



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW

BBVIC WELCOMES NEW EXEC MAZAL TOV TO ALL

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This month I tasked other members to share, in 120 words or less, a message they wanted to impart to members. Below is what they wrote.

Next month we'll let the women take over the front page.Benny

Why are elections for the BBVic Executive so infrequent? Presumably, most people consider that for an individual, the responsibilities outweigh the rewards. I agree that there are great challenges, but with a dedicated and supportive team, I hope these challenges can be met. So, I would like to thank those who voted for me, and I hope and believe that the momentum for change that has already commenced will continue over the next few years. The challenge for BBVic is not entirely different to that for small Jewish communities living in a free society: To attract the next generation, people must be convinced that involvement has meaning and purpose. Let us boldly aim for nothing less.

Peter Schattner - 1st Vice President BBVic

What is B'nai B'rith? What's our identity? What do we do?

Well, we're a social club. We (well some of us, not me) play bridge. Go rambling in the bush. Exercise on Zoom. Meet for a bagel brunch. Go see a movie together. Et cetera. And that's good. Friendship. Harmony. Important. But there's more to BB than this. We support people in need. We stand up for Israel. We promote anti-racism education. We provide bursaries and scholarships. Et cetera. On the one hand: social club. On the other hand: wider societal values. Yes, but social/societal isn't either/or. And while every individual member of BB is important, those who make the greatest contribution are those who pitch in with both hands. We're all in this together. (And if you think you've heard this phrase before, it's the title of a 1974 rock song by Carole King).

P/P Dr Paul Gardner - Vice-President, Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

Les Heimann often said that to survive, B'nai B'rith needs to adapt to change. Young people are now time poor and interested in single issues. To attract new members we need to adopt single causes such as the Environment, Human Rights, or such as our successful C2C & ADC. In 1938, Aboriginal Elder William Cooper led a march on the Melbourne German Consulate protesting at the treatment of Jews by the Nazis. Following on our recent Oration, we are setting up the Voice from the Heart Initiative to learn on issues affecting Aboriginal Communities and respond to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. It's time we heeded William Cooper's call for Human Rights, for his People as well.

Jack Aghion - 2nd Vice President BBVic

The Oration "Statement from the Heart" on Sunday 11 July was incredibly inspiring! Our First Australians unquestionably merit the support for recognition they seek in our culture, and for participation in Australia's governance, as highlighted by Dr Lois Peeler AM and Professor Marcia Langton. At "Click and Connect – English for Kids", we are working to develop a plan for our volunteers to provide the Indigenous youth with English language skills. My aim is to support our Indigenous students, so they feel that their language, culture and community are valued whilst learning language skills and understandings needed for their success in school and the wider community. When this is in position with our Indigenous youth, would YOU be one of our volunteers?

Morris Tobias - Chairman Click & Connect - English for Kids inc.

Message from the BBANZ President



As I start to write this report I am aware that in Victoria they have just started another lockdown, at this stage for 5 days. I sincerely hope that by the time you read this in the Preview the lockdown is well and truly over. Believe it or not Sue and I were in Queensland when the lockdown in Sydney was announced but had to come back to get our second vaccination. So once again for many of us its Zoom to the rescue.

My congratulations go to the newly appointed Board for the Victorian B'nai B'rith Council. It goes without saying that it has not been an easy time to run any organisation and I thank you all sincerely for taking on the job ahead. I believe a number of the Units down in Melbourne have just had or about to have their AGM's and I would like to thank all those involved for their dedication.

I am also aware that preparations are well underway for Showcase 21. Let me wish everyone involved in this truly worthwhile undertaking every success in having it come to fruition.

The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, of which BBANZ is a proud member, recently invited me to attend by Zoom a Q & A session with the Right Honourable Anthony Albanese, Leader of the Opposition. Mr Albanese was asked a number of topical questions, from a Jewish perspective. These questions included the Labor parties views on Anti-Semitism in Australia, the BDS Movement, Israel and the new Israeli Government as well as the prospect of a peaceful resolution to the Israel/Palestinian conflict. Thankfully I believe all questions were answered in a satisfactory manner.

Serious discussions are now being carried out between Melbourne and Sydney to improving the BB Website so that it is more user friendly with important information to peruse.

I ask everyone of you, whilst in lockdown and beyond, to stay safe and where possible to support as many BB functions as you can.

David Samuels
President BBANZ

MAJOR BBVIC EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

July:

BBVic Youth Art Exhibition will now be Online -

The virtual galleries will go live on **Sunday 25th July** at 2:00 pm. Access is via the Art Competition page of the BBVic website: <https://www.bnaibrith.org.au/our-projects/bbvicaart>

August:

Akiba Installation - Sunday August 15th

Speakers Forum - Sunday August 22nd (See flyer for more info)

Showcase Finals Concert - Sunday August 29th

September:

BBVic Memorial Service - Sunday September 12th

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-Presidents: Simone Markus / Jacqui Dinor-Corry

Secretary: Adrienne Perch

Preview: Jacqui Dinor-Corry

*We deeply mourn the passing of Sister P/P Jill Stone
May her Memory be a Blessing.*

What's happening in August:

Tuesday 3 2:00pm - **AGM, Installation of Executive and Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann Auditorium. Installing officer - P/P Morris Tobias. Guest speaker: Jeremy Leibler on the topic "Challenges facing the Australian Jewish Community." Followed by afternoon tea. All attendees have to register for entrance and security purposes with Irene Bud. SHOULD WE BE IN LOCKDOWN A ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT THE DAY BEFORE.

Wednesday 11 2:00pm - **Executive Meeting** at the home of Jacqui Corry (or zoom link).

There will be no meetings in September due to Yom Tovim

Coming up in October:

Tuesday 5 2:00pm - **ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH WORLD** - at Beth Weizmann. Speaker: Wendy Waller on the topic "Being in Israel during the Covid Pandemic, then two weeks Quarantine in Melbourne" followed by MDA President Glynis Lipson speaking on the work of MDA during the Pandemic in Israel. Followed by a Quiz and afternoon tea.

Wednesday 13 2:00pm - **Executive Meeting** at Leah Black's home.

Tuesday 19th - 21st **RW Bus Tour** to East Gippsland for 2 nights in Sale. including Archibald Prize exhibition, Swing Bridge Heritage River cruise, Vineyard Luncheon, Motor Museum, Chainsaw sculpture, Walhalla Goldfields Railway and Wally Pub Luncheon, Garfield fresh produce stop. Registration with Irene Bud. Please see attached flyer for cost. registration etc.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

President: Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Tom & Karin Zafir

For assistance with Zoom, contact Karin Zafir

Every Sunday 11:00am - **Sunday morning “get-together”** – interesting and entertaining discussion via Zoom on a variety of topics, guest speakers, quiz.

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85211082214>

Alternatively, you can open Zoom and enter the following Meeting ID: 852 1108 2217

Every Thursday 11:00am - **Get Fit during post lockdown - Exercise Classes** - Exercises adapted for all levels of fitness brought to you by our very own Gesher-Rabin Unit's President Leon Nissen and P/P Karin Zafir. To join the class, click on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874540497?pwd=UEUyWWNSRDl0dHJLY2FDVElhc6Zz09>

Or enter Meeting ID into Zoom: 898 7454 0497, Passcode 053214

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Saturday 7 Saltpillar Theatre production of “The Importance of being Jewish”. Due to COVID restrictions, the theatre night has been **POSTPONED** until Saturday 30 April, 2022.

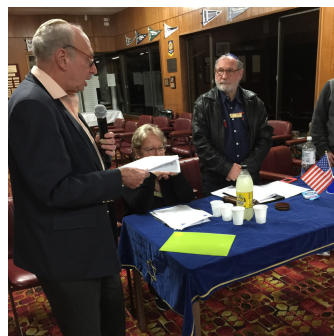
Saturday 21 7:30pm - **Trivia Night (Fundraiser for Israel Commission Projects)** Theodore Herzl Club \$25 BB members, \$35 non-members.

Trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSOSZ> To organise a table of up to 8 people, email names to Evelyn Flitman: NOTE: This event is close to fully booked so book soon if you want to be included.

Coming up in November:

Sunday 7 Ramblers walk in Olinda. It is an easy - medium walk.

Photos from Gesher Rabin Unit AGM and Installation



UNIT AKIBA

Co-Presidents: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin

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- Wednesday 11** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee meeting** on Zoom
- Sunday 15** 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start - **Installation of the Executive committee for 2021/22**, including musical entertainment and a light kosher supper. Venue: Beth Weizmann, cost: \$25 p/p. All BB members welcome. Bookings via TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/BSXDT. Enquiries: Suzanne Goldin. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

Coming up in September:

- Sunday 12** 12:30pm - ish - **Lunch at a local cafe/restaurant**, following the BBVic Annual Memorial Service. Details to be advised.
- Monday 13** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee meeting** on Zoom, for both “old and new” committee members.
- Sunday 19** 12:00 noon - **Day outing to the Yarra Valley**, including a garden tour of Dame Nellie Melba's house in Coldstream at 12 noon, and lunch at the Yarra Glen Grand Hotel at 1:30pm. Garden tour cost \$18. Please book with Henry Winfield.
- Thursday 23** 8:00pm - 9:30pm - **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club** meeting will review the book “Voices from the Holocaust” by Jon E Lewis. Presenter: Judi Burstyner. Contact person and enquiries re participation: Peter Schattner.

Save the date: Sunday November 7th - Akiba's 40th burthday celebration brunch. Further details to follow

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice-President: Claude Fromm

Preview: Judith Steinberg

What's happening in August:

- Sunday 8** 2:00 - 4:00pm - **Fun and Games Hatikvah Unit 2021 Fundraiser.** LBC 33 Harp Rd. East Kew or via Zoom depending on Covid restrictions. Tickets \$25 pp- includes 3 raffle tickets and afternoon snacks. Bookings are essential by 27 July. Please contact Orly Dar also please provide an email address for Zoom updates and meeting codes. Payment via direct deposit: BSB 083-218: Account 854465530. Please add your name as reference. (See flyer for more information).
- Sunday 29** 8:00pm - **Regular meeting at LBC,** E.Kew Peter Marcuse's talk Now and Then will showcase the life and work of his father, artist Ernest Marcuse. Depending on Covid restrictions this could be held via ZOOM. Please contact Michael Taft for zoom details on 0417 431 899.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary : Judy Winikoff

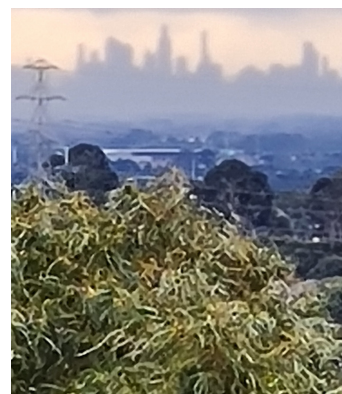
Treasurer: Irena Blonder



enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

What's on in August:

- Sunday 1** Morning - Eitan will lead a SOHW walk in Castlemaine, Diggings-Garfield Wheel & Welsh Village
- Wednesday 4** Morning - Vardit and Ron will lead a midweek walk in Williamstown.
- Sunday 29** Morning - Another hard walk in the snow (if there is snow), led by Eitan and Boris.



Photos from Ramblers latest walks

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

Co-Presidents: Devorah Zmood / Deidre Wainrit

Preview: Russell Stern

What's happening in August:

Monday 2 7:30pm - **MML Program planning meeting:** chaired by Alex Starr, by Zoom

Wednesday 4 7:30pm - **Executive Meeting:** Executive Committee meeting by Zoom

Wednesday 11 7:30pm - **AGM of Melbourne Mitzvah & Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann Election of President and Officers of Melbourne Mitzvah for 2021 - 2022. Jenny Goldberg Memorial Award's 2020 winner will give short talk on how award was used. The formalities of the Annual General Meeting will be followed by an address by Our speaker for the evening, Joel Lazar. His subject is Jewish Climate Network.

Monday 16 7:30pm - **Book Club the Trauma Cleaner** by Sara Krasnostein at Gilah Leder's

Wednesday 25 8:00pm - Mamaloshen venue TBA.

Note for your diaries below: Coming up in September:

Sunday 12 2:00pm - "Would I lie to you" **fundraiser** for Making a Difference – Armadale Bowls Club. 41 Sussex Rd Caulfield South.

Sunday 19 6:15 for 6:30pm - **Installation** – The Pavilion, Caulfield Park.

To make a donation, please credit our "Making a Difference" account: BSB: 013 017 Account 9001 28923; Ref: Your name. Email Devorah Zmood.

Save the Date

Sunday
12 September 2021

2021 BBVic Memorial Service

More details to come





Showcase: fostering Jewish musical talent

Dear friends,

Showcase entries have closed with a successful 33 competitors. Pablo and I have fielded so many parent and student enquiries. Our official accompanist, Jessica Na, has been busy supporting singers, string and wind players.

King David School is preparing two ensembles for the Showcase Finals Concert on 29 August. Mt Scopus Memorial College is also participating.

It is pleasing to note greater participation from a wider range of schools, both Jewish and from the wider community. Including McKinnon Secondary College, Glen Eira College and Shelford Girls' Grammar. These schools, along with Sholem Aleichem and Leibler Yavneh Colleges come under the umbrella of the Glen Eira City Council, which provides us with a generous grant.

Shortly, the performance videos will be sent to our expert adjudication team for assessment. Entrants and competitors will receive adjudications, participation certificates and awards to celebrate their talent, according to the adjudicators' decision. Substantial prizes are offered for section winners and the overall winner.

Showcase would like to invite you all to attend the Finals concert for the judging of the BBVic Grand Prize of \$1000. **The concert will be held between 1.30-3.30 pm on Sunday 29 August. Please book via Trybooking.**

We are also fortunate to have two special families approach us to establish three perpetual Finals Awards. The Showcase committee is honoured for the trust the Lustig and Glaubert families have placed with us.

Judy Firestone
Chair

BBVic - B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA CURRENT AFFAIRS WITH RON JAMES - SERIES 3, 2021

TUESDAY | 10, 17, 31 AUG | 14 SEP | 5 OCT

10:00AM - 12:00PM @ BETH WEIZMANN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Join an interactive discussion series tackling pressing global, political and local issues with fellow community members.

Book tickets via: trybooking.com/BPCAC or call the BBVic office 9523 0888



COVID UPDATE: Once again we have had to postpone school bookings, this time our Exhibition in Echuca. This is continuing to frustrate and disappoint us all. We all continue to support each other during these challenging times and for us all to lead by example and demonstrate upstander behaviour. We look forward to being able to return to some normality as soon as possible. The positive is that there is no doubt that our programs are widely recognised and appreciated.

FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS: We continue to receive wonderful feedback from schools, here's a very recent example. "Hi Karen, Can you please pass on a BIG THANK YOU to your volunteers who ran the Courage to Care Upstander presentation at Toorak Primary on Tuesday. The staff were extremely happy with how the sessions went and our students loved it (they have urged me to set it up for next year's Gr. 6 students). We really appreciate your efforts."

BRIDGE FUNDRAISER - Feel like testing your bridge skills?

SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 1:00 – 4:00PM followed by afternoon tea. CAULFIELD PARK BOWLING CLUB, 280 BALACLAVA ROAD CAULFIELD NORTH. DIRECTOR – GEORGE GASPAR (Dendy Park Bridge Club) BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL (by 18 August) - \$25 pp Book via www.couragetocare.org.au/bridge-afternoon. General Enquiries - Kay Ronc. Bridge Enquiries – Jeff Shapiro 0403 592 205

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY COURAGE TO CARE-SAVE THE DATE 23rd MAY – 3rd JUNE 2022

These dates are firming up for our 30th birthday celebrations next year. We are planning a showcase Exhibition featuring both our Exhibition and Incursion materials as well as some important celebrations and events. Watch this space for more details!

Mike Zervos CEO

B'nai B'rith Youth Organisation - BBYO

In late 2018, AZA reappeared in Melbourne through the initiative of a handful of passionate Jewish teenagers. While it had a new title and new faces, the old values of active leadership, inclusivity and Jewish identity resonated strongly to found BBYO Melbourne. Since that day two and a half years ago, the chapter has flourished, hosting regular events, meetings and members spanning across more than 10 schools.

Like many other organisations, 2020 was not easy for BBYO Melbourne. But despite the uncertainty and constant cancellations, the teenage leaders were quick to adapt to the online world, making do with Zoom Havdalah, a virtual escape room, events with international chapters and much more to engage with over 50 Melbourne Jewish teens across the year!

So far in 2021, the BBYO Melbourne board has worked around the pandemic to create experiences. The highlights so far have been a thrilling kick-off event at Kingpin Crown in March, various activities on UJEB's April camp, a Shavuot Ted Talk event and a fantastic Trivia night in May! While the recent outbreaks have interrupted the calendar, the teen leaders are working hard to produce an even better Term 3 and Term 4, with the official induction of 10 new members happening at the end of this week.

BBYO aims to provide social and educational Jewish experiences to Year 8s - Year 12s no matter their background and help them grow into leaders. What makes it unique is its combination of being a teenager-only space and 100% teen-led. While other youth movements or leadership programs for teenagers might be temporary, post-school or see them interacting with only primary-school children, BBYO Melbourne appeals to teenagers wanting a Jewish social space specific to their age and the opportunity to explore leadership and Jewish identity with their peers. As a pluralist entity, there is no requirement to be a certain amount of Jewish and all beliefs and practices are welcome, whether that is going to a one-off event or becoming the next BBYO Melbourne President! Being a part of the international organisation, there are also opportunities to connect to world Jewry and meet other Jewish teenagers from a great variety of backgrounds.

You can follow everything happening at BBYO Melbourne through their Instagram page @bbyomelbourne, find out more information at linktr.ee/Bbyomelbourne or email anything you want to ask to mazkirbbyo@ujeb.org.au

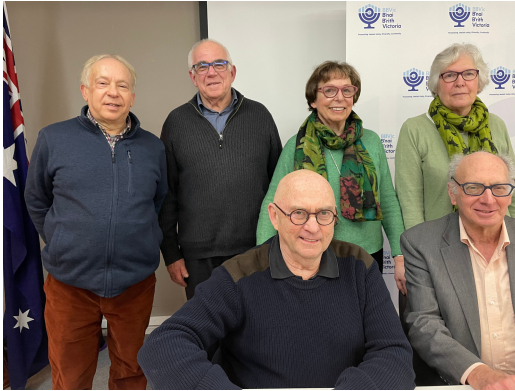
Samuel Herz, BBYO Melbourne Chapter Advisor

BBVic looks forward to working with Sam and the BBYO Melbourne leadership team and hope to bring you regular updates from BBYO in future editions of Previews



What's been happening at BBVic

BBVic 2021 AGM



The B'nai B'rith Victoria Annual General Meeting took place on July 8 2021, where the special resolution to allow Dr Benny Monheit to extend his term until March 2022 was passed. In addition, the following were voted in as the 2021-2023 Office Bearers:

President – Dr Benny Monheit,
1st Vice President – Assoc Prof Peter Schattner,
2nd Vice President – Jack Aghion,
Secretary – Kath Kolb,
Treasurer – Stephen Moskowitz

Joining these Office Bearers on the BBVic Executive are:
 P/P Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM (as Monitor),
 Assoc. Prof. Andrew Markus AM,
 Devorah Zmood

and we look forward to Karin Zafir's continued involvement.

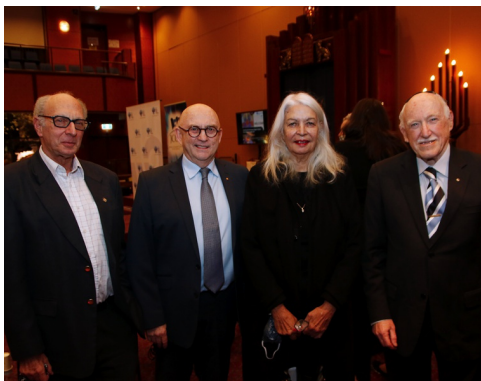
BBVic Human Rights Oration with Prof Marcia Langton AM

Coinciding with the end of National NAIDOC Week 2021, the B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration, co-hosted with the JCCV, was attended by more than two hundred people both in person and on-line. Dr Lois Peeler AM's heartfelt Acknowledgment of Country was followed by Indigenous Rights campaigner and Patron of the Oration Mark Leibler AC. The keynote speaker Professor Marcia Langton AM called for a legislated First Nations Voice, with Dr Paul Gardner AM responding with A Voice From The Heart - A Jewish Community Response To The Uluru Statement From The Heart (see next page).

If you missed the Oration, you can see the video online via bbvic.org.au events page.

The surplus proceeds from the event will be distributed to support the Worawa Aboriginal College, Stand Up's work in its development of First Nations Partnerships and the continued work of B'nai B'rith in this most important of Human Rights initiatives.

Jack Aghion has taking the lead role of a Working Party that has been charged with exploring how B'nai B'rith can further support this Human Rights initiative. If you wish to know more or become more involved, please contact the B'nai B'rith Victoria office.





A VOICE FROM THE HEART - A JEWISH COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The Jewish people resembles a forest of millions of trees. Our forest displays unity: it is recognisable as an entity. Our forest has continuity: it is more than three thousand years old. Our forest has diversity: its trees originated in various places and its leaves whisper in many different tongues.

From the heart of our forest, a still, small voice can be heard. It speaks to us as Jewish people but its message is to all the forests of the world. Oppression is wrong. Slavery is indefensible. Murder is evil. Life is precious. Freedom is good. Human dignity is important.

This voice from the heart of the Jewish people has been heard throughout the history of civilisation. It has resonated with people of other religions. It is central to the belief systems of liberal, moral, democratic nations. Sometimes, over the centuries, that voice has been heard imperfectly, sometimes ignored, sometimes deliberately repressed.

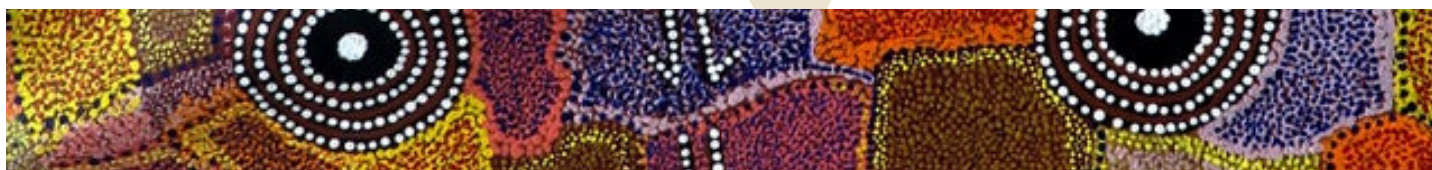
The Jewish community of Victoria has in recent times heard the voice from the heart of another people, the Indigenous people of Australia. Its voice comes from a different, much older and even more diverse forest. The leaves of its trees whisper in a multitude of tongues. But we recognise the message. We have been oppressed, enslaved, massacred, ill-treated, ignored, say its trees. The voice from the heart of our forest is a plea for the restoration of our human dignity, a call to be treated as equals.

B'nai B'rith Victoria is part of B'nai B'rith International, a world-wide organisation, founded in the United States in 1843. It stands for the upholding of universal human rights. We are also a constituent body of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria. We have read the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart. Its twelve paragraphs succinctly express our Indigenous people's torment of powerlessness, their impassioned plea for a fair and truthful relationship with other people in Australia and their request for the establishment of a First Nations Voice in the Constitution of our nation.

We stand with our Indigenous brothers and sisters in calling for support for the Uluru Statement, and invite our community – indeed all our fellow Australian citizens – to read, reflect upon and find it in their hearts to endorse – the justified cry of a people who seek nothing more than the right to be considered as equal citizens in this land.

The time has come for Reconciliation, for Makarrata, a word in the Yolngu language of one of the many Aboriginal nations of this land, meaning a coming together after struggle. The Hebrew equivalent is HaSh'lamah, the making of peace, from the root word שלום, peace. The time for this has surely come.

**Presented at the B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration
11 July 2021 by Dr Paul Gardner AM**





Cut the page out and place it on your fridge

August 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 GRU – Zoom Get together Ramblers – SOHW walk
2 MML – Program planning mtg	3 RWU – AGM, Installation of Executive and Regular mtg	4 Ramblers – Midweek walk MML – Exec mtg	5 GRU – Get-fit	6 Candle Lighting: 5:19 pm 	7 Shabbat Ends: 6:19pm	8 GRU – Zoom Get together Hatikvah – Fun and Games fundraiser
9	10 Current Affairs with Ron James	11 RWU – Executive Mtg Akiba – Executive Committee mtg MML – AGM & Regular mtg	12 GRU – Get-fit VBBC	13 Candle Lighting: 5:25 pm 	14 Shabbat Ends: 6:24 pm	15 GRU – Zoom Get together Akiba – Installation of Executive
16 Sept/Oct Preview Preview: Deadline MML – BookClub	17 Current Affairs with Ron James	18	19 GRU – Get-fit	20 Candle Lighting: 5:31pm 	21 Shabbat Ends: 6:29pm GRU – Trivia night	22 GRU – Zoom Get together Speakers Forum
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