



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President: A Busy Month

It was a great pleasure for all of us to see the large crowd of students, proud parents and community members attend the opening of the B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition at the Glen Eira Town Hall. Mayor Jamie Hyams and local politicians Josh Burns MP and David Southwick MP were effusive in their praise. Our patron, Lady Anna Cowen AM, was beaming as she awarded the top prize to Ella Hermann. Our thanks go to Mark Rubinstein and Alice Peer, who led the small, hard-working team who made the Art Competition such a success.

Our best talent was also evident at the Hatikvah Unit Fundraiser at the Leo Baeck Centre, where money was raised for the Fred Hollows Foundation and for Israel projects. Paula Messer and Michael Taft got nearly everyone up and dancing to South American music and then competing for prizes from Iain Messer's challenging quiz sessions.

August 2019 was a busy month for many members in B'nai B'rith. Twenty six separate meetings or activities were held that month. It's amazing what our 424 members and their friends get up to each month. In the near future, we want to start systematically collecting and analysing data on how many people actually participate in our functions – both members and non BBVic members. This can help us to assess our organisation's progress and perhaps give us an indication of our impact on the community. The data could also assist with grant applications and when lobbying for funds; so, when called upon, please help us with this task.

Another hectic group of people at the moment are the B'nai B'rith Australia and New Zealand Triennial Convention planners, led by Tania and Morris Tobias. The Convention being held in Melbourne in early September is an opportunity to celebrate and learn what is happening in B'nai B'rith locally and overseas. We are fortunate to have high profile overseas leaders from the USA, France and New Zealand participating in this event. So I recommend that you attend and hear what they have to say. Even if you are not an official delegate from your Unit and have not paid, you can attend the discussion sessions on Sunday afternoon September 8th for free and participate in the deliberations.

By now, you would be aware that our new expanded BBVic Executive was elected at our recent AGM for a two year term. I am proud of our team and their desire to work together as we face hurdles and challenges ahead. The four priorities of the new Executive, as I outlined at the August VBBC meeting, are:

1. Dealing with our financial situation - we currently spend about \$82,000 per year more than we are earning from investments and other sources - therefore depleting our capital.
2. Working with our 4 partners: Courage to Care, UJEB, Emmy Monash and Click and Connect. Our partnerships should be based on mutual growth and benefit.
3. Projects and membership growth.
4. Working closer and more collaboratively with our five Units to foster the concept of one organisation.



In October, we'll slow down for the High Holy Days. In the meantime, let's celebrate our successes together and support each other at times of need. That's an important part of being a member of B'nai B'rith.

Benny

Benny Monheit

MAJOR BBVic EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

SEPTEMBER:

Monday 2 - 2:30pm Fellowship Concert (see page 7)

Tuesday 3 & 17 - 10:00am Current Affairs with Ron James Sessions 3 & 4

Tuesday 3 - 7:30pm Wallenberg AGM & Installation (see page 3)

Friday 6-Monday 9 - BBANZ Triennial Convention

Sunday 15 - 2:00pm B'nai B'rith Showcase Finals Concert (see page 11)

Sunday 15 - 6:30pm Melbourne Mitzvah Installation (see page 7)

OCTOBER:

Sunday 6 - 11:00am BBVic Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 6 - 7:00pm Hatikvah Installation (see page 4)

ANNOUNCEMENT: BBVic Final Speakers Forum for 2019

The final BBVic Speakers Forum for 2019 will take place on **Sunday 1st December at 2:30pm at Beth Weizmann**. We are delighted to be hosting **Guest Speaker Rachael Kohn AO**, an author and broadcaster who has a long history of presenting radio programs on religion and spirituality.

The event will also feature entertainment by the overall winner of the 2019 B'nai B'rith Showcase, as well as the announcement of the 2020 Menorah Awards Recipients, followed by refreshments and shmoozing. There will be a minimal charge for entry. Details to come.



Menorah Award Nominations NOW OPEN!

Do you know someone who has dedicated their time to the welfare of the community? Someone who deserves to be recognised for their commitment and dedication? Nominations are now open for the B'nai B'rith Menorah Awards for 2020.

Information and nomination forms can be found at tiny.cc/menorahawards or at the BBVic office.

HELP US KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE

If you have changed your details - address; home phone; mobile phone; email - please notify both your Unit & the BBVic office on 9523 0888 or email: council@bbvic.org of changes.

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RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-President: Simone Markus
Co-President: Jacqui Dinor Corry
Secretary: Minnie Kahan
Preview: Josh Kahan



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What's on in September:

- Tuesday 3** 7.30pm AGM; Installation of the Executive; Regular Meeting; followed by a Quiz Evening; Prizes will be given. Supper will be served. \$20 pp.
- Tuesday 10** 12 Noon Programming Meeting
- Tuesday 17** 3:00pm Schmooze
NB! 7.30pm Executive Meeting
- Sunday 22** 1:00pm Lunch at the Rosstown Hotel

Coming up in October:

- Sunday 6** 11:00am BBVic Memorial Service

NB! There will be no meetings in October due to the Yom Tovim

Coming up in November:

- Wednesday 6** 7:30pm Israel and the Jewish World. Guest speaker: Rebecca Forgasz.
- Tuesday 12** 12 Noon Programming Meeting. 7.30pm Executive Meeting.
- Tuesday 19** 3:00pm Schmooze
- Wednesday 20** 9am - 5pm Bus Trip, visiting a sculpture garden, followed by a visit to a bee farm. Details to follow in the October Preview.
- Sunday 24** 1:00pm Lunch

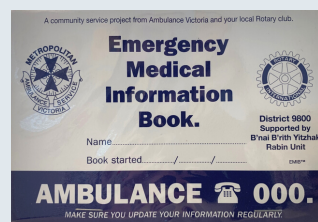
Thinking of you: We wish a speedy recovery to all those who have been ill. If you or a fellow Wallenberg member is not well and would like a friendly phone call or visit, please contact us.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION BOOKLET

This is available from the Office at a cost of \$2.

The Ambulance Service together with Geshar-Rabin Unit and Rotary have combined to help save precious time which is frequently lost when Paramedics scout a house to establish the patient's current medication. For only \$2 a magnetized booklet filled in, kept up to date and put on the fridge will help save lives.

Can be purchased at the BBVic Office or for more information contact Monica or Jock on 9803 2929.



HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice President: Evelyn Moszkowicz

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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What's on in September:

Friday 6 - Monday 9 BBANZ Triennial Convention

Sunday 15 10:00am-12:30pm Calico Dolls

No September Regular Meeting

Coming up in October:

Sunday 6 11:00am BBVic Annual Memorial Service

Sunday 6 7:00pm Installation of the new Executive

Photos from Hatikvah's Fundraiser: A South American Afternoon, held Sunday 18th August



DO YOU WANT TO KEEP B'NAI B'RITH GOING?

Remember us in your will. After you have taken care of your loved ones, leave a legacy for B'nai B'rith Victoria. For further information, contact Benny Monheit on 9523 0888.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-President: Karin Zafir

Co-President: Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Tom & Karin Zafir



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Still to come in August:

Saturday 31 7:30pm **Pizza and Popcorn Movie Night - Ushpitzten.** This will be in a private home so numbers are limited and bookings are essential. To book, go to TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/537504 or pay direct to the Gesher-Rabin bank account: BSB 033 034 A/c no. 598822. Address details will be sent once you have booked.

What's on in September:

Friday 6 - Monday 9 **BBANZ Triennial Convention.** Note that attendance at the Shule Service on Saturday morning and the various talks and other sessions on Sunday and Monday are free, as are morning and afternoon teas. Only exception is the gala dinner. Lunch and breakfast are \$25 each, and need to be pre-booked on the registration form.

Sunday 22 (TBC) 3:00pm **Talk by Tom Zafir** on the unbelievable story of the Kastner Train which saved over 1,600 Hungarian Jews. Gold coin donation. For bookings and more information contact gesher@bbvic.net

Coming up in October:

Sunday 6 11:00am **BBVic Annual Memorial Service**

Friday 25 - Sunday 27 **Weekend away at Vibe Marysville**

Coming up in November:

Sunday 10 7:30pm **Trivia Night Fundraiser.** Tables of 10. BB members \$25, non-members \$35. Kosher supper. Book through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/538560

Sunday 17 10:00am-2:00pm **'Reverse Garage Sale'** in conjunction with the Jewish Ecological Coalition (JECO) for Mitzvah Day. A chance to declutter and pass on a lot of your unwanted items for reuse/recycling. Contact gesher@bbvic.net for a list of things we'll be collecting.

Coming up in December:

Tuesday 31 8:00pm **Grand New Year's Eve Dinner Dance** with live band and fully catered kosher buffet. BB members \$75, non-members \$85. Limited numbers. Bookings essential. Book through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/538567.

Please see the activities of the other BBVic units – all BB members are welcome to attend activities of all BBVic units.

UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Helen Fisher

Co-President: Peter Schattner

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin



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What's on in September:

- Sunday 15** 2:00pm **BBVic Showcase Finals Concert.** See page 11.
- Thursday 19** 8:00 - 9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** The meeting will review the book "Franz Kafka: The Poet of Shame and Guilt" by Saul Friedländer. Presenter: Evelyn Chizik. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
- Sunday 22** 7:00pm **Executive Committee meeting**, 8:00pm **Regular meeting.** Bubbles Segall, secretary of the Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic) will be our guest speaker on the topic "How to record your family history on a family website".

Coming up in October:

- Sunday 6** 11:00am **BBVic Annual Memorial Service.**
- Sunday 6** **Lunch** in Caulfield, following the BBVic Annual Memorial Service. Meet at café 12:15 to 12:30pm. This activity is open to everyone, not just those who attended the Memorial Service. Please book yourselves in for lunch via akiba@bbvic.net
- Saturday 19** 8:00pm **Theatre Night – "Mamma Mia"** presented by CLOC Musical Theatre. Please book your own tickets online at www.cloc.org.au. Dinner beforehand in Acland Street.
- Sunday 27** 7:00pm **Executive Committee meeting**, 8:00pm **Regular meeting.** Judy Feiglin will be our guest speaker and will talk to us about Mitzvah Day.

SAVE THESE DATES: Friday March 13 to Sunday March 15, 2020

Akiba's Weekend Away to San Remo. For further information, contact akiba@bbvic.net

We wish a Refuah Shleymah to any Akiba members who may be unwell at present, and hope to see you joining us again very soon.

Help us help others!

Please collect and deliver to the B'nai B'rith office at Beth Weizmann any unwanted stamps, spectacles (for Israel), hearing aids and hotel give-aways as well as batteries, compact fluorescent light globes and mobile phones.



MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Giora Hoffmann

Preview: Ron Sack



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What's on in September:

- Monday 2** 2:30pm **Fellowship Concert** in Ormond. Starring young vocalist, Jemma Newman, and classical pianist, Dennis Nassau. Admission \$7 includes afternoon tea & raffle ticket.
- Monday 2** 8:00pm **Programming.**
- Wednesday 4** 8:00pm **Executive Meeting.**
- Sunday 15** 6:30pm **Installation of the new Executive & Regular Meeting**, and thereafter followed by a sumptuous and lavish dinner.
- Monday 16** 7:30pm **Book Club.**
- TBA** **Mameloshen.**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE - Funds raised support Jewish VCE students (from low income families) at Independent Jewish & State Schools. If you would like to make a donation, please email: devorahz@zmood.net or post to Making A Difference, B'nai B'rith Victoria, 306 Hawthorn Road, South Caulfield Vic 3162.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary & Mail Out: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



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What's on in September:

- Sunday 8** Morning. **SOMW** at Red Hill Old Merricks Station.
- Sunday 15** Morning. Classroom mobile navigation course. Numbers are restricted to 16.
- Wednesday 18** Morning. **Midweek Walk** from East Malvern to Burnley (Medium) or further for a Hard walk. This will be both a medium and hard walk.
- Sunday 25** Morning. **SOHW.**





It's been another very busy month at B'nai B'rith Courage to Care.

Exhibition at Alliance Francaise, Grey Street St. Kilda

We proudly showcased our program and activity at Alliance Francaise in late July. This was a wonderful opportunity for visitors interested in seeing our regional Exhibition materials and our school Incursion program. We learned a lot from this experience and next year's metropolitan showcase will be even bigger and better.

Gandel Gallery event

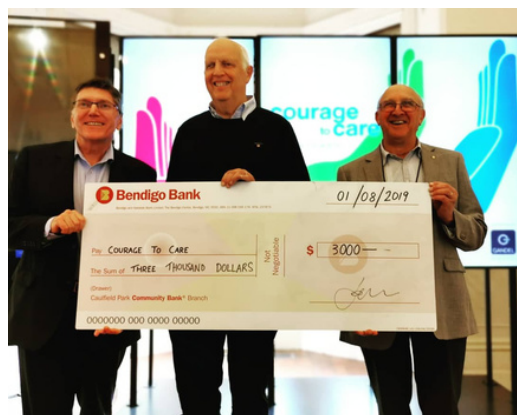
More than 80 guests joined us to learn more about Courage to Care. The event was organised by Allan Kaufman, Kerry Lowe, Lani Brayer and David Klein, some of our "younger" committee members. Judy Prager was also an enormous help in making this a very special evening. Gandel Philanthropy generously hosted the evening and we are excited at the prospect of having some new volunteers and supporters from this evening. Our Ambassador, Alpha Cheng, spoke from the heart about his personal journey and the importance of the Courage to Care messaging.



Alliance Francaise



Vedran Drakulic OAM, CEO Gandel Philanthropy; Nicole Brittain, Grants Manager Gandel Philanthropy; Mike Zervos, CEO Courage to Care



Mike Zervos; Gary Hershan, Chair Bendigo Bank Caulfield Park; Dr Tony Weldon, Chairman Courage to Care

Bendigo Bank Support

We are very pleased to have the support of Bendigo Bank Caulfield Park. Their Chairman, Gary Hershan, attended Alliance Francaise and presented us with a BIG cheque! They provide us with excellent banking services; so if you need any help in this area, why not give them a visit.

Warragul Exhibition. Nearly 1500 students are booked in to see our Exhibition in Warragul between 19-30 August. This will be our last regional exhibition for the year and, together with our Incursions, we will have reached well over 7000 students this year.

Volunteer Morning Tea on Wednesday 16 October. All our volunteers and friends are invited to join us for a casual morning tea at 11am on Wednesday 16 October. We would love you to visit us, find out more about what we are planning, and enjoy very interesting guest speakers.

Interested in finding out about volunteering opportunities? Give us a call on 9533 0955.

GALLERY



Handing over a cheque for \$1400, raised from a Gesher-Rabin sausage sizzle, to Avalon manager, Debbie Holmes. Pictured here are some of her clients and volunteers, who support those challenged with disabilities or homelessness.



Annual Holocaust remembrance, school performance and presentation on July 30 by Alkira College, organised by BB Yad Vashem Teachers recipient, Nicole Scott.



The new BBVic Executive checking the minutes of the July meeting



VBBC July meeting



Art Competition Exhibition Opening



2019-2020 Unit Akiba Executive Committee AGM

B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition 2019

More than 150 artworks entered into this year's B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition were on display at the Glen Eira Arts Complex.

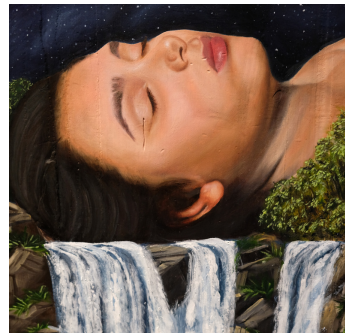
At the opening ceremony held on Sunday 4th August at the gallery, the Mayor of Glen Eira, Cr Jamie Hyams, praised the quality of the work by the primary, secondary and tertiary students aged 11-18.

"The art competition encouraged youths into healthy activities that build self-esteem through artistic expression," he said. "It creates a concrete and valued stepping-stone on an artistic pathway for students who aspire to a career in the arts."

The Morrie Gold Memorial Prize, presented to the overall winner of the competition, was won by Mount Scopus Memorial College student Ella Hermann for her work - painted on a large tree trunk - titled *Falling Into Place*.

The Thalia Hakin Prize, sponsored by Gandel Philanthropy, was won by Leibler Yavneh College student Raphael Brykman. The award was established last year in honour of 10-year-old Thalia, a student at Beth Rivkah Ladies College, who was killed in the Bourke Street rampage in January 2017.

The best work on a Jewish theme, sponsored by B'nai B'rith Victoria, was won by Gabriella Steinberg, who is currently in Israel and was presented with her award via smart-phone connection by B'nai B'rith Victoria president Dr Benny Monheit.





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◀ August	September 2019						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Father's Day	2 Fellowship Concert  Melb Mitzvah Prog	3 BBVic Current Affairs: Session #3 WALLENBERG AGM & INSTALLATION	4 Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg	5	6 Candle Lighting: 5:45pm  BBANZ Triennial Conference	7 Shabbat Ends: 6:42pm BBANZ Triennial Conference	
8 BBANZ Triennial Conference Ramblers SOMW	9 BBANZ Triennial Conference	10 RWU Prog Mtg	11	12 VBBC Mtg 	13 Candle Lighting: 5:50pm 	14 Shabbat Ends: 6:48pm	
15 Showcase Finals Concert  Ramblers Navigation Course Hatikvah Calico Dolls MELB MITZVAH INSTALLATION & REG MTG	16 Preview Deadline Melb Mitzvah Book Club	17 BBVic Current Affairs: Session #4 RWU Schmooze & Exec Mtg	18 Ramblers Midweek Walk	19 Akiba Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club 	20 Candle Lighting: 5:56pm 	21 Shabbat Ends: 6:54pm	
22 Ramblers SOHW RWU Lunch Gesher-Rabin Talk Akiba Exec & Reg Mtg	23 Preview Collating	24	25	26	27 Candle Lighting: 6:02pm 	28 Shabbat Ends: 7:00pm	
29 EREV ROSH HASHANA Candle Lighting: 6:05pm	30 ROSH HASHANA DAY 1 (Office Closed)  Candle Lighting: 7:02pm	MARK IN YOUR DIARIES OCTOBER: Sunday 6 - 11:00am BBVic Annual Memorial Service Sunday 6 - 7:00pm Hatikvah Installation (see page 4)					

Many thanks to this month's proof reader - Henry Gladwin

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