Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Saturday 8 June 2019
9pm-midnight

Study topic:
The relationships between Religion and secularism from a variety of perspectives
Coffee and cheesecake between sessions

Shavuot Seder
Saturday 8 June
7-9pm

LBC biennial Shavuot Seder, with prayers, readings, songs and - of course - dairy foods! This time we will have guests from other faiths as the evening is part of our month of Interfaith Activities.
Please bring a vegetarian/dairy dish to share for dinner.

Shavuot Service
Sunday 9 June
9-10.15am

Service includes Yizkor. Note earlier start time.

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Presidential Musings

I would like to begin this edition of Profile by extending hearty congratulations and a warm welcome to Gillian Lubansky as Co-President, Ellis Edwards as Co-Treasurer, and new LBC Board member Stephen Hacker. The willingness of members to serve on our Board, often with competing family and work pressures, is a reflection of their commitment to the sound management and continuity of the LBC community.

In this our 70th Anniversary Year, I would like to encourage the readers of this column to consider how their lifetime of experience and professional skills can help shape our future. There are many ways to contribute. Some include direct action by lending a helping hand to people in our community needing care, raising funds for charity or editing Profile and our many publications. Others involve the use of information technology to better manage our relationship with members and the broader Jewish community.

The celebrations and activities for our 70th anniversary year are continuing, as well as our usual activities supporting the festivals. The Communal Seder held on the first night of Pesach was enjoyed by all who attended. The Yom Ha’Atzamut dinner held at a Uyghur restaurant was unusual and those attending enjoyed the talk given by Rabbi Fred Morgan on ‘Jews of the Silk Road’. Also happening is the ‘Month of Interfaith’ with many different activities to suit tastes.

Our thanks go to Tanya Warms for the work she and her team have done for the LBC Trivia Night to be held on 1st June. It will be a most enjoyable and fun evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please check the upcoming events to see which of the exciting and interesting opportunities there are to celebrate our anniversary this year.

Those who have been at the centre lately will have noticed that work has started on the renovation of the men’s toilet near the shul. It will be completely refreshed and will have an ‘ambulant’ toilet. We thank Regina Bron as Chair of House and Michael Fink, our architect for getting this project under way.

You may have been sent an email regarding a full-page advertisement that appeared on Page 8 of the May 10 edition of the Australian Jewish News. The advertisement was organized by the Jewish Climate Action Group and the Jewish Ecological Coalition (JECO). It indicated that LBC was a signatory and a financial contributor to the advertisement. The Board of LBC was not consulted nor has it made a contribution to the advertisement. There is no implication of support or non-support for the position taken in the advertisement. LBC’s name should not have appeared in the advertisement without the Board’s permission. This does not mean we no longer support JECO. We were not consulted before our name was added to the advertisement and the Board wishes to have full control over where our name is used. We are currently investigating how this happened and looking at ways to prevent this from happening in the future.

With our caretaker away on leave for a month, it is timely to mention our office staff and others who have taken up the slack so that our activities can continue as smoothly as they do. Our thanks go to them all.

Jim Beck & Gillian Lubansky

LBC COMMUNICATIONS

We regularly need to send messages to all the LBC Community at the same time – for announcements such as notifying members of the death of a member, important updates of information, or messages from Rabbi Jonathan about significant events. We send these messages via our database and have had reports that these messages are not always getting through to some members. If you are not receiving these emails please contact the office and we can assist you in ensuring you get these important communications.

Also a reminder to subscribe to our weekly electronic newsletter so that you are kept up to date with all happenings around the Centre. To subscribe please contact the office or go to lbc.org.au/publications
As the temperature drops and winter arrives here in Melbourne, it is of course quite the opposite in the land of Israel, where the skies are blue and a hot, dry summer is unfolding. As in Australia, most of the population are city-dwellers, and therefore not as much in touch with the agricultural cycle as the farmers, but the fields are turning golden – seven weeks have been counted from the second night of Pesach, and as Exodus 34:22 instructs, we should ‘Observe the Festival of Weeks with the first fruits of the wheat harvest’.

Pesach was the barley harvest and at the end of the season, at Sukkot, is the feast of ingathering. Both of those are marked with week-long festivals, whereas Shavuot is biblically only a day-long festival. This can be interpreted in two ways: either the wheat harvest was insignificant compared to the barley and the fruits – both of which concluded with week-long celebrations – or alternatively, that the wheat harvest was more significant, and more protracted, and went on for weeks, so there was no particular time spare to gather and celebrate.

Despite the fact that the geography of Israel is not naturally conducive to agriculture, with more than half of the land area being desert, and only 20% of the land area being naturally arable, the land was biblically (and presumably relatively) considered rich and fertile. Descriptions like Deuteronomy 8:7-9 are common: ‘For your Eternal God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing’.

Even today, the State of Israel produces around 95% of its own food requirements. This is despite the hot climate and the scarcity of water – it has developed ways to maximise growth and efficiency, such as drip irrigation, which are also being used to help farmers worldwide. And it does this with only 3.7% of the work force, supplementing this with imports of grain, oilseeds, meat, coffee, cocoa and sugar, but also exporting significant quantities of items such as herbs and dates and of course citrus, contributing 3.6% to the export economy. However, wheat production today is way down – only about a quarter of its maximum (75,000 metric tonnes), probably because it is cheaper to buy it in and produce higher value crops from the scarce water and land resources available. Barley has been phased out entirely over the last 20 years.

Yet we should not forget our reliance on food, even though we no longer put our hands to the soil and our backs to the plough. Agriculture may have become both more mechanised, more efficient and more remote, but it is no less essential to our survival. One way we can remember this is to pause and say a brief blessing before eating. We always did this when I was growing up, saying: ‘Baruch atah Adonai, eloheinu melech ha’olam, homotzi lechem min ha’aretz’ – lechem being not only ‘bread’ but also more generally interpreted as all food. Thank you God (how lucky we are) for having enough to eat. I am shocked when some of our BM students still don’t know this blessing!

I should also point out, of course, that the harvest festivals have each been given a ‘historical’ overlay – perhaps in part a reflection that as society developed, agriculture was becoming more specialised and no longer involving every member of society, and, perhaps in parallel, secular life began to play a significant role alongside religious? So Pesach is about the Exodus from Egypt. Sukkot is about the forty years of wandering through the desert, with the protection of shaky shelters, reminding us of the vulnerability of our lives and the need for God’s protection. Both explanations are already given biblically. But Shavuot is again the odd one out. It was left to the Rabbis to note that there was a harvest festival without a ‘historical’ association, and a key event that had not been married to a festival. So they massaged a few dates and managed to tie Shavuot up with the Revelation at Mount Sinai, and henceforth it has been ‘Z’man Matan Torateinu’, the time of the giving of our Torah! We study through the night – or at least until midnight – and we learn from many different periods and texts of Jewish history. I hope you’ll join us (and some interfaith guests) this coming Saturday 8th June from 7pm for our Shavuot Seder and our study sessions: Religion vs Secularism.

The next morning, the short Shavuot morning service is unusually early, at 9am on Sunday morning 9th June, so that those who wish can go to join the East Kew Uniting Church 142 Normanby Rd at 10.30 for their Pentecost service which falls the same day, another part of our month of Interfaith activities.

Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black
Where Your Vote Really Does Count

I was speaking at a communal function a few days ago when the issue of ‘hyper vigilance’ was raised, with particular reference to the rise in anti-Semitic acts around the world and the need for us to protect ourselves from those who would do us harm.

My reply was that as a grandfather of Jewish children and grandchildren I am horrified by the rise in anti-Semitism. At the same time though, were I Muslim in many parts of the world (including Australia), or a Catholic in places such as Sri Lanka, I would be equally horrified by the significant increase in the level of active hatred against my community. Such fear drives us inward and makes us make decisions that have self-interest at their core, regardless of the impact on the wider community and the world.

We saw this in the build-up to the Australian General Election on 18 May, and we saw it clearly in the recent elections in Israel. People have shown that they are frightened about what might happen if they focus on the big issues (e.g. Climate Change, re-distribution of wealth, fairness, equality) and many are considering choosing ‘the devil we know.’

With regard to the Australian elections, Progressive Jews vote for a diverse range of candidates and Parties, as we are diverse in our political views and opinions. However, when it comes to Israel, we are far more unified. We are committed to Israel being able to live in peace and security; we believe that Israel should provide equal recognition and support to all recognised denominations of Judaism; and we believe that Israel should be an inclusive society that treats people equally regardless of their gender, sexual orientation or ethnic background.

Fortunately, while our individual vote in the Australian General Election may not change the nature of our society, there is a forum where each Jew can influence the future of the Jewish State – and that place is the World Zionist Congress (WZC) – the Parliament of the Jewish People.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be preparing for the election of delegates to participate in the next WZC, to be held in 2020 and we will be seeking to send as many delegates as possible to represent the views of Australian Progressive Jewish Zionists in that forum. To achieve this, we need your support and participation – by ensuring that you include membership of ARZA when you renew your Synagogue subscription and that you are prepared to vote when the WZC elections formally commence.

Steve Denenberg
Arza President

IRAC SAYS AMEN

by Anat Hoffman

“...that their goal is not to pray at the Western Wall, but to fulfill different rites in the fictional production that they have invented called Reform Judaism, whose sole purpose is the denial of the Torah and assimilation." This is just one of many statements against Reform Judaism made by Rabbi Yitzchak Yosef, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel and son of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, in the most recent volume in his book series ‘Yalkut Yosef’. This volume focuses on Jewish Law and the Western Wall, and includes prescriptions for the ‘treatment of the Reform Movement' saying that even though we are Jewish, 'it is forbidden to give Reform Jews an aliyah to the Torah, and you must not respond Amen to their blessings.' This incitement comes from a state-funded rabbi. Religious leaders like Rabbi Yosef deepen the existing rift between Orthodox and progressive Judaism in Israel and between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry, and this discourse threatens to undermine the legitimacy of Reform Judaism in Israel. In not condemning this kind of incitement by state-funded rabbis, politicians give fuel to religious extremists, and encourage the establishment of policies that discriminate against progressive Judaism and those who practice it.
Meet Sefi Shalam, New Netzer and PJV Shaliach

We are excited to announce that our new Netzer shaliach Sefi Shalam and his wife Sara arrived to Melbourne on 12 April.

Education
35 year old, born and raised in Haifa.
BA & MA in History & Political Science at Haifa University – a special joint course for Israelis and Palestinians.

Professional Background
I have worked on the Israeli Sports Channel and other sports and culture production roles on Israeli TV and other media.
I have served as the CEO of the Haifa University's Students' Union and my most recent job was as the Youth, Sports and Alumni Outreach Coordinator in the U.S. Embassy to Israel.
I have also undertaken various voluntary work. As a student I established the Haifa University's Model UN Society and was among the founders of the Israeli Model UN Association. I have also served as a board member and spokesperson of a local Haifa handball club and volunteered with MP Stav Shafir (Labor Party).

Personal
I am married to Sara, who made Aliyah to Israel from Poland in 2013. Sara studied law in Poland and is an Israeli Lawyer, experienced in internal audit and Israeli, Polish and EU law. She is a true animal-lover, and has volunteered in Israeli animal shelters.

Hobbies and fields of interest
I am an avid sports fan! I like watching (almost) all kinds of sports, and I cycle and play basketball. I LOVE cooking, mostly when hosting friends for dinners (be prepared). I am also a big history geek. But above all, our main passion is traveling. I have so far visited 48 countries, and in the past year and a half we have travelled full-time, including three wonderful months Down Under! We are truly looking forward to arriving in Melbourne and starting this new and so exciting chapter!

IRAC Says Amen, continues from p 4

We at IRAC are fighting for equality for progressive Jews in Israel. Since 2012, Reform and Conservative rabbis serving in Israel's rural regional councils have received state funding – a major step forward. The government has been promising to extend this equality to rabbis in cities. But when new guidelines were recently published, the State refused to use the words ‘rabbi’ or ‘synagogue’ to refer to Reform and Conservative Jews, and offered progressive rabbis a fraction of the sum given to Orthodox rabbis.

We will not accept this. All Jews in Israel must be recognized as equal, with equal rights and equal access to religious services. We filed a new Supreme Court petition last month demanding equal pay for rabbis in Israel’s cities.

Rock of Israel, hear our prayer:
Teach Israeli Orthodox rabbis to behave like mensches.
Remove their hearts of stone and give them a new spirit.
And let us say, Amen.
Over this 70th year we are including excerpts from the Chespeds (eulogies) of some of those who have been influential members of the congregation over the years. Peter Wolfram was President from 1973-75, and died in 2015. He was married to Olly, and their daughter Helen is still an LBC member.

**PETER KLAUS WOLFRAM**

*Pinchas ben Shaul v’Esther*

*6 January 1926 - 28 April 2015*

Peter was a real gentleman, kind, generous, gentle, considerate - a man with a strong handshake - you needed to be careful of your fingers, especially if you were wearing a ring - but it indicated his reliability and trustworthiness. Peter always asked about your family, and remembered if someone was ill, or doing something new. He was careful, particular, thorough - what we might call a Yekke - not surprising, as he was born in Templehof, Berlin in January 1926.

Peter asked me to come and see him and told me some of his long history himself, and so I know that he felt lucky and loved, and somewhat protected from the upheaval going on around him, especially for Jews, in his childhood years. He was the only child of Paul, an engineer at AEG specialising in cars, and Erna. As a result of the Nuremberg laws, Peter had to move from the local school to the Theodor Herzl school around 1937, and went on to the Leonora Goldschmidt Senior School, where he learnt English. In 1939, he celebrated his Bar Mitzvah, though by then it was after Kristallnacht - they were not able to have it at their original shul as it had been destroyed.

His father was sacked from his job and through his professor who had emigrated to Belgium, he was able to get permission for the family to move to Antwerp later in 1939, where he was appointed the technical director of a retraining camp for Jewish boys. In Antwerp Peter learnt French. But the following May, Germany invaded Holland, Belgium and Northern France. Any males between 16 and 60 were to report to the police. Peter was 14, and that was the last time he saw his father Paul, who was taken away and sent to France. Peter and his mother went by train to the port of Ostend - Peter remembered that they were going to say farewell to some people they knew, but there were some British officers on a boat who said they should jump on board and come to Britain. They got to England, where, as enemy aliens, Peter’s mother was interned at Holloway Prison in London, and he was sent to a refugee camp near Crystal Palace. Luckily Peter had the phone number of an uncle who lived in Pinner and they were able to arrange to look after him. He stayed there three months, on condition that he was only allowed to speak English! His mother had been taken to the Isle of Man, and, as he was under 16, he was allowed to join her there. They had not stopped worrying and making enquiries about his father, and eventually discovered that he had been ‘transported to the East’, but probably didn’t yet realise what this really meant.

In May 1941 Peter and his mother were released and went back to his uncle. Peter immediately got a job in an office where they produced electroplating and polishing supplies. Two years after he started there, the company employed a young woman called Olly, and they started courting. Her parents were both blind, and she did a lot for them. They celebrated with the rest of Britain when in 1945 the war ended.

Peter’s mother Erna had an older brother living in Melbourne, and in 1948, when Peter was eighteen, they set off to settle there. He got a job within a couple of weeks in the office of an engineering firm involved with construction and presses. Peter had been less than keen to come, in part because of having to leave Olly behind, but they stayed in touch by letter, and in June 1950, despite her parents’ wishes, she came as a ‘ten pound Pom’. Three months later they were married by Rabbi Dr Sanger.

They first lived with his uncle in Hawthorn, and then moved into accommodation in Robinson Road, and later bought their own home. To their great delight, Helen was born in 1954, and they moved to the house in Hawthorn East where Peter has lived ever since. Sadly Peter’s mother died in 1957. This loss was no doubt especially painful because he had not marked his father’s funeral, but the arrival of a new baby, Paul, in July, provided a diversion and new focus for the family. They also joined the Lorne Grove Eastern Suburbs Group of Temple Beth Israel, which eventually became the Leo Baeck Centre. Peter became the shammas in the services.

Peter joined the Board and became Treasurer whilst Harp Road was obtained and being built and then Peter served two years as President - all of his synagogue business over the years being managed from the desk in their sitting room.

In 1970 Peter and Olly went on a trip to see Olly’s parents in London, and toured Europe and Israel. This was Peter’s first of five visits to the Jewish State, which he
found extremely interesting. But tragically, Olly had a melanoma, and after struggling for several worrying years, she died in 1973, when Helen was 19 and Paul only 16. The silverware on the Nakuru Torah scroll was donated by Peter in her memory - an important part of the Leo Baeck Centre history.

Two years later, Peter married Erna Roth, who had been a friend of Olly’s from Leo Baeck, and whose husband had also died prematurely, a month after Olly. Peter was very happy with Erna, as he had been with Olly. His love and emotion was always clear whenever he was called up for their yahrzeit - and he was always there for them.

Peter retired in the 1990s, but this was not to last long as a friend, asked ‘would you like to come and work part time for me?’ and so Peter worked another 12 years!

Fate struck again when Erna became sick and was ill for a long and traumatic time. She died in 1999 and it took Peter a long time to get over this further sad loss.

A while after Erna died, he met up with Evelyn, and they have made a loving and supportive partnership since 2001.

Despite far too much loss and pain, Peter felt he had had a good life - always working, whether paid or voluntary, good health until his kidney problems of the last few years, lots of special people.

Zekher Tzaddik livracha – may the memory of a righteous person be a blessing to all who knew and loved him, and to the whole world, which is a better place for Peter having lived in it.

Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black

### SPENDING A PENNY FOR OUR 70TH BIRTHDAY!

If you have been to LBC recently, you may have noticed that the men’s toilets off the entry corridor are closed for renovations. The women’s will be temporarily out of action soon too. We apologise for the inconvenience and occasional mess. In the interim, please use the toilets in the Kiddush Hall.

LBC was successful in our application for a grant through the Federal Government’s Building Stronger Communities Grants Program. The grant, together with the funds raised through generous donations to our High Holy Day Appeal, is being put towards an upgrade of the Sanctuary toilets, which, after 50 years, were much needed.

Besides an obvious freshening up, we are addressing the needs of our older members with the installation of additional support rails, easy turn taps, non-slip flooring, better placed mirrors, improved access and a significantly improved functional layout in the men’s toilets.

The works will be complete before the end of June.

by Regina Bron

### B’NAI B’RITH UNIT HATIKVAH

B’nai B’rith Unit Hatikvah meets at LBC usually on the last Sunday night monthly. These meetings are open to LBC members who are interested in the work of B’nei B’rith, or the topic of the evening. The meetings begin at 8pm and conclude with refreshments by 10pm.

#### July 28.

Guest Speaker Tony Bartel. He is a solicitor who will be speaking about wills.

#### June 30.

Maurice Duband

As members of the LBC, we take for granted that Maurice will be playing the organ at Shabbat services as well as conducting the choir on High Holy Days, a role he has held for 56 years. Both a musician and music teacher, where did it all begin?

Music runs in the family as both Maurice’s brother Julian (also a musician) and their niece Michelle, serve as cantors at the LBC. Maurice recalls hearing his Mother’s distant cousin, Erich Liffman, a well respected opera singer and entertainer in Melbourne, and his own father who was a very good harmonica player.

Helga Liffman, Maurice’s mother and youngest of seven siblings, lost her parents, two siblings and extended family in the holocaust. In 1939, Helga, aged 17, managed to leave Germany with a precious tub of Nivea face cream in which some jewelry was hidden. On arrival by boat in Sydney, Helga was met by a young soldier, Sam Duband, the son of a family who knew of her impending journey. In Sydney and later in Melbourne, Helga worked as a housekeeper and also became a skilled seamstress. Her sister Hildegard Dannenberg settled in New York. Ilse was rescued by and married a German soldier, and in later years married the artist Willy Seiler, known for his paintings, prints and etchings. They settled in Japan where Seiler became the official artist to create posters for the XVIII summer Olympiad held in Japan in 1964. The couple eventually returned to Berlin.

Helga brought her brother Erwin to Australia where he pursued his career as a butcher.

Joseph Duband, Maurice’s paternal grandfather, a Mason of Russian descent, was married to Rahel Maylin (Malinski), who had a Swiss German background. They lived in Duband Court in Alma Rd and had 2 children, Samuel (Sam) and Zara. An interest in radio led Sam to the Army Signals Corp. and active service in New Guinea. Upon his return from duty, the harmonica playing Sam became a ladies fashion designer and cutter. Together with Helga, they established Florida Frocks in Chapel Street where Helga was in charge of production. David Halprin, Zara’s son, is a current LBC member.

Married in 1941, Helga and Sam had 3 children, Lorraine, b1942, a nurse who worked for many years for Jewish Care and now cares for Helga, Maurice, b1947, and Julian, b1963. Family life began in Pakington Street, St Kilda, until 1959 when they moved to their first home in Malvern.

Maurice attended primary school at Brighton Rd State School followed by the Spring Road Malvern Central School where he became the school pianist. At Melbourne Boys High School, Maurice studied cello as a second instrument and played in the school orchestra. For Maurice, a love of music could be traced back to his time at kinder when he would disappear into the Maple’s store in Prahran to be amongst the pianos. Arriving home from school on his 6th birthday, Maurice was greeted by a piano teacher and a restored Ronisch upright piano. He attributes his piano skills to three significant piano teachers, in particular his third, the eminent pianist Ronald Farren Price.

Maurice began a tertiary education at the Conservatory of Music where he studied organ with the world renowned organist, Sergio de Pieri. Without completing tertiary studies, Maurice entered the commercial world to support himself by demonstrating, teaching and selling pianos and organs for Kilners Music in Burke Road, Camberwell. During this three year period he also played background organ music seven nights a week for the famous Black Night Restaurant in Burke Road. Maurice recalls this as a ‘fantastic stage of life’.

A move to Launceston followed and over the next three and a half years Maurice established a four piece band, Organ Clubs, adjudicated the Yamaha organ competitions in Hobart and annually flew back to Melbourne to play for the High Holy Days.

On his return to Melbourne, Maurice opened his own store in Malvern, Organ Lodge Conn Studio which became Duband’s Music. Subsequent to its closure, Maurice was employed by Allans Music for over a decade, specializing in sales of Steinway pianos and was the Australian Salesperson of the Year for eight of those ten years.
The Duband family observed Shabbat and all Festivals, with services at TBI where Maurice attended Sunday School and Helga taught Hebrew. The three Duband children celebrated their Bat and Bar Mitzvah at TBI, Rabbi Sanger officiating at Maurice’s Bar Mitzvah. The role as musician at services in Lorne Grove began when Maurice was in his mid-teens, where he succeeded Fred Renard Isaacs (Albert’s father). He also played for Dr Shulburger’s rehearsals at TBI and for several years, Maurice sang in the High Holy Day choir.

Professionally, he has taught piano and organ both in schools and privately. He has held teaching roles at the King David School as head of music and piano, Bialik College where Julian is now head of music, Mt Scopus and Essex Heights Primary School where he currently has 40 piano students. Other roles have included Directorship of the Leron Choir, where he succeeded his brother Julian, and Musical Director for both of Hilary Henshaw’s one women shows, ‘Bagels to Broadway’ and ‘Musical Memoirs of a Ten Pound Pom’ as they toured around Australia. Maurice and Julian collaborated and wrote the musical ‘Deliverance’ with a script by Maurice and music by Julian.

In 1974, at Oneg Shabbat, Maurice met Claire Hersburgh. Born in the UK in 1952, Claire, came to Melbourne aged 16, via Malawi and the UK where her family were involved in the business of cloth weaving. A love of travel led Claire into the travel industry where she continues to work as a consultant today. Maurice and Claire married in 1975 and have 2 daughters, Kimberly, b1982 and Fleur, b1987. Kimberly has worked in film production and as a stage actress, for many years as Captain Starlight for the Starlight Children’s Foundation. Her partner Andrew is a photographer and we thank him for Maurice’s Profile photo. Fleur, a speech pathologist, is married to Dan who works in finance.

by Val Silberberg

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**LETTER OF THANKS FROM RECENT VISITORS**

A message from Gary Holloway and Jill Weinthal who visited our community of the weekend of a 17th – 19th May:

Dear Rabbi Jonathan,

We want to thank you and your congregation for being so warm and welcoming. We truly felt like a part of the community. Every member of the congregation, especially your family, treated us as if we had always been there. Gary and I are so impressed with the sincerity of your practice of embracing all.

If anyone from your congregation are going to be in the Southern California area, please feel free to contact us. We would love to show the hospitality of our community.

*Toda Rabah*,

_Jill Weinthal & Gary Holloway_

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**3PM SUNDAY 7 JULY**

**LBC BEIT HAMIDRASH**

**ハウス・オブ・スツダーシャ**

History of the Status of Palestinian Refugees. Why are Palestinian Refugees different from all other Refugees?

**Presenter: Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black**

Elisabeth Holdsworth

A small note donation is invited

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**GET EXERCISE AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR A CAUSE!**

Join us at the Stadium Stomp at the MCG. We’ll be doing a ‘Short course’ of 2200 stairs.

Register at: [www.stadiumstomp.com/events/melbourne](http://www.stadiumstomp.com/events/melbourne)

When asked, say you are part of a team and search for Team LBC.

Registration fees apply.
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**July 2019 | Sivan • Tamuz 5779**
It has been a busy period for young people at Leo Baeck Centre, with many activities happening and others still to come. Some highlights from the past two months, and upcoming dates to diarise, are as follows:

**YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATIONS**

Sh'ma students had a two-part workshop running through the number of modern chagim that landed in May: Yom HaShoah, Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. These workshops brought in modern allegories like racism and bullying, parallels in Anzac Day, as well as a discussion about our different relationships to Israel. Here is a photo of students enjoying some modern Israeli music via short film clips curated by Tamara, including Neta from Eurovision and the band A-WA. Check out A-WA if you like the idea of traditional Yemenite melodies set against a hip hop beat!

**CLASS SHABBAT DATES**

It’s always a lot of fun introducing our Sh’ma students to the Shabbat service. While they are welcome every week, we also schedule a special Class Shabbat for the 3 Hebrew streams in the Sh’ma program. This is a chance for the students and their teacher to attend the service, offer a short reflection on that week’s Par’sha, and enjoy a Kiddush with the congregation. Upcoming dates for class Shabbat are:

- 29 June for class Gimmel (Naomi’s class)
- 10 August for Class Bet (Naomi’s class)
- 26 October for Class Aleph (Jessica’s class)

**PIZZA SHABBAT**

The greatly-anticipated annual event for Sh’ma students and their families returns again! Come to our annual popular Pizza Shabbat - share a meal, learn some Shabbat songs and get to know other Sh’ma program families on Friday 26 July at 6-8pm. Please RSVP at https://www.trybooking.com/WZWP

**NETZER NOTICES**

**Winter Camp**

LBC kids, Netzer wants you! Machane B’Yachad, Netzer’s winter camp July 2-7, is open to year 3-12s! Sign up now!

https://netzer.org.au/melbourne

**Netzer Sleepover**

The 14th of June is the Netzer Shabbaton Sleepover at LBC. Arrive at 6pm for a Netzer Shabbat service and bring a vegetarian dish for a potluck dinner. There will be a sleepover and the end time is 11am on Saturday morning.

**Netzer Join The Movement Day**

On the 16th of June is our AZYC-wide Join The Movement day! Netzer will have a program that is open to everyone and all ages, at TBI from 2-4.

The contact for Netzer activities is Rochelle on 0438 043 535.

**SHAVUOT SOUP INITIATIVE**

On Sunday 27th of May, Leo Baeck Centre families took part in the Shavuot Soup Initiative. This initiative aims to bring our community together in making soup for those who may be experiencing hunger or homelessness. We had an amazing number of dedicated people join us in chopping veggies, measuring stock and carefully notating ingredients! The soup was delivered to the Salvation Army Crossroads Cafe in Coburg, and received with much delight. Sascha from Salvos told us that as the weather becomes colder, many people drop in to their service requesting a warm soup and now they will be able to provide this any day of the week. Thank you to everyone who helped with this mitzvah.
Meet the B’nei Mitzvah

Showcasing the intelligent young people who have completed their B’nei Mitzvah at the Leo Baeck Centre. Please make them welcome!

Name: Kaedin Levy

Favourite Music: My favourite music is anything I can sing to.

Favourite sports and/or teams: I really like footy and basketball. The teams I go for are Collingwood for footy and Toronto Raptors for basketball.

Favourite TV show: I really like Teen Titans Go! My favourite character is definitely Beast Boy.

Favourite food: I like burgers and grapes…but not at the same time.

Favourite place you’ve visited: I really like visiting Canada. My mum’s from there and I like visiting my cousins and other people I know.

Something you’ve learned while studying for your Bnei Mitzvah: I’ve learned a lot about being Jewish. Especially about the Holocaust and the Levites.

Jewish family history (who in your family is Jewish, what you know about them): My Dad was originally Jewish but my Mum converted because she grew up in a really Jewish area in Toronto, Canada and connected with everything about Judaism.

Did you know (an interesting fact about you, that the congregation may not know)? I like making levels on Geometry Dash (a game I play on my phone) and publishing them for the world to play. I also like maths and singing.

Anything else? Studying for my Bar Mitzvah has been a really interesting experience. I’ve loved the journey but I’m relieved this part is over. I feel like I’ve accomplished a lot and I’m really proud of myself.

INTERFAITH YOUTH FORUM

On Sunday 19 May, LBC hosted an Interfaith Youth Forum in collaboration with organisations across Melbourne. It was an extremely hopeful and enriching afternoon, with conversations largely driven by the election results from the night before. We were all driven by the climate emergency and spent much time sharing ways that people of faith could inspire positive action on climate, in both micro and macro ways. It was a wonderful opportunity to build partnerships with people from Christian and Muslim faiths; to see what binds us, and to learn from our differences.

The panel and participants at the Interfaith Youth Forum
What’s On at LBC

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
Every Saturday morning, throughout the year, we hold our Shabbat services from 10am to about noon.
Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to you staying afterwards to share in our Kiddush.
Our fourth Shabbat service of the month is normally followed by a shared BYO non-meat Chavurah lunch, often with a guest speaker.

FRIDAY NIGHT KIDS
Bring your younger family members, 5 to 5.45pm, usually on the third Friday in the month.
This activity provides an opportunity for a short story, some Shabbat songs and shared candle-lighting and challah before going home to your own Shabbat dinner.
Next scheduled sessions are on 14 June and 19 July.

SHABBAT UNPLUGGED
Our next Shabbat Unplugged session will be 19 July. This service will be followed by a two-course catered non-meat meal, at a cost of $15 per person for adults or $47 for a family of four.
The service at 7pm is free to all, but please book in advance to ensure your place for the 8pm dinner at trybooking.com/EGVV.
June 14 service is a Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Netzer, followed by a pot-luck dinner.

SHABBAT STUDY GROUP
LBC’s Shabbat study group convenes weekly from 9-10am on Saturdays. Topics are not limited to Torah parashah, and we have a variety of presenters.
Coffee and bagels are available on arrival.

BOOK CLUB
10.30am Sunday 14 July
Join us for a discussion of Balcony Over Jerusalem by John Lyons, a gripping memoir of life in Jerusalem from one of Australia’s most experienced Middle East correspondents.

CHAVURAH LUNCH
12.30pm Saturday 15 Jun
Chavurah lunch with Matt Rose. This talk is part our our B’Mitzvah series. Matt will talk about his Bar Mitzvah at LBC.
12.30pm Saturday 27 July.
Chavurah lunch speaker TBC. Please bring a non-meat dish to share for lunch.

STADIUM STOMP
8.45am Sunday 30 June
Join the LBC team at the Stadium Stomp this year! Get exercise and help raise money for a cause!
We will be doing a ‘Short Course of 2200 stairs. Register at stadiumstomp.com/events/melbourne
Contact Deborah Ogawa via the office after you register or if you have questions.

DEBORAH’S WELL
7.30pm Wednesday 19 June at a private home.
Speaker Roger Averill, a freelance researcher, editor and an award winning writer.
Topic: Writing Lives in Memoir, Biography & Fiction.
7.30pm Wednesday 24 July at a private home.
Speaker TBC
We ask for a gold coin donation at each meeting. If you are interested, please contact Janet Bau at janetlovesscrabble@gmail.com

HOUSE OF STUDY
9pm Saturday 8 June
Tikkun Leyl Shavuot - The Relationship Between Religion and Secularism from a Variety of Perspectives.
3pm Sunday 23 June
Mannie Gross presents Tikkun Olam: Be Careful What You Wish For.
What are Tikkun Olam’s origins? How has its meaning changed over time? As used today, is it still a Jewish concept? And does it matter? Come along to LBC’s House of Studies to find out.
A small note donation is invited.
3pm Sunday 7 July
History of the Status of Palestinian Refugees. Why are Palestinian Refugees different from all other Refugees?
Presenter: Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black and Elisabeth Holdsworth.
A small note donation is invited.

HEBREW FROM ZERO
Led by Rabbi Jonathan, this six session course is aimed at children or adults who are learning about Judaism, the Bible, the prayer book or the modern State of Israel. Cost $75, including textbook.
Course dates: Sundays 7th, 21st, 28th July, 11th, 25th August and 8th September, 10am-12 noon.
Book on trybooking/TVSG
What’s On at LBC

INTERFAITH PANEL
7pm Wednesday 12 June
Shavuot, Pentecost, Ramadan
Join us for a discussion of these three important festivals.
Panel: Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black (LBC), Rev. Sharon Hollis (Moderator, Uniting Church), Sheik Riad Galil OAM (West Heidelberg Mosque).
Refreshments will be served after the panel.

INTERFAITH FAITH LEADERS DAY SEMINAR
9.30am Monday 17 June
Prayer into Practice – Keeping Religion Relevant.
How do the prayers of our multiple faith traditions guide us to respond to the challenges of our times?
Bookings essential.
Cost $50/25 conc.
Bookings: trybooking.com/BBIRB

ISRAELI DANCING
9.30am–noon Tuesdays
$10 donation per session
Not familiar with Israeli dancing but want to give it a go? Want to socialise while learning the latest steps? The first part of the class is geared to beginners.
Everyone is welcome to join the group.

JEWISH JAM SESSIONS
4.30pm Sunday 16 June
4.30pm Sunday 21 July
Enjoy Jewish and popular music at our Jewish Jam Sessions at LBC.
No previous performing experience is needed and sheet music is provided.
Bring an instrument (if you have one), or your singing voice, or just listen — and also bring a small note donation.

LBC BIRTHDAY BLITZ CABARET
7pm Saturday 20 June
Sagit Lourie, Jon Toney and Sarah Maclaine performing live at the LBC’s 70th Birthday Blitz Cabaret.
Join us for this special event. Enjoy an evening of music from the Jazz era and well known Hebrew songs performed by Sagit.
Tickets $30.
Book at trybooking.com/BDAPW

LBC MEMBERS BRUNCHES
11 am Sunday 30 June
Our popular community brunches, held in private homes, give members an opportunity to socialise and get to know one another better. A great way to spend a Sunday morning.
We have plenty of hosts but would-be guests have been slow to register. If you want to come to our popular brunches please register now, even if you are not yet sure whether you can make it. We need some idea of who is interested in order to get the brunches planned and organised. Families with young children will be grouped together. If you have children in the Sh’ma program you do not need to register as bookings will be organised through the Education Committee.
Register on trybooking.com/PJUC

LBCINEMA
2019 Season
2019 LBCinema season. Please put these dates in your calendar now! We changed some screenings to Sundays, in response to feedback we received from you. As always, sessions start at 7pm, and the price is still $10.
Sunday 25 August - Norman
Saturday 21 September (before S‘lichot service) - Alone in Berlin
Sunday 27 October - Lebanon
Sunday 17 November - Foyle’s War
Saturday 7 December - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society.

TELELINK
The Telelink Conference Program is a free weekly program beginning each Friday at 4pm and concluding with the blessing of the Shabbat candles at 4.45pm. Philosophical, religious and social topics are discussed.
Telelink provides a wonderful opportunity for people who may be isolated in their homes to make contact with one another.
Contact the Office about joining.

WALKING GROUP
Starts from LBC on a Friday at 9.15am. If you are able to, and wish to join us for a brisk walk for an hour or so please contact Kathy on 0408 564 817.
Community Notices

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS
June:  Nicholas Brass  
Brian Jacobs  
Phillip Solomon  
Herbert Palmer  
Rebecca Rose  
Peggy Bethune  
Robert Goldman  
Hannah Jackson  
Jordi Shahab  
Ariella Pike-Meyer  
Brian Schauer  
Sammy Kentwell  
Wladislaw Dziadosz  
Jeremy Rosenthal  
James Bergman  
Nathan Engel  
Rob Kendall  
July:  Vivien Brass  
Walter Glaser  
Paul Grinwald  
Fleur Spitzer  
Julie Miller  
Megan Goodwin  
Dean Pavitt  
Larry Kamener  
Blake Harvey  
Stephanie Flanc  
Fiona Carnes

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES
June:  Leon & Marj Bloom  
Walter & Cherie Glaser  
Joe & Ahava Spring  
Tony & Vivian Weldon  
Tony & Dorothy Kerron

CONDOLENCES
To Michael Taft and family on the death or his mother Sue Freadman.  
To Kate Prinsley, Emma, Mark, Peter and family on the death of their father Derek Prinsley.  
To Ros Ben Moshe and family on the death of her father Cyril Holsman.  
To Gary Adler and Marion Bishop and families on the death of their mother Rose Adler.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Pam and Michael Hopf - returning members  
Erica and Troy Wass and family  
Jordana Warmbrand and Chris Kendall and family  
Adele Shnier  
Shoshana Grumach  
Aharon Factor

LBC VOLUNTEER GROUP
Contact the Office if you would like to volunteer your services, or if you wish to register for our Volunteers Facebook group.  
We thank the following volunteers:  
Kathy Deutsch; Lilian Cohen; Gillian Lubansky; Terri Nathan; Helen Wolfram; Deborah Ogawa; Michael Taft; Patricia Fenner; Ayal Marek; Albert Isaacs; Sharene Hambur; Yaron Shamir; Tony Kerron; Andrew Kaye; Shimi Geva; Julie Contole; Janet Bau; Ellis Edwards; Alan Harvey; Rob Kendall; David Rooseboom; Hugh Berryman Brook; Tony Kerron, Tanya Warm, Lisa Sylvan, Jessica Bellamy, Sue Aarons, Jeanne Isaacs-Armitage plus the entire Friday Walking Group for their last minute assistance in the April/May profile mailout.

DONORS
We sincerely thank all of you who have made donations to the Leo Baeck Centre from 16 March to 15 May.  
As usual, we particularly thank the ‘repeat donors’ on this list, and we apologise for any errors or omissions.

BEQUESTS TO LEO BAECK CENTRE
Our Centre is dependent on donations to ensure its continuing existence.  
If you are considering making a bequest to LBC in your Will, information regarding a suggested form of words is available from the LBC Office.

CARE COMMITTEE
Our Care Committee offers assistance to LBC members who need it. This may include visiting the sick or recently bereaved, assisting negotiations with aid authorities, or helping with suppers at Minyanim.  
If you need assistance or want to join the group please contact the office.
EULOGIES
If you should ever require a copy of one of Rabbi Jonathan's eulogies, please contact the office.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT PROFILE
We love to receive contributions from members and are happy to format your items for you.
Please send your material for our August/September/October 2019 issue to the LBC Office before 12 July.

JUDAICA SHOP
Browse our offerings in the Synagogue foyer, suggest how we could improve our stock, and buy your Life Cycle, Shabbat and Festival supplies from us.

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He is unavailable on Thursdays, except for emergencies.
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Yom HaAtzmaut Dinner with Rabbi Morgan, 11 May

LBC Community had many fun and educational events and activities in the past few months. Were you there?

A very successful Yom HaAtzmaut dinner at an Uyghur restaurant in Box Hill. Rabbi Morgan’s presentation about Jews of the Silk Road was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
A Month of Interfaith: Iftar, 19 May

LBC community sharing a service and an Iftar meal with our Muslim friends at LBC as part of our Month of Interfaith festival.

Mitzvah Day Shavout Soup Initiative, 26 May

Making soup for the hungry, as part of Tikkun Olam

A Month of Interfaith

7-9PM
WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

DISCUSSION PANEL
SHAVUOT, PENTECOST, RAMADAN
three festivals in one month

Sponsored by the Baxter Family

A Month of Interfaith

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Ailsa Jean Ner Tamid Award

Ailsa Jean with UPJ President Roger Mendelson

CHAVURAH LUNCH

SATURDAY
15 JUNE
12:30-2:00PM

GUEST SPEAKER
MATT ROSE

This talk is part of our B’Mitzvah series. Matt will talk about his Bar Mitzvah at LBC.

Please bring a plate of non-meat food to share.
Our popular community brunches, held in private homes, give members an opportunity to socialise and get to know one another better. A great way to spend a Sunday morning.

Please register your interest by June 6. You will receive an invitation once you have been allocated to a host.

There will be child-friendly brunches for young families. If you have children in the Sh’ma program you do not need to register. You will receive an invitation via the Education Committee. Families with younger children should register and will be grouped together.

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TIKKUN OLAM:
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

3PM SUNDAY 23 JUNE

presented by
MANNIE GROSS

What are Tikkun Olam's origins? How has its meaning changed over time? As used today, is it still a Jewish concept? And does it matter? Come along to LBC's House of Studies to find out.

A small note donation is invited.

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