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High Holydays Issue



Focus on the family

Introducing our family-focussed innovations

ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR MISHPACHA

A High Holyday service designed for our littlest children in our main sanctuary. Through song and story we will welcome in the Jewish New Year.

Rosh Hashanah morning 19 September at 9 am
Yom Kippur morning 28 September at 9 am

HIGH HOLYDAY FAMILY SERVICES

A brand new service in our Magid Resource Centre, aimed at making the important lessons of this sacred time of year relevant to primary school aged children. This service will run parallel with our main service and we encourage parents to join their children in this family-friendly High Holy Day experience.

Rosh Hashanah morning 19 September at 10:30am
Yom Kippur morning 28 September at 10:30am

Please bring your 'Gates of Repentance' *machzor* with you to this service.

SUKKOT FAMILY CELEBRATION

The whole family joins in the fun as we create our own unique decorations for the synagogue sukkah. Separate crafts for young children and a 'graffiti wall' for our teens.

Sukkah decorating Friday 2 October from 4:30pm
Sukkot through story and song at 5:15pm
Sukkot festival family-friendly service at 6:15 pm

As a TBI member you will have received your High Holydays tickets in the mail. Please remember to bring these with you to the children's services.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT BRIAN SAMUEL

Returning for reflection

The last month has seen a tremendous amount of activity at TBI and with the High Holydays approaching the pace is set to heighten.

Sue Silver, our Community Development Officer, organized our annual luncheon with guest speaker the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Doyle. She tackled this task with her usual gusto and enthusiasm, resulting in record attendance and a full hall.

Our annual Art Auction and TWELVE Calendar Launch was held in early August. After last year's success there was always doubt as to how successful a second edition would be. Vice President Robert Hershan has been working quietly in the background with a number of enthusiastic volunteers

for several months. They were committed to developing this as an annual event. As the year progressed the concept was brought together with the assistance of TBI staff and resulted in another huge success for TBI. Attendance was much higher than last year and our final result, in excess of \$50,000, was both greater than last year and exceeded all expectations. In the midst of a recession, our TBI family has been fantastic in supporting our synagogue. Many thanks, to all the artists who kindly donated their works, the purchasers for their ongoing support and our sponsors who greatly assisted in the production of the calendar. We were delighted to have the support of The King David School, who provided the wonderful musical accompaniment for the afternoon, assisted in serving refreshments and provided an exhibition of artworks for the day.

NEW SIDUR: MISHKAN T'FILAH

Our current major fundraising project is the release, early in 2010, of our new prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. This exciting project has been many years in the preparation and finally we have developed a version that has been specifically designed for the Southern Hemisphere. You will have received a letter with your High Holyday tickets but I ask you to dig deep and help us purchase the 400 books we need for congregational use. Our tight budget does not allow us to fund this out of our regular income and we need your assistance to help us get over the line. I also encourage you to purchase a copy for use in the home as the new book has many prayers for home use.

MIZMOR SHIR

As I complete this article I have just returned from our annual *Mizmor Shir* concert. We have been fortunate to have cantorial intern Jason Kaufman visit us for the last two years. This has had the added benefit of building on the foundations established last year. I am sure you have noticed a number of new tunes introduced at various services due to his efforts, bringing a fresh approach to our liturgy. The

concert was an outstanding success and demonstrated the wealth of talent that exists in our TBI family. The concert was an uplifting experience. If you were unable to attend you will have the opportunity to experience some of these changes in our forthcoming High Holyday services.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Our Va'ad, or executive, meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 am. This is no easy task for some in the middle of winter but we have had a very full schedule over the last six months. With the change in management at senior level it has given us the opportunity to review our administration and make changes where required.

We have focused on administration, fundraising and the new *Mishkan T'filah* as the key topics in addition to the dozens of small challenges that crop up on a daily basis. Over the transition period we have assisted our new Executive Manager. As he is settling into the role we are now directing him to implement on his own so we can devote more time to the bigger issues. It is a fantastic experience working with both Board members and our smaller Va'ad team. It amazes me the wealth of knowledge that we can draw upon at the drop of a phone call or email. That must be one of the great advantages of a large congregation.

On behalf of the Board of management I would like to wish you and your whole family a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year. *Shanah Tovah* and I look forward to catching up with you once again during the *Yom Tovim*.

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How are 'WE' doing?

New York's former Jewish mayor, Ed Koch, was well-known for going walk about the streets of the city, asking passersby, 'How am I doing?' Having just completed my first three months at TBI, I am inclined to ask the question, 'How are we doing?' We meaning our TBI community of approximately 2,500 individuals.



As executive manager of the largest Progressive synagogue in Australasia, I do not take lightly my mission of supporting our many current activities,

whilst being part of a management team helping to build and navigate our future together. When friends ask me, 'So how is the new job going?' my immediate response is, 'what I do at TBI is something more than a "job"!

MY FIRST THREE MONTHS

I thought you might like to know what I have been up to during my first three months.

Essentially, this has been time spent getting familiar with the basic programs, processes and staff tasks that make TBI run. An important part of this is our administrative arm. Briefly, our admin team members are:

- Rhonda Nirens serves as Executive Director of Bet Olam, Executive Assistant to the rabbis as well as overseeing management of our premises (including caretaking, maintenance and event set up), the High Holydays portfolio – no small task – in addition to other key areas.

- Karyn Hall and Claire Neville share the reception desk, answering members' questions, and supporting Monica Hyams, our Education Director.

- Jana Urbach and Oonagh Thomas handle the bookkeeping, finances and membership database

- Zoi Juvris is our communications/publications professional, working on all aspects of this portfolio (including informing me that this article must contain no more than 800 words – thus far, 285 words and counting...)

- Sue Silver runs Community Events and is responsible for organising TBI's successful fundraising and social events, the breakfasts, luncheons, film nights and the upcoming TBI Trivia Night planned for December.

In addition to the above staff, there is our Volunteer Leadership. It has been a privilege to meet some incredible volunteers, such as Dot Nathan, Lou Paykel, Edna May and many others, who are the glue that keeps our community activities going with a warmth and friendliness that glows. I have mentioned only a few names but there are so many others. To those other wonderful volunteers whose names I've not mentioned (you know who you are), I take my yarmulke off to you all, and I will be sure to include more names the next time I report! Our Board of Management also consists entirely of volunteers of the highest professional calibre, often giving generously of their personal time and resources to drive key TBI programs.

Whilst my role is to ensure that our day-to-day activities take place without a hitch, I also play a role on the management team that works to chart the strategic direction for our community's future. This is very exciting work because it allows us to imagine and re-imagine how we might build on the greatness that TBI currently possesses to serve all of you for years to come.

Finally, my first three-month briefing would be incomplete without mentioning my experiences at Erev Shabbat and Shabbat Shacharit services. My wife and I are avid shul-goers, plain and simple. We find that shul is a magical place for connecting, both with each other and with our fellow Jewish brothers and sisters. My strong belief is that we live in a very spiritually hungry world. A positive shul experience is one important way of satisfying this hunger. TBI's ongoing commitment to a brilliant rabbinic staff and truly emerging music program, consisting of our great musicians and choirs, will keep our spiritual flame alive *L'dor va dor*, from generation to generation.

A few paragraphs ago, I mentioned the exciting business of creating our future, of building a *kehillah* that meets all members' needs. This is a process that must take into account the desires of all members. As we move through the period of the High Holydays, over the next several months, my goal, quite simply, is to get to know

many, if not each and every one of you. We'll figure out the best way to make this happen: meeting at *kiddush* after services; by my joining you at your activities and programs; through our visits together in the TBI office; perhaps through some 'town hall' style meetings. We'll also be sending out an internet e-survey which you might care to respond to.

Of course, always feel free to ring me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. My contact details are 9510-1488 in the office or mobile 0405 471 791.

Hoping to meet you all soon. L'Shana Tovah to you and your families!

ART FEINMAN
EXECUTIVE MANAGER

TBI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Eighth Annual General Meeting
of Temple Beth Israel Inc.
(79th AGM of Temple Beth Israel)
will take place on
Sunday, 25 October, 2009 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 7th 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 08/09 financial statement are available from the office)
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 appoint auditors for the 2009/2010 financial year
8. To appoint Honorary lawyers for the ensuing year.
9. To consider any other business as may be properly transacted at the AGM.

Board nomination forms available from the office

Yamim Nora'im 5770 Services

All our services will take place in the Main Sanctuary unless otherwise indicated.

SELICHOT	
Saturday 12 September	9.00 pm

ANNUAL VUPJ MEMORIAL SERVICE	
Sunday 13 September	3.00 pm
Jewish Memorial Gardens, Botanical Cemetery, Springvale (Necropolis).	

EREV ROSH HASHANAH	
Friday 18 September	6.00 pm

ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY	
Saturday 19 September	
Mishpacha service (toddlers – 7 year olds)	9 – 9.45 am
Shacharit (main morning service)	10.30 am
Family Shacharit service	
(8 – 12 year olds) in MRC	10:30 – approx 12 pm
- <i>BYO Gates of Repentance!</i>	

ROSH HASHANAH 2ND DAY	
Sunday 20 September	
Shacharit	10.00 am
Tashlich (Elwood Life Saving Club)	approx. 1.00 pm

EREV SHABBAT SHUVAH	
Friday 25 September	6.15 pm

SHABBAT SHUVAH	
Saturday 26 September	10.00 am

KOL NIDRE	
Sunday 27 September	7.00 pm

YOM KIPPUR	
Monday 28 September	
Mishpacha service (toddlers – 7 year olds)	9 – 9.45 am
Shacharit	10.30 am
Family Shacharit service	
(8 – 12 year olds) in MRC	10:30 – approx 12 pm
- <i>BYO Gates of Repentance!</i>	
Minchah	approx 2.00 pm
Ne'ilah	approx 6.00 pm
Fast concludes at 7.00 pm	

EREV SUKKOT	
Friday 2 October	
Sukkah decorating & graffiti wall	4.30 pm
Singing & story time	5.30 pm
Shabbat & Festival service	6.15 pm

SUKKOT	
Saturday 3 October	10.00 am

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	
Friday 9 October	6.15 pm

SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH	
Saturday 10 October	10.00 am

Please be sure to bring your copy of Gates of Repentance if you have one at home. Copies are also available for purchase from the TBI office. There will be no machzorim available at services as demand exceeds capacity.

TACKLING PEACE

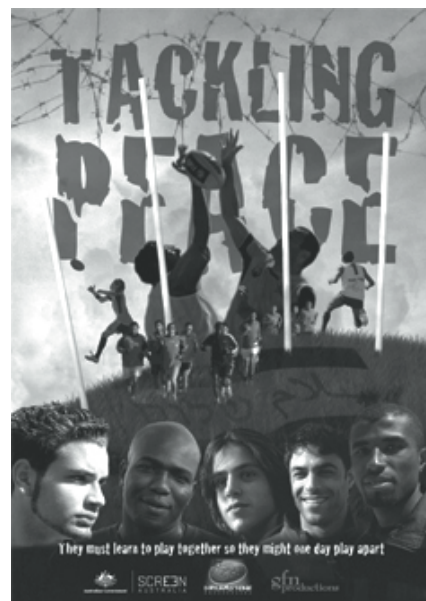
SELICHOT INNOVATION

Selichot presents an opportunity for reflection and preparation as we enter the High Holy Days period. This year, we will commence Selichot with a film screening

'Tackling Peace', narrated by Hugo Weaving, is the inspirational story of Israeli and Palestinian youths who unite over the game of Australian football. The film features legendary footballers Kevin Sheehan, Ron Barassi and Robert 'Dipper' DiPierdomenico. It had its premier at the opening night of this year's AICE Australian Film Festival in Jerusalem.

The Peace Team is an initiative of the not-for-profit Peres Centre for Peace, which works towards peace in the middle east.

Join us on Saturday 12 September at 9 pm for the screening and discussion followed by a brief worship service.



Operation: Honey Cake

How about involving the children in the creation of a sweet New Year? Share this fantastic honey cake recipe and rope them in to make it with you. They can proudly serve it to guests and enjoy it throughout the High Holydays season.

Bella's traditional Polish honey cake (with some inspired modifications by Frances)

INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 2 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 2 tbspcocoa
- 1/2 grated apple
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 500 g honey
- 1 1/2 cups self raising flour
- 1 cup oil
- 1 cup water
- pinch salt
- 1 tbspc grated orange rind

METHOD

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, gradually add the sugar. Add honey and continue beating, then the oil, grated apple and orange rind, mixing in well.

Dissolve cocoa in the cup of water. Add the sifted flour gradually, alternating with the cocoa so the mixture doesn't stiffen up. Add walnuts and mix well.

Pour the batter into a large, square cake tin, well-oiled and lined with baking paper. Bake in a low to moderate oven for approximately 1 3/4 hours. Test the cake by skewering with a toothpick; it should come out clean, nice and easy.

Allow to cool.

This is a lovely, moist cake that keeps very well (for weeks!) if wrapped in greaseproof paper and then foil. Can even be frozen!

The kids will be very proud of themselves.

- MONICA HYAMS



ROSH HASHANAH
AND YOM KIPPUR

Statistics, Teshuvah and the Days of Awe

I'd like to thank Professor Andrew Markus of the Centre for Jewish Civilisation at Monash University and a member of TBI.

Professor Markus took the trouble to stop by my office recently to share with me some of the results of the Jewish Community Survey that his team conducted last year. The full results and analysis will be published shortly, and you'll want to keep an eye out for it. In the meantime, I know you'll be interested to see a few of the statistics bearing on the religious life of our community.

The survey asked respondents for their affiliation and then cross-referenced their affiliations with various questions relating to their religious behaviour and attitudes. It relied on people to identify themselves as 'Strictly Orthodox', 'Modern Orthodox', 'Conservative', 'Traditional', 'Progressive', or 'Secular'.

By far the largest number of respondents, 1774 (as compared to 678 Progressive, 918 Modern Orthodox, 1031 Secular), identified themselves as 'Traditional'. I imagine that we have to understand this label in the sense described in the recent study of Australian Jewry, *New Under the Sun*: 'traditional Orthodox non-practicing...for whom being Jewish is first and foremost a matter of ethnic rather than religious identity' (p.7). This definition is borne out by the responses: the 'traditional' category had the lowest level of synagogue attendance apart from 'Secular', it is high in Jewish friendships and declaration of Zionism though politically very divided over the Israeli settlements. There are significant differences in these regards between 'Modern Orthodox' and 'Traditional'.

Our main interest is with the Progressive stance (it is pleasing to see this label used, in place of the more parochial and archaic 'reform' or 'liberal' labels; 'Progressive' ties us in with the regional and world bodies of which we are a constituent). Here are some basic percentages, rounded off to 5%. 30% under Progressive attend synagogue once or more per month. Though virtually none look for kosher certification when they shop, 40% do observe some degree of *kashrut* (by comparison, 65% of Traditional and 20% of Secular keep some degree of *kashrut*).

To the question, 'being Jewish is a central or significant element of my life,' 75% of Progressive respondents answered in the

affirmative (almost the same percentage as Conservative; the Secular response is 45%). 65% of Progressive respondents observe Friday evenings with their families most weeks, about the same that have a great or moderate connection to Jewish communal life. Less than half indicated that nearly all their close friends are Jewish (compared with 95% Strictly Orthodox, 75% Modern Orthodox, 40% Secular). Views on intermarriage differ significantly among groups: 40% of Progressive respondents view intermarriage with 'much' or 'some' regret; 60% of Conservative respondents and 70% of Traditional respondents view intermarriage with regret.

A commitment to Zionism is strong across all the groups, at 75% among Progressives and much higher percentages among Modern, Conservative and Traditional groupings (Secular is 65%). 70% of Progressive respondents 'feel special alarm' if and when Israel is endangered. In the politi-

cal sphere, 40% of Progressive respondents feel that all or most of the West Bank settlements should be dismantled in the pursuit of peace, while 15% oppose the dismantling of any or a few settlements, percentages equal to Secular respondents. (Traditional and Conservative respondents are more equally divided, Modern Orthodox are also conflicted at 20% in favour of dismantling and 45% opposed; only the Strictly Orthodox are fully opposed to dismantling with 80% polling opposition).

Finally, 40% of Progressives volunteer once or more per month, a percentage virtually equal to all other groups.

There are many ways to interpret this data and I am looking forward to seeing Professor Markus' analysis. The statistics are pretty bare until we bring some kind of interpretation to them. Undoubtedly they will be useful for public analysis of our community's strengths, needs and future directions. On a more personal level

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Ask the rabbi

A QUESTION: Why don't Orthodox and Conservative congregations outside Israel observe two days of Yom Kippur?

A RABBI ANSWERS:

Most of us are aware that outside of the Land of Israel it is customary for Orthodox and Conservative communities to observe two days of the major festivals.

This practice emerged from the uncertainty of judging when the festivals should occur in ancient times because, in those days, the calendar had to be proclaimed through eyewitness testimony to a rabbinic court in Jerusalem about the arrival of a new moon. Despite the fact that for some two thousand years we have not had to rely on eyewitness accounts but rather on mathematical rules to work out our calendars, the custom of two-day festivals has persisted. Most congregations in the Progressive Movement, including TBI, follow the practice in the State of Israel and observe only one day of festivals (except for Rosh Hashanah which is observed for two days even in Israel due to a custom dating to the late Middle Ages).

But what about Yom Kippur? Shouldn't Orthodox and Conservative Jews living in the Diaspora observe it for two days?

This is not such a silly question. According to some accounts, the great Medieval kabbalist, Isaac Luria in Sfat introduced a second day of Yom Kippur and some pious Jews in the Middle Ages observed Yom Kippur for two consecutive days. According to the Talmud (B. Rosh Hashanah 21a) Rabba fasted for two days because of uncertainty about which day had been fixed by the court in Jerusalem.

Thankfully most rabbis throughout history have opposed observing a second day of Yom Kippur. They reasoned that fasting for two days would place an unacceptable burden on individuals. Ultimately common sense prevailed.

Operation: See the world from God's perspective



It's sometimes hard for kids to grasp the concept of perceiving the world from someone else's point of view or to understand the impact their actions have on other people. We are all firmly embedded within our own paradigm and stepping outside this, having empathy for a view beyond one's own experience, can be difficult even for adults.

And yet, being able to see someone else's perspective is an important element of empathy and sincere capacity for repentance.

Starting on the first Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah, we begin to recite the daily selichot service, a series of penitential prayers that overlap in form, theme and content with sections of the High Holyday liturgy. One of the sections that is repeated many times is the passage in which Moses asks God for permission to 'see' God face to face:

Ex. 33:18-23: He [Moses] said [to God],

'Oh, let me behold Your Presence!' And He answered, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you... But you cannot see My face, for man may not see Me and live.' And the LORD said, 'See, there is a place near Me. Station yourself on the rock and, as My Presence passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and shield you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you will see My back; but My face must not be seen.'

The mystery in this story lies in what Moses actually sees. The Torah did not mean to imply that God takes a literal human form. Rather, God gives Moses a glimpse of the world by looking over God's shoulder; in other words, Moses sees the world from a place outside his own paradigm. Elul is about trying to understand the impact that our actions have on other people. Perhaps when Moses says, 'Let me behold Your Presence,' God's response isn't about literally seeing God from Moses' perspective, but

affording Moses the opportunity to see the world from God's perspective.

A FAMILY EXPERIMENT

Your family can play a game. Take turns looking over each other's shoulders. If your family members have significant height differences, pick each other up or stand on chairs to get higher, or bend down to get lower. Lie down on the grass and see the world perspective of the ants; follow around your pet dog or baby sister by crawling. What do you see now that you couldn't before?

Now think back to someone you are asking forgiveness from, or someone you need to forgive. Is there something you are not seeing because you are too stubborn to look at the situation from their perspective?

- MONICA HYAMS

Statistics, Teshuvah and the Days of Awe *continued*

I imagine that each of us is challenged to locate ourselves within the percentages. By reflecting on these statistics and seeing ourselves within them, perhaps we can form a deeper relationship with our Judaism. All we have to do is rephrase each heading as a question to ourselves: how often do I attend synagogue? When I'm in shul, do I really participate in the worship? How well do I observe the basic *mitzvot* of my religion? Does it matter to me that I am Jewish, and how would others see me expressing this? Am I truly involved with the life of my community? Do I actively engage with Israel? Am I generous with my time and resources in helping others?

I am aware that we have entered the solemn month of Elul, during which the shofar is sounded every morning. We are quickly approaching the *Yamim Noraim* or 'Days of Awe', a period of heightened religious awareness and *teshuvah*, a time of 'returning' to a more Godly way of behaving, an opportunity to allow ourselves to be touched more profoundly by our Judaism.

It is also a welcome opportunity to

acknowledge the goodness within us, the deeds of compassion and *chesed* or 'loving kindness' that we've performed during the year past, the many times that we've supported others in our community and allowed ourselves to be supported by them. All of these moments of acknowledgement and 'returning' can help us to get the most out of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

There is much talk of spirituality these days. Judaism offers us a whole menu of spiritual exercises to tap into over the Days of Awe. They can take us beyond the bare statistics of our lives and into our very souls as Jews, enlivening us spiritually and making us better people for it.

Sue and I send you our very best wishes for a new year filled with goodness and happiness, peace and promise – *l'shanah tovah tikateyvu!*

-- RABBI FRED MORGAN



SUKKAH DECORATING

Friday 2 October

mums, dads, grandparents and kids of all ages are invited to our annual Sukkot celebration

4:30 pm

Sukkah decorating
& graffiti wall

5:30 pm

Singing and story time

6:15 pm

Shabbat and festival service



Sukkot, The Season of our Rejoicing

As soon as that first morsel of honey cake hits our lips as Yom Kippur comes to a close, and we feel a sense of renewed energy and strength, our eyes lift up and we set our sights on what lays ahead.

Even as our souls are still filled with the quiet awe of the holiest of days, something within begins to shift. There is a lifting, a lightness, a joy that slowly seeps in. And so it is that we move from the Days of Awe to the Days of Joy. As the full moon of Tishrei brightens the night sky so, too, does the festival of Sukkot, *Z'man Simchateinu*, the Season of our Rejoicing, brighten the Jewish heart.

We read in the Torah: 'After the ingathering from your threshing floor and your vat, you shall hold the Feast of Booths for seven days. You shall rejoice in your festival...for the Eternal, your God will bless all your crops and all your undertakings, and you shall have nothing but joy, (Deuteronomy 16).

It is clear that in ancient times the abundant joy that was felt on this festival was intimately wrapped up with the harvest time of the year. As our ancestors gathered in the produce that would feed their families through the upcoming winter season, they were overcome with a sense of joy for the sustenance before them. As the majority of us have moved away from a daily agricultural connection to the land, we must now search deeper to find the reason for our joy in Sukkot. What is it about Sukkot that brings joy to the modern Jewish heart?

The Chassidic master, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk offers us insight into Sukkot, teaching that a sense of joyfulness naturally follows as a by-product of holiness. Therefore after Yom Kippur, when we are cleansed of sin and sanctified, we are filled with joy as we celebrate Sukkot.

According to this teaching, the joy we feel on Sukkot comes about as a result of the work that we do during the Days of Awe; the work of deep reflection, soul searching and finally repentance. When we truly engage ourselves and our loved ones in this process of t'shuvah, of returning to the good path, then we ready ourselves for the fullness of rejoicing on Sukkot.

Sukkot, then becomes a time of rejoicing in the goodness that we have rediscovered during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. A time of rejoicing in the sparks

of goodness we have reconnected to within ourselves. A time of rejoicing in the goodness we have actively decided to cultivate within our relationships. A time of rejoicing in God, the Eternal source of goodness in the world that gives us the strength to work toward a day when all God's creatures share in that goodness.

May the soulful work that we do through the Days of Awe create a space within us all experience the blessing of this festival of Sukkot, as we learn in the Torah, "And you shall have nothing but joy".

RABBI RAYNA GEVURTZ

The Talmud teaches: "aiding the poor and feeding the hungry weighs as heavily as all the other commandments of the Torah."

MAZON

On Rosh Hashanah morning you will receive a MAZON MITZVAH BAG.

Please return it FILLED with non-perishable goods for distribution to those in need. Go shopping for the hungry and take your children or grandchildren with you to the supermarket for a valuable Jewish lesson.

Please do not bring opened goods or past use-by-date items.

Ask the rabbi

A READER HAS ASKED: What equipment do I need and how do I make a sukkah this year?

A RABBI HAS RESPONDED:

I must say that I am not a carpenter-rabbi type. I'm happier with putting together flat-packed Ikea furniture and leaving more complicated things to the experts. But making a sukkah does not have to be complicated. The basic rules are as follows: A sukkah should be a temporary dwelling built out in the open, not inside a house (unless the house has a retractable roof) or under a tree.

The number of walls required is conveyed by the Hebrew letters that make the word Sukkah. *Samech* ס (four walls), *Kaf* כ (three walls) and *Hey* ה (two walls and part of a third). The sukkah can't be less than about a metre tall (few people could get into it to fulfill the mitzvah!) or more than 10 metres tall (then it would need to be so sturdy that it would be defined as a permanent dwelling).

The walls can be made out of any material that does not have an offensive odour and will last at least seven days under normal weather conditions. The

roof is composed of *sekhakh* that should be loose enough so that you can see stars through it at night and close enough together so that there is good shade from the sun during the day. The *sekhakh* should be made from plant material that grows from the ground but is now detached (vines are not ok). The *sekhakh* also needs to be able to last pretty well intact for the week and to not have an offensive odour – in Melbourne most people use palm fronds or bamboo. Once the basic structure is up it's important to decorate the sukkah to make it an enjoyable place to be. Some local hardware stores sell sukkot 'kits' and other places sell tent-like sukkot with easy instructions to put them together.

Whatever you do make sure you don't forget to have fun! I just wish Ikea would sell them...

RABBI GERSH ZYLBERMAN

Simchat Torah: a brief guide

Simchat Torah, the festival of ‘Rejoicing with the Torah’, is a relatively modern creation as Jewish celebrations go.

It began in the Diaspora in the Medieval period, perhaps seven or eight centuries ago, as an ingenious and joyful way to celebrate the additional (second) day of Shemini-Atzeret, ‘the eighth day of completion’ which concludes the festival of Sukkot. Coming at the end of the long period of introspection and prayer, Simchat-Torah is a cathartic release of exuberance and energy focused on the Torah.

Unlike Shavuot, the festival that marks the giving of Torah at Sinai, Simchat-Torah is orientated entirely around the reading of the Torah in the synagogue. It is the day on which we complete our annual reading through the scroll of Torah at the end of the Book of Deuteronomy and start reading afresh at the beginning of Genesis. By immediately beginning a new cycle of readings, we show our incessant devotion to Torah as the foundation of Jewish life. And by parading and dancing with the scrolls, we show our pleasure in being the inheritors of Torah: ‘This is the Torah given us through Moses, the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.’

Many synagogues, TBI among them, move from the end of Torah to the beginning by unrolling the entire scroll around the perimeter of the main sanctuary. The scroll is held aloft by members of the congregation while the rabbis and scholars move from section to section, pointing out to participants which part of Torah they are holding. This is a highlight of Simchat-Torah for many of us. It is a remarkable feeling to be surrounded by the entire Torah, the story of our people, unfurled before us.

Torah is often described metaphorically as a *ketubah*, the marriage contract between God and the Jewish people. It is not surprising that the imagery of marriage enters into Simchat-Torah. As the children are given an aliyah for the final reading of the morning, the seventh day of creation (God’s rest on Shabbat), adults hold a *tallit* over them to symbolise the *chuppah* that weds them to Jewish tradition, while the entire congregation joins them in reciting the *brachah*: Blessed is the Holy One who gives Torah to the people Israel.

The congregation also honours members who have given above and beyond what is normally expected or hoped for, and

they are given the titles *Chatan (and Kallat) Torah* and *Chatan (and Kallat) Bereishit*, bridegrooms (and brides) of Torah and of Genesis. These are the highest honours that a community can bestow; but those honoured in this way are treated with a fair degree of gentle humour, like carnival kings and queens. Any potential seriousness or pomposity in the day is overtaken by

simchah, celebration and delight.

Simchat-Torah is most successful when it is a real party, a true rejoicing with the Torah. And once the party is done, we’re ready to move on through another year of synagogue experiences as we make our journey yet again, Shabbat after Shabbat, from Genesis through to Deuteronomy.

- RABBI FRED MORGAN



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.

CHATAN TORAH: ROBERT HERSHAN



We honour Robert Hershman as our Chatan Torah for his service to TBI and to the wider community over many years. Robert never stands on ceremony,

he pitches in when he can. His devotion to TBI is unstinting and his period as Vice-President has been especially significant, advising the Va’ad and helping to bring many of its initiatives to fruition, one of which is the TWELVE calendar. Robert truly believes in TBI and what it stands for.

KALLAT TORAH: SHERYL TOPOL



Sheryl Topol has involved herself in the TBI community in very practical ways. She sings in our choirs, teaches in our MATAN program and participates

in the vital work of preparing our b’nei mitzvah students. She has enthusiastically participated in many past productions of our Purim spiels and always demonstrates her support for TBI and what it stands for. We are proud to honour her as Kallat Torah this year.

CHATAN BEREISHIT: ROGER MENDELSON



Roger has served the community with distinction as President and played a major role in advising the Va’ad, encouraging us to move into new territory, to trust our visions and to

take whatever risks are necessary to move TBI into the next chapter of its proud story. At times his moral support has been as valuable as his practical support. Roger’s devotion to TBI makes it appropriate that he receive the honour of Kallat Bereshit.

KALLAT BERESHIT: SUE MENDELSON



Our Kallat Bereshit, Sue Mendelson, always has a smile and a kind word to everyone you interact with. From the many, many school groups that she has spoken to and represented TBI,

her support and encouragement during Roger’s presidency, to her quiet involvement in so many other aspects of Temple life that are just too numerous to mention, Sue’s contribution deserves accolade and recognition.

Mizmor Shir

TBI'S CONCERT CELEBRATION OF JEWISH LITURGICAL MUSIC

On Sunday 16 August 2009, more than 300 people celebrated TBI's third annual concert of Jewish liturgical music.

All the choirs and soloists in our community came together under the inspired directorship of cantorial intern Jason Kaufman to perform a breathtaking array of Jewish music from across the world and across many traditions.

The singers were accompanied by Joe Stupel, organ, Eli Firestone & Rabbi Gersh Zylberman, keyboard.

Photos courtesy Jeff Nirens



Farewell and thank you

Dear TBI members

I write this letter to you just a few hours before I board my plane bound for New York City. My emotions are strong and conflicted as I say goodbye to all of you. I am excited to get back home, see my friends and family and get back to school. However, I am devastatingly saddened to say goodbye to the incredible internship experience of the past ten weeks.

'We walk sightless among miracles,' we read in Gates of Prayer on Shabbat morning. I certainly can be guilty of this sightlessness. Please let us never be sightless in seeing how wonderful the TBI community is.

I have been welcomed with open arms by this congregation and all of the other VUPJ constituents which I served. I have taught numerous classes, arranged workshops and directed choir after choir. Yet, for all I have attempted to give, I have received more than you could possibly imagine. I have learned about teamwork, about generosity and about the commitment and drive that motivates the hearts and minds of the TBI community. At the Mizmor Shir concert I learned how much people can achieve when they truly commit to a task. The concert brought a level of professionalism and musical achievement so high it rivals any other synagogue that I can think of.

To the countless people who have gone out of their way to welcome me here in Australia, and make me at home at TBI, thank you. You have given me an experience that I will always cherish. I hope to treat others with the same generosity and love.

Many of you have been asking where I'm headed. Shortly after returning to New York, I will begin a new internship at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah (CBST) in NYC. CBST is a GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) synagogue for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations. I believe that the future of the Jewish people is dependent on utilising, welcoming, and honouring all expressions God's creation. I therefore feel tremendously honoured to be joining a synagogue whose mission is to create a deeply spiritual community that is devoted to welcoming the entire spectrum of Jewish life.

Should any of you be in New York City in the upcoming year, please feel welcomed to celebrate Shabbat with me.

I wish you all a beautiful, healthy, and happy New Year. Keep singing and keep bringing beauty into the world.

SINCERELY, JASON KAUFMAN



Jason scuba-diving for the first time on the Great Barrier Reef.



SIMCHAT TORAH SHEMINI ATZERET

Friday 9 October, 6:15 pm

Dance with the Scrolls, sing loudly with the kids, enjoy refreshments and rejoice in Torah with Hakafot.

Saturday 10 October

9 am Mispachah service

10 am Help unwind the Scroll, sing the Hallel psalms, celebrate with Chatanim & Kallot, rejoice in Torah with Hakafot, shower the kids with sweets



Photos courtesy Jeff Nirens




TWELVE Calendar launch & Art Auction exceeds expectations

More than 300 people attended on 2 August, in the presence of the Patron, Dr Joseph Brown, AO OBE ^{צ"ח}. After brief addresses by KDS Principal Michele Bernshaw, Liz Beattie MP, and Rabbi Fred Morgan, the Auction was launched by artist Peter Churcher and conducted with charm and aplomb by professional auctioneer Gary Peer.

Eighteen original works of art were successfully auctioned and carried off by very happy purchasers and the target of \$50,000 was reached. The funds raised will go towards the purchase of a mini-bus to be used for Social Justice and Caring Community projects and activities.





The magnificent full-colour art calendar TWELVE, is the perfect gift for Rosh Hashanah instead of flowers or chocolates, or as a souvenir for overseas or interstate visitors.

Copies are available for purchase from the TBI office for \$25 a copy. Mail order available. Call on 9510-1488 or purchase copies from The Jewish Museum of Australia Gold's Judaica Shop, The Sunflower Bookshop and a number of bookshops in Caulfield, Toorak, Malvern and Brighton.

Call us on 9510-1488 to enquire about distribution!



Limmud at TBI

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



HEBREW CLASSES: ALEF ISN'T ENOUGH

Intermediate Hebrew classes with Albert Bentata.

Building on the fundamentals to establish a more comprehensive understanding. Call 9510-1488 for starting dates of the next course.

MEN'S GROUP

An opportunity for Jewish men to gather for discussion on issues of concern. Meeting monthly in private homes, on **13 September at 8 pm**. Contact Albert on 9555-2527 for details.

NISHMAT COL CHAI MEDITATION

Jewish meditation, chanting, discussion on first Wednesday monthly with Eva Light in her home. Open to beginner and experienced meditators. **Contact Eva Light on literate@bigpond.com for details.**

WORSHIP OPTIONS @ TBI

GESHER L'TEFILLAH

On the second Shabbat monthly at 9:45 am in the Magid Resource Centre, an intimate self-led gathering with Torah study instead of a sermon. All welcome. **10 Oct (not in Sep due to High Holydays).**

NETZER-LED MINYAN

Netzer-led Shabbat service in the MRC on the first Friday monthly at 6:15 pm. Relaxed *kabbalat Shabbat* with guitar accompaniment. Join us **2 Oct**.

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!* **25 Sep.**

SHABBAT MISHPACHA

A Shabbat service geared to young children up to grade 2 and their families on the second Saturday of each month. Shabbat mornings, 9-9:30 am in the Sanctuary with Rabbi Rayna Gevurtz. **12 Sep, 10 Oct.**

YOUNG TBI DINNERS

Join a diverse group of younger TBI members on the fourth erev Shabbat monthly for a Shabbat meal. **23 Oct (not in Sep due to High Holydays).** Check Young TBI group on Facebook.

LIMMUD ON SUNDAYS

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

PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLYDAYS

6 & 13 September with Rabbi Gersh Zylberman

Two sessions of spiritual and textual preparation for the High Holydays.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ON: CHANGES IN JEWISH THINKING ABOUT GOD/TORAH/ISRAEL'

Three sessions, 15, 22 & 29

November with Rabbi Fred Morgan



Explore some of the major areas of Jewish thought in greater depth. Judaism's approaches to these three themes, God, Torah and Israel, have undergone substantial changes over the past quarter century, and a glance at the book *New Under the Sun: Jewish Australians on Religion, Politics & Culture*, shows that we are still far from a common understanding today.

ONGOING LIMMUD OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY TALK

No sessions in September. Recommencing on 6 October at 12 noon

Join Rabbi Morgan on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month for lively discussion on contemporary events in the Jewish world. BYO lunch. Gold coin for refreshments.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

A fascinating 12-month journey through Jewish history, culture, ethics and religion. Next intake in January 2010.

Entry is by interview with a rabbi only. If you are interested in participating in the coming intake, please call the office now to make a date to see one of the rabbis.

Tel. 9510-1488

SHERIDAN HALL SHMOOZE

Join Rabbi Morgan on the first Monday of every month at 2 pm for an informal shmooze on the current topics of the day, at Sheridan Hall. Non-residents are welcome to participate, at 6 Northcote Avenue, Caulfield. **7 Sep, 5 Oct**

COFFEE & CHAT WITH THE RABBI

Weekly on Tuesdays during the Matan teaching term at 4:30 pm.

Stop by TBI on your way home from work or school, or stay after dropping off your kids to Matan classes. Chat with the rabbis about current events, shul activities, religious issues or whatever is on your mind. No cost, refreshments available.

HEBREW CLASSES: ALEF ISN'T TOUGH

Beginners' Hebrew with Karen Rosauer.

A basic understanding of Hebrew word structures and an elementary vocabulary of key prayer terms. Call 9510-1488 for starting dates of the next course.

ARZA Chairman honoured in Israel

TBI Board member and ARZA Chairman, Ian Samuel, was awarded a special plaque at a surprise lunch organised in his honour by the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

The lunch, attended by WUPJ staff, including WUPJ Vice-President Rabbi Joel Oseran and Chief of Operations, Shai Pinto, was to acknowledge and thank Ian for his tireless work on behalf of Israel and, in particular, his fundraising efforts.

'We are extremely grateful to Ian, and to the Australian donors to the UIA Progressive Trust,' said Pinto 'They set the standard for the rest of the Jewish world.'

Ian Samuel, who was in Israel representing Australia at the Va'ad Hapoel, said that he was thrilled and surprised by the award. 'I really appreciate the gift but I am not a one-man band. The real appreciation must go to the people who make their annual donation to the Progressive Trust. It is my hope that many more of them will visit Israel and will see how their generosity is turned into dynamic programs and practical assistance for refugees and the most vulnerable members of Israeli society. The work of the IMPJ is the embodiment of the principles of Judaism, learning, work and Tikkun Olam. I know that the donors and volunteers who see the activities will be delighted to know that their generosity is used so efficiently and effectively.'

'My satisfaction derives from seeing the wonderful work of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, which receives our funds via the WUPJ.' Said Samuel "They really are changing the face of Israeli society by providing outstanding services to refugees and migrants, as well as challenging the stranglehold that the ultra-orthodox elements have on so many aspects of daily life.'

'Recent successes by the Israel Religious Action Centre, part of the IMPJ, include the High Court decision that the same level of funding that is given to Orthodox conversions should go to Progressive and Conservative conversions. We are now awaiting the decision regarding the claim by Rabbi Miri Gold to receive the same Government salary that is received by each Orthodox rabbi.'

'We are hopeful that this case will also be successful as it will mean that all of our funds can go directly to the absorption services for refugees instead of the current situation where part is used to support the

work of the rabbis in caring for the refugees and migrants.'

- STEVE DENENBERG
UPJ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Right: Ian Samuel accepts the award plaque for his work on behalf of Israel, particularly his fundraising efforts.



PROGRESSIVE JEWISH CULTURAL FUND

Who is it? What is it? and is it good for the Jews?

The Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund (PJCF) is a cultural fund of which Rabbi Morgan, Jack Bock, Michael Lawrence, Roger Mendelson and Lorraine Topol are the current Trustees.

The Fund's Charter is to promote the cultural, creative, artistic and liturgical attributes of Jewish endeavours and Jewish cultural heritage in Australia and other countries.

For these purposes, the Fund is able to conduct seminars and lectures and educational programs for the public, or undertake research into all forms of Jewish cultural heritage, design, literature, music, arts and liturgical language.

The Fund is able to establish and maintain Cultural Centres to further the purposes of the Trust and to establish scholarships and bursaries or award prizes in respect of the study of Jewish literature, design, music, arts, crafts and cultural heritage.

The Trustees meet from time to time, and consider applications which are made for programs and charitable public purposes which, if consistent with the criteria expressed above, are eligible for commissioning or promotion.

The Fund is also permitted to house visual arts and possibly its most significant contribution to Progressive Jewish Culture through visual art is the acquisition of the beautiful stained glass windows created by David Wright which adorn many of the windows at Temple Beth Israel.

The Fund is amongst the organizations registered as a Cultural Organization by the Federal Department of the Environment,

Water, Heritage and the Arts. Additionally, the PJCF has the endorsement of the Australian Taxation Office as an authorized Deductible Gift Recipient.

Accordingly, the fund raising and expenditure activities of the Cultural Fund are tightly controlled by various Government instrumentalities. Indeed, a full report of the activities of the Fund must be furnished to the Registrar of Cultural organizations on a biannual basis. So long as the Fund complies with the rigorous regulatory program, we are pleased to say that any gifts to the Fund are tax deductible.

Peter Kolliner acted as Chairman of the Trust from its creation in 1995 until mid 2009. The Trustees wish to record their thanks for his valuable contribution in serving the Trust and the Progressive Jewish Community in general through the PJCF.

Members are urged to consider making donations to the Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund and indeed, if any musical, artistic or cultural endeavours come to mind which would sit within the permitted criteria indicated above, or educational programs come to mind which may comply with the above criteria, the Trustees would be happy to discuss your proposals.

Donations to the Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund are tax deductible.

- JACK BOCK
PJCF TRUSTEE

Come see The King David School!

Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Excerpt from the sermon delivered by Rabbi Gersh Lazarow on the occasion of his installation service as Rabbi of The King David School, on Shabbat Re'eh, 15 August 2009.



I feel very fortunate to be here. When most organisations were watching and waiting to see what would come of this challenging time in our economic history,

The King David School made the critical decision to invest in a Rabbi and, in so doing, reaffirm its Progressive identity and its ongoing commitment to the principles of inclusion, egalitarianism and social justice.

In the very same month as communal leaders and social commentators were once again openly questioning whether the Melbourne Jewish community would be better served by one or two super-schools, KDS proudly stood up and declared that just as we in the Jewish Progressive community believe that there is more than one way to be a Jew, so too, do we recognise that there needs to be more than one school to educate our children.

Indeed, while it is true that there are already a number of fine schools that offer a Pre-School to Year 12 program designed to develop Jewishly conscious young people, we at The King David School are unique in our commitment to do this in an environment that is defined by open enquiry, gender equity and vigorous discussion.

Inspired by our Prophetic tradition, we are dedicated to inculcating Jewish values in our children and ensuring that each and every one of them appreciates their personal responsibility to repair this world. Be it in our formal Hebrew or Jewish Studies classes, in our daily prayer or in our celebrations of Shabbat, Chaggim and special days, we at The King David School are focused on combining serious Jewish learning with meaningful Jewish experiences.

We are committed to educating the whole student, which means we are will-

ing to face the tensions that exist between choice and obligation, between tradition and modernity and between the critique and affirmation of the truths we have inherited from our religious tradition.

Above all, we at the King David School aspire to empower our students to *Lhavin u Lhaskil* to 'know and understand' what it means to be a Jew in the 21st century.

This morning's sidra, Parashat Re'eh begins with the words: *Re'eh anochi noten lifneychem hayom berachah uklalah*. See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse.'

As Moses again cautions his congregation, the great prophet reminds them that living a life of goodness will bring them blessings while ignoring the Divine call will undoubtedly lead to a cursed existence.

Moses prefaces his rebuke with the Hebrew word *Re'eh*, 'See.' See, I present before you today a blessing and a curse. But why 'see'? What is there to see? Did he show them anything at all? The Torah does not use flowery language just because it has a nice ring to it or it sounds poetic. What was there to behold? Why *Re'eh*?

One answer is that how we look (with our eyes) will, in itself, determine whether our lives will be blessed or cursed. Perception is a powerful thing and here Moses comes to say: 'while we cannot manage what we see, we can control how we look!'

This Shabbat I want to challenge Melbourne's Progressive Community to consider how you look at The King David School. Do you see us as just one of a number of options available for Jewish education in Melbourne? Or, are we your preferred choice as the only Progressive Jewish Day School in Australia? Do you see us as a private school beyond the reach of your families' financial means? Or, are we a community school committed to educating all of our youth? Do you see us as an insular clique shielded from the outside world? Or, are we a modern school dedicated to graduating students with a deep and abiding sense of community, and a strong and proud Australian identity.



To find out more about
The King David School,
our programs,
scholarships and bursaries,
please contact our Registrar,
Adina Cavallaro on 9527 0102
or email her at
adina.cavallaro@kds.vic.edu.au

The simple reality is that while The King David School was founded on Progressive principles and built with Progressive dollars our classrooms are sparsely populated with Progressive Jews! I can't help but ask, where are they?

The quality of our educational programs and the experiences we offer are second to none, yet many parents in the Progressive community seem all too willing to forego our unique educational approach and our religious principles for football fields and shiny new buildings, for a secular education or a cookie cutter approach to Jewish learning.

Is that what it means to be a Progressive Jew? Is this how we will grow our movement? The time has come for us in the Progressive community to change the way we 'look' and 'see' The King David School, for I believe the future health and growth of our Progressive Movement depends on it.

This New Year, I want to challenge our entire community to consider how we see to The King David School and then resolve to look at it with fresh eyes in this New Year and come and see the King David School can be part of shaping and defining your families' life.

Smachot

Celebrating the milestones in our congregational family

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome these new members of the TBI family:

Paul Chapman & Yoko Sonobe • Jason Chester & Kylie Smith • Ben & Beck Finkel • Martin & Julie Hoffman • Eddie & Rena Komesaroff • Lisa Krygger • Darren Mendies & Bree Dinneen • Leo Sambor & Irene Shrayer • David Slowo & Marcella Brassett • Oscar & Liza Sokolski •

NEW BABIES

Mazal tov to these families who have welcomed new babies:

• Steve & Naomi Halperin on the birth of their daughter, Rachel

ENGAGEMENTS

Mazal tov to:

- **Steven Krygger** (son of Kathy Kaplan, grandson of Vera Freidin) **to Or Ida**
- **Nikki Miller** (daughter of Gil & Michelle Miller, granddaughter of Mervyn & Leila Cohen) **to David Feld**
- **Anthony Rotman** (son of Lilliane & Alan Rotman) **to Lana Vaynberg**

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Mazal tov on celebrating a special birthday, 7 September –:

• Eden Altman • Anna Barger • Faie Bassar • Joshua Benjamin • Alisa Bernhart • Bina Best • Moris Braun • Lorraine Brooks • Estelle Brown • Valda Bruder • Rudolf Cherny • Irina Cohen • Rt. Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen • Doron Davidovits • Hayley Dean • Max Drajer • Marlene Dryen • Pamela Durra • Michael Eisfelder • Anneliese Falkenstein • John Fast • Abrasha Feigin • Vera Freidin • Kurt Friedlaender • Stephen Genis • Keshia Gesundheit • Emil Gross • Charles Hackman • Alwynne Jona OAM • Nadine Kahan • Jordana Komesaroff • Andrew Kopatsy • Sheree Krass • Charles Levi • Hal Levy • Shirley Lewis • Ruth Mihaly • Sandra Minc • Marcus Moss • Judy Rogers • Mark Roseman • Anne Ross • David Rosta • Lilliane Rotman • Marianne Salvatore • Klara Schwartz • Isaac Schweitzer • Zvi Schweitzer • Kerri Slonim • Maurice Slonim • Peta Stern • Olga Sztainbok • Magdee

Taryan • Adam Waryszak • Lewis Woolf • Claire Wynn • Bryce Yardney • David Zuker

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER B'NEI MITZVAH

Mazal tov to families celebrating b'nei mitzvah:

Max Milstein (12 September) • Ari Harrison (17 October) • Daniel Kahan (24 October) • Ryan Kuperholz (31 October)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Mazal tov on their wedding anniversaries, 7 September –:

• Yehuda & Rachel Svoray (60th) • Harry & Renee Krane (55th) • Benjamin & Jean Segaloff (45th) • Gil & Michelle Miller (30th) • Jason & Vicki Abraham (10th)


RECENT BA'ALEI KRIYAT TORAH

Thank you to our Torah leyners who chanted Torah for us 8 August –:

• Joshua Appelboom • Jordan Brown • Danielle Cohen • Nathan Companez • Sam Heselev • Isaac Hyams • Bruce Levin • Ben Morawetz • Evi Morawetz • Rabbi Fred Morgan • Julian Rosenstein

MAZAL TOV

To **Philip Mandie**, who has been appointed a Judge in the Victorian Court of Appeal .



Join Rabbi Gevurtz
Wednesday 21 October, 7:30 pm
 in a private home to welcome the Hebrew month of Cheshvan.
 (no Rosh Chodesh in September)

Each month the women of our congregation are invited to come together and rejoice in the new month with sacred learning, in depth conversation and, of course, a little nosh.

For more information and location, email rabbi.gevurtz@tbi.org.au or call the office at 9510-1488.

ANNUAL VUPJ MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 13 September, 3 pm
 Jewish Memorial Gardens, Springvale
 Speaker: Rabbi Fred Morgan

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR CHILDREN

TBI offers an opportunity to parents and grandparents who have lost a child or baby, at any time from conception onward, to commemorate that loss with an entry in our congregation's Memorial Book. Visit the TBI office during office hours before the High Holy Days to place your personal, handwritten inscription in the Book.

Bereavements

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We remember these recently deceased and offer sincere condolences to their families: May their memories be a blessing.

- Berci Altman (father of George Altman)
- Joseph Brown (husband of Estelle, father of Jeff)
- Theo Moss (father of Marcus)
- Ruth Rubin (sister of Marian Lawrence)
- Sonnie (Samuel) Traeger (husband of Irma, father of Marion Samuel)
- Magda Urban Weiss (mother of Reuben Urban)
- Sybil Weller (wife of Hymie, mother of Dalia Seal & Ruth Weller)

All yahrzeits are recorded on the weekly Shabbat synagogue supplement.

If you would like to leyn Torah on Shabbat, call Rhonda Nirens on 9510-1488 to arrange a date. We will provide all the support you need to ensure you are confident and prepared.

Donations to support our congregation

With thanks for your generous donations received 11 July – 2009

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2009 Appeal Siddur Mishkan T'filah

We are now completing preparations to adopt our new prayer book, *Mishkan T'filah*, which will be introduced to all our services at the beginning of 2010.

Mishkan T'filah is especially designed for home use, with specific sections for home celebrations of Shabbat, festivals and daily services; home use resources, gender-inclusive language, full transliteration, theological and stylistic diversity. This innovative edition has been substantially adapted by the rabbis of the UPJ to meet the needs of our region.

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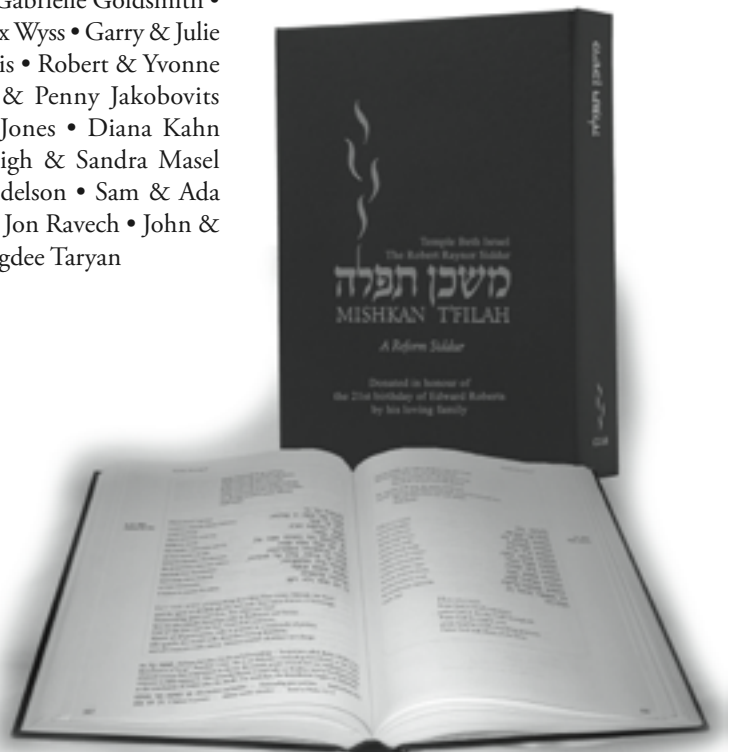
We invite you to purchase one or more copies for your personal use at home and, at the same time, donate one or more copies to TBI for congregational use. This is an excellent way to honour the memories of your loved ones, celebrate their achievements and special milestones or express your appreciation to special friends.

INSCRIPTIONS

Donated copies of the new siddur will include either a book plate mounted inside the front cover with a dedicated inscription (\$75 per copy) or you can choose to have your message embossed in gold on the front cover itself (\$100 per copy).

ORDERS

To place your order please call the TBI office on 9510-1488 before Monday 16 October.



September-October 2009 at TBI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>17 Elul 5769</p> <p>10:30 am Limmud on Sundays 'Preparing for the High Holydays' with Rabbi Gersh Zylberman</p> <p>6 September</p>	<p>18 Elul</p> <p>2 pm Sheridan Hall Shmooze with Rabbi Fred Morgan</p>	<p>19 Elul</p> <p>4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish Studies 4:30pm Coffee with the rabbi</p> <p>7:30pm Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>20 Elul</p> <p>10:30 am Drop In & Chat/ Knitting Circle</p>	<p>21 Elul</p> <p>7:30 pm Alef isn't Tough Basic Hebrew with Karen Rosauer 7:30 pm Alef isn't Enough Intermediate Hebrew with Albert Bentata</p>	<p>22 Elul</p> <p>6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service</p>	<p>23 Elul</p> <p>Parshat Nitzavim Vayelech Selichot</p> <p>9 am Shabbat Mishpacha 9:45 am Geshet service (MRC) 10 am Shabbat Shacharit service Bar mitzvah of Max Milstein 9 pm Selichot service with film screening and discussion</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	
<p>24 Elul</p> <p>9 am Help us move the Bima! 10:30 am Limmud on Sundays 'Preparing for the High Holydays' with Rabbi Gersh Zylberman 3 pm VUPJ Memorial service at Springvale 8 pm Men's Group meeting (private home)</p> <p>13</p>	<p>25 Elul</p>	<p>26 Elul</p> <p><i>No Matan classes No Coffee with the rabbi</i></p> <p>7:30pm Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>27 Elul</p>	<p>28 Elul</p> <p>7:30 pm Alef isn't Enough Intermediate Hebrew with Albert Bentata</p>	<p>29 Elul</p> <p>Erev Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>Note earlier start time 6 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah service</p>	<p>1 Tishrei 5770</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 1st day</p> <p>9 am Mishpacha Rosh Hashanah service (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Rosh Hashanah Shacharit service (sanctuary) 10:30 am Family Shacharit service (MRC)</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	
<p>2 Tishrei</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah 2nd day</p> <p>10 am Rosh Hashanah 2nd day service (sanctuary) 1 pm Tashlich at Elwood Lifesaving Club</p> <p>20</p>	<p>3 Tishrei</p>	<p>4 Tishrei</p> <p><i>No Matan classes No Coffee with the rabbi</i></p> <p>7:30pm Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>5 Tishrei</p>	<p>6 Tishrei</p> <p>7:30 pm Alef isn't Enough Intermediate Hebrew with Albert Bentata</p>	<p>7 Tishrei</p> <p>6:15 pm Shabbat Alive! Erev Shabbat service with our junior chazzanim</p>	<p>8 Tishrei</p> <p>Parshat Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Shacharit service Bat mitzvah of Rebecca Silk</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	
<p>9 Tishrei</p> <p>Erev Yom Kippur</p> <p>7 pm Kol Nidrei service</p> <p>27</p>	<p>10 Tishrei</p> <p>Yom Kippur</p> <p>9 am Mishpacha Yom Kippur service (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Yom Kippur services begin (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Family Shacharit service (MRC) 4:30 pm (approx) Yizkor 7 pm Fast ends</p>	<p>11 Tishrei</p> <p><i>No Matan classes No Coffee with the rabbi No Introduction to Judaism</i></p>	<p>12 Tishrei</p> <p>Bima moving!</p>	<p>13 Tishrei</p> <p>7:30 pm Alef isn't Enough Intermediate Hebrew with Albert Bentata</p>	<p>14 Tishrei</p> <p>Erev Sukkot</p> <p>4:30 pm Sukkah decorating and graffiti wall 5:30 pm singing and story time 6:15 pm Shabbat and festival service</p>	<p>15 Tishrei</p> <p>Sukkot 1st day</p> <p>10 am Festival Shacharit service</p>
28	29	30	1 October	2	3	
<p>16 Tishrei</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</p>	<p>17 Tishrei</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</p> <p>2 pm Sheridan Hall Shmooze</p>	<p>18 Tishrei</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</p> <p>12 noon Tuesday Talk 2 pm JCMA Women's Group in the Sukkah 4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish Studies classes 4:30 pm Coffee with the Rabbi 7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>19 Tishrei</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</p> <p>11 am Friendship Club</p>	<p>20 Tishrei</p> <p>Chol Hamoed Sukkot</p> <p>10 am Temple Time packing team. All welcome! 7:30 pm Alef isn't Enough Intermediate Hebrew with Albert Bentata</p>	<p>21 Tishrei</p> <p>Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah</p> <p>6:15 pm Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah festival service</p>	<p>22 Tishrei</p> <p>Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah</p> <p>9 am Mishpacha festival service 10 am Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah festival service</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>23 Tishrei</p>	<p>24 Tishrei</p> <p>7:30 pm Dementia Support Group meeting (Friedlander)</p>	<p>25 Tishrei</p> <p>4 pm Matan Hebrew and Jewish Studies classes 4:30 pm Coffee with the Rabbi</p> <p>7:30 pm Introduction to Judaism</p>	<p>26 Tishrei</p> <p>10:30 am Drop In & Chat/ Knitting Circle</p>	<p>27 Tishrei</p>	<p>28 Tishrei</p> <p>6:15 pm Erev Shabbat service</p>	<p>29 Tishrei</p> <p>Parshat Bereshit</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Shacharit service (Sanctuary) Bar Mitzvah of Ari Harrison</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17