



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President: Back to the Future

One of the 'perks' of being President of BBVic is that each year I receive an invitation to attend the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at State Parliament House. This year, however, the function was held at the plush Windsor Hotel and was addressed by the Acting Premier James Merlino and the Leader of the Opposition Michael O'Brien, as well as by Israel's interim ambassador Mr Jonathan Peled. Much praise was given to our high achieving community and both sides of politics promised ongoing support to the State of Israel and to the safety and wellbeing of our people in Victoria. Each time I go to these major functions, I am amazed by how few people in the well-dressed crowd I personally know and how many disparate parts it takes to make our community click so effectively.

B'nai B'rith too is going well, I think, at present. Our five Units are all active and projects are being organised. We have a few busy months ahead, as can be seen from the entries in this month's Preview. I want to thank Frances Stiglec for her 11 years of enthusiastic work in heading up our office and we wish her all the best for the future.

Ellana, our CEO, is now busy discussing future plans with members and finalising the development and then the implementation of a strategic plan. We want to achieve our goals of being a growing and well run volunteer based organisation which plays an important part in the community. These discussions will consume much of the time for the next couple of months for our Executive and our B'nai B'rith Council (the VBBC). We are also heading towards our Annual General Meeting and elections for Executive positions on July 8th 2021.

I want to thank those who attended our special function on May 23rd to celebrate our COVID-delayed 75th Anniversary of B'nai B'rith in Victoria. It took us on a trip back in time and we finished with a sumptuous afternoon tea. You can still purchase a copy of the screening through the booking link.

As I write, the current situation in Israel's fight against terrorism is still evolving. I keep a close eye a few times a day on the shocking news events and ring my relatives living in various parts of Israel for updates and offer them my support. At a bigger scale, B'nai B'rith Victoria joins the Jewish community in standing with Israel at communal rallies, financial appeals and moral support. The International Council of B'nai B'rith met last week regarding the fighting. The meeting was attended by our BBANZ President David Samuels and our International Vice- President Morris Tobias. They passed the following resolution:

"B'nai B'rith stands in solidarity with our Israeli brothers and sisters as they face down a Palestinian terrorist onslaught, just as we always have and we always will in the future". The international office in Washington will now lobby United Nations members and major non-government agencies in support of Israel and explain the need and right of the country to defend itself in the current flare up of violence.

Dr Benny Monheit

Message from the BBANZ President



Let me wish in advance B'nai B'rith Victoria which finally, through no fault of its own, is able to hold its 75th anniversary celebrations.

At the time of writing this report, the celebrations have not yet taken place but I would like to congratulate Danielle Schilling and her committee for making this memorable event happen.

To not only exist, but to thrive the way BB Victoria has operated over this time (a lifetime for many of us), is due to the strength, motivation and resilience in all of you. I only have to read your always well-presented 'Preview' to see that a wide range of activities continues to thrive in your Units and Lodges. Congratulations go to each and every one of you for your support, especially over the trying times we have had over the last 15 months.

Provided nothing bad happens in relation to more Covid outbreaks, Sue and I will be driving to Melbourne and staying for around 12 days from the 14th to the 26th May. We are looking forward to catching up with many of you and coming to BB Vic's 75th Anniversary (Part 1) on May 23rd.

Of course, there are many challenges still ahead if B'nai B'rith in this part of the world is to make it to the 100 year mark but, to quote the words of a former NSW Premier, we'll give it "a red hot go".

David Samuels
President BBANZ

MAJOR BBVIC EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

July:

B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration with Prof Marcia Langton AO - Sunday July 11th

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-Presidents: Simone Markus / Jacqui Dinor-Corry

Secretary: Adrienne Perch

Preview: Jacqui Dinor-Corry

What's happening in June:

Tuesday 1

2:15pm - **Regular meeting** at Beth Weizmann together with Gesher-Rabin commencing with a memorial service for our late sister P/P Margaret Heselev. Followed by a short talk by President of MDA, Glynis Lipson on their work in Israel on Covid-19. And then, after the usual announcements, we will have afternoon tea while watching the film "Churchill and the Jews - Walking with Destiny". More details in the attached flyer. But, as this is our first face-to-face meeting in Beth Weizmann, for security reasons, each attendee **must pre-book** with Irene Bud. Gesher-Rabin members, see their page for contact details.

Wednesday 9

2:00pm - **Executive meeting** at the home of Simone Markus.

Wednesday 16

Train trip to Bendigo Art Gallery to view the "Mary Quant: Fashion Revolutionary Exhibition". Entry \$22. We will have lunch in Bendigo before the afternoon viewing and return to Melbourne. Meet at Southern Cross Station for the 10:06am train to Bendigo. Seniors can obtain a free travel voucher from any train station prior to trip. For further details and booking, contact Barbara Wolfson.

Coming up in July:

Sunday 11

7:30pm - **B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration** with Marcia Langton. Details and registration TBA.

Wednesday 14

Executive Meeting (time TBA)

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with Prof Marcia Langton AO

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in partnership with JCCV

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / 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 2214
- 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 Co Presidents Leon Nissen and 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 053217

What's on in June:

- Tuesday 1** 2:30pm - **Churchill and the Jews (Film)** – Combined meeting with Raoul Wallenberg Unit – Beth Weizmann Community Centre. **Bookings essential.** Contact Karin Zafir.
- Wednesday 16** **Train trip to Bendigo Art Gallery** to view the “Mary Quant: Fashion Revolutionary Exhibition”. Entry \$22. We will have lunch in Bendigo before the afternoon viewing and return to Melbourne. Meet at Southern Cross Station for the 10:06am train to Bendigo. Seniors can obtain a free travel voucher from any train station prior to trip. For further details and booking, contact Barbara Wolfson of Raoul Wallenberg Unit.

Coming up in July:

- Sunday 4** 7:00pm - **AGM and Installation of Office bearers** – Guest Speaker Professor Andrew Markus (Aust. Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University) will talk about President Donald Trump, American Jewry and Israel. To mark the date, an American style supper will be served! Contact Jack Aghion.

Save the dates:

Saturday August 7th (Saltpillar Production) and Saturday 28th (Trivia Night for the Israel Commission).

UNIT AKIBA

Co-Presidents: Helen Fisher / Peter Schattner

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Henry Gladwin

What's on in June:

Tuesday 15

7:30pm - **Executive Committee** meeting on Zoom.

Sunday 20

Members 7:15pm, non-members 7:45pm - **AGM** at 7:15pm sharp, including election of office bearers for 2021-2022 and initiation of new members, followed at 7:45pm by a soup, hotdog and movie night (film TBA). Venue: Vardit and Ron Sacks-Davis. Bookings via TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRHSV>. Cost: BB members \$10, non-members \$15. Further info from Suzanne Goldin.

Coming up in July:

Wednesday 14

7:30pm - **Executive Committee** Meeting on Zoom.

Thursday 15

8:00 – 9:30pm - **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club** meeting will review the book “The Hotel on Place Vendome: Life, Death and Betrayal at the Hotel Ritz in Paris” by Tilar Mazzeo. Presenters: Peter and Rosa Schattner. Contact person and enquiries re participation: Peter Schattner.

Sunday 18

7:30pm - **Regular meeting on Zoom**, followed by Akiba's Jewish Cultural Enrichment Program (JCEP) presentation with guest speaker, author Dr Leah Kaminsky. Topic and further details in a flyer next month. Further info from Mark Rubinstein.

Thursday 22 - Sunday August 8

BBVic Jewish Youth Art Competition. Venue: Glen Eira Town Hall. Opening ceremony and presentation to prize-winners at 2:00pm on Sunday July 25. Further info from Mark Rubinstein at artcomp@bbvic.org.au.

Keep Sunday August 15th free for Akiba's Installation and 40th anniversary celebration.
Venue: Beth Weizmann Auditorium. Further details TBA.

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HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Paula Messer

Vice-President: Claude Fromm

Preview: Judith Steinberg

Still to come in May:

Sunday 30 8:00pm - **Regular Meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre, East Kew. Sandra Hacker, Psychiatrist. "How mindset affects resilience."

What's happening in June:

Sunday 20 **Calico Dolls:** no doll making at Gerry and Ken's home yet but Gerry is putting together bags of components for those interested to pick up, complete and return finished dolls to her. We are continuing to supply the Royal Children's Hospital with much needed dolls.

Sunday 27 8:00pm - **Regular meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre, East Kew. Pierre Harcourt from the Justice System "discussion about criminal process, from start to finish."

Coming up in July:

Sunday 11 12:30pm - Channukah in July, at the home of Claude and Henryka Fromm. Please book with Claude.

Sunday 25 8:00pm - **Regular meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre, East Kew. Anne Catchpole from Cottage by the Sea, Queenscliff will be our guest speaker.

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 June:

Sunday 6 **Morning** - Vardit and Ron will lead a **SOMW** walk in Riddells Creek (near Macedon), including Conglomerate Rocks Flora Reserve.

Wednesday 9 **Morning** - A midweek walk along the Yarra, heading away from the city, will be led by Irena.

Sunday 13 **Morning** - **Bi-annual walk leaders' meeting.** Anyone interested is welcome, please contact Vardit.

Sunday 20 **Morning** - **SOHW** walking from Marysville to Steavenson Falls, Keppel Lookout and back to Marysville.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

Co-Presidents: Devorah Zmood / Deidre Wainrit

Preview: Russell Stern



What's happening in June:

Wednesday 2 7:30pm - **Executive Committee Meeting** by Zoom.

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

Wednesday 9 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann. Our Speaker is Professor Avi Sali. His subject is: Integrated Medicine-Health, Happiness and Longevity.

Thursday 17 7:00pm - **Asian Dinner** at The Potsticker, 58 Hawthorn Rd, Caulf Nth (cnr Inkerman)

Sunday 20 2:00pm - **GUESS WHO? WOULD I LIE TO YOU ??** At Armadale Bowls Club, 41 Sussex Rd, Caulfield South. Fundraiser to support our "Making A Difference" project: "Would I Lie To You". A fun afternoon. Cost \$25.00 a seat, including afternoon tea. Net proceeds to Making a Difference. Most tickets have been sold but there are still some available. To reserve your seat, please make \$25 payment to Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge BSB 083 231 a/c 019232426, and enter your surname as reference. Or post cheque payable to: "Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge" to Margaret Fischer (contact her for address)

Monday 24 7:30pm - **Bookclub** - 'Exit West' by Mohsin Haid. At Janice Huppert's.

Wednesday 26 8:00pm - **Mamaloshen** – Venue TBA

Making a Difference

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

Current Affairs Series 2 - with Ron James

Join BBVic for a series of interactive forums on topical news stories of the week plus stimulating discussions.

Series 2 Dates:

Session 1: Tuesday 25th May

Session 2: Tuesday 8th June

Session 3: Tuesday 22nd June

Session 4: Tuesday 6th July

Session 5: Tuesday 20th July

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm. Venue: Beth Weizmann

Bookings essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/BPCAC> or call the BBVic office on 9523 0888.



Showcase: fostering Jewish musical talent

Registrations are **OPEN** , and will close at the end of Term 2 (Friday 25 June).

Information is available on our web page

<https://www.bnaibrith.org.au/our-projects/showcase>

Donations are still open for our 'Donate a Cuppa Campaign':

<https://www.mycase.com.au/page/246529/bbvic-showcase-campaign>

Raoul Wallenberg Unit - B'nai B'rith Silo Trail Bus tour from May



Sing-a-long



The B'nai B'rith Silo Trail Bus Tour, in front of the Aboriginal Silos.



A tour of the port of Echuca by a local guide.



Commemoration of Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop



OUR LATEST ANNUAL REVIEW

We now have our latest Annual Review, outlining our activities and plans. We are again asking for community support to be able to continue our work with both volunteering and donation support.

This will soon be mailed to more than 700 people and a copy emailed as well over coming weeks.

If you would like a copy, please contact the office on 9533 0955.



MULTICULTURAL AWARD

Although announced a little while ago, it was a thrill to receive our Education Award medal from the Victorian Multicultural Commission. This follows on from receiving similar acknowledgment in 2013. Although Mike gets to hold the medal, this is a real team effort!

Mike Zervos, CEO

26th Annual Jewish Youth Art Competition

Preparations for this year's 26th Annual Jewish Youth Art Competition are well underway. Last year, 189 Jewish students from schools throughout Melbourne entered the Competition. However, only four of them were from outside the main Jewish schools. We're aiming to increase this number substantially in 2021. Jewish youth movements, Jewish sporting clubs, shules and UJEB are just some of the avenues we're targeting. If you know of any Jewish students aged 11 to 18 who may be interested, please direct them to the Art Competition page on the BBVic website:

<https://www.bnaibrith.org.au/our-projects/bbvart>

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, the prizes are substantial. Categories include Painting / Drawing, Mixed Media, Digital, Sculpture and Photography. In addition to the major prize for the overall winner, other prizes include: Best Work on a Jewish Theme, the Thalia Hakin Memorial Prize, the Peter Krafel Photography Prize and the Jeffrey Wiener Caricature / Portraiture Prize. Artworks will be on display in the Gallery of the Glen Eira Town Hall from 22nd July through to 8th August. **The official opening ceremony will take place at the Town Hall on Sunday 25th July.** Pictured at right is the Competition's new logo.



Mark Rubinstein
Chair – Organising Committee
Email: artcomp@bbvic.org.au

Thank you to all who joined us at our 75th Anniversary celebration

We wish to thank the following for their contributions to making our 75th Anniversary Film:

75th Anniversary Organising Committee

Danielle Schilling (Chair), Jack Aghion, Garry Fabian, Helen Heimann, Janice Huppert, Iain Messer, Dr Benny Monheit, Frances Stiglec, Michael Taft

Contributors - content:

George Deutsch OAM, Jacqui Dinor-Corry, Paul Gardner AM, Vardit Sacks-Davis,

Narrator: Michael Taft

Contributors – on screen:

Harry Better OAM, Irene Bud, Simon Coles, Garry Fabian, Claude Fromm, Paul Gardner AM, Henry Gladwin Gerry Hamer, Lexi Herszfeld, Giora Hoffmann, Charles Kaufman, Rifka Kaufman, Dr Steven Klein, Jack Leder, Brian Lubert, Simone Markus, Dr Benny Monheit, Vardit Sacks-Davis, Brian Schauer, Peter Schiff OAM, Danielle Schilling, George Schimmel, Amanda Stephens, Prof. Ron Taft AM, Martha Vanderhoek, Mia Waislitz, Dr Anthony Weldon OAM, Judy Winikoff

Music: Sibling Revelry

Producer: Matthew Cook

An finally, BBVic wishes to thank BBANZ for its support of this production and event.

You are still able to purchase a copy of the 75th Anniversary screening via:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BQOUC>

Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony at Alkira Secondary College

"Last Thursday, my colleague Norm Tendler and I attended Alkira Secondary College's annual inspiring Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony. Photos included here. Kristine Wolfe is a previous (2013) recipient of a Raoul Wallenberg Study Grant." Simone Zmood



Students with Survivor Professor Henry Eckert AM.



Simone Markus, Norm Tendler (Raoul Wallenberg Unit members), school captains.

Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge Weekend Away

Led by Morris and Tania Tobias, Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge had a wonderful 4 day, 3 night bonding session at the RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick. We spent the time visiting historical sites and museums in Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford, Mount Franklin and Ballarat.

32 of us had wonderful accomodation including very comfortable rooms and breakfast. We dined on two of the evenings at two of the best restaurants in Creswick, and 24 of us had a very interesting and tasty meal at Cafe Merkama, a small Ethiopian restaurant in Ballarat, rated #1 of 247 restaurants in the area.

We all had a great time, and we will definitely do more of these "escapes."



Photos taken by Paul Gardner



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June 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 RWU – Regular Meeting GRU – Churchill and the Jews (Film)	2 MML – Executive Committee Meeting	3 Mabo Day (Indigenous Australians) GRU – Get-Fit	4 Candle Lighting: 4:50pm 	5 World Environment Day Shabbat Ends: 5:51pm	6 Queensland Day (QLD) GRU – get Together Ramblers - SOMW
7 Western Australia Day (WA) MML Program meeting	8	9 RWU – Executive Meeting Ramblers – Midweek walk MML regular meeting	10 GRU – Get-Fit VBBC	11 Candle Lighting: 4:49 pm 	12 Shabbat Ends: 5:50 pm	13 GRU – get Together Ramblers – Bi-annual meeting
14 Queen's Birthday OFFICE CLOSED	15 <u>July Preview</u> <u>Preview: Deadline</u> Akiba – Executive Committee	16 RWU & GRU– train trip to Bendigo Art Gallery	17 GRU – Get-Fit MML – Asian Dinner	18 Candle Lighting: 4:50 pm 	19 Shabbat Ends: 5:51 pm	20 World Refugee Day GRU – get Together Akiba – AGM Ramblers - SOHW MML - Fundraiser
21 <u>July Preview</u> <u>Collating</u>	22	23	24 GRU – Get-Fit MML - Bookclub	25 Candle Lighting: 4:51pm 	26 Shabbat Ends: 5:53 pm MML - Mamaloshen	27 GRU – get Together Hatkvah – Regular Meeting
28	29	30				

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