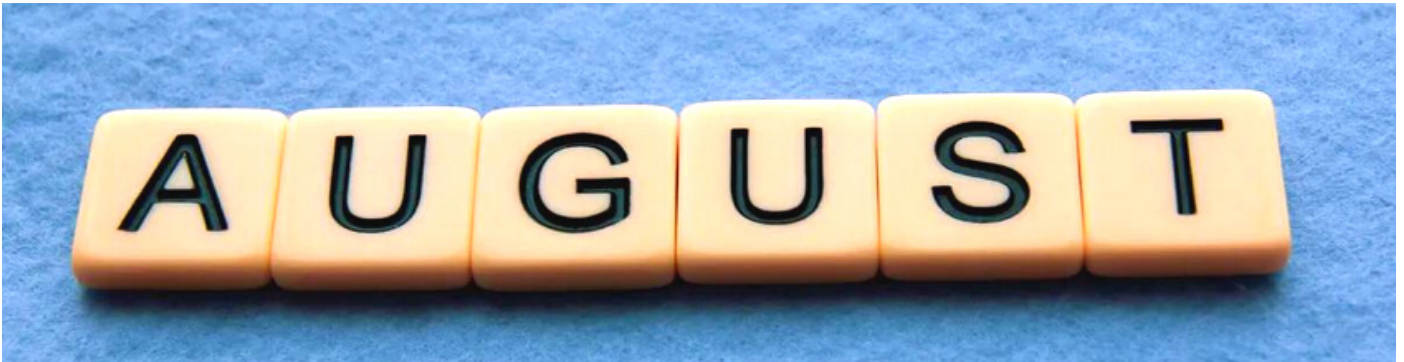




B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President (well, the Vice President actually!)



Peter and Rosa are in Israel taking a well-earned break to visit their daughter and family. Ellana is also in Israel to cheer on her daughter who is competing in the Maccabiah Games. So, Peter gave me carte blanche to write the President's message this month.

Well, visions of power overcame me with thoughts of waxing lyrical from the pulpit. I could speak about problems such as Putin holding the world to ransom whilst killing civilians in Ukraine with impunity. Or I could write about climate change and the growing realisation that it is here and not just a faraway problem for our grandchildren to deal with. Or I could write about Covid and the lack of care by the general population, where wearing a mask is now such an inconvenience, but the death of 8,000 Australians so far this year, apparently is not.

Or I could write about our organisation having lost its vitality and becoming a shadow of its glorious old self. Well no, that challenge is reserved for when Peter and Ellana are back. You will soon see the results of the very extensive work done by them, the Executive, the VBBC and the Office over the last few months to modernise and revitalise our B'nai B'rith.

Since it's my call in this report, let me tell you about a wonderful new project of Gesher-Rabin Unit called 'Nadeeya' ('hope' in Ukrainian), an endeavour to assist Ukrainian refugees arriving in Melbourne.

B'nai B'rith, of course, is a proud service organisation that assists in the community: that is our *raison d'être*. And there is certainly a need at the moment to help our brethren escaping the terrible situation in Ukraine.

We help the new arrivals find work, such as writing *résumés*, giving advice on skills at interviews, providing transport there, sometimes interpretation assistance, as well as general information on integration into the Australian community and where to seek help. Some of you will remember the sterling job done by our Memonet Project back in the late '80s and '90s for newly arrived Russian migrants. Well, you can join us in this wonderful project by contacting Eleanor Aghion.

And finally, don't forget to book for our B'nai B'rith Australia/NZ Triennial Convention on 10-12 September. Details are on page 18.

Jack Aghion, Vice President

Message from the BBANZ President



Our Triennial Convention is getting oh so close and I am fully aware that Dr Benny Monheit, Ellana Aarons and a number of other people have been working very hard in getting a program that will be interesting and relevant to what is happening today in our fast moving world. The topic for this program is 'Focus on the Future' and that is why we need all of you to attend this Convention and give us not only your ideas, but your 100% support. The Convention has interesting guest speakers from around the world.

It will be at this Convention that I will be stepping down from my position as President of B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand. It has been a true honour to serve in that position over the last three years. Along with my wife Sue, who has been Secretary during this time and who is also stepping down, we have tried to attend as many events as was possible. Zoom came to our rescue when we were all in lockdown for large parts of the last three years, and we couldn't physically travel to places where events were being held.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from Melbourne for making Sue and me feel so welcome on the few occasions we were able to come down. Special mention must go to those members from Melbourne who have been on the Board of Governors over the last three years and whose help and support have been invaluable. We have made new close friends as a result of becoming involved with the B'nai B'rith community in Melbourne.

I know that in my successor, Dr Benny Monheit, you have a man who is hard working, sincere and has your interests at heart. I urge you all to give him as much support as you can. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work". B'nai B'rith in Melbourne has many interesting and varied activities, but they can only continue to operate if they are supported by all of you.

Again, on behalf of Sue and myself, we look forward to meeting up with many of you at the Convention.

Best wishes

David Samuels

President B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand

B'nai B'rith Victoria welcomes our newest members

Robyn Goldman
Freda Leah Goldschmied
Robina Jay
Ruth and Jeff Kestenberg
Tania Nahum
Sandra Salkinder
Helen and Max Stern
Serge Sztrajt
Miriam Suss
Stuart Winton

We hope you enjoy everything B'nai B'rith has to offer!

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-Presidents: Simone Markus / Jacqui Dinor-Corry

Secretary: Adrienne Perch

Preview: Jacqui Dinor-Corry

What's on in August:

Tuesday 2

2:30pm - **Regular Meeting** on Zoom, not at Beth Weizmann, due to widespread illness. Guest speaker Dr Simon Holloway, Director of Education, Melbourne Holocaust Museum, commemorating the 110th anniversary of the birth of Raoul Wallenberg.

Wednesday 24

2:30pm - **Executive Meeting** at the home of Irene Bud.

Thursday 25

12:30pm - **RWU and MML lunch** at Souper Bistro. Details on page 13.

Sadly, we had to cancel our bus trip to Sale.

Coming up in September:

Tuesday 6

2:30pm - **Raoul Wallenberg AGM, Installation** by Dr Peter Schattner **and Regular Meeting** with guest speaker, visiting Rabbi Dr. Danny Schiff, son of our Raoul Wallenberg founders Dr. Peter Schiff OAM and Judi. Topic: "Fifty Years After Munich", followed by afternoon tea. Your presence is absolutely essential.

Wednesday 21

2:30pm - **Executive Meeting.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Basil Ornellis (9), Esther Gross (10), Ruth Goldman (15), Eve Lustig (17), Josh Kahan (17), Barbara Wolfson (21), Gabor Ujvari (25), George Schimmel (25), Eva Slonim (29), Elizabeth Minc (31).

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

E. Browne, Irene Bud, Peter and Judi Schiff, Leon and Franki Slonim, Susie Taft, Anne Cebon-Glass.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Tom & Karin Zafir

Every Sunday 11:00am - Sunday morning "get-together"
Note: face to face on 21 August. See below.

Every Thursday 11:00am - **Exercise Classes** - Exercises adapted for all levels of fitness.

What's on in August:

Sunday 7 7:30pm - Reminder for those who have booked: **Saltpillar Production** – The Importance of Being Jewish (sold out).

Sunday 21 11:00am - **Members coffee and chat get together** at the Umbrella Lounge, 338-340 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick. Lunch can be ordered afterwards. In July, we sat in the front section and it was very pleasant as the restaurant opens to the public at 12 noon. RSVP Eleanor Aghion by 17 August.

Postponed from 27 August

Sunday 6 November **Trivia Function** in support of The Tachlit-Meir Center for Youth at High Risk in Sderot, Israel and The Israeli Guide Dog Institute in Bet Oved. Further details to be provided.

The following members celebrate their birthdays in August:

Sue Newman (18th), Halina Leitch (31st)

Refuah Shleima to Hilary Gocs, Dianne Mattatia and Tom Reisner.

UNIT AKIBA

Co-Presidents: Helen Fisher / Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott

What's on in August:

- Sunday 7** 7:30pm - **Theatre night** – Saltpillar production of “The Importance of Being Jewish” at the Phoenix Theatre, 101 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood. This function is sold out.
Enquiries: Henry Gladwin.
- Wednesday 17** 7:30pm - Combined "Old and New" **Executive Committee meeting** on Zoom.
- Sunday 21** 7:30pm - **Regular meeting** followed by a Jewish Cultural Enrichment Program (JCEP) presentation with guest speaker, author Diane Armstrong via Zoom from Sydney.
Venue: Rubinstein home

Coming up in September:

- Wednesday 14** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee meeting** on Zoom.
- Thursday 15** 8:00-9:30pm - **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club** will meet and review the book “Menasseh ben Israel: Rabbi of Amsterdam” by Steven Nadler. The meeting will be led by Peter Schattner, and presented both via Zoom and face-to-face.
Venue: Zoom and Schattner home
Enquiries: non-fiction@bbvic.org.au.
- Sunday 18** 7:30pm - **Regular meeting** followed by a soup / hotdog / movie night.
Venue: Monheit home
Further details to follow

The following members celebrate their birthdays in August:

Karen Neumann (1st), Fred Pollak (2nd), Andrew Freadman (12th), David Rooseboom (18th), Elaine Bourne (21st), Beatrice Mense (26th) and Miriam Sztrajt (26th).

We wish a **Refuah Shleima** to Andrew Kolb and Barry Lewis, and to any other members of Unit Akiba who may be unwell at the present time. We hope to see you joining us again very soon!

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg

What's on in August:

Sunday 14

2:30pm - Hatikvah Fundraiser for 2022

Bingo afternoon now on Zoom.

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon, safe from Covid and without having to travel to East Kew. \$30 pp. which includes 3 raffle tickets.

Book by calling Ruth Taft. Looking forward to seeing many contestants.

Refer to page 15 for more details.

Calico Dolls

Click and collect from Gerry Hamer. Please give Gerry a call if you would like to pick up a bag of dolls to finish at home.

The following members celebrate their birthdays in August:

Alec Huze (14), Peter Arnheim (21), Tessa Berger (21).

Our best wishes for a healthy month filled with good times and much laughter.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

What's on in August:

Thursday 11

Morning - Irena will lead an easy midweek walk from Hawthorn Bridge to the city.

Sunday 21

Morning - SOMW walk along the Bass Coast, led by Saul.

Sunday 28

Morning - SOHW walk in Mt Ritchie will be led by Eitan and Boris.

Coming up in September:

Sunday 4

Morning - Julie will lead a family walk designed for younger walkers with families in Sherbrooke.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Janet Machliss Kohn

Vice-President: Dorothy New

Preview: John Kohn

What's happening in August:

Monday 1

7:30pm - **Programming Meeting** (Zoom)

Wednesday 3

7:30pm - **Executive Meeting** (Zoom)

Wednesday 10

7:00pm - **General Meeting and AGM**

Note earlier start time due to a memorial service for the late Jennifer Luntz.

Please arrive promptly.

Guest speaker Nomi Kaltmann, on "Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance"

Venue: Beth Weizmann

Thursday 25

12:30pm - **MML and RWU lunch** at Souper Bistro. Details on page 13.

A hearty Mazel Tov to members who are celebrating their birthdays in August:

Howard Elton, Lorraine Freeman, Peter Pulver, Ron Zmood.

Devorah Zmood requests that members send her details about their birthdays.

Welfare of Members

We note the sad passing of Jennifer Luntz after a long illness. We send our condolences to her husband Harold and family.

We extend our condolences to Pamela Stern, on the passing of her twin sister in Sydney. We wish Pamela long life.

Mazel Tov:

Frieda and Jeffrey Shapiro and Judy Braun's granddaughter Gemma Braun (daughter of Amanda and Peter) who is engaged to Sam Spicer (son of Linda and Maurice Spicer).

Evelyn and Garry Fabian's grandson, Jeremy Lustig, who became engaged in England to Zoe Pinch, and their granddaughter Ruth Carr who married Jimmy Baker in Portofino.

Ann and Ari Offenberger on their granddaughter Zoe's belated Bat Mitzvah.

Donations to Making A Difference

To make a donation, please credit our "Making A Difference" account

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**If you know someone who has a special birthday, is unwell or has a welfare update, please let us know.*

Unit Akiba 2022/2023 Installation

Sunday 24 July

The Akiba function at the Caulfield Park Pavilion was well attended this past Sunday evening. After the Installation of the new Executive Committee, a delicious dinner catered by Nogga was enjoyed, and attendees were treated to a very interesting presentation by Rabbi Mendy Ajzenszmidt from the South Caulfield Synagogue. The evening was rounded out with dessert and lots of shmoozing.



Helen Fisher and Henry Winfield installed as Co-Presidents by Past President Kath Kolb (far right)



Co-President Henry Winfield with guest speaker, Rabbi Mendy Ajzenszmidt.



The new Executive Committee, with Installing Officer Kath Kolb

THE FABULOUS JEWISH YOUTH ART COMPETITION

The **Art Competition Gallery Opening** on Sunday 24 July was a great success.

More than 150 people attended; the artists, their families and friends, dignitaries and politicians. The Glen Eira Mayor Jim Magee commented that he had never seen the gallery so full of people! The students were engaged and appreciated receiving recognition for their hard work. The artwork was admired by all - the pieces were magnificent and impressive. It is wonderful to see the enormous talent in our community.

Thanks to numerous sponsors, over 50 students received awards and prizes across a variety of categories: Sculpture, Mixed Media, Painting and Drawing, Photography, Portraiture / Caricature.

The **Morrie Gold Memorial Prize for the Overall Winner** was awarded to **Chana Pesha Faigenbaum**, Year 11 Beth Rivkah student.

The **Jewish Theme Prize** was awarded to **Esti Schachter**, Year 11 Beth Rivkah student.

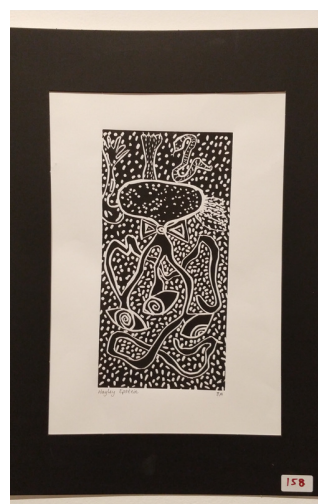
The **Thalia Hakin Memorial Prize** (Ages 11 - 13) was awarded to **Tamar Gold**, Year 8 Beth Rivkah student.

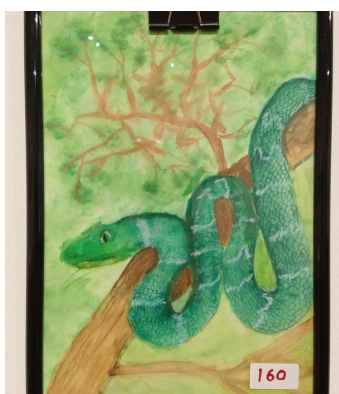
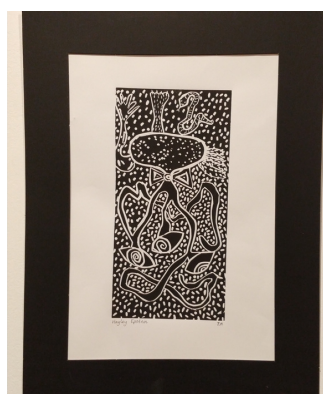
The **Raymond and Leah Black Prize** was awarded to **Isaac Cohen**, Year 4 Caulfield South Primary School student.

A list of some of the winners is below.

The Gallery is open until August 7 - be sure to visit to see all the artwork in person!

Rafael Shaw	First Prize for Sculpture, Ages 11 - 13
Jesse Onas	First Prize for Sculpture, Ages 14 - 18
Noa Gomberg	First Prize for Mixed Media, Ages 11 - 13
Devorah Landau	First Prize for Mixed Media, Ages 14 - 18
Rachel Feldman	First Prize for Painting and Drawing, Ages 11 - 13
Emily Nudel	First Prize for Painting and Drawing, Ages 14 - 15
Chana Pesha Faigenbaum	First Prize for Painting and Drawing, Ages 16 - 18
Juliette Majman	First Prize for Photography, Ages 16 - 18
Isabella Cohen	First Prize for Portraiture / Caricature





Gallery Opening and Presentations

Sunday 24 July



ARMCHAIR SOCIETY SERIES

You are welcome to attend individual sessions!



Refer to page 15 for details.

B'NAI B'RITH MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE & RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

LUNCH

Enjoy a tasty meal and shmooze with friends!

VENUE: Souper Bistro (kosher)
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OUT AND ABOUT

GESHER-RABIN UNIT INSTALLATION

Sunday 3 July



Weekly Update Emails

Are you receiving our emails?

It has come to our attention that some members and friends are not receiving our weekly update emails.

If you are not receiving them and would like to, please contact the office at admin@bbvic.org.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HATIKVAH BINGO AFTERNOON

Please note this has been changed to a Zoom event

B'NAI B'RITH HATIKVAH UNIT 2022 FUNDRAISER BINGO AFTERNOON!

ZOOM EVENT

COST: \$30

There will be bingo prizes!

RSVP by Mon 1 August to Ruth Taft at ruthmtaft@gmail.com

Transfer only to Hatikvah Acct:
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Proceeds will go towards:
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The Annual Jenny Goldberg Community Service Grant is to honour the memory of the late Jenny Goldberg and to acknowledge her commitment, work, support and friendship she gave to Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Community.

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Grant recipients must use the Grant to improve their volunteering capacity, and hence the community at large.

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Courage to Care

EDUCATING ADULTS

As well as the student programs we are always running, we are starting to run even more programs for adults.

In collaboration with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, we recently ran a session at the Immigration Museum for the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS).

AIS believes that people from diverse cultures and faiths must cooperate for a peaceful co-existence and work together towards mutual respect and understanding. As such, they regularly host events that promote harmony. Tackling racism is something that should be a community wide effort.

AIS Executive Director Ahmet Keskin, Courage to Care's Zoi Juvris and Sabrina Chakman and JCCV's Project Officer – Community Engagement Josh Goodman.



INCREASED FUNDING SUPPORT

We are continuing our discussions on the increased funding support announced by the Department of Education.

We will be increasing our programs, especially for Year 9 students throughout the state and continuing our commitment to regional Victoria.

This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the importance of the work we are doing and the lasting impact we have on the students and staff with whom we engage.

We will need the continued and growing support of the community.

BACK IN SCHOOLS

Although Covid and Influenza are still causing disruptions in schools, we are well and truly back delivering programs across Victoria.

Below are some photos as we head off to more schools.

Mike Zervos, CEO



TRIENNIAL CONVENTION



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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 MML Programming meeting	2 Armchair Society RWU regular meeting	3 MML Executive meeting	4 GRU exercise class	5	6
7 GRU get together Saltpillar Production	8	9	10 MML General meeting & AGM	11 GRU exercise class Rambler's walk	12	13
14 GRU get together Hatikvah Bingo Fundraiser	15 Menorah Awards Applications Close	16 Armchair Society	17 Akiba Exec meeting	18 GRU exercise class	19	20
21 GRU get together Rambler's walk Akiba regular meeting & JCEP	22	23	24 RWU Exec meeting	25 GRU exercise class MML & RWU lunch Jenny Goldberg Community Service Grant Applications Close	26	27
28 GRU get together Rambler's walk	29	30 Armchair Society	31	1	2	3

2022 BBVic Calendar Link:

Click [HERE](#) to see the B'nai B'rith calendar which includes all B'nai B'rith and Unit Events and Jewish Holidays.

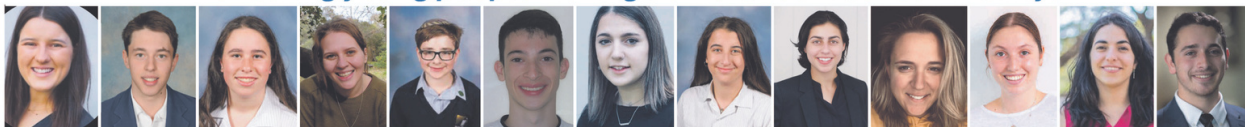
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