



B'NAI B'RITH PREVIEW



Message from the Vice President: Counting the Jewish Population



The Australian census, which will be held next year, is a crucial source of information about the Jewish community. However, during a time of heightened antisemitism, some may choose not to identify as Jewish due to distrust in government assurances about the anonymity of census data and concerns about potential hacking. But an inaccurate count of the Jewish population could result in reduced government funding and less reliable data for community planning, affecting

organisations like Jewish Care, Emmy Monash, and the day schools.

Using the census to calculate the size of the Jewish population is already difficult. The primary identifier is a religion question, which asks, “What is the person’s religion?” However, answering this question is optional. In the 2021 census, 99,950 persons indicated their religion as Judaism. But what of those who consider themselves Jewish culturally or ethnically, but not religiously?

Three main additional indicators help identify Jewish Australians: questions on ancestry, language spoken in the home, and the non-response rate, particularly in suburbs with large Jewish populations. The ancestry question, “What is the person’s ancestry?”, revealed that 8,400 people who did not answer the religion question identified their ancestry as Jewish. Additionally, 1,400 people who did not answer the religion question indicated that they spoke Hebrew or Yiddish at home. Furthermore, an estimated 6,500 individuals were identified based on the non-response rate to the religion question in suburbs with large Jewish populations and other parts of Australia.

Combining this data with other minor adjustments provides the best estimate of 117,000 for the Jewish population in Australia. Of the total, an estimated 53,500 reside in Melbourne, 44,300 in Sydney, and nearly 20,00 in other parts of Australia. Unlike many other communities, the estimated Jewish population has barely increased over the last decade, and comprises less than one percent of Victoria’s population.

I asked my favourite AI search engine, Perplexity, about the size of the Jewish population in Australia. Perplexity provided several estimates: a core Jewish population of 117,000, a higher estimate of 130,000 for those with at least one Jewish parent, and a “Law of Return Jewish population” of 156,000. This last group includes those individuals who have the right to make aliyah and claim Israeli citizenship based on having at least one Jewish grandparent, along with their immediate families.

Those with concerns will need to think about how they identify in the upcoming census next year.

Andrew Markus AO, Vice-President

ANTISEMITISM BATTLES



Have you read Jillian Segal's report on combatting antisemitism? She is the Federal Government's appointed Special Envoy whose report was endorsed by most Jewish organisations including the Executive Council of Australian Jewry (of which B'nai B'rith is a member). The Segal report was lauded by the Prime Minister initially, but over the past week the report has come under heavy criticism from Age writers such as Richard Flanagan and by Sarah Ferguson from the 7.30 Report. Flanagan even called for the report to be abandoned. The main sticking points are the definition of antisemitism and at what point does criticism of Israel government policies cross over to constitute antisemitism. It is hard to watch these developments without feeling that we are losing the public relations war. The Report recognises these difficulties but calls for respectful debate of these issues and demands an end to hate speech which is destroying our precious free speech in our Australian democracy.

At our Convention in Canberra, taking place at the end of this month, we will be exploring these issues further with experts from both Jewish and non Jewish communities. We will hear from Mark Leach, Mike Kelly, Tahli Blicblau and others. We all have powerful enemies, but in order to survive we surely need a strong Israel and a group of diaspora Jews who are comfortable in their Jewish Identity and can work together with fellow Jews and with our many allies who are both quietly and overtly on our side. Rabbi Rabin in his recent talk at the Armchair Society concurred, recommending that in these discussions we should promote the mantra of harmony and respect for other groups in society. This is very consistent with our B'nai B'rith values.

The winners of the B'nai B'rith Victoria grants to combatting antisemitism on-line and on campus at Universities are a shining example of the way forward.

Another winner this month was the B'nai B'rith Youth Art Competition. The awards were presented to a full house of proud parents, friends and supporters. I especially liked the way each winner's art work was shown on screen as their name was announced. Well done to the artists and the organising team, led by Ellana Aarons together with Joey Thomas, Chana MishulovIn and their committee, who put this show together.

My three year term as President of BBANZ finishes next month. When I fully retire I might write about that experience in my memoirs. I will be handing my role over to Sydneysider Janine Zimbley who is a very talented and capable leader. It's been a real pleasure to work with her.

Finally, a very big thank you to all the donors who gave so generously to the Israel Emergency Appeal. Over the past six weeks who have contributed \$85,000 in Victoria, NSW and New Zealand to help Israelis recover from the ongoing war. You are fabulous.

Benny Monheit

President, BBANZ



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Sunday 23 November 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH UNIT GESHER-RABIN

AGM/ Installation/Initiation

Advocate for Israel, Community Leader

Ramona Chrapot

**"Ensuring Our Future - Inspiring
Generational Leadership"**

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST 2025, 7:30PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: \$25 PER PERSON

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/INSTALLATION-AND-AGM](https://events.humanitix.com/installation-and-agm)

A light supper will be provided.

Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club, 23 Tyrone St, Ormond

For more information:

Karin Zafir / karin@zafirfamily.com



B'NAI B'RITH ANZ CANBERRA CONVENTION

Canberra Convention Friday 29th August - Monday 1st September.

Convention Program Outline

Proposed outline of the convention program showing possible times.

Registration on Saturday night at the dessert buffet (i.e. receipt of folder with program, book of reports etc) and gift.

Sunday morning - 8.15am for 8.30am start. Business meeting led by Benny Monheit, minutes of previous convention, discussion regarding the book of reports. Election of office bearers of new District committee.

9.30 - 11am	Session 1 - Renewal
11.00 - 11.20am	Morning tea
11.20 - 11.50am	Session 2 - BBYO special presentation.
11.50 - 12.45pm	Keynote speaker Mark Leach, facilitated by Vera Cranston.

12.45 - 1.30pm	Lunch (guests are BBYO and parents)
1.30 - 2.30pm	Session 3 part 1 - BB's response to current Antisemitism, various facilitators.
2.30 - 2.50pm	Afternoon tea
2.50 - 4pm	Session 3 part 2 - continued
7pm	Gala dinner - installation and addresses by outgoing District President.

Monday	
9.30 - 11am	Session 4 - Supporting Israel.
11.00 - 11.20am	Morning tea
11.30 - 12.30pm	Session 5 - Convention wrap up.
12.30 - 2.00pm	Working lunch - district committee.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL PROGRAM](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

COMBATTING ANTISEMITISM GRANTS

We are proud to announce the recipients of the inaugural B'nai B'rith Antisemitism Grants - an exciting new initiative supporting practical, community-led responses to antisemitism and disinformation about Israel. This program is made possible through the B'nai B'rith Future Fund, which holds bequested funds entrusted to us by members and supporters who believe in sustaining our values for generations to come. The interest earned from this fund, along with surpluses from recent community events such as the Human Rights Oration and the private screening of October 8, has allowed us to offer this vital new support.

Congratulations to our two inaugural recipients:

Lillian Kline (Project A), recognised for her grassroots advocacy and efforts to mobilise Jewish voices. On receiving the news Lillian said, "A grant of \$6,000 provides vital support for Project A's grassroots advocacy efforts, enabling us to mobilise volunteers, develop strategic campaigns, and amplify Jewish voices at a time when visibility and solidarity are more important than ever. Every contribution helps us protect our community and build bridges in the face of rising antisemitism."

Zara Cooper (Clammy Fraud), received a grant for her innovative digital work exposing online hate and disinformation. The Clammy Fraud instagram page has gained widespread recognition, and on receipt of the news, Zara said, "The Clammy Fraud page plays a critical role in exposing and challenging online disinformation, hate campaigns, and coordinated digital abuse that often go unchecked. By publicly documenting harmful online behaviour, it empowers individuals and communities to recognise, report, and resist the misuse of digital platforms. Funding support is vital to sustain and expand this work, allowing for better content moderation, improved data collection and documentation, and wider community education."

We look forward to sharing their progress with the community in the coming months.



Zara Cooper



*A trip from Project A's first Israel mission in March (L-R):
Liora Miller (Co Director), Ginette Searle (Co Director),
Sarah Tuttle Singer (Israeli writer/influencer),
Lillian Kline (Co Founder), Moran Dvir (Co Founder)*

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO CONTINUE TO GROW THE B'NAI B'RITH FUTURE FUND IN SUPPORTING MORE PROJECTS LIKE THIS

Through the establishment of the B'nai B'rith Future Fund, the interest earned on bequests received will be distributed via grants to support programs or projects from within the community.

Leaving a bequest in your Will is a powerful way to create a lasting legacy. Whether large or small, your bequest will ensure B'nai B'rith can continue to serve your community.

WILLS & BEQUESTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH LEARNING EXCHANGE

B'NAI B'RITH ARMCHAIR SOCIETY

Fortnightly series - guest speakers | lively discussion

TUESDAYS, 10:00am - 12:00pm

AUGUST 5: JOSH PITERMAN

AUGUST 19: ROBERT GREGORY

SEPTEMBER 2: RABBI ZACH GOMO

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\$10 per session
Venue advised on booking
Sessions recorded by J-Air



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REVOLUTIONS AND REGIMES: UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S IRAN

LJLA LEARNING LECTURE
PROF. ANDREW MARKUS



TUESDAY 19 AUG 2025



6:30PM

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DDPCJ

ART COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY

The Glen Eira City Council Gallery was filled with energy and excitement on Sunday 20 July, as students, families, educators, and art lovers gathered for the 30th Annual B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition Awards Ceremony.

This year's exhibition was the largest and most diverse in the event's three-decade history, showcasing over 250 artworks submitted by more than 180 Jewish artists in Years 6 to 12 from 18 schools - including, for the first time, interstate school entrants. A surge in participation from students at state schools highlights the growing reach and impact of the competition. The exhibition featured a vibrant collection of works across painting, drawing, portraiture & caricature, photography, sculpture and mixed media.

A total of 50 prizes were awarded across multiple age groups and artistic categories, reflecting B'nai B'rith's commitment to nurturing and recognising the creative talents of young Jewish artists.

Among the top honours:

- The Morrie Gold Prize for Overall Winner was awarded to 13-year-old Amelia Griffin.
- The Community Bank Bendigo Bank Caulfield Park Award for Overall Runner-Up went to Milo Friedman
- The Thalia Hakin Memorial Prize, presented by David Southwick MP on behalf of the Gandel Foundation, awarded for the best artwork across Years 6 and 7, to Toby Lopata
- With more than 1,400 community votes submitted for the People's Choice Award, Ester Bruce emerged as the clear favourite

The B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition remains a vital platform for nurturing young Jewish artistic talent, promoting cultural pride, and strengthening community connection through creativity.



Amelia Griffin, Overall Winner



Amelia Griffin and family



*Ester Bruce,
Winner of the People's Choice Award*



*Toby Lopata (centre),
Winner of the Thalia Hakin Memorial Prize*

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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 August:

Sunday 10

7:30pm - **AGM, Installation, Initiation**

Speaker: Ramona Chrapot, Advocate for Israel and Community Leader. She will address the topic 'Ensuring our future - inspiring generational leadership.'

For bookings, please use the link <https://tinyurl.com/GRUAGM2025>

For more information, please contact Karin

Sunday 17

11:00am - **"GRUing together"** Catch up and shmooze with your friends.

Tom Zafir will interview Henry and Leon Nissen.

For more information about GRU-ing events, contact Eleanor.

Coming up in September:

Saturday 6

7:30pm - **Comedy Debate**

Topic: "Cooking is a Waste of Time"

Teams: GRU vs. Maccabi Toastmasters

For bookings, please use the link <https://events.humanitix.com/comedy-debate-2025>

For more information, please contact Sue

Sunday 21

11:00am - **"GRUing together"** Catch up and shmooze with your friends.

Evelyn Flitman will talk on Walking the Camino as well as her volunteering in Israel.

For more information about GRU-ing events, contact Eleanor

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 19 October: 2 - 5pm - GRU Annual Trivia Fundraiser for Israel

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

Debra Star (1st), Bronwen Lichtenstein (12th), Colin Schneider (25th), Halina Leitch (31st)

Refuah Shlema to Halina Leitch, Sandy Kaplan, Lee Hirsh, Helen Heiman, Val Varga, Laurie Bar-Ness, Tom Reisner

Condolences to Evelyn Flitman on the passing of her daughter's mother-in-law

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UNIT AKIBA

President: Henry Winfield

Secretary: Annette Gladwin

Preview: Annette Harriott

What's on in August:

- Wednesday 13** 10:15am - **French Impressionist Exhibition** from Museum of Fine Arts, Boston at National Gallery of Victoria. Over 100 Masterpieces from artists including Renoir, Degas, Manet, Sisley and more. Book [online](#) for 10.15am. RSVP to Miriam
- Sunday 17** 6:00pm - **Installation** to be held at Glen Eira McKinnon Bowls Club. Installing Officer P/P Faye Haskin Dubrowin OAM.
An Israeli-style kosher dinner will be served. Accomplished vocalist Jodie Silberthau will provide wonderful entertainment.
Click [here](#) to book. RSVP by 5pm 10 August
Contact [Denise](#)
- Thursday 28** TBA- **Movie and Lunch** to see "Mr Burton" at Classic Elstenwick. Lunch at The Goathouse. RSVP to Miriam

Coming up in September:

- Saturday 6** 7:00pm - **Ten Pin Bowling** at Southland Bowling, followed by supper at Pancake Parlour. Please RSVP to Kath

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

Karen Neumann (1st), Fred Pollack (2nd), Andrew Freadman (12th), David Rooseboom (18th), Elaine Bourne (21st), Beatrice Mense (26th), Miriam Sztrajt (26th).

Mazel Tov to members Kath and Andrew Kolb on their granddaughter Amelia Griffin winning the Morrie Gold Memorial Prize as overall winner of the 2025 B'nai B'rith Jewish Youth Art Competition! What nachas!!

Our sincere condolences to Eva Moscovitz and all B'nai Brith friends on the passing of our member and friend John Konewka. Wishing you long life.

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!

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HATIKVAH UNIT

President: Claude Fromm

Vice-President: Orly Dar

Preview: Judith Steinberg

What's on in August:

Sunday 3 9:30 - 11:30am - *Calico Dolls*

Sunday 31 2:00 - 5:00pm - *Movie Afternoon*
At Leo Baeck Centre
Featuring the film "A Good Liar" starring Helen Mirren
Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea *nut free

Wishing the following members a happy birthday!

Alec Huze (14th), Irene Port (16th), Peter Arnheim (21st) and Tessa Berger (21st)

We wish them a healthy and peaceful year.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to those members who are unwell

Our Trivia Afternoon in July enabled Hatikvah Unit to make a donation of \$3,000 to Israel.

Many thanks to all who participated!

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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 August:

Sunday 10 Morning - Vardit and Ron will lead a medium walk from Mordialloc to Sandringham.

Wednesday 13 Morning - An easy midweek walk from Camberwell to Fairfield will be led by Rodney.

Sunday 31 Morning - SOHW led by Josh, King's Fals lookout - Arthur Seat loop.

MELBOURNE LODGE NO 1547

Incorporating Raoul Wallenberg Unit & Melbourne Mitzvah Lodge

President: Danielle Schilling

Preview: Dr John Kohn

What's on in August:

Tuesday 5 7:30pm - **Programming Meeting** at Robyn's home

Thursday 7 3:00pm - **Executive Meeting**

Wednesday 13 7:30pm - **Regular Meeting**. Guest Speaker Sue Hampel OAM, Co-President of the Melbourne Holocaust Museum and Historian at Monash Uni.
Topic: History of the Jews of Poland from the Middle Ages until today.

Monday 18 **Book Club** at Pearl's home
Featuring "Safe Haven" by Shankari Chandran

Thursday 28 2:00pm - **Super Games Afternoon**
Bookings: Danielle

PAST EVENTS:

Wed 9 July: Regular Meeting with Guest Speaker Vicki Kaplan

Vicki felt so deeply for Israel's plight that she flew to Israel to volunteer wherever there was a need for 4 weeks. She documented each day and turned it into a documentary called "Lend a Hand, Lift a Nation" with the hope of encouraging others to volunteer. (You can watch this on [YouTube](#))



Thurs 10 July: Super Games Afternoon

Social activities are an important part of Melbourne Lodge's program. At the request of many members, we decided to use Beth Weizmann's premises to host a Super Games Afternoon, giving our members the opportunity to play a variety of games and try their skills at new ones. Bridge, Mahjong, Kalooki, Rummy Tiles and Scrabble were offered. 50 people filled to capacity two of B'nai B'rith's rooms with a waiting list for Bridge. An afternoon tea provided the players with a pleasant interlude. With such strong demand, this successful game afternoon will become a regular get together in our calendar. The proceeds of the entry tickets went to the Israel Commission and will be sent to one of our projects. Thank you to all participants who helped make the afternoon a success.

Tues 15 July: Kulture Club dinner. A very enjoyable night out with good food and friendly, noisy company.

August Birthday Greetings:

Howard Elton (4th), Esther Gross (10th), Peter Pulver (12th), Ron Zmood (15th), Ruth Goldman (15th), Eva Lustig (17th), Lorraine Freeman (18th), Barbara Wolfson (21st), George Schimmel (25th), Eva Slonim (29th)

Welfare of Members:

- * Mazel Tov to Cera and Harry Newhouse on the birth of their 5th great grandchild.
- * Judy Kolt sadly has had medical issues. We wish her a refuah shleima.

Donations to MAD:

- * We thank Alex Starr and Gerry Pearce for their generous donations.
- * Sandra Farber has made a donation in honour of the wellbeing of her sister Bette Pulver.

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SUPER GAMES AFTERNOON WITH MELBOURNE LODGE



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW A MONTHLY EVENT - DON'T MISS OUT!

Join us and have fun at the **B'NAI B'RITH SUPER GAMES AFTERNOON**

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST, 2:00PM

Convention Room in Beth Weizmann
(next door to the B'nai B'rith office)

GAMES OFFERED:
 Bridge
 (cards + pads supplied)
 Mahjong for beginners
 Mahjong for experienced players
 (bring your own tiles & board)
 Scrabble
 (sets supplied)
 Rummy
 (bring your own tiles)

Entry: \$10

Afternoon tea provided
 All welcome!

Bookings: Danielle Schilling
 0408 128 639
danielle@the-schillings.com



B'NAI B'RITH FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

Featuring

SIBLING REVELRY

Venue:

Glen Eira McKinnon Bowling Club
 Tyrone St, Ormond

Time:

2:30pm

Cost:

\$10 entry includes afternoon tea & a raffle ticket

MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Deidre 0408 121 213



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COURAGE TO CARE UPDATE



SABRINA CHAKMAN NAMED CHAIR OF COURAGE TO CARE VICTORIA

Following the sad passing of much-loved Chair Judy Glick, B'nai B'rith Courage to Care Victoria Inc has appointed Sabrina Chakman, known affectionately as Sabi, as the new Chair, effective July 2025. Sabi joined Courage to Care in January 2019 and has since played a pivotal role in many areas. Her contributions span facilitating school and adult programs, serving as a Custodian Speaker sharing her father's Holocaust story, chairing the Education Sub-Committee, and as a valued member of the Committee of Management.

Sabi's deep passion for education, inclusion, and human rights is shaped by personal experience and professional dedication. Born in Melbourne, she attended primary school in Glenroy while her father practiced medicine and completed her schooling at Korowa CEGGS. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Monash University and a Diploma of Education from Rusden State College. For over two decades, she taught academic skills and creative writing at Swinburne TAFE and contributed to programs designed for adults returning to study. Sabi later completed a Masters in Educational Studies, focusing on how values are embedded in curricula, and a Graduate Diploma in Careers Education, concluding her professional career as a Senior Careers Educator at Deakin University before retiring in 2018.

Sabi describes her role as "Nanny" to her grandchildren as her most beloved—and says that discovering Courage to Care has been the most fulfilling experience of her life.

In her own words, Sabi reflects:

"Going into schools across metropolitan and rural Victoria enables me to talk to a diverse range of people. We learn from each other and explore together the damage that hate and discrimination cause."

It is so satisfying to witness the students' deep attention when a Holocaust Survivor shares their Upstander story - stories of being rescued by ordinary people with the moral conviction, compassion, and courage to stand up in the most challenging of circumstances. It highlights the power each individual holds to make a difference." Kerry Lowe will continue as Vice Chair and has also been appointed as a Director of Courage to Care Australia Ltd, representing Victoria at the national level.

Sabi will be well supported by Kerry and the dedicated Committee of Management, volunteers, and staff. We are confident she will continue Judy Glick's legacy of compassionate leadership while bringing her own unique ideas, voice, and perspective to this vital role.

CEO Mike Zervos OAM



Our Upstander Programs equip students with the knowledge and confidence to **stand up to hate**, rather than stand by.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

B'NAI B'RITH LEARNING EXCHANGE

KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT: THE FALL OF ANCIENT ISRAEL AND JUDEA

3-WEEK LJLA LEARNING SERIES
WITH ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PETER SCHATNER



THURSDAY STARTING 4 SEPT 2025



11:30AM - 1:00PM



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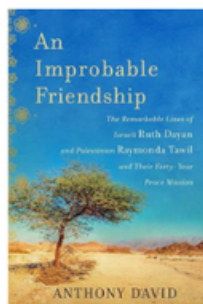
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B'NAI B'RITH JEWISH NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

Featuring "An Improbable Friendship"
by Anthony David

The discussion will be led by Eleanor Aghion and
Sydney Pilcer.

In this true story of friendship and faith in the face of insurmountable hatred, Anthony David explores the unexpected friendship between Ruth Dayan (Moshe Dayan's first wife) and Raymonda Tawil (Yasser Arafat's mother-in-law). Based on their personal interviews, diaries and journals, he reveals a vivid portrait of two very feisty women, the powerful men in their lives and the intractable conflict that made their secret, forty-year friendship so improbable. How were they able to bridge the divide between them?



THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER, 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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A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT B'NAI B'RITH

B'NAI B'RITH RAMBLERS

EASY, MEDIUM, HARD WALKS

Join the largest Jewish bushwalking group in Victoria.

Enjoy the environment, physical exercise and companionship.

Each month experienced volunteer leaders lead up to four walks at different levels. These are generally within an hour to 90 minutes drive from Melbourne.

You can pay an annual membership or a fee per walk which includes insurance.



enquiries@bbramblers.org.au

More information about upcoming walks on Page 9 or [click here](#) to visit the Ramblers website

In addition to our support of BB Israel, B'nai B'rith ANZ Israel Commission supports 5 projects across Israel:

In **Bersheva** - Be'er Sova, "a restaurant for the needy" where up to 100 receive a nourishing hot meal for only a couple shekels.

In **Karmiel** - a Children's Village. Ages ranging from toddlers to teenagers fostered by families living in the Village – where they live until they join the army.

In **Sderot** - many of its young people are extremely traumatized by rocket attacks. A large number are of Ethiopian descent and their parents do not have the skills to assist them. The I.C. has furnished and equipped a Community Centre, where psychological help is provided and where they can safely meet and socialize.

In **Jaffo** - Jaffa Institute for Higher Education runs a large food distribution centre - distributing hundreds of food parcels each week, as well as providing after-school tuition and care. Providing shelter and education to children at risk. Integrated drug prevention program. Schools for young Sudanese migrants assisting with their integration into Israeli society, as well as integration of Somalians through artistic workshops. Summer camps and Scholarships for higher education is also provided.

In **Bet Oved** - supporting the Israeli Guide Dog Institute.

If you want to know more about the above projects, please contact Danielle on: danielle@the-schillings.com

TO MAKE A DONATION [CLICK HERE](#) (select Israel Commission in the dropdown box)

AUGUST 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28 Jul	29	30	31	1 Aug	2	3 Tish'a B'Av 9:30am Calico Dolls
4 7:30pm ML Programming meeting	5 10:00am Armchair Society 7:30pm ML Programming meeting	6	7 3:00pm ML Executive meeting	8	9	10 Ramblers walk 7:30pm GRU Installation
11	12	13 Ramblers walk 10:00am Akiba visit to French Impressionist Exhibition 7:30pm ML Regular meeting	14	15	16	17 11:00am GRUing 6:00pm Akiba Installation
18 ML Book Club	19 10:00am Armchair Society 6:30pm Revolutions & Regimes	20 Elana on leave	21	22	23 7:30pm GRU vs Toastmasters debate	24 GRU Train trip
25	26	27	28 2:00pm Games Afternoon	29	30	31 BBANZ Convention Ramblers walk 2:00pm Hatikvah Movie Afternoon



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY'S ACHIEVERS

For more than 40 years,
the B'nai B'rith Menorah Awards
have celebrated our community's greatest
contributors.

If you know a volunteer who has had an
impact on either the organisation or the
community over a long period, please
nominate them for a
2025 B'nai B'rith Menorah Award.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
CLOSE 16 AUGUST



Click [HERE](#) to see the B'nai B'rith calendar which includes all B'nai B'rith and Unit Events and Jewish Holidays

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