



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW

CHAG PESACH SAMEACH

President Dr Benny Monheit, together with the Executive, Staff & Unit Presidents wish all members and their families a happy, healthy and joyous Pesach

Message from the President: The Ambassador

On Sunday 24th March, Israel's Ambassador to Australia, Mr Mark Sofer, will come to Melbourne to address our B'nai B'rith members. This is a great honour and we are looking forward to his visit.

Ambassadors were first appointed in the 15th Century and were the official representatives overseas of their home country. It was often a difficult job and in past centuries it was not uncommon for them to be executed by their host country as a sign of displeasure with some policy or lack of payment by their State. But Mark Sofer will be amongst friends when he comes to Melbourne to speak to us on Connecting Israel with other countries. He is a diplomat, not a politician in the forthcoming Israeli parliamentary elections. Even though the question on everyone's lips is "will Benjamin Netanyahu be re-elected?" – just don't ask Mark Sofer.

At the recent In One Voice Festival we spoke to many members of the Jewish community regarding our projects in B'nai B'rith. In particular, we highlighted the revamped B'nai B'rith Showcase (formerly called the Eisteddfod), the Youth Art Competition, the BBVic Environment Group and the new Click and Connect Project (the latter being a joint venture with the BBANZ Board). The feedback from the community was very good and we hope you, too, will show your support for these activities.

At last month's Victorian B'nai B'rith Council meeting (VBBC) Morris Tobias (President BBANZ) explained to council members that unfortunately the Anti Defamation Commission (ADC) has decided to no longer use the B'nai B'rith symbol or the B'nai B'rith name in its title, mainly because they felt that we were not providing sufficient financial support to them. We are saddened by this change, especially as we have a proud 40-year history of setting up and nurturing the ADC.

In our new office in the Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre, Gaby and Frances are flat out helping our Units and projects achieve their goals. Thank you both for your good work which is so important to us. A new part time staff member has been appointed to help Andrew Kolb and his team to get the new Showcase off the ground. Her name is Chloe and we wish her success.

The reports from each Unit in this edition of Preview demonstrate our vitality and the important role we have in the Jewish community. I hope you enjoy reading it.



Chag Sameach for Purim and for Pesach, which is a month away. If you have a favourite Pesach recipe (esp a vegetarian one) that you want to share, please send it to Gaby (admin@bbvic.org) as we plan to circulate them for others in B'nai B'rith to enjoy.

Benny

Benny Monheit

MAJOR BBVic EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 24 MARCH - Speakers Forum, Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer. 2pm. Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance or contact the BBVic office at 9523 0888 by 20th March.

Sunday 7 APRIL - Eva Rathner's 80th Birthday Celebration, 3:00pm

Monday 8 APRIL - Fellowship Concert, 2:30pm

Sunday 5 MAY - Menorah Awards, 7:30pm

BBVic Celebrates P/P Eva Rathner's 80th Birthday



BBVic Celebrates P/P Eva Rathner's 80th birthday, to acknowledge her decades of work for B'nai B'rith projects.

Venue: Beth Weizmann. Sunday 7th April 2019. Open House 3.00-5.00pm.

In lieu of gifts, Eva has requested donations to one or more of the following BB projects: Making a Difference, Bernard Lustig Scholarship, Courage to Care, Israel Commission, Australian Foundation for Yad VaShem.

An **RSVP** for catering purposes is requested: please call BBVic Office at 9523 0888 by **2nd April**.

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We Want Your Veg/Vegan Pesach Recipes

We know a number of you will have vegetarians and vegans at your Seders this year. If you have any great recipes for vegetarian or vegan Kosher L'Pesach meals, we'd love if you could please email them to Gaby at admin@bbvic.org



MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Giora Hoffmann

Preview: Ron Sack



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Still to come in March:

Sunday 24

2:00pm **Speakers Forum. Special Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer.** Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

What's on in April:

Monday 1

8:00pm **Programming.**

Wednesday 3

8:00pm **Executive Meeting.**

Wednesday 10

7:30pm **Regular Meeting.** Speaker will be Moshe Lang, Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist. The topic will be: "HUMOUR IN LIFE AND THERAPY"

Monday 15

7:30pm **Book Club.**

TBA

Mameloshen. Date TBA.

Please Note: The Entertainment Book will be available at the April Meeting. It will cost \$70 as last year. Orders can be placed now, contact mitzvah@bbvic.net

'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: devorah@zmood.net or post to Making A Difference, B'nai B'rith Victoria, 306 Hawthorn Road, South Caulfield Vic 3162

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-President: Simone Markus

Co-President: Jacqui Dinor Corry

Secretary: Minnie Kahan

Preview: Josh Kahan



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Our Co-Presidents, Simone Markus and Jacqui Dinor Corry and the Executive Committee, wish all members of Raoul Wallenberg Unit and their families Chag Sameach for the forthcoming celebration of Pesach.

Still to come in March:

Sunday 24 2:00pm **Speakers Forum. Special Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer.** Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

What's on in April:

Tuesday 2 7.30pm **Regular Meeting.** Speaker: Bernard Korbman. Topic TBC.

Tuesday 9 12:00pm **Programming.**
7:30pm **Executive Meetings.**

Tuesday 16 3:00pm **Schmooze.**

Sunday 28 12:30pm **Lunch.**

Coming up in May:

Tuesday 14 7.30pm **Israel and the Jewish World.** Speaker TBA.

Tuesday 21 12:00pm **Programming.**
7:30pm **Executive Meeting.**

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.



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.

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice President: Evelyn Moszkowicz

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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Still to come in March:

Sunday 24 2:00pm **Speakers Forum. Special Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer.** Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

Sunday 31 8:00pm **Regular Meeting.** Guest speaker: Jane Piller who is a Genetic Counsellor. The title of her talk is "JeneScreen" which is a research project offering free BRCA screening for eligible members of the Jewish community in Sydney and Melbourne. Both men and women are welcome to participate in the study. Jane's talk will cover aspects of the study, genetic tests involved and risk-reduction strategies.

What's on in April:

Sunday 7 10:00am -12:30pm **Calico Dolls.**

Thursday 25 10:30am **Anzac Day Walk, lunch and informal Regular Meeting.**
As this is during Pesach, all food needs to be suitable for Pesach. Drop off food at 10:30am. Walk will begin at 11:00am sharp.

Coming up in May:

Sunday 26 8:00pm **Regular Meeting.** Guest speaker Dr. Glen Chandler.

UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Rosa Schattner

Co-President: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Peter Schattner



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What's on in April:

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 Akiba's Weekend Away to Warburton.

Saturday 13 - Sunday 14 **Impact for Women** - packing parcels for Mother's Day. Set-up Saturday and parcel packing Sunday.

Sunday 28 7.00pm **Executive meeting**, followed by 8:00pm **Regular meeting**
This will be another session on the 'Jewish Giants' series for the Jewish Cultural Enrichment Program. This particular program will be on two giants of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud and Melanie Klein. This will be presented by psychotherapist, Phillip Samuel, and moderated by Mark Rubinstein.

YITZHAK RABIN UNIT

Co-President: Leon Nissen

Secretary: Brian Schauer

Preview: Eleanor Aghion



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Warmest wishes for Kosher, Happy and Joyous
Passover to all members of BBVic.
Chag Pesach Sameach!



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Sunday 24 2:00pm **Speakers Forum. Special Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer.** Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

What's on in April:

Monday 1 7:45 pm **Executive Committee Meeting.**

Saturday 20 7:00pm **Pesach Second Seder.** Places are limited, please email to confirm your attendance and discuss your contribution to the festivities.

Sunday 28 around 6:00pm **Film night.** The title of the movie is "Breaking Habits" exact time will be advised later. Click here to watch the trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqP8b7PQg4I

Coming up in May:

Monday 6 7:45pm **Executive Committee Meeting.**

Monday 20 7:45pm **Regular Meeting.**

CHAVERIM GROUP

Chairperson: Antony Adelman

Secretary: Rebecca Grinblat

Preview: Antony Adelman



BBVic Chaverim
Facebook group

The recent Quiz Night was a great success. We had nearly 40 people, who had a great night of questions, scones and jam, drinks and lots of fun.

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GESHER UNIT

President: Karin Zafir

Vice President: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



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Still to come in March:

Sunday 24 2:00pm **Speakers Forum. Special Guest speaker: Israeli Ambassador to Australia, Mark Sofer.** Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

What's on in April:

Monday 22 2:00-5:00pm Pesach cooking demonstration with Stephen Shmideg - Easter Monday.

And then...

Sunday 23 3:00-5:00pm Debate against Maccabi Toastmasters.

June

Sunday 7 7:00pm Installation. Entertainment from David Rothberg and Sharon Mattatia.

July

25 - 27 Proposed weekend away at Vibe Marysville. Groupon has great deal at the moment.

October

Fundraising Trivia night postponed to 10 November.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Treasurer: Irena Blonder

Preview Secretary & Mail Out: Judy Winikoff



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What's on in April:

Sunday 7 Morning. SOMW in Shepherd's Bush.

Wednesday 10 Morning. Hard Midweek Walk to Plenty Gorge.

Wednesday 24 Morning. Midweek Walk.

Sunday 28 Morning. SOHW.



Photos from Ramblers' weekend in Halls Gap, Grampians



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We were delighted to host over sixty delegates at the National Conference in early February under the theme of "Thinking Big: Courage to Care Across Australia". Nearly 20 delegates from NSW, Queensland and WA attended and there are some exciting collaborative initiatives underway.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Incursions into schools: We already confirmed 12 bookings and another 6 scheduled so for this year. Our target of 25 for the year is easily on track to be met and it shows how much demand there is for our program.

Exhibitions.

- 1) Hamilton. Nearly 1,000 students from schools in western Victoria are attending our Exhibition in March. We have selected a Local Hero as an example of being an Upstander.
- 2) Shepparton. We are visiting between 17-28th June and bookings for just under 700 students so far. 12 more schools are interested.
- 3) Warragul. We will be in Warragul in August
- 4) Alliance Francais. We have a wonderful opportunity to showcase our program in July.

EVENTS

Trivia Night Saturday 3rd March. Over 100 keen trivia buffs attended a lively, fun event run by a group of younger university students. A big thank you to Jacob Kaufman and Pet Karamountzos for kindly arranging the Trivia Night for their age group. This was different to our previous Trivia Nights (which we may still hold) but a chance to engage 20-30 year olds with us. Over \$2,500 was raised on the night!

In One Voice Sunday 17th March. We were of course well represented at this event. It was great to see so many of you drop by and say hello.

Book Launch 31st March. Julie Meadow's second anthology of 22 stories will be launched 31st March at 3pm. Bookings are essential. See flyer for all details.

Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea. Tuesday 2nd April. The first Volunteer Thank You of the year at our fine new premises, 843A Glenhuntly Road. Join us for Morning Tea, 11.00am-12.30pm for an opportunity to get together with your fellow volunteers and exchange ideas about future activities.

If you would like to find out more details about our work, please give us a call on 9533 0955.



National Conference Attendees



Trivia Night organising team



B'nai B'rith Victoria

Jewish Youth Art Competition

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Leah Black and her organising committee, the B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition is now a well-established fixture on the Jewish calendar. The Competition / Exhibition – under a revamped organising committee, including several non-B'nai B'rith members – will again be staged this year. Works will be displayed from 1st to 18th August 2019 at the prestigious Glen Eira Art Complex Gallery with the official opening taking place on Sunday 4th August at 2:00 PM.

Qualifying ages are 11 to 18 in three groupings: 11-13, 14-15 and 16-18. Competing categories are Painting, Sculpture and Other Media. Specifically for the 16-18 age group only, we are pleased to announce that: (i) once again we will accept digital work, in print form, and (ii) we are introducing a new category of Photography. All the above categories and ages are eligible for prizes, plus there are two main prizes – namely the Morrie Gold Memorial Prize (the overall best) and a prize for the best work on a Jewish Theme.

Eligible relatives of B'nai B'rith members are encouraged to enter this exciting event.



BBVic Eisteddfod revamped to Showcase

As of 2019 B'nai B'rith is introducing Showcase - Fostering Jewish Musical Talent, an updated, rebranding of the Eisteddfod of previous years. Whilst we will still be providing an opportunity for the growth, support and encouragement of young Jewish musicians, there will be a few differences.



Lady Anna Cowen AM with last year's overall winner, and recipient of the B'nai B'rith Victoria Scholarship, Yael Zamir

Firstly, the 8-10 year old division will no longer be competitive. The Showcase will provide an opportunity for young musicians to perform for an audience and receive feedback in a low-pressure environment. Furthermore, some select schools will be sending vocal and instrumental ensembles to perform at the Finals Concert, on Sunday 15th September at the St Kilda Town Hall.

These performances are for entertainment purposes only and will therefore not be adjudicated.

For entrants aged 11-25 years, and for all other aspects, the Showcase will run as the Eisteddfod did, with individuals competing in Heats and a Finals Concert.

In 2019, we will be offering the following sections: Classical Strings, Guitar, Classical Vocal, Contemporary Vocal, Hebrew & Yiddish Vocal, Woodwind, Classical Piano, Contemporary Piano, Vocal Ensemble and Instrumental Ensemble.

Info will be available for both the Showcase & Art Competition on the BBVic website (bnaibrith.org.au/victoria) & in the BBVic office from beginning of April.

BBNSW President Anna Marks' article in the March Communicator

Starting with great news, Past President of Syd Einfield Unit, David Samuels will become District President when Morris Tobias finishes his term in September, and it is most fortunate that Sue Samuels will be Secretary at the same time. Congratulations on accepting the positions.

The Triennial Conference of BBANZ, with special guest B'nai B'rith International President 'Chuck' Kaufman will take place in Melbourne from 6-9th September 2019. All welcome.

On a somewhat sadder note, the B'nai B'rith Anti Defamation Commission is no longer associated with B'nai B'rith, although their Constitution still stipulates one member of their Board has to be a member of B'nai B'rith. In this instance, at the moment it is still Morris Tobias, who is the Vice Chairman. The ADC now has significant philanthropic and fundraising support from Victorian sources so the B'nai B'rith name has been removed from all ADC communications.

The year ahead for BBNSW is full of fantastic events and programmes, starting with a joint event with the Australian Jewish Historical Society this Sunday, 24th February 2.00pm. Please see flyer, 'Reds Under the Beds'.

We then move onto the opening of the exhibition, "Letters of Refuge" from Sunday, 17th March to the 14th April.

We will again have a series of associated events during the exhibition, including a reading of some of the letters, staged by Chris and James Hill in association with Vivienne, a musical event with the Jewish Choral Society, singing from their South African Repertoire, and an Authors talk. So a very exciting month ahead.

Juliet Seiffert and I have been invited to the opening of a Raoul Wallenberg Exhibition at the Waverley Library on Saturday 2nd March. A shame that in spite of our best efforts and Rabbi Meltzer's, we could not have the exhibition here at B'nai B'rith.

The new President of Aepe for 2019 is Jonathan Moalemm, and I again look forward to a good working relationship with them. Jonathan has promised us some technical support in videoing and putting on Facebook the reading of 'Letters of Refuge' Incidentally I'm delighted to write that there have been over 2000 hits on Facebook about this exhibition, so it is going to be something very special.



Womanpower are powering ahead (excuse the pun) again this year. The very special project Janine Zimmler has brought to BBNSW 'Safe Conversations' will be rolled out at various dates during the year, attracting other Jewish Community organisations, and again promises to be a most successful outreach project for B'nai B'rith. They have also got new and innovative ideas for the year ahead, that will be coming to fruition.

Looking forward to welcoming all our members and friends to an exciting 2019.

Chag Purim Sameach.

Anna

To keep up to date with BBNSW activities, visit bnaibrith.org.au/new-south-wales

April 2019						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Melb Mitzvah Prog YRU Exec Mtg	2 RWU Reg Mtg C2C Volunteer Thank You	3 Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg	4	5 Candle Lighting: 6:50pm  Akiba Weekend Away	6 Shabbat Ends: 7:46pm Akiba Weekend Away
7 DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS Akiba Weekend Away Ramblers SOMW Hatikvah Calico Dolls Eva Rathner's 80 th Birthday	8 Fellowship Concert  Preview Deadline	9 RWU Prog & Exec Mtg	10 Melb Mitzvah Reg Mtg Ramblers Midweek Walk	11 VBBC Mtg 	12 Candle Lighting: 5:40pm 	13 Shabbat Ends: 6:36pm Akiba Impact for Women
14 Akiba Impact for Women	15 Preview Collating Melb Mitzvah Book Club	16 RWU Schmooze	17	18	19 EREV PESACH  GOOD FRIDAY Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:31pm 	20 PESACH DAY 1  YRU Second Seder Pesach Candle Lighting: 6:27pm 
21 PESACH DAY 2 Yomtov ends: 6:26pm	22 Pesach Day 3 (Chol Hamoed) EASTER MONDAY (OFFICE CLOSED) Gesher Pesach Cooking Demonstration	23 Pesach Day 4 (Chol Hamoed)	24 Pesach Day 5 (Chol Hamoed) Ramblers Midweek Walk	25 Pesach Day 6 ANZAC DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) Hatikvah Reg Mtg & ANZAC Day lunch Candle Lighting: 5:23pm 	26 PESACH DAY 7 Shabbat Candle Lighting: 5:22pm 	27 PESACH DAY 8 Shabbat/Pesach Ends: 6:18pm
28 Ramblers SOHW RWU Lunch YRU Film Night Akiba Exec & Reg Mtg	29	30	MARK IN YOUR DIARIES: Wednesday 1st May: Yom Hashoah Community Commemoration (evening) Sunday 5th May: Menorah Awards, 7:30pm Thursday 7th May: Yom Hazikaron Community Commemoration (evening)			

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

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