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## Coming up in August ...

- **Friday 2 August, Kita Aleph leads Friday** Erev Shabbat service followed by pot luck dinner. **Please bring some non-meat food to share.**
- **Saturday 3 August**, Shabbat Kat children's service.
- **Friday 9-10 August**, Rabbi John Levi will be leading services. Bring some finger food to share for a light lunch after the morning service on 10 August.
- **Saturday 10 August, 7pm** Havdalah at Paul and Wendy Wilton's home, Guest speaker, Rabbi John Levi, "Jerusalem, an ancient city in transition; its political and religious dimension divided by politics, ethnicity and religion and forever looking for peace." Please bring a plate of vegetarian finger food or something sweet to share for supper. Limited numbers so booking essential. Email [office@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:office@bethshalom.org.nz)
- **High holy day singing practices commence 17 August** after the morning service and will continue weekly for 6 weeks until 21 September. We would like to expand this group of high holy day singers so please come along.
- **Sunday 18 August**, 7pm, at Beth Shalom, Women's Yoga Night with Edna Levy.
- **Saturday 31 August, 10 am** Please join Lilach Cohen for her Bat Mitzvah making up for the one she did not have as a 12year old. If you can bring some finger food to share for Kiddush that would be appreciated.
- **Saturday 31 August**, Limmud in Your Lounge in the evening.



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# President's message August 2019

Hello everyone.

Lots of admin to share with you this month. You will be receiving emails over the course of the week with additional information, but I wanted to reward those of you who actually read this column with an early peek!

First, and most importantly, we expect the 2018 audit to be returned to us by the middle of the week. We will be forwarding this to the community as soon as we have it. It will be accompanied by a cover letter that will point out any information that varies from that presented at the AGM. Of course, we will welcome any questions you may have.

Following the release of the audit, you will be receiving a letter from the relocation committee. This will address many of the questions that we have received regarding the potential move to the Remuera campus with AHC. In order to answer further questions, we will be holding a community meeting on Sunday, 11 August. This will afford you the opportunity to share anything you feel may be of interest or concern with the committee as we go forward with our investigation.

In addition, AHC has invited us to come see the new property. The invite is as follows:

Saint Kentigern Girls' School have kindly made the school available for a tour by Beth Shalom members along with AHC members and Kadimah School families and staff on 15 September between 10 am and noon. Tours will be taken by Saint Kentigern staff and will leave on the quarter hour, the last tour leaving at 11.30am. Due to health and safety requirements everyone who attends must RSVP by 15 August 2019. Please email Rachel Lerner on [relocation@ahc.org.nz](mailto:relocation@ahc.org.nz) with your attendance and anyone else you are RSVPing for. Parking will be on the street except for disabled parking which will be in the grounds on a first come first served basis. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see the potential for yourselves.

All IRD letters have been sent out as of last week. If you have not received a letter and are expecting one, please contact me or Shane right away so we can look into it. Thank you for your patience with these. The donation letters for 2019 should be sent out by the middle of the month.

Finally, we are expecting the new Mishkan T'Shuvah to arrive this week. If you have ordered a copy for your personal use, you can expect to be contacted soon to arrange pick up/delivery.

I hope you feel special knowing all of this before the official emails have been sent! I appreciate you taking the time to read this column.

B'shalom,

Debbie

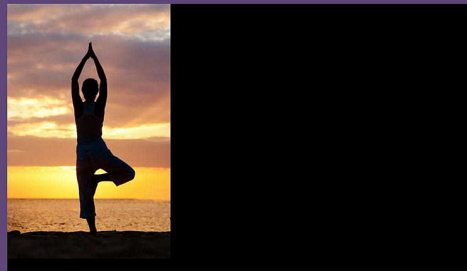
# Rabbi John Levi Saturday 10 August, 7pm

Havdalah at Paul and Wendy Wilton's home, please bring a plate of vegetarian food. Limited numbers so booking essential. Email [office@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:office@bethshalom.org.nz)

Guest speaker, Rabbi John Levi

**Jerusalem, an ancient city in transition; its political and religious dimension divided by politics, ethnicity and religion and forever looking for peace.**

Rabbi John Levi was born in Melbourne in 1934. He is a graduate of both Melbourne and Monash Universities and has a PhD from Monash University. (He has Honorary Doctorates from the Hebrew Union College, the Australian Catholic University and Monash University). He became Temple Shalom's first student rabbi in 1959 and while working in Auckland during an action packed three months also founded Wellington's Progressive congregation. He is a Life Member of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. He is a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). In 1960 he began rabbinic work at Temple Beth Israel which was his "home" congregation. He became the first home born ordained Australian rabbi. Until the arrival of Rabbi Ed Rosenthal he remained Temple Shalom's rabbi regularly flying in from Australia for Festivals and Shabbatot. He helped to found New Zealand's Council of Christians and Jews. He is the author of seven books and the co editor of our new Machzor. His wife is Robyn. Her grandmother was born in Dunedin. They have three children and two grandchildren. They also proudly count the King David School, Melbourne's progressive Jewish Day School with its 750 students, as one of their additional children.



## **Women's Yoga At Beth Shalom Aug 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with Edna Levy**

**Bring a Veg salad or fruit to share,**

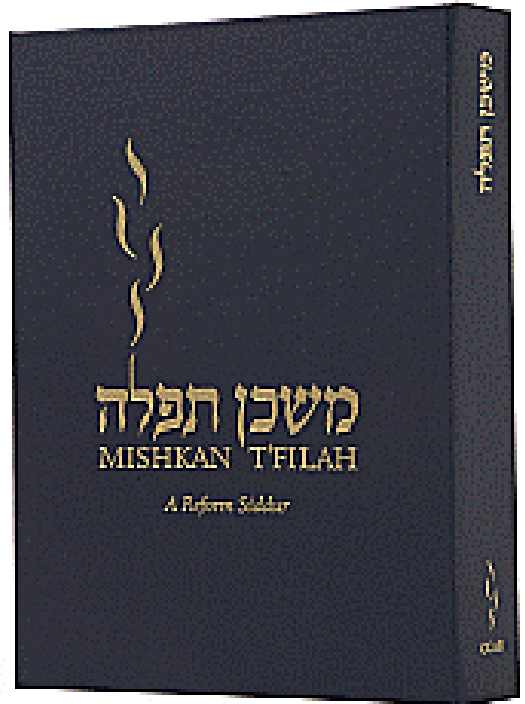
**Yoga mat if you have one.**

**Coffee, tea and fruit provided.**

**Koha**

**RSVP Debbie Miller at 027 765 3677**

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## Prayer for Healing Group

A group of Beth Shalom members has commenced, to think of and pray for individuals in our community, who are in need of healing.

The idea is that this group is not an organised group or minyan. Simply, caring people who, when made aware of the need, help healing with the power of prayer.

And that families in distress might receive comfort from the knowledge that this is taking place.

Caring for the unwell is part of being a community.

For those interested, I can supply articles: "The Jewish Way in Healing", and some scientific research on the positive power of prayer in healing.

If you wish to be part of this group

Or, if you know of someone who is unwell that would appreciate our prayer

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# THE BUZZ

Beth Shalom member, Jim was attending the AGM of the New Zealand Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Science when he was awarded the Jubilee Medal, the premier award of NZIAHS and was created to celebrate 50 years of leadership in and service to the primary resource sciences. It is awarded to a member to recognise an outstanding contribution to primary resource science. This contribution can be made through various ways - research, education, technology transfer, communication. The recipient will be known as a leader in their area of research, education, technology transfer, and promotion of agriculture and horticulture. This is a lifetime achievement award.

Jim is a leading international climate scientist. His major achievements include the first detection of global warming in 1976; leading Southern Hemisphere research on climate change, and being a recipient of the NZ Science and Technology medal from the Royal Society of NZ in 1994. Jim is an inexhaustible publisher in academic journals and prolific communicator about climate change. He has been involved for more than 40 years in research on past and present climate in NZ and the South Pacific



From Rabbi Dean Shapiro: I got to catch up with the wonderful Rabbi Miri Gold, who was my rabbinic mentor during my Year in Israel. It's always special to visit with her, but all the more so this time - she is travelling to New Zealand to lead High Holy Day services at my beloved Beth Shalom community. I shared a bit of "Minchag Kivi". You are both in for a treat!





# Interfaith



Naomi Johnson spoke at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association annual interfaith peace conference on Judaism and Human Rights on 29 June. There were speakers representing Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. It was most interesting to hear each faith's perspective and also to see how much we all had in common. Sandra van Eden also attended the peace conference.

On 2 July an event called Abraham's Table took place at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. While it was hosted at the Cathedral, it was in fact sponsored by the Islamic Charitable Trust The Rising Sun with Muslims, Christians and Jews participating. It was primarily an event aimed at young people and was attended by Thea Dickson from Beth Shalom. Naomi Johnson and Paul Wilton also lent their support. Naomi spoke representing Judaism with our perspective on Tzedakah and social justice engagement. This was the first interfaith experience for many of the participants so there was much engaged conversation over dinner. We worked in small groups considering the social issues faced by the City of Auckland and what we could do as an interfaith group to make things better. The event was recorded by TVNZ's Youth TV. To see their short video check out [here](#)

On 11 July the Interfaith Council together with the Mercy Spirituality Centre ran a very stimulating event on Gratitude in the Light of Different Faiths. There were 10 speakers covering their individual faiths. Naomi and Paul read our Jewish prayer on Gratitude - We Give Thanks - from our Mishkan Tefillah which was a very appropriate ending to a most interesting evening.

# EDUCATION

We had a great first day back of Term 3. It was filled with joy and learning. We had 3 new students and reconnected with our old classmates as well. It is such a warm and welcoming place to learn and play.

We prayed, we learnt Hebrew and Jewish Studies. We also all had fun in the kitchen baking bread with honey on top and Hebrew letters dipped in honey.

Here are some of our wonderful Sunday school students studying with their teacher Carol McCracken.



"Beth Shalom Bards" Ted and Stav.



Kita Aleph practiced their blessings and songs with Stav. They are preparing for their Friday night service they will lead on August 2nd at 6.30pm. They will be joined by our Ted on guitar and Stav on vocals, what a treat.. Please come and sing along with our "Beth Shalom Bards" and have a yummy shabbat pot luck dinner.



**Friday 2 August Kita Aleph leads Erev Shabbat Service followed by pot luck dinner. Please bring a non-meat dish or dessert to share.**

**Sing along and play with Ted and Stav.**

**Beth Shalom 6:30pm and all are welcome especially parents, family and friends.**

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Sunday school and Shabbat kat are bursting with great energy and kids. We have 3 new students and two other students dropped by for a tour this week. It was good to see our students bringing along their friends and inviting them to join our Beth Shalom Sunday school. It is the best advertisement.

The energy was great with all of us showing up for tefillot and study. See you next week at 9.30. Also if you have children, grandchildren or friends who want to try out a week in Sunday school to find out what it is all about please call Debbie 027 7653677

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# Introducing Mishkan T'Shuvah

*By Co-Editors Rabbis Dr John Levi AM. Ph D. and Jonathan Keren-Black*

Why is this Machzor different from all other Machzorim? Quite simply because it reflects our own community's tone, needs and practices.

True, our new High Holy Day prayer book actually began life in 2015 in the form and shape of the new American Machzor Mishkan HaNefesh—Sanctuary of the Soul. The Central Conference of American Rabbis produced a great book, or rather books in the plural. The liturgy and accompanying materials for the High Holydays is so extensive that it requires two companion volumes, one for Rosh Hashanah and the second for Yom Kippur.

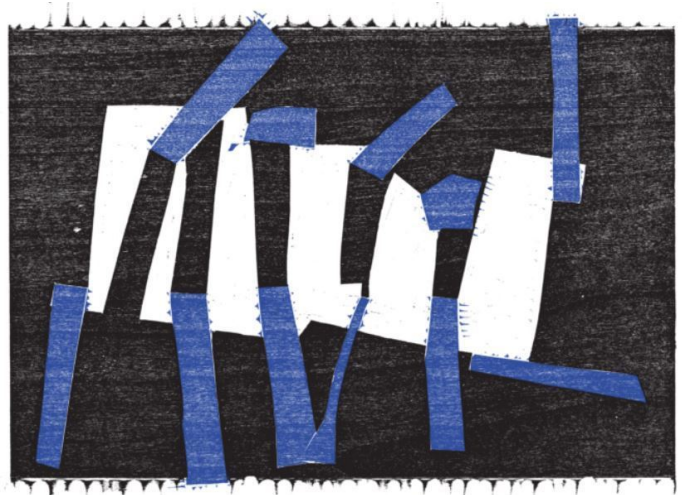
The layout of each page was very impressive. The type in both Hebrew and English was splendid. The notes that accompanied each page of prayer were scholarly and interesting. After all, there are no less than 1500 of our rabbis working and teaching in the United States and Canada. They serve more than a million and half people and together their movement constitutes an amazing resource of Jewish scholarship and learning. But, and there is always a "but", its very strength presented us with some problems.

We had to choose. There are progressive prayer books in England and France and Israel and Germany. In America there are three non-orthodox movements: Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist. And there were also differing orthodox prayer books to be studied. Unless there is good reason not to, we prefer in our region to use the more traditional order of words and services. However, since our Shabbat and Daily Siddur is based on the CCAR version, and not surprisingly there was a similarity of visual and liturgical style between their Siddur and Machzor, as well as an established and effective working relationship between us, we concluded that Mishkan HaNefesh was our best starting point.

We believe we chose correctly, and hope that, as the final Shofar blows on Yom Kippur, you'll agree with us. The Machzor of the American Reform Movement was powerful and moving. The Hebrew text was clear and easy to follow. It was accompanied by a transliterated version of the text and a modern gender-neutral English translation. No other prayer book was so inclusive. The new Machzor needed to make sense theologically and relate to our own times as well as our long history. It did not yearn for the resumption of animal sacrifices and it did not expect the building of a Third Temple at the end of time.

Of course in the Southern Hemisphere, and in the tropics of South East Asia where our congregations are to be found, the seasons do not correspond with North America. We don't have snow on pine trees and we didn't arrive at Ellis Island in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. Our own communal traditions and our cultural patterns differ. Our music is different and often reflects the European Jewish experience.





Following the morning service of Yom Kippur we have included the Musaf or additional service, including an updated version of the traditional poetic epic "From Creation to Redemption", slightly shortened and revised from that in Gates of Repentance following the example of the British Liberal Movement, which includes the stirring recollection of the Temple Service in Jerusalem and continues into the traditional memories of the martyrs of our people. Yizkor is to be preceded by an innovative 'prelude', linking these ancient martyrs to those of more recent times before turning to remember our own loved ones.

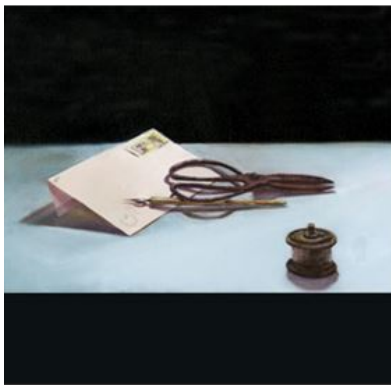
As we all know, our spoken Australian language is also different in many subtle but significant ways from our American and English "cousins" and we have reflected this in our translations, and in the selection of readings. With the variations in structure and language, our Machzor was sufficiently different that it was decided to call our edition by its own distinctive title of Mishkan T'shuvah- Sanctuary of Repentance. We are very grateful for the scholarship and creativity as well as the generosity, tolerance and understanding shown by our rabbinic colleagues in both North America and the United Kingdom.

We kept the pattern of two books even though our edition has actually "lost" some two hundred pages of poems and readings which did not speak to us or our seasons. Nevertheless, we have retained a rich collection of poetry, philosophy and commentary that challenges the reader and gives depth and new meaning to our most sacred days. If you pick up the books for the services alone and then replace them on the book-shelf you will miss an intellectual and spiritual treasure-house that deserves to be browsed and considered

The new Machzor reflects the impact of Israel and modern Hebrew. It is deliberately designed to allow congregations to follow and develop their own minhag or custom. There are very few instructions in either book about congregational behaviour. The old Jewish joke about reciting the Shema has relevance: "Some congregations will stand and some will sit and some will just stand and sit and argue". Our new High Holy Day books require annual preparation. It is not meant to be an automatic page-turning experience. There are choices to be made. And there are so many choices that no High Holy Day experience will, or can, quite be the same as the previous year.

Generational works such as this just don't happen. The contents were debated by the rabbis of our Union again and again. The editorial team, also including Cantor Michel Laloum and Dr Linda Stern, with Rabbi Jacki Ninio and Rabbi Kim Ettlinger, spent many hours meeting, studying, discussing and debating, and the co-editors have spent many sleepless days and nights at the computer giving shape to each page. Rabbi Hara Person, the Chief Strategy Officer of the Central Conference of American Rabbis who was formerly in charge of publications of the Central Conference, and Rabbi David E. S. Stein, an expert on Jewish liturgy were both very helpful (Rabbi Keren-Black and Rabbi Stein - who also worked together on the Siddur, go back a long way - they were 'Chevruta' study partners at Pardes Yeshiva in Jerusalem in 1986!). The leadership team of the Union for Progressive Judaism, Roger Mendelson, Brian Samuel and Neil Samuel, supplied us with practical advice, and UPJ Executive Officer Jocelyn Robuck kept the project on track throughout. We have had support from generous donors whose names appear in the front of each book.

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# Jewels of Elul

*a letter to myself*

As part of this year's High Holidays, [Jewels of Elul](#) are now available to us on the web, and you are able to subscribe to 'daily jewels' directly to your email-box.

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# Or Chadash Al Tzion Ta-ir

*By Debbie Miller*

We (people of Israel) should be a "new light" that shines out from Zion, meaning our belief system and our land to brighten (the world).

I think that God had big expectations when we were instructed to brighten the world

What does the text mean that it says we should be a "new light", or chadash?

On one level I think it means that we should educate our children. We are here to bring them into this world of understanding, teaching them to know right from wrong, but even more than that we are charged with making them thinkers, who can bring new understanding to the world we live in. They can be a force for change through their pursuit of knowledge. And we are charged with the responsibility to pass on our accumulated knowledge and wisdom;

1. Jewish methods of learning,
2. Jewish understanding of justice, and
3. Jewish ideas for a better society.

We need to ask ourselves, are we doing that? Are we inspiring these young sparks to change the world and make it a better place? Are we challenging them to make the world a just and better place? It is our job, our primary job, to 'from Zion "brighten" the world', from our Judaism, to improve the world physically, spiritually and intellectually.

In my little corner of the world I am charged with the job of imparting Jewish knowledge to our youth in the form of Beth Shalom Sunday school. This diaspora model for educating Jewish youth in our tradition is based on a tradition but it is actually quite recent in this format, and the brevity of its hourly input in their lives. We are to impart all of Jewish knowledge, history, spiritual learning in 2 and half hours a week, not including holidays and vacations!

We want our children to take on board our Jewish values. We want to create a spiritual space that is vibrant and trans-formative. And if we want this in such a short amount of time, we need to demonstrate that it is central to our values by making it a central part of adult life. We need to demonstrate it by personal example.

I invite you, the congregants of Beth Shalom, to demonstrate how important prayer and spiritual space is to you and your children by inviting you to our Sunday morning service led jointly by our Bar/Bat Mitzva students and Ted on guitar and Stav with vocals. Then stay on for a cuppa and some discussion. I would like to have a 'beit midrash' where adults stay and study a pertinent topic. It can be a personal example to the kids of how important we think Jewish study is. It does not matter if you have children in the school - we want the adult community to demonstrate that learning is central.



If we are charged with the responsibility to be a light to brighten up the earth that comes out of "Zion", that comes out from our Jewish study and set of beliefs. Then it is not what we do as individuals but what we do as a community that matters most. We have amazing individuals doing powerful Tikkun Olam, "fixing of the earth". And I want to say that I know that many of our congregants do amazing work in their everyday lives, saving lives, fighting for the rights of the disadvantaged, teaching in schools and supporting those in need. But Judaism not only encourages us to make personal accounting of our actions, but also holds us responsible as a community. When we make an accounting on Yom Kippur, We say 'Al cheit sheh-chatanu' (in the plural) - God please forgive us for we have murdered, raped and stolen - not that I did these things as an individual but I was part of a society which did such things so therefore I must claim responsibility and ask for forgiveness.

The problem is that we as a community need to become a force for change: "or chadash" a cohesive group who makes a statement of action and thought that says we are Beth Shalom Progressive community. We are recognizing the need to move the world forward and therefore as a community we are going to....

This past week we buried Steve Daniels (z"l, zichono livracha - may his memory be for a blessing) - he was an incredible force for good in this world. It was with his Jewish and Maori soul he went forth into the world to try to repair it and make it a better place. And on the same day that we buried Steve at 11, we started the Beit Din at 12.30 which brought 9 more Jews by choice into our community. It is a very powerful statement about our future. These precious souls are a force for good, both in the world; saving lives, teaching, repairing the earth, creating beauty, as well as being personal examples of how powerful Jewish values can be in one's lives. I want to take this incredible week of loss and gain forward into our community and do as Steve said: evaluate each day and our actions as a community by the measuring stick of whether or not we made a difference in someone's life and in the future of the planet earth.

### **"Or Chadash" Beth Shalom 'Brightening' program for Repairing the Earth**

One pressing challenge seems to be more urgent than all the others - we are told that there is only one decade to go before climate change is irreparable. I often-times listen to this in despair, feeling that it is gadol elai (too big for me). It is such an enormous problem that it seems there is nothing I can do that will make a difference. My one less drive in the car is not really going to reverse this path we are on. But then I look at this phrase of being a light and I realize that one individual can influence a community, one community can influence, a city, one city can influence a country and one country can influence the world. It is the sparks that need to ignite the fire.

We need to function as a community that challenges and exemplifies: What? We need to think about what will make a difference.

Let's use our Consumer power against big industries which we can directly affect. Here are the top consumer industries I think we can change with our dollars.

1. Fashion and clothing industry,
2. Food industry,
3. Meat and dairy farming,
4. Building,
5. Travel
6. Banking, insurance

The clothing industry is one of the biggest polluters in the world. We can vote with our dollars by only buying clothes which are made partly or completely from recycled materials (op-shops not only have a wonderful range of recycled clothes but also support valuable charities). The clothing industry needs to be totally restructured to reuse materials and re purpose materials instead of creating this vast industry of waste. Ask at the stores you buy at if they have any clothes with recycled content. If we don't ask, they will not know there is an interest and demand for it.

Food is unnecessarily over-packaged in order to encourage your consumption. If you protest the packaging at the supermarket by stopping when you exit the supermarket and take off all the packaging and leave it at the supermarket in order to demonstrate that you object to it (or better still, do it at the customer service desk), they will notice!

Refuse to eat food at restaurants and take-away served in single use packaging. Many people have started to use keeper cups - now we need to start using keeper plates and packaging - tell them you are coming with your own lunch box to pick up your takeaway!

Notify the supermarket that you want imperfect veg and fruit to be an option to buy. Farmers and supermarkets are trashing tons of fruit and veg because they think we the consumer will not purchase imperfect product. Tell them that you will.

A huge amount of building materials we use to build with are disposed of during the building process. The smaller the job the more waste. We on a personal level in our renovations need to specify that our builders use recycled materials (and be prepared to pay extra for it if necessary - it often costs more). And we need to establish mandatory recycle disposal and repurpose sites for the building industry.

We need to understand that cattle produces extremely damaging methane which is many times more problematic even than the CO2 coming out of your car. We can vote with our wallets to not eat beef and dairy. This is the new kosher, "eco kosher"- food that is fit to eat. Food that will not destroy the environment. I realize this is problematic for our dairy and beef farmers, but it is possible to get a lot more cereal or vegetable food out of a single plot of land then it is to make a pound of beef, so the transition will have a cost to farmers but it could ultimately be financially pragmatic with the same land producing 8 times more food - definitely beneficial for the environment.

By the way, emissions from flying are also even more damaging than those from your car - experts say the emissions at high level are 5 times worse than those that have to make their way up from ground level (and they are bad enough!). So try to fly less - and when you must, make sure to offset your emissions through a reputable company - ideally not the airlines - this will cost 5-10% of the cost of the flight. It is always fun to fly away on a plane on a beautiful get-away, but until the airline industry develops planes to be much more environmentally compatible, try to avoid it( (remove 'friendly') check out the new Israeli-designed 10 seater electric plane, the Eviation

Alice: <https://nocamels.com/2019/06/israel-eviation-aircraft-alice-electric-plane>). We need to boycott the airline industry as far as possible. We need to vote with our dollars. Most of our trips are optional. There are solutions on the horizon and if the demand is made clear the industry would retool more speedily the savings are so great that they will be doing it as fast as possible. We could find savings in design and primarily weight issues. We now have increasingly effective and reliable video conferencing. We do not have to fly out to meetings across the world.

We all have more money than we think - whether it be in banks or gathering for our pensions - or even in our mortgages! It is not too hard to switch from institutions who are funding fossil fuels and other damaging industries to those who specialise in clean, green ones such as renewable. This sends a powerful message (especially when you send a letter to the Managing Director explaining why you have left them), and has a major and ongoing effect. They are likely to perform at least as well and are quite likely not to suffer the results of the firms which have holdings in dirty and declining industries.

We can radically change the way we consume and therefore effect these industries. I am inspired by Greta Thunberg, one young woman with no financial power like we adults have, who is forcing the world to put climate change on the agenda. We the consumers of Beth Shalom can force these mammoth industries to change by voting with our wallets.

If we can become a cohesive group of consumers who agree to sign up to these practices as a community, we become an example and we might influence other communities of faith to sign on to influencing their communities.

Our children are not buying into our systems of faith. Let's show them that we care about their future and that their community is something they want to be a part of. We need to give them the power to make the world they are inheriting a better place.

We are a community, we can change the future for these children who will inherit the earth.

Or Hadash a new light

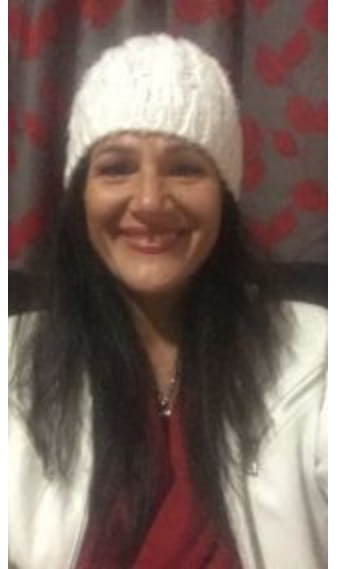
Hi there, my name is Lilach and I want to invite you all to celebrate my birthday in a very contemporary way.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to 'come to an age', as we say, when I was 12 years of age. But now, I can. I have finally decided that it's about time to celebrate the strong connection I have to Elohim. Through becoming a daughter of the commandments and by keeping in alignment Elohim Mizvot (God's commandments).

Please come along to the Saturday morning service **31st of August, 10am** at Beth Shalom. Please do not bring any presents, I would instead appreciate it if you could help me in my Tzedakah project. I would love it if you could please, in the next coming weeks help me by doing a good deed on my behalf. Maybe you could visit the sick or help a friend in need to move house or to find a job. Maybe drop off old warm clothing you don't need any more to the Women's or Men's Refuge. Perhaps 'shout' (buy) someone a meal or a hot coffee on your way to work. There are so many people, even families living on the streets of Auckland especially in Queen Street in this cold and rainy weather. Or maybe help to fundraise for the school kids near your house...these are just some ideas.

You can do whatever good deed you feel most comfortable with. I can assure you that your help will be most appreciated. And please don't forget to come to my birthday/bat mitzvah celebration. I would love it if you could join me on this special day.

Oh, before I forget, if you have any musical instruments, pots and pans can work too ;-), please bring them with you to celebrate Shabbat together in a lovely, lively way. Many thanks, Lilach Cohen.



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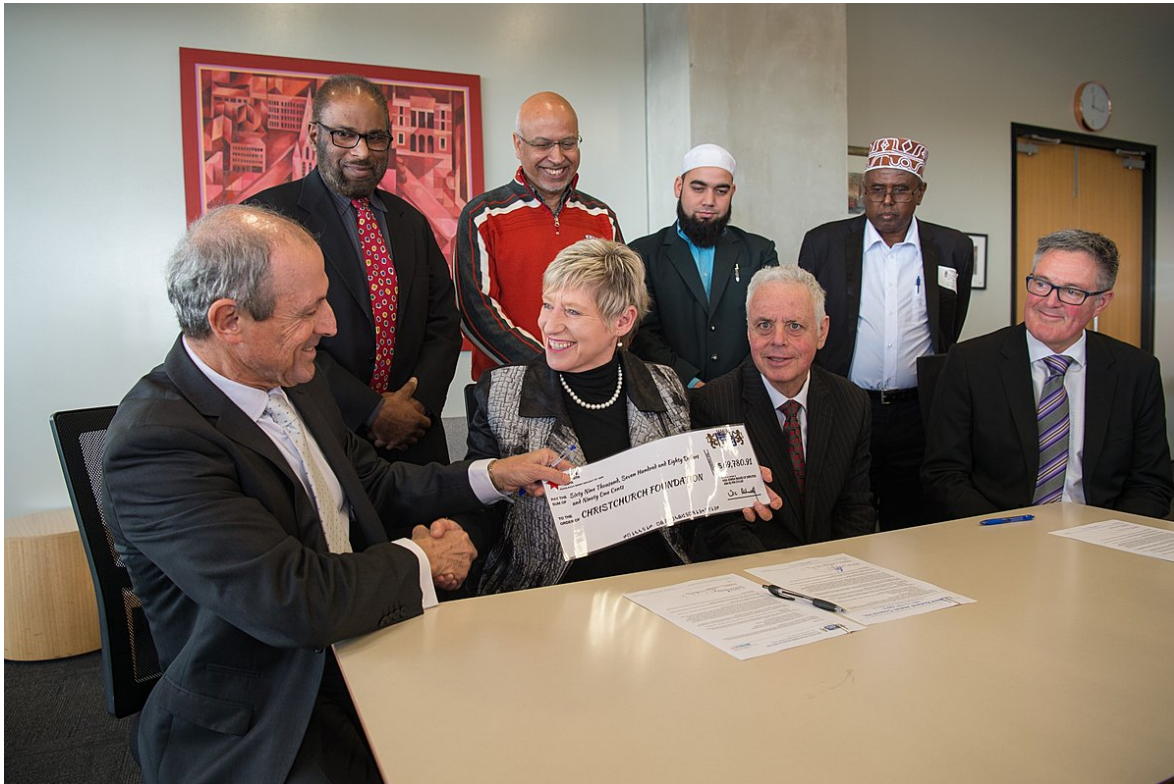
**Non-FOSCA members - \$25pp**

Nibbles  
Drinks,  
Raffles  
Prizes!



# New Zealand Abrahamic Fund

The NZ Abrahamic Fund held an event recently in Christchurch to formally gift over \$1.1m from the international Jewish community to the Muslim community who were victims of the attacks on March 15th. This gift, known as the NZ Abrahamic fund, will support victims and foster a closer relationship between the two faiths.



# Beth Shalom Community Care 2019

Hope you are all keeping well, warm and dry. Just a reminder about who and what we are.

Our Focus is to offer help and support to all congregants and their families in times of illness and/ or difficulty. We do this in the form of visits at home or in hospital or rest homes, and helping with whatever is needed. Where we cannot help you ourselves, we can give you assistance in accessing the community service who can, or by putting them in touch with you. We also like to recognize your simcha's and lifestyle events, Sometimes we can help with transport when needed for attending these events, and also for funerals, or getting to Beth Shalom on High Holy days and other services.

We urge you not to hesitate to contact us when we can either help you, or share in your happy times. In this respect and all other aspects, we assure you, we are very mindful of your privacy. Take Care. Lita and the Community Care Team



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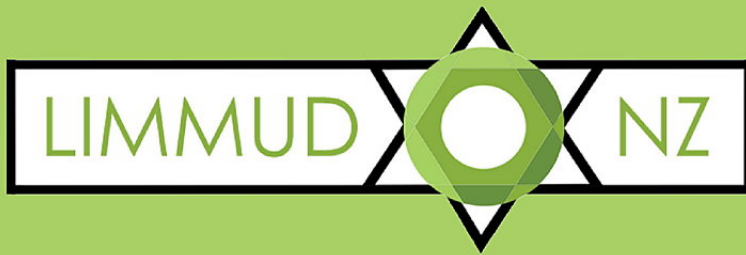


Beautiful warm beanies and scarves knitted by Raisa Polishchuk for the women and children in response to our Women's Refuge Winter Appeal - and Raisa knitted all these items in just a month! The donations were very much appreciated by the Women's' Refuge so thanks not only to Raisa but to everyone who donated items to this Appeal.

If you have any odd or unused balls of wool to donate, please drop off to the office and Chris Shiller will organise to get them to Raisa.

We do of course continue to support the Women's Refuge on a regular basis with your donations of non-perishable food items, women's toiletries and care products and baby and toddler supplies. Please remember to bring your





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## **AUCKLAND: 31 August - 1 September 2019**



**WHEN:** 31 August (Saturday evening)  
**WHERE:** A lounge near you!  
**WHAT:** Want to schmooze and learn in a relaxed, informal setting? Introducing LIMMUD In Your Lounge, an evening of discussions and conversations (plus Havdallah!) in homes across Auckland.



**WHEN:** 1 September (Sunday daytime)  
**WHERE:** Diocesan School for Girls, Epsom  
**WHAT:** A familiar day of LIMMUD sessions with the community, including the traditional book swap, singing, and food!

## **WELLINGTON: 7 - 8 September 2019**



**WHEN:** 7 - 8 September (Saturday afternoon - Sunday evening)  
**WHERE:** Wellington Jewish Community Centre (WJCC) & Temple Sinai  
**WHAT:** For the first time in Wellington, LIMMUD sessions will be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday across two venues.

Please visit our website for more information - [limmud.org.nz](http://limmud.org.nz)  
To be added to our awesome mailing list or to volunteer - [info@limmud.org.nz](mailto:info@limmud.org.nz)  
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# Auckland Jewish Burial & Benevolent Society Inc.

We are fast approaching the High Holy Days and the committee is preparing for Yizkor services and K'ver Avot - remembering our loved ones. Please let the office know if you have anyone you would like to add to the Yizkor list (not read out in full on Yom Kippur but read during the year at the time of Yahrzeit).

Many of you would have now received the B & B annual appeal letter asking for your generous support. If you have not received this, [please click here](#).

The B&B functions on membership subscriptions plus your additional donations. If you are not a member, please consider at least making this your contribution to supporting families and the community in their time of need.

We wish you all a well and warm last month of winter.



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Applications are open to students in year 12 or 13 in 2020.

First meeting for applicants and their parents will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August



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