



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Winners of the 2019 B'nai B'rith Showcase, more on page 7

Message from the President

The Jewish International Film Festival currently showing in Melbourne is highlighting to me once again the inspiring and complex story of our people. They show what determination, together with a bit of luck and a strong desire to survive and thrive, can do. We need some of those human qualities in B'nai B'rith now to face our current challenges in our society and within B'nai B'rith.

For example, last week I attended Raoul Wallenberg's Israel and the Jewish World session, which is now chaired by Peter Schiff OAM who has taken over from our late Louis Waller (ע"ה). The guest speaker, Associate Professor Rebecca Forgasz, spoke forcefully on the need to address our climate change problem. She explained that this was due to increased carbon emissions, which trap heat in our atmosphere, leading to chaotic weather patterns and global warming. There was considerable debate from some members of the audience on whether this change was just normal variation to which we have to adapt or whether we can change the trajectory. Rebecca explained that the overwhelming consensus from scientists around the world is that this crisis is man-made and can be ameliorated only if strong action is taken now, before it's too late.

Another important issue under discussion by our members and our B'nai B'rith Council is the need to adapt to the changes in financial markets, especially the decreasing interest rates for our investments. We all rely on this money to pay our office rent, staff wages and services to our Units and projects. A change in our investments, which will include a slightly higher risk, has been agreed upon and will be implemented over the coming year.

Next year will be the 75th anniversary of the installation of the first B'nai B'rith Lodge in Melbourne in May 1945. The installation was held at the Samuel Myers Hall at the St Kilda Synagogue. A photo of that event hangs in our BB office at Beth Weizmann showing five rows of tuxedo wearing men (no women anywhere in the picture) beaming proudly at the camera. For our anniversary, we want to return to that venue and celebrate our achievements, while also looking to the future. To this end, a small organising committee has been set up, comprising (at this stage) Danielle Schilling, Garry Fabian, Frances Stiglec and myself. We are planning a gala dinner on Sunday 17th May 2020. Keep that date free and further information will be disseminated soon.

The recent Trivia Night held by the Gesher-Rabin Unit was a wonderful evening where 100 people crammed into the Caulfield Pavilion to compete for prizes and raise funds for charities in Israel.

On Sunday 1st December, our final Speakers Forum for the year will be held at Beth Weizmann. Rachael Kohn AO will be our celebrity speaker and I hope you will all come and support that event.

By next month, we will have hired a new Administrative Assistant, who will work alongside Gaby Davis for the rest of the year to learn the ropes of their new role. This means that this edition of Preview is the last one edited solely by Gaby, who is taking on the role of AUJS Vice-President next year. We want to thank her sincerely for her brilliant work for BBVic, especially in getting us all up to speed in digital marketing with her website designs and Facebook postings.



Benny

Benny Monheit

Message from the BBANZ President



Dear Members and Friends,

The first two months in this role have been busy but enjoyable. As you may know, I live in Sydney with my wife Sue, who is now District Secretary, taking over from Tania Tobias who did a fantastic job and is still heavily involved with Click and Connect, together with Morris.

We belong to the Syd Einfeld Unit in Sydney and over the past two months, Sue and I have had the honour of attending many of the other Sydney Units and hopefully have made ourselves better known. Within our Syd Einfeld Unit, we organise regular "Sussing Out Sydney" walks and schmoozes and Sue does our monthly newsletter and publicity.

We have four adult children, two of whom live overseas, one in Brisbane and one in Melbourne. Our son in Melbourne is married with two children. It is because of our family down in Melbourne that we visit them when we can and it is my intention on each occasion that we do visit that we will endeavour to get to know as many of you as possible.

Recently, a number of boxes carrying correspondence and data from Victorian B'nai B'rith Units was sent to the Jewish Historical Society based in Sydney. It was decided by the new Board of Governors that a Senior Archivist goes through this material and that anything of importance is correctly catalogued and stored for posterity.

In late November, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry will be holding its AGM and its conference in Melbourne. Whilst I will not be able to attend, I am happy to say that Benny Monheit and Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM will be attending on our behalf.

On the subject of Antisemitism, which unfortunately is raising its ugly head in many places around the world, and most recently in Melbourne, I take this opportunity to thank Tony Weldon OAM and Mike Zervos from Courage to Care in Victoria, who are doing their best to help resolve this situation.

I know that B'nai B'rith International recently concluded their Annual Leadership Forum "Global Security in an Insecure World" and featured leading figures in public policy, diplomacy and industry. We hope outcomes from this forum may be useful in helping us formulate ideas and policies that may assist in combating the scourge of Antisemitism.

David Samuels

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MAJOR BBVic EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

DECEMBER:

Sunday 1 - 2:30pm BBVic Speakers Forum @ Beth Weizmann

Monday 2 - 2:30pm Fellowship Concert @ Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club, more on page 9

Sunday 15 - 2:00pm Wallenberg Teachers' Farewell

Sunday 22 - Erev Chanukah (light 1st candle)

Tuesday 31 - 8:00pm Gesher-Rabin New Years Eve, see page 4 for details

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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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Still to come in November:

Wednesday 20 9am-5pm **BUS TOUR** departing at 9am, to Balnarring for morning tea, then to Point Leo-Gandel Sculpture Garden, then to Flinders for lunch and visit to 'Every When' Artspace-Gallery of Aboriginal Art, with a small fascinating talk. On return, we visit Peninsula honey farm at Moorooduc... talk, gallery, honey and lots of bees, seeing how they live. Return at 5pm. Don't miss out, book now: \$40 includes everything except lunch. Reservations with Leah Black.

Sunday 24 1:00pm **Lunch**. Book by Friday 22nd November.

What's on in December:

Sunday 1 2:30pm **BBVic Speakers Forum** with guest speaker Dr Rachael Kohn AO.

Tuesday 3 7.30pm **Regular Meeting** with earliest photographs of members, and we will have to guess who the person is. \$5 charge for the evening. Prizes of a box of chocolates will be given for the 3 top winners. This will be an early Chanukah celebration with ponchkas.

Sunday 8 **Film Afternoon Fundraiser CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances.**

Tuesday 10 12:00pm **Programming**. 7:30pm **Executive Meeting**.

Sunday 15 2:00pm **Teachers' Farewell**.

Welcome to 2020 - please diarise the following dates:

Sunday 19 11:00am **Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration**.

January

Sunday 16 **Teachers' Welcome Back**.

February

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.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Garry Fabian
Preview: Russell Stern



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What's on in December:

Sunday 22 9:30am **Sausage Sizzle**. Say hello to Melbourne Mitzvah's volunteers and cheer them on! Or at least shout them a drink.

Coming up in February:

Sunday 9th **Car Rally**. Please diarise. Full details will follow closer to the event.

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.

UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Helen Fisher
Co-President: Peter Schattner
Secretary: Annette Gladwin
Preview: Henry Gladwin



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Still to come in November:

Saturday 30 1:00pm-4:00pm (Saturday) & 10:00am-12:00pm (Sunday). **Assisting Impact for Women with & Sunday 1** Xmas hamper packing. Help is needed with setting up the sports hall on Saturday, and then **December** packing and wrapping the hampers on Sunday. To be followed by coffee and a bite to eat.

What's on in December:

Saturday 7 6:30pm/7pm **Movie Night in Brighton**. Your choice of any movie. Meet for supper afterwards.
Sunday 8 2:30pm **Activities Planning Meetin**.
Tuesday 31 8:00pm **New Year's Eve dinner dance** with a live band and fully catered kosher buffet. BYO. BB members \$75, non-members \$85. Limited numbers and bookings essential. Book through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/538567.

Coming up in January:

Thursday 16 8:00 - 9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club**. The meeting will review the book "In Search of Israel: the History of an Idea" by Michael Brenner. Presenter: Mark Haskin. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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

Akiba's Weekend Away to San Remo. For bookings, please email: 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.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-President: Karin Zafir
Co-President: Leon Nissen
Secretary: Sue Moskowitz
Preview: Tom & Karin Zafir



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What's on 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 through Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/538567

Coming up in January:

Monday 27 1:00pm **Almost Australia Day Picnic**

Coming up in February:

Sunday 16 11:00am **Members Get-together** - Informal coffee & chat.

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Acting Vice-President: Claude Fromm

Treasurer: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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Still to come in November:

Sunday 24 8:00pm **Regular Meeting.** Guest speaker Senior Constable Margaret Bonnett from Booroondara Police Station will fill us in on 'Scams' and how to keep ourselves safe.

What's on in December:

Sunday 15 12:30pm **Lunch to farewell 2019.**



Hatikvah's happy walkers - Cup Day 2019

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 1 Morning. **SOMW** in the Altona Reserve.

Wednesday 4 Morning. **Midweek Walk.** By popular request, a walk will be led from North Melbourne to the city. If you missed this walk in August, here is your chance to catch up.

Sunday 8 Morning. **Walk leaders' meeting.** Please contact enquiries@bbramblers.org.au if you're interested in learning more about becoming a walk leader.

Sunday 22 Morning. **SOHW** walking the Fingal-Gunnamatta Beach-Cape Schank circuit.

OFFICE CLOSURE OVER SUMMER

The BBVic office in Beth Weizmann will be closed for a few weeks over the summer. The office will close at COB on Thursday 19th December and will reopen on Monday 13th January.



JCCV 2020 Diaries: Available from JCCV office (BW)

JCCV 2020 diaries are now available for purchase from the JCCV office on Level 2 of Beth Weizmann. Diaries feature all necessary Jewish holiday dates, community events and information for the year. For more info, call the JCCV on: 9272 5566



We are all very proud that the activities of B'nai B'rith Courage to Care (Vic) have been recognised and acknowledged. This year, over 7,200 students have been booked in to attend our exhibitions and incursions.

Anti-Semitic School Bullying - COURAGE TO CARE part of the solution

We were all dismayed and outraged by the totally inappropriate behaviour and school response at both Hawthorn West Primary and Cheltenham Secondary College recently. These Antisemitic acts by students have been widely reported. The reminder to every Australian that religious and racial vilification is never acceptable is needed more than ever and goes to the heart of the B'nai B'rith Courage to Care mission.

The image of the young boy being humiliated at the feet of another student is disturbing enough, but what is equally disturbing is that others stood by watching and took no action. Being a bystander is never neutral; in fact, the bystander validates the behaviour of the perpetrator and silently colludes in oppressing the victim rather than doing something to support the victim.

We are doing something about it. We are in direct dialogue with our representatives at the Department of Education and Training (DET), offering our program to the schools involved. DET is very appreciative of our approach and sees us as well placed to help as they frame their response.

We expect the Courage to Care program to be offered to these schools and stand ready to deliver our program. We wrote to more than 700 Victorian teachers, "If you are a teacher, you can take positive action to avert this kind of behaviour by bringing the Courage to Care program to your school. Call us on 9533 0955 about booking an incursion." At Courage to Care we see education as a significant part of the solution – education of students, teachers, parents, in fact all of us.



DET Evaluation of the COURAGE TO CARE Program

The Victorian Government's Education Department commissioned independent consultants to evaluate the Courage to Care program. The consultants' report is an outstanding testimonial to our methods and achievements.

"The C2C program is effective, impactful and unique [compared] to other DET educational programs. The program should be continued and DET support is pivotal to the program's success with regard to both funding and reputation." - Grosvenor Public Sector Advisory, 4 October 2019

Broadly, these are the consultants' conclusions: The C2C program:

- is effective, impactful and unique compared to other DET educational programs.
- has grown student awareness and understanding of discrimination, racism and prejudice.
- is valued as both a prevention tool and a means to change student behaviour.
- assists schools to both encourage positive behaviour and address poor behaviour.
- builds capacity of teachers and students to engage in discussion around challenging issues such as racism, prejudice and bullying.

It is hard to imagine a better result for Courage to Care.

COURAGE TO CARE in Parliament

Alkira Secondary College, in Cranbourne North, holds an annual Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony. Courage to Care has significant involvement in this ceremony. Pauline Richards, State Member for Cranbourne, was present this year, and subsequently made a short but powerful speech in parliament praising this wonderful initiative.

Her speech included: "As part of the ceremony, stones were laid on a table in memory of those who had lost their lives. This reflected the Jewish custom of putting stones on graves." Courage to Care is engaged with Yad Vashem graduates and encouraging other schools to follow Alkira's example.

COURAGE TO CARE and the future

Over the next three years, we aim to reach another 30,000 students in time to celebrate our 30th birthday in 2022. This is our 30/30 Vision.

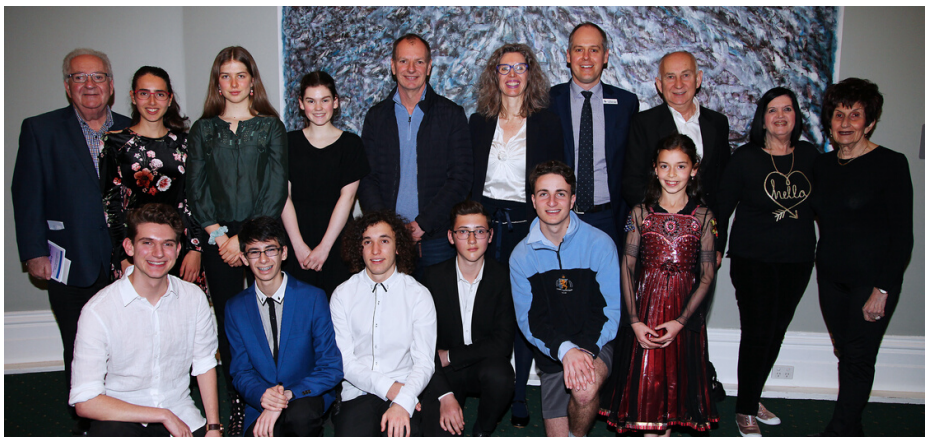
Current activities to look out for:

- 1) "Cultures without Borders". With Gen2Gen Ltd, we are excited about this educational initiative. Sunday 1st December 2019 - Educational Graffiti 12noon - 3pm. Wall painting at Penhalluriack's Building Supplies, 345 Hawthorn Rd. Caulfield.
- 2) Raheen Event - Sunday 15th December. Last chance to buy tickets!
- 3) Raheen Raffle. Interested in winning great prizes and supporting Courage to Care? Drawn at Raheen but you don't have to be there to be a winner. Call Mike to buy your raffle tickets on 9533 0955.

Photos from the 2019 BBVic Showcase



Overall Winner, Benji Wald



Prize Winners & Presenters



Contemporary Vocals 1st Prize - Camilla Burrows



Bialik College Ensemble



Classical Piano 1st Prize - Daniel Loza



Woodwind 1st Prize - Orr Zaacks



Daniel Freidgeim - Margot Lustig Memorial Prize



Guitar 1st Prize - Jason Antman



Overall Winner Benji Wald with Showcase 2019 Chair Andrew Kolb



Classical Vocals 1st Prize - Rachel Silber



Contemporary Piano 1st Prize - Havah Rotblat



Mount Scopus College Ensemble



Yavneh College Ensemble



Daniel Loza & David Southwick MP

Photos courtesy of the Australian Jewish News

GALLERY

BBVic President, Dr Benny Monheit, BBVic Vice President, Jacqui Dinor-Corry, and Executive Development Officer, Frances Stiglec, met with Mr David Southwick MP (Member for Caulfield) in his office to discuss BBVic's community projects.



Raoul Wallenberg Unit's November meeting of Israel & the Jewish World on Climate Action, featuring guest speaker Rebecca Forgasz from the Jewish Climate Network - Australia.



Gesher-Rabin Trivia Night

BBVic's Gesher-Rabin Unit held their Fourth Annual Trivia Night. The sold-out event was very successful, with money raised for the Israel Commission's Tachlit-Meir Centre for Youth at High Risk in Sderot and the Israeli Guide Dog Institute in Bet Oved.

Thank you to everyone who attended for your support.



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.

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.



Enjoy an afternoon concert & some socialising at
**B'nai B'rith Fellowship Group's
Chanukah Concert**



2:30pm

**Monday 2nd
December 2019**

**Glen Eira-McKinnon
Bowls Club**
Tyrone Street, Ormond

Starring fabulous entertainers:
**Brother & sister duo
"Sibling Revelry"**

Admission: \$7 includes afternoon tea & raffle ticket
For information/bookings call: Cera: 0412 304 894

ALL WELCOME!

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December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ramblers SOMW Akiba Assisting Impact for Women BBVic Speakers Forum 	2 Fellowship Concert 	3 RWU Reg Mtg	4 Ramblers Midweek Walk	5	6 Candle Lighting: 8:13pm 	7 Shabbat Ends: 9:18pm Akiba Movie Night 
8 Ramblers Walk Leaders' Meeting Akiba Activities Mtg	9 Preview Deadline	10 RWU Prog & Exec Mtg	11	12	13 Candle Lighting: 8:18pm 	14 Shabbat Ends: 9:24pm
15 Hatikvah Lunch to Farewell 2019 RWU Teachers' Farewell	16 Preview Collating	17	18	19 BBVic Office Closes for Summer Break	20 Candle Lighting: 8:23pm 	21 Shabbat Ends: 9:29pm
22 Ramblers SHOW Melb Mitzvah Sausage Sizzle EREV CHANUKAH (Candle 1) 	23 CHANUKAH (Candle 2) 	24 CHANUKAH (Candle 3)  Christmas Eve	25 Chanukah (Candle 4)  Christmas Day	26 CHANUKAH (Candle 5)  Boxing Day	27 CHANUKAH (Candle 6) Candle Lighting: 8:26pm 	28 CHANUKAH (Candle 7) Shabbat Ends: 9:32pm 
29 CHANUKAH (Candle 8) 	30 LAST DAY CHANUKAH	31 New Year's Eve Gesher-Rabin New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	MARK IN YOUR DIARIES JANUARY: Monday 13th - BBVic office reopens Sunday 19th - Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration Monday 27th - Australia Day Public Holiday			

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

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