



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President...on the strong bond with Israel



I was recently overseas where I not only spent time with my Tel Aviv-based daughter but also had the opportunity to participate in a few events which reinforced my already strong bond with Israel. There were three or four events in particular which had a significant impact on me.

1. Meeting B'nai B'rith Israel - I met the immediate Past President of B'nai B'rith Israel (BB Israel), Daniel Gratz, the treasurer, Haim Bar, and I had a brief introduction to Emanuel Cohen who had been installed as President the week before. I spent over an hour with Daniel and Haim and they explained how BB Israel had doubled its membership during the past six years, from approximately 1,500 to just over 3,000 members.

Their main approach involved two techniques: to fund the activities of small groups of people (around 30 in each) in various cities for about one year; and to provide them with a mentor who had participated in a comprehensive training program. They targeted people who were aged 60 plus, that is, those who had 'settled' their work and families. The activities emphasised longer term 'bonding' such as day or weekend trips or becoming volunteer guides in museums. Daniel and Haim said that brief activities such as lectures or film nights suffer from the disadvantage of people 'coming, fressing and leaving' but not connecting as a group. While BB Israel is not Australia, there is a message for us in that.



*L-R: Daniel Gratz, Haim Bar and Peter Schattner in the BB Israel offices in Tel Aviv
(with photos of past presidents on the wall)*

2. Visiting the facilities of Save a Child's Heart (SACH) – I was taken on a tour of SACH which provides life-saving cardiac surgery for children from the developing world and disadvantaged countries, especially Africa and the Palestinian territories. The same surgeons obviously also provide this service for Israeli children. Kids who are from more distant places such as within Africa will stay at a Children's Home before and after surgery.

The Home is run by volunteers and I saw both this centre and the Wolfson Hospital where the surgery is carried out. Both places are in Holon and B'nai B'rith Victoria has recently become a supporter of this cause and will undertake fundraising for it. Seeing the young children and the volunteers such as the women who have flown from Africa to become short-term 'mothers' was emotional and inspiring.



Outside the SACH Children's Home, Holon



With a SACH beneficiary at the Wolfson Hospital grounds, Holon

3. Marching with Israelis – I participated, tourist-like, in the 25th annual Pride Parade in Tel Aviv, and one of the weekly judicial reform protests in the same city. Both events, which had very large turnouts, were peaceful and good natured. I was proud of the openness and freedom in Israeli society, whatever the political arguments might be among the local population.

I believe that Israel remains a core feature of the Jewish diaspora and the meeting with B'nai B'rith Israel, the Save a Child's Heart organisation and the marches and parades have all helped reinforce the close links and support that we, as an organisation, should maintain. I don't get every opinion of mine ratified by the BBVic Executive, but you should know that, as President, I shall do my best to promote a meaningful connection with Israel.

Peter Schattner
President



President in pink: Pride Parade, near Tel Aviv beach



Marching with family in Tel Aviv

News from BBANZ



The most boring lecture I ever attended was a talk by a visiting elderly academic from Europe on human rights law in the EU Parliament. Boring.

It is therefore ironic that when I get asked to talk to an audience about B'nai B'rith, I now always try to include some words on the importance of Human Rights in the work we do. After all, the website of BB International proudly announces the incredible fact that we "champion the cause of Human Rights since 1843".

So what are these Human Rights? which ones do we support and which ones don't we talk about? (see www.bnaibrith.org.au)

To put this in perspective, abuse of people has been going on forever – remember we were slaves once to Pharaoh in Egypt and we still complain about that every Pesach. But the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was only declared at the General Assembly of the United Nations 75 years ago (on December 10, 1948) after the horrors of World War 2. It lists the basic rights in 30 clauses, focusing on the right to life, liberty and security.

B'nai B'rith's work on human rights advocacy is mainly done from Washington where senior staff, led by Dan Mariaschin, devote most of their time on countering the pervasive anti-Israel bias and blatant antisemitism promulgated in some media, some organisations and especially some governments. They also work on strengthening diplomatic ties between Israel and its neighbours and, in America, speak out against antisemitism and in support of housing issues for the elderly (as they run many houses for older people). I have not seen any postings on Israeli Arab rights issues. Interestingly, B'nai B'rith Israel does not do this type of advocacy work, as it focuses on other local issues.

Human Rights of course has issues beyond just Israel and antisemitism. For example, the Casten Centre for Human Rights Law at Monash University focuses at present on The Voice to parliament (strongly supporting it), privacy law, climate change and human rights, gender and sexuality issues and reproductive rights. (Ron Casten was a leading Jewish lawyer best known for his leading role in the Mabo native title case which reversed the concept of Terra Nullius in Australia).

In Australia, BBANZ in the past year has come out in favour of the Voice to Parliament, made a submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission (led by Jim Altman), participated in discussions with the peak Jewish roof body ECAJ and JCCV on Nazi incitement. Other areas for consideration by BBANZ is the worrying trend of some Baltic countries in Europe to rewrite holocaust history by trying to shift responsibility of who was responsible for mass killing of Jews during WW2. So Human Rights is a vast and actually an interesting field. We plan to do more in this space.

Benny Monheit
President BBANZ

UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH UNIT GESHER-RABIN

AGM/ Installation/Initiation

Victorian Minister for Creative Industries

Steve Dimopoulos

will talk about:

"My experience as a Greek Australian growing up in Oakleigh"

SUNDAY 2 JULY 2023, 7:00PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: \$20 PER PERSON

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CIGQX](https://www.trybooking.com/CIGQX)

A light supper will be provided.

Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club, 23 Tyrone St, Ormond

For more information:

Rose Nash 0408 325 849 / rosenash@optusnet.com.au



B'NAI B'RITH FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

Featuring the marvellous
"SIBLING REVELRY!"

Venue:

Glen Eira McKinnon Bowling Club
Tyrone St, Ormond

Time:

2:30pm

Cost:

\$10 entry includes afternoon tea
& a raffle ticket



MONDAY 3 JULY 2023

BOOKINGS: Deidre 0408 121 213 or 9523 0888 / www.bnaibrith.org.au



**B'nai
B'rith**

Current Affairs Series 3

GUEST SPEAKERS

July 11 - Josh Burns MP

July 25 - Morry Sztainbok

August 8 - Paul Forgasz

August 22 - Dr Dvir Abramovich

September 5 - Rabbi Hillel Nagel

B'NAI B'RITH ARMCHAIR SOCIETY

In partnership with the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia

Current Affairs Discussion

with

RON JAMES

5 PART FORTNIGHTLY SERIES:

JULY 11, JULY 25, AUG 8, AUG 22, SEPT 5

VENUE: Beth Weizmann Auditorium

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\$5 PER SESSION

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B'NAI B'RITH MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

JENNY GOLDBERG COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT

The Annual Jenny Goldberg Community Service Grant honours the memory of the late Jenny Goldberg, acknowledging her commitment, work, support and friendship towards Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge, B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Community.

\$2500 GRANT!

CRITERIA:

Jewish resident of Victoria, 18 - 35 years of age, with outstanding commitment to the community and volunteer work. Grant recipients must use the Grant to improve their volunteering capacity, and hence the community at large.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023**



Enquiries: Gerry Pearce 0402 113 333 | gerry@marcqui.com

OUT AND ABOUT

Gesher-Rabin Jewish Melodies Event



Akiba enjoyed a day at the Bendigo Art Gallery



From the BB Victoria Office



We are so pleased that the new B'nai B'rith website is now live. This has been a monumental effort for all involved across the District. Not only is the new website easier to navigate, it has improved functionality to support a more efficient administration not only of the site itself, but in general. A huge thank you to Sharp Instincts for their design and guidance.

With the start of a new financial year comes a need to review, revise and revisit all that we do. Over the past two years in my role as CEO, I, along with Chana and Joey, have worked diligently to truly understand and respect the history and the legacy that has been built by many who remain involved along with countless more no longer with us. In moving forward, we must work to continue to honour that legacy whilst ensuring we can appeal to and engage with a wider audience.

The most often-asked question by those not part of this wonderful organisation is "what actually does B'nai B'rith do?" Whilst there is often a familiarity with the name, there is little understanding of the value we add to the community. Whilst on one hand this is not ideal as we work to engage with a wider audience, it is a reflection of the ethos of the organisation - an ethos steeped in supporting those in need from behind the scenes, not seeking the grand accolades, but focusing on the work at hand.

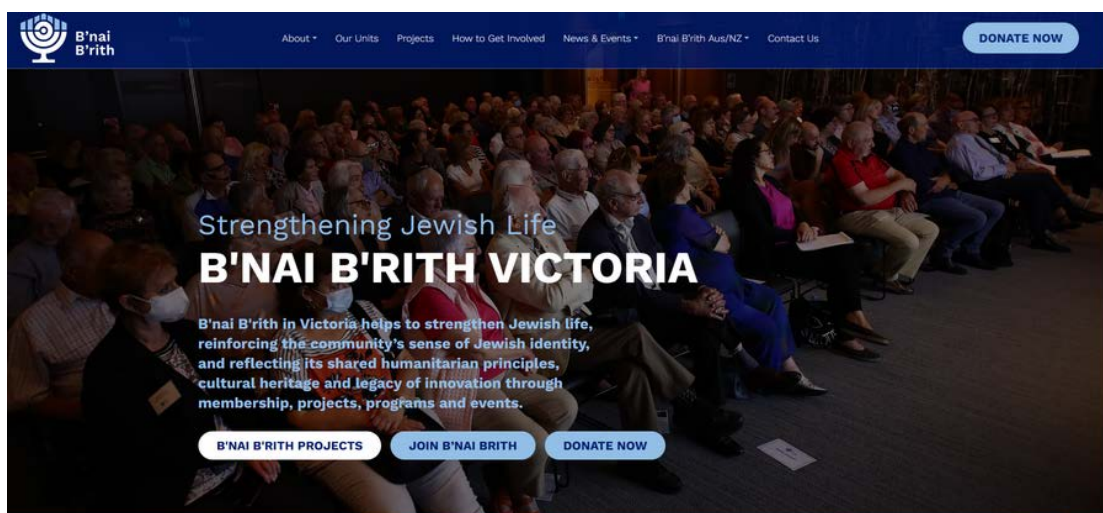
Whilst an 'elevator pitch' has been developed over the past few years, which Peter Schattner has shared in previous editorials, the depth and breadth of what this organisation undertakes continues to perpetuate the lack of understanding. Whilst the individual projects we undertake have meaning and are important, the ongoing challenge is how can these contribute to the strength of the organisation and the B'nai B'rith Victoria brand as a whole?

Ultimately, it remains important to focus on the key message that B'nai B'rith strengthens Jewish life by:

- Providing those aged 65+ with a social connection and opportunities to give back to community through volunteering and fundraising; and
- Instigating and supporting projects and programs that the community needs and values and thereby engage a newer, younger audience.

Undertaking the second of these two is a true challenge. The landscape of the Victorian Jewish community has evolved over the past 30 years, when it was initially recognised that B'nai B'rith need to change to engage a younger audience. In the last 30 years many attempts have been made to attract new and younger members, but to little avail. We will, over the coming weeks and months share with you the new projects that we intend to launch in the hopes of ensuring B'nai B'rith's continued evolution and growth. The development of a more contemporary website and other branding initiatives was an important first step – ensuring our visual representation was appealing, and now the hard work begins.

Ellana Aarons
CEO



Screenshot of home page of the new website

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

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



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Welcome to new member Dave Rubinstin!
We hope you enjoy what we have on offer.

What's on in July:

- Tuesday 4** 2:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann
 Great social occasion to mix with your friends and play games and quizzes -
 rummy cubes, scrabble, Articulate, cards - yummy afternoon tea.
 Let's see what you are all about !!
- Tuesday 25** 2:30pm - **Executive Meeting** at the home of Jacqui Corry

Coming up in August:

- Tuesday 22** 2:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann
 With guest speaker Rabbi Dr Danny Schiff, son of our Raoul Wallenberg Unit
 founders, Judi and Dr Peter Schiff OAM.

SAVE THE DATE - TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER:

BABI YAR COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT POSTPONED TO TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

The Raoul Wallenberg Unit is very proud to have been chosen to be the host presenters of the concert recording of "BABIYAR" - a concert performed 5 years ago for the 75th Anniversary Commemoration at Hamer Hall.

This event is a fundraiser for the The Joint Emergency Ukrainian Jewish Refugee Response. It will be held in the Beth Weizmann Auditorium.

Program will begin at 2:00pm sharp. Cost \$25 - includes afternoon tea.

This will be a one-off screening. See flyer on page 15.

<https://events.humanitix.com/babi-yar>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Alan Suss (1st), Rabbi Steven Link (1st), Bev Sutton (7th), Robert Goldsmith (10th),
 Dr Shimmy Slonim (11th), Ben Hirsh (25th), Editta Matessi (31st).

MAZAL TOV:

Prof. Emeritus Ronald Taft AM on the occasion of his 103rd Birthday.
 P/P Wendy Waller on the birth of a great granddaughter in Israel.

CONDOLENCE: Ian Joseph on the passing of his sister Mim Segal

REFUAH SHLEIMA: Eve Lustig

DONATIONS: Ruth Figdor

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



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Welcome back to Lee Silman!
We are pleased you've returned.

- 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. **Note:** Zoom get-together will not take place on 3rd Sunday of each month due to Umbrella Lounge in person get-together
- 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=UEUyWWNSRDl0dHJLY2FDVElielh6Zz09>
 Zoom Meeting ID: 898 7454 0497, Passcode 053217.

What's on in July:

- Sunday 2** 7:00pm - **AGM Installation.** Victorian Minister for Creative Industries, Steve Dimopoulos, will talk about "My experience as a Greek Australian growing up in Oakleigh".
 \$20pp. Light supper provided. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CIGQX
 See flyer on page 3.
- Sunday 16** 2:00pm - **Duldig Studio Visit.** If you saw Driftwood you'll be keen to see the studio the family set up. \$15. Includes guided tour plus Viennese afternoon tea. Limited numbers.
 Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/duldig-studio>
- Saturday 22** 7:30pm - **Mind Games.** This night is not about what you know but how you think.
 Puzzles, riddles, and fun challenges.
 \$20 Members, \$30 Non-members. Light supper provided.
 Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/mind-games>. See flyer on page 14.

Coming up in August:

- Sunday 6** 7:30pm - **Fiddler on the Roof** group booking at the Alex Theatre in Fitzroy St, St Kilda, Tickets \$41. Bookings: Eleanor Aghion ezaprudsky@gmail.com
- Sunday 20** 11:00am - **Member coffee and chat** get together at the Umbrella Lounge - 338-340 Glenhuntly Rd. Ellana will be talking to us about B'nai B'rith. What it was, what it is and what it might become. Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards.
 RSVP Eleanor Aghion ezaprudsky@gmail.com by 15 August.

Happy Birthday to Selwyn Lever (18th)

Welfare: If you know of anyone else in an unfortunate situation, please contact Leon Nissen at kirschnerissen@hotmail.com.

If you know of anyone who is celebrating a Simcha or birth of a grandchild, please contact Karin Zafir at kzafir@optusnet.com.au.

UNIT AKIBA

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



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What's on in July:

- Sunday 2** 3:00pm - **Unit Akiba Welcome Afternoon at Nogga Cafe**
 RSVP Brian Luber on 0418 334 289 or hluber@bigpond.net.au
- Monday 10** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee** meeting on Zoom.
- Sunday 16** 6:30pm for 6:45pm start - **Unit Akiba Installation** at Glen Eira/McKinnon Bowling Club, 23 Tyrone Street, Ormond.
 Guest Speaker Peter Kohn. \$35 per person for Kosher Israeli Dinner.
 Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CIPFK
 Bookings close at 7:00pm on Sunday 9th July 2023.
 Enquiries to Suzanne Goldin on 0414 313 136 or suzannegoldin@yahoo.com.
 See flyer on page 13.
- Thursday 20** 8:00-9:30pm - **Non Fiction Jewish Book Club**
 "The Wondering Jew" by Micah Goodman. Presented by Helen Wolfers and Miriam Feldheim. Contact Peter on non-fiction@bbvic.org.au for venue.
 Flyer on page 13.

Coming up in August:

- Monday 14** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee** meeting on Zoom.
- Sunday 20** 7:15pm for 7:30pm start - **Visit to Hatzolah** at 320 Orrong Road (between Inkerman and Alma Rds). Booking essential - please RSVP by Monday 14th August to Henry Winfield at henrysue@bigpond.net.au or 0432 625 788
- Tuesday 29** Movie and Lunch. Details to follow.
 Enquiries: Miriam - miriamsztrajt1@gmail.com or 0413 383 113

The following members celebrate their birthdays in May:

Brian Luber (1st), Liz James (8th), Edna Samuel (11th) Henry Gladwin (13th),
 Richard Neumann (19th), Michael Samuel (24th) and Pola Blicblau (31st).

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!

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg



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What's on in July:

Sunday 2 9:30 - 11:30am - **Calico Dolls** at Gerry and Ken Hamer's home. Please let Gerry know if you will be coming- 9857 9909.

Sunday 30 12:30pm - **Chanukah in July.** Lunch at the home of Henryka and Claude Fromm. Call Claude to book on 9850 6134 and let him know what you will be bringing to share.

Happy Birthday to Ros Hughes (July 1), Betty Alexander (July 7), Jeanette Hain (July 11) and Edna Samuel (July 20)

Our best wishes for a 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 July:

Sunday 9 Morning - SOMW along the Mathias track and Yallambie Way in Olinda, led by Monique. Contact: mzamsky64@gmail.com.

Wednesday 19 Morning - Edna will lead a midweek walk along Darebin Creek. Contact: ednaprim@gmail.com.

Sunday 30 Morning - SOHW led by Eitan, will be a snow walk if there is snow at Mt Donna Buang, otherwise Castlemaine. Contact: eitanfr@gmail.com

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

President: Janet Machliss Kohn
Vice-President: Danielle Schilling
Preview: Dr John Kohn



0409 334 576
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What's on in July

Monday 3 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting** at Danielle Schilling's home

Wednesday 5 3:00pm - **Executive Meeting** at Beth Weizmann

Wednesday 12 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann. Guest Speaker Bianca Stern, recipient of the 2022 Jenny Goldberg Community Service Award. Stephen Moskowitz will also share an update on his search for a new home and Simone Markus from Raoul Wallenberg will answer questions about the finances behind the Yad Vashem teacher project.

Coming up in August

Wednesday 2 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting**

Monday 7 3:00pm - **Executive Meeting** at Beth Weizmann

Wednesday 9 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann
 Guest Speaker: Raphael Aron, Director of Cult Consulting

Sunday 27 3:00 - 4:00pm - **Presentation by Danielle Schilling**
 "French Jews throughout History and Modern Times". At the Caulfield Park Pavilion.



Bianca Stern

A hearty Mazel Tov to members who are celebrating their birthdays in July:

Mel Barnett, Peter Gaspar, Jack Librach, Alan Harvey, Charles New, Alex Starr, Tony Weldon.

Donations to Making A Difference:

Generous donations received from:

- Martha and Nafti Vanderhoek in honour of Marilyn Mandie's birthday
- Susie Taft in honour of her 90th birthday.
- Doris and Steve Klein and Rivka and Joe Kaufman in honour of Jack and Gilah Leder's 60th wedding anniversary
- Anita and Jack Librach in honour of the birthday of Marilyn Mandie
- Yvonne and Howard Elton in honour of their grandson's barmitzvah.
- Gerald and Lillian Pearce
- Devorah and Ron Zmood in honour of Gilah and Jack Leder's 60th wedding anniversary
- Russell Korn
- Nafti Vanderhoek in honour of Gilah and Jack Leder's 60th wedding anniversary
- Roslyn Goldberg
- Adele Schachter
- Bette and Peter Pulver
- John and Rene Eisner

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

BSB: 013017 Account Number: 900128923

Reference box - Your name. Please email makingadifference@bbvic.org.au with your details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

B'nai B'rith Unit Akiba
Presidents Helen Fisher and Henry Winfield

invite all members to attend the

Installation of Unit Akiba's 2023/2024 Executive Committee

Guest Speaker: Peter Kohn, Senior Journalist of the AJN

As well as being a journalist, Peter is the author of two novels, *Rachel's Chance* and *View from a Sandcastle*. Peter says, "The one constant factor about news is that it never stops, and with today's online services, the latest developments are just a tap or mouse-click away. As a journalist, this often means a fast-paced work style, and while journalism can be demanding, it's also a very rewarding profession. I have for decades had a passionate interest in our complex, dynamic Australian Jewish community. Reporting its ongoing story, its hopes and dreams, is a unique odyssey for any journalist."

Israeli style Kosher Dinner will be served.

Dress Code: Semi-formal (ties optional)

Venue: Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club (23 Tyrone St, Ormond)

Bookings close at 7:00pm on Sunday 9 July

SUNDAY 16 JULY COST: \$35
6:30PM, FOR 6:45PM START

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CIPFK

Enquiries: Suzanne Goldin 0414 313 136 suzannegoldin@yahoo.com



**B'nai
B'rith**

B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

Featuring "The Wondering Jew: Israel and the Search for Jewish Identity" by Micah Goodman.
Presented by Helen Wolfers and Miriam Feldheim.



Micah is a leading voice, author and public intellectual on Judaism, Zionism, the Bible, and the challenges and opportunities facing Israel and world Jewry, and is a senior research fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. In this incisive book, Micah explores Israeli Judaism and the conflict between religion and secularism, one of the major causes of political polarisation throughout the world. Micah proposes a new approach to bridge the divide between religion and secularism and pave a path toward healing a society torn asunder by extremism.

The current round of demonstrations in Israel, at one level about the judicial reforms and at another about the secular/religious divide, makes this a timely book.

THE WONDERING JEW

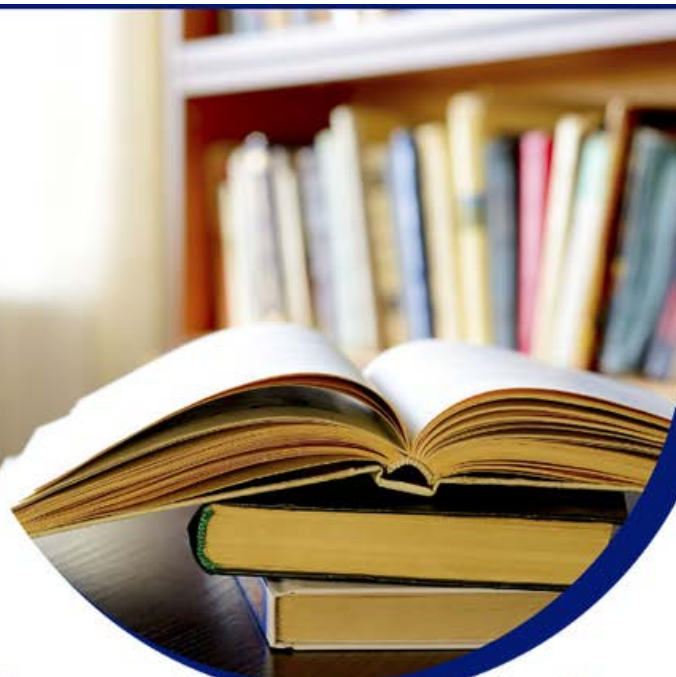


MICAH GOODMAN

THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023, 8:00-9:30pm, at Helen's home

A light supper will be served.

For more information on the book club, or how to obtain the book and for the address, please contact Peter at non-fiction@bbvic.org.au.



**B'nai
B'rith**

UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH UNIT **GESHER-RABIN**

Mind Games

So your memory for trivia may or may not be great, but how are you at 'figuring things out?'

This night is not about what you know but how you think. Puzzles, riddles, and fun challenges.

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023, 7:30PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

\$20 MEMBERS, \$30 NON-MEMBERS

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/MIND-GAMES](https://events.humanitix.com/mind-games)

A light supper will be provided.

Brighton Shule, 132 Marriage Road, East Brighton

For more information:

Evelyn Flitman 0402 894 968 / evelyn@flitman.net.au



mind games
"exercise your brain"



Armchair Society

Armchair Society continues to attract wonderful guest speakers and a packed crowd!

Book for Series 3, beginning on July 11: <https://events.humanitix.com/acseries3>

Flyer with dates and speakers on page 4



UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

Featuring the fabulous
Vered Harel
Co-Starring **Corey Fooks**

Venue:

Glen Eira McKinnon Bowling Club
Tyrone St, Ormond

Time:

2:30pm

Cost:

\$10 entry includes afternoon tea
& a raffle ticket



MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

BOOKINGS: Deidre 0408 121 213 or 9523 0888 / www.bnaibrith.org.au



NEW DATE: TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

B'NAI B'RITH RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

presents a one-off screening of the

BABI-YAR 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT

Special opportunity to view the recording of the extraordinary Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra Concert from 2017. Bass Baritone Adrian Tamburini as soloist and an 80 strong male voice choir gave a concert featuring Shostakovich Symphony No 13, Babi Yar. This symphony sets Yevgeny Yevtushenko's poem Babi Yar to music. The concert was held as a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the worst of the massacres perpetrated by the Nazis at Babi Yar when they murdered 33,771 Jews in 2 days.

VENUE: Beth Weizmann Auditorium

Fundraiser for The Joint's Emergency Ukrainian Refugee Response

*Moving and
Powerful
One-off
Concert
Screening*

SHOSTAKOVICH 13
BABI YAR

75TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER
2:00PM SHARP

COST: \$25

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/BABI-YAR](https://events.humanitix.com/babi-yar)



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B'nai B'rith Victoria Jewish Youth Art Competition

The annual B'nai B'rith Victoria Jewish Youth Art Competition celebrated its 28th year, welcoming Bendigo Bank Community Bank Caulfield Park as the major sponsor. The Competition works to promote artistic competence and a sense of unity among the Jewish community's youth.

This year a total of 225 artworks were displayed, including paintings, drawings, sculpture, mixed media, photography and video / animation. The exhibition featured artworks by 169 students aged between 11 and 18, from 25 schools throughout Melbourne. The quality of the artworks delivered was, as always excellent.

Mayor of Glen Eira City Council, Cr Jim Magee, officially opened the exhibition at a ceremony on Sunday 18 June 2023 to an audience of over 200 in the Glen Eira Town Hall Gallery. Other dignitaries who participated in the prize-giving ceremony included Leah Boulton (representing Bendigo Bank Community Bank Caulfield Park), David Southwick MP, Dr Benny Monheit (President of B'nai B'rith Aus/NZ), Ian Allen AM (representing patron Jeanne Pratt AC), and other officials and guests.

Guests enjoyed a very impressive afternoon tea, sponsored by Passionate Catering.

Thirty-four prizes were awarded. The winners are listed on the following page.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

Morrie Gold Memorial Prize for the Overall Winner: Jesse Onas - *"Erosion"*

Bendigo Bank Caulfield Park Award: Sianna Levin - *"The Beauty of Shabbos"*

Jewish Theme Prize: Hadassa Ribeiro - *"The Shabbat Table"*

Judges Special Commendation: Meitar Harel - *"Girls in Red"*

Raymond and Leah Black Prize: Sterna Raskin - *"Orange Still Life"*

Thalia Hakin Memorial Prize: Eli Nagel

Yossi Skurnik Memorial Prizes for Landscape: Baila Serebryanski (14-15) and Mordechai Cohen (16-18).

Jeffrey Weiner Memorial Prize for Portraiture / Caricature: Chana Pesha Faigenbaum - *"The Balancing Act"*

Congratulations to the winners as well as all the other students whose artwork were on display. It was impressive to see the talent in our community!

Thank you to the Art Competition Committee of Mark Rubinstein, Alice Peer, Ruth Figdor, Annette Gladwin, Janice Huppert, and Michal Schneider and all the wonderful volunteers who assisted throughout the Exhibition.



Chef David Trakhtman with his delicious spread

Art Competition Winners by Ages and Category

Ages 11 - 13	Mixed Media, 1st place	Raphael Epstein - <i>"Flying Mammoth"</i>
	Painting and Drawing, 1st place	Eli Nagel
	Painting and Drawing, 2nd place	Mendy Mazuz - <i>"Nightmare"</i>
	Painting and Drawing, 3rd place	Edith Schluter
	Photography, 1st place	Rose Yee - <i>"Portal to Gan Eden"</i>
	Photography, 2nd place	Rosie Loebenstein - <i>"Rusty"</i>
	Portraiture/Caricature, 2nd place	Shira Mazuz - <i>"Safta Mimi"</i>
	Sculpture, 1st place	Zoe Zilberman - <i>"Bookworm"</i>
	Sculpture, 2nd place	Yarin Shitrit
Ages 14 - 15	Painting and Drawing, 1st place	Ally Spanger - <i>"Apples in a Bowl"</i>
	Painting and Drawing, 2nd place	Zev Gordon
	Photography, 1st place	Yasmin Katz - <i>"Silhouettes on the Sea"</i>
	Photography, 2nd place	Aliya Gordon - <i>"Autumn Colours"</i>
	Photography, 3rd place	Yasmin Katz - <i>"The Magic Eye"</i>
Ages 14 - 18	Mixed Media, 1st place	Tamar Gold - <i>"Converse"</i>
	Mixed Media, 2nd place	Isabel Levy
	Mixed Media, 3rd place	Shira Segal - <i>"Still Life"</i>
	Sculpture, 1st place	Jesse Onas - <i>"Erosion"</i>
Ages 16 - 18	Painting and Drawing, 1st place	Le-Em Fridman - <i>"Phoebe"</i>
	Painting and Drawing, 2nd place	Sterna Raskin - <i>"Orange Still Life"</i>
	Painting and Drawing, 3rd place	Leila Averbukh
	Photography, 1st place	Mordechai Cohen
	Portraiture/Caricature, 1st place	Chana Pesha Faigenbaum - <i>"The Balancing Act"</i>



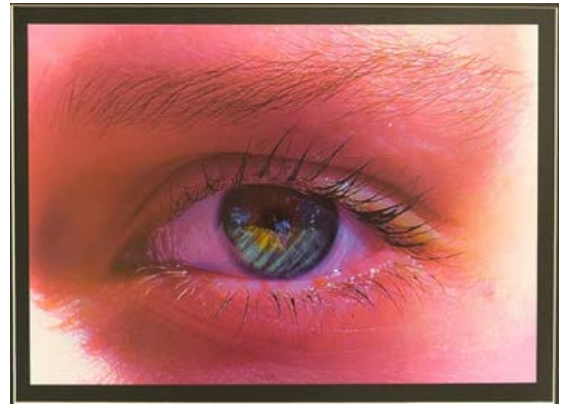
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Mark Rubinstein, Michal Schneider



Mayor Jim Magee



Yasmin Katz and Henry Winfield

*"Silhouettes by the Sea"* by Yasmin Katz*"The Magic Eye"* by Yasmin Katz*"Orange Still Life"* by Sterna Raskin

Sterna Raskin and Leah Black



Chana Pesha Faigenbaum and Gary Gould

*"The Balancing Act"* by Chana Pesha Faigenbaum*"The Shabbat Table"* by Hadassah Ribeiro

Hadassah Ribeiro and Ellana Aarons



"Phoebe" by Le-Em Fridman



Le-Em Fridman with Mayor Jim Magee



"Erosion" by Jesse Onas



Jesse Onas and Ian Allen AM



Sianna Levin and Leah Boulton



"The Beauty of Shabbos" by Sianna Levin



"Nightmare" by Mendy Mazuz



Mendy Mazuz and Mayor Jim Magee



"Safta Mimi" by Shira Mazuz



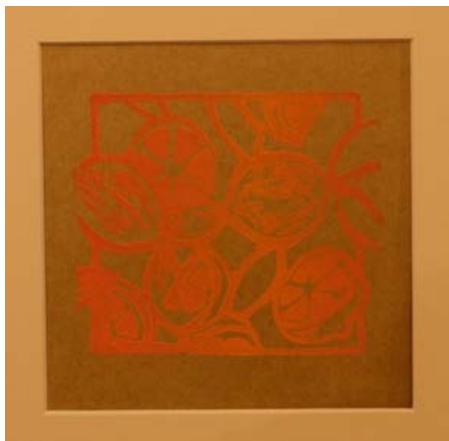
Shira Mazuz and Gary Gould



"Portal to Gan Eden" by Rose Yee



Rose Yee and Henry Winfield



"Still Life" by Shira Segal



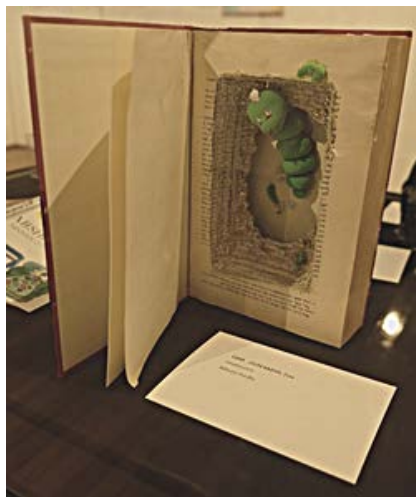
Shira Segal and Benny Monheit



"Flying Mammoth" by Raphael Epstein



Untitled by Eli Nagel



"Bookworm" by Zoe Zilberman



Zoe Zilberman and David Southwick



Untitled by Isabel Levy



Aliya Gordon and Henry Winfield



"Autumn Colours" by Aliya Gordon



Isabel Levy and Benny Monheit



"Rusty" by Rosie Loebenstein



Rosie Loebenstein and Henry Winfield



Untitled by Leila Averbukh



Leila Averbukh and Jim Magee



Untitled works by Mordechai Cohen



Meitar Harel and Jack Aghion



"Girls in Red" by Meitar Harel



Mordechai Cohen and Ellana Aarons



Untitled by Edith Schluter



Edith Schluter and Jim Magee



Untitled by Zev Gordon



Ally Spanger with Jim Magee



"Apples in a Bowl" by Ally Spanger



Untitled by Yarin Shitrik

COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE

DOUBLE KINGS BIRTHDAY HONOURS - CONGRATULATIONS LOUIS & MIKE!!



B'nai B'rith Courage to Care (Vic) is thrilled that volunteer Dr Louis Roller has been recognised as a Member of the Order of Australia AM in the King's Birthday honours.

Louis has been honoured for significant service to the pharmacy profession through education and governance.

Louis joined Courage to Care in February 2018 and has ever since been an enthusiastic and extremely committed volunteer willing to step in at the last minute. Louis volunteers with us as a child survivor of the Holocaust and shares his story with groups of students in both our Middle Years and Secondary Years Programs. Quoting from Louis "Along with my wife (Margo) and U3A, Courage to Care is the love of my life!"



We are also thrilled that our CEO, Michael (Mike) Zervos has been honoured with an Order of Australia OAM.

Mike is honoured for his extensive experience in the not-for-profit sector spanning over 20 years in leadership roles at the Make a Wish Foundation, Alannah and Madeline Foundation and Guide Dogs Victoria before joining Courage to Care. He was pivotal in the creation of Alannah and Madeline Foundation's eSmart programs in schools. He is a qualified CPA with a corporate career both in Australia and internationally.

B'nai B'rith Courage to Care Victoria appointed Mike as its first CEO in August 2018.

Mike was particularly drawn to Courage to Care's Upstander message and mission of informing and educating on the dangers of prejudice, racism, and bullying. Mike is exceptionally proud of how well the organisation has reached into schools and the broader community with over 160,000 students experiencing the programs as well as the expansion into "fee for service" educating teachers and other adults across the community.

He is celebrating this special honour on a well-deserved holiday in Greece with his family. We look forward to his return.



MITZVAH DAY

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Sunday 19 November, 2023

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July 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26 Jun	27	28	29	30	1 Jul	2 9:30am Hatikvah Calico Dolls 3:00pm Akiba Welcome 7:00pm GRU Installation
3 2:30pm Fellowship Concert (Glen Eira) 7:30pm MML Programming	4 2:00pm RWU Regular Meeting (Beth Weizmann Auditorium)	5 7:30pm MML Exec meeting	6 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom) 7:30pm Exec Meeting	7	8	9 Ramblers Walk
10 Term 3 Stars 7:30pm Akiba Exec meeting (Zoom)	11 10:00am Armchair Society	12 7:00pm MML Regular Meeting (Beth Weizmann Community Centre)	13 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom) 7:30pm VBBC meeting	14	15	16 2:00pm GRU visit Duldig Studio Museum 6:30pm Akiba Installation (Glen Eira)
17	18	19 (Ramblers Walk)	20 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom) 8:00pm Jewish Non-Fiction Book	21	22 7:30pm GRU Mind Games (Brighton Shule (132 Marriage Rd, Melbourne)	23 11:30am School Debate
24	25 10:00am Armchair Society 2:30pm RWU Exec meeting	26 Erev Tish'a B'Av	27 Tish'a B'Av 9th of Av 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom)	28	29	30 Ramblers Walk 12:30pm Hatikvah Chanukah in July
31	1 Aug	2	3	4	5	6

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