



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the Vice-President



Peter Schattner asked me to write the Preview editorial this month, whilst he's away overseas. I can only but support his last month's deep and studied article which showed how much thought and soul searching had been put in, before B'nai B'rith Victoria decided to support the Yes vote.

B'nai B'rith was formed some 180 years ago to help the disadvantaged, to support the oppressed, to stand for high moral values, to uphold human rights, to be a light unto people. And that is why we decided to join with many other Jewish organisations in the Kol Halev campaign which is being launched on Monday 3 July at St Kilda Town Hall, the Jewish voice for Yes.

There are so many arguments for and against, so how does one choose?

Firstly it is essential that for such a decision to be as fully informed of the facts as possible, being careful not to be swayed by either misinformation or by emotional pressures. And that is exactly what our Reconciliation Project has tried to do over the last two years, to bring knowledge to you our members on the true situation, and the reasons why we face such a dilemma.

There's no argument that we have inherited the results of long-term oppression, in fact actual decimation of the original inhabitants of this beautiful Australian land. Many ways have been tried in the past at great cost and effort to overcome the divide, to 'Close the Gap', as the economic and social differences have come to be called. All to no avail, the Gap is widening.

Is the answer to continue with the old ways at ever increasing costs, or is it to try a new way, a way that has come from the people who need the help, from the people who need to regain their self-pride and self-belief, from the people who have to take responsibility for themselves?

One day our children and grandchildren will judge us for our decision.

We need to choose wisely.

Jack Aghion
Vice-President

Members and Friends of B'nai B'rith Victoria acknowledge the Boon wurrung people of the Eastern Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

News from BBANZ



Last week I received an email from Oren Drori in America seeking our help. Drori works in the United Nations Affairs section of B'nai B'rith and he wanted B'nai B'rith Australia & New Zealand, on behalf of its members, to cosign a letter he was writing to the UN Secretary General regarding antisemitism. He pointed out that to fight it, one needs a definition of what it is. He recommended that the UN adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition in its plan to

monitor antisemitism and work on a system wide response. I happily signed the form and BBANZ is now part of the 300 Jewish organisations that petitioned the UN on this issue. To see the letter, visit <https://www.bnaibrith.org/ihra-definition-anti-semitism-action-plan/>

We don't know what will be effective against the rising incidence of antisemitism, but it is unlikely that one strategy will work everywhere. It is therefore appropriate, I feel, that B'nai B'rith continues to support education programs such as B'nai B'rith Courage to Care, the Yad Vashem Teachers Program, the Anti-Racism projects in NSW and New Zealand, the antisemitism monitoring and the lobbying by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (of which we are proud members) and that we help the various groups working in the anti-discrimination and human rights field.

It is very confronting to see in the morning newspaper pictures of small groups of neo nazis campaigning in front of our State parliament and various other public venues, spreading their message of hate and white supremism. We don't know whether legal moves to ban the swastika and Nazi salute will reduce the group's influence and recruitment drive. In America the extremist groups just made minor changes to their symbols to get over the bans there.

I was surprised to learn from Tablet Magazine of an episode from the late 1930s when the Jewish population faced much larger Nazi demonstrations in their cities (especially in New York) organised by the Nazi Bund. The Jews were frightened and hesitant, unsure what to do. They could not stop the rallies legally, so one of their leaders, a judge Nathan Perlman in 1935 surreptitiously contacted Meyer Lansky, a well-known Jewish gangster. Lansky rounded up some of his tough associates and went around New York disrupting Nazi meetings. They threw them out of windows, broke their legs and cracked skulls. The meetings gradually stopped, and the German Nazi Bund leaders were arrested as enemy aliens once war with Germany was declared.

B'nai B'rith, as a leading human rights organisation, does not of course support violence. Our thanks therefore go to all the volunteers and law enforcement agencies who help to protect us and our democratic way of life, both in Australia and overseas.

Benny Monheit
President BBANZ



*The Three Musketeers
(aka past BBANZ Presidents)
Morris Tobias (2015- 2020),
David Samuels (2020-22) and
Benny Monheit (2022 -)*

Upcoming Events

B'NAI B'RITH HATIKVAH UNIT

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

with
QUIZMASTER SUPREME IAIN MESSER

COST:

\$30 p/p

Includes 3 raffle tickets

Afternoon Tea will be served

BOOKINGS:

<https://events.humanitix.com/hatikvah>

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

2:30 - 5:00PM

LEO BAECK CENTRE

31-37 HARP RD, EAST KEW

CONTACT US: (03) 9523 0888 / www.bnaibrith.org.au



Guest Speakers:
June 13 - Brett Kaye on the Joint
June 27 - Alan Freedman

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:

MAY 2, MAY 16, MAY 30,

JUNE 13, JUNE 27

306 HAWTHORN RD, CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162

VENUE: LAMM JEWISH LIBRARY

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Upcoming Events

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

JEWISH MELODIES

EDDIE MOSES & MAX LASKY

Proceeds to Hatzolah

*Join in your favourite Jewish, Hebrew
and Yiddish Singalong!*

SUNDAY 18 JUNE, 11:00AM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: \$10 PER PERSON
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CIEPC

Umbrella Lounge,
340 Glen Huntly Rd, Elsternwick

Information:
Eleanor Aghion 0423 808 660 / ezaprudsky@gmail.com



B'NAI B'RITH MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

INVITES ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
TO THE SCREENING OF THE MOVIE

"THE FLASH"

"Worlds collide when the Flash uses his superpowers to travel back in time to change the events of the past. However, when his attempt to save his family inadvertently alters the future, he becomes trapped and seeks help from other superheroes."

Starring:
Ezra Miller, Michael Keaton, Ben Affleck, Kiersey Clemons and Michael Shannon

Entry: \$25 Adults, \$20 Students

Venue: Classic Cinema, Elsternwick

A delicious afternoon tea buffet will follow the screening.

Proceeds towards "Making a Difference"

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

2:30PM

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RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

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



What's on in June:

- Tuesday 6** 2:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann with Guest Speaker - our very own Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus AO FASSA. Topic - The early decades of the Melbourne Film Festival. \$5 including afternoon tea.
- Tuesday 27** 2:30pm - **Executive Meeting** at the home of Jenny and Ian
- Wednesday 28** 2:00pm - Visit to Jewish Museum of Australia to see their flagship Exhibition for 2023: Celebrating the remarkable story of Marc Chagall. Cost \$17.50. Meet at Museum. Registration with Irene

Coming up in July:

- Tuesday 4** Program will begin at 2:00pm sharp
 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.
 Cost \$25 - includes afternoon tea.
 This will be a one-off screening. See flyer on page 14.
<https://events.humanitix.com/babi-yar>

What's on in August:

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus (5th), P/P Adrienne Perch (6th), Rebecca Pillai (27th), Dr Robert Goldman (30th)

MAZAL TOV: P/P Wendy Waller on the birth of her 5th great grandson in Israel. Good luck to Barbara Wolfson in her new abode.

REFUAH SHLEIMA: P/P Ruth Figdor- wishing her a quick recovery.

DONATIONS: Judi and Peter Schiff OAM

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir



Every Sunday 11:00 am - **Sunday morning "get-together"**

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.

What's on in June:

Saturday 24 7:00pm - **Popcorn, Pizza & Movie Night**

Movie "Amal" - When Amal, a poor autorickshaw driver, impresses an eccentric millionaire with his humility and humanity, he unknowingly becomes the old man's beneficiary.

\$10 members, \$20 non-members. Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/CHVNQ

At the Flitman home.

Sunday 18

11:00am - **Member coffee and chat** get together at the Umbrella Lounge -

338-340 Glenhuntly Rd. Eddie Moses and Max Lasky will entertain us with a program of Jewish Musical Melodies. Small cover charge for charity. Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards. RSVP Eleanor Aghion by 13 June. See flyer on pg 4.

Coming up 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 12.

Sunday 16

2:00pm - **Duldig Studio Visit.** Details TBA

Saturday 22

7:30pm - **Mind Games.** This night is not about what you know but how you think. Puzzles, riddles, and fund challenges.

\$20 Members, \$30 Non-members. Light supper provided.

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/mind-games>. See flyer on page 16.

The following members celebrate their birthdays in May:

Frank Newman (4th), Brian Schauer (5th), Lillian Oblat (8th), Sarah Jarny (10th), Sandy Kaplan (26th), Allan Bernhardt (27th)

Condolences to Selwyn Lever on the passing of his mother-in-law.

Welfare: If you know of anyone else in an unfortunate situation, please contact Leon Nissen.

If you know of anyone who is celebrating a Simcha or birth of a grandchild, please contact Karin Zafir.



Len Hain from Hatzolah

UNIT AKIBA

Co-Presidents: Helen Fisher / Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott



Welcome to new members Joseph & Sharon Gluck!
We hope you enjoy what we have on offer.

What's on in June:

Wednesday 14 7:30pm - **Executive Committee** meeting on Zoom.

Sunday 18 7:30pm - **Annual General Meeting** at the home of Denise Le Bransky. Memorial service for Robert Mense. Andrew Kolb to give a music presentation. Contact Denise

Wednesday 21 8:00-9:30pm - **Visit to Bendigo Art Gallery** (42 View St) to see the exhibition "Designing a Nation". Exhibition is free. Train leaves Southern Cross at 9:05am or carpool. Lunch after the gallery. RSVP to Miriam by June 4.

Coming up in July:

Sunday 2 3:00pm - **Unit Akiba Welcome Afternoon at Nogga Cafe**
 RSVP Brian Lubner

Wednesday 12 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. \$35 per person for Kosher Israeli Dinner. Guest Speaker Peter Kohn. Enquiries to Suzanne Goldin. See flyer on page 15.

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 15.

The following members celebrate their birthdays in May:

Benny Monheit (5th), Tanya Tescher (13th), Mary Klein (18th) and Denise Le Bransky (25th)

Mazel Tov to Karen and Richard Neumann on the birth of their granddaughter Liran Lily Neumann Goldwasser, daughter to Debbie and Jona.

We wish a Refuah Shleima to Ruth Figdor and 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



Welcome to new member Irene Port!
We hope you enjoy what we have on offer.

What's on in June:

- Sunday 4** 2:30 - 5:00pm - **Hatikvah Fundraiser** will be an afternoon of Trivia Fun. Quizmaster extraordinaire, Iain Messer will keep us on our toes. Come along for a fun afternoon with friends and family to support Guide Dogs, Israel, and the Grace Tame Foundation (supporter of child sexual abuse survivors). Please see flyer on page 5 for more details.
<https://events.humanitix.com/hatikvah>
- Sunday 25** Time TBC - **Regular meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre may not proceed. Possible movie at LBC or an outing. Please check the weekly B'nai B'rith updates closer to the date.

Coming up in July:

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

Happy Birthday to Iain Messer (2nd), Alan Harvey (8th), Eva Sommers (11th), Sol Benporath (13th)

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 June:

- Sunday 4** Morning - Evelyn will lead a medium walk in the Cape Schank area along clifftop tracks and coastal vegetation.
- Wednesday 14** Morning - Midweek walk around Emerald Hill in South Melbourne led by Vardit and Ron.
- Sunday 18** Morning - Walk leaders' meeting. Please contact Vardit if you're interested in becoming a walk leader.
- Sunday 25** Morning - SOHW walk in Kinglake National Park walking the Mason's Falls circuit. The walk will be led by Evelyn and Malcolm
- Sunday 2 July** Morning - Medium walk, venue and walk leader not yet confirmed.

MELBOURNE MITZVAH LODGE

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



What's on in June

- Monday 5** 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting** at Danielle Schilling's home
- Wednesday 7** 7:30pm - **Executive Meeting** at Danielle Schilling's home
- Wednesday 14** 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann
 Guest Speaker: Jock Orkin. Topic: Remember Munich- his experiences and recollections of the 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre
- Sunday 25** 2:30pm - Movie screening of "The Flash" at the Classic Cinema, Elsternwick.
 All members and friends invited to join.
 \$25 Adults, \$20 Students.
 Afternoon tea buffet will follow screening.
 Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/flash>

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

David Boymal, Margaret Fischer, Anna Gdanski, Farlie Nassau, Jeffrey Shapiro, Brian Schauer, Vivian Weldon

Devorah Zmood requests that members send dates of their birthdays.

Welfare of Members:

We wish a Refuah Shleima to:

- to Sandra Farber who is recovering from hip surgery
- to Judy Kolt who is recovering from a fall
- to Brian Schauer, Margaret Masur, Kathy Deutsch and Hilary Friedland who have been unwell

Donations to Making A Difference:

Generous donations received from:

Martha and Nafti Vanderhoek in honour of Morris Frankl 90th birthday and Marilyn Mandie's birthday.

* From Bette and Peter Pulver in honour of Sandra Farber's 80th Birthday and for Morris Tobias's birthday

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.



OUT AND ABOUT

A very happy Mitzvah group in Torquay

A very successful outing away! The weather was kind to us, enabling outdoor activities of sightseeing, strolling and even golf. Some members drove to Geelong to see new exhibitions at the Geelong Art Gallery. Others went to Narana Aboriginal Culture Centre and the Great Ocean Rd Chocolaterie. The RACV resort was first class. 46 Members enjoyed the facilities, attended quilting classes lead by President Janet, played bridge, used the pool and gym, and lounged together to relax and chat. In the evenings we joined for dinner, at the resort and local eateries. Everyone felt that they had a lot of fun, good company and went home very relaxed.



OUT AND ABOUT

Journey of Care for the Ageing

The Journey of Care for the Ageing event, with The Social Blueprint and Caulfield Shule, was an enlightening and informative evening, with much food for thought. We extend our immense gratitude to our wonderful presenters, Rodney Horin, Tull Roseby and Jessica Kinnear, who shared their valuable insights and expertise in the field of aged care, retirement living and home care. Information provided at the evening, as well as the video recording of the speakers and their presentations, is available at www.thesocialblueprint.org.au.

Since the event we have had a very generous offer from Jodi Samuels who is an Assessment Clinician for ACAS My Aged Care Assessment Service to run a 45-minute session on how to navigate and understand the My Aged Care pathway and the resources available. Please register your interest in a session of this nature [here](#).

L-R: Rodney Horin, Rabbi Daniel Rabin, Sharon Lowe, Gregg Lowe, Ellana Aarons, Tull Roseby



Packed house!



Glen Eira Council Volunteer Recognition Awards

Mazel Tov to the B'nai B'rith recipients of the Glen Eira Council 2023 Volunteer Awards, which were presented on Wednesday 17 May at Glen Eira Town Hall. We are very proud of our members!

Evelyn Flitman - nominated for her initiative in representing B'nai B'rith in environmental matters and for her work as Chairperson of the B'nai B'rith Menorah Awards.

Gerry Hamer - nominated for her work with the Calico Dolls program.

Kath Kolb - nominated for her many leadership roles within Akiba Unit and B'nai B'rith Victoria.

Norm Tendler - nominated for his many hours of volunteering for the Raoul Wallenberg Unit, coordinating the Raoul Wallenberg Study Grants and related events.

Deirdre Wainrit - nominated for her efforts in spearheading B'nai B'rith Fellowship Concerts.

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



Click here

Volunteers needed for Gallery Roster! **Opening Ceremony: Sunday 18 June, 2:00pm**



B'NAI B'RITH 28TH ANNUAL JEWISH YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Painting / Drawing
Mixed Media
Photography

Sculpture
Digital
Video / Animation

Artworks to be displayed in
Glen Eira Town Hall Gallery

**GALLERY OPEN FROM
9TH JUNE TO 2ND JULY**

ENQUIRIES:

(03) 9523 0888 / artcomp@bbvic.org.au
www.bnaibrith.org.au/our-projects/bbvcart

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B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition

BACKGROUND TO THE ART COMPETITION

This competition was the inspiration of the late Morrie Gold, who wished to encourage and promote the interest and confidence of children in art. Morrie believed that B'nai B'rith was the right organisation to fulfil his wish of running an Annual Jewish Youth Art Competition. He left a bequest to B'nai B'rith to achieve these plans. B'nai B'rith has taken up the challenge to organise and hold the exhibition each year. The competition aims to promote artistic competence and a sense of unity among youth of various sections of the Jewish community.

NEW PATRON

Our new patron for 2023 is Jeanne Pratt AC, who kindly agreed to take over the role following the passing of our long-serving patron, the late Lady Anna Cowen AM.

ENTRANTS

The competition is open to Jewish youth between the ages of 11 and 18. Students enter from Jewish day schools, UJEB, state schools and other independent schools who are encouraged to participate.

JUDGES/AWARDS/PRIZES

The artworks are judged by a panel of professionals in the arts industry. Awards and prizes are offered in a variety of age groups and categories, such as Sculpture, Mixed Media, Painting and Drawing, Photography, Portraiture /Caricature and Video/Animation.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

We are pleased to report that currently 200 students have registered entries for 272 artworks.

EXHIBITION DATES/VOLUNTEER ROSTER

The exhibition will be open to the public from Friday 9 June through to Sunday 2 July 2023 inclusive. Please come and support the amazing talent of our students by viewing the exhibition, and volunteering to be on the Gallery roster.

Click [here](#) to volunteer for the gallery roster.

OPENING CEREMONY/AWARDING OF PRIZES

Announcement of winning entries and presentation to prize-winners will take place at the Exhibition opening ceremony at the Glen Eira Council Gallery, **commencing at 2:00 PM on Sunday 18 June**. Cr Jim Magee, Mayor of Glen Eira, will officially open the Exhibition/Competition. Light refreshments will be served.

SPONSORS

The B'nai B'rith Youth Art Competition welcomes Bendigo Bank, Caulfield Park as its major sponsor. We also gratefully acknowledge all other sponsors and B'nai B'rith members for their generous support.

We look forward to your assistance.

Annette Gladwin

Committee member, B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Jewish Ukrainian
Refugee Response

TUESDAY 4 JULY
2:00PM SHARP

COST: \$25

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



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Fellowship Concert

B'nai B'rith's Fellowship concert was held at the Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club on Monday 22 May. Approximately 90 senior citizens enjoyed a wonderful concert performance by husband & wife group "The Dafka Duo". Thank you to coordinator Deirdre Wainrit and all the volunteers!



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
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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.



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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!



B'NAI B'RITH INNOVATIONS BOARD

B'nai B'rith – The future is yours

B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA - THE PLACE TO INNOVATE

B'nai B'rith is currently recruiting for
**Community Innovators and
Changemakers**
to become the face of change
for B'nai B'rith.

Expressions of interest are being sought
from individuals keen to drive community
capacity building through the creation and
implementation of community projects,
initiatives and events.

YOU GET TO DECIDE WHAT COMES NEXT!!

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Strengthening Jewish Life

B'nai B'rith has a history of creating solutions to community challenges, and instigating programs that support those in need. Some of these programs have become fully fledged, independent organisations, like the Anti-Defamation Commission and Courage to Care, others have been taken on and grown by Government or philanthropic agencies whilst others have been short-lived as an immediate crisis dissipates.

Over its history in Australia and New Zealand, B'nai B'rith has taken an instrumental role in developing, supporting or sustaining more than 160 separate projects and programs that have improved people's lives, changed education systems, enhanced community understanding and action in human rights and anti-discrimination in addition to celebrating our community's achievers.

So, why is it that there is so little understanding about B'nai B'rith and the role it plays in our community today?

There are still more than 400 members who remain actively engaged in the organisation. The vast majority of these members have been involved for more than 20 years, some for as long as 50 years. Now we are embarking on an initiative to bring back younger people looking to generate the change they wish to see in the community.

CEO Ellana Aarons invites those wanting to forge the path forward, as our members have forged a path over the last 77 years, to reach out. "We wish to welcome in a new generation of changemakers, providing a space for collaboration and evolution."

The organisation wants to hear from those who have ideas that will enhance the community and strengthen Jewish life. You can bring those ideas to B'nai B'rith for exploration, support and implementation.

We encourage you to share this new initiative with your children and grandchildren. We welcome the younger generation to be part of B'nai B'rith's future.

OUT AND ABOUT

Alkira Secondary College Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony

Approximately 300 students from Alkira Secondary College and Mount Scopus Memorial College and 25 guests from Courage to Care, municipal councils and Raoul Wallenberg Unit joined for a Holocaust Commemoration ceremony on 4 May 2023.

The ceremony was an initiative of Ms Kristine Wolfe, a longstanding teacher at Alkira. Ms Wolfe was the recipient of a Raoul Wallenberg Study Grant in 2012 and has conducted the annual ceremony since that time, inspired by her studies at the Yad Vashem course in which she participated.



Alkira Secondary College students



Peter Gaspar, Holocaust survivor, Courage to Care volunteer



Mount Scopus College students participating in the ceremony



Yael Eaglstein, Yad Vashem educator, visiting Australian schools.



Alkira Secondary College students

Raoul Wallenberg May Activities



1. P/P Dr Peter Schiff presenting a Raoul Wallenberg stamp sheet to thank our guest speaker Joel Burnie, AIJAC Executive Manager AIJAC
2. Lighting the ritual candles: Irene Bud, Rebecca Pillai, Judi Schiff and our octogenarian plus Lotti Philipp
3. Joan Black celebrating her special birthday with friends
4. Joan Vera Unger and Irene Bud

COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE



GLEN EIRA COUNCIL NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK AWARDS

We were delighted that Sabrina Chakman was recognised by Glen Eira Council as part of National Volunteer Week. Sabi contributes to so many areas across our entire organisation. We were also proud to be recognised as a Community Group.



Sabi with her award, the Community Group Certificate, Mike and the Mayor of Glen Eira

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL - MATCHED GIVING

This is the time of year when many families consider making a tax-deductible donation to their preferred charities. We are thrilled to share that thanks to a small group of extremely generous supporters, every donation made will be matched dollar for dollar. We are committed to truly creating a generation of Upstanders, and we couldn't do it without the support of our wonderful community.



OUR NEW SCHOOLS PROGRAM COORDINATOR- WELCOME LEAH NIVEN

Following on from Deb van der Zee joining us last month as our Operations Manager, we have been recruiting for another Schools Program Coordinator (part time role).

We are planning to double our reach in schools over the coming years so we need this additional help.

I am pleased to advise that Leah Niven has joined us. Along with Karen, Leah is responsible for direct communications with schools – overseeing bookings, logistical details and program resources.

Leah's experience in NFP program delivery is of huge benefit in ensuring the programs are delivered smoothly.

Leah moved from the North of England to fulfil her passion to travel and explore different countries and cultures.

We are all very excited to have Leah on the team!

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS OFF TO SCHOOLS

We never get tired of taking photos of our volunteers off to another school.

Below are some images with our volunteers off to Braybrook College, Kerang Technical High and St. Clare's Primary School Thomastown.

We value the increasingly supportive relationship with Ellana and the team at B'nai B'rith and wish all our friends a wonderful month ahead.

Mike Zervos, CEO





MITZVAH DAY

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Sunday 19 November, 2023

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June 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29 May	30	31	1 Jun 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom)	2	3	4 2:30pm HATIKVAH UNIT FUNDRAISER (Leo Baeck Centre (31-37 Harp Road, Kew East Victoria 3102, Australia))
5 7:30pm MML Programming meeting	6 2:30pm RWU Regular Meeting (Beth Weizmann)	7 Hatikvah Activities Meeting 7:30pm MML Exec meeting	8 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom) 7:30pm Exec Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 10:00am Armchair Society	14 7:00pm MML Regular Meeting 7:30pm Akiba Exec meeting (Zoom)	15 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom) 7:30pm Presidents meetings	16	17	18 11:00am GRU get together (Umbrella Lounge Bar (338-340) 2:30pm Jewish Youth Art Competition Opening 7:00pm Akiba AGM
19	20	21 Hatikvah Exec meeting 8:00pm Akiba visit to Bendigo Gallery (42 View St, Bendigo Victoria 3550, Australia)	22 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom)	23	24 7:30pm GRU Movie Night	25 2:30pm MML Movie Screening "The Flash" (Classic Cinemas (9 Gordon Street, Melbourne Victoria 3185, Australia))
26	27 10:00am Armchair Society	28 2:00pm RWU Visit to Jewish Museum	29 11:00am GRU Exercise class (Zoom)	30	1 Jul	2

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