

The President, Robert Hershan, together with the Board, Rabbis and staff of TBI, welcomes you to our community.

## SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH

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## KABBALAT SHABBAT

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

6pm Kabbalat Panim

6.15pm Friday Night Shabbat Service

Board members: David Freedman, Gary Lewis and

Joanne Loewy Irons

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Shira: Cantor Michel Laloum, Max Jared Einsohn,

Sharon Mattatia, Elizabeth Riordan, Yuliya

Mik and Patrick Prunster

## SHACHARIT SHABBAT

FRIEDLANDER SYNAGOGUE & CULTURAL CENTRE

10am Gesher Service

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

10am Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Board members: Robert Hershan, Gary Lewis

and Joanne Loewy Irons

Shammashim: Denise Joyner and Muffy Hand

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Bar mitzvah: Mitchell Langer

Shira: Cantor Michel Laloum accompanied by

Joe Stupel

Torah readers: Evi Morawetz, Peter Haylock, Yuliya Mik and

Mitchell Langer

Kiddush: Kindly sponsored by the Langer family

## ST KILDA REPAIR CAFE EVENT

The St. Kilda Repair Cafe is having its first session on Sunday 12 November, between 2 and 5 at the Port Philip Eco Centre, 55A Blessington Street St. Kilda. Bring items that need repairing (just about anything you can carry!) to the Centre where volunteers will repair the item free of charge. The St. Kilda Repair Cafe is an initiative of JECO (Jewish Ecological Coalition) and the PPEC. For further details contact John Hillel on 9807 9653 and visit [stkildarepaircafe.org.au](http://stkildarepaircafe.org.au)



We kindly ask that phones and cameras not be used during services\*

## DRASH FOR SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH

BY RABBI NATHAN ALFRED, UNITED HEBREW CONGREGATION, SINGAPORE

Where would you like to be buried? Perhaps not the first question to spring to mind, but one which every responsible individual and family should be discussing. Good planning for your eventual demise includes not only making your will and telling your loved ones how much they mean to you. It involves acknowledging the need for a final resting place, and that choosing where that place is – and paying for it – ahead of time relieves family members of a huge responsibility.

Where would you like to be buried? A simple question for some: where you lived, you die. In the UPJ region, the more established synagogues have their own cemeteries, their own burial schemes and systems, even running to professional chevrei kadisha. Across Asia, not only do we lack the infrastructure of Jewish graveyards, but our membership are usually born in one country and living in another. For the expats and emigres among us, the decision of where to be buried is not always an obvious one.

This week's Torah portion Chayei Sarah begins with our matriarch's passing at the age of 127 and Abraham's subsequent quest to find somewhere suitable to bury his wife. His dealings with the locals in Hebron reminds us of the difficulties and expense of making funeral arrangements amid the haste and urgency of a fresh bereavement. As a stranger in a strange land, he was reliant on the whims and kindness of the land-owning Hittites. Abraham engages with Ephron, politely dances the tango of cultural difference and local etiquette, and by the end of the negotiations we are none the wiser – Abraham purchases prime real estate with no discount: did he get a good deal or was he ripped off?

At the very least, Sarah has got good bang for her buck in terms of time spent in her grave. You can visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs (& Matriarchs) in Hebron until this day, either with an organized tour (often settler-led, in a bullet-proof bus from Jerusalem) or with the left-wing group, Breaking the Silence, staffed by ex-soldiers who served in Hebron. For more than three thousand years Sarah has been lying there, undisturbed by the surrounding tumult.

Compare that lengthy duration to my experiences of working in Belgium, a country that has cut short its "grave-time" to a maximum of fifty years. Some of our members took additional membership with shuls in the neighbouring Netherlands, who as yet have no such restriction on requiescendum in pace. In Asia, the pace is even quicker: in crowded Singapore, in public cemeteries exhumation occurs after fifteen years, and in Hong Kong, the law allows for graves to be dug up after just six years. If the family do not remove the remains, authorities will exhume and cremate them, burying the ashes in a communal grave.

So, where would you like to be buried? May it not happen for many a year! May we all live to 120! But, in the meantime, let's use the opportunity of Chayei Sarah to jog us and jolt us to consider our own wishes and those of our loved ones, and to put together our own arrangements for when this eventual day arrives.

\* TBI services are now streamed live and archived on our website [tbi.org.au](http://tbi.org.au) for the benefit of the community. If you are positioned near the front of the synagogue or near the bimah your image will be recorded. Attendance and participation in our services will be deemed as consent for your image, or the image of minors in your care, to be used for the purposes of filming and promotion. We thank you for your support.

**TBI FILM CLUB****SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 6.30PM ENTRY, 7PM START**

Free entry. This month we are showing the claymation film 'Mary and Max' by Australian filmmaker Adam Elliot. To join the TBI Film Club contact vklooger@netspace.net.au

**PROJECT DIGNITY INFORMATION SESSION****THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 7.30PM**

Project Dignity has entered into partnership with The Salvation Army Asylum Seeker and Refugee Service, in Brunswick. Teams of TBI Volunteers will have the opportunity to regularly attend the Service and become involved in direct contact with their clients and families, as well as becoming involved in organisational support activities. Join us at this information and training session on how you can assist to provide practical humanitarian services and support.

**ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S GROUP (OFFSITE)****SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 7.30PM**

Contact the TBI office on 9510 1488 for location information.



## Mitzvah Day 2017

### Sunday 19 November

For more information and to sign up:  
[tbi.org.au/event/mitzvah-day](http://tbi.org.au/event/mitzvah-day)

TBI PRESENTS

AN INTIMATE EVENING WITH

# ACHINOAM NINI

TOGETHER WITH THE ACCLAIMED GIL DOR

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 8PM  
76-82 ALMA ROAD, ST KILDA

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 4 SEPTEMBER • FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT [TBI.ORG.AU/NOA](http://TBI.ORG.AU/NOA)

## CALENDAR

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**Sunday 12 November**

5.15pm Kol Simchah choir rehearsal  
6.30pm TBI Film Club

**Tuesday 14 November**

4pm TBI Tamid  
7.30pm Introduction to Judaism  
7.30pm Parashat Hashavua  
7.30pm Melton School - Beyond Borders Part 2

**Wednesday 15 November**

8pm Achinoam Nini Concert

**Thursday 16 November**

10am Melton School - From Sinai to Seinfeld  
7.30pm Project Dignity Information Session  
8pm Achinoam Nini Concert

**Friday 17 November**

10am Bubs & Bagels  
4.15pm Emmy Monash Kabbalat Shabbat (OFFSITE)  
6.15pm Kabbalat Shabbat service

**Saturday 18 November**

9.30am Tot Shabbat  
10am Shabbat Tol'dot service  
Saskia Levin bat mitzvah  
4.30pm Shabbat Minchah service  
Noa Levy bat mitzvah

## SECURING AUSTRALIA'S ENERGY FUTURE



Please join us **7am** on **Tuesday 21 November** at 76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda for the **TBI BREAKFAST** for an opportunity to hear our keynote speaker **Ms Audrey Zibelman** CEO, Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO)

Bookings: [tbi.org.au/breakfast](http://tbi.org.au/breakfast)  
Table of 9: \$800 Individual tickets: \$100

Sponsorship opportunities available contact: 03 9510 1488



## REMEMBRANCE

## זכור

**SHLOSHIM**

- Jean Berah Mother of Ellen and Vivien, grandmother of Dalia and Jacob
- Jocelyn Dean Mother of David and Stephen
- Graeme Edgar Husband of Stella, friend of Chris & Graeme Smith and Peter Haylock
- Faye Fine Wife of Keith, mother of Diane, Lyn and Wayne
- Charlotte Louise Klein Friend of Kim Muhlen
- Shirley Levy Mother of Debbie, Janie, David and Phillip
- Jim Matthews Brother of Lin, husband of Sharron, father of Emma and Andrew
- Joan Sher Mother and mother in law of Robin and Judy
- Ann Singer Mother of Judy

**YAHREITS OBSERVED THIS SHABBAT**

- Ora Arkles • Rudolf Cherny • Hedwig Eisfelder • Philip Epstein
- Posy Firestone • Edith Kohn • Adela Kolesnik • Chaim Kolesnik
- Hannah Kolesnik • Henry Kolesnik • Moshe Kolesnik • Sarah Kolesnik
- Yitzchak Kolesnik • Frances Kolt • David Lock • Abraham Margulius
- Berta Moss McCall • Abraham Moshinsky • Victor Paykel • Raja Ramler
- Barry Rubin • Lewis Samuel • Anja Schwartzpelc • Favel Schwartzpelc
- Meir Schwartzpelc • Sina Schwartzpelc • Ilse Seligmann
- Henry Alexander Splitter • Aharon Unglik • Golda Unglik
- Betsy Wexler

**MISSION:** Temple Beth Israel is a kehilla kedosha (spiritual community) bringing innovation and creativity to Jewish traditions. We provide multiple pathways for our members and friends to enjoy an engagement with Progressive Judaism that enhances their lives through spiritual enrichment, learning and community. We are guided by principles of egalitarianism and respect for others. We are inspired to continually develop and grow and to provide a spiritual home for all who wish to embrace our values. Temple Beth Israel acknowledges that we are assembled on land whose traditional custodians are the people of the Kulin Nation.

Please take this news sheet with you

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