



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW

**APRIL &
MAY**



Message from the President... on B'nai B'rith and grappling with life's dilemmas



In Monty Python's film, six fish in a restaurant's tank greet each other and then see their friend being eaten. This leads them to question the meaning of life. Sometimes the mountain of problems facing us lead us to wrestle with various ideas on how we should proceed. Like Monty Python's fish, it is not always easy to figure things out. How can Israel best deal with the tragedy of the hostages who are still in captivity? How can America best broker a ceasefire between Ukraine and Russia? Which Australian politicians are offering better solutions to combat antisemitism, or climate change, or the national debt, and so the list of uncertainties goes on.

Meanwhile, back at B'nai B'rith, we are having our own debates about the best marketing strategy to enable this organisation to continue its important role in providing meaningful social cohesion for the pre-retirement and retirement age groups in our community. A recent survey of members gave us many answers and these, together with discussions by the Executive and the VBBC, have led to great progress. Unlike Monty Python's bewildered fish, we are close to finalising updated wording of B'nai B'rith's purpose, values and goals which we hope will be more effective in marketing terms. Our members will soon be informed about the clear and direct language we will be using.

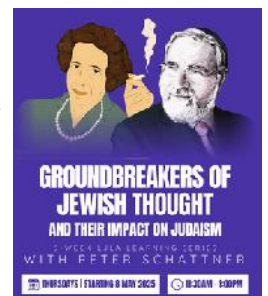
Grappling with these issues has inspired me to develop a series of lectures on trailblazers of Jewish thought which highlights some of life's dilemmas and how to try to resolve them. I will be presenting this series in a joint B'nai B'rith-Lamm Library educational program. For example, Shneur Zalman of Liadi decided that traditional Jews were too buried in dry Talmudic study and what was needed was more spiritual joy. Leo Baeck wondered if his followers in the Theresienstadt concentration camp should be told what he already knew, that Jews were being slaughtered in the east. He decided against informing them. Joseph Soloveitchik stressed the importance of halacha as a way of life, but Judith Plaskow said that traditional Judaism left out a feminine perspective. Is she right?

Eliezer Berkovits and Emil Fackenheim wondered how one could be religious after the Holocaust. Nehama Leibowitz thought that the regular study of Torah helps one to understand how to live life. David Hartman believed that some lessons from the Torah need to be rejected, e.g. the akedah story of Abraham being commanded to sacrifice his son Isaac. And Micah Goodman thinks that moderate followers of religion and secularism can come together to create meaningful and unified pathways.

B'nai B'rith has grappled with its messaging, but I think we are about to take a leap forward. However, if you wish to join me on a journey of enquiry into the lives and thoughts of a number of Jewish groundbreakers, then subscribe to the series which commences soon in the Lamm Library. Click [here](#) to book.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the profound set of Jewish holidays that we are about to commemorate in April: Pesach, Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, and Yom Ha'atzmaut. My best wishes to all of you.

Peter Schattner, President



Age is no barrier



We all know that B'nai B'rith members and friends in Australia are an elderly group. But that has not stopped us from running an astonishing range of activities for our Jewish community. It also helps that we are healthier and living longer than our ancestors ever have. I think the 70 year old Australian writer Carol Lefevre is correct when she stated in her new book *Bloomer*: "Ours will be the first generation to enter aged care with laptops and mobile phones ...and if we are not treated well in there, people will hear about it."

Especially for us Jews, the pogrom in Israel 18 months ago has shocked many of us into activity. No matter where we stand politically, we want to become more involved in the community, or at least to listen to what other likeminded people have to say. I have been impressed with the program our Units, together with our office staff, have put together over the past four weeks. Some highlights were:

A. The Akiba-Gesher Rabin weekend away in Geelong. 30 people participated and were treated to a delightful holiday with our own kiddush (and local cantor Dr Ben Cohen), a guided tour of the Art Gallery, visits to local restaurants, walks and lots of fun together. Thank you to Sue and Henry Winfield and your organising team!

B. Melbourne Lodge meeting of 84 people to hear guest speaker Mordy Bromberg describe his transition from the VFL football field to the bench as a Judge on the Federal Court. Danielle Schilling is such a good organiser for these events.

C. Armchair Society sessions organised by Ron James have become a fortnightly highlight for 200-300 people to come to hear high profile speakers on politics and other issues. Liberal Party politicians have been popular, but Josh Burns MP for Macnamara was given a fair go when he came to speak to a packed room.

D. Prof Andrew Markus AO has been conducting surveys on students and staff at our Australian universities and discussed the findings at two recent events. The evidence is clear that University campuses have become unpleasant and at times unsafe places for Jewish students and staff. Administrators have been slow and timid in their response to these developments from a small group who are mainly socialist activists.

The famous Jewish writer/journalist Melanie Phillips in her new book *The Builders Stone* takes a more radical view. She presents the case that the destruction of our universities is part of the long fight by Islamist extremists against western society. The onslaught on cultural, educational and religious roots aims to destroy our western civilisation. Jews are targeted because they are the West's conscience. Gaza is just an excuse to fight western society, Phillips warns. I recommend you read her book.

B'nai B'rith International, based in the US has a new President Robert Spitzer. We wish him well as he has a big task. Unfortunately, he will not be able to come to our Triennial Convention in Canberra, but we are working on an exciting program nevertheless. Details are starting to be circulated. It will be held from Friday evening August 29 to Monday 1 September.

Finally, a plug for our new initiative: The Bnai Brith Movie Club will hold its 2nd session after Pesach on Sunday 4 May. The film "The Correspondent" will be followed by a discussion. Details on page 7.

Chag Pesach Sameach to you and your family and friends.

Benny Monheit
President, BBANZ

UPCOMING EVENTS

**LAST CHANCE TO
BOOK!**



B'NAI B'RITH HUMAN RIGHTS ORATION

WITH

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**ANTISEMITISM, ANTI-ZIONISM AND THE
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In partnership with the Lamm Jewish Library of Australia

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TUESDAYS, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Series 2 2025 kicks off with

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on TUESDAY 29 APRIL

Remaining Series 2 dates:

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MAY 27 JUNE 24

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Venue advised on booking

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OUT & ABOUT

Akiba-Gesher Rabin weekend away in Geelong



A huge thank you to our volunteers at the In One Voice festival - this was just shift one!

Melbourne Lodge March Regular Meeting



President Danielle Schilling welcoming new members



Guest Speaker Judge Mordy Bromberg

Melbourne Lodge's Guest Speaker Judge Mordy Bromberg gave a very interesting talk, "From the Bench to the Bench". It was a fascinating insight into his career as both a St Kilda football player and a Judge in the Federal Court. Currently he is President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

B'nai B'rith Fellowship held the first of its bi-monthly concerts for the year at the Glen Eira McKinnon Bowling Club. Entertainer Rachael Grace wowed the packed hall of 100 with her beautiful rendition of Barbra Streisand songs.



UPCOMING EVENTS



We are excited to invite you to the second installment of the

B'NAI B'RITH MOVIE CLUB!

Featuring "The Correspondent"



The Correspondent is a compelling true story about an Australian journalist, Peter Greste, who reports on the Arab Spring uprising is arrested and accused of terrorism. He has become a pawn in a deadly game of corrupt officials and ancient rivalries. Imprisoned for seven years despite his innocence, he survives on wits alone before his release in 2015.

Following the movie, a discussion will be facilitated by movie podcasters Rob Harris and Rohan Woolf ([Aussie and the Scotsmans Podcast](#)) in the same cinema where the movie is screened.

Movie will begin at 4pm. Please be punctual as there are no trailers or ads. If you are late, your ticket will be at the box office.

Cost includes movie ticket, snack box, drink and facilitated discussion.

SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025 | 3:45PM

\$25 PP

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- * Full name of booking
- * Credit card for deposit
- * RACV Membership number

A range of room prices are on offer, between \$284 - \$340 including full buffet breakfast. This is a special offer called "Autumn Adventure" where RACV Members receive \$100 dining credit, a bottle of wine and free in-house movies. RACV non-members receive \$50 dining credit.

Transport is by own car or sharing.



TUESDAY 6 MAY - FRIDAY 9 MAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GROUNDBREAKERS OF JEWISH THOUGHT AND THEIR IMPACT ON JUDAISM

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WITH PETER SCHATNER



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11:30AM - 1:00PM

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

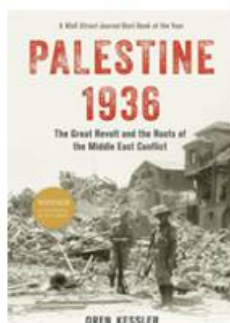
Featuring "Palestine 1936: The Great Revolt and
the Roots of the Middle East Conflict"
by Oren Kessler, a journalist and political analyst.



The discussion will be led by Miriam Feldheim.

This book is the origin story of the Middle East conflict
and is key to understanding the current situation.

It is a well-researched, thought-provoking account of
the tensions between Jews and Arabs living under the
British Mandate in Palestine, with particular emphasis
on the Great Arab Revolt of 1936-39 – a major turning
point that has cast the trajectory for the conflict ever
since. Kessler reveals the hearts, minds and actions of
the principal characters on all sides of this intractable
conflict as he explores how it all began and how Palestine became Israel.



THURSDAY 15 MAY, 8:00 - 9:30pm

EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/2025JEWISHBOOKCLUB

For more information on the book club and for the venue, please contact
Evelyn at non-fiction@bbvic.org.au.



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GESHER-RABIN UNIT

Co-Presidents: Karin Zafir / Leon Nissen

Secretary: Sue Moskowitz

Preview: Karin Zafir

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

What's on in April:

- Sunday 6** 3:00pm - **B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration**
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/oration25>
- Sunday 13** **Second Seder** at a private home. Limited space available.
<https://events.humanitix.com/second-seder-2025>
- Sunday 27** 10:00am - 4:00pm - **Graffiti Art Tour** [Wet weather– slide show]
Bookings: tinyurl.com/GRUgraffiti
 Free for B'nai B'rith members; \$10 non-members

Coming up in May:

- Saturday 10** 7:00pm - **Dinner** at Vegi and Coffee Lover Restaurant, Caulfield
 Bookings: Lillian
- Sunday 18** 11:00am - **GRUing together" Catch up and shmooze with your friends.**
 Terry Bahat will be talking about Fit Mind and Body. Terry was a soldier in the IDF, where she learned that mind and body are connected and that each requires the other to function properly. Book: <https://events.humanitix.com/gru-ing-05-speaker-terry-bahat>
- Sunday 25** 8:00am - 4:00pm - **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle.** More volunteers needed.
 Contact Evelyn

Mazal Tov to the following members who celebrate their birthday in April:

Margot Sims Cohen (3rd), Jack Bar-Ness (4th), Rose Nash (8th), Helen Koenig (14th), Esther Kahn (15th), Louis Koper (18th), Ruth Kestenbergl (19th), Sylvia Barson (22nd)

Mazal Tov to the following members who celebrate their birthday in May:

Nick Koenig (11th), David Berman (13th), Sally Gleitman (19th), Ben Bekerman (22nd), Barbara Gelfand (23rd)

Refuah Shleima to Leon Mattatia, Helen Heimann, Sandy Kaplan, Jock Orkin, Tom Zafir, Sue Bendel, Sue Moskowitz, Val Varga and Lee Hirsh.

B'NAI B'RITH CANBERRA CONVENTION

The B'nai B'rith Triennial Convention is taking place in Canberra, from 30 August to 1 September, and plans are progressing smoothly.

This event promises to be an exciting opportunity for members from across the country to connect, enjoy our National Capital, and socialise with fellow members.

While final details of the program are still being confirmed, we're happy to announce that:

- A Shabbat service will be led by Rabbi Roebuck, followed by a BBANZ-sponsored Kiddush.
- On Saturday evening, we will have the honor of spending time with Israeli Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Amir Maimon.
- Anglican Minister Mark Leach, co-founder of the "Never Again is Now" movement against anti-Semitism, will join us on Sunday as part of our impressive guest speaker lineup.

Additionally, we are looking into organising a special tour of the Australian War Memorial (with a Jewish focus) on the afternoon of Friday, 29th August, followed by a Shabbat dinner with the Canberra Jewish community. These activities would incur additional costs beyond the registration fee. We are also considering hosting a prestigious event on Monday afternoon.

For the best experience, we recommend booking your travel to arrive on Friday morning and depart late on Monday evening or Tuesday, unless you wish to stay longer. Hotel options are listed below.

A registration form will be available soon. The cost will be \$225 per person, which will include all meals as specified in the registration form and all conference papers.

There are so many museums and institutions one can visit in Canberra - even a week would be inadequate to cover them all. Some suggestion includes:

Australian War Memorial, covered by organised visit on Friday afternoon 29 August

National Gallery; special winter exhibition 'Cezanne to Giacometti'

National Museum

Australian Institute of Sport

Portrait Gallery

Old Parliament House

The National Arboretum

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Anna Marks](mailto:Anna.Marks@bbnsw.org.au) or the BBNSW office on council@bbnsw.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 BBANZ
Triennial Convention
Committee

BBANZ TRIENNIAL CONVENTION 2025

Canberra. Convention begins Saturday night 30 August and ends Monday 1 September



If you are planning to attend the BBANZ Convention, be sure to book your accommodation as soon as possible. You may wish to extend your stay before or after.

The hotels listed below are located close to The Jewish Community Centre. The websites enable our members to look over the facilities, read over the guest reviews and book online. Most of the hotels will provide free cancellation up to 24 hours before check-in.

Rydges Canberra - [Rydges Capital Hill Canberra - Guest Reservations](#)

Hotel Realm - <https://hotel-realm-barton.hotelsone.com>

Little National Hotel Canberra - <https://littlenationalhotel.com.au> › Little_National › Hotel_Canberra

Hotel Kurrajong Canberra - <https://KurrajongCanberra.guestreservations.com>

The Forrest Hotel and Apartments - <https://forrest-hotel-apartments.hotelsone.com>

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UPCOMING EVENTS



B'nai B'rith Melbourne Lodge invites you to the

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UNIT AKIBA

President: Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott

What's on in April:

Wednesday 2 10:30pm - **Visit to Cranbourne Royal Botanic Gardens**, Ballarto Road & Botanic Drive
Another wonderful Midweek Matters outing. Meet at visitor centre at 10.30am.
Admission is free unless you want to use electric bus - details below.

This beautiful bush land has over 450 plant species and 10 kms of walking tracks. It celebrates the diversity of Australian landscapes and has won awards. There are shelters to rest and a cafe on site for a bite and coffee. There is an open air electric bus with live commentary available for those who wish to do this. A private booking will be made for those who want to avail themselves of this.

Price \$12 concession. Duration 30mins.

Please adhere to RSVP dates. RSVP to Miriam by 24/3

Sunday 6 3:00pm - **B'nai B'rith Human Rights Oration**
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/oration25>

Sunday 27 2:00 - 4:00pm - **"Getting to Know You" Afternoon Tea** in private homes. Your host will contact you with details.

Coming up in May:

Thursday 15 8:00-9:30pm - **Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club**
Featuring Oren Kessler's "Palestine 1936: The Great Revolt and the Roots of the Middle East Conflict".
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/2025jewishbookclub>

Sunday 18 12:00pm - **Lunch meeting**
Guest speaker Zvi Civins. Topic: Jewish intelligence - is it for real?
Limited numbers, RSVP essential.

Tuesday 20 12:00pm - **Chat 'n Chew**
At Caulfield Glasshouse. RSVP by 13 May.

Saturday 24 6:00pm - CLOC Theatre and Dinner to see the show "Nice work if you can get it" at National Theatre St Kilda. 6pm dinner, 8pm theatre. Purchase your own tickets and let Henry know if you are coming to dinner.

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

Ruth Figdor (7th), Phillip Woolf (17th), Fay Kayser (21st), Vivien Freadman (26th). Vardit Sacks-Davis (27th).

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

Ron Sacks-Davis (1st), Ron James (4th), Serge Sztrajt (13th), Nonna Berter (23rd), Philip Baynash (29th), Myrna Brits (31st).

HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg

What's on in April:

- Sunday 6** 9:30 - 11:30am - **Calico Dolls**
- Friday 25** **Anzac Day Walk and Lunch** at LBC. Walk will begin at 11:15am, lunch at 12:30pm. Please bring food to share. No meat or nuts please.
- Sunday 27** 8:00pm - **Regular Meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre. Guest speaker: Keith Wolahan

Coming up in May:

- Sunday 25** 8:00pm - **Regular Meeting** at Leo Baeck Centre.
Peter Schattner and Andrew Markus coming to speak about the B'nai B'rith survey we all completed. Followed by Anne Josefberg – "My role at volunteer customer service with the City of Melbourne." Please bring a small plate to share for supper. (No nuts)

Wishing the following members a happy birthday!

April: Orly Dar (4th), Michael Taft (23rd), Judy Winikoff (24th), Eva Haimon (27th), Avi Dar (29th).
May: Henryka Fromm (10th), Paula Messer (18th), Helen Messer (19th).

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

Chair: Vardit Sacks-Davis

Secretary: Eitan Froumine

Preview Secretary: Judy Winikoff

Treasurer: Irena Blonder



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What's on in April:

- Sunday 6** Morning - Evelyn will lead a medium walk in Braeside Park and Waterways.
- Wednesday 23** Morning - Easy midweek walk from Gardiner Station to Surrey Hills.
- Sunday 27** Morning - SOHW walk led by Josh, destination not yet confirmed.

Coming up in May:

- Sunday 4** Morning - Harvey will lead a medium walk in Olinda.
- Wednesday 14** Morning - Midweek walk led by Edna along the Yarra from Studley Park to Fairfield.
- Sunday 25** Morning - Stan will lead a hard walk in the Ballan- Daylesford area.

MELBOURNE LODGE NO 1547

Incorporating Raoul Wallenberg Unit & Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

President: Danielle Schilling

Vice-President: Jules Gaddie

Preview: Dr John Kohn

What's on in April:

Thursday 3 3:00pm - **Executive Meeting**

Monday 7 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting** at Jacqui's place

Wednesday 9 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting** at Beth Weizmann
Guest speakers: Jack Ber Ness on "Click and Connect"
To be followed by Sue Wald and Fairlie Nassau sharing about their volunteer work for groups outside of B'nai B'rith

Monday 21 7:30pm - **Book Club at the home of Adele Schachter**
Discussing the book 'The Glass Maker' by Tracy Chevalier

Coming up in May:

Thursday 1 3:00pm - **Executive Meeting**

Monday 5 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting**. Venue TBA

Tue 6 - Fri 9 Trip to RACV Torquay

Wednesday 14 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting**. Guest speaker: Steven Lustig.
He is involved with "Headspace", Australia's National Mental Health Foundation.

New Members:

We are delighted to welcome 8 new members to our Lodge: Marina and Sam Briskin, Isabella Adamowicz, Emily Levin, Marcia Wolman, Dr Ena Witis, Ted Kirsch, Freda Heyman
We also welcome Cheryl Gelfand and Yvonne Segal who are transferring in from other units.

Birthday greetings for April:

Alex Lopata (5th), Rena Rabin (6th), Ruth Figdor (7th), Misha Nathani (8th), Pearl Stock (8th), Miriam Suss (12th), Gerald Pearce (21st), Renata Valentine (21st), Sandra Farber (22nd), Edith Unger (24th), Morris Tobias (23rd), Margaret Masur (26th), Joan Black (29th), Michael Cohen

Birthday greetings for May:

John Kohn (3rd), Naomi Alberts (4th), Robyn Goldman (6th), Janet Machliss Kohn (9th), Marilyn Mandie (16th), Judy Schiff (15th), Beryl Sandler (16th), Shirley Freedman (17th), Ann Cebon-Glass (22nd), Pnina Heilbrunn (30th), Rena Komesaroff (31st), Diane Orner

Mazel Tov

- * To Ruth Figdor and Janice Huppert on the safe arrival of their great granddaughters.
- * To Cera Newhouse on the wedding of her granddaughter.
- * To Garry and Evelyn Fabian who have a new great grandson and an engagement in the family.
- * To Peter Schaffer on his 90th birthday.

We sadly note the passing of Prof. Harold Lunz, Kathy Franks and Marilyn Gross.

Sima Garfield had a fall and sustained some injuries but is slowly recovering.

Ruth Figdor and Peter Schaffer have recovered after a challenging time with health issues.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

B'nai B'rith Melbourne Lodge invites you to the

GREAT INTER-GENERATIONAL DEBATE

where the youth and the elderly will discuss topics affecting today's world.



SUNDAY 25 MAY

5:00 - 8:00PM

McKinnon Bowling Club -

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His extraordinary career has seen performances in the West End, composing for Broadway, directing recitals and masterclasses from Hong Kong to Kazakhstan.

Warren has released 25 albums worldwide.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH GESHER-RABIN

Purim get-together



MCG guided tour by Margot Sims Cohen



COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE

We have had a busy start to 2025 with school incursions at record levels. We have bookings for over 17,000 Victorian students already and our target is 21,500. Last year we reached over 18,000 students.

Demand for our Middle Years Program (Grade 5 to Year 7) continues to be very strong and is nearly half of all our activity now. We continue to promote reaching students when they are younger before they form negative views plus, we can interact with them multiple times during their school years.



First program for 2025 at Lyndhurst Secondary College

Happy volunteers off to another incursion

IN ONE VOICE

The weather was certainly unkind to us at In One Voice but that didn't stop us enjoying interacting with old friends and even making some new ones!

Our wonderful volunteers braving the very wet conditions at the In One Voice Festival promoting Courage to Care.



COMMUNITY UPSTANDER PROGRAM - For Adults

We were invited to deliver a Community Upstander Program for the Office of Zoe Daniel MP in February. The theme was "Make Goldstein a discrimination-free zone."

This is part of our social enterprise and offered for a fee that helps us pay for school programs.

This session was facilitated by our amazing volunteer Sabrina Chakman, to nearly sixty people, with 27 community organisations represented. Those represented included schools, faith-based groups, various community care groups, Scouts, CWA, NDIS groups and a life-saving club. This was an excellent example of how the Workplace and Community Training model can benefit diverse members of the community.

The objective of the workshop was to bring people together to discuss social cohesion and how we can strengthen our understanding of social influence, how discriminatory language and behaviours are normalised and the role of bystanders, myth of neutrality and obstacles to action. The evening began with an address from both Zoe Daniel MP and our CEO Mike Zervos, who ensured participants were clear that the evening was for an education workshop, not for political debate. Our role was in promoting Upstander behaviour, not in endorsing particular views. Overall, the evening was a success and a fantastic opportunity to get our name and message out to the wider community. We have already had volunteer enquiries as a result of this evening.

CEO Mike Zervos OAM

APRIL 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31 Mar	1 Apr	2 10:30am Akiba visit to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens	3 3:00pm ML Executive meeting	4	5	6 Ramblers walk 9:30am Calico Dolls 2:30pm Human Rights Oration
7 7:30pm ML Programming meeting	8 10:00am Armchair Society	9 7:30pm ML Regular Meeting	10	11	12 Erev Pesach	13 Pesach I 6:30pm GRU Second Seder
14 Pesach II	15 Pesach III (CH"M)	16 Pesach IV (CH"M)	17 Pesach V (CH"M)	18 Pesach VI (CH"M)	19 Pesach VII	20 Pesach VIII
21 7:30pm ML Book Club	22	23 Ramblers walk	24 7:45pm GRU: The Happy and Holy Occasion Play (Malvern Theatre Co Inc. (29 Burke Road, Malvern East Victoria 3145,	25 ANZAC DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 11:00am Hatikvah Anzac Day Walk & Lunch	26	27 Ramblers walk 10:00am GRU: Graffiti Art Tour 2:00pm Akiba Getting to Know You Afternoon 8:00pm Hatikvah regular
28	29 10:00am Armchair Society	30 Yom Hazikaron	1 May	2	3	4

MAY 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28 Apr	29	30	1 May Yom HaAtzma'ut 3:00pm ML Executive meeting	2	3	4 Ramblers walk 3:00pm BBV Movie Club - The Correspondent (Palace - Time TBC)
5 7:30pm ML Programming meeting	6 ML Torquay Trip	7 ML Torquay Trip	8 ML Torquay Trip	9 ML Torquay Trip	10 7:00pm GRU Dinner	11 Mothers' Day
12	13 10:00am Armchair Society	14 Ramblers walk 7:30pm ML Regular meeting	15 8:00pm Jewish Non-Fiction Book Club	16 Lag BaOmer	17	18 11:00am GRUing 12:00pm Akiba lunch meeting
19	20 12:00pm Akiba Chat n Chew	21	22	23	24 Yom HaShoa 6:00pm Akiba Theatre & Dinner	25 GRU Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Ramblers walk 5:00pm Melbourne Lodge Debate 8:00pm Hatikvah regular
26 Yom Yerushalayim 2:30pm Fellowship Concert	27 10:00am Armchair Society	28	29 10:00am Armchair Society	30	31	1 Jun

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