Together
HEART TO HEART

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Bring in the New Year in a new way
Connected community

This publication has been sponsored as a gift to our TBI community
At this most unusual time I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. A year ago, I spoke of challenges and opportunities that were sure to present in the year 5780. Never could we have imagined that these would arise due to a worldwide pandemic that has challenged our lives, our livelihoods and our financial position. Yet it has not shaken our strength as a community, nor the fundamentals of how we at TBI reach out to you.

We have met the challenge of keeping apart by staying connected together. We are blessed to have sound, video and streaming technology, thanks to the generosity of members, which means we come to you now through the virtual synagogue. You have become familiar with our daily Maariv and Shabbat services streamed through our online platforms. Our adult learners, children and young people have quickly adapted to classes and lessons online, journeying with their teachers and tutors. We have discovered that many more members, friends and visitors attend a virtual Torah study class on Saturday morning, or Kabbalat Shabbat on a cold Melbourne night, than used to attend in person. With distance no object we have prayed and celebrated b’nei mitzvah with families and included guests from around the world.

When we had to close our office and rapidly provide our dedicated operational staff with the tools to work from home, we were again blessed to realise that our cloud-based computer systems are well equipped for remote work. We are complying with current restrictions yet our virtual office remains open for you, Tuesday – Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm.

THANK YOU
As noted on the cover of this magazine, the cost of this publication as well as the costs associated with the launch of yachad.org.au have been made possible by two congregational families. We are extremely grateful for their generosity as well as their commitment to ensuring that the upcoming High Holy Days feel as normal as possible.
While our building has been closed, other projects have been happening. Our long awaited Gateway and security upgrades on Alma Road are finished. They include new fencing, pedestrian gates, a vehicle gate and bollards. Less visible are the state-of-the-art digital access control and security monitoring. While looking similar to the old fence it is a huge improvement – security wise and aesthetically. We are grateful for government funding from state and federal levels and the generosity of our members for these important capital works.

In the preschool building, Headland Montessori has stayed open throughout the crisis. As a tenant, Headland are very well settled in and I am happy to report that they have now taken up a long-term lease.

After five years of successfully leading our nourish program, Ellen Frajman has stepped down as nourish co-ordinator. Although the service of food is closed, the opportunity has been used to re-imagine and plan a new look nourish under the guidance of Andrew Jakobovits and other volunteer team leaders. They will be ready to start feeding community spirit in our secure forecourt when the authorities permit.

Our building is closed, however we continue to maintain the highest standards of hygiene and cleaning, and are carrying out a myriad of repairs and maintenance, so as to be ready for re-opening when permitted.

Meanwhile, the need for our offerings and outreach to our congregation and to the community is growing. If you have not already, I urge you to pay your membership renewal or to contact us if you need help with it at this time.

I am proud of the way our virtual synagogue is flourishing and how Rabbi Lazarow is leading the team to iterate, innovate and adapt.

We could not do this without our wonderful Rabbinic team and the ongoing commitment of our operational staff. Our world is different, and so is TBI, yet we remain resilient, caring and connected to you as your sacred community.

These High Holy Days will be very different. My hope is that you will join us on a screen, and we will stay with you throughout the Yamim Noraim and beyond, to a time when we can gather together.

I wish you a sweet, safe and healthy 5781.

**MISHKAN T’SHUVAH**

**THE DR SUSANNA GEIRO MACHZOR**

**PRAYING ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS**

Whilst we are unable to gather together in the most traditional of ways, we find comfort in the knowledge that we can still pray and connect, albeit virtually.

It is important to us that our members have access to the High Holy Day prayers and liturgy, in order to have a meaningful and spiritual experience.

If you are unable to purchase a Machzor at this time, TBI has initiated a limited loan program and we welcome you to contact us. Simply send an email to info@tbi.org.au or to purchase/sponsor a set of books please visit:

tbi.org.au/mishkan-tshuvah/
TOGETHER BUT APART!

Rabbi Gersh Lazarow

Kiddush Ha-Hayyim is a relatively new term first attributed to Rabbi Isaac Nissenbaum, a rabbi in the Warsaw ghetto. Rabbi Nissenbaum created the concept of Kiddush Ha-Hayyim in stark contrast to the classical commandment of Kiddush HaShem.

What do these two terms mean and how do they help us navigate Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur during COVID-19?

Kiddush HaShem is a concept we often romanticise in the Yom Kippur liturgy when we talk about the many people throughout Jewish history who martyred themselves so that we could live today as Jews. Kiddush HaShem, the sanctity of God’s name, refers to the practice of being a martyr. Kiddush Ha-Hayyim, on the other hand, refers to the idea that one must do everything one can to stay alive.

Rabbi Nissenbaum wrote: “In the past our enemies demanded our soul and the Jew sacrificed his body in sanctifying God’s name. Now the enemy demands the body of the Jew. That makes it imperative for the Jew to defend it and protect it.”

As it is written in Leviticus 18:5 “You shall observe My decrees and My judgments which a person shall carry out and live by them — I am Adonai.” Rabbi Nissenbaum, like others since, emphasised the phrase, “In order to live by them, not to die for them.” What does this have to do with our lives today?

Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are at the end of September. By now, in a normal year, we would hear the choir practicing, be tutoring different Torah and Haftarah readers, picking new songs for the family service, looking forward to reconnecting with friends and family, and imagining how it all would look and sound at TBI this New Year.

But this year is not like all other years. The opportunity for a vaccine to be created in time for us to plan for the High Holy Days to be marked in person has passed. The time is now for us to plan something different, something creative and spiritual that reflects the demands of the day while maintaining a connection to the past and the future.

Our Religious Life Committee, under the direction of Judi Cohen, has worked with our Rabbinic team to develop a comprehensive High Holy Day plan which we hope will allow us to be together while staying apart — connecting heart to heart!

I am incredibly grateful to the Religious Life Committee who have taken so much time to help us brainstorm different ways our Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur can be meaningful, and still follow the DHHS recommendations for physical distancing.

So what is the bottom line? We will not be gathering at our spiritual home on Alma Rd and the vast majority of TBI congregants will join the service virtually, either by participating through YouTube or Facebook or listening through our radio partnership with J-AIR on 87.8FM.

If legally permitted, there will be a few people who are necessary for the service to be enacted, sharing parts of the service in person. Other parts of the service, including our sermons and Tot Services, will be pre-recorded for members and friends to enjoy at your leisure.

As I write this message, I am filled with sadness. This is not the Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur I imagined in my mind, the one I hoped for, the one I look forward to every year. But this is the High Holy Days that we need to have, if we want to preserve and protect life. Anything else would be a violation of the concept of Kiddush Ha-Hayyim and a travesty to our community and to God.

The world is broken right now. Our job is to save as many lives as possible so that God’s sacred life can shine through, guiding us during this difficult time.
In 1930, TBI was formed by those searching for a community to celebrate and support each other through life’s joys and struggles. In reflecting on the challenges of the last few months, I believe our founders would be incredibly proud!

Overnight, we pivoted to an entirely virtual congregation as we looked to maintain our connection with you and your family. Along the way, we came to appreciate that while we were connecting in a virtual world, it highlighted the importance of our real-world relationships. In many ways COVID-19 taught us that community matters now more than ever!

Appreciating this, we are proud to launch yachad.org.au the digital platform that will host out High Holy Day offerings.

Yachad, means “together” in Hebrew, and draws its name from “Shir La’Ahava”, a song by the Israeli band Gaya. The lyrics begin with the words yachad – lev el lev, together – heart to heart capture the optimism, love and unity which we hope will define our High Holy Day celebration this year!
The TBI Taskforce was formed to steer TBI through the crisis and, as Treasurer, I was tasked to take swift action, reduce spending and manage our lower income. This diligence needs to continue.

I have worked with the team to access all available government assistance including JobKeeper payments, cash flow boost and Victorian government grants. These are helping us, but it is imperative that we emerge in a strong financial position when we come out the other side.

Following the federal government’s example, we prepared an interim (three months) FY21 budget. It is a cash-flow positive budget due to government assistance and savings we were able to achieve. On our recommendation, the Board approved this interim budget.

There are many financial challenges for the rest of the year. We have had a reduction in membership, and there is a severe impact on particular income lines including general donations, aliyot, lifecycle and b’nei mitzvah. These are a result of the closure of our building and the possible further restrictions for the rest of the year.

Your ongoing support of our rabbinic team and for our services and programs is one of our signature strengths. Paying your membership fees at this time will go a long way in supporting TBI’s viability. We are here to help any members that have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

We are immensely grateful to those in our community who were in a position to make a charitable gift to TBI in the 2020 financial year. Such ongoing support will enable us to thrive as this recession continues. I am now calling on our members to support the upcoming Kol Nidrei appeal that will be launched by our President.

I thank our beloved community for staying together and for your support of TBI. I also thank our rabbis for keeping our spirits high in these difficult times.

Thank you to our Taskforce, for your excellent work in managing the impacts of this crisis on our financial position.

Additionally I am most appreciative of Chris Gounis, TBI’s Finance Manager, for collating financial information and assisting us so well through this process.
The TBI Taskforce was established in early April as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. This allowed TBI to respond swiftly and effectively, given the fluidity of the situation and rapid changes in government directives. As a committee of the Board, the Taskforce was delegated to take urgent actions in regards to staffing, programming and finances, in the interests of the organisation.

The members of Taskforce are: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow, Rebecca Silk (President), Craig Levin (Board member), Joanne Loewy Irons (Vice President) and Alla Medownick (Treasurer). They meet virtually as often as three times a week.

Immediately, the Taskforce moved to reduce operational costs in order to reduce the financial impact of the crisis on TBI. It then reviewed TBI’s programs in light of government restrictions and worked with staff to move to a predominantly online TBI offering.

While there were some reduced costs due to the building closure, there has been a greater loss of income due to a lack of activities in the synagogue and a fall in donations and membership payments. Accordingly, the Taskforce has been taking steps to generate alternative income streams and put in steps to mitigate possible worst case scenarios.

The Taskforce continues to work closely with our rabbinic and administrative staff and, through wonderful co-operation, have arranged temporary staffing reductions for operational staff and negotiated equitable salary reductions with the rabbinic team.

The Taskforce continually keeps up to date with government legislation and directives, and works to ensure that COVID-19 protocols are strictly adhered to in order to keep all who enter the building safe.

Together with Rabbi Lazarow, virtual programming is continually being reviewed to respond to the needs of our members while maintaining the wellbeing of the Bimah team.

Since completion of the Gateway Project, at the Taskforce’s recommendation, the board has resolved that no new capital works will be undertaken for the next two years. This will allow us all to focus on improving the financial strength of TBI.

With regard to membership renewal, the board accepted the Taskforce’s recommendations to keep fees at 2019 levels, waive any merchant charges for credit card payments and provide help to members affected by the crisis.

The Taskforce is advancing some new structuring opportunities and the Treasurer intends to incorporate these initiatives into a budget that will take TBI through to the end of the 2021 financial year.

Although this process is time-consuming and challenging, the Taskforce is managing to achieve the difficult balance of fiscal responsibility, whilst continuing the essential work provided by TBI to our beloved community.
NOT IN MY LIFETIME: ROsh HASHANAH FROM MY COUCH!

Rabbi Kim Ettlinger

So how do we approach Yamim Noraim? How do we spiritually prepare for our holiest days of the year, when we know that everything will seem unfamiliar?

We know that 3000 people will not be walking through our doors, but we also know that we will gather through technology to celebrate, to pray and to contemplate. We will be together, our hearts as one. Our expectations must change and we need to open ourselves to the fact that whilst it may feel different, there is much that will be the same. The beautiful melody of the Avinu Malkeinu, the haunting cello of Kol Nidrei, and the pitch perfect sounds of the shofar will be heard, and felt through our hearts, minds and souls.

While the principles for preparing for the High Holy Days remain the same, the question is how we adapt them to social distancing times.

Firstly, we need to make time for spiritual reflection and study. Create a sacred space at home for study and prayer. Having a dedicated space ensures that we can focus well. And, as many of us feel that we have copious amounts of time, given that we are not working as much, but we also feel that the days are disappearing - we wonder where time has gone. I encourage everyone to make time to study, whether joining one of our online classes, or subscribing to a daily email from the Union for Progressive Judaism (UPJ), or myjewishlearning.org. Even 5 - 10 minutes a day can put us in the right mindset for these special days.

Secondly, if you have children at home, involve them in thinking about how to make the Yamim Noraim special. Perhaps decorating your home in Rosh HaShanah themed decorations, or arts and crafts that could be used for the festival meals. Create the mood that Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are approaching.

When it comes to eating, consider your menu. Cooking is so important, or preparing meals that make the festivals feel haimish, warm and familiar. Try to prepare meals that are...
nostalgic to the holy days, or create new memories with new recipes if you didn’t grow up on matzo ball soup and herring. Then, think about who you would invite to your Rosh HaShanah table or breaking of the fast and organise a Zoom or Facetime meal. Eat together! Many families successfully did this for Pesach, and Rosh HaShanah is no different.

Clothing, as we know, helps us feel the part. I encourage everyone to wear clothing that reflects the holiness of the High Holy Days. During the online morning services and at Kol Nidrei, wear a Kippah and tallit as it will enhance the prayer experience with a sense of authenticity. Dress up as well, it is High Holy Days and we would never attend Kol Nidrei in our track suits.

As we begin services, ensure you have what you need at your side. Have your machzor with you, or ensure the link works and is comfortably readable on your device. With the hard copy book, the tactileness of holding the book can transport us into the sanctuary, as we flip the pages, and engage fully in the service. The prayers will not be on the screen, so having a machzor means you can participate more fully. If you do not own a copy, you may buy now in time for the High Holy Days or you can borrow one from TBI.

While online, try to remove distractions, do what you would if you were in shule, switch off your mobile phones if you are able to, and treat the time with the same honour and respect that we would if we were in the sanctuary.

Ordinarily at this time, we would visit the cemetery. I do encourage you to do this, providing COVID-19 restrictions permit this mitzvah - at the time of writing this article, we are not permitted to leave our homes, but perhaps we will be able to between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Minimally, one can light a memorial candle with the direct intention of remembering our loved ones at this time.

Lastly, I would encourage everyone to continue to reach out to your loved ones. We may feel more keenly this year the loneliness of not physically being together, so by reaching out and making an extra effort, we can ensure that we are “Together: heart to heart.”

G’mar Chatimah Tovah - May we be inscribed in the Book of Life.
Every aspect of Jewish life is by design meant to be shared, celebrated or marked as a community. What will the High Holy Days be like without the ability to physically come together as a whole?

This year has become a year of great challenges and difficulties for many of us. Physical distancing and intermittent lockdowns have, for many, caused social distance; disrupting the social activities that enhance our daily lives. Temple Beth Israel has been transformed from a vibrant community centre to a vibrant, online platform, a virtual hub, where we can continue to gather, to study, and pray despite the restrictions imposed by the need to suppress the virus.

One of the most important jobs each of us has been tasked with is to stay home, making many of us grateful that the pandemic happened in the age of internet streaming services. TBI moved its services and programs online and added a Daily Daven service every night at 6.15pm. Many of our members now come together to study in our Lunch and Learn programs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Parashat Hashavua every Shabbat morning.

To name just a few of our community support and cohesion programs being undertaken under the supervision of the Communal Life program:

• Phone tree: a program in which TBI volunteers call members to maintain regular contact, support and ensure their wellbeing. Pertinent information is then provided to our clergy, to follow-up with additional support as needed.

• Birthday phone calls: from board members for all congregants over 75 years of age.

• Daily Yahrzeit phone calls from clergy.

• Take them a Meal program: members of the TBI community prepare and deliver meals to congregants who need a little additional support.

• Refugee and asylum seeker support: volunteers have been identifying and supporting refugees and asylum seekers in need and providing various forms of support - engagement, financial, or culturally appropriate meals delivered to their homes. The volunteers have also been running a highly successful online film night.

• Mask production: the team is working to source materials and elastic to make reusable washable masks.

• Ensuring our live stream / daily Daven / High Holy Days are screened on hospitals’ and nursing homes’ in-house channels.

• Australasian-wide Shavuot and Tisha B’Av programs featuring study sessions and services with clergy from our UPJ communities.

As they would have said this year had the Olympics gone ahead in Tokyo — it is not the winning but the taking part that is important.

If you are interested in cooking, calling, studying, or even if you simply need help connecting to our live stream please contact the office. If there is ever a time for community to be there for each other, it is this year.

May the High Holy Days of 2020 be an opportunity for us to discover new and creative ways to support and to celebrate our families, our friends and our wider community.

Wishing you Shanah Tovah Umetukah, may this year be a year of health and happiness, of wholeness and holiness.
STAYING CONNECTED

The ways in which we connect virtually have resulted in a range of programs and offerings that have had a remarkably positive impact. We are continually grateful for the daily and weekly virtual opportunities that keep us learning and praying together. Below is an outline of some, not all, of our programs and we encourage you to visit tbi.org.au should you wish to know more.

Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 12pm, Rabbi Lazarow and Rabbi Ettlinger host a virtual hour-long session of interesting topics, study and conversations.

Similarly, on Thursdays at 12pm we have a virtual Musical Lunch - a theological exploration of our liturgy and melodies.

The Melton School sets the standard for high-quality, weekly interactive Jewish study by offering a world-class curriculum.

B’nei Mitzvah students are responding exceptionally well to individual online tutoring and our shared Binah program.

An understanding of the weekly Torah reading. The rabbis share their deep knowledge and love of Torah and show us meanings we would never dream of.

Every Friday morning brings this firm favourite to our younger viewers and is a fun, musical and joyful welcome to Shabbat.

Daily Daven on weekday evenings as well as weekly Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat Shacharit and Havdalah services.

Project Dignity COVID -19 Crisis Relief Program. We support those who don’t have access to nutritious meals, contributing non-perishable food items and essential items.
HONOURS & AWARDS

If you would like to nominate a TBI member for a recognition, please send an email briefly describing their achievements to Rysia Rozen, Chair Honours Committee at rozenr@bigpond.com

DR ROBERT SWARD AM
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
for significant service to primary industry, to gene technology, and to the Jewish community including TBI and the UPJ.

SAM SHARMAN OAM
MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
for service to the Jewish community of Melbourne including TBI and The King David School, and to the wider Melbourne community.

SUE MORGAN OAM
MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
for service to the Jewish community of Victoria including TBI and Progressive Judaism in Victoria, and to pastoral care and spiritual health.

DR DAVID KRAM AM
MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA
for significant service to the performing arts, to opera, chamber choirs and to education.

KATHY KAPLAN OAM
PRO BONO AUSTRALIA’S IMPACT 25 AWARD which recognised the top 25 influential people in the Australian social sector in 2019, and as President of Impact for Women which was awarded the GLEN EIRA 2020 COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR (joint winner).

JOANNE LOEWY IRONS
OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL MITZVAH DAY AWARD
as President of Mitzvah Day Australia

PHILIP MAYERS
MEMBER, ORDER OF MERIT, FREEMASONS VICTORIA
in recognition of his important contribution and for adding value to the future benefit of the Craft.
CHATAN TORAH

CRAIG LEVIN has been a TBI member since birth. His parents, Len and Deanna, were married at TBI. Craig went to Sunday school at TBI, celebrated his bar mitzvah at TBI, and in recent years his children were the third generation of the Levin family to be bar/bat mitzvah at TBI. Craig joined the Board of Governance in 2017 bringing a wealth of expertise and experience gained from many years of successfully managing a large pharmaceutical company. He serves on a number of Board committees - Communal Life, Finance, Fundraising. Craig is a co-founder and the Company Secretary/Public Officer of the TBI L’dor Va’dor Foundation. He is a member of the TBI Taskforce that is working tirelessly to respond to the COVID crisis and the ensuing closure of our building and financial challenges. Craig is also an ideas man, forever coming up with new ways to engage and help TBI members, and to recognise the contributions of our many volunteers. In 2018 Craig was delighted to dedicate the main entrance to TBI in honour of his parents.

KALLAT TORAH

DR SUE SILBERBERG is a lifelong TBI member. She attended Sunday School at TBI and celebrated her bat mitzvah at TBI. Her children attended KDS and had their b’nei mitzvot at TBI. Sue’s family have been associated with TBI since its beginning. Two of TBI’s first three presidents were members of her family including her grandfather, Dr Montefiore Silberberg, TBI’s longest serving President. Sue served on the Board of Governance for three years from 2015 and then returned to the Board in 2019. A member of the Vision 2030 Committee, Sue brings to TBI her experience in the arts. Amongst other projects as director of both a museum and a Commonwealth festival event, Sue combines her expertise in strategic thinking with her passion for community. She has taken on a number of tasks including working to shape the strategic plan, budget strategies and board planning, archives policies, and assisting with Government grants. Sue is an academic historian with a focus on Jewish History. She is the author of a number of academic works including the recently published “A Networked Community: Jewish Melbourne in the Nineteenth Century”.

ADA PHILLIPS PRESIDENT’S AWARD

NICOLE BROWN has been volunteering at TBI for about 20 years. When her children were young, she was very active in arranging programs for young families as a member of TBI’s Va’ad Mispacha (Family Committee). For some years, Nicole led children’s services during the High Holy Days. With her daughter, Ashley, Nicole organised a TBI youth soccer competition for many years. She was awarded the UPJ Ner Tamid Award in 2004 in recognition of her contributions to encourage young families’ involvement with TBI. Over the years Nicole has regularly assisted the TBI office with general administrative tasks. She has helped to co-ordinate the Purim Spiel for many years. Nicole has volunteered for nourish since its inception and serves on the Project Dignity Committee. During the current COVID-19 crisis, Nicole has been instrumental in developing the Project Dignity Crisis Relief Program.

SAVE THE DATE

TBI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AN INVITATION TO REFLECT AND CELEBRATE

Community participation is encouraged. Board papers will be placed on tbi.org.au by Friday 23 October. Please forward questions you’d like raised at the AGM to Rebecca Silk at president@tbi.org.au by Friday 13 November.

10.30AM, SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020
BEREAVEMENTS

1.1.20 to 5.8.20

JOAN ABRAHAMS
Mother of Arthur and Sue

GARY AXE
Step-father of Melissa, Josh and Ilan Abrahams

RALPH BARNETT
Cousin of Rick de Wolff

JOSEPH BRAVERMAN
Brother of Ellen Frazier

SUSI BREIT-LEARMONT
Wife of Johannes z”l, mother of Gary and Sandra z”l

SCOTT BROWN RIDGE
Brother-in-law of Deb Cantoni-Bud

RICK BURNS
Brother of Tony Muir

MARK BYRNE
Husband of Jacki, father of Olivia

MICHAEL BRIAN COHEN
Uncle of Jonathan and Mark, brother-in-law of Shelley

MARTA COHEN
Mother of Fernanda Filarent

MOHIE DINOR
Father of Doron and Allon

EDWARD EKSELMAN
Husband of Lilian, father of Robert and David

MAURICE ELIJAH
Husband of Astrid

GEORGE FARAGO
Husband of Aniko, father of Judith

BARRY FEREN
Father and father-in-law of Phillip Feren and Devorah Komesaroff

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Mother of Justin Hunt and Emma Hunt

HANNAH FORSHAW
Mother of Davida and Naomi

RABBI BRIAN FOX
Husband of Dina, father of Ben, Mim, Shira and Mish

ALLAN GELFAND
Husband of Charyl, father of Debra Dalidakis, Rochelle Goldenberg and Samantha Harrison

NELIE GOODVACH
Wife of Gregory, mother of Gavriel, Paul and Adam

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Father of Simone Fookes, Toby Graham and Gideon Isaacs

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Husband of Jenny, father of Mark and Robby

MICHAEL GROS
Husband of Daiva, father of Jessica

SOLLY HENDLER
Husband of Marge (Margaret), father of Michele, Lauren and Keren

RENAI INGERSOLE
Daughter of Judy and Peter Lawrence, wife of Andrew, mother of Ollie, Tom and Tess

VALERIE JACOBSON
Aunt of Devorah Komesaroff

DIANA KAHN
Mother of Michael and Vivien

AHARON KOPET
Husband of Claudia, father of Inna, grandfather of Jess and Rebecca

ALLEN LANG
Husband of Barbara, father of Simon and Julie

HENRY LERDUMAN
Friend of Vicki Black

EVA LEHNER
Mother of Judy Margis

SUSAN PATRICIA LEVIN
Mother of Claire Walker, Nicholas Levin and Nina Levin

SANDRA (JUDITH) LEBRANN
Sister of Jeanette, aunt of Talia

LEWIS LUSTIG
Husband of Eve, father of Danny, Richard and Anne

MALCOLM LUTCHNER
Husband of Fay, father of Darren

JOHN MANSFIELD
Father of Ian and Ross

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Wife of Stan, mother of Diana Lee z”l and Peter

GRAEME NATHAN
Brother of Jenny Sward

MIKHAIL OUNGUER
Husband of Sours, father of Arkady and Gregory

DAVID PECK
Friend of Lawrence Jordan

MAURICE PERERA
Husband of Marlene, father of Michelle, Marie, Miguel and Marion

ROBERT PHILIP
Father of James, Aaron and Nathan, partner of Francine, brother and brother-in-law of Rochelle and Simon Obel

YAEI PHILLIPS
Wife of Richard, mother of Simon, Jessica and Danielle

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Wife of Andy, mother of Jessie, Isaac, Asher and Joseph

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Wife of Tom, mother of Yvonne, Jonathan and Deborah

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Father of Naomi Pizzo and Leah Raymond, father-in-law of Gary Pizzo, adored grandfather of Jacquie and Kayla

LEON ROGERS
Husband of Donna, father of Ruby, brother and brother-in-law of Rico Rogers and Elise Hearst

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SUSANNE SELBY
Wife of Leslie z”l, mother of Robert

NANCY SHENKIER
Mother of Leonard (Len)

ZANAIDA SINITSKY
Mother of Tatiana, grandmother of Melissa

BETTY SMITH
Mother of Graeme Smith

CYRIL SPENCER
Father of Amanda, Judy and Sarah

PAWEL SPIEWAK
Cousin of Elizabeth Goldmain and Alan Sapir

MARINETTE STEINER
Sister of Rosie Matthews

MARTA STIGLITZ
Wife of Jack, mother of Linda and Daniel

ROBERT SZIGETI
Husband of Agathia, father of Christina

WALTER WAGNER
Son of Mila Wagner z”l

ANNA WAMSTEKER
Mother of Pamela Dean

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BACKGROUND
Some years ago the Jewish community in Melbourne took proactive steps to safeguard its security. The Community Security Group (CSG) was set up to provide expert security advice and training to every shul and Jewish organisation in Melbourne.

At TBI we use the advice of CSG on security matters and are grateful for their regular security briefings and training for our shul protectors.

Four years ago we set up a security subcommittee of the Board in order to have a clear focus on security. In 2017 a security review and report on our entire Alma Road site was conducted by a world class firm from Israel.

In October 2017 the Premier of Victoria announced that TBI was to receive a substantial grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Office of Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion.

In early 2018 a project team began meeting and developed a concept for renewed fences, new gates and a guardhouse on Alma Road. It was known as the Gateway project.

The project has gone through various iterations and delays in the intervening period. One was the closure of the KDS preschool and consequent removal of the weekday security guard. However, recent improvements in digital access technology and communications mean that we can employ digital solutions without the need for a guardhouse.

We have also been fortunate enough to receive two additional grants to support the project which now includes construction works to “harden” the fence line, as well as substantial technology works to improve access and enhance security monitoring.

UPDATE

ALMA ROAD GATEWAY PROJECT

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I am pleased to announce that the construction works for the Gateway Project have been completed. The new gates, fences and bollards are in place. We now have a separate entry for vehicles and pedestrians.

We have a significantly strengthened fence and semi-automatic bollards for increased security. We also have significantly increased our digital security. We have key pads, intercoms and electronic locks installed on internal and external doors, as well as enhanced camera monitoring.

Every person who is a TBI member or part of an affiliate household now has a unique code number to use on the pedestrian gate (when our building is open), with swipe cards also available. Limited car park access will be provided to those who need it.

In summary, while the finished Gateway does not look much different from the street, it has achieved our goals of risk mitigation, improved access, improved security and enhanced monitoring while still welcoming members, friends and visitors to TBI.

The project committee and the Board are immensely grateful to the government funding bodies for the grants; to our own funders for their support, and to our staff and congregation for your patience during the project.