



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Israel's 70th Gala Brunch (more on page 9). From left: Ron Hoffman, Dr Yael Naaman, Geoffrey Kempler, Danielle Schilling, Levy Schneider, Leon Kempler OAM.

Message from the President: Welcome to Beth Weizmann

Our move to Beth Weizmann is planned for Monday 26 November, 2018. A lot of work has already been undertaken to prepare for this, and I'd like to thank all the volunteers as well as Frances and our Executive who shouldered the greatest load, especially whilst I was away on holidays. Faye, Ruth and Kath, together with Rosa Schattner and Phil Lipshut – our thanks go out especially to you.

I hope this move to “the heart of the community” in Hawthorn Road will lead to closer collaborations between our six Units and our Projects, and will give us a clearer focus in the Jewish community.

Our office on the first floor will provide space for volunteers and projects and meetings all under one roof. Larger rooms are also available to us for hire to hold most of our meetings at the Beth Weizmann Community Centre (BW). This Centre has state of the art security arrangements for our safety and we will all need to learn to abide by the new rules there. I outlined these measures to Unit Presidents at the November VBBC meeting and they will be circulated and explained to all members. All bookings for rooms need to go via Frances at the office.

The awful shooting in the Pittsburgh synagogue of 11 Jews by an anti-Semitic loner makes us all feel vulnerable and involved. Morris Tobias has highlighted the need for us to lobby against any weakening of Australia's tough anti-gun laws and I support him in this.

We all hope that the move to Beth Weizmann will generate in us new ideas and energy. We plan to improve our digital presence and be more open to outsiders, especially those aged in the 50s and 60s who often seek to give something back to their community.

We are starting to see this in action with some of our long established projects. The Youth Art Competition will now be led by Mark Rubinstein from Unit Akiba and the Menorah Awards Committee will be led by Evelyn Flitman from Geshar Unit. In addition, Peter Schattner from Unit Akiba will take on the role of running the Speakers Forum, which commences on Thursday 13 December with the dynamic Zeddy Lawrence from the *Australian Jewish News* as our guest speaker. It's therefore appropriate to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Leah Black and Shirley Lubofsky for their leadership of these projects in the past.

Denise and I returned a couple of weeks ago from a trip to Israel where we joined the UIA Medical Mission. We visited hospitals, research institutes (including a cannabis research laboratory), police stations,

a Hamas tunnel near Gaza and youth villages for disadvantaged children and their families. Israel is only 70 years old, but its achievements in that time are truly remarkable. I found it deeply inspiring. It shows what we can do if we put our mind and heart into something. We can do that too in B'nai B'rith, here in Victoria.



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MAJOR BBVIC EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

December:

Monday 3rd - **Fellowship Chanukah Concert** (see page 11)

Thursday 13th - **Speakers Forum. Guest speaker: Zeddy Lawrence** (see page 10)

Sunday 16th - **Wallenberg Teachers Farewell** (see page 4)



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UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Rosa Schattner

Co-President: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin



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What's on in December:

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2

Sat 2-6pm, Sun 10am-12noon. **Assisting Impact for Women with Xmas hamper packing.** Help needed to set up sports hall on Saturday and hamper packing on Sunday. To be followed by coffee and a bite to eat.

Saturday 8

Movie Night. Your choice of any movie. Meet for supper afterwards in Brighton.

Monday 31

7:00pm **New Year's Eve.** Features a 2-course dinner, live band playing music from the '60s-'80s, dancing and unbridled merriment. Cost \$70 pp.

Coming up in January:

Thursday 17

8:00-9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** The meeting will review the book "The Crisis of Zionism" by Peter Beinart. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday 22 March - Sunday 24 March, 2019

Akiba's Weekend Away to Warburton. **Please note these dates may be changing - TBA.**

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

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice President: Evelyn Moszkowicz

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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What's on in November:

Sunday 25 8:00pm **Combined meeting with Yitzhak Rabin Unit.** Our guest speaker will be Paramedic Colin Kicket who will give us an insight into what a paramedic's shift may have to deal with. Please bring a small plate to share for supper.

Coming up in December:

Thursday 13 7:30pm **Speakers Forum (Combined Meeting)** at Beth Weizmann.
Guest Speaker: Zeddy Lawrence. (Details page 10)

Sunday 16 **Farewell lunch for 2018.** Please contact for details and address and to book and coordinate food.

Collection of bags for Salvation Army:

Bags can be returned at any time with final date being November 25.

Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

President: Giora Hoffmann

Preview: P/P Deidre Wainrit



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What's on in December:

Monday 3 2:30pm **Fellowship Chanukah Concert** at the Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club, Tyrone St Ormond. Starring: Tamara Kuldin, plus guitarist Jon Delaney.

Monday 10 **Book Club.** Final meeting with Pizza supper.

Thursday 13 7:30pm **Speakers Forum (Combined Meeting)** at Beth Weizmann. Mitzvah members have duty to set up and clean up. Guest Speaker: Zeddy Lawrence. (Details page 10)

'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: adsport@bigpond.net.au

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 December:

- Tuesday 4** 7.30pm **REGULAR MEETING AND HERITAGE NIGHT.** Speakers: Lorraine Abel, Joan Black and George Schimmel.
- Tuesday 11** 12:00pm and 7:30pm **Programming and Executive Meetings.**
- Thursday 13** 7:30pm **Speakers Forum** (Combined Meeting of all Units renamed). Guest Speaker: Zeddy Lawrence, National Editor - *Australian Jewish News*, at Beth Weizmann. (Details page 10).
- Sunday 16** 2:00-5:00pm **Teachers Farewell.**

Coming up in January & February:

- Sunday 13 Jan** 11:00am **Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration.**
- Sunday 17 Feb** 2:00-5:00pm **Teachers Homecoming.**

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.

Wallenberg's Chag HaSussim:



YITZHAK RABIN UNIT

Co-President: Les Heimann OAM

Co-President: Leon Nissen

Secretary: Brian Schauer

Preview: Eleanor Zaprudsky



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What's on in December:

Sunday 2 5:00pm **Chanukah.** Bring money for pizzas or food to share and enjoy some Chanukah words of wisdom. Contact us to book in no later than Wednesday 28th November.

Thursday 6 6:30pm **Walking Together remembering William Cooper.** Meet at Separation Memorial, Flagstaff Gardens for opening ceremony & Remembrance Walk to Alexandra Gardens. Organised by the William Cooper Legacy Project and the JCCV.

Tuesday 11 7:45pm **Executive Meeting.** All members welcome.

Monday 31 7:30pm for 8pm **Celebrate New Years Eve.** Donation of \$10 for Fundraiser Training Guide Dogs. Bring food or drinks. RSVP by December 26th.

Coming up in February:

Sunday 3 1:00pm **Welcome Back Picnic.** Bring food to share and gold coin donation for fundraiser.

GESHER UNIT

President: Karin Zafir

Vice President: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



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What's on in December:

Sunday 2 2:00pm **Dunera Talk:** We invite you to this fascinating and informative afternoon at the **Caulfield Park Pavilion.** If you have any information, memorabilia or other items relating to the Dunera, or if you would like to speak for a few minutes yourself to contribute to the afternoon's session, please contact us. RSVP by 25th November.
We are particularly interested in personal stories about how the 'Dunera boy' you are connected with came to be on the Dunera, and possibly also what they did after they were eventually released.

Monday 31 From 6:00pm **New Years Eve.** Enquiries: gesher@bbvic.net. \$70 per person.

Coming up in January:

Tuesday 1 1:00pm **Annual New Year's Day Picnic.**

CHAVERIM GROUP

Chairperson: Antony Adelman

Secretary: Rebecca Grinblat

Preview: Antony Adelman



BBVic Chaverim
Facebook group

Chaverim Group held a Committee meeting/update in the new “Spot On” restaurant. We discussed final arrangements for our Cup Day Kosher BBQ.

We then held our most successful event on Cup Day, Tuesday 6th November. 50 people had a wonderful afternoon, with great food, chat and weather too. The weather was very wet in the morning, but by the time people started to arrive, so did the sunshine. Thanks to the Committee for their help in making this event so successful, particularly, Adina Adelman for her amazing catering skills.

Keep an eye on our Facebook group – BBVic Chaverim for details of future events.



ANTI-DEFAMATION COMMISSION

For more info regarding ADC activities, please go to www.antidef.org.au or call 9569 2735

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 December:

Sunday 9

Morning. **SOMW** in the Mornington Peninsula.

Wednesday 19

Morning. **Midweek Walk** in the Glen Eira/Brighton area, showcasing buildings, monuments and WW1 stories in the streets of these suburbs.

Sunday 23

Morning. **SOHW** in the Castlemaine area.



Photos from Hard walk to Mt Donna Buang 21 October 2018

Emergency Medical Information Booklet

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

The Ambulance Service together with Yitzhak 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.



Travelers to Israel

Any members intending to travel to Israel who can take a 500g pack of glasses frames for the Re-Specs Project - please contact the BBVic office.

A Re-Specs representative in Israel will arrange collection from you on arrival.

You will be performing a great mitzvah as the frames get recycled to provide glasses for the financially disadvantaged, currently struggling without corrective eyewear.



COURAGE TO CARE VIC

Our Open House event attracted well over 80 visitors who enjoyed the opportunity to have a look around and meet some old and new friends.

INCURSIONS

Recent incursions visited Ballarat and Geelong. Using a Glen Eira Council minibus for transport is working well and feedback from schools remains wonderful.

VICTORIA POLICE

Our well received work with Victoria Police continues with further training in November. Acting Inspector Steve McRae attended our Open House and is a driving force of cultural change. The feedback we have received confirms the program is having a real impact.

We now offer fee-for-service training to businesses and community organisations; so if you know of any potential opportunities please have the organisation contact us directly.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

Sunday 9 December 2:30pm - Tickets are selling fast for our Raheen event, **The Best of Musical Theatre** followed by a kosher-style afternoon tea. Featuring well-known artists Christie Whelan Brown and Simon Gleeson, this will be a delightful afternoon of musical theatre. To book seats, send your phone details by email to: events@couragetocare.org.au and you will receive a return phone call to finalise your booking.

ImpactPay is here! A brand new social enterprise, ImpactPay commences this month. Imagine having a Mastercard debit card that not only meets your shopping needs but allows you to make a real difference to causes you believe in at the same time. Courage to Care is lucky enough to be selected as one of the inaugural charities. Check out ImpactPay at www.impactpay.com

Thursday 6 December, 6.30pm - we are a major supporter of the William Cooper "Walking Together" march from Flagstaff Gardens to Alexandra Gardens. This commemorates the 80th anniversary of William Cooper's protest. If you would like to find out more or are considering attending please email: office@couragetocare.org.au

Gen2Gen event. We are working very closely with Gen2Gen, a non-profit initiative developed to highlight awareness of the injustice imposed on victims of the Holocaust, genocide and racial intolerance. Through programs such as Remember Me, Bar and Bat Mitzvah students are encouraged to understand the importance of not being a bystander, along with the concept of memorialisation. (www.gen2gen.org.au)

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Our increased activity has created some opportunities for skilled volunteering. We are specifically looking for support with our Social Media. This could suit a "tech savvy" university student looking for some work experience. The commitment of time would be very flexible. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them call us: 9533 0955.

If you would like to find out more details about our work, please give us a call.

Israel Commission Celebrates Israel's 70th

On Sunday 21st October, the B'nai B'rith Israel Commission celebrated Israel's 70th Birthday and chose this very special year to honour the memory of a dedicated Zionist, Past President Sonia Kempler.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sally Capp, was the Guest of Honour and delighted the audience with her charm and wit.

Three Israeli scientists were invited by Mrs Danielle Schilling, Chair of the Israel Commission, to highlight the important role that Israeli technology plays in the world. Dr Yael Naaman from the Royal Women's Hospital (Gynaecology & Oncology departments) shared some technological advancements in medicine. Mr Ron Hoffman, Managing Director at Bio Nexus, discussed the importance of cyber security.



Lord Mayor Sally Capp, BBVic Vice President Kath Kolb, Israel Commission Chair Danielle Schilling



Mr Levy Schneider, Managing Director of Netafim Australia, stressed how Israel's knowledge helps solve water problems around the world.

P/P Sonia Kempler's two sons, Leon and Geoffrey, were present at the event and Geoffrey, CEO of Prana Biotechnology, led the panel discussion after retracing the life of his mother. A lavish brunch followed the discussion.

From left: Ron Hoffman, Dr Yael Naaman, Geoffrey Kempler, Danielle Schilling, Levy Schneider, Leon Kempler OAM.

Refusal of a call to arms...

Following the Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting on 27th October, I reiterate that B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand shares in the grief suffered at the senseless loss of life of eleven Jewish worshippers in Pittsburgh on Saturday morning. The rise of antisemitism is extremely troubling, and the perpetrator of this vile crime will be brought to justice, although the eleven lives lost cannot be recovered.

Australia's gun laws have prevented mass shootings since they were invoked in 1996 after the Port Arthur Massacre where 35 innocent lives were lost. We have had gun deaths, but usually not more than one death in any incident. I fail to understand why the US Congress cannot look to Australia for a fine example of gun management and overturn "The Right to Bear Arms."

I am troubled by the rise in attempts to have our extremely effective gun laws overturned or even just watered down by political and other interests within our safe Australian community. I am also concerned that gun theft is a major problem, as it is stolen firearms that are most likely to be used in violent crimes.

If you agree with my outrage, I implore you to write to your members of Australian Parliament, both Federal and State.

Morris Tobias

President - B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand
Senior VP - B'nai B'rith International

BBVic FELLOWSHIP GROUP'S CHANUKAH CONCERT



2:30pm, Monday 3rd
December

Glen Eira-Mckinnon
Bowls Club
Tyrone Street, Ormond

Admission: \$7
includes raffle

Starring singer Tamara Kuldin
& guitarist Jon Delaney

For information/bookings call: Deidre 0408 121 213

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Speakers Forum

Thursday 13th December | 7:30pm
Beth Weizmann Community Centre,
306 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South

BEHIND THE NEWS
The Role Of The Jewish Press



GUEST SPEAKER

ZEDDY LAWRENCE
National Editor,
Australian Jewish News

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE
B'nai B'rith Victoria George Huppert
Memorial Award
B'nai B'rith Recognition Award
ANNOUNCEMENT INCLUDES
2019 Menorah Awardees



~ December 2018 ~						
◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat Ends: 9:12pm Akiba Impact for Women
2 EREV CHANUKAH (Candle 1)  Gesher Dunera Talk Akiba Impact for Women YRU Chanukah Party	3 CHANUKAH (Candle 2)  Fellowship Chanukah Concert 	4 CHANUKAH (Candle 3)  Wallenberg Reg Mtg	5 CHANUKAH (Candle 4) 	6 CHANUKAH (Candle 5)  YRU William Cooper Walk	7 CHANUKAH (Candle 6)  Candle Lighting: 8:14pm 	8 CHANUKAH (Candle 7)  Shabbat Ends: 9:19pm Akiba Movie Night 
9 CHANUKAH (Candle 8)  Ramblers SOMW	10 LAST DAY CHANUKAH Preview Deadline Melb Mitzvah Book Club	11 Wallenberg Prog & Exec Mtg YRU Exec Mtg	12	13  Speakers Forum	14 Candle Lighting: 8:19pm 	15 Shabbat Ends: 9:25pm
16 Wallenberg Teachers' Farewell Hatikvah Farewell Lunch	17 Preview Collating	18	19 Ramblers Midweek Walk	20	21 Candle Lighting: 8:24pm 	22 Shabbat Ends: 9:29pm
23 Ramblers SOHW	24 Office Closed	25 XMAS DAY Office Closed	26 BOXING DAY Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Candle Lighting: 8:26pm 	29 Shabbat Ends: 9:32pm
30	31 Office Closed Akiba NYE Activity YRU NYE Activity Gesher NYE Activity 	Notes:				

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