



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



BBVic Speakers Forum. More on page 10.

Message from the President: Building Bridges

Israel's former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin tried to bridge the deep divide between Palestinians and Israelis until he was assassinated in Tel Aviv on 4 November 1995. Bridges of a different form have been developed by our Geshar Unit (Geshar means bridge in Hebrew) over the past 8 years with their outreach and social programs to cater for a wide range of Jewish men and women.

On July 7th 2019, our Geshar and Yitzhak Rabin Units will combine to form a new entity to be called the Geshar-Rabin Unit. The Institution of the new Unit, to be conducted by our District President Morris Tobias, will enable the new B'nai B'rith Unit to combine the strength and new ideas each have developed. I think that Les Heimann would have been pleased with this move and credit goes to the Co-Presidents Leon Nissen and Karin Zafir for achieving this goal. Mazal Tov and best wishes from all of us to the new Unit and all its members.

One of our big successes has been the recent Speakers Forum meeting that we held at Beth Weizmann for the general community on the topic of screening for breast cancer BRCA genes. This gene is more common in the Jewish community than in the general public. So on a cold wintry evening, about a hundred and fifty people of all ages came to hear two prominent researchers explain the current screening program and avail themselves of free testing for the BRCA gene after the talk, as part of their research program. Results will be available to individuals in a few weeks. Peter Schattner and his small group of volunteers, together with Frances and Gaby in our office, organised this talk. Well done.

Congratulations also to our other volunteer members who were recognised in the Queen's Birthdays honour list this week: Prof. Gilah Leder AM, Mrs Eva Rathner OAM, Mr Les Kausman OAM and Dr George Deutsch OAM. Well deserved and mazal tov.

Our office is busy preparing for the music Showcase, with large new billboards now advertising this popular event. The fortnightly Current Affairs discussion series, led by Ron James, is attracting new enthusiastic participants to our premises. This is captured in brilliant colour (and soon also on video) on our website page www.bbvic.org - have a look at it. Preparations are also well underway for future events, such as the BBANZ Triennial Convention, to be held in Melbourne in September.



May 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Institution of the first B'nai B'rith Lodge in Victoria – our beloved Melbourne Lodge. We are thinking of how to best commemorate this event.

Finally, you are all invited to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 11th July, where you can have input into the future direction of our B'nai B'rith Victoria.

Benny

Benny Monheit

ANNOUNCEMENT:

YITZHAK RABIN & GESHER UNITS MERGING

Yitzhak Rabin and Gesher Units will be merging from the beginning of the 2019-2020 financial year. This move has been approved by the members of both Units. The new name will be Gesher-Rabin Unit. The merger will be formalised at our Institution and Installation ceremony on Sunday 7th July 2019. All B'nai B'rith members welcome.

Karin Zafir
President, Gesher Unit

Leon Nissen
President, Yitzhak Rabin Unit

MAJOR BBVic EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

JUNE:

Sunday 23 - 2:00pm Raoul Wallenberg Unit - Film Afternoon Fundraiser for the Israel Commission. Film: BRASSED OFF. Tickets \$20.

JULY:

Sunday 7 - 7:00pm Gesher-Rabin Unit Institution & Installation

Monday 8 - 2:30pm Fellowship Concert

Thursday 11 - 7:30pm BBVic AGM

Sunday 21 - Unit Akiba Installation

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.

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.

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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 June:

Sunday 23 2:00-5:00pm RWU invites all Units to our film afternoon. Film: **BRASSED OFF**. Fundraiser for Israel Commission - \$20 includes sumptuous afternoon tea. Reservations essential.

What's on in July:

Tuesday 2 **NB! REGULAR MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**
 12 Noon Programming Meeting
 7.30pm Executive Meeting

Wednesday 10 7:30pm NB! Instead of our Regular Meeting on the 2nd July, we are joining Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge to hear the speaker the Hon. Assoc. Prof. Louis Roller on the topic of "How Memory Works".

Tuesday 16 3:00pm Schmooze

Sunday 28 1:00pm Lunch



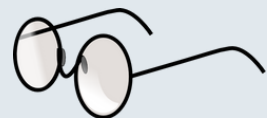
Coming up in August:

Tuesday 6 7.30pm. Israel and the Jewish World. Speaker to be announced.

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.

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 July:

Monday 1 8:00pm **Programming**

Wednesday 3 8:00pm **Executive Meeting**

Monday 8 2:30pm **Fellowship Concert.** Starring fabulous versatile entertainers: 'Continental Drift'. Admission \$7 includes afternoon tea & raffle ticket.

Wednesday 10 7:30pm **Regular Meeting.** Speaker will be Prof. Louis Roller and his topic will be 'How Memory Works'.

Monday 15 7:30pm **Book Club**

TBA Mameloshen

Coming up in August:

Sunday 18 2:00pm **Theatre Afternoon - 'Solomons' Secrets'** presented by Saltpillar Theatre. Tickets \$30.

'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

Photos from Israel Commission Movie Afternoon Fundraiser



UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Rosa Schattner

Co-President: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin



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Still to come in June:

Saturday 29 8:00pm **Film and hot dog night.** We will be screening 'Magic Men' from the 2015 JIF Festival. Join your friends as we munch on popcorn during the film, with supper to follow, including kosher hot dogs, pumpkin soup and other nushies. For catering purposes, please book at akiba@bbvic.net. EVERYONE WELCOME.

What's on in July:

Wednesday 17 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED.**

Thursday 18 8:00 - 9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** The meeting will review the book "The Wandering Jews" by Joseph Roth. Presenter: Abe Hechtman. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Sunday 21 6:30pm **Installation of the 2019/20 Executive Committee.** Cost: \$30 per person, which includes a festive kosher dinner. Guest speaker: Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM, who will talk about her recent Jewish, Christian and Muslim journey to Jerusalem.

Sunday 28 10:30am **Fundraising activity in aid of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation,** with brunch. Donations received from those attending will support the work of the Foundation.

Coming up in August:

Sunday 4 7:30pm **Combined Executive Committee meeting** for members of both the OLD and NEW Exec committees.

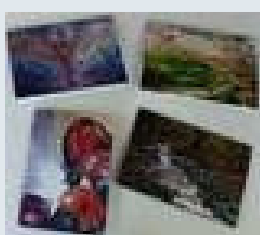
Sunday 18 8:00pm **Regular meeting.** Topic to be advised.

Saturday 24 7:30pm **Theatre Night – 'Solomons' Secrets'** presented by the Saltpillar Theatre. Please book your own tickets online at www.saltpillar.org.au. Supper afterwards.

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.

GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT YAD VASHEM STUDY GRANTS



Featuring artwork of Leah Weiss and Rebecca Beris, children and grandchildren of survivors.

Packet of 4 cards for \$5 - 100% of all sales go to Raoul Wallenberg Unit Yad Vashem Study Grants for Victorian teachers to attend Yad Vashem.

Cards can be purchased from the BBVic Office.

Queries: council@bbvic.org

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice President: Evelyn Moszkowicz

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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Still to come in June:

Sunday 30 8:00pm **Regular Meeting. Guest speaker - James Nicolas.** His topic is The Mystery of Fairyland, Kew. Please bring a small plate to share for supper.

What's on in July:

Sunday 7 12:30pm **Chanukah in July**

Sunday 14 10:00am-12:30pm **Calico Dolls**

Sunday 28 8:00pm **Regular Meeting** - Guest speaker to be Tony Bartel speaking about wills and such like.

Coming up in August:

Sunday 18 4:00pm-8:00pm Please keep this date free for **Hatikvah's Major Fundraiser, South American afternoon/evening.**

Sunday 25 8:00pm **AGM**
Guest Speaker: Alison Harcourt AO – Senior Victorian of the Year (2019)

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary & Mail Out: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

What's on in July:

Sunday 7 Morning. **SOMW** in the Braeside area.

Wednesday 24 Morning. **Midweek Walk.** Depending on the weather, it will be from the St Kilda foreshore to Sandridge, or if it's too windy, then from the Botanic Gardens to Southbank.

Sunday 28 Morning. **SOHW** walking Anakie Gorge in the Brisbane Ranges.

HELP US KEEP YOUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE

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

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

GESHER UNIT:

President: Leon Nissen
Secretary: Brian Schauer
Preview: Eleanor Aghion



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YITZHAK RABIN UNIT:

President: Karin Zafir
Vice President: Sue Moskowitz
Preview: Karin Zafir



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Still to come in June:

Sunday 23

7:00pm Comedy Debate - "Matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match."
Arranged marriages are better! Debate against Maccabi Toastmasters. RSVP
 by 16th June.

What's on in July:

Sunday 7

6:30pm Institution of new Unit and Installation of new Executive.
 Entertainment from David Rothberg and Sharon Mattatia at Caulfield Park
 Pavilion. Members \$25. Enquiries: gesher@bbvic.net

Coming up in August:

Saturday 24

7:30pm Pizza and popcorn movie night - *Ushpitzten*.

Later in the year:

25-27 Oct

Weekend away at Vibe Marysville

10 Nov

Fundraising Trivia night

CHAVERIM GROUP

Chairperson: Antony Adelman
Secretary: Rebecca Grinblat
Preview: Antony Adelman



BBVic Chaverim
 Facebook group

BBVic Chaverim held a successful Eurovision Song contest party on Sunday 19th May. Eurovision K kosher food from England, France, Italy, Israel and Australia were provided, with the laughs courtesy of the Song Contest.

Last Saturday night, we held our first Topical Tasters of the winter. Desserts and drinks were provided. Our next Topical Taster will be back on a Friday night. For further details contact Antony Adelman (see above).

BBVic Chaverim sends Mazal Tov to Mrs Eva Rathner on her well deserved OAM.



B'nai B'rith Courage to Care has certainly been busy in the community this month.

Gandel Holocaust Education Conference “Lessons & Legacies” Yad Vashem Graduate Conference

We proudly supported this conference with nearly 200 Yad Vashem graduates from across Australia having the opportunity to better understand what Courage to Care offers. This inaugural conference made front page of the Australian Jewish News!

Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) Meeting

We hosted member delegates of the JCCV's June meeting at our offices in Glen Huntly Road. Both Tony and Mike spoke on our strong collaboration with other community organisations and our important educational activities across Victoria. Everyone was impressed to hear that we will reach more than 6,000 students this year.

Exhibition at Alliance Francaise, Grey Street St. Kilda You are invited!

We will be showcasing our program and activity at Alliance Francaise from Monday 22nd July-Friday 2nd August. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in seeing our regional Exhibition materials and our school Incursion program.

Why not come along and bring your friends to see what we do. Please contact us on 9533 0955 for session times.

Barefoot Bowls and BBQ. Sunday 30th June. Our NextGen Group (university-aged students) is arranging a fun evening with bowls, BBQ and some indoor fun to get out of the cold. Online bookings only at tinyurl.com/C2C-bowls

Ella's Music Club is holding two Aznavour and Friends Dinner & Show evenings soon. Ella is kindly donating some of the proceeds to Courage to Care and if you'd like an evening of international French music, why not go along. You can find the details at: ellasmusicclub.com/aznavour-and-friends



Alpha Cheng and Mike Zervos at Yad Vashem Graduates Conference



Jennifer Huppert addressing JCCV meeting at C2C



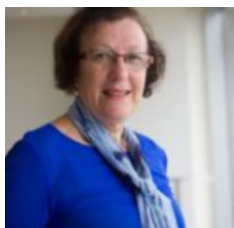
Students in deep discussion, Incursion Workshop

Volunteer Morning Tea on Tuesday 9th July. All our volunteers and friends are invited to join us for a casual morning tea at 11am on Tuesday 9th July. We would love you to visit us, find out more about what we are planning for the future, and enjoy two very interesting guest speakers. Organisers Eva Rathner and Barbara Wolfson are taking RSVPs to ensure sufficient catering. Please let them know you're coming by email at wolfsonbarbara@gmail.com

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

Queen's Birthday Honours

B'nai B'rith Victoria wishes a hearty Mazal Tov to this year's well-deserved recipients of the Queen's Birthday Honours:



Prof. Gilah Leder AM



Mrs Eva Rathner OAM



Dr George Deutsch OAM



Mr Les Kausman OAM

City of Glen Eira Recognises Dorothy New



As part of Volunteers' Week in May, at the City of Glen Eira Town Hall, Dorothy New was presented with a certificate and badge for achieving more than 500 hours of volunteer work with the Fellowship Group concerts.

Dorothy has been an integral part of the Fellowship Group since Melbourne Mitzvah Unit took it over from Raoul Wallenberg 10 years ago. Initially she helped with the set up or drove audience members to and from the concert. For approximately the past 5 years, she has done a wonderful job organising the entertainers for each concert.

Congratulations Dorothy.

B'NAI B'RITH SHOWCASE (formerly Eisteddfod)

Under the patronage of Lady Anna Cowen AM

NOTE: FINAL CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES EXTENDED TO THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2019

Showcase is open to Jewish musicians aged 8-25 years.

FINALS CONCERT:

Sunday 15th September 2019 at 2:00pm

Major Prizes:

- B'nai B'rith Victoria Award - \$1,000
- Major Prizes of \$300 for each section

Minor Prizes:

- \$50 - \$125 in each section

Further information, booklet & entry forms are available at: tiny.cc/bbshowcase. Hard copy booklets and entry forms are also obtainable from the B'nai B'rith Office.



Lady Anna Cowen AM with 2018 winner Yael Zamir

B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH YOUTH ART COMPETITION 2019



Under the patronage of Lady Anna Cowen AM

OFFICIAL EXHIBITION OPENING:

Sunday, 4 August at 2:00pm

Come along and show your support for our up and coming talented young artists. Admission is FREE!

For more information, go to: tiny.cc/bbartcomp

Jews, Genes and Cancer: a BBVic Speakers Forum

A Speakers Forum featuring Professor Martin Delatycki, the Clinical Director of the Victorian Clinical Genetics Services, and Jane Tiller, a genetics counsellor, attracted 150 people to the Beth Weizmann Community Centre on Tuesday 4th June. Martin spoke about a number of diseases to which Jews are at increased genetic risk, and Jane explained how the project which she is managing, JeneScreen, is offering screening tests for the faulty BRCA genes to the Jewish community. These faulty genes are of increased prevalence among Jewish people, and they are associated with a higher chance of developing a number of cancers including breast, ovarian and prostate.

There were many younger people from the community who attended and who were not members of B'nai B'rith. They and many other people undertook BRCA genetic screening at the conclusion of the event. The Speakers Forum is intended to attract a wider audience by presenting interesting and important topics and speakers, and this night was a highly successful one in that regard.

Anyone who wishes to enquire about free BRCA screening can follow up with Ms Jane Tiller by emailing her at jane.tiller@vcgs.org.au. There will be another Speakers Forum toward the end of the year.

Peter Schattner (Chair, Speakers Forum)



July 2019						
◀ June						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Melb Mitzvah Prog	2 RWU Prog & Exec Mtg	3 Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg	4	5 Candle Lighting: 4:55pm 	6 Shabbat Ends: 5:57pm
7 Ramblers SOMW Hatikvah Chanukah in July GESHER-RABIN INSTALLATION	8 Fellowship Concert 	9	10 Melb Mitzvah Reg Mtg (RWU invited)	11 BBVic AGM 	12 Candle Lighting: 4:59pm 	13 Shabbat Ends: 6:01pm
14 Hatikvah Calico Dolls	15 Preview Deadline Melb Mitzvah Book Club	16 RWU Schmooze	17	18 Akiba Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club 	19 Candle Lighting: 5:04pm 	20 Shabbat Ends: 6:05pm
21 Beginning of 3 Weeks FAST OF 17TH TAMMUZ AKIBA INSTITUTION & INSTALLATION	22 3 Weeks Preview Collating C2C Exhibition opens today, until 2 nd August	23 3 Weeks	24 3 Weeks Ramblers Midweek Walk	25 3 Weeks	26 3 Weeks Candle Lighting: 5:10pm 	27 3 Weeks Shabbat Ends: 6:10pm
28 3 Weeks Akiba Fundraising Activity Ramblers SOHW RWU Lunch Hatikvah Regular Meeting	29 3 Weeks	30 3 Weeks	31 3 Weeks	MARK IN YOUR DIARIES AUGUST: Sunday 4th - 2:00pm Art Comp Exhibition Opening Thursday 8th - 7:30pm BBVic Installation Sunday 18th - 4:00-8:00pm Hatikvah Fundraiser		

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

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