical choices.

The Rosh Hashana Anthology and The Yom Kippur Anthology, by Philip Goodman.

Amongst the definitive resources for these two Jewish festivals, the volumes attempt to delineate the multi-faceted import of the Days of Awe, drawing on Jewish writings in hundreds of sources, from the Torah, post-biblical literature, Talmud, Midrash, prayers with commentary, historical and inspirational essays, short stories and Hasidic tales.

Sharing Blessings, Children’s Stories for exploring the spirit of the Jewish Holidays, by Rahel Musleah and Rabbi Michael Klayman, with illustrations by Mary O’Keefe Young.

Many books tell children about the historical significance and customs of the holidays; *Sharing Blessings* explores ways to get into the spirit of the holidays, all year long, from Shabbat, the High Holydays, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu B’Shevat, Purim, Pesach, Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha’atzmaut, Shavuot and Tisha B’Av.

Can you save a life? Learn now!

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

Basic Life Support (Level 1)

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

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\$175 per person

This is at a substantially lower cost than you will find anywhere else!

Both courses will cover CPR and no previous knowledge is assumed.

Many employers now also require first aid certification, so take advantage of this opportunity and gain an essential, and potentially life-saving skill.

Enquiries and bookings
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Temple Time Mailbag

ABOUT TIME

Dawn Cohen’s moving letter to the UPJ Rabbinic Council published in the previous Temple Time regarding their resolution, “that the relationship of a Jewish same-gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual” surely must cause a strong reversal of the thoughts of anybody still harbouring anti-gay opinions. Well done, Dawn!

HARRY GREENFIELD

Temple Time welcomes feedback from our readers. Please send your letter to: **Temple Time Mailbag, PO Box 128 St Kilda, 3182** or email zoi.juvis@tbi.org.au

Vintage dresses, nail polish and a community hospital in Cambodia

The school formal is an annual highlight of the VCE years with preparations traditionally including a flurry of dresses, suit hire, hairdressers, limousines and fake suntans.

This year, the preparations for the school formal incorporated an additional feature – an awareness of *tikkun olam* as students strived to give something back to the world.

Year 12 students Simone Sandler and Isobel Rechter presented a powerpoint presentation to the students detailing the associated expenses. Dress, hair, fingernails, new shoes... all were itemised and tallied. An alternative was presented: vintage clothes, girls to apply make-up, hair-styles and manicures to each other, with the savings to be directed to an international and a local charity. Co-organizer Isobel Rechter

commented 'we tried to show the contrast between the extravagance and glamour of the formal and the neediness of others.'

An enthusiastic response from students (and some of their hairdressers who supplied no-charge hairstyles) succeeded in creating an event that 'took a lot of pressure off' and significantly, was 'more meaningful'.

Discussing her motivation for the project, Simone Sandler described her reactions to a community hospital in Siemreap, Cambodia.

'Cambodia helped me appreciate my fortunate life here in Australia, and we wanted to show this by not taking for

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A unique school of thought



granted what we have... and what better way than in a formal that says 'you can show your appreciation and still have a fantastic formal night.'

The community hospital in Cambodia and the All Saints Church's Food for Hungry Appeal are the beneficiaries of the \$1200 raised by the KDS students.

Landlines: Letter, Line & Form

An interfaith exhibition
at Leo Baeck Arts Centre
37 Harp Road, East Kew

Opening Sunday 9 September, 3pm
11 September to 21 October 2007
Tuesday to Friday, 10 am - 1 pm
Sunday 2 - 4 pm
Gallery closed 13, 14, 27 September
& 4, 5 October

Artworks in textiles, prints, multimedia,
calligraphy and oils, affirm that
Nature is a gift from the Creator.

The *Landlines: Letter, Line and Form*
exhibition uses art to bridge between Faiths.
Focusing on the issue of land, they artists
explore what it means to relate to this
wonderful land of Australia as people of faith.

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER CONCERT

echoing the themes of spirituality of landscape,
nature and the Australian environment,
featuring singer-songwriter Fay White
For bookings call Leo Baeck 03 9819 7160

Further Information
Louise Einfeld 9497 3893
or Lisa Sylvan 9819 4483

Fond memories of gentleman Jona

Peter Kohn

An excerpt from
*Peter Kohn's blog. You
can find the full tribute
on www.ajn.com.au*



I was among more
than 600 mourners at
a state funeral, paying
our last respects to
communal legend Walter Jona. By now, the
tributes have said it all.

As a young Victorian Liberal MP, Jona
headed a landmark committee that helped
nudge a hesitant Victoria, and through it, a
sceptical world, towards compulsory wear-
ing of car seatbelts, saving untold legions of
lives. As a cabinet minister, he overhauled
the grim conditions in Victoria's bluestone
prison system. He became Australia's inau-
gural ethnic affairs minister.

Jona was an impassioned AFL Haw-
thorn supporter and loved cricket. He
rewrote the book on communal involve-
ment, lending his name to no less than 52
organisations, trusts and directorships.

And he had a long, happy marriage. In
an interview last year, he described his wife
Alwynne as 'my perfect partner'.

In an age when communities were less
cynical about politicians than today, and
when the Jewish community was perhaps
less confident of itself, Jona belonged to

that elite of leaders that was seen by Jews as
the custodians of our Jewish community's
dearest interests of democracy, equal rights
and fair play. The fact that he was Jewish
made him a Melbourne-wide phenomenon
among Jews.

In 2006, I had the pleasure of spending
time at Walter and Alwynne's Toorak home,
interviewing him ahead of the launch
of his book. I was struck by how utterly
unassuming and genuine he was, and how
meticulous, rising to check through sheaves
of documents to follow up a point that had
come up in discussion. Walter Jona was not
only a gentleman, but a gentle man.

Our condolences to Alwynne Jona.



First and third Tuesday monthly
10:30 - 11:30 am at Temple Beth Israel

Join Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz in our new monthly babies
group right here at TBI! Grab yourself a bagel, then sit
down, relax and get to know other Temple families
with littlies. Each month we'll have a different
Jewish surprise to keep things lively.

contact rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au or call 9510-1488

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fun place to hang out with other Jewish kids and learn about our people's heritage? Then don't miss our **Matan Religion School**, for kids from Prep through Bar/Bat Mitzvah. And there are many more exciting groups, classes, events happening this year at TBI.

In the 11th century Bachya ibn Pakuda wrote, 'Days are scrolls; write on them only what you want remembered.' As you begin to write the scroll of this Jewish New Year, I encourage you to rediscover all that our synagogue offers to help you on your path. *L'shalom.*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sixth Annual General Meeting
of Temple Beth Israel Inc.

(76th AGM of Temple Beth Israel)

will take place on

Sunday, 28 October, 2007 at 10:30 am

Morning tea will be served at 10 am

in the Friedlander Synagogue,
76-82 Alma Road St Kilda



AGENDA

1. Confirmation of minutes of the 5th Annual General Meeting of TBI Inc.
2. Receipt and adoption of the President's report
3. To receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Association in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act (Copies of the 06/07 financial statement will be available from the office in September)
4. Receipt and adoption of the Rabbi's Report
5. Netzer and KDS reports
6. Election of officers and the Board of Management
7. To consider Amendments to Rules of Temple Beth Israel Inc. (see below)
8. To appoint auditors for the 2007/2008 financial year
9. To appoint Honorary lawyers for the ensuing year.
10. To consider any other business as may be properly transacted at the AGM.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL INC.

To amend clause 2.1 (definitions)

- (a) To amend "Eligible children/step children" from birth to 17 years old inclusive.
- (b) To amend under "Eligible Person" the "Council of Rabbis of The Australian, Asian and New Zealand Union for Progressive Judaism" to the "Council of Rabbis of the Union for Progressive Judaism (Australia, New Zealand and Asia)"
- (c) To add a new definition "Friends of Temple Beth Israel" who is a person, who is not Jewish but who wishes to support the work of the community of Temple Beth Israel.

To amend clause 9.1.2 by replacing the word "shall" in the first line with the word "may".

To amend all references to The Secretary to read "The Secretary, or such other person as the Board shall from time to time determine for that purpose".

To delete from Clause 21.14 the words "not of".

To insert in the Statement of Purposes of Temple Beth Israel Inc. as item 2 (e)

"To subscribe to and adopt the Jerusalem Program of the World Zionist Organisation as it stands from time to time."

Board nomination forms are available from the Temple office.

*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+

fourth Friday night of each month, 28 September (in the Sukkah), 26 October, join a diverse group of younger TBI members for a Shabbat meal following our erev Shabbat service.

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

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

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



SHABBAT ALIVE!

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

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

Smachot

RECENT BIRTHS

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

Katelyn Elizabeth (granddaughter for Stella and Graham Edgar) • **Eliana Tziporah Spinrod** (daughter for Marlo Newton & Tal Spinrad) • **Isabella Nicole Zemel** (daughter for David & Sophie Zemel, granddaughter for Jean & Zemel and George & Marilyn Gimel)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(26 August to 22 September) Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday to:

• Odhette Aaronfeld • Daniel Aghion • Raymonde Appel • Basil Arkles • Gabrielle Basser • Itiel Bereson • Bina Best • Carla Bloom • Moris Braun • Ilse Breth • Estelle Brown • Nicole Brown • Max Bruch • Valda Bruder • Rudolf Cherny • Eve Cohen • Steven-Meyer Cohen • Sir Zelman Cowen • Peter Curtis • Max Drajer • Anneliese Falkenstein • Abrasha Feigin • Katy Fellner • Pat Fink • Mary Frenkel • Kurt Friedlaender • Randi Goda • Robyn Griffin • Robert Gringlas • Jeffrey Harrison • Traude Hurwitz • Steven Jerrard • Craig Joel • Greg Kahan • Emily King • Peter Kolliner • Hymi Kolt • Devorah Komesaroff • Michelle Komesaroff • Lisa Krygger • Steven Krygger • Joanna Lehrers-Broons • Sandra Lew • Sharon Lewin • Gary Lewis • Shirley Lewis • Ben Lewski • Eva Light • Richard Manders • Robert Mark • Sharon Marlow • Adam McKenzie • Robin McKenzie • Natalie Miller • Simon Morawetz • Pamela Morris • Harry Nathan • Ilona Oppenheimer • Tamara Picking • Benjamin Pilcer • John Pilcer • Yehuda Rabin • Rose Rood • Adrian Rose • Shane Rose • Emilie Rosenberg • Jordanna Roth • Warren Samuel • Klara Schwartz • Suzanne Schweitzer • Bella Shannon • Nadav Shlezinger • Ruth Siegel • Laura Silver • Stan Skrabal • Maurice Slonim • Marilyn Solomon • Dianne Sommer • Stuart Southwick • Jean Splitter • Yehuda Svoray • Sarah Szentel • Magdee Taryan • Melanie Thurin • Edith Wagman • Jamie Wajnberg • Aron Wartski • Mina Wartski • Andrew Wassertheil • Joyce Watson • Lewis Woolf • Claire Wynn • Harry Zipper

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

(26 August to 22 September) Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries to:

Roi Peretz & Tammy Stewart (5th) • David & Brigitte Weinberger (10th) • Jacob Boon & Jude Bade-Boon (15th) • Robert & Jennifer Sward (30th) • Victor & Sally Barnes (35th) • Richard & Marietta Manders (50th) • Harry & Ruth Nathan (60th)

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER B'NEI MITZVAH

Mazal tov to Georgia Slonim and her family.

RECENT BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

Joshua Arkles, Alan Bentley, Romy Briner, Rhondda Hall, Dana Hamilton, Zoi Jufris, Leesa Snider, Adam Starr, Joshua Starr, Mike Starr, Simon Starr, Daniel Stiglec, Fairlie Wayne, Rabbi Helen Bar Yaakov

Bereavements

DEATHS

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

• **Ursula Becher** • **Abraham Burszty** (step-father of William Kessler) • **Chloris Ignace** • **Suzan Johnston** • **Walter Jona** (husband of **Alwynne Jona**) • **David Komesaroff** • **Valerie Kyd** (sister of Rosemary Friedman & Graham Pinkus) • **Sadie Lewis** • **Harriet Popper** • **Susan Reichman** (mother of Anne Reichman and Judith Selby) • **George Rogers** (husband of Emily Rogers, father of Marie Rogers) • **Erica Wilthagen** (mother of Leslie Chester)

YAHREZEITS

Zecher Tzadik Livracha

Observed 1 September

• **Max Abush** (father of Nancy Wicks) • **Richard Alkalai** (son of Henri & Rosi Alkalai) • **William Bristow** (father of Harry Bristow) • **Alex Carrick** (father-in-law of Naomi Carrick) • **Janey Carrick** (mother-in-law of Naomi Carrick) • **Riva Chapkes** (mother of Aleksandra Boubnovskaia) • **Sadie Cohen** (mother of Ann Gild & Saul Cohen) • **Maureen Cecilia De Santo** (mother of Madeleine Muller) • **Lou Frankel** (father of Denis Frankel) • **Alan Abraham Greenberg** (father of Selwyn Greenberg) • **Zisla Gross** (mother of Kitty Ross) • **Pat Haywood** (mother of Suzanne Schweitzer) • **Israel Helmer** (brother-in-law of June Helmer) • **Walter Herz** (father of Eric Herz) • **Gizella Hoenig** (wife of Gabriel Hoenig) • **Alice Jablonski** (mother of Paula Rosin) • **Kathe Jacobi** (mother of Tom Jacobi) • **Pauline Jacobson** (mother of Janet Nicoll) • **Cecilia Knosow** (mother of Anna Paul) • **Fanny Komesaroff** (mother of Ruth Holan) • **Hajnalka Frei Kopatsy** (mother of Andrew Kopatsy) • **Anita Lewit** (1st wife of Joe Lewit, daughter of Jadzia Opat, mother of Michelle Lewit, Natalie Lewit, step-sister of Fran Goodman, Fay Bock & Judy Sher) • **Johanette Lighton** (mother of Margot Eger) • **Adi Lippmann** (mother of Helen Light) • **Fred Arnulf Loewenstein** (father of Jeffrey Loewenstein) • **Alexander**

Mahemoff (husband of Mary Mahemoff) • **Marthe Mendes da Costa** (grandmother of Miriam Levi) • **Simon Milstein** (father of Bob Milstein) • **George Rajh** (father of Judith Roberts) • **Janey Schwartz** (mother of Rose Rood) • **Katie Selby** (wife of Benn Selby, mother of Robyn Levi, grandmother of Katherine Sylvan) • **Bennie Slome** (father of Lorraine Topol, grandfather of Sheryl Topol) • **Noah Slome** (grandfather of Lorraine Topol) • **Gerda Steinmetz** (sister of Else Frohlich) • **Caren Lee Topol** (daughter of Lorraine Topol, granddaughter of Joy Waller, sister of Sheryl Topol) • **William Zimmermann** (father of Bernard Zimmermann)

Observed 8 September

• **Gertrud Bock** (mother of Eve Mahlab) • **Rae Brandon** (mother of Jean Splitter, grandmother of Martin Splitter) • **Sadie Alex Cohen** (mother of Marlyn Bancroft & David Cohen) • **Ralph Freadman** (husband of Sue Freadman, father of Prudence Douez) • **Josie Grinblat** (aunt of Simon Poll) • **Marriane Heimans** (grandmother of Mark Sinclair) • **Karl Hershan** (father of Robert Hershan) • **Leslie Hoenig** (father of Susie Balint) • **Carol Morris** (mother of Lee Nahmias) • **Rebecca Neave** (mother of Marilyn Challinor) • **Mala Pfeffer** (mother of Monica Pfeffer) • **Max Phillips** (father of Esther Hartman & Katie Gould) • **Stanley Rosin** (husband of Paula Rosin, father of Simon Rosin) • **Harold Sackville** (father of Kay Schweitzer) • **Max Smith** (father of Mary Cohen) • **Lothar Steen** (father of Frank Steen) • **Simon Victor Wassertheil** (son of Jeff & Correne Wassertheil, brother of Andrew, Michael, Benjamin & Leoni Wassertheil)

Observed 15 September

• **Amelia Aarons** (grandmother of Maurice Slonim) • **Ailsey Alexander** (aunt of Marian Lawrence) • **Harry Barski** (step-father of Lorraine Freeman) • **Bessie Berry** (mother of Doreen Miller) • **Aaron Bloom** (father of Marie Davis) • **Max Breth** (father-in-law of Ilse Breth) • **Abraham Jack Finkelstein** (husband of Olga Finkelstein) • **Zelma Flash** (mother of Don Flash) • **Stanley Forshaw** (father-in-law of Hannah Forshaw) • **Millie Fox** (mother of Sybil Weller) • **Josef Goldberger** (father of Magda Niekrasz) • **Malka Goldberger (Kohn)** (mother of Magda Niekrasz) • **Jack Goodvach** (father of Greg Goodvach) • **Vera Hartmann** (wife of Gary Hartmann) • **Jean Haylock** (mother of Peter Haylock) • **Fritz Herling** (father of Gerda Thurin) • **Erika Heymann** (mother of Doris Page) • **Gertrude Isaacs** (mother of Joan Katz) • **Hilda Jonas** (mother of Sylvie Jonas-Frankel) • **Barry Karp** (husband of Jill Karp) • **Stanley Kiffer** (husband of Lili Kiffer) • **Les Levy** (father of Pamela Durra) • **Marie Masel** (mother of Leigh Masel) • **Rachel Mrocki** (mother of Ann Greenwood & Harry Mrocki) • **Katie Nathan** (mother of Paul

Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 2 September, 3 pm
Jewish Memorial Gardens
Botanical Cemetery, Springvale.
(Necropolis)

Nathan & Victor Nathan) • **Stefan Niekrasz** (husband of Magda Niekrasz) • **Reuben Page** (father of Neville Page) • **Jaffa Pinhasova** (mother of Regina Aronov) • **Esther Rechts** • **Rosa Reitberger** (mother of Rysia Rozen) • **Hanka Salcman** (mother of Sam Salcman) • **Erich Scheuer** (brother of Trudie Westheimer) • **Baruch Schustik** (father of Martha Sanders) • **Henriette Schwarz** (grandmother of Julie Gelman) • **Guta Shafer** (mother of Harold Shafer) • **Susan Shafer** (daughter of Simon & Ellen Shafer, sister of Bernard Shafer & Marion Simmelmann) • **David Simon** (father of Jeanette Goldman) • **Mary Simons** (mother of Gail Simons) • **Richard Soma** (brother of Mary Levin) • **Dolfi Spitz** (uncle of Eve Lustig) • **Nathan Steinkoler** (father of Leon Steinkoler) • **Greta Tobias** (mother of Bette Pulver) • **Sabina Wachenhauser** (mother of Danuta Mendelson) • **Seppel Westheimer** (husband of Trudie Westheimer)

Observed 22 September

• **Rolf Arthur Adler** (father of Ilse Ziffer) • **Idey Alexander** (father of Loris Rechter) • **Itze & Hinde Behr** (grandparents of Basja Levy) • **Berta Bruch** (mother of Max Bruch) • **Irma Bruch** (sister of Max Bruch) • **Leo Bruch** (father of Max Bruch) • **Ignaz & Julia Deutsch** (grandparents of Paula Goldman) • **Gerard Dreyfus** (brother of Ilse Breth) • **Yehuda Eberson** (father of Yona Abish) • **Stefania Fast** (mother of John Fast) • **Sara Eva Fletcher** (grandmother of Lesley Pilcer) • **Majer Frenkel** (father of Maurice Frenkel) • **Anne Friedman** (mother of Deborah Woolf & Naomi Carrick) • **Hyman Goldman** (father of Bernard Goldman) • **Sylvia Green** (mother of Sue Silver) • **Mania Hirschberg** (mother of Ruth Goldtwig) • **Helena Hoenig** (mother of Gabriel Hoenig) • **Izidor Hoenig** (father of Gabriel Hoenig) • **Aron Zemach Hoffman** relative of Basja Levy) • **Boris Hoffman, Moses Hoffman, Olga Hoffman, Rive Hoffman** (family of Basja Levy) • **Charlotte Kalnoky** (mother of Susie Cymbalist) • **Chaim Kolesnik, Adela Kolesnik, Hannah Kolesnik, Henry Kolesnik, Moshe Kolesnik, Sarah Kolesnik, Yitzchak Kolesnik, Anja Schwartzpelc, Favel Schwartzpelc, Meir Schwartzpelc, Sina Schwartzpelc** (relatives of Annette Gladwin) • **Solly Lachman** (brother of Tzvi Lachman) • **Margot Lesh** (mother of Gunter Lesh) • **Hans Levy** (husband of Basja Levy) • **Max Liebmann** (father of Ross Liebmann) • **Lisa Main** (grandmother of Janet Levi-Rayment) • **Abraham Margulius & Frieda Rosalie Margulius** (grandparents of Yvonne Elton) • **Albert Nathan & Celia Nathan** (grandmother of Janet Levi-Rayment) • **Michael Perlmutter** brother of Rodika Reich) • **Ida Rabinowicz & Mendel Rabinowicz** (parents of Yehuda Rabin) • **Moshe Rabinowicz** (brother of Yehuda Rabin) • **Yecheil Rinde** (father of Shirley Koadlow) • **Fela Sender** (mother of Jerry

Sender) • **Charles Slonim** (father of Maurice Slonim) • **Mordechai Smadic** (father of Sara Finch) • **Leopold & Bessie Sward** (parents of Geoffrey Sward) • **Chuskel Szyfberg, Ella Szyfberg, Malka Szyfberg, Miriam Szyfberg, Pessa Szyfberg, Samuel Szyfberg, Schleama Szyfberg, Tilla Szyfberg** (relatives of Felix Syber) • **Felix Tichauer** (father of Eva Towers) • **Kathe Tichauer (nee Laband)** (mother of Eva Towers) • **Greta Tobias** (mother of Sandra Farber) • **Aharon & Golda Unglik** (parents of John Unglik) • **Julius Wachs** (father of Anne Faiman & Liz Sonenberg) • **Ruth Wall** (grandmother of Roger Schueler) • **Renia Watts** friend of Greg Goodvach)

Observed 29 September

• **Ken Bandman** (husband of Gerda Bandman) • **Rose Bell Silverman** (mother of John Mansfield) • **Michael Bruder** (husband of Valda Bruder) • **Bernard Cowen** (father of June Helmer) • **Bernard Cowen** (father of Shirley Spivakovsky & Sir Zelman Cowen) • **Eric Durra** (father of Frank Durra) • **Esther Figg** (mother of Eve Markov & Rae Singer) • **Don Hallenstein** (father of Ann Jacobs) • **Sylvia Irlight** (wife of Tadeusz Irlight) • **Eugene Jelinek** (father of Eve Bartrop) • **Tamara Kiven** (wife of Izak Kiven) • **Leslie Korn** (husband of Margit Korn) • **Alexander Kronberg** (grandfather of John Fast) • **Syd Langbart** (father of Jenny Arkles) • **Rose Lazarus** (mother of Rhonda Jacobs) • **Babette Leschnitzer** (grandmother of Gunter Lesh) • **Edward Elkan Mayer** (father of Greta Redlich & Olga Brooke) • **Myer Nathan** (grandfather of Jennifer Sward) • **Blima Fine Pasmanik** (mother of Joseph Pasmanik) • **Paul Quittner** (father of Lisa Quittner) • **Yecheil Rinde** (father of Shirley Koadlow) • **Biela Sapoznikow** (mother of Robert Mark) • **Pauline Schustik** (mother of Martha Sanders) • **Max Tramer** (husband of Olga Tramer) • **Moshe (Maurice) Varon** (father of Ruja Varon) • **Jacob Welner** (husband of Stephanie Welner, father of Elizabeth Welner) • **Alfred Wieder** (husband of Trude Wieder) • **May Wynn** (wife of George Wynn)

Observed 6 October

• **Rolf Arthur Adler** (father of Ilse Ziffer) • **Sasha Alexander** (father of Lynn Alexander) • **Ken Bandman** (husband of Gerda Bandman) • **Mordka Joel Bando** (father of Jacob Bando) • **Itze & Hinde Behr** (grandparents of Basja Levy) • **Yvonne Bentata** (mother of Albert Bentata) • **Queenie Bernstein** (mother of Leila Cohen) • **Irma Bruch** (sister of Max Bruch) • **Leo Bruch & Berta Bruch** (parents of Max Bruch) • **Michael Bruder** (husband of Valda Bruder) • **Zelda Carr** (mother of Miriam Morris) • **Reuben Cohen** (father of Raymond Cohen) • **Bernard Cowen** (father of Sir Zelman Cowen, June Helmer & Shirley Spivakovsky) • **Erna Curtis** (mother of Steffi Bando & Peter Curtis) • **Benjamin Davis** (father of Eric Davis) • **Ignaz & Julia Deutsch** (grandparents of Paula

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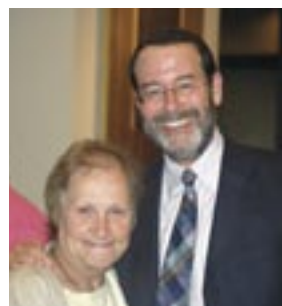
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Temple Beth Israel
celebrates
**Rabbi Fred Morgan's
10th anniversary service**
with our congregation!

This will be an opportunity to
reminisce and celebrate the
developments in our
community over the last decade.

Please join us at 10 am
on Saturday 1 September
in our sanctuary,
82 Alma Road, St Kilda
for this special service
and a celebratory kiddush.

In honour of Rabbi Morgan's 10th
anniversary, you are invited to make a
donation to help Sudanese Refugees in
Israel.

The steady trickle of Sudanese refugees
into Israel since 2005 has turned into a
flood, with 1200 people travelling across
Sinai into Israel in the first six months of
2007.

The Israeli government is coming to
terms with this new humanitarian
situation, building or converting suitable
facilities to house the refugees.

Jewish Aid Australia and its partners,
including the UPJ with the support of
the UIA Progressive Trust, are holding
an appeal to raise funds to assist Israel
manage this influx of refugees.

An appeal form has been distributed
with this copy of Temple Time.