



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Volunteers of the BBVic Fellowship Group at their Mitzvah Day Concert. More photos on page 2.

Message from the President: The Kodak Moment

It's amazing that it's 175 years since Henry Jones and 11 other German-Jewish immigrants gathered in Sinsheimer's Café in New York to confront what they called "the deplorable condition of Jews in this, our newly adopted country." Thus B'nai B'rith (children of the covenant) was born. The original members' first concrete action was creating an insurance fund for members' widows and allocating a stipend for their children and funding for male children (!?) to be taught a trade. How amazing is that!

Of course times have changed since then, but like any organisation B'nai B'rith had to adapt to meet changing community needs. All CEOs and managers now get taught what happens if their organisation does not adapt to change, often by using the Eastman Kodak Company as a case study. Kodak was formed in the USA in 1888 and held a dominant position around the world in photographic film. Kodak became a household name, but in the late 20th Century it failed to adapt to digital photography and by January 2012 they had to file for bankruptcy.

Back here in Victoria, we have had a good year for B'nai B'rith (BBVic). Our 6 Units have remained incredibly active and have a loyal and enthusiastic membership. We maintained our membership numbers at around 400. We have continued our extensive philanthropic work through multiple projects and supported science and the arts. We have also continued our support for Israel through fundraising for our 4 projects there. Our Preview newsletter is a much improved product and our website and Facebook page are an increasingly important part of our communication strategy (see www.bnaibrith.org.au). And of course, we have moved to the Beth Weizmann Community Centre.

I wish to thank our staff Frances Stiglec, Gaby Davis and Phil Lipshut for their excellent work and our many volunteers who are the lifeblood of our organisation. Thank you also to my Executive: Kath, Jacqui,

Faye, Ruth and Tania who help steer the ship.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday over summer. We'll do it all again in 2019.

Best wishes and thank you all.



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PLEASE NOTE: BBVic Office Closed Monday 24 December - Monday 21 January

MAJOR BBVIC EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday 13 January - Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration, 11am

Sunday 17 February - Teachers Homecoming, 2-5pm

Fellowship Group's Mitzvah Day Concert



Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

President: Giora Hoffmann

Preview: Ron Sack



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What's on in February:

Monday 4

8:00pm Programming.

Wednesday 6

8:00pm Executive Meeting.

Wednesday 13

7:30pm Regular Meeting. Speaker will be Danny Blay, and the topic will be 'Working With Men Who Use Violence'

Monday 18

Book Club.

Wednesday 27

Mameloshen.

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

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice President: Evelyn Moszkowicz

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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What's on in February:

- Sunday 3** 12:30pm **Welcome Back Lunch.** Please email to book and coordinate what you will be bringing.
- Sunday 17** **Calico Dolls.**
- Sunday 24** 8:00pm **Regular meeting.** Nafti Vanderhoek will be talking about climate change.

UNIT AKIBA

Co-President: Rosa Schattner

Co-President: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin



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Still in December:

- Monday 31** 7:00pm **New Year's Eve.** Features a 2-course dinner, live band playing music from the '60s-'80s, dancing and unbridled merriment. Cost \$70 pp.

What's on in January:

- Sunday 13** 10:30am **Beach Walk in Hampton,** followed by lunch at a local cafe.
- Thursday 17** 8:00-9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** The meeting will review the book "The Crisis of Zionism" by Peter Beinart. Presenter: Jock Orkin.
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Coming up in February:

- Wednesday 6** 8:00pm **Executive Committee meeting.**
- Saturday 16** **Welcome Back Soiree,** with musical entertainment, a sumptuous supper and "regifting raffle".

Coming up in March:

- Sunday 3** 11:00am **Outing,** including guided tour of mansion and gardens, followed by lunch locally. Group booking price for entry and tours \$13.30pp.
- Sunday 17** 7:00pm **Executive Meeting.** 8:00pm **Regular Meeting and JCEP presentation.**
- Thursday 21 or 28 (TBA)** 8:00-9:30pm **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** Details of the book, presenter and venue to be finalised. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

DON'T FORGET: Friday 5th - Sunday 7th April 2019

Akiba's Weekend Away to Warburton. **Please note change of dates.** For further information, please contact akiba@bbvic.net.

GESHER UNIT

President: Karin Zafir

Vice President: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



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Still on in December:

Monday 31 From 6:00pm New Years Eve. Enquiries: gesher@bbvic.net. \$70 per person.

What's on in January:

Tuesday 1 1:00pm Annual New Year's Day Picnic.

Sunday 13 11:00am Shmooze. Join us for another one of our popular brunches. You can order from their extensive menu or just have a coffee.

Coming up in February:

TBA 11:00am Bring a Plate Brunch in a private home.

Saturday 23 7:00pm Restaurant Dinner.

Coming up in March:

Saturday 23 Purim Party – comedy night/dress ups.

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-President: Simone Markus

Co-President: Jacqui Dinor Corry

Secretary: Minnie Kahan

Preview: Josh Kahan



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What's on in January:

Sunday 13 11:00am Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration.

Coming up in February:

Tuesday 5 7:30pm Regular Meeting. Speaker to be announced.

Tuesday 12 12:00pm and 7:30pm. Programming and Executive Meetings.

Sunday 17 2:00-5:00pm Teachers Homecoming.

Tuesday 19 3:00pm Schmooze.

Sunday 24 1:00pm Lunch.

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.

YITZHAK RABIN UNIT

Co-President: Leon Nissen

Secretary: Brian Schauer

Preview: Eleanor Aghion



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Wishing all Members a Happy and Healthy 2019

Still on in December:

Monday 31 7:30pm for 8:00pm start **NYE**. Members \$10. Call Leon (see above) re your participation and contribution to festive supper.

What's on in January:

Check your emails frequently for announcements from our Co-President Leon Nissen and Planning Group for pop up functions e.g. movie afternoon, dinner at local restaurant, visit to art gallery. Stonnington City Council has a series of free concerts under the heading **Sunset Sounds**.

For details, go to: stonnington.vic.gov.au/events. The events are as follows:

Sunday 6 6:00pm **Vaudeville Smash** supported by the **Seven Ups**.

Sunday 13 6:00pm **Thando** supported by **The Meltdown**.

Sunday 20 6:00pm **Horns of Leroy** featuring **Shannen Wick**, supported by **The Twoks**.

Coming up in February:

Sunday 3 1:00pm **Welcome Back Picnic**. Bring a plate or two to share with others, good mood and smiles to go around and your friends and family to have a good time and reminisce on summer gone by (almost)!

CHAVERIM GROUP

Chairperson: Antony Adelman

Secretary: Rebecca Grinblat

Preview: Antony Adelman



BBVic Chaverim
Facebook group

It's been an exciting and busy year for BBVic Chaverim, from the Purim Shpiel, to the Friday night dinner, to the monthly "Topical Tasters" on Friday evenings during winter, to the Games Night, to Coffee and Cake in the Succah, and culminating with the highly successful Cup Day BBQ attended by 50 people.

We will shortly be sending our charity donation to Impact for Women.

Planning has begun for next year's functions. We are looking forward to another successful year.

Keep an eye on our Facebook group – BBVic Chaverim for details of future events.

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 January:

Sunday 6

Morning. SOMW walk of 12 km in St Leonards along seaside and coastal woodland.

Wednesday 9

Morning. Midweek Hard Walk along the new linear park below Skyrail, from Caulfield towards Dandenong.

Sunday 20

Morning. SOHW walk of 18 km in Wombat State Forest, combining the Lerderderg Heritage River walk with the Whipstick Loop.

Wednesday 23

Morning. Midweek Walk, destination not yet decided.

Coming up in February:

Sunday 3

Morning. SOMW walk in Birdland and Lysterfield.

Wednesday 6

Morning. Midweek Hard Walk with leader and venue to be confirmed.

Sunday 17

Morning. SOHW walk in Lerderderg, Razorback and Ah Kow Spurs, distance of 13.5 km but walk time estimated to be 8 hours.

Wednesday 20

Morning. Midweek walk in an area still to be decided.

Check out some photos from some of our recent walks...



Ramblers held their first ever Hard Midweek Walk, Wednesday 5 December.



Medium walk Devilbend Reservoir, Sunday 9 December.



ANTI-DEFAMATION COMMISSION

For more info regarding ADC activities, please go to www.antidef.org.au or call Edna on 9569 2735



COURAGE TO CARE VIC

INCURSIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

We have had our last incursion for this year with two days at Parade College Preston. This was our 21st incursion for 2018, the greatest number delivered in one year.

Planning is well advanced for our major exhibition in Hamilton next March. We are reaching out to all schools in the area before the summer break.

VICTORIA POLICE

We held our 14th training session with Victoria Police, with 331 members attending our Transforming Bystander Behaviour workshops in 2018. We have received excellent feedback.

ImpactPay: A brand new social enterprise. Imagine having a Mastercard debit card that not only meets your shopping needs but allows you to make a real difference to causes you believe in at the same time. Curious? Then check out ImpactPay at www.impactpay.com or give us a call.

WILLIAM COOPER MARCH

Courage to Care was a major supporter of the William Cooper "Walking Together" March on 6th December to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of William Cooper's protest to the German Embassy on the persecution of the Jewish community after Kristallnacht. We proudly joined the March, Uncle Boydie honouring us with our banner.

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS: Almost 100 people joined in the celebration and fun at our end of year volunteer thank you. Dennis and Idit Benjamin were kind enough to host us in their beautiful home and the unique performance of Mr Gorski contributed much laughter.

We have been lucky enough to have a number of new volunteers join us over recent weeks. Our increased activity has created some opportunities for even more skilled volunteering. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them call us on 9533 0955.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: 9th-11th February 2019 at 843A Glenhuntly Road Caulfield

We are hosting the conference of representatives from across the country. Our theme will focus on how we can work even more closely together with our interstate associates to increase the reach of Courage to Care across Australia. Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE Gen2Gen CHALLAH BAKE: 2nd May 2019

We support the work of Gen2Gen who provide Holocaust and Genocide education to honour and perpetuate the memory of victims (www.gen2gen.org.au)

They are organising an Intergenerational Challah Bake around Yom Hashoah that will involve four generations – Holocaust survivors, their children, grandchildren and hopefully their great grandchildren. Watch out for more details.



GALLERY

'A day in the life of a Paramedic'

Hatikvah and Yitzhak Rabin Units' Combined Meeting on November 25th. Pictured: guest speaker Paramedic Colin Kicker.



Unit Akiba's Recent Activities



The Non-Fiction Book Club meeting November 15th



Winning tickets in the Cup Day sweep Nov 6th



Guest speaker Shimon Allen from Beit Rafael at our Regular Meeting Nov 18th



Helping at St Kilda Mums on Mitzvah Day, Nov 18th

Hatikvah Making Calico Dolls for Mitzvah Day



Hatikvah Unit making calico dolls for the Royal Children's Hospital, which is very much appreciated by the staff and the patients.



January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Gesher New Year's Day Picnic 	2	3	4 Candle Lighting: 8:28pm 	5 Shabbat Ends: 9:32pm
6 Ramblers SOMW  YRU Sunset Sounds	7	8	9 Ramblers Midweek Hard Walk 	10	11 Candle Lighting: 8:27pm 	12 Shabbat Ends: 9:31pm
13 Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration Akiba Beach Walk Gesher Schmooze YRU Sunset Sounds	14	15	16	17 Akiba Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club 	18 Candle Lighting: 8:25pm 	19 Shabbat Ends: 9:27pm
20 Ramblers SOHW  BBVic Memorial to Les Heimann OAM (afternoon) YRU Sunset Sounds	21 BBVic Office Re-opens	22	23 Ramblers Midweek Walk 	24	25 Candle Lighting: 8:21pm 	26 Australia Day  Shabbat Ends: 9:22pm
27	28 Australia Day Public Holiday BBVic Office Closed	29	30 Akiba Soiree planning meeting	31		

PTO for February calendar



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February 2019						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Candle Lighting: 8:16pm 	2 Shabbat Ends: 9:16pm
3 Ramblers SOMW YRU Welcome Back Picnic Hatikvah Welcome Back Lunch	4 Melb Mitzvah Programming	5 RWU Reg Mtg	6 Akiba Exec Mtg Melb Mitzvah Exec Mtg Ramblers midweek hard walk	7	8 Candle Lighting: 8:09pm 	9 Shabbat Ends: 9:08pm C2C Conference
10 C2C Conference	11 Preview Deadline C2C Conference	12 RWU Prog & Exec Mtg C2C Conference	13 Melb Mitzvah Reg Mtg	14  VBBC Mtg	15 Candle Lighting: 8:01pm 	16 Shabbat Ends: 8:59pm Akiba Welcome Back Soiree
17 RWU Teachers Homecoming Ramblers SOHW Hatikvah Calico Dolls	18 Preview Collating Melb Mitzvah Book Club 	19 RWU Schmooze	20 Ramblers Midweek Walk 	21	22 Candle Lighting: 7:52pm 	23 Shabbat Ends: 8:49pm Gesher dinner
24 RWU Lunch Hatikvah Reg Mtg	25	26	27 Melb Mitzvah Mameloshen	28	March 24: First Speakers Forum for 2019. Details to come.	

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