



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the President...on current challenges



I have written this editorial soon after mid-October with the war between Israel and Hamas continuing to unfold. I cannot predict what this will be like in two weeks when Preview will be published. I can only anticipate that more lives will be lost and that in spite of the horrific atrocities committed by Hamas in southern Israel on October the 7th, many in the world will be focusing on the

destruction in Gaza. It is always like that. However, we will remain united behind Israel which tries to avoid civilian casualties and is legitimately aimed at neutralising Hamas.

What practical things can we do to support Israel at this time?

There are many emergency relief agencies to which we can donate, but B'nai B'rith has decided at this stage to suggest two organisations which are providing on the ground support: B'nai B'rith Israel and the United Israel Appeal (UIA) for its Victims of Terror Fund. You can donate to one or both of these via our website at www.bnaibrith.org.au/victoria.



Although it is difficult to think of any other issues or challenges at this time, due to the awful conditions facing Israel, two others do come to mind.

The B'nai B'rith AGM

This will be in the evening on Thursday 9th November at Beth Weizmann, and I have been nominated to complete a second term as President. You will have received an invitation, agenda and papers for the AGM by email. Remember that if you are unable to attend in person, it would be great if you complete the proxy form and consider voting to update the constitution so that we can vote in qualified people to Executive positions. This modernisation process is necessary as the current constitution states that only a previous Unit president or vice president can stand for these positions on the BBVic Exec. With the ageing of our membership, it is important to remove this outdated restriction. For example, this year, we will have the highly qualified Andrew Markus AO standing for the vice presidential position.

This opportunity has arisen because our current Vice President, Jack Aghion, is standing down. Jack has worked tirelessly in so many areas of B'nai B'rith and I thank him for his enormous energy and devotion to our organisation.

First Nations Reconciliation

You will recall that the B'nai B'rith Victoria Executive decided to support the Yes vote for the referendum, knowing and encouraging individual members to vote according to their own consciences. I don't regret that the Executive was prepared to declare its position. While the Yes campaign lost the referendum, Aboriginal reconciliation remains important to us. It is a part of our commitment to human rights, and we will continue to stand up for First Nations reconciliation and welfare whenever we can.

At the moment, Israel remains uppermost in my mind. But I plan to give a full report at the AGM on the many worthwhile activities that B'nai B'rith continues to do. I hope to see you there.

Peter Schattner, *President*

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Mitzvot during the day and celebrate our
Community's volunteers at night
Menorah Awards Ceremony
7pm – November 19, 2024

News from BBANZ



At the time of writing my 78 year old cousin Margalit is still being held hostage by Hamas somewhere in Gaza. We don't know whether she is still alive, together with approximately 150 other hostages.

At times like this we hope and pray. The rest is up to the Israeli army.

It is fantastic how our Jewish community in Australia has come together. I know many of our members have already made donations to the various Appeals and Bnai Brith's roof body BBANZ has also made a large donation to the UIA appeal on behalf of our members.

In addition, I have received a request from the President of B'nai B'rith Israel, Emanuel Cohen, asking us to help the war effort by providing funds to B'nai B'rith Israel. They are using all their Lodges and members to provide assistance to the residents of the villages near Gaza which were severely damaged and to the soldiers of the IDF units participating in the battles.

Our other BBANZ activities have been postponed for the time being, including our Lithuania lecture and our proposed delegation to visit Lodges in Israel.

Am Israel Chai!

Benny Monheit
President BBANZ



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**Israel at War -
B'nai B'rith Israel Appeal**



MELBOURNE MITZVAH ACTIVITIES



Janet Machliss-Kohn sharing her tips for senior travellers



Danielle Schilling thanking Janet Machliss-Kohn for her term as President of MML



Danielle Schilling's presentation on French Jews



Happy group of Mitzvah members and friends at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery for the Archibald Exhibition Tour

GESHER-RABIN AT UMBRELLA LOUNGE

On October 15, Harry Lew talked about his book 'Patterson of Israel'.



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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA
To be held on Thursday 9 November 2023
at 7:30 PM at Beth Weizmann Community Centre

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM held on Thursday 10 November 2022

2. President's Report

3. Council Reports for the preceding financial year.

4. Special business:

a. Vote on Resolution 1

That Rule 26.1 be changed:

From: 'To be eligible to hold the office of President or Vice President of the Association a Member must be a Past President of a Constituent of B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand.'

To: 'To be eligible to hold the office of President or Vice President of the Association the candidate must be an eligible Member of the Association.'

b. Vote on Resolution 2 below

That, in accordance with Rule 26.5, it is agreed that Stephen Moskowitz be permitted to serve an additional 2-year term in the role of Treasurer of the VBBC.

5. Election of officers of the Association

6. Treasurer's Report – table audited financial statement for preceding financial year and 2023/24 Budget

7. Appoint an Auditor.

Guest Speaker: At the conclusion of the formalities, we will have the pleasure of hearing from a special Guest Speaker – Daniel Tuksar, UIA Shaliach for Victoria. *He is 44 and was born in Zagreb, Croatia. He made Aliyah to Israel in 1996. Daniel holds a BA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in International Relations and MA from the Tel Aviv University in History. He has been working in the non-profit world for the past 20 years and is extremely excited to be able to be a part of the Melbourne community, expand the bonds it has with Israel and further develop the fantastic work KH-UIA does for the People of Israel. Daniel is married to Hila and a father of three boys.*

NOTE: the monthly meeting of the VBBC will follow immediately after the conclusion of the AGM.
Devorah Zmood
Secretary

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B'NAI B'RITH ARMCHAIR SOCIETY

Current Affairs Discussion
with Ron James



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Have fun and raise money for the Tachlit-Meir Centre for Youth at High Risk in Sderot and the Israeli Guide Dog Institute in Bet Oved

Includes prizes, silent auction, delicious supper, nibbles and drinks

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SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

BOOKINGS: \$30 MEMBERS / \$40 NON-MEMBERS

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At Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club

23 Tyrone St, Ormond

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**TRIVIA
NIGHT**



ARMCHAIR SOCIETY

On October 17, the Hon. Michael Danby shared his thoughts and perspective on the war in Israel to a capacity crowd.



Greg Sheridan AO, Foreign Editor of the Australian, drew a huge crowd on October 3. He captivated the audience with his erudite, articulate and at times humorous perspective on the topic of Israel and Australia - Democracy in Dangerous Times.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ron James for spearheading and organising this fantastic program! We greatly appreciate your efforts in finding great speakers and keeping us abreast of important issues in the world today.

RAOUL WALLENBERG UNIT

1985 - 2023 - Some of the highlights of the past 38 years...

1985 14 July Institution of Raoul Wallenberg Unit No. 3247, Initiation of 50 Charter members and the Installation of the first Executive by then District President Hans Mueller at B'nai B'rith House, Melbourne.
First meeting – Action Wallenberg Committee is formed.



1988 First Raoul Wallenberg Tree planted in Caulfield Park. Subsequent 'honour' trees – **1989** Canberra by then Prime Minister Bob Hawke AC; Mount Scopus College Burwood, and in Anderson Park, Hawthorn East; **1994** in the Domain by Lady Anna Cowen AM; **2003** St Kilda Town Hall forecourt – tree planted and contemplative seat erected.

1990 Inaugural Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award presented to The Hon Joan Child AO; subsequent recipients were: **1993** Mr Robert Greenwood QC; **1996** The Rev Professor Robert Anderson AM; **2000** Mr Lars-Erik Wingren MBA, then Swedish Ambassador to Australia; **2002** The Rev Tim Costello AO; and **2006** Emeritus Professor Sir Gustav Nossal AC CBE FAA FRS.

1992 Courage to Care launched in conjunction with the Jewish Museum of Australia and the Jewish Holocaust Centre; official opening held at the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation; a major travelling, educational exhibition since 2001; an on-going project of B'nai B'rith Victoria.

1998 First three Yad Vashem Teachers' Study Grants; in **2006** the project was named the Pauline Glass Yad Vashem Study Grants; by **2011**, over 60 teachers had participated in the Yad Vashem Course in Jerusalem; **2016**: renamed the Raoul Wallenberg Study Grants – then totalling some 100 teachers through the Yad Vashem course – a major on-going project – so far (and together with the Gandel Foundation), 380 teachers have been sent to Israel.

2010 A limited edition of 1,000 Raoul Wallenberg Stamp Sheets released in conjunction with Australia Post and Max Stern & Co., as a fund-raising project. 25th Anniversary Dinner of our Unit and launch of the limited edition of Raoul Wallenberg Stamp Sheets by Mr Jan Anger, son of the late Per Anger, the Swedish Diplomat who worked with Raoul Wallenberg in saving Jews in Budapest, Hungary in 1944-1945.

2013 RAOUL WALLENBERG BECOMES AUSTRALIA'S FIRST and ONLY HONORARY CITIZEN at a ceremony at Government House, Canberra on May 6.

2015 Through the efforts of Raoul Wallenberg Unit members, a Raoul Wallenberg Australia Post stamp was issued on 5 October in an issue honouring three international humanitarians; the others were Mother Teresa, Honorary AC, and Nelson Mandela, Honorary AC.
Unit Re'ut merges with Raoul Wallenberg Unit in May 2015.

2018 Shalom Menorah Unit merged with Raoul Wallenberg Unit in February.

2023 In January, Raoul Wallenberg Day was celebrated for the first time, with Keynote Speaker, The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, Attorney-General of Australia, and hosted by the City of Port Phillip, replacing the annual Raoul Wallenberg Commemoration held in previous years.

On 29 October **2023**, at a function in the Pavilion at Caulfield Park, Raoul Wallenberg Unit merges with Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge. The new entity becomes Melbourne Lodge No 1547, returning to the original title and number of the first B'nai B'rith Lodge in Victoria instituted in 1945.

Babi Yar Commemorative Concert Screening

On Tuesday 3 October, the Raoul Wallenberg Unit had the honour to listen to and watch a screening of the Concert held at Hamer Hall in 2017 commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Babi Yar massacres. Joining the guests were the vocalist who performed at that concert, Adrian Tamburini, along with Irene Gorodetsky, daughter of the only survivor. A huge thank you Jacqui Corry, George Deutsch and many others who were so committed to this function.



Vocalist who performed at that concert, Adrian Tamburini



Irene Gorodetsky, daughter of the only survivor



George Deutsch



Akiba Ten Pin Bowling



GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir

Welcome to new members Marvin Bude and Barbara Gelfand!
We hope you enjoy what we have on offer.

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

Exercise Classes - After 3 years, we have decided that the classes have served their purpose and will not continue. Thanks to Leon Nissen for leading us so ably.

What's on in November:

Sunday 12 7:30pm - **Annual Trivia Fundraiser.** Annual fundraiser for Israel
<https://tinyurl.com/GRUTRIVIA2023>.

Sunday 19 10:00am - 2:00pm - **Mitzvah Day Collect-a-Thon.** See the Friday weekly email or
<https://www.jeco.org.au/reverse-garage-sale> for more details.

7:30pm - **Menorah Awards** at Beth Weizmann.

Sunday 26 11:00am - **Members' coffee and chat** get together at the Umbrella Lounge, 338-340 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick.
 Romy Zyngier is Climate scientist who worked for the Victorian Government specialising in evaluation, monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of bushfire management on public land. Now she's a Senior Research Manager at Climateworks. She will talk to us about reality of climate change.
 Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards. RSVP Eleanor Aghion.

Coming up in December:

Sunday 17 11:00am - **Member coffee and chat** get together at the Umbrella Lounge - 338-340 Glenhuntly Rd.
 Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards.
 RSVP Eleanor Aghion by 10 October.

Tuesday 12 6:00pm - **Chanukah Party** at a private home. It will include a donut making demonstration by our renowned baker Stephen Schmideg and explanation of the meaning of Chanukah by Jock Orkin. Contact Karin Zafir for more details.

The following members celebrate their birthday in November:

Malcolm Flitman (1st), Jack Aghion (2nd), Tom Reisner (9th), Eleanor Aghion (10th), Eva Pragier (15th)

Refuah Shleima to Frank Newman, Sandy Kaplan and Irene Kirschner

UNIT AKIBA

President: Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott

What's on in November:

- Tuesday 7** 1:00pm - **Melbourne Cup Day Picnic.** Alnutt Park, Wheatley Rd, McKinnon. Please bring your own food, drink, table, chair, friends and a happy face!
- Monday 13** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee Meeting** on Zoom. Apologies to Henry Winfield. Agenda and Zoom link will be sent prior to meeting.
- Thursday 16** 8:00 - 9:30pm - **Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** Featuring "Free as a Jew" by Ruth Wise. Presented by Evelyn Chizik. More details to follow, inquiries Peter Schattner at non-fiction@bbvic.org.au
- Sunday 19** 10:00am - 12:00pm - **Mitzvah Day Volunteering at Impact for Women**
At 14 George St, Sandringham. If possible, bring new soaps, creams, chocolates etc. We will be packing goodies for Christmas for women fleeing violence. Seated jobs are available. After we are going to have lunch at Sebastian's, 301/303 Hampton Street Hampton. If you can help, please let Miriam Sztrajt.

Coming up in December:

- Saturday 9** Time TBA - **Movie Night**, times and choice of films will be advised closer to the date. Inquiries Fay.
- Monday 11** 7:30pm - **Executive Committee Meeting** on Zoom. Apologies to Henry Winfield. Agenda and Zoom link will be sent prior to meeting.
- Monday 25** 1:00pm - **Picnic** in Central Park. Meet under trees near cnr Central Park Road and Kingston Street Malvern. Please bring a chair, food and drinks and friends.
- Sunday 31** **New Years Eve Function.** *This will be finalised closer to the date.*

The following members celebrate their birthday in November:

Rita Baynash (1st), Cheryl Rubinstein (4th), and Alice Peer (5th)

Mazeltov to Bennie and Denise Monheit on the birth of their granddaughter Riley Sienna and parents Richard and Pia.

Mazeltov to Ron and Vardit Sacks-Davis on the birth of their twin granddaughters in Canada to parents Kerrin and Shanon.

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

What's on in November:

- Tuesday 7** 10:30am - **Cup Day walk and lunch** at LBC, Harp Rd. E. Kew.
10:30am drop of food to share, 11:00am start walk, 12:30 pm Lunch to share,
3:00pm Sweep and watch race.
- Sunday 19** 9:30 - 11:30am - **Calico Dolls** face-to-face at Hamers' home for Mitzvah Day.
Call Gerry closer to date to confirm if you are coming.
- 7:30pm - **Menorah Awards.** See page for details

Coming up in December:

- Sunday 3 December** *End of year break up for 2023*
Movie Night - film about Theodore Hertzl. At LBC Harp Rd. East Kew
Please bring a small plate to share for supper.

Happy Birthday to Claude Fromm (13th), Lorna Friedman (16th), Julius Somers (16th) and Len Rose (18th).

We wish a Refuah Shleima and a speedy recovery to Ruth and Michael Taft and any members who are not feeling their usual selves.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



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What's on in November:

- Sunday 5** *Morning* - Julie will lead a medium walk along the Main Yarra Trail from Candlebark Park to Tikalara Park in Templestowe.
- Wednesday 15** *Morning* - Easy city walk led by Fairlie and Dennis, destination not confirmed.
- Friday 24 - Monday 27** *Four day weekend* - Eitan and Boris will be lead a number of different walks along the Great South West Walk. Those interested should contact both of them soon.

MELBOURNE LODGE NO 1547

NEW

President: Danielle Schilling
Vice-President: Morris Tobias
Preview: Dr John Kohn

Dear Members,

In this current unprecedentedly disturbing and distressing time we affirm our commitment and support to Israel. We pray that peace will be restored as soon as possible. Many of you have family and friends living in Israel and their safety must weigh heavily on you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Past Events:

- Danielle Schilling gave a very interesting presentation on 'French Jews throughout history and modern times'.
- Janet Machliss Kohn gave a lighthearted account of her travels - "The Good, Bad and Ugly - Tips for Senior Travellers".
- Archibald Exhibition Tour- Excursion to the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery.

What's on in November

Wednesday 8 7:30pm - 1st Regular Meeting at Beth Weizmann.
 Guest speaker Merryl Sacher, owner of Mosaic workshop

A hearty Mazel Tov to members who are celebrating their birthdays in November: from Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

Myrna Bishops (2nd), Rachel Boymal (28th), Rene Eisner (22nd), Cedric Gould (11th), Marilyn Gross, Doreen Hermann (9th), Fay Kaufman (3rd), Maxine Klarnet (28th), Barbara Mushin (3rd), Rodney Taft (8th), Aviva Taft (18th), Deidre Wainrit (13th), Devorah Zmood (28th).

from Raoul Wallenberg Unit

Dr Anne White (11th), Ben Slonim (18th), Harry Better OAM (25th)

Mazel Tov also to::

Pola and Harry Better on the birth of a great-granddaughter in England.
 Michèle Huppert on the birth of a great-grandson, Augie, in Melbourne; and on the engagement of her granddaughter, Dina, to Ron here in Melbourne.
 Judi and Dr Peter Schiff on the forthcoming marriage of their grandson Nathan Companez and Tamsin Gordon in Trentham, Victoria, in November.

DONATIONS - thank you: Editta Matessi, Michele Huppert

We extend our condolences to Ruth Yaffe on the passing of her husband Leonard Yaffe O.A.M.
 We wish a Refuah Shleima to any members who may be unwell.

DONATIONS TO "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE:

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MELBOURNE MITZVAH INSTALLATION & RAOUL WALLENBERG MERGER

Melbourne Mitzvah and Raoul Wallenberg marked their merger with a delightful luncheon at the Caulfield Park Pavilion on Sunday, October 29th.

Newly elected President, Danielle Schilling, used a vivid analogy to describe the work at B'nai B'rith. She likened it to a fire line: at the beginning, someone is scooping water from a dam, and at the end, someone is pouring that water onto the fire. In between, there is a chain of helpers passing the bucket from hand to hand. Every individual in this line plays a crucial role in accomplishing the task. Similarly, in the B'nai B'rith family, every member is vital. Some contribute ideas, others assist in their execution, and some, merely by their presence, help raise funds for worthy causes.

Israel was at the forefront of everyone's minds and prayers were said for the safety of our soldiers and brothers and sisters in Israel.



*Bianca Stern,
recipient of
the 2022
Jenny
Goldberg
Community
Service
Grant*



Fellowship Concert

B'nai B'rith Fellowship hosted a concert for senior citizens at the Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club on September 4. Vivacious entertainers Vered Harel and Corey Fooks had the 90 audience participants clapping & singing along to their popular numbers.



B'NAI B'RITH FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

**FREE MITZVAH DAY CONCERT &
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Featuring versatile singer
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Venue: Glen Eira McKinnon Bowling Club
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Time: 2:30pm

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FELLOWSHIP CONCERT**



UPCOMING EVENTS

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together with the Jewish Ecological Coalition (JECO)

invites you to the annual Mitzvah Day

Reverse Garage Sale / Collect-a-thon

Bring your unwanted goods from this [list](#) and we'll arrange for them to be repurposed, reused or recycled.

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 10AM - 2PM

37 Margaret St, Carnegie

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We are pleased to invite the community to the presentation of the 2023 Menorah Awards.

The Awards recognise the services to the community of volunteers who have given of themselves over long periods of time.

Recipients:

Jeff Degen Andrew Jakobovits
Mandi Katz Fred Seligmann

Keynote Speaker:

Rabbi Ralph Genende OAM

Topic: "Living in an upside-down world"

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

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B'NAI B'RITH MENORAH AWARDS



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JEWISH NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

The most recent meeting of the Non-Fiction Book Club (NFBC) was held at the Gladwins' home where Annette led a vigorous discussion on Deborah Lipstadt's book, *"Antisemitism: here and now"*. Annette and Henry's family room was filled with an enthusiastic crowd who took up the challenge of trying to answer Annette's curly questions on why the 'progressive' left holds some beliefs that many people say is antisemitic, what the relationship of Israel is to antisemitism and how we as individuals should confront antisemitism if we come across it in our daily lives.



The NFBC has been in existence for more than 10 years and it covers a wide range of Jewish-themed non-fiction topics including general Jewish history, biography, Israel/Middle East, antisemitism and Holocaust studies, religion and culture, and historical fiction. This is a serious discussion group which shares not only opinions but enables participants to increase their knowledge of Jewish subjects.

The NFBC meets every two months and information about forthcoming books and how to find out more about the club is included in the weekly B'nai B'rith Update and also on the B'nai B'rith Victoria website.

Peter Schattner (Chair of NFBC, non-fiction@bbvic.org.au)

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

Featuring "Free As A Jew" by Ruth Wisse.
Presented by Evelyn Chizik.

Wisse is a towering figure in the Jewish world, with a brilliant career in Yiddish and Jewish literature.

"Ruth Wisse's intellectual autobiography is a lasting work of profound moral force and scathing political discernment; of a passionately lived education that is itself a transforming education for the reader; of a family record of refuge and character that is also the history of a people.

And more: at its fiery heart is the teaching of a language and its literature – Yiddish, born and rooted in polyglot Europe, while its storytellers and poets everywhere and always retain the meanings of Genesis."

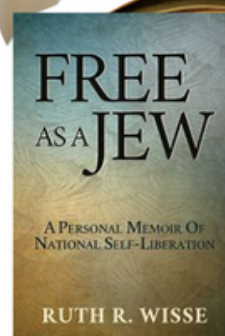
"Free as a Jew can be read as a history of the future. Its illuminations are likely to be as urgent one hundred years hence as they are now." Cynthia Ozick

Please note that after this session, we will begin the process of selecting the books for 2024.

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2023, 8:00-9:30pm

At Evelyn'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.



Bernard J. Lustig Scholarship Alumni Event

It only took 67 years, but finally an event to bring together an illustrious group, the Bernard J Lustig Alumni Scholarship alumni took place in September. In addition to presenting the 2023 recipients, a facilitated panel discussion with three alumni who shared their experience and continued journey proved most inspiring.



Isabel Gelb, Tali Borowick, Yaffa Bart



Panel: Philip Zajac, Dr Simone Sandler, Gary Samowitz



Bernard J. Lustig Scholarship Trustees



Lustig Scholarship Alumni

COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE



WORLD EVENTS

Our attention over recent weeks has been dominated by the heinous events unfolding in Israel. Of utmost importance has been supporting each other and the welfare of our community. We have also reached out to many groups offering support.

We have visited and are staying connected with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria offering support. Given our broader community reach, we have been trying to communicate with as many parts of the wider community as possible. Here are some actions:

- 1) Catholic Education. Leadership of Edmund Rice Aust. have been in touch to offer their support. We have reaffirmed our commitment to their schools.
- 2) Independent Schools Victoria. We have arranged to meet with them/presentation to discuss getting into more of their schools.
- 3) Rally promotion to local School Principals. We have reached out to Principals at Glen Eira SC, Cheltenham, McKinnon, and Brighton SC and sent them the flyer for the rally.
- 4) Susan McLean, CyberSafety Solutions. We have contacted leading commentator on child safety matters. Fully briefed and has offered her support. She tends to get lots of media, mainly about cyber bullying. Mentions us in all her teacher PD's.
- 5) Greek media. Sent them the flyer for the rally.
- 6) B'nai B'rith. Attending the Committee meeting and updated on all actions.
- 7) Communicated with the Council of Christians and Jews.
- 8) Emailed all volunteers with suggested responses to questions from students.
- 9) We are briefing all volunteers visiting school trying to remind them to keep calm and not engage in any political or emotive debate.
- 10) We are contacting each school ensuring they are sensitive to the anxiety of our volunteers and ensuring they take extra care with our volunteers and are cognizant of any reactions or commentary from their students.
- 11) We have offered a coffee morning tea instead of our usual C2C Conversations. Just a safe, supportive environment if anyone wants one.

The overwhelming feedback we are getting is that the education we offer is needed more than ever.

We hope you and your families are all keeping safe.

Mike Zervos, CEO

B'nai B'rith
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EMERGENCY
APPEAL**

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30 Oct	31	1 Nov Hatikvah Activities Meeting	2 7:30pm Exec Meeting	3	4	5 Ramblers Walk
6	7 11:00am Hatikvah Melbourne Cup Walk (Leo Baeck Centre) 1:00pm Akiba Melbourne Cup Day Picnic (Alnutt)	8 7:00pm ML Regular Meeting	9 7:30pm B'nai B'rith Victoria AGM	10	11	12 7:00pm GRU Trivia Fundraiser
13 7:30pm Akiba Executive Cttee Meeting (Zoom)	14 10:00am Armchair Society 7:30pm Presidents meetings	15 Hatikvah Exec meeting Ramblers Walk	16 8:00pm Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club	17	18	19 Mitzvah Day 9:30am Calico Dolls 10:00am Akiba Mitzvah Day Volunteering at 7:30pm Menorah Awards
20 2:30pm Fellowship Concert (Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club (Bowls Club, Tyrone Street, Ormond Victoria)	21	22	23	24 Ramblers weekend	25 Ramblers weekend	26 Ramblers weekend 11:00am GRU get together (Umbrella) 8:00pm Hatikvah Regular Meeting
27 Ramblers weekend	28 Ramblers weekend 10:00am Armchair Society	29	30	1 Dec	2	3

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