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Purim is coming to Temple Beth Israel on Monday 9 March

4 pm

Join us for our awesome Purim celebration
special entertainment for the littlest ones up to Grade 2
AND spectacular circus fun for Grade 3 up!

5:30 pm

Pizza

6 pm

Our 2009 Purim Spiel

7 pm

Some adult time with punch and snacks

7:30 pm

Purim service and megillah reading



TBI Open Day
for St Kilda Festival
Sunday 8 February 2009
10 am to 5 pm

We are thrilled to be a part of the St Kilda Festival for the first time in 2009!

We will open our doors to visitors, with coffee and cake available, with conducted tours during the day or for visitors to wander around at their own pace, with guides available to answer questions.

On show will be our artworks, the five Biblical prints painted by Victor Majzner and commissioned by the synagogue, a series of 22 window-sized glass medallions by David Wright, embroideries and silver. There will also be performances of liturgical and Israeli folk music by TBI's singing groups, and a talk on the foods especially associated with Jewish ritual (plus an opportunity to taste them!).

We will welcome everyone to the open day: particularly non-Jewish visitors, but also people of Jewish heritage who are not affiliated with any synagogue at present and friends of members who may wish to visit us.

Tours at 10.30am, 1:15 pm, 3:30 pm
Performance by TBI Singers at 12 noon
A taste of Jewish Cuisine at 2:30 pm

To make this unique event a success, we need volunteers from within our community who can spare an hour, the whole day or anything in between, to act as hosts, welcomers and guides for our visitors! No particular skills needed - just a friendly approach and a willingness to help. We'll provide preparation and the opportunity for a wonderful experience.

Please call the TBI office on 9510 1488 to register your interest or to find out more.



FROM THE PRESIDENT BRIAN SAMUEL

I am writing this in mid-January on the eve of the historic inauguration of Barack Obama, the first black American to be elected President of the United States. I discovered that we have something in common: both of us will be Presidents in the same year. Although his role may be a little more difficult than mine I bet he will not be having as much fun as I am. By the time you read this article I will be celebrating my first one hundred days at the helm.

Whilst I hope everyone has had a well earned break over the summer, life at TBI continues at a frenetic pace. There seems to be so much happening that it is hard to cram it into a couple of paragraphs. Our Board has met twice since the AGM and I am really blessed to have an excellent team working alongside me. A number of groups have been established in various areas of shul life and to their credit they are off and running.

I must confess that for the past few years I have been a regular attendee on Friday nights and work commitments prevented me from attending Saturday services. Since October I have adjusted my commitments and find Saturday shul services a whole new experience. I really am having lots of fun meeting the B'nei Mitzvah families and the occasional pre-wedding *aufruf* families. Whilst there are a number of regular congregants who attend both Friday night and Saturday I am enjoying meeting up with a whole new crowd on Saturdays.

Whilst the Board has been active in the planning process, we have a number of very exciting projects scheduled for 2009. In the first week of February we will be hosting our first Open Day in a long time. Whilst there has been some concern during the recent war in Gaza, I am assured it will be a great opportunity to open our doors to the general community and break down some of the barriers. It will also help to educate our non-Jewish friends in the lifestyle of Judaism. I have been overwhelmed with volunteer support from within our community which in itself is an endorsement of our policy.

This year we also celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Rabbi Morgan's ordination as a Rabbi. We at TBI hope to celebrate this milestone with a number of events centred around the Shul as well as acknowledging the wonderful service given by our Senior Rabbi to the community. More details will be forthcoming in future articles.

We also will be farewelling our Executive Director Alan Samuel who retires during the middle of the year. Our Va'ad has spent the summer reviewing our operations and drawing up a brief for his replacement.

Finally, following our very successful business breakfast in December where brother Graeme entertained us with the various issues before the ACCC, I ask you to please mark in your diaries our first social event for 2009, the TBI film night. Join us on Sunday the 22 February at the Dendy Palace at 6.30 pm to see the highly acclaimed film *Defiance*, starring Daniel Craig. Please call Sue Silver on 9510 1488 to book before it is sold out.

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Young Israeli to speak from TBI bima



Lior with be special guest at the Young TBI Oneg Shabbat dinner on Friday 27 February!

Come and meet him.

Lior Zalmanson is a twenty five year old member of the executive of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Lior has worked as a coordinator for the Rishon Le-Zion young adult group, was a member of the Zionist Youth Council in Israel where he taught groups in Israel, Greece and Ukraine. He is an alumni of the Bronfman Youth Fellowship, WUJS 'Mirrors' program, IRAC Social leadership program and Saltz Center's Beutel Fellowship for Community Leadership.

He was a panelist in the Israeli TV show *Mishehu Diber?* dealing with matters of Israeli society and was a regular correspondent on Israeli urban legends on the IDF night radio show. In 2007, he participated in a humanitarian delegation to Tanzania; his film of the event was screened as part of Channel 10 news.

Lior is now working on his graduate thesis on social and economic aspects of virtual communities, and teaching a course on digital culture.

Coming from Chassidic origins (being a descendent of the early Lubavitcher rabbi,) he received a secular upbringing, he encountered the Israeli Reform Movement in the age of seventeen via his work with American youth visiting Israel.

Come and hear him speak on contemporary Israel from our bima on Saturday 28 February! Our service commences at 10 am.

Limmud at TBI: lifelong learning

Bookings and enquiries for all limmud and social programs on 9510 1488.



LIMMUD ON SUNDAYS

Adult learning on Sundays, 10.30 am – 12 noon. Presented by TBI rabbis and guest lecturers. Gold coin donation.

The Meanings of Creation

Start off the new year with a bang! Join Rabbi Fred Morgan to explore the issues of Creationism and cosmology, ecology and care for the earth, ethics and science. Three Sunday limmud sessions on 15, 22 Feb, 1 Mar

15 Feb: Reading and misreading the creation stories in Genesis

The approaches to the birth of the universe (cosmogony) according to various traditions, Jewish and non-Jewish, concentrating on the stories in Genesis chapters 1-2 alongside ancient Near Eastern myths, philosophical perspectives, the arguments of Creationism and Intelligent Design, and other approaches, and the conflict between science and Scripture.

22 Feb: The Act of Creation (*Ma'aseh Bereishit*)

The Genesis story of Creation from the perspectives of rabbinic legend (*midrash*) and mysticism (*kabbalah*) and how these two major traditions elicit meanings of Creation which impact on several other areas of our lives as Jews and as human beings.

1 Mar: Creation, recreation and the war on terror

Drawing on insights from a great Bible scholar, Jon Levenson, in his book *Creation and the Persistence of Evil*, we consider the Creation story in the light of modern ethical concerns including the persistent

use of war and violence for religious ends and whether and in what sense our human impulses to evil may be embedded in the very birth of the cosmos.

COMING UP LATER IN THE YEAR...

- Rabbi Gersh Zylberman on notions of the Messiah past and present
- Rabbi Fred Morgan on the Mysteries of the Torah Scroll
- Miriam Feldheim on Symbolism and Ownership of the Land of Israel (based on her honours dissertation for Melbourne Uni)
- Rabbi John Levi on Recent Advances in Biblical Archeology.

Watch *Temple Time* for details!

ALEF IS NOT TOUGH

Ten Thursdays from 12 February (not 9 April) with Karen Rosauer, 7:30 - 9 pm

Learn the Hebrew fundamentals over 10 weeks. You will be able to recognise all the letters and have a basic understanding of Hebrew word structures and an elementary vocabulary of key prayer terms.

Cost: \$85 plus \$36 for the text

ALEF IS NOT ENOUGH

Six Thursdays from 26 March (not 9 April) with Albert Bentata, 7:30 - 9 pm

Taught by a master teacher, this Hebrew course builds on the fundamentals of the beginners' course to establish a more comprehensive understanding and familiarity with the Hebrew of the prayerbook.

Cost: \$85 plus \$36 for the text

NISHMAT COL CHAI MEDITATION

Jewish meditation, chanting, discussion on first Wednesday monthly with Eva Light. Open to beginner and experienced meditators. **4 Feb**

TUESDAY TALK

3, 17 Feb, 3, 17 Mar at 12 noon

Join Rabbi Morgan on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month for an ongoing forum for lively discussion on contemporary events and issues facing the Jewish world. BYO lunch. Gold coin donation for coffee/tea and biscuits.

SHERIDAN HALL SHMOOZE

Join Rabbi Morgan on **2 February at 3:30 pm** and the first Monday of every month for an informal shmooze on the current topics of the day, at Sheridan Hall.

MEN'S GROUP

An opportunity for Jewish men to gather for discussion on issues of concern. Meeting on **15 February at 8 pm** and monthly in private homes. Contact Albert on 9555-2527 for details.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Do you want to get involved in social justice activities occasionally but don't have the time to commit to on-going activities? Email johnhillel@yahoo.com.au and he will keep you informed about what is going on and when one-off help is needed. No ongoing obligation is assumed.

Social Network

DROP IN & CHAT/CRAFT CIRCLE @ TBI

Conversation, light refreshments, BYO tabletop games or join our knitting circle. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month, **14 Jan at 10:30 am**. \$2 for refreshments.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA JEWISH SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting every six weeks or so, offers companionship, support and provides helpful information to carers. **Mondays at 7:30 - 9 pm, 2 February 2009.**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Entertainment & social interaction on the first and third Wednesday of each month. **4 February 2009** 11am to 1:30pm. \$8 includes lunch & raffle ticket.

Worship options

GESHER L'TEFILLAH @ TBI

On the second Shabbat monthly at 10 am in the Friedlander Bet Midrash, an intimate self-led gathering with Torah study instead of a sermon. Come and try! All welcome for a gentle, informal Shabbat service.

NETZER-LED MINYAN@ TBI

Netzer-led Shabbat service upstairs in the MRC on the first Friday monthly at 6:15 pm. Relaxed *kabbalat Shabbat* service, with guitar accompaniment for our brachot. Please join us **6 February**.

SHABBAT MISHPACHA

A worship experience for our young families

NOTE! We are changing dates for 2009! Mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday of each month from 14 February.

A Shabbat service geared to young children up to grade 2 and their families on Shabbat mornings, 9 -9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Join Rabbi Gevurtz in a warm and relaxed atmosphere as together we envelope our children in the richness of our prayer tradition.

VA'AD MISHPACHA

Join Va'ad Mishpacha, a group dedicated to expanding and enriching our family programming. Call Rabbi Gevurtz on 95101488 or rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au

SHABBAT ALIVE!

On the fourth erev Shabbat monthly, welcome Shabbat with drums and cymbals, guitars, singing, vibrant rhythms and the energy of our *Junior Chazzanim!* **Recommencing 27 February 2009.**

YOUNG TBI DINNERS

Add some shmooze and spice to your Shabbat experience! Join a diverse group of younger TBI members on the fourth erev Shabbat monthly for a Shabbat meal. Check Young TBI group on Facebook.No need to RSVP. **Next on 27 February 2009 with Israeli guest, Lior Zalmanson.**

NISHMAT COL CHAI JEWISH RENEWAL SERVICE

Bi-monthly Jewish Renewal services are fully participatory and lay-led, incorporating song, meditation, chanting and other modalities. All are welcome on Shabbat morning, 10 am, **28 February at TBI**

TBI FILM NIGHT

DANIEL CRAIG
DEFIANCE

The year is 1941 and the Jews of Eastern Europe are being massacred by the thousands. Managing to escape certain death, three brothers take refuge in the dense surrounding woods they have known since childhood. There they begin their desperate battle against the Nazis. At first it is all they can do to stay alive. But gradually, as whispers of their daring spreads, they begin to attract others – men and women, young and old – willing to risk everything for the sake of even a moment's freedom.

Starring Daniel Craig (Tuvia Belski), Liev Schreiber (Zus) and Jamie Bell (Asael)

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY, 6:30 PM
PALACE DENDY CINEMA, 26 CHURCH STREET, BRIGHTON
Tickets \$25 with a light supper and drinks to follow
Bookings by MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY
with Sue Silver on 9510 1488 or sue.silver@tbi.org.au

Keeping Jewish education on the list

Monica Hyams



The list made towards the end of the school holidays is ever present in this busy return to school. It demands that you

rush to pack school bags, label clothing, cover books and buy new school shoes...but where is Jewish life on that list?

It may be that the intention was to do something about a supplementary Jewish education this year and it just fell off the list. Or, maybe the Shabbat dinners at your parents' house might just have to do for another term or so because it's really chaotic getting the children back into the cycle of regular schooling let alone another venture!

MATAN is the answer to the dilemma of how you will provide the opportunity for your child to learn who they are as a Jew. MATAN runs once a week for two hours on Tuesday afternoons. We teach Hebrew and Jewish life and the sessions give the children a chance to see Judaism in a context of community.

Making a two hour session available to families after school within the Temple Beth Israel building gives the children a sense of purpose and comfort with what it means to be Jewish as they experience the ready-made social opportunity at MATAN, all together as Jews. This is a very powerful tool. They are not at school, separated from the rest of their class, with a teacher who may not be there for other students. They have a custom-built program here at TBI with staff who work with each student present and have a purpose for each child.

If you did not get a chance to join us on Sunday 1 February at TBI in the Magid Resource Centre at our registration/information morning, then please call me on 9510 1488. I'll be happy to discuss our wonderful program with you – or, turn up with your child on our first day of class. We look forward to seeing you there for coffee and bagels.

Visit the TBI website for more information on our education programs www.tbi.org.au

And the Maccabee Cup was won!



A substantial crowd of TBI members and friends gathered for the exciting play-off for the Maccabee Cup, the TBI Chanukah charity soccer match held for the second time in 2008.

The crowd cheered on the *Jew Crew* (TBI Young Adults) and the *Barmi Army* (b'nei mitzvah kids), with the *Barmi Army* proving themselves the stronger team on the day.

The cheerful crowd then went on to enjoy their picnics, the plentiful *ponchkes* (doughnuts) and general mayhem. The jumping castle was particularly popular with the younger set, and everybody had a go at the penalty shoot outs.

All money raised benefitted the *Very Special Kids* organisation, and particular thanks are due to Nicole Brown and her helpers (particularly the rest of Brown family who made up a substantial part of the *Barmi Army!*), and to all those who came along and enjoyed the day.



Bubs 'n Bagels

First and third Tuesday monthly
3 & 17 February, 3 & 17 March
10:30 – 11:30 am at Temple Beth Israel
contact rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au or call 9510-1488



LET US REJOICE

The Jewish roots of Christian feasts

An address by **Marianne Dacy PhD**
presented by The Council of Christians and Jews

22 February at 3 pm
TBI, Friedlander Bet Midrash
76 Alma Road St Kilda

Marianne is national secretary of the Australian Council of Christians and Jews. She has a Bachelor of Divinity and a doctorate from Sydney University in The Separation of Early Christianity from Judaism

Bookings: 9817 3848



Help us celebrate
the Jewish New Year of the Trees
at the TBI Tu B'Shvat Picnic

14 February at 10 am in Alma Park
by the play equipment immediately following the Shabbat Mishpacha service and kiddush

BYO family picnic brunch and picnic rug.

Questions?

Please contact Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz

At rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au

or call the Temple office 9510-1488

Smachot

RECENT BIRTHS

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

Juliette Law (granddaughter for Robert Levin, great granddaughter for Pamela Ruskin, niece for Deanna & Len Levin)

Jeremy Charlie Samuel (son of Warren & Joanne Samuel, grandson for Graeme Samuel)

Olivia Samuel (granddaughter for Graeme Samuel)

RECENT ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal tov to this recently engaged couple:

Nicolas Morris (son of Pam & Athol Morris) & **Claire Simm**

Anthony Morris (son of Pam & Athol Morris) & **Carly Ramler**

RECENT WEDDINGS

Mazal tov to these recently married couples:

Viva Tremayne & Ronnie Fink

Ylona Katz & David Teleki (son of Ros & Stephen Teleki, grandson of Agi & John Ziltzer)

FEBRUARY B'NEI MITZVAH

Mazal tov to these young members and their families, celebrating a bar or bat mitzvah:

- Natasha Cohen on 7 February
- Kane Malka on 14 February
- Sara Fink on 21 February

RECENT BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

(6 December - 31 January)

- Rebecca Balsim • Kath Cozens • Rebecca Fuerst • Tim Hall • Joshua Hipolito • Ashley Jansen • Rabbi John Levi • Alison Lilley • Remy Michelson • Evi Morawetz • Sue Morgan • Rabbi Fred Morgan • Karen Rosauer • Roger Samuel

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

(1 Jan – 22 February) Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries to:

- Alan & Esther Michael (10th) • Peter & Sharon Marcuse (15th) • Max & Pat Fink (20th) • Ross & Monica Hyams (20th) • Peter Akbiyik & Anita Marks (20th) • David & Jenny Arkles (25th) • Alon & Leora Cohen (25th) • Joseph & Aurora Douglas (25th) • Joe & Helen Chakman (30th) • Geoffrey Blick & Lorraine Weiner (30th) • Ben & Julia Krug (40th) • Robert & Helen Mark (40th) • Ross & Lyn Maver

- (40th) • Paul & Dot Nathan (40th) • Tony & Vicky Kosky (45th) • Michael & Susie Balint (50th) • Malcolm & Barbara Fredman (50th) • Morris & Freda Trytell (50th) • Norman & Sylvia Rothman (55th) • Eric & Mrs Gerda Thurin (55th) • John & Ruth Wexler (55th)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

(1 Jan – 22 February) Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday to:

- Clare Aloni • Phillip Benjamin • Carol Bentata • Emma Black • Sharonne Blum • Helene Boon • Henry Borenstein • Yakov Borovik • Lahra Carey • Braham Cohen • Marian Dobos • Thomas Dreyfus • Mary Dunn • Lotti Eisinger-Philipp • Miriam Feldheim • Beryl Feldman • Marga Finkelshtein • Helen Fisher • Michael Frajman • Jason Gerrard • David Goodman • Selwyn Greenberg • Stephen Hall • Toni Hamilton • Jane Hayman • Bella Hiler • Sian Hughes • Nathan Jacobson OBE • Daniel Jones • Diana Kahn • Henri Kalisse • Regina Kaye • Matthew Koadlow • Naomi Kolliner • Rose Lester • Vivien Lewis • Frances Lowe • Timothy Marks • Rosy Matthews • Rebecca Mendelsohn • Rikki Myers • Ilana Nahum • Janet Nicoll • Magda Niekrasz • Diana Opat • Grete Pearce • Werner Philipp • Nicole Phillips • Marion Pizer • Michael

- Precel • Jeremy Precel • Lisa Quittner • Daniel Ravech • Anne Richter • Oliver Rose • Esta Rose • Susan Rosenwax • Ruth Rozenberg • Dion Rudzki • Martha Sanders • Nitzan Schell • Gail Simons • Len Singer • Joan Snyder • Daniel Sonenberg • Susan Steinhardt • Frances Stiglec • Geoffrey Sward • Sheryl Topol • Alfred Wallis • Ruth Webster • Michael Weinstein • Russell Whytcross • Gloria Wieselmann • Emma Zipper

Bereavements

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

- **Roma Frey** (mother of Julie Frey and Betty Frey-Taylor) • **Adam Frydman** (father of Ros Kushinsky) • **Robert Heller** (husband of Stephanie Heller, father of Naomi & John) • **Gunter Lesh** (husband of Betty Lesh, father of Ron) • **Jadwiga Nadolski** • **Wladyslaw (Walter) Potaz** • **Michael Rosta** (husband of Rose Rosta, father of David & Vivienne) • **Rebecca Samuel** (mother of Charlotte Powell, Jessica Smith & Roger Samuel) • **Simon Shafer** (husband of Ellen Shafer, father of Marian Simmelmann & Bernard Shafer) • **Chester Troy** (husband of Betty Marks) • **Leonard Weile** (cousin of Keith Lenton)

TBI participates in Rye Interfaith Festival

The first-ever Rye Interfaith Festival was held on the foreshore over the weekend of 22-23 November, 2008. It included informative talks, children's events, music and dance, food and stalls representing a range of faith traditions.

Rabbi Morgan presented Judaism to a lively and fascinated audience in the series of talks on 'What is my faith?'

Monica Hyams, TBI's Education Director, led a Jewish crafts workshop in an authentic American teepee, focusing on Jewish artifacts and symbols, and other TBI members participated in a panel session on 'women and spirituality' which included Di Hirsch of the NCJW (pictured below with Rabbi Morgan and Caroline Heard of TBI). The MC in the main tent was Donna Jacobs Sife, well known story teller from Emanuel Synagogue in Sydney.

Though the Saturday program suffered from diabolical weather, the wind and hail didn't keep away the crowds; and Sunday dawned clear and sunny giving the organisers a perfect day on the Bay for the festival.



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With thanks for your generous donations received during 10 November 2008 to 19 January 2009

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In Memoriam: Gunter Lesh

The Temple Beth Israel family mourns the loss of Gunter Lesh, one of the giants of Progressive Judaism in Australia, who died 24 November 2008, aged 94.

Born in Gleiwitz, Germany, Gunter became involved in anti-Nazi activities

during the war, escaped to England and took the last ship to Australia in 1939.

Gunter gave many years of service to the Progressive community in Australia, on the synagogue, state and national level, in addition to his other Jewish communal loyalties.

A man of powerful intellect and enquiring mind, Gunter was also very caring and solicitous, with a chivalric manner and delightful sense of irony.

He is mourned by his wife, Betty, son Ronald and grandchildren James, Ethan, and Matthew.

TBI HIGH HOLYDAYS APPEAL 2008

We thank all those who so generously donated to support our community. The names of the majority of donors were published in the December edition of Temple Time and we now gratefully publish the names of donors whose donations were received after last year's publication deadline:

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