



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President on manifesto



As usual, there are lots of things happening in B'nai B'rith. Units are active, the Speakers Forum on gender diversity was successful, as was the Reconciliation Project with Dean Parkin's presentation on the First Nations Voice to Parliament. So, why am I continuing to 'navel-gaze'? Ellana and I meet every Monday to discuss what is happening with B'nai B'rith. We have come to the conclusion that despite all this wonderful activity, in the long run, we need to do the following to turn this organisation around:

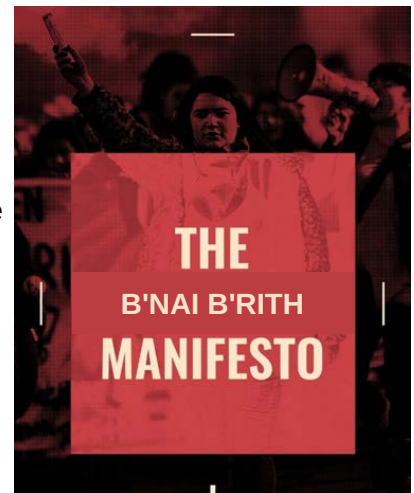
- 1) Get more people, and that means slightly younger people, involved and engaged;
- 2) Raise more income via sponsorship and donations; and
- 3) Create new and transformative projects that make a difference and, in particular, attract more people and more donations. In fact, the third point is a precondition for the first two.

Ellana and I have called this imperative 'focussing on the future.' However, we also recognise that, simultaneously, we must do better with current processes within the organisation. We have therefore produced a 'Papers and Policies Manifesto' which details our analysis of where we are now and what needs to be done in the immediate future. The chapters in this Manifesto are:

- 1) Positioning – defining our purpose and promoting our unique mission and vision to the wider community
- 2) Membership – broadening the way people engage with us
- 3) Projects – improving their promotion to the Jewish community
- 4) B'nai B'rith Units – continuing to support their vital work for their members
- 5) Finance – clarifying the legal and financial responsibilities of all B'nai B'rith entities
- 6) Marketing – using a consistent 'brand' and overhauling our website
- 7) Partnerships – developing win-win, meaningful relationships with other organisations
- 8) Policies – creating policies on media use, privacy, and communication.

Click [here](#) for the complete 50-page Manifesto, as well as the Executive Summary and our Mission and Vision statements.

The Manifesto is not set in stone. Feedback from the Executive, the Victorian B'nai B'rith Council, and you, the members, can help to make this an evolving, living document that helps us to clarify where we are and to get things done.



Peter Schattner
President

Message from the BBANZ President



Thank Goodness for B'nai B'rith. When there is a problem, it helps whenever possible. The Victorian Flood Appeal has raised \$5000 so far, which is now being distributed to affected areas via local Lions Clubs. Mr. Tony Benbow OAM, the Chairperson of Lions Australia, explained that the money is helping to buy mopping up equipment and setting up caravans and community centres in flood-affected parts of Victoria.

Volunteers in the Shepparton and Mooroopna areas are even building walking areas and dog parks so that local inhabitants have somewhere to walk and take their beloved pets who survived the flooding. Earlier this year, another B'nai B'rith Appeal raised \$ 153,445 for Ukraine and the NSW floods victims. This was channeled through our B'nai B'rith Foundation, chaired by Jim Altman OAM.

A sincere thank you to all our donors and helpers.

At the BB Convention in September 2022, a new Board of Governor team was elected to run the roof body of B'nai B'rith in Australia and New Zealand for the next three years. The elected 7-member team consists of Benny Monheit, Cheryl Rubinstein, Iain Messer, Peter Schattner (representing Victoria), Janine Zimble (representing NSW), and Jim Salinger from NZ. David Samuels is the immediate past president on the Board and is joined by four co-opted members: Jim Altman OAM, Danielle Schilling, Morris Tobias, and Anna Marks OAM. The Board, at its first meeting on November 7th, decided its priorities. These are:

1. Get the new website up and running. After many years this is long overdue. The target is by early February 2023. Thank you to Ellana Aarons for chairing the committee that has worked on this for the past year and obtained quotes and a final exciting IT partner for the website and data management development.
2. Strengthen our links with B'nai B'rith International and BB partners in the UK and Israel.
3. Work with the Regions to help B'nai B'rith grow. We are working on some innovative ideas on this, especially for newly retired people.
4. Help B'nai B'rith to have a bigger profile and impact in the Jewish community via public relations initiatives, publicity regarding national and state-based B'nai B'rith projects, and increased use of social media.

B'nai B'rith in Victoria, NSW, and New Zealand have all been very active over the past three months. I know the office staff are all looking forward to a well-earned break over January. For us, volunteers, the summer holiday period will also be a chance to sit back and reflect on where we go from here. Feedback welcomed.

Dr Benny Monheit
President BBANZ

B'NAI B'RITH FUNDING APPEAL

Helping flood victims

MIA GARDINER

B'NAI B'rith has launched an appeal to raise funds to assist those affected by the severe floods in Victoria.

President of B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand Dr Benny Monheit said, "We have been shocked by the devastation ... so we want to help our neighbours in their time of need."

B'nai B'rith has teamed up with the Australian Lions Foundation, who will distribute the funds via local Lions Clubs in the affected areas, providing frontline support to flood victims.

This partnership follows B'nai B'rith's recent NSW flood appeal.

B'nai B'rith members in New Zealand are also arranging help locally in Nelson on the South Island, which has been badly hit by storms.

B'nai B'rith is an international Jewish service organisation which operates in over 45 countries, and supports human rights and helps local communities to thrive.

"Having a safe house is a basic human right," said Monheit, "so



Flood water on a residential street in Rochester, Victoria, October 14, 2022. Photo: AAP Image/James Ross

supporting people who have lost this is core to our mission."

In support of this appeal, Daniel Aghion, president of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) noted, "The Jewish community stands in solidarity with all Victorians affected by the floods. We cannot help but be moved by the terrible images of flooding from Shepparton, Echuca and other regional towns. As we have done in previous natural disasters, the Victorian Jewish community will dig deep to support communities to clean up and rebuild."

For more information or to donate go to: www.bnaibrith.org.au

Wishing all our members and friends an enjoyable summer break!

UPCOMING EVENTS



B'NAI B'RITH FIRST NATIONS RECONCILIATION PROJECT

in conjunction with

The Ark Centre

Presents an

INTER-CULTURAL CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

Featuring:

★ **Wurundjeri Didgeridoo Presentation**

★ **Lighting of the Chanukiah**

by prominent Indigenous and Jewish leaders

★ **Rendition of 'Night of Broken Glass' by 'Young World Choir'**

Led by award winning composer Warren Wills

★ **Indigenous Rock Band 'Jalgany'**

THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

7:00PM, FED SQUARE

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**B'nai
B'rith**



RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

Co-Presidents: Simone Markus / Jacqui Dinor-Corry
Secretary: Adrienne Perch
Preview: Jacqui Dinor-Corry



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*We deeply mourn the passing of our members
 Brother P/P Keith Steinhardt and Sister Ruth Riess
 May Their Memory Be A Blessing*

What's on in December

Tuesday 6

2:00pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann: Commencing with a Memorial Service for our late Brother, P/P Keith Steinhardt followed by our Regular Meeting, a Quiz presented by P/P Iain Messer and afternoon tea with a pre-Chanukah twist. All B'nai B'rith Units invited to attend. Gold coin donation.

Coming up in January & February

Sunday January 15

11:00am - **Book Now! Inaugural Raoul Wallenberg Day**

Keynote speaker The Hon. Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Member for Isaacs, Attorney General of Australia, Cabinet Secretary.

The City of Port Phillip is hosting this event and invites you to attend. Kosher morning tea will be served. Please observe current Covid-19 arrangements.

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/CDQVD

Venue: St Kilda Town Hall.

Invitations to follow.

Tuesday 7 February

2:30pm - **Regular meeting** at Beth Weizmann.

Guest speaker Jamie Hyams, Senior Policy Analyst at the Australian/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC)

Sunday February 12

2:00 - 5:00pm - **Welcome home to the Yad Vashem teachers** at Beth Weizmann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

DECEMBER: Dr. Herschel Cohen (6), Mrs. Frankie Slonim (8), Michele Huppert (21), Miriam Faraday (23), Jacqui Dinor Corry (28)

JANUARY: Emery Faraday (18), Marilyn Schimmel (21), Lorraine Shapiro (27), Ian Joseph (28)

MAZAL TOV:

Susie Ehrmann has received the Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of contributions to the Melbourne Holocaust Centre, Courage to Care, and the teaching of English to migrants.

Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus AO was awarded the Sir John Monash award at the JCCV Awards evening.

Miriam and Emery Faraday on the marriage of their granddaughter Ruby to Nathan Halift.

Wendy Waller on the marriage of her granddaughter Adina to Roi Kagan.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

Ruth and Dr. Robert Goldman, Walter Rapoport, Edith Unger, and P/P Wendy Waller.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, restful holiday season, and see you all in 2023.

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



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Every Sunday 11:00 am - **Sunday morning "get-together"**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85211082214?pwd=QU5HNmwySjhvRzltc1cvMVgwWS9RUT09>.
 If you use the link, you will not need to enter the passcode. However, if you start Zoom and enter the meeting ID, you will be prompted to enter the passcode. Zoom Meeting ID: 852 1108 2214, Passcode 923143.

Every Thursday 11:00am - **Exercise Classes** - Exercises adapted for all levels of fitness.
 Enquiries: kzafir@optusnet.com.au 0400 402 032
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874540497?pwd=UEUyWWNSRDl0dHJLY2FDVElclh6Zz09>
 Zoom Meeting ID: 898 7454 0497, Passcode 053217.

What's on in December:

Saturday 10 7:30pm - **Börte – Empress of the World**, The Musical, produced and music by the talented Warren Wils.
 Arcadia House, 570 Victoria St, North Melbourne
 Bookings essential - limited places. Tickets \$25
 All information at www.trybooking.com/CEIWL

Sunday 18 11:00am - **Members coffee and chat get together** at the Umbrella Lounge, 338-340 Glenhuntly Rd. Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards.
 RSVP Karin Zafir kzafir@optusnet.com.au by 14 December.

Coming up in January:

Sunday 22 12:00pm - **Not Quite Australia Day Picnic** at Hedgely Dene Gardens, Malvern.
 Enquiries: kzafir@optusnet.com.au 0400 402 032

The following members celebrate their birthdays in December:

Abe Lester (4th), Sue Moskowitz (5th), Jeff Kestenberg (16th), Brenda Remocker (16th), Helen Heimann (21st), Laurie Bar-Ness (24th), Leon Mattatia (25th)

Refua Shleima:

Best wishes to Tom Reisner on his ongoing recovery. Our thoughts go out to both him and Lillian during these difficult times.

Best wishes to Eleanor Aghion – get better soon!

If you know of anyone else in an unfortunate situation, please contact our Welfare Officer, Lillian Oblat (olillian@y7mail.com).

Leon Nissen with
 Sgt Major Alan Jackson
 who spoke at a joint RWU
 and GRU function



Tom Zafir at the Umbrella Lounge
 GRU get together

UNIT AKIBA

Co-Presidents: Helen Fisher / Henry Winfield
Secretary: Annette Gladwin
Preview: Annette Harriott



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What's on in December:

Sunday 4

11:30am - **Activities Planning meeting.** All members welcome.

8:30pm - **Movie night** at Dendy or Brighton Cinemas. Pick your own movie that finishes by 8:30pm. Supper at The Dendy Deli at 8:30pm.

Wednesday 14

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

Saturday 31

New Year's Eve.

Where: Memo Music Hall, 88 Acland Street St Kilda, entry via Albert Street near side of St Kilda RSL club

Cost: \$89/per person.

Time: Doors open 8:00pm. Showtime 9:00pm

Show: Melbourne SKA Orchestra

Table: Booked in name of Miriam. Once you have booked, please let Miriam know on 0413 383 113 or miriamsztrajt1@gmail.com

2. Dinner at Rosstown Hotel at 7:30pm followed by supper at a private home.

Book with Henry Winfield henrysue@bigpond.net.au

Coming up in January:

Wednesday 18

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

Thursday 19

8:00 - 9:30pm - **The Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.**

Face at face at Annette Harriott's place (Burwood East).

Book: "Concealed" by Esther Amini

Enquiries: Peter at non-fiction@bbvic.org.au

The following members celebrate their birthdays in December:

Mark Rubinstein (3rd), John Konewka (5th), Hillary Malkinson (7th), John Tescher (11th), Esther Goldschlager (13th), Denise Monheit (20th), Suzanne Goldin (22nd), Barbara Lewis (23rd) and Annette Gladwin (29th).

January: Miriam Pollack (1st), Helen Fisher (4th), Aaron Blicblau (8th), Jenny Blakeley (12th), Sue Winfield (18th), Evi Morawetz (20th) and Rita Phillips (22nd).

We wish a Refuah Shleima to any members of Unit Akiba who may be unwell at the present time. We hope to see you joining us again very soon!

Our sincere condolences to Barbara Lewis and family on the passing of Barry Lewis. We will miss him.

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm
Vice-President: Orly Dar
Preview: Judith Steinberg



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What's on in December:

Sunday 11 12:30pm - Farewell to 2022
 Lunch at Leo Baeck Centre. Harp Rd., East Kew.
 Please bring food (your speciality) to share for lunch.

Coming up in January:

Sunday 29 12:30pm - Welcome back in 2023
 Lunch at either Leo Baeck Centre. Harp Rd., East Kew or Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster depending on the weather.
 Please bring food (your speciality) to share for lunch.

The following members celebrate their birthdays in December and January:

Hymie Zawatzky	5 December	Henry Brzezinski	11 December
Ken Hamer	12 December	Judith Steinberg	18 December
Gerry Hamer	20 December	Celine Wolfson	23 December
Cynthia Benporath	9 January	Joan Zawatsky	14 January
Julian Woolfson	18 January	Rita Phillips	22 January

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Betty Alexander. Hope to see you home soon.

Our best wishes for a healthy month 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



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enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

What's on in December:

Sunday 4 Morning - Evelyn will lead a SOMW walk in Arthur's Seat Park along part of the Two Bays Track. Her address evelyn@flitman.net.au

Wednesday 14 Morning - Midweek walk from Gardenvale to Port Melbourne, led by Rodney, r.eisfelder@gmail.com

Sunday 18 Eitan will lead a SOHW in Tarra Bulga, with an optional overnight stay. Please contact him at eitanfr@gmail.com

Coming up in January:

Sunday 8 Morning - There will be a medium walk, destination not finalized, led by Harvey. Contact harveyacohen@gmail.com

Wednesday 18 Morning - Edna will lead a midweek walk in Royal Park, Parkville. Contact ednaprim@gmail.com

Sunday 22 Morning - SOHW, led by Evelyn and Malcolm in Wombat State Forest. Contact evelyn@flitman.net.au

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Janet Machliss Kohn

Vice-President: Dorothy New

Preview: John Kohn



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Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge November meeting

Coming up in February

Sunday 26 February

Welcome back garden party and BBQ Fundraiser.

“Old School Muck Up Day” should make for a hilarious and fun event.

PAST EVENTS

6 Nov: BAGEL BRUNCH. Thanks to all the Hosts / Hostesses for a very successful, convivial and fun event. Much enjoyed by all.

9 Nov: MML Regular Meeting - Our Guest Speaker was Jennifer Huppert who gave a very interesting talk on the Victorian Multicultural Commission followed by a lively discussion.

14 Nov: Visit to Overnewton Castle in Keilor

40 hardy members braved inclement weather and had a very enjoyable outing to Overnewton Castle. They were rewarded with a very interesting tour of the building and gardens and then feasted on tea, scones and sandwiches. A successful raffle raised over \$300 for MML.

A hearty Mazel Tov to members who are celebrating their birthdays in December & January:

Paul Gardner, Gilah Leder, Yvonne Elton, Rosalyn Goldberg, Sandra Nathani, Danielle Schilling, George Deutsch, Evelyn Fabian, Garry Fabian, Jack Leder, Judy Lewis, Anita Librach, Rena Lopata, Frieda Shapiro, Norman Super and belated birthday greetings to Deidre Wainrit and Fay Kaufman.

Welfare of Members:

Morris informs us that Tania is making slow but steady progress.

Judy Kolt is recovering from a fall.

Several members have recovered from or currently have Covid.

We wish them all a speedy and full recovery.

Mazel tov to John and Janet Machliss Kohn on the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Amelie Kohn.

Donations to Making A Difference:

Thank you to Lesley Gaspar for her generous donation in honour of the thank you messages she received following her injury whilst in Israel.

To make a donation, please credit our "Making A Difference" account:

BSB 013017 Account Number 900128923

Reference box - Your name. Please email Devorah Zmood: devorahz@zmood.net with your details.

MENORAH AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

On Sunday, 20 November, B'nai B'rith hosted the 44th annual Menorah Awards. Each year the worthy recipients leave the audience inspired by their selflessness and passion for their volunteer work serving our community.

The function was held at Beth Weizmann Centre, with over 120 attendees, including B'nai B'rith members, past recipients, this year's awardees along with their families, friends and colleagues. There are many deserving community volunteers, and the B'nai B'rith Menorah Awards committee had the unenviable task of narrowing down the nominations to this year's five recipients. We congratulate and celebrate them all:

Martin Israel, Alex Kats, Frank Moore, Tania Tobias, and Volunteers of Beit Rafael.

The individuals chosen this year to receive a Menorah Award are thoughtful, committed 'quiet achievers' who have all made significant contributions to the community in a wide range of areas from youth to aged care, from Shules to interfaith relations and everything in between. Guests heard about each recipient and the volunteer work they do and then from each recipient.

Daniel Aghion KC, JCCV President, then provided, as keynote speaker, an interesting view on "The Pleasure of Volunteering", a scientific perspective on the benefits of being a volunteer which includes, amongst these, living longer.

Thank you to Evelyn Flitman and the Menorah Awards Committee for a fabulous night!



Evelyn Flitman and Frank Moore



Jade Rosenberg, Frank Moore, Yvette Bentata-Moore, Amber Moore



Denise and Benny Monheit and Wendy Waller



Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM, Morris Tobias and Tania Tobias on the screen



Martin Israel, Carol Rothschild, Evelyn Flitman and Helen Fisher



Evelyn Flitman, Morris Tobias and Faye Haskin-Dubrowin OAM

MENORAH AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY



Iain Messer and Daniel Aghion KC



Beit Rafael volunteers



Sharona Lindell, Fritz Tribetz, Hazel Shapiro, Susan Abelesz, Rachi Klein



Helen Gelber and Hazel Shapiro



Leon Nissen, Irene Kirschner, Harry and Helen Gelber



Morris Tobias and Daniel Aghion KC



Evelyn Flitman, Martin Israel and Anatie Livnat

OUT AND ABOUT

Gesher-Rabin Trivia Night



We wish a hearty congratulations to RWU member Prof Andrew Markus on being awarded the General Sir John Monash Award!

GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH AWARD

Andrew's accolade

AJN STAFF

PROFESSOR Andrew Markus was named 2022 recipient of the General Sir John Monash Award at the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) AGM on Monday night.

The former director of the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC) at Monash University has led ground-breaking research into the Jewish community and social cohesion in Australia and also assisted many Jewish organisations voluntarily.

"The General Sir John Monash Award has been given over the years to significant contributors to our community ... Andrew is, without doubt, a deserving recipient," JCCV president Daniel Aghion said.

Congratulating Markus, former JCCV and Executive Council of Australian Jewry president Grahame Leonard spoke about the pair's shared commitment to considering future community challenges, notably his leadership on 2009's Gen08 Jewish population survey.

"I was very impressed with the lengths Andrew went to, to ensure its integrity and that the results would be truly representative of the Australian Jewish community," Leonard said.

Accepting the award, Markus reflected on other great Australian

Jewish social scientists and researchers who had contributed to the community for decades.

"There was a generation of Holocaust survivors who came to this country and brought amazing gifts. Some of the people who rose to the top of their fields were part of this generation," he said, paying tribute to Walter Lippman, Professor Peter Medding, Professor Ronald Taft, Professor Sol Encel and others.

Meanwhile, Natalie Gunn and Eitan Meyerowitz were named as joint winners of the 2022 Sylvia Gelman Young Leaders Award.

Gunn, who is the outgoing Australasian Union of Jewish Students president, reflected on the challenges at AUJS due to the rise in anti-Israel activity on campus and the pandemic. She said her time in the organisation has been "deeply rewarding" and thanked the AUJS executive and advisory board for its support.

Meyerowitz, a Jewish studies teacher, youth movement graduate and founder of the Stars and the Moon Inclusive Theatre Company, paid tribute to the Jewish community for supporting his ambitious project.

"This is a community that raises up the voices of young people. Thank you to the Melbourne Jewish community for believing in me, for believing in us," he said.

Armchair Society

An engaging, thought provoking, passionate discussion group of current affairs



OUT AND ABOUT

Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge Trip to Overnewton Castle



OUT AND ABOUT

Raoul Wallenberg Trip to the Yarra Ranges

"Who says oldies can't have fun?!"



UPCOMING EVENTS

Premiere **Full Production**

BÖRTE

Empress of the World



800 years before Womens' Lib, there was BÖRTE, First Empress of the World. Today her story is more resonant than ever.

Experience the epic relationship of the two most powerful people of the greatest empire since the Roman empire and up to the British empire. Börte, the childhood sweetheart and great love, friend and outspoken critic of Genghis Khan.

Written by
Dulat Isabekov

Produced and
Music by
Warren Wills

Direction and
Dramaturgy
Peter Kalos

Starring
Young World Choir

Opening in Melbourne after a sensational London premiere.

B'nai B'rith Group Booking
Saturday 10 December, 7:30pm
Bookings Essential - limited seats
Tickets \$25
www.trybooking.com/CEIWL
Arcadia House - 570 Victoria St, North Melbourne



Queries: Jack Aghion
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B'NAI B'RITH ARMCHAIR SOCIETY 2023

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Current Affairs Discussion

with

RON JAMES

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B'nai B'rith First Nations Reconciliation Project

Dean Parkin, Director of From the Heart, addressed a well-attended First Nations Q&A on Sunday 13 November, co-hosted with B'nai B'rith Victoria, the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV), Stand Up and the Ark Centre.

Parkin encouraged the community to discuss the need for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice to Parliament, even when those conversations are awkward. He drew on a 10-day trip he took to Israel in 2009, reflecting that: "I was there just long enough to show how ignorant I was. I know it can be awkward to engage on issues that are very complex. Your community probably understands how long things take in terms of truth, reconciliation, breaking down barriers, living with consequences. Recognition has been on the agenda for a long time. It is a very simple idea, it is not a political statement, it is not a moral argument, it is a fact. This is not an indigenous question, it is not a question for 3.2% of the population, this is a question for all of us, for who we are as a nation."

Parkin addressed thorny issues, including how to respond to people who believe that a Voice would privilege one group's voice over others, whether First Nations people really need a voice given there are Indigenous MPs in parliaments around Australia, and whether diverse opinions within the Indigenous community means this is not a well-supported idea.

This important event left the audience well informed about the upcoming referendum and its relevance to our lives.



Daniel Aghion, Dean Parkin, Tahlia Bowen and Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann



Nava and Aubrey Miller; Bev Restein



Tania Freeman, LeeAnn Basser, Debbie Strouch, Judy Warren



Denise and Dr Benny Monheit, Vivian and Dr Tony Weldon



Norman and Renee Super, Lynda Brest, Mordy Esakoff



Margaret Fischer, Judy Braun, Dr Peter Schattner, Margot Sims Cohen

Courage to Care

COURAGE TO CARE INVITED TO THE VICTORIAN INTERFAITH FESTIVAL

We recently participated in the Victorian Interfaith Festival. This aims to bring young people together to learn from each other, a wonderful initiative.



Benjy Orwin, who created socks4support and is a recipient of our Upstander award, joined a panel of young speakers and shared his ideas and thoughts. It is so inspiring to see our younger generations showing such positive attitudes and actions. This was a great opportunity to tell a wider audience about B'nai B'rith and the aims of Courage to Care.

Here's a little about Benjy in his own words:

"My name is Benjy and I am a 13 year old, Year 8 student. In 2018, when I was 8 years old, I was walking home with my parents on a cold night and I thought to myself: What happens to people who don't have anything to keep them warm and support themselves? I asked my parents this question, who replied telling me that although it was hard for these people, there were lots of others who helped them through charities. I heard this and immediately decided that I wanted to start a charity to support people in need which I called Socks 4 Support. The charity collects socks for people in need. I decided to collect socks because socks are an item that many deem insignificant, whereas they mean a lot to those who don't have them.

Throughout my five years of doing Socks 4 Support, I've collected over 33,000 pairs of socks. These socks have been distributed to the homeless, people suffering from domestic violence, drug/alcohol abuse, and other forms of desperate situations. Most recently, I have supported many people in NSW who were severely affected by the floods and storms. I have collaborated with many other charities to ensure that I can help as many people as possible and reach those in need throughout Australia. Courage to Care is one organisation who have supported me along this journey.

I also want to show people that no matter how young you are, you can make a big difference, and that even the smallest idea can have a big impact. It is so important that more people of my generation become Upstanders rather than bystanders and stand up to the challenges we face.

You can contact me at donateyoursocks@gmail.com and can see everything I've done on my Facebook and Instagram accounts: @socks4support.



Victorian Multicultural Commission
Youth Commissioner Luna Folly, Mike and Benjy



Mike, Indian dancers and Benjy



Letters to the Editor

Feel free to send in any comments, questions and observations on any topic to editor@bbvic.org.au. We will include a selection in each month's Preview.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH HUMAN RIGHTS ORATION

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



DEBORAH GLASS OBE

VICTORIAN OMBUDSMAN

SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER
The Human Rights Watchdog

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023, 7:30PM

TICKETS \$25

VENUE: TBA

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**B'nai
B'rith**

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Ramblers walk GRU get together Akiba Activities planning meeting Akiba Movie night	5	6 RWU regular meeting	7	8	9	10 Borte Empress of the World Musical
11 GRU get together Hatikvah Farewell to 2022	12	13	14 Ramblers walk Akiba Exec meeting	15	16	17
18 GRU get together Ramblers walk	19	20	21	22 Intercultural Chanukah Festival at Fed Square	23	24
25 GRU get together	26	27	28	29	30	31 Akiba New Years Eve Event

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Ramblers walk	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Inaugural Raoul Wallenberg Day	16	17	18 Ramblers walk Akiba Exec meeting	19 Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club	20	21
22 Ramblers walk GRU Not Quite Australia Day Picnic	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Hatikvah Welcome Back Function	30	31	1	2	3	4

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