



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW

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TOGETHER WE WILL WIN

Message from the President...on what B'nai B'rith does during the war in Gaza



As I write this editorial, there are increasing reports of a deal to release some of the hostages, but nothing is definite as yet. The fate of the hostages, the war itself and the repercussions for Jews world-wide dominate our thoughts and have pushed our other commitments into a lower order of importance.

Nevertheless, life still goes on, and while we are all grappling with the best way to continue with our scheduled plans, we accept that we cannot give up on everything.

This also applies to B'nai B'rith and its events. One of these was the recent AGM when I, along with Andrew Markus AO as VP, Devorah Zmood as Secretary and Stephen Moskowitz as Treasurer were elected unopposed for two years. I thank everyone for their support.

The weekly B'nai B'rith Update will indicate that as we close out the year, there is much that is happening, and you have many options to participate in activities of your choice. But even with all that is going on here, my mind keeps returning to what we see, hear and read about on a daily basis, which is the war in Gaza. And I ask myself: What can we do here in Melbourne to support our incredibly brave brothers and sisters in Israel?

Probably the best thing we can do is to donate money to support all the things that need to be done in Israel. I am pleased that B'nai B'rith has been able to raise a substantial amount of money for B'nai B'rith Israel - to date some \$40,000 from BBNSW, \$10,000 from BBANZ and more than \$13,000 from B'nai B'rith Victoria which includes donations from Units and individual members. In addition, we have also supported the UIA Victims of Terror Fund. If you wish to contribute to these appeals, you can do so via our web page at www.bnaibrith.org.au/victoria.

B'nai B'rith has also participated in meetings with other communal organisations as we all work to support the countless activities being undertaken everyday. Finally and importantly, B'nai B'rith members continue to come together, discussing how we can meet the challenges of being Jews in the diaspora where pro-Hamas and antisemitic sentiment is far more common than we had believed, we can help support each other.

Peter Schattner, 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



Following the almost miraculous hostage release of my cousin Margalit in Gaza a few days ago, I feel some relief for the first time in weeks. She is feeling OK and is staying with relatives near her kibbutz in Nir Oz. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in my wait and we now hope that all the other hostages will similarly be set free by the brutal terrorists.



On a wider picture, I want to thank our B'nai B'rith members throughout Australia and New Zealand for their extraordinary financial support for Israel during this war. We have raised over \$60,000 so far. Of this \$10,000 has been sent to UIA and the rest to Bnai Brith Israel where it is being used to help civilians and soldiers to cope with the changes required to live through this horrendous period. The Vice President of BB Israel Ilan Shchori has been in regular correspondence with us and wishes to thank you all for your donations. He is writing a report for us on how the money is being spent and we will circulate this when it arrives.

The atrocities by Hamas on October 7th will change our understanding of the world forever. In particular the shocking shallowness of many western countries and society groups who have completely sided with the Palestinians and refused to condemn Hamas. As the editorial in The Australian newspaper on 22 November pointed out: "The current war is not just about Israel and Hamas- it is about Western societies in terms of our values." The trend towards identity politics where white people or 'majority groups' are always blamed for oppression, colonialism and fascism irrespective of the facts on the ground is a destructive ideology.

Bnai Brith has been active in multiple public forums over the past six weeks. We started with a wonderful talk organised by Ron James and BBVic staff by the journalist Greg Sheridan, followed by a sombre analysis of the middle east situation by Michael Danby. Many of us attended rallies in Caulfield Park and Federation Square and Units fundraised specifically for Israel. We wrote to politicians and worked with our roof bodies in Australia – JCCV and Executive Council of Australian Jewry (ECAJ). Similar action was taking place in Bnai Brith Lodges in Sydney.

Last week I attended the AGM of of the ECAJ as B'nai B'rith is on their Board of Management. It's a well run professional organisation which has the ready ear of government. Much time was spent on discussing how our community should respond to the extraordinary rise of antisemitism in Australia. Basically it is to call it out wherever we see it so that it does not become the acceptable norm in our society. Special attention needs to be given to Universities and young people, many of whom do not know much history of Israel and the consequences of antisemitism. Click [here](#) to read an article from the Wall Street Journal on this issue.

Let us hope and pray that peace will come and Israel remains strong.

I am working on organising a delegation of our BB members to visit Israel, especially to see our projects there, and meet Israeli BB members early next year if there is peace on the ground.

Benny Monheit
President BBANZ

Click on the image below to donate

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH ARMCHAIR SOCIETY

In partnership with the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia

**BONUS SESSION!
TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER**

**UIA SHALIACH
DANIEL TUKSAR**



"ISRAEL UPDATE"

10:00AM

FREE ENTRY



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MENORAH AWARDS

On Sunday 19 November, members of the Jewish community gathered to honour the recipients of the 2023 B'nai B'rith Menorah Awards.

Jeff Degen
Andrew Jakobovits
Mandi Katz
Fred Seligmann

Chair of the Menorah Awards, Evelyn Flitman in her closing remarks noted *"The recipients are all thoughtful, committed citizens who have made significant contributions to the community in a wide range of areas. They are an inspiration!"*



Jeff Degen receiving his award in hospital, with his wife Anne



Andrew Jakobovits (R) receiving his award



Fred Seligman (M) receiving his award



Mandi Katz with her family



Danny Degen (R) receiving Jeff Degen's award



*2023 Menorah Award Recipients (from left)
 Anne Degen on behalf of Jeff Degen, Andrew Jakobovits, Mandi Katz, Fred Seligman*



2023 recipients and their nominees

THANK YOU

At our recent AGM, we thanked a few longtime volunteers as they step down from chairing B'nai B'rith Victoria projects.

We thank Jack Aghion, for his role as Vice President of B'nai B'rith Victoria and Chair of the First Nations Reconciliation Project. Jack was instrumental in leading the Jewish community coming together in support of reconciliation. He did this before there was knowledge of the Referendum. The organisation remains committed to advocating for universal human rights.

We thank Mark Rubinstein, for his role as Chair of the Youth Art Competition. We are currently on the lookout for a new Chair, but the office will ensure work continues as we find a replacement.

Finally, we thank Evelyn Flitman as Chairperson of the Menorah Awards. Ellana Aarons will take on the role as Chair, working with the current committee to continue to maintain the integrity of these awards.



Jack Aghion and Peter Schattner



Mark Rubinstein and Peter Schattner



Evelyn Flitman

MITZVAH DAY - GESHER RABIN REVERSE GARAGE SALE

Although our 'Reverse Garage Sale / Collect-a-thon' on Sunday was not meant as a fundraiser, I have managed to sell some of the items collected and will be donating the money to BB Israel. There are still a couple more things to try to sell before the final amount can be confirmed.

We had a lot more goods brought in this year than last year – mountains of clothes, sports shoes in amazingly good condition, computers and other e-waste, Lots of X-rays and boxes and boxes of books as well as spectacles, towels, cameras, reusable shopping bags, light globes, fabric and more. All of this has now been passed on to various organisations who will reuse, repurpose or recycle it all.

In hindsight, the event has probably been misnamed. It is actually a 'Save it from landfill' project, and for anyone who doesn't want to wait another year to get rid of 'stuff' in a more environmentally friendly way than sending it to landfill, the website [JECO website](#) lists where you can take things themselves.

Thank you to the wonderful people who helped collect and sort what was brought in on the day: Eleanor Aghion, Karin Zafir, Malcolm Flitman, Jack & Laurie Bar-Ness, Simone Markus, Stephen & Sue Moskowitz, Rachel Flitman and Irene & Leon Nissen.

Evelyn Flitman

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PLEASE DIRECT MY DONATION TOWARDS:

Making a Difference - bursaries for Jewish Year 11 and 12 students ▼

Donations to Making a Difference are now tax deductible!

To make a donation, click [here](#) to go directly to the donate now page and select “[Making a Difference](#)” as per the screenshot above. Otherwise visit the B'nai B'rith website at www.bnaibrith.org.au/victoria and click on the 'DONATE NOW' button.

If your donation is in honour of someone or a special occasion, please include their name and contact details so that an appropriate letter can be sent to them.

These donations are facilitated through the new B'nai B'rith Victoria Scholarship Fund with donations over \$2 being tax deductible. You will be issued a receipt and all donations will be acknowledged and thanked.

This year we were able to offer some 16 financial bursaries to Jewish students from both the State system and Jewish schools. Individual bursaries ranged from \$1750 to \$2500 with the total allocated over \$30,000.

Thank you again to all our members, their families and friends who have been so supportive and who have made these bursaries possible. I would also like to thank the Executive of Melbourne Lodge for their continued support.

We hope that all members of B'nai Brith will continue to support us, as they have in the past.

Martha Vanderhoek

THE NEW MELBOURNE LODGE NO 1547 FIRST MEETING

Guest Speaker at our November meeting was Merryl Sacher of Merryl's Mosaics. She gave a very interesting account of her life and showed us many examples of the glassware and mosaics produced in her Glenhuntly Rd studio.

The new Charter for Melbourne Lodge was presented for the first time to our group.



Members of the Melbourne Lodge Executive - Morris Tobias, Danielle Schilling and Janet Machliss Kohn



Merryl Sacher with her mosaic art



New Melbourne Lodge Charter

GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir

Our trivia function on 12 November raised in excess of \$4000 for B'nai B'rith Israel, largely thanks to our tireless (or should that be tired) volunteers. Thank you to all!

Tom and Karin Zafir have kindly offered to match the amount, bringing it up to a total exceeding \$8000. Thanks also for their contribution of \$3000 to the Gesher Rabin Unit donation to B'nai B'rith Israel, making a total of \$6000.

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

What's on in December:

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. Bring a plate + \$5. Please book online as spaces are strictly limited: <https://tinyurl.com/yjp28c8d>. Contact Karin Zafir for more details. Flyer on page 11.

Sunday 17

11:00am - **Members' coffee and chat** get together at the Umbrella Lounge, 338-340 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick. Recap of 2023 and members' discussion of ideas for 2024. Lunch can be ordered during or afterwards. RSVP Eleanor Aghion by 12 December.

Coming up in January:

Monday 1

12:00pm - **New Year's Day Picnic** at Hedgeley Dene Gardens

Sunday 21

7:00pm - **Dinner at Bentleigh RSL** (No Umbrella Lounge in January)
RSVP Karin Zafir

The following members celebrate their birthdays in December:

Sally Landberg (1st), Abe Lester (4th), Sue Moskowitz (5th), Jeff Kestenberg (16th), Helen Heimann (21st), Laurie Bar-Ness (24th), Leon Mattatia (25th)

The following members celebrate their birthdays in January:

Hanna Baum (1st), Evelyn Flitman (6th), Hilary Gould (7th), Miriam Feldheim (10th), Leon Nissen (15th), Henry Nissen (15th), Dianne Mattatia (20th), Susan Meisner (21st), Mark Stern (23rd), Monica Petterson (24th), Val Varga (29th)

Refuah Shleima to Dianne Mattatia.

If you know of anyone who is unwell, please contact our Welfare Officer, Leon Nissen (kirschnerissen@hotmail.com). If you know of anyone who is celebrating a Simcha or birth of a grandchild, please contact Karin Zafir (kzafir@optusnet.com.au)

UNIT AKIBA

President: Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott

What's on in December:

- Saturday 9** 6:30pm - **Movie Night.** Pick a film at Dendy Brighton or Brighton Cinemas that ends at approx. 8.30pm. Supper will be at Dendy Deli from 8.30pm.
Inquiries Fay Kayser
- Monday 25** 1:00pm - **Picnic in Central Park.** Meet under trees near corner of Central Park Road and Kingston Street Malvern. Please bring a chair, food and drinks and friends.
- Sunday 31** 7:30pm - **New Year's Eve Function.** Dinner at Rosstown Hotel, 1084 Dandenong Road Carnegie. Supper to follow at private home.
RSVP Henry Winfield
Another option is Prince tribute show at Memo Hall St Kilda- purchase your own ticket.

Coming up in January:

- Thursday 18** 8:00 - 9:30pm - **Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club.** Featuring "Red Cavalry" by Isaac Babel, will be presented by Eleanor Aghion. Please contact Peter Schattner at non-fiction@bbvic.org.au for more information. Flyer on page 15.
- Sunday 21** 10:00am sharp - **Ferry to Williamstown,** followed by lunch and walk. Meet at ferry at Southbank Promenade near Arts Centre below Princess Bridge. Cost of Ferry is \$35 return. Option to take the train back. Contact Henry W for more details.
- Tuesday 30** 11:00am - **Midweek Matters,** to Heide Gallery and Sculpture Park at 7 Templestowe Rd Bulleen. Café and carparking available. RSVP to Miriam

The following members celebrate their birthday in December:

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

Happy Birthday to the following members celebrating their birthdays in January:

Miriam Pollak (1st), Helen Fisher (4th), Joseph Gluck (5th), Aaron Blicblau (8th), Jenny Blakeley (12th), Sue Winfield (18th), Evi Morawetz (20th), Rita Phillips (22nd)

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

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg

Coming up in December:

Sunday 3 December 7:30pm - **Farewell to 2023**

Movie Night - "It's No Dream", a film about Theodore Hertzl.

At LBC Harp Rd. East Kew. Please bring a small plate to share for supper.

Happy Birthday to the following Hatikvah members will be celebrating their birthdays in December: Hymie Zawatzky (5th), Henry Brzezinski (11th), Ken Hamer (12th), Judith Steinberg (18th), Gerry Hamer (20th), Celina Woolfson (23rd).

We wish them a year of hope, health and happiness.

We are pleased to share that Hatikvah has made a donation of \$2000 to support Israel in this time of need.

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Tania Tobias

Preview Secretary: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



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enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

What's on in December:

Sunday 10 Morning - Walk Leaders' meeting.

Thursday 14 Morning - Easy midweek walk along the Main Yarra Trail including the Burnley Gardens, led by Irena.

Sunday 17 Morning - Evelyn will lead a medium walk in the You Yangs.

Sunday 24 Morning - SOHW in Tarra Bulga, with suggestion to stay overnight in the area. The walk will be led by Eitan.

Coming up in January:

Sunday 7 Morning - Medium walk led by Irena and Sydney. Destination will be a shady trail.

Wednesday 17 Morning - Easy midweek walk from Darebin to Latrobe led by Rodney.

Sunday 21 Morning - Evelyn and Malcolm will lead a SOHW in the Dandenongs.

Sunday 4 Feb Morning - Medium walk led by Saul, destination not confirmed.

MELBOURNE LODGE NO 1547

President: Danielle Schilling

Vice-President: Morris Tobias

Preview: Dr John Kohn

What's on in December

Sunday 17 **Bagel Brunch** - organised by Janet and Alex Starr. Details TBA.

Monday 18 7:00pm - **Book Club** at Diane Orner's featuring "The Good Sister" by Sally Hepworth

Coming up in January

Sunday 14 11:00am - **Raoul Wallenberg Day** - St Kilda Town Hall. Invitation emailed.

Coming up in February

Monday 5 7:30pm - **Programming meeting** at the Starr home

Tuesday 6 11:00am - **Welcome Back Picnic**- Landcox Park. See flyer on page 15

Thursday 8 3:30pm - **Executive meeting** at Beth Weizmann.

Sunday 11 **Movie Fundraiser** featuring film 'Exodus 91'.
Bookings: events.humanitix.com/exodus91. See flyer on page.16.

Wednesday 14 7:30pm - **Regular meeting** at Beth Weizmann

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

Hilary Friedland (5th), Dr Herschel Cohen (6th), Danielle Schilling (8th), Frankie Slonim (8th), Gilah Leder (16th), Rosalyn Goldberg (16th), Paul Gardner (21st), Michelle Huppert (21st), Sandra Nathani (23rd), Miriam Faraday (23rd), Yvonne Elton (26th), Jacqui Corry (28th), Naomi Freedman, Marsha Swieca.

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

Jack Klarnet (1st), Frieda Shapiro (1st), Judy Lewis (4th), Garry Fabian (11th), Anita Librach (13th), Jack Leder (17th), Emery Faraday (18th), Norman Super (18th), Rena Lopata (19th), Evelyn Fabian (21st), Marilyn Schimmel (21st), Lorraine Shapiro (27th), Ian Joseph (28th), George Deutsch (31st), Louis Gross.

Mazel Tov:

Congratulations to Shirley Lubofsky on the birth of her first great grandchild in New York.

Mazal tov to Esther Gross on the graduation of her granddaughter Hannah who will graduate in Medicine in Canberra, accepting a position at the Darwin Hospital. Hannah had graduated in Bachelor of Biomedicine 5 years ago, and now has completed medicine too.

Condolences:

We mourn the recent passing of Professor Emeritus Ronald Taft at the age of 103. He was there for our beginning and belonged to Bnai Brith for over 7 decades.

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

DONATE NOW on the B'nai B'rith Website [here](https://www.bnaibrith.org.au/victoria) (www.bnaibrith.org.au/victoria)

Select "**Making a Difference**".

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Chanukah Party

Learn how to make donuts with our chef extraordinaire

Stephen Schmideg

Hear the story of Chanukah from our in-house "Chochem"

Jock Orkin

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER, 6PM

COST: MEMBERS FREE, \$5 NON-MEMBERS - PAYABLE ON THE NIGHT

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YJP28C8D](https://tinyurl.com/YJP28C8D)

Bookings essential. At a private home in Brighton East.
Location will be advised on booking.

BRING A PLATE. CONTACT KARIN TO DISCUSS WHAT TO BRING:

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presents an

Inter-cultural Chanukah Festival

Lighting of the Chanukah
by prominent Indigenous and Jewish leaders



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THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

7:00PM, FED SQUARE



FELLOWSHIP MITZVAH DAY CONCERT

B'nai B'rith Fellowship Group hosted its Mitzvah Day concert on Monday 20th November at the Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club. Approximately 100 senior citizens enjoyed versatile entertainer Ellen Hundley's performance of English, Hebrew & Yiddish songs. Deputy Opposition Leader David Southwick generously shared his time and mingled with our seniors. \$1000 will be donated to the B'nai B'rith Israel Appeal from donations received at the concert.

The delicious afternoon tea was supplied thanks to the generosity of the following caterers & Coles Elsternwick: Eshel Fine Foods, Glicks Malvern, Kosher Classique & To Catch A Chef. Thank you also to the Glen Eira City Council for their support and Paul Gardner for the photos.



FELLOWSHIP CONCERT



FELLOWSHIP CONCERT - VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

B'nai B'rith Fellowship volunteers gathered for an end of year lunch at the Elsternwick Hotel on Monday 27 November. Thank you to everyone who assists with this wonderful initiative and of course to Deirdre Wainrit, our dedicated Coordinator!



GESHER RABIN UNIT SOLIDARITY DINNER



Gesher-Rabin raised \$900 for Magen David Adom at the recent Solidarity Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Featuring "Red Cavalry" by Isaac Babel.
Presented by Eleanor Aghion.

A collection of short stories based on the Russo-Polish War of 1920; one of the great masterpieces of Russian literature.

Babel was a Russian writer, journalist, playwright, and literary translator. He is best known as the author of Red Cavalry and has been acclaimed as the greatest prose writer of Russian Jewry. Babel was arrested by the NKVD on 15 May 1939 on fabricated charges of terrorism and espionage, and executed on 27 January 1940.

The Red Cavalry cycle retains today the shocking freshness that made Babel's reputation when the stories were first published in the 1920s. Using his own experiences as a journalist and propagandist with the Red Army during the war against Poland, Babel brings to life an astonishing cast of characters from the exuberant, violent era of early Soviet history: commissars and colonels, Cossacks and peasants, and among them the bespectacled, Jewish writer/intellectual, observing it all and trying to establish his role in the new Russia.

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024, 8:00-9:30pm

At Eleanor'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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MELBOURNE LODGE 1547

invites all members and friends to a

Welcome Back Picnic

Time:

11:00am

Venue:

Landcox Park- Mavies Ave, E Brighton

Bring:

Food, drinks, sun hat, sunscreen, chair

Please confirm attendance with Danielle by text 0408 128 639 or email danielle@the-schillings.com.

Contact Danielle for carpool arrangements and queries.



TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH MELBOURNE LODGE 1547

invites all members and friends to a

MOVIE FUNDRAISER featuring film 'Exodus 91'

Venue: Classic Cinema, Elsternwick

Cost: \$20

Cake buffet with tea and coffee

All proceeds towards the Israel Commission

Exodus 91 takes viewers behind the scenes and behind the spin of Operation Solomon, the diplomatic and military mission to bring thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the midst of Ethiopia's brutal civil war. The feature-length film explores challenging questions of racism, white saviour-ism, homeland, cultural identity, the politics of immigration, and the hardships of these immigrants, and those that followed them, to this day.



SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY, 3:00PM

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B'NAI B'RITH UNIT AKIBA ANNUAL WELCOME BACK SOIREE

Join us for an evening of entertainment, merriment, our 'regifting raffle' and much gastronomic delight!

Cost: \$45 members; \$50 non-members

Includes a sumptuous supper

Venue to be advised upon booking

Bookings close 9 February at 5pm

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY, 8:30PM

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Venue advised upon booking
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COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE



COURAGE TO CARE FORMS NATIONAL BODY TO TACKLE RACISM & ANTISEMITISM

We have reached an historic milestone with the formation of Courage to Care Australia Ltd. Courage to Care Australia will function as an “umbrella” organisation. A joint venture between NSW and Victoria, the new company will have equal representation from each state. The board of Courage to Care Australia will comprise Judy Glick (Chair), Kathy Sharp (Vice Chair), David Klein (Secretary) and Abie Greengarten (Treasurer).

Courage to Care Australia Chair, Judy Glick, said that “Courage to Care Australia has been formed to foster collaboration and co-operation between the two state bodies. While Victoria and NSW will continue to operate independently, it’s hoped that this joint venture will create opportunities for sharing ideas and resources, developing joint initiatives, and avoiding duplicated effort. This will not impede on our strong supportive relationships at State level. When we’re talking to national funding bodies, we can now represent Courage to Care as a truly national organisation.”

The formation of Courage to Care Australia will increase efficiency and ultimately impact, allowing Courage to Care to truly create a generation of Upstanders.



Board members David Klein, Kathy Sharp, Judy Glick and Abie Greengarten

ALL FORMS OF HATE SPEECH CONDEMNED

We released a Media Statement condemning all forms of hate speech in our community.

We urge everyone in the community to be Upstanders for each other against hate, and work towards unity. This message is needed now, more than ever before.

Since 7 October more than 3,500 students have been directly engaged in our Upstander Programs.

Below is feedback from a local Primary School after our recent visit.

“We will definitely be rebooking. We have cherished being part of the Courage to Care. Please pass on the thanks of our students and teachers to today’s presenters, the students were, once again, blown away by the stories they heard and the people who presented them.”

We are making a difference one school at a time.

Mike Zervos, CEO

B'NAI B'RITH VICTORIA

Year in Review



2023

As we approach the final weeks of what can only be described as a year like no other, we are compiling a 2023 B'nai B'rith Year in Review which we will share with you all.

With the events of October 7 still vividly in our minds, we must remain proud of our achievements. As members and as an organisation, we have remained focussed on our mission of Strengthening Jewish Life in Victoria. Not only do you remain loyal to each other, reducing social isolation through events, functions and get-togethers, you bring joy and celebration to others on our community, working to advocate for human rights.

Our hearts remain with those hostages yet to be released and we continue to work with our fellow community organisations to advocate for solidarity, for peace, for unity and for strength.

As a People and as a Nation, we will remain strong in the face of adversity.

Am Yisrael Chai!

CALICO DOLLS WITH HATIKVAH UNIT



December 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27 Nov	28	29	30	1 Dec	2	3 7:30pm Hatikvah End of Year Movie Night (Leo Baeck Centre (31 Harp Rd, Kew East Victoria 3102, Australia))
4	5 10:00am UIA Shaliach Daniel Tuksar (Beth Weizmann Auditorium)	6	7 Chanukah: 1 Candle 7:30pm Exec Meeting	8 Chanukah: 2 Candles	9 Chanukah: 3 Candles 6:30pm Akiba Movie Night	10 Chanukah: 4 Candles
11 Chanukah: 5 Candles 7:30pm Akiba Exec Meeting (zoom)	12 Chanukah: 6 Candles 6:00pm GRU Chanukah Party	13 Chanukah: 7 Candles	14 Ramblers walk Chanukah: 8 Candles 7:00pm Inter-cultural Chanukah (Federation Square)	15 Chanukah: 8th Day	16	17 Melbourne Lodge Bagel Brunch Ramblers walk 11:00am GRU get together (Umbrella) 7:00pm Akiba Regular
18 7:00pm Melbourne Lodge Book Club	19	20	21	22	23	24 Ramblers walk
25 1:00pm Akiba Picnic (Central Park (Corner of Burke Road and Wattle Road, Malvern East Victoria 3145, Australia))	26	27	28	29	30	31 7:30pm Akiba New Year's Eve Function (Rosstown (Carnegie Victoria 3163, Australia))

January 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Jan 24 12:00pm GRU New Years Day Picnic (Hedgeley Dene Gardens (Malvern East Victoria, Australia))	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ramblers walk
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 11:00am Raoul Wallenberg Day (St. Kilda Town Hall (99A Carlisle Street, St Kilda Victoria 3182, Australia))
15	16	17 Ramblers walk	18 8:00pm Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club	19	20	21 Ramblers walk 10:00am Akiba Ferry to Williamstown 7:00pm GRU Dinner (Bentleigh RSL (538 Centre Road,
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 12:00pm Hatikvah Welcome Back Picnic
29	30 11:00am Akiba Midweek Matters (Heide Museum of Modern Art (Bulleen Victoria, Australia))	31	1 Feb	2	3	4

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