



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



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Message from the President: Progress

You may be surprised to hear that I enjoyed the October meeting of the Victorian B'nai B'rith Council. At this meeting, we received very positive feedback on our progress from delegates which was very gratifying. I was also impressed with our five Units' enthusiastic outlook and their plans for activities for the coming year - ranging from bus trips, to art exhibitions and fundraisers. The five new members on Council contributed to the discussion with their fresh ideas and their pertinent questions. This helps to invigorate our organisation, so thank you Jeanette Machliss Kohn, Jack Aghion, Claude Fromm, Andrew Markus and Devorah Zmood.

I was not able to attend all the functions that were held over the past month, but those that I did (the Akiba/Gesher-Rabin Cup Day picnic, the Menorah Awards, the upcoming Walking Together for the First Nation people) were well attended and successful. In the Menorah Awards, it is impressive that three of the five awardees this year are active BB members. Congratulations to Jack Aghion, Philip Lipshut and Michael Taft as well as to the non-BB members Tova Rubinstein and Zachary Goma.

On the financial front, there are a few things to report. Firstly, interest from investments from the Charity Fund has been allocated by our roof body BBANZ to support the Ballarat Synagogue rebuilding fund and also to support the new Adelaide Holocaust Centre (\$1,000 each). We also use your membership fees to financially support Courage to Care in Victoria (\$25,000 per annum). We have received with thanks a donation from the estate of the late Marianne Schwarz and funding from the Community Bank Caulfield Park as part of Mark Rubinstein's community award from David Southwick MP for Mark's ground-breaking BBVic Art Competition endeavours.

I want to give mention to two projects that are working extra hard at present: The Making a Difference Project by Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge which raises funds for Jewish kids who have financial difficulties in paying for school books. The committee seeks your support for donations. The other project is the Walking Together group which is uniting the Jewish community to help Indigenous people obtain recognition in Australia's parliament. Flyers for their December 5th activities have been sent to you.

Our Executive group is working hard to obtain tax benefits for donations to some of our projects that need to meet the strict government criteria for Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR status). Our next priorities now are developing the marketing and membership strategies.

Finally, wishing you a Happy Hannukah festival and hope you can all become involved in the wide range of activities that B'nai B'rith is organising for the coming months. Together we are making progress.

President Dr Benny Monheit

Message from the BBANZ President



I would imagine for many of you that the year 2021 has been a repeat of the year 2020. The one big difference is that most of you are now fully vaccinated which hopefully means that 2022 will be a closer to normal type of year. Sue and I, having two of our four children overseas, have booked flights to Singapore and London in December and March next year respectively. After more than two years, it will be fantastic to see children and grandchildren once again.

While he will remain on the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors as my mentor and will stay heavily involved with Click and Connect, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Morris Tobias on his many years of service to B'nai B'rith. Morris will shortly be standing down as Vice President of B'nai B'rith International, representing Australia, New Zealand, Israel, South Africa and Canada, a position he has held with great distinction, ably helped by his wife Tania.

Recently, Sue and I attended by way of Zoom, the 60th Anniversary of Auckland B'nai B'rith which was a well-attended function with a journey through the last 60 years, featuring both world events and B'nai B'rith Auckland happenings. It was lovely to see Morris and Tania also in attendance, Tania having grown up in Auckland. Auckland has a two year plan to keep B'nai B'rith relevant in that part of the world and we wish them well in this endeavour.

While thanks are in order, let me also congratulate and thank Dr. Benny Monheit for his years of service as President of B'nai B'rith Victoria. Benny will be stepping down from this position early next year but I know he has been a tower of strength representing the people of B'nai B'rith Victoria. Benny will remain as Vice President BBANZ, a position where he has helped me on numerous occasions. I am sure that he and his wife Denise will continue to remain heavily involved with B'nai B'rith.

So, it is time for change and next year I look forward to working with new Executives in both Victoria and New South Wales.

Sue and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Chanukah and a happy and healthy 2022.

David Samuels
President BBANZ

MAJOR BBVIC EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

December:

Sunday 5th - Jewish Community Stands with First Nations walk - see page 10 for more details

Chanukah 2021 will begin in the evening of Sunday 28 November and ends in the evening of Monday 6 December.

Office Closes for 2021: Thursday 23rd December



RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-Presidents: Simone Markus / Jacqui Dinor-Corry

Secretary: Adrienne Perch

Preview: Jacqui Dinor-Corry

*We deeply mourn the passing of our Sister Minnie Kahan.
May Her Memory Be A Blessing*

What's happening in December:

- Wednesday 1** 9:00am - yippee - off for a **Bus Tour to Williamstown** and environs. Bring your own picnic or eat out. Guided tour of Williamstown with local guide starting with morning tea at Botanical Gardens, heritage guided tour of Williamstown, lunch in town centre, visit to Seawork's Maritime Museum and Science Works. Cost is \$35 includes morning tea and all entrances.
Please register with P/P Irene Bud
- Tuesday 7** 2:00pm - **Post Chanukah Afternoon Tea Party** around the pool at the home of P/P Leah Black. \$15. To register please call P/P Leah Black by November 25th. Weather permitting bikinis optional!
- Wednesday 8** 2:30pm - **Executive Meeting** at the home of P/P Irene Bud.

Coming up in January:

- Sunday 16** 11:00am - **Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration** Ceremony, courtesy of and at the St. Kilda Town Hall with guest Jan Anger and historical videos.

Please diarise for 2022:

February: Tuesday 1 at 7:00pm - **Regular Meeting with Memorial Service** for our recently departed Sisters P/P Eva Urbach and Minnie Kahan followed by a talk by our own Guest Speaker P/P Michele Huppert being interviewed by P/P Harry Better OAM on Michele's recently published book "MALOU" - the story of her mother during the time of the French Resistance during WW 2. Venue: Beth Weizmann.

March: Tue - Thu 22-24 **Bus trip to Sale** (as was originally planned but without the Archibald Exhibition). Details phone Jacqui.

PLEASE NOTE: Double Covid vaccinations and proof are mandatory for all our face-to-face get - togethers, AND Please..... Stay safe and healthy for this forthcoming 2022 and onwards.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir & Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Tom & Karin Zafir

- Every Sunday** 11:00am - **Sunday morning “get-together”** –
Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85211082214> Zoom Meeting ID: 852 1108 2214
- Every Thursday** 11:00am - **Exercise Classes** - Exercises adapted for all levels of fitness. Link: [Here](#)
Meeting ID into Zoom: 898 7454 0497, Passcode 053214

What's on in December:

- Sunday 5** **Walk in support of Indigenous Australians** - Our BBVic First Nations Project is organising a walk in support of Indigenous Australians on this day, which happens to be the 8th night of Chanukah. Following the walk, which will have groups of people walking from four points of Aboriginal significance, there will be a traditional smoking ceremony at 7.30 pm in Federation Square. This will be followed by the lighting of the Ark Centre's 'Pillars of Light' 8 Chanukah candles by Jewish and First Nations dignitaries. You will need to register with Trybooking for the walk of your choice: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUWDO>

Coming up in January:

- Sunday 2** 12:00pm - **A bit after New Year's Day Picnic** - Hedgeley Dene Gardens, Malvern
- Sunday 30** **Popcorn and Pizza Movie Night** - Keep the evening free

Coming up in February:

- Monday 7** Group visit to **'The Lume'**, a digital art exhibition of Van Gogh's life and works at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Book NOW so you don't miss out – contact Eleanor. Book early to avoid missing out!
- Saturday 12** **Dinner** at a restaurant - location to be confirmed

UNIT AKIBA

President: Helen Fisher

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin

What's on in December:

- Sunday 5** 2:00pm - **Activities planning meeting** for Exec and other interested members of Akiba. On Zoom and face-to-face at Suzanne's, with her famous apple cake.
- Saturday 11** 6:30/7:00pm - **Movie night in Brighton**. Your choice of any movie at the Palace Dendy Brighton or Palace Brighton Bay. Meet for supper afterwards at about 8:30pm at the Dendy Deli in Church Street. Supper bookings with Fay Kayser.
- Friday 31** New Year's Eve. No activity (Shabbat).

Coming up in January:

- Sunday 2** 12:30pm - **Picnic lunch** in Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. Bring chairs, rugs, picnic baskets and folding tables for a relaxing afternoon of catching up and shmoozing. Meeting point TBA. Further info from Suzanne.
- Sunday 16** Time TBA - **Mid-morning walk**, followed by lunch at a local café/restaurant. Details in next month's Preview.
- Thursday 20** 8:00 - 9:30pm - **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club** will meet and review the book "East West Street: On the Origins of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity" by Philippe Sands. Presenter: Mark Haskin. Contact person and enquiries re participation: Peter Schattner.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday February 20th, 2022 – Akiba's 40th birthday celebration dinner. Further details to follow.

We wish a Refuah Shleymah to those of our members who may be unwell at this time, and hope to see you joining us again very soon!

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg

Still to come in November:

Sunday 28 8:00pm - At Leo Baeck Centre (LBC), Harp Rd. East Kew. **Getting to know our Hatikvah members** – People behind the badge. Some of Hatikvah's members will give short talks about themselves. Please bring proof of double vaccination for access to meeting.

What's happening in December:

Sunday 5 12:30pm - **Farewell to 2021 lunch** at LBC. We will still have to bring our own everything. Pack a lunch for yourself as well as proof of double vaccination.

Coming up in January:

Wednesday 26 12:30pm - **Welcome back in 2022-** Lunch at the home of Henryka and Claude Fromm. Bring a plate. Please contact Claude if you are coming. Once again double vaccination is a must.

Our best wishes to Hymie Zawatsky. Thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery.

Our best wishes for a healthy year filled with good times and much laughter

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 December:

Sunday 5 Morning - **Walk leaders' meeting.** Please contact Vardit if interested in becoming a walk leader

4:15pm sharp - Vardit and Ron will lead **"Walking together"**, starting at the Corroboree Tree at St Kilda junction and walking to Federation Square in time to light the "Pillars of light" Chanukiah. See attached flyer or contact Vardit enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

Sunday 12 Morning - Miriam will lead a **SOMW Walk** from Finns reserve to Westerfolds Park in Templestowe.

Wednesday 15 Morning - **Midweek Walk** in CBD Melbourne, led by Edna.

Sunday 19 Morning - Boris will lead a **SOHW Walk** along the Tanglefoot track in Mt St Leonards.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Janet Machliss Kohn

Preview: John Kohn

Still to come in November:

Sunday 28 11:00am - Bagel Brunch

Monday 29 7:30pm - Bookclub Book - "Brunny". Please contact Pearl Stock for the zoom link

Coming up in December:

Sunday 5 JCCV Walking Together Federation Square

Please save the dates:

Wednesday 9th Feb 7:30pm - Speaker: David Mushin "My Father and ASIO"

Sunday 27th Feb at 2pm "WOULD I LIE TO YOU" at Armadale Bowls Club 41 Sussex Rd Caulfield South.

Devorah Zmood has requested members send her details about their birthdays.

For Literai: For non-members of the Book Club: If you'd like to discuss books old, new, history, military, classic or potboiler, please contact Russel Stern.

*If you know someone who has a special birthday, is unwell or has a welfare update please let us know.

DONATIONS TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE: To make a donation, please credit our "Making a Difference" Account: BSB: 013 017 Account No. 900 128 923 – Please add your name (the payer) as the Reference Then please email the details to Devorah



Making a Difference (MAD)

This year, like last year has been an unusual one. It has become obvious that the need for financial assistance in our community has increased.

This year, we received applications for financial bursaries from two state schools and five Jewish schools. We allocated 12 bursaries to the tune of \$15,000 to these students, which will be administered by the various schools on behalf of the students. This money is to be spent on books, computers, school camps and excursions – in fact, on whatever is needed for the student to achieve success in their last years at school.

In addition, this year we have supported a student of whose difficult circumstance we were made aware.

I would like to thank Peter and Lesley Gaspar who recently donated all the proceeds of the sale of Peter's book "Lucky to be Here " to MAD. The money from this generous gesture has been already allocated to a student.

I would also like to thank the Executive of Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge who have allocated the proceeds of the recently planned but postponed fundraiser " Would I Lie To You '.

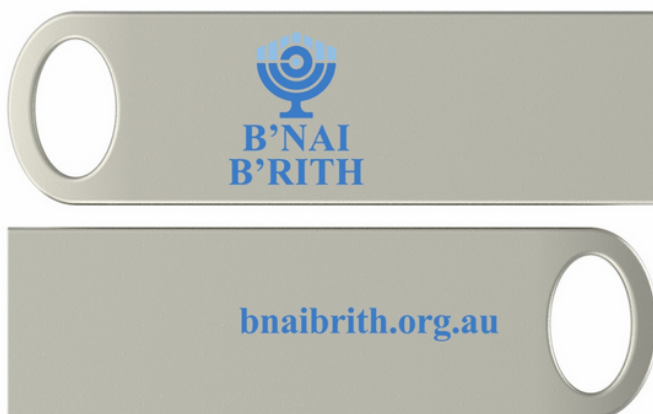
Thank you also to all the members, their families and friends who continue to support MAD, allowing us to support financially disadvantaged students in our community.

Martha Vanderhoek

B'nai B'rith 75th Anniversary USB's:

The 75th Anniversary USB's have arrived. Purchase your own copy of the 75th Anniversary screening for just \$10. Plus we have a new EFT machine with which to make your purchase.

Contact the office and let us know if you would like to purchase a copy and we can arrange a time for you to pop in.



**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION 5 DECEMBER, 2PM ZOOM**

What a year! Even though we need to acknowledge the challenges and pain of 2021, we do also want to celebrate the positives. Our end of year celebration on Sunday 5 December at 2pm will be via Zoom and it will finish in time for us to join the Pillars of Light Walking Together event. If you would like to join our end of year volunteer celebration, please contact Lisa Lewis at volunteer.coordinator@couragetocare.org.au for the Zoom link.

SAVE THE DATE: PILLARS OF LIGHT WALKING TOGETHER

We are proud to support JCCV who are holding a special event on the evening of Sunday 5th December at Federation Square, to celebrate the eighth night of Chanukah. A smoking ceremony and the lighting of the Ark Centre's 'Pillars of Light' Grand Menorah will take place. This event is proudly supported and sponsored by Courage to Care. More details to follow.

COURAGE TO CARE MEMORABILIA

Having a "spring clean"? We are looking for any images, flyers, stories, or paperwork related to our 30-year history to include in our next Annual Review. Please contact us if you have anything. We promise to return any originals.

COURAGE TO CARE IN 2022 - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have delivered Upstander Programs to more than 150,000 students across Victoria.

In 2022, we celebrate 30 years of Upstander education with a bold plan – to reach 30,000 students over the next three years. To reach more students, we need more volunteers. Know anyone who may be interested in volunteering?

Mike Zervos CEO

BBVic - B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

WITH RON JAMES

FINAL SESSION FOR 2021
TUESDAY 23RD NOV AT 10:00AM
JOIN US ON ZOOM: [CLICK HERE](#)
MEETING ID: 840 2076 7717

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

BBVic's First Nations Reconciliation Project

BBVic First Nations Reconciliation Project was formed to show our support for the human rights of Indigenous Australians. The intention is to impart knowledge to our members and the wider Jewish Community, on the culture and history since early Contact Times. This will be undertaken through Truth-telling sessions, visits to galleries and museums, as well as activities such as our Walking Together on Sunday 5th December.

On that day, we have five walks organised from four culturally symbolic points, leading to the Ark Centre's Pillars of Light Reconciliation gathering at Federation Square. There, dignitaries both Jewish and Aboriginal, will light the eight candles of the Chanukah Menorah from the embers of a smoking ceremony, as a sign of connection of two ancient peoples who have much suffered in the past. It is also the light that shows that there is hope for the future.

The attached flyer shows how to book for one of the five walks. This will generate an email to allow you to register for entry to the festivities, on reaching Federation Square around 7 pm.

There will be a couple of short speeches by well known entities, and an indigenous band with ceremonial dancing provided by Live Nation.

This is a communal event which, although initiated by B'nai B'rith, is under the auspices of JCCV with many organisations taking part, including schools, AUJS, Maccabi, etc.

You can join us for this wonderful occasion at:

Walks <https://www.trybooking.com/BUWDO>

Entry to Fed Square <https://pillarsoflight2021-reconciliation.eventbrite.com.au/>

Jack Aghion



Raoul Wallenberg Unit Cup Day Luncheon



“Who says oldies can’t have fun?” Raoul Wallenberg Unit held a Cup Day Luncheon with bow ties and fancy hats, a best dressed competition, gourmet foods, 30°C, horse sweep and a wonderful get together and reunion after the many months of lockdown.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

December 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 RWU – Bus Tour	2 GRU – Exercise Classes	3 Candle Lighting: 8:10pm 	4 Shabbat Ends: 9:16pm	5 GRU – Get-Together Akiba – Activities planning meeting Hatikvah – Farewell to 2021 lunch Rambler – Walk leaders' meeting Walk Together, walk in support of Indigenous Australians
6	7 RWU – Post Chanukah Afternoon tea	8 RWU – Executive Meeting	9 GRU – Exercise Classes	10 Human Rights Day Candle Lighting: 8:17pm 	11 Shabbat Ends: 9:22pm Akiba – Movie night	12 GRU – Get-Together Rambler – SOMW walk
13 <u>Jan/Feb Preview Deadline</u>	14	15 Rambler – Midweek Walk	16 GRU – Exercise Classes	17 Candle Lighting: 8:22pm 	18 Shabbat Ends: 9:27pm	19 GRU – Get-Together Rambler – SOHW walk
20 <u>Jan/Feb Preview Collating</u>	21	22	23 GRU – Exercise Classes	24 Christmas Eve (NT/SA) Candle Lighting: 8:25pm 	25 Christmas Shabbat Ends: 9:31pm	26 Boxing Day GRU – Get-Together
27 Boxing Day Holiday	28	29	30 GRU – Exercise Classes	31 New Year's Eve (NT/SA) Candle Lighting: 8:27pm 		

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