

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

## SHABBAT MIKEITZ

Parashah: Genesis 43:16-32; Numbers 7:42-47; and  
Genesis 1:14-19 (pages 275, 1072 and 19)

Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1-7 (page 1645)

## KABBALAT SHABBAT

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

6pm Kabbalat Panim

6.15pm Family Shabbat and Chanukah Service

Board member: Judi Cohen

Shammash: Rhonda Nirens

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Shira: Cantor Michel Laloum, Ensemble  
and the Ruach Community Choir

## COMMUNITY DINNER

SLOME HALL

7.15pm Community Dinner

Please bring a *milchig/pareve* dish to share.

## SHACHARIT SHABBAT

LORRAINE TOPOL LEARNING CENTRE

9.30am Chanukah Tot Shabbat

FRIEDLANDER SYNAGOGUE & CULTURAL CENTRE

10am Geshet Service

MAIN SYNAGOGUE

10am Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

Board member: Joanne Loewy Irons

Shammash: Jadwiga Holcendorf

Darshan: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Shira: Cantor Michel Laloum and the  
Ruach Community Choir

Bar mitzvah: Jared Roff

Torah readers: Evi Morawetz, Cantor Michel Laloum  
and Jared Roff

Kiddush: Kindly sponsored by the  
Roff family



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

## DRASH FOR SHABBAT MIKEITZ BY CANTOR MICHEL LALOUM (FOR FULL TEXT SEE UPJ.ORG.AU)

Eighty years ago this week the first of 10,000 children to be sheltered in Britain as part of the Kindertransports arrived at train stations with nothing but a name tag around their neck and a small suitcase each. The beloved English bear, Paddington, was inspired by images in newsreels of these children and in an interview many years later, author Michael Bond stated: "I remember their labels round their necks and then I remember going to the cinema and seeing on the newsreel that Hitler had moved into some new country and seeing footage of elderly people pushing prams with all their belongings in them. Refugees are the saddest sight, I still think that."

In a week when we are lighting candles to commemorate the miracle of Chanukah, it is worth remembering that the rescue of these children was also miraculous. At a time when many countries closed their doors to refugees, the images in newsreels of the pogroms of Kristallnacht, and the lobbying by influential individuals and Jewish groups caused the British government to relent and protect these children.

A recurring theme throughout the past few weeks of parashiyot has been the use and abuse of power. Power is essential in achieving anything: People with a strong vision need power in order to make it a reality. Empowered leaders are persuasive, motivating and need their power to mobilise resources.

In Mikeitz we read that Joseph saved a generation from starvation by using his influence over pharaoh. By storing their grain, Egypt was able to share its abundance with neighbouring countries suffering through famine – people from all countries came. The rescue of Jewish children from across Europe by individuals and organisations was possible only because many people used their influence to persuade leaders.

This week's haftarah speaks of Solomon, who asked to be gifted with wisdom, and, when confronted by two women both claiming to be the mother of the same child, famously suggested that the child be cleaved in two. The real mother relented and proved herself because she would rather be without her child than see him killed. Thousands of heartbroken parents during the Holocaust faced a similar dilemma, and many parents of Kindertransport children waved goodbye knowing that it was likely they would never see them again. Like the mothers in Solomon, they chose to sacrifice holding their children so that their children might have a chance for safety and survival.

As you light your Chanukah candles and reflect on the miracle of the oil and the defeat of Antiochus IV, conjure the image of Paddington, arriving alone in a strange land with only his bag and a label around his neck, and of the Kindertransports, and of those children travelling today, some without even a bag, seeking safety.

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**DROP IN AND CHAT / KNITTING CIRCLE****WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 10.30AM**

Schmoozing, word games and (optional) knitting in a very low-key, relaxed atmosphere. Entry \$2, includes refreshments.

**BUBS & BAGELS****FRIDAY 14 & 21 DECEMBER 10AM**

Play, music and engaging interactions for grandparents, parents and guardians with children aged 0 – 2 years.

**KABBALAT SHABBAT GUEST SPEAKER****SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 10AM**

Rabbi Dr Danny Schiff (TBI Rabbi 1987-1992).

**NASH 'N' DRASH - 'JEWS IN THE NEWS'****WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 10.30AM**

Informative and interesting discussions with Rabbi Dr John Levi.

**EMMY MONASH KABBALAT SHABBAT****FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER**

A warm and song-filled service for residents, their families and friends. Led by TBI rabbis.

## CALENDAR

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**Sunday 9 December**5.15pm Kol Simchah Choir rehearsal  
7.30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group (OFFSITE)**Tuesday 11 December****OFFICE CLOSES 2pm**  
7.30pm Parashat Hashavua**Wednesday 12 December**10.30am Drop In and Chat  
7pm Living Judaism**Friday 14 December**10am Bubs & Bagels  
6.15pm Kabbalat Shabbat service  
6.15pm POP-UP SHABBAT (OFFSITE)**Saturday 15 December**10am Shabbat Vayigash service  
Natasha Freiberg bat mitzvah  
4.30pm Amelie Snell-Bliss bat mitzvah (OFFSITE)**UPDATE  
YOUR  
DETAILS**

TBI is transitioning to a new database and needs your help. Update your details online: [tbi.org.au/update](http://tbi.org.au/update) or by returning the form on the flysheet from the new Chanukah edition of Kol Yisrael magazine. Forms received by **30 January** go into the running for a \$100 gift card.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

to assist with welcoming congregants and guests to services on Friday nights and/or Saturday mornings.

For more information, and to sign up, please contact Rhonda: [rhonda.nirens@tbi.org.au](mailto:rhonda.nirens@tbi.org.au) or **9510 1488****Starts 14 December****FRIDAYS 6.15PM**  
**MECHANICS ROAD**  
**RED HILL, VIC**POP-UP  
SHABBAT

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**HINEINU****Friday 21 December,**  
**6pm**An alternative,  
ley-led  
Kabbalat Shabbat  
and Maariv experience.

## REMEMBRANCE

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**SHLOSHIM**

- Yvonne Catchpool Mother of Jeffrey Willetts
- Kolya Atticus Donahoo-Andrusiak Son of Tania, close friend of Sarah Austin
- Geoffrey Green Husband of Lynda, father of Mark and Paul
- Gary Kay Brother of Joe
- Chan Kok Kim Father and father-in-law of Pat and Max Fink, grandfather of Sophie and Margot
- Rosemary Newall Mother of Sue Platt, Karin Morrison and David Newall (dec.)
- David John Ross Son of John and Genia, father of Lisa and Jessica

- Erez Shapira Husband of Deganit
- Alexander Vainer Husband of Ella, father of Luba and Inna

**Yahrzeits Observed This Shabbat**

- Julian Basser • Kurt Beildeck • Eugenia Birnbaum
- Raymond Cohen • Sir Zelman Cowen • Bluma Holcdorf
- Pearl Kahan • Tinnie (Leopoldine) Kish • Jeffrey (Jacob) Levy
- Marian Lawrence • Bertha Melwit • Sydney Morgan
- Peter Nathan • Malcolm Sharman • Alex Silberscher
- Joseph Silver • Isobell Slonim • Max Drajer

**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.

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