



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW

SHANA TOVA U'METUKA
AND WELL OVER THE FAST



שנה טובה ומתוקה

Message from the President: What a Show!

The B'nai B'rith musical Showcase this year was a delight. The talented young Jewish musicians from around Melbourne shone like stars. The concert itself ran smoothly and the whole organising team, led by Andrew Kolb, deserve our admiration and thanks. It was brilliant! To me the highlight was the combined choir of all the schools singing together at the end. This was the first time this was done and it took my breath away to see all these young people, who represent our community's future, standing proudly together, singing their hearts out.

The other highlight of the month, of course, was the BBANZ Triennial Convention held at our Beth Weizmann Community Centre. Reports on this event appeared in this week's Jewish News and further coverage is in this edition of Preview from our new District President David Samuels and also from Past President Morris Tobias.

The celebratory mood continued the following week at Melbourne Mitzvah's Installation evening, when their new President Garry Fabian was installed and three new members were initiated. Jack Leder took us down memory lane when he described how new members (initially only males - all wearing tuxedos) were accompanied for their initiation in the 1950s and sixties by holding onto a rope in a darkened room to pledge their support to B'nai B'rith and then meeting their new fellow Lodge members. Many lifelong friendships were made from those beginnings and I could see the sparkle in the eyes of current members who remembered those early days of life in Australia and of the Lodge in Melbourne.

There is increasing medical evidence that these types of friendships keep us healthy and happy. Today's younger people can have many Facebook friends and interactive internet games and connections, but an increasing number lack the real thing; someone who is a friend or relative who cares about them.



Community service organisations like ours are able to provide that friendship and social support that we, as humans, crave.

As Rosh Hashana approaches, I want to wish you and your family Chag Sameach and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Benny

Benny Monheit

MAJOR BBVic EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

- OCTOBER:** Sunday 6 - 11:00am BBVic Annual Memorial Service
 Sunday 6 - 7:00pm Hatikvah Installation (see page 4)
 Monday 7 - 2:30pm Fellowship Concert (see page 7)
 Tuesday 29 - 10:00am Current Affairs with Ron James #1 (see page 13)
- NOVEMBER:** Monday 11 - 2:30pm Fellowship Concert (see page 7)
 Tuesday 12 - 10:00am Current Affairs with Ron James #2 (see page 13)
 Thursday 14 - 7:30pm Adjourned BBVic AGM
 Tuesday 26 - 10:00am Current Affairs with Ron James #3 (see page 13)

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

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



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On behalf of our co-Presidents, Simone Markus and Jacqui Dinor Corry and the Executive of Raoul Wallenberg Unit, we wish you all "Shana Tova u'Metukah and well over the Fast"

What's on in October:

Sunday 6 11:00am BBVic Memorial Service.

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

Wednesday 16 7:30pm We have been invited to join Melbourne Mitzvah to hear Howard Goldenberg speaking on his GP experience on "Encounter with Paradise-Asylum Seekers – Christmas Island".

Coming up in November:

Wednesday 6 7:30pm **Israel and the Jewish World.** Guest speaker: Rebecca Forgasz, ex-curator of the Jewish Museum. She will speak on the Jewish Museum and her years as curator.

Tuesday 12 12 Noon **Programming.** 7.30pm **Executive Meeting.**

Wednesday 13 7:30pm We have been invited by Melbourne Mitzvah to join them to hear a presentation by Lucy Collignon from Cochlear Hearing Implants.

Tuesday 19 3:00pm **Schmooze.**

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. \$40 includes everything except lunch.

Sunday 24 1:00pm **Lunch.**

Coming up in December:

Sunday 1 2:30pm **BBVic Speakers Forum** with guest speaker Dr Rachel Kohn AO. See page 14.

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 2:00pm **Film Afternoon...** hysterically funny... "Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War" with Pauline Collins. \$20 - includes afternoon tea. Reservations essential.

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

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.

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 October:

Sunday 6 11:00am BBVic Annual Memorial Service.

Friday 25 - Weekend away in Marysville.

Sunday 27

Coming up in November:

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

Sunday 17 10:00am-2:00pm 'Reverse Garage Sale'/Collectathon 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. **Helpers needed for this, as well as various food preparation activities at Sacred Heart Mission, Souper kitchen and Father Bob's Van.**

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.



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

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.



UNIT AKIBA

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



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Together with their Executive Committee, Co-Presidents Helen Fisher and Peter Schattner wish all B'nai B'rith members and their families a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year and well over the Fast.

What's on in October:

- Sunday 6** 11:00am **BBVic Annual Memorial Service.**
- Sunday 6** **Lunch** following the BBVic Annual Memorial Service. Meet at 12:15 to 12:30pm. This activity is open to everyone, not just those who attended the Memorial Service.
- 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**. Guest speaker: Judy Feiglin, who will talk to us on the theme "Mitzvah Day - give your time, not your money".

Coming up in November:

- Tuesday 5** 1:00pm **Cup Day** walk around the lake and picnic lunch.
- Sunday 10** **Gesher-Rabin Unit Trivia Night Fundraiser.** If you would like to join Akiba's table on the night, please book and pay, and then also book your spot on our table.
- Sunday 17** **Mitzvah Day.** We will be joining in a number of activities within the Jewish community on the day. Further details to be advised.
- Sunday 17** 7:00pm **Executive Committee Meeting**, 8:00pm **Regular Meeting.** Guest speaker: Dr Paul Fineberg who will present an interactive hypothetical on the topic “Jewish youth always know their priorities in this silicon era”.
- Thursday 21** 8:00 - 9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** The meeting will review the book “Future Tense” by Jonathan Sacks. Presenter: Benny Monheit. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**
- Saturday 30 & Sunday 1** **Assisting Impact for Women with Xmas Hamper Packing** in the Caulfield area. Help is needed with setting up on Saturday and with wrapping and packing on Sunday morning, followed by coffee/lunch. Further details to be advised.

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

Akiba's Weekend Away to San Remo.

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.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Garry Fabian
Preview: Devorah Zmood



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Wishing all members a Shana Tova and well over the fast. May the year ahead bring health, happiness and peace.

What's on in October:

- Wednesday 2** 8:00pm Exec Meeting.
- Monday 7** 2:30pm Fellowship Concert. Admission \$7 includes afternoon tea & raffle ticket.
- Monday 7** 8:00pm Programming.
- Wednesday 16** 7:30pm Regular Meeting. Guest speaker Howard Goldenberg. GP experience "Encounters with Paradise Asylum Seekers-Christmas Island".
- Sunday 20** 3:00pm Fundraiser Film Afternoon. Film: "Love thine Enemy"
- Sunday 27** 11:00am Bagel Brunch.
- Wednesday 30** 8:00pm Mameloshen.
- Thursday 31** Time TBA. Outing to the Archibald Exhibition at Tarrawarra.

Coming up in November:

- Monday 4** 8:00pm Programming.
- Wednesday 6** 8:00pm Exec Meeting.
- Monday 11** 2:30pm Mitzvah Day Fellowship Concert. Admission \$7 includes afternoon tea & raffle ticket.
- Wednesday 13** 7:30pm Regular Meeting. Guest speaker is Lucy Collignon from Cochlear Hearing Implants.
- Monday 18** 7:30pm Book Club.
- Wednesday 27** 8:00pm Mameloshen.

Coming up in December:

- Monday 9th** 7:30pm Book Club.

And in February:

- Sunday 9th** Car Rally planned \$10 per head as a fundraiser.

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.

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Acting Vice-President: Claude Fromm

Treasurer: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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From the President: I would like to take this occasion to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah and G'mar Chatimah Tovah for 5779.

Paula

What's on in October:

Sunday 6

11:00am **BBVic Annual Memorial Service.**

Sunday 6

7:00pm **Installation of the new Executive.** Benny Monheit will be the Installing Officer and speaker. His topic: "Is there a shared vision for BBVic?"

Coming up in November:

Tuesday 5

10:30am **Cup Day Walk and Lunch.** Drop food off at 10:30am. Walkers leaving 11:00am sharp. Last chance to walk in this beautiful parkland before it is decimated by the freeway plans!

Sunday 17

10:00am-12:30pm **Mitzvah Day - Calico Dolls.**

Sunday 24

8:00pm **Regular Meeting** at LBC East Kew. Guest speaker Senior Constable Margaret Bonnett from Booroondara Police Station will fill us in on 'Scams'.

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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Shana Tova Umetukah to B'nai B'rith members and their families. May the year 5780 be the year that you embrace Bush Walking and enjoy a fitter, healthier lifestyle.

What's on in October:

Sunday 6

Morning. **SOMW** in Trentham.

Wednesday 16

Morning. **Midweek Walk**, destination to be decided.

Sunday 27

Morning. Ramblers are offering a **SOMW** and **SOHW** in Marysville as part of Gesher-Rabin weekend in Marysville.

Coming up in November:

Sunday 10

Morning. **SOMW** in Lysterfield Park.

Wednesday 20

Midweek walk from Hartwell station to Alamein station.

Sunday 24

Morning. **SOHW** in the Brisbane Ranges.



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

Warragul Exhibition

Nearly 1500 students from 13 schools were booked in to see our exhibition in Warragul between 19-30 August. We also ran a teacher professional development session. This was our last regional exhibition for the year and, together with our incursions, we will reach well over 7000 students this year.

BBANZ Conference

With our colleagues from NSW, our Chair Dr Tony Weldon OAM presented an update of our activities to the recent BBANZ conference.



Annual General Meeting

At our recent AGM, as Chair, Tony outlined the wonderful achievements and progress made over the last year. After being such a wonderfully efficient Secretary, for health reasons, Paula Messer decided to step down. Paula's contribution has been significant and we will miss her passionate and valuable input. Lesley Gaspar has kindly offered to join the committee as our new Secretary. Also joining the committee is Judy Glick who will bring a wealth of NFP experience. All other committee members are continuing in their roles.



Volunteer Morning Tea on Wednesday 16 October

All our volunteers and friends are invited to join us for a casual morning tea at 10.30am 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.

"Cultures without Borders". A multicultural incentive for the youth of Melbourne.

Together with Gen2Gen Limited, we are excited to announce this initiative.

This is an educational initiative designed to encourage religious harmony and social cohesion through the creation of a mural wall by young students (ages 13-15) from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. The image created on the wall will evoke the message of tolerance, understanding and inclusiveness.

When and where: Sunday 1 December 2019 - Educational workshop and Graffiti Wall Painting. Wall painting at Penhalluriack's Building Supplies, 345 Hawthorn Rd. Caulfield.

Raheen Event 15th December. Once again, Jeanne Pratt is kindly hosting an afternoon of musical theatre at her home, Raheen. Husband and wife team Christie Whelan Browne and Rohan Browne are our special entertainment at this significant fundraising event. This year, we are also having a raffle with amazing prizes. Contact our office for ticketing details as this will be a sellout!

Interested in finding out about volunteering opportunities? We have a new volunteer promotional video kindly created by Posterboy Media. Give us a call on 9533 0955.

BBANZ President David Samuels' October Report

It is an honour and privilege to have been appointed as your new President of B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand, together with my wife Sue as the new Secretary. We have, for a little over 20 years, been members of the Syd Einfeld Unit in Sydney and have been involved in various capacities within that Unit.

We have replaced, at the recent Triennial Convention in Melbourne, Morris Tobias who was President for six years and his wife Tania, who served as Secretary for the last three years. Both have done a sterling job and B'nai B'rith owes both of them a debt of gratitude for the time and effort they put into their positions. Morris will remain on our Board of Governors as Immediate Past President (and my mentor) for the next three years. Apart from Tania, Ivan Kaplan and James Altman OAM, together with Dr Paul Gardner AM, have stepped down from the Board of Governors and we thank them all for the dedication and service they have given.

Our new B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand Board of Governors is as follows:

President BBANZ	David Samuels
President BB NSW	Anna Marks OAM
President BB Victoria	Dr Benny Monheit
Chair BB NZ Council	Dr Jim Salinger
Vice-Chairman	Dr Benny Monheit
Elected Rep Victoria	Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM
Immediate Past President	Morris Tobias
Secretary	Sue Samuels
Treasurer	Leon Lurie
BB International Vice Pres.	Anna Marks OAM

Our Convention in Melbourne was a great success. We were honoured with the presence of the President of BB International Charles (Chuck) Kaufman and his wife Vonne, and Stéphane Teicher, Senior VP Europe, together with his wife Betty. We were treated to an international perspective on BB activities and its work in the UN. Chuck is very keen to see BBANZ more involved in international matters.

Congratulations go to Anna Marks OAM who is now a Vice President of BB International and to Morris Tobias who is also serving as Senior Vice President of BBI and is responsible for Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel and Canada. We are beginning to really go international, beginning with James Altman OAM attending a leadership conference in Washington DC later this year.

There is much to be done if we are to be more than a fairly small niche organisation, and in this regard I intend to meet with as many of you as possible and listen to any concerns you may have with BB. The one thing I don't want to hear at our next Triennial Convention (which I did hear at this convention) is a delegate say words to the effect of "the same issues were raised three years ago". Hopefully, with the assistance of the Board of Governors and all of you, we can work out a "Unity of Purpose" and then move forward.

Over the coming months, I intend to write articles in our newsletters keeping you informed of what is happening internationally with BB, as well as local matters which are of concern to the Board of Governors.

Sue and I take this opportunity to wish you all Shana Tova and Well over the Fast.

David Samuels

BBANZ Triennial Convention September 2019

From the Shabbat dinners on Friday September 6th until the closing ceremony on Monday September 9th, the conference was declared successful.

Morris Tobias, President of BBANZ for two consecutive 3 year terms, has now been succeeded by David Samuels of Sydney, leaving more opportunity for him to work within his role as Senior Vice-President at B'nai B'rith International.

More than 100 members of B'nai B'rith from Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, New York and Paris, together with parliamentarians and councillors from Melbourne, were welcomed and took very active parts in the conference.



Morris Tobias welcomed our overseas guests, Charles "Chuck" Kaufman, President BB International, and his wife Vonne, Stéphane Teicher, Senior Vice-President of BBI and the BBI Representative at UNESCO, and his wife Betty, Jules Gaddie, President of BB Auckland, Mike Silverman, Vice-President of BB Auckland, visitors from Sydney and all Melbourne attendees.

Both Chuck and Stéphane spoke of anti-Semitic stereotypes, sadly being alive and well in Europe and the US, while the memory of the Holocaust is starting to fade.

Chuck warned that there is not enough teaching of the roots of the Holocaust in schools and homes and that we must concentrate on passing down the traditions of Judaism to our children and their children. He stressed that two thirds of millennials do not know what Auschwitz is and that their Jewish tradition is diminishing!

The highlight of the Convention was the Gala Dinner, where our new Board of Governors, headed by President David Samuels, was installed. Tania Tobias was also honoured with the presentation of a "Glen Eira Local Hero recognition" citation from David Southwick, MLA.

Stéphane Teicher addressed the issues of anti-Semitism in France, where the extreme right, radical Islam and traditional Christian anti-Semitism are the significant sources of anti-Jewish hatred today. This has seen the Jewish population shift from the northeast of Greater Paris to the safer suburbs of the southwest, whilst French Sephardis are more ready to make aliyah to escape the threat.



The BB Motto "Jewish Unity, Diversity and Continuity" was discussed in great depth by Benny Monheit, President of BBVic, Anna Marks OAM, President of BBNSW, Jules Gaddie, President of BB Auckland, Mike Silverman, Peter Schattner and Karin Zafir.

Tony Weldon OAM, Chairman of Courage to Care Victoria, and Juliet Seifert OAM of Courage to Care NSW spoke of their enormous success with their pet project in both VIC and NSW.

Morris & Tania Tobias

Bernard J Lustig Memorial Scholarship Recipients

For the first time in its 64-year history, B'nai B'rith Victoria's Bernard J Lustig Memorial Scholarship has awarded three major scholarships.

The first, in the Travel Grant category, was presented to law student **Jarryd Shaw** at a brief event held prior to Unit Akiba's annual Installation of Office Bearers ceremony in July.

The other two, in the Post-graduate Research category, were presented to **Yoni Genende** and **Jonathan Heilbron** at a separate event early in September. All three are outstanding Mt Scopus graduates; all three are associated with Monash University; all three have an impressive record of involvement in the life of the Jewish community.

The separate events were necessary as there was not a single date on which all three winners could be in Melbourne at the same time. Jarryd Shaw left for the University of Pennsylvania in early August, Jonathan Heilbron flew in from Berlin later that month, and Yoni Genende left for England a few days after the September event.

Chairman of Trustees, Dr Paul Gardner AM, explained that the triple awards were the result of a challenging but very positive situation: "We had these three applicants on our short-list, all brilliant, all very diverse in their academic interests, all given outstanding references. We couldn't pick a single winner. Fortunately, the

generous support of several B'nai B'rith units, in particular the new support offered by Unit Akiba drawn from its Peter Krafel Bequest, made it possible to support all three."

Jarryd Shaw is a brilliant Law/Commerce student, with High Distinctions in thirteen subjects. He was accepted as a student at Pennsylvania State University, a highly rated Ivy League institution. He has been accepted as a student in the university's business school, where he will study game theory and international economics. In his application for the scholarship, Jarryd stated that he intended to "serve my community as an advocate, both in a professional and charitable capacity."



Jarryd Shaw & Dr Paul Gardner AM

Yoni Genende recently completed an honours degree in Arts, specialising in philosophy. His honours thesis, for which he was awarded a High Distinction, was on Artificial Intelligence. This is the area he will explore more deeply in his post-graduate research. At the September presentation, he spoke about how he found philosophy to be most exciting and impactful when it was removed from its ivory tower and brought into everyday life. For dealing with the new challenges presented by Artificial Intelligence, he told the audience that "we will need to construct new theories and practices to keep up with a rapidly changing world." A few days after the presentation, he left for England, bound for Oxford University, the first Lustig scholar to do so.

Jonathan Heilbron is an established musician. He is a double-bass player, a composer and academic scholar. Currently pursuing a PhD at Monash's Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music, he has already built up an impressive c.v. During the past few years he has travelled widely, performing contemporary and classical music not only in Australia, but also in Europe, Russia, Israel and South America. His Ph.D. research involves a study of the life and work of Fernando Grillo, an Italian double-bassist who died six years ago. Jonathan explained that he will use the grant to travel to several countries within Europe and meet with world-renowned performers, musicologists, composers and key collaborators with Grillo, an overlooked but important figure in 20th Century music.

At the September event, BBVic president Dr Benny Monheit presented Michael Cohen OAM with a certificate of recognition to honour his involvement in the establishment of the scholarship 64 years ago. Michael was the founding president of B'nai B'rith Youth Melbourne in 1951 and met Bernard Lustig for the first time when BBY was established. They became close friends. Bernard succeeded Michael as the second president of the group. The Lustig Scholarship was instituted by BBY in 1955 after Bernard's death in a car accident. It is BBV's oldest continuing project.



L-R: Yoni Genende, Jonathan Heilbron, Michael Cohen OAM, Dr Lewis Lustig, Dr Paul Gardner AM

Another Successful Current Affairs Series with Ron James

After our first Current Affairs series with Ron James was such a success, BBVic ran a second series of fortnightly sessions throughout August and September.

We could not be more grateful to Ron for facilitating such informative and interactive sessions. The series has attracted both members and non-members, with sold-out crowds at every session.

With such high demand, we are pleased to inform you that we will be running a third Current Affairs series, beginning at the end of October.



Josh Burns MP visits BBVic



Earlier in the month, we were delighted to have a visit from Josh Burns MP, our local member. BBVic President Benny Monheit, Executive Development Officer Frances Stiglec and Past President Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM had a chance to sit down with Josh to discuss strategies to improve BBVic's impact in the future.

Josh also stopped by our Current Affairs session, and even engaged in a few discussions about refugee policy and politicians balancing their religion with the needs of our country.



We are so fortunate to have a local member who cares so deeply about his local community, who truly listens to the concerns of his constituents and who goes above and beyond to help.

Gesher-Rabin Unit Donates to Cabrini Foundation

Gesher-Rabin Unit recently visited Cabrini Hospital to hand over a cheque for \$1,100 to the Cabrini Foundation to further their efforts in cancer research. Funds were raised at the Gesher-Rabin Debate against the Maccabi Toastmasters, held in June.

MC of the night, Michael Shafar (pictured second from right), recently shared his experience of battling cancer on The Project, as well as in his comedy shows.

Pictured: Cameron Smith (Cabrini Foundation), Miranda Davis & Danny Shafar, Michael Shafar, Stephen Moskowitz (Treasurer Gesher-Rabin)





B'nai B'rith SHOWCASE

Fostering Jewish Musical Talent

Age: 8-25 years

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support and encouragement of young Jewish talent at this year's B'nai B'rith Showcase. The standard of performances has significantly improved over the last six years. We had a substantial number of returning musicians who have a strong connection with our Showcase/Eisteddfod community, including Benji Wald, who took out this year's B'nai B'rith Victoria First Prize of \$1,000.

For the first time ever, the first half of the program consisted of winners of each heat; the second half consisted of the four major Jewish Day Schools performing ensembles, who then joined together for the finale with a beautiful Hebrew song Shir ha Masa. Special thanks to Simon Starr who, together with Georgia Brooks of the King David School, organised and conducted the four-part chorus of the finale. The schools have seen the value of working collaboratively towards a unified end. Hopefully, participants will use this experience and feedback from the adjudicators in preparation for their exams.

The feedback from Sunday's Showcase Finals Concert has been both positive and gratifying - everyone enjoying the new format.

Around 300 people attended the St Kilda Town Hall and enjoyed the variety of quality music presented.

A special thank you is extended to J-AIR who professionally recorded and videoed the event. When editing is finalised, we will forward the details.

If you would like to be a sponsor or donor or to advertise your or your children's businesses, please contact either the B'nai B'rith office on 9523 0888 or showcase@bbvic.org.

Thank you sincerely for your patronage and encouragement.

Andrew Kolb

Chairperson - B'nai B'rith Victoria Showcase



Showcase 2019 winner Benji Wald



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B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA (BBVic)

CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH RON JAMES

Ron James is an experienced moderator at U3A, BBVic and community events



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B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA SPEAKERS FORUM

WITH DR RACHAEL KOHN AO

Dr Kohn AO is an author and broadcaster who has a long history of presenting radio programs on religion and spirituality



SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

2:30PM @ BETH WEIZMANN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

TOPIC: SHOULD JEWS DEFEND WESTERN CIVILIZATION?

The program will also include musical entertainment featuring the winners of the B'nai B'rith Showcase

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 ROSH HASHANA DAY 2 (Office Closed)  Rosh Hashana Ends: 7:03pm	2 Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg	3	4 Candle Lighting: 6:09pm 	5 Shabbat Ends: 7:07pm	
6 MEMORIAL SERVICE (morning)  Ramblers SOMW Akiba Lunch HATIKVAH INSTALLATION	7 Fellowship Concert 	8 KOL NIDRE (Office Closes 1pm) Kol Nidre Candle Lighting: 7:12pm	9 YOM KIPPUR (Office Closed)  Yom Kippur Ends: 8:11pm	10 VBBC Mtg 	11 Candle Lighting: 7:15pm 	12 Shabbat Ends: 8:14pm	
13 EREV SUKKOT Candle Lighting: 7:17pm	14 SUKKOT DAY 1 (Office Closed)  Candle Lighting: 8:16pm	15 SUKKOT DAY 2 (Office Closed)  Yomtov Ends: 8:17pm	16 SUKKOT DAY 3 (Chol Hamoed) Ramblers Midweek Walk Melb Mitzvah Reg Mtg	17 SUKKOT DAY 4 (Chol Hamoed)	18 SUKKOT DAY 5 (Chol Hamoed) Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:22pm 	19 SUKKOT DAY 6 (Chol Hamoed) Shabbat Ends: 8:21pm Akiba Theatre Night	
20 EREV SHMINI ATZERET (Sukkot Day 7) Melb Mitzvah Film Afternoon Candle Lighting: 7:24pm	21 SHMINI ATZERET (Sukkot Day 8) (Office Closed)  Candle Lighting: 8:23pm	22 SIMCHAT TORAH (Office Closed)  Simchat Torah Ends: 8:25pm	23	24	25 Candle Lighting: 7:29pm  Gesher-Rabin Weekend Away	26 Shabbat Ends: 8:29pm Gesher-Rabin Weekend Away	
27 Ramblers SOMW & SOHW Gesher-Rabin Weekend Away Akiba Exec & Reg Mtg Melb Mitzvah Bagel Brunch	28	29 BBVic Current Affairs: Session #1	30 Melb Mitzvah Mameloshen	31 Melb Mitzvah Outing			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
MARK IN YOUR DIARIES DECEMBER: Sunday 1 - BBVic Speakers Forum (see page 14)					1 Candle Lighting: 7:36pm 	2 Shabbat Ends: 8:37pm	
3	4 Melb Mitzvah Programming	5 Chag HaSussim  Akiba Cup Day Activity Hatikvah Cup Day Walk	6 RWU Israel & Jewish World Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg	7	8 Candle Lighting: 7:44pm 	9 Shabbat Ends: 8:46pm	
10 Ramblers SOMW Gesher-Rabin Trivia Night Fundraiser	11 Mitzvah Day Fellowship Concert  Preview Deadline	12 BBVic Current Affairs: Session #2 RWU Prog & Exec Mtg	13 Melb Mitzvah Reg Mtg	14 Adjourned BBVic AGM 	15 Candle Lighting: 7:51pm 	16 Shabbat Ends: 8:54pm	
17 MITZVAH DAY Akiba Exec & Reg Mtg Gesher-Rabin Reverse Garage Sale Hatikvah Calico Dolls	18 Preview Collating Melb Mitzvah Book Club 	19 RWU Schmooze	20 Ramblers Midweek Walk RWU Bus Tour	21 Akiba Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club 	22 Candle Lighting: 7:59pm 	23 Shabbat Ends: 9:03pm	
24 Ramblers SOHW RWU Lunch Hatikvah Reg Mtg	25	26 BBVic Current Affairs: Session #3	27 Melb Mitzvah Mameloshen	28	29 Candle Lighting: 8:06pm 	30 Shabbat Ends: 9:11pm Akiba Assisting Impact for Women	

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