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Coming up in February

- Sunday School first day Term 1 is 16th February at 9:30am. [Click here to register](#). Parents are invited to sign up online or on Day 1. Parents and community members are invited to our joyous tefillot every week 9:30-10am.
- **Sunday 16 February**, 10:30am, stone setting for Harold Goldwater at Waikumete Cemetery.
- **Sunday 16 February** at 5pm, Tu B'Shevat, Festival of Trees, will take place in our garden under the grapevine. Please RSVP to the office by Wednesday 12 February with numbers attending.
- **Saturday 22 February**, please join the Ries family who will be hosting a Kiddush after the morning service to celebrate at Beth Shalom their son's recent Bar Mitzvah in the US. JD will be co-leading the service.
- **COME AND SING FOR SHABBAT** Friday 21 February, we welcome Judy Campbell, Choir Director from the North Shore Temple Emanuel in Sydney, to Auckland. She will run a song session from 5-6pm at Beth Shalom, then join us in making music at the Shabbat evening service at 6:30pm. Please email her directly (judy@maju.com) if you would like to participate, including details of your connection with, and skills in singing. She will tailor the session to suit those attending, which means there are no specific sight-reading requirements. If you love to sing, this will be for you! Judy is known to many at Beth Shalom from her previous visit to Auckland some years ago, and from her role in leading choirs at UPJ Biennial conferences. In recent years she has expanded her creative activities to writing, and will launch her recently published book, The Silver Tea Service, at Beth Shalom on Sunday 23 February. See separately for the invitation to the launch.
- **Diarise Summer Soul Shabbaton 27, 28, 29 March 2020**. [Click here to register](#). Rabbi Shoshanna Kaminsky, Shannyn and Max the soulful singers and Asher Truppmann's Jazz Band – stay tuned as more people come on board.
- **Find a Study Partner Project:** contact mailto:educator@bethshalom.org.nz
- **A reminder about our prayers for healing; if you would like our home prayer group to pray for healing for you or for someone close to you please advise the office.**

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From the President ...

Dear Beth Shalom members,

Rather than hide a sneaky message at the end of my column this month, I thought I would jump right in and let you know that I will be leaving Beth Shalom at the end of February. The 28th, to be exact, although it may be one day either side of that depending on airline seat availability.

I am very excited about my new adventure. We have found a fantastic apartment in Bogotá, Mike's work visa has been approved, and the movers have been contacted. My to do list is huge!

But just so you know, one of the biggest priorities on that list is leaving Beth Shalom poised for the future and ready to continue moving from strength to strength. The board is currently discussing and negotiating a contract that would see us working with a Rabbi from the US in a strategic consulting capacity as well as offering us part time spiritual leadership. If the fit is right, there is the potential to have him join us on a more permanent basis in the future.

I have not had a response yet from the AHC Relocation committee to the questions and clarifications our committee requested at the end of last year. In their defence, people are just returning back from summer holidays, so I will follow up this week. If you want to know what questions were posed, you can find that here. ([Click here to read the last community update about the JCC](#)) Depending on the responses from AHC, it is most likely that we will expand the Beth Shalom relocation committee significantly going forward. If you are tapped to join, please do your best to be part of the committee. You have a skill or insight that we feel is invaluable to our ability to evaluate our options thoroughly and responsibly.

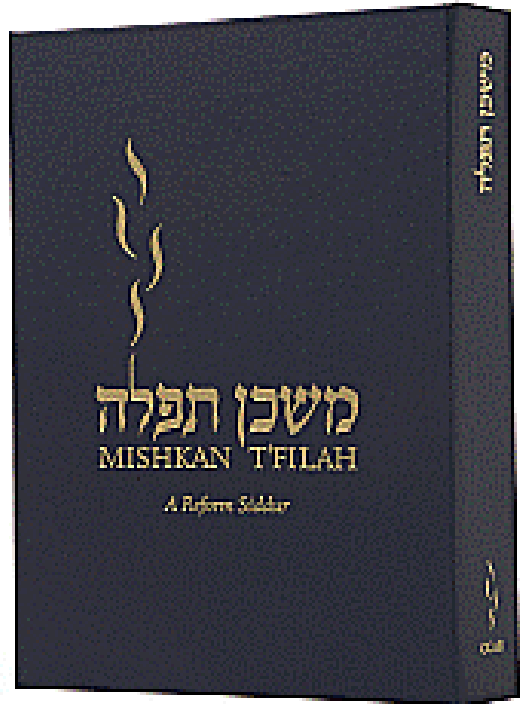
The AGM is scheduled for **Sunday, 22 March, at 7:00pm**. I urge you to consider joining the board if you would like help shape our future. Please contact any one of the board members if you have questions about the time requirements or responsibilities. It is an amazing opportunity to steer the shul and get involved with the community. Nomination forms will be available soon.

I hope to catch up with many of you over the course of the month before I go. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is something you need addressed before I head overseas.

B'shalom,

Debbie

[Click for service roster here](#)



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

Please contact Leon Goldwater or Christine O'Brien at shul office

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Christine: office@bethshalom.org.nz 524 4139

THE BUZZ

Rabbi Dean, Haim and Jacob visited in December 2019



How can we teach the next generation to love being Jewish?

Synagogues, Jewish high schools, Israel tour, summer camp and primary school. We focus a lot on the right way to get our kids into being good Jews but what's the best way to do it? Formal Jewish education vs. informal Jewish education: is there a happy medium?

Adi grew up in Habonim Dror in Aotearoa New Zealand and after being Mazkira there came to the UK to be on the 5779 Mazkirut. She is still heavily involved in the Jewish Community and a part of Veranenu, an egalitarian, progressive community holding monthly musical Kabbalat Shabbat services in London



Adi Rothman-Berman is a presenter at the UK Limmud held in Birmingham. Click [here](#) to see more.

To be an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit: **INDYK, Dr Harvey Eshkol**

For services to analytical chemistry and the dairy industry

Dr Harvey Indyk is a world-leading chemist in the development of modern methods for the analysis of vitamin micronutrients and proteins in dairy products.

During his career with the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Co. Ltd, NZMP, and the Fonterra Cooperative Group, Dr Indyk has developed, applied and validated a wide range of analytical tools that have supported the growth of infant formula manufacturing and vitamin supplemented milk products within the New Zealand dairy industry. He has created a number of international standard methods that are widely used to assess the safety and nutritional quality of dairy products, such as the application of flow injection analysis of nitrate and nitrite, the application of various high-performance liquid chromatography platforms to micronutrient analysis, the adoption of inductively coupled plasma for multi-element analysis, and the adoption and application of optical biosensor technology for the analysis of vitamins and milk proteins. His chemistry achievements are notable because they have been undertaken in a commercial laboratory, which under his leadership has been expanded to become a world-class facility. He has been an active member of the US-based analytical Food Standards organisation AOAC International since 1992, and has served on a number of the association's committees and review panels. Dr Indyk has also contributed to a number of European Standards organisations.



MARK TAYLOR/STUFF

Fonterra chemist Harvey Indyk being made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to analytical chemistry and the dairy industry in the New Year honours list.

Dear Beth Shalom community: I would like to thank everyone who came and joined me and my family at my Bat Mitzvah ceremony. It definitely was a special day that I will always remember.

I am still running my Tzedakah project until the end of February and would appreciate as many donations as possible.

For my Tzedakah project I have started a Give a Little page where I am collecting money for the blind foundation which changed its name to: The Blind and Low Vision NZ. Please see the link below: <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/blind-and-low-vision>-I will also leave an orange bucket in the hall foyer of Beth Shalom for those who prefer to put their donations straight there. I chose the blind foundation because I have made a device called the **Spectro Scanner** that scans

colours and vocalises them. The scanner is made for visually impaired or colour blind people to know colours. It can even detect the colour of bin's lids and vocalise them to help visually impaired or colour blind people manage their waste efficiently.

Many thanks and all the best wishes for 2020. Agam Aharon and the family.



Beth Shalom senior member, **Rachel Dennyss** on a visit last year with her cousin Sharon enjoying coffee in the sunshine at Mission Bay.



More visitors in 2020, past members Gene and Anita Sorkin who caught up with old friends.

Sue and Steve Feldman - Sue is a **Member of the Union for Reform Judaism Board of Trustees**. She had contacted Beth Shalom to say she would be in Auckland for a few days and was keen on a Jewish tour. Sadly David and Helen Levin are no longer in the business of Jewish tours in Auckland but Naomi Johnson showed them a few places of Jewish interest in Auckland including Beth Shalom. They were quite taken with our seating layout in the sanctuary and also very much appreciated our NZ Jewish art work that is so evident in both the sanctuary and the building in general.



EDUCATION



Thank you Beth Shalom community for an amazing month of December. It was stuffed full of great bar and bat mitzvahs which stretched us. We also had Rabbi Dean's visit along with a super big Chanukah party which had amazing participation from across the community. It is months like this that make our community feel vibrant and healthy.

And now after our month of vacation we are planning a new year full of activities.

Sunday/Hebrew school will be starting again on February 16th. We are blessed to have some new teachers on board. Teaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, Terry Haffern will be teaching siddur and Eileen Kavin (new to the community) will be teaching Jewish studies. Kita Aleph will have two wonderful parents and a student teacher, Goldie Moritz a returning Bat Mitzvah student, so we can break up a rather diverse class into groups with Kate Bukowski and Mira Taitz who are going to share the job.

Kita Bet and Kita Gimmel will have Carol McCracken returning as a Jewish studies teacher and Stav Rogel the shaliacha will be the Hebrew teacher with Debbie Miller taking over once Stav returns to Israel and before we get a new shaliach.

We will once again be baking up a storm during morning tea and we're hoping that parents and members come along and join the fun. Melissa Armitage is also planning to set up some craft activities during morning tea.



Our policy at Sunday Hebrew school is creating a community through study and also fun creative activity. If you have something you would like to help plan like a sports day, a community hike, a BBQ in the park let us know. We want to support what you enjoy and include it in our activities.

Calling all Actors, Comedians and people who like to have fun!

Purim is around the corner and we are once again going to be doing a Purim skit. So, if you would like to be in it email: educator@bethshalom.org.nz

Summer Soul Shabbaton March 27th – 29th [sign up now](#) by clicking on the link.



Shabbaton is on March 27th-29th and we have successfully raised money to bring over Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky who has been the visiting support Rabbi for the Indonesian Jewish community and she has pictures, slideshows and stories to share. She also has her special brand of torah reading which is such a pleasure to listen to and understand as she simultaneously translates as she sings the torah reading.

Rabbi Shoshana says she is open to doing workshops on:

- 1) Menjadi Rabi Yahudi di Indonesia--Being a Rabbi in Indonesia, or
- 2) Things I never imagined I'd do when I became a rabbi;



- 3) Beyond Kumbaya: asking the hard questions in multi-faith dialogue.
- 4) Hard-wired for Hope in a Hopeless World: a frank conversation about climate change.

Please let us know which of these interest you.

Also Shannyn and Max Einsohn (Ahavat Hinam) are coming to Shabbaton. They are the singing duo who have been with us before for Shabbaton, Limmud and ChanukahFest.

We invite all of you to bring along your musical instruments and special interests. We want to dance, sing, create and study. If you have something to offer let us know.

Remember this is a cross-community gathering for young and old and something for everyone. If you have a particular interest let us know.

Find a study partner (Chavruta) Have you ever thought of meeting for lunch once a month and having a Jewish study session on something related to your profession - what do the Jewish texts have to say about property law, business, medicine and psychology?

Contact educator@bethshalom.org.nz

Shabbat Kat is back again with the first one happening on Feb. 1st. Shabbat Kat happens the first Shabbat in every month from 10-11am. It is a pre-school oriented program, but the whole family is invited.

SHABBAT KAT

Children's services (monthly)

Saturday 1 February, 2020 (with parents) 10-11am



Singing



Puppets



Dancing



Torah



Stories



Hebrew



Challah and juice



Musical instruments

Bring all your spirit and energy.

Introduction to Judaism is a year-long prerequisite course for the conversion program at Beth Shalom open to members and non-members who want to learn more about Judaism. If you are interested you need to contact educator@bethshalom.org.nz.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM COURSE 2020

Are you interested in learning what Judaism is all about? What it means to be Jewish. Whether you are a member of our congregation or just curious, Beth Shalom invites you to enrol in our redesigned course 30 sessions over four terms will cover a broad variety of topics about living Jewishly including:

What is Judaism and who is a Jew.	Bible (Tanakh)
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Prayer and the Synagogue	Shabbat, High Holy Days, Festivals and minor holidays.
Biblical, Rabbinic and Modern History	Jewish lifecycles: from cradle to grave
Prayer and Theology	Jewish Culture
Jewish values, ethics and social justice	Judaism in New Zealand


Presenters are: Educator, Debbie Miller plus guest lecturers. For the course programme, please visit the website or email: educator@bethshalom.org.nz


Fees apply plus resources.
To apply, please contact: educator@bethshalom.org.nz

Begins Sunday 16 February, 1:30-3:30pm (30 sessions)

Term 1: 16 February to 5 April
Term 2: 3 May to 28 June
Term 3: 26 July to 20 September
Term 4: 18 October to 13 December

Classes will be held at Beth Shalom, 180 Manukau Rd, Epsom.






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Debbie Miller, Education Co-ordinator at Beth Shalom 027 765 3677 or 09 579 7715 or 09-524-4139



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From 29th January onwards
7.00 - 9.00pm
Jenni: (09) 480-4330 jennygo@complus.co.nz

Epsom, Auckland, \$5.00 per class

ריקודי-עם

Planting Trees for Tu B'Shvat

We will be celebrating Tu B'Shvat at Beth Shalom on **Sunday 16 February at 5pm** – see poster in this issue of Teruah. Tu B'Shvat, or the New Year of the Trees, is a minor festival which we enjoy celebrating sitting under our grapevine next to our Biblical garden as we read our Tu B'Shvat Haggadah eating fruits and drinking wine or juice in the sequence provided in the Haggadah. We hope you will join us.

Planting Trees for Tu B'Shvat from My Jewish Learning

In the Jewish scheme of the world, trees have always occupied a key and revered role. According to the Creation story, seed bearing plants and fruit trees were put on the Earth before any other living thing ([Genesis 1:11-12](#)). In other words, the first thing God did once He had firm land was to plant trees!

The Tree of Life, which God placed at the heart of the Garden of Eden, became a symbol of Jewish existence, a core value of individual and communal living: continuity.

The Talmud sages held wonderfully imaginative discussions about trees in life and legend. They believed that mankind, which they often compared to trees, owes its existence to them and should treat them with special recognition. Serious consequences would result from destroying a tree. The Torah (itself called a Tree of Life in [Proverbs 3:18](#)) prohibits the destruction of fruit trees, even in times of war ([Deuteronomy 20:19-20](#)), and to prevent the loss of Israel's natural forests, the sages prohibited the Jews from allowing goats to graze freely. Today in Israel, anyone who wants to destroy a tree must apply for a license, even if the tree is on his or her own property.

[Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai](#), who lived in Jerusalem when it was being sacked by the Romans, cleverly taught the priority of planting. "If you should be holding a sapling in your hand when they tell you the Messiah has arrived," he advised, "first plant the sapling, then go out and greet him."

Planting a tree – a concrete, practical act – has represented hope since ancient times. On Tu B'Shvat in Palestine, trees were planted for children born during the previous year: for a boy, a cedar, with the wish that the child would grow to be tall and upright, for a girl, a cypress, which was graceful and fragrant. Later, branches from the cypress and cedar of a bride and groom were used to make the chuppah (canopy) for their wedding ceremony. The planting was associated with two of the most important times in an individual's life, birth and marriage, two occasions when we concentrate on the possibilities for the future. So powerful is this connection that even in the Theresienstadt (also called Terezin) concentration camp, children planted a tree.

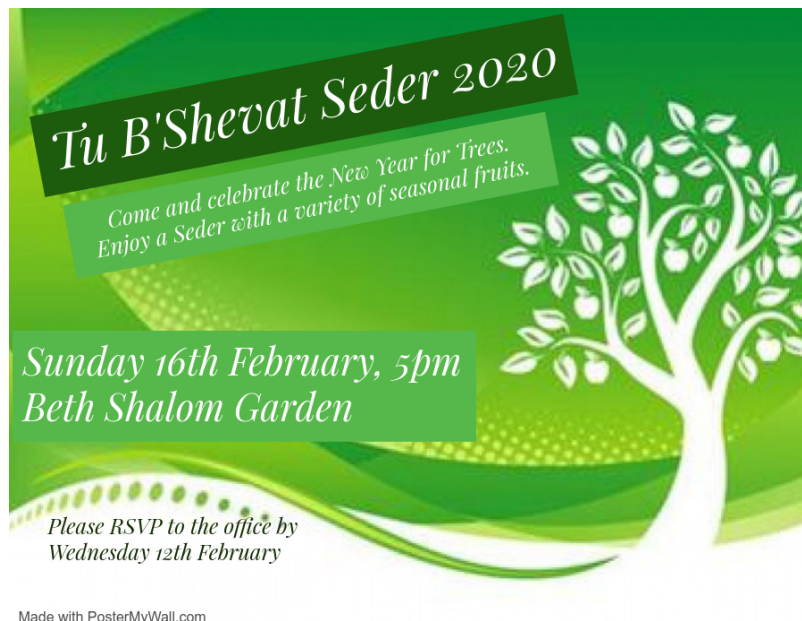
Planting was also considered a way to create eternity. As the Talmud relates, the righteous man Honi once encountered a man planting a carob tree. "How long will it take to bear fruit?" he inquired. "About 70 years," the man replied. "So you think you will live long enough to taste its fruits?" The man explained, "I have found ready-grown carob trees in the world. As my forefathers planted them for me, so I plant for my children."

As a result of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) reforestation projects in Israel, the land once desert now supports successful farming endeavours, and millions of trees cover the hills. Visitors to Israel, on Tu B'Shvat or at other times, can participate in the Plant a Tree with Your Own Hands Program. A popular alternative is to purchase tree certificates, through local and national JNF and Hadassah offices.

Each inexpensive certificate represents one tree planted in Israel in memory or honour of an individual or on a special occasion. (Only large plantings, not individual trees, are actually designated on site.) Outside Israel, symbolic plantings are often done for the holiday, with trees planted in one's yard or community, or houseplants started from seeds, particularly parsley, which will sprout in time for Passover.

Reprinted with permission from [Celebrate! The Complete Jewish Holidays Handbook](#) (Jason Aronson).

We will also have our Jewish National Fund Blue Box on the table so you can donate to help plant some trees in Israel to mark our celebration of Tu B'Shvat in 2020



The Silver Tea Service, Judy Campbell

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Judy Campbell

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The Silver Tea Service is a beautifully evocative and richly conceived homage to the stories and silences of history as Judy Campbell searches for the elusive truths of her past. A profound restoration of one family's lost narrative, this book will make you want to know more about the lives and personalities of your own ancestors.'

— Joanne Fedler, Internationally Bestselling Author

RSVP

Please email the author at judy@maju.com.

Feel free to bring any friends along who might resonate with this story.

Just let us know numbers.



Rabbi John Levi - eulogy for a friend, Rabbi Brian D. Fox AM. DD. z"l

Rabbi Brian Fox was born in the East End of London in the midst of the Blitz. His father was serving in the Armed Services as a soldier in North Africa and Europe.

Brian was sent for safety to the country to the Maud Nathan Jewish Childrens' Home. It was a rocky, but memorable beginning to life.

At war's end the family migrated to New Zealand where his father became a roving government representative to the farming community. Brian undoubtedly inherited his father's love of New Zealand and his ease with people.

In 1959 I became the first student rabbi to be sent to minister to Auckland's Temple Shalom. The congregation had acquired a block of land and an old blacksmiths forge which we used as a tiny synagogue and we hired a hall in the city for the High Holydays. Brian's father was the cantor. In London he had been part of the Jewish Settlement House in the East End led by Sir Basil Henriques and supported by both the Liberal and Reform movements of Great Britain. Brian's brother Roger played the harmonium. And the young Brian, who had recently been barmitzvah, and I shared the prayers.

Brian was clearly too good to leave in New Zealand!

And so, every summer thereafter, Brian came to Australia to stay at our home, join in our youth camps, make a host of friends, paint the house, look after the dogs, drive the rabbis' secretary mad by putting on a bizarre accent every time he phoned the rabbis' office. And despite everything, he decided to become a rabbi. That decision meant obtaining entry to Auckland University, teaching at Temple Shalom, involvement in the wider Auckland Jewish community and working on the wharves in order to collect some pocket money for his approaching time at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

It was a lonely path and a pioneering path. And, at exactly the wrong moment, his parents chose to have a *b'rogez* with the congregation they had helped to create. The conflict literally tore the teenager apart.

Brian prevailed and in Cincinnati the Holy One also took the time to intervene. By some miracle, this young student from Auckland and this post graduate medical student from Sydney, whose name was Dr Dale Myers, met in Cincinnati and fell in love. In Yiddish it is called *beshert* ...a matter of destiny. It would be a marriage, a partnership, that would take them to Melbourne, Sydney, Manchester, Jerusalem and back to Sydney. We are describing the geography of a love affair and the eventual arrival of four beloved children Ben, Miriam, Mishi and Shira.

Rabbi Brian Fox BHL, MA and Dr Dale Fox arrived in Melbourne 1972 to become a member of the Victorian Union for Progressive Judaism. He would have particular responsibility for the Leo Baeck Centre in East Kew and for the flourishing Youth Movement. At his formal induction Rabbi Dr H. M, Sanger perceptively said "A good rabbi shares the joy, the sorrows and the anxiety of his people; he is above all a human being, a mensch".

Brian transformed the Leo Baeck Congregation where he is still remembered with love and affection. He was an integral part of the earliest years of the King David School. It is hard to believe the obstacles we encountered along the way.

The last time that Brian was in Melbourne he was shown the entrance garden to the School Hall where his name is honoured . When Brian saw it he wept.

Brian had a tender heart. He cared intensely about children. He carefully chose the team of youngsters who went on Machon in Jerusalem which would turn our youth groups into Netzer. In due time he discovered that he had become an effective fundraiser. Our mentor was the remarkable Isador Magid who taught us that people like to give and to share. In Sydney he put into practice many of the lessons learned during that formative time in Melbourne.

Many of us will recall the dedication of the Emanuel School which Brian brought into being in Sydney. There was Brian's beloved colleague, Cantor Michael Deutsch who sang. Brian led the prayers. His ally and defender and Temple President Ted Waxman spoke. The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Robert Hawke, began his speech with the unforgettable words "My dear Archbishop Fox"...somehow it seemed just right.

The world was changing. Words were no longer enough. Rabbis had to be more visual. The two of us invented the object lesson bar/bat mitzvah. The child would stand on the Bimah and the rabbi would reveal an object.

A bicycle bell, an egg timer, a book with blank pages, an unopened letter and best of all, a toy parrot that could flap its wings and repeat the last words it had heard. It was sensational. And because we were in Kew and St Kilda or in Sydney and Melbourne we could use and develop the same object to suit a different child.

One year we were in Jerusalem at the same time and we knew we needed a shaliach for Netzer. So we made an appointment with the official who was in charge of allocating youth movement emissaries around the world. We found ourselves sitting in an office that was dominated by a huge photograph of Menachem Begin--not exactly an ideological ally of our Reform Movement. We explained what we needed to a very unfriendly official . We were getting nowhere. Suddenly, to my horror, I heard Brian say "Well we are wasting our time. We shall walk out!" They were the magic words. Suddenly the cloud lifted. Anglo Saxon manners could only go so far and Brian was much tougher than I was. We got our shaliach. Netzer was in business and has become a world wide Youth Movement.

When it came time to move from Melbourne, which is a story on its own, Brian accepted our shared rule that a rabbi was not above the give and take of Jewish communal life. In Sydney he helped found the Council of Christians and Jews in New South Wales. He was an active member of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the Jewish Board of Deputies. He loved to debate and to use humour to confront his opponents. He was a precious colleague at the rabbinic annual meetings which would usually contain, at some point of his choosing a blood curdling haka. He was an outstanding member of the Zionist Council.

And then twenty years passed and it was time to move and to hand on his post to Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins. Brian went "home". He found a congregation that needed him in Manchester.

In the United Kingdom his arrival was akin to a bombshell. Most English rabbis were well behaved, quiet and polite. Suddenly they found themselves with a rabbi who never failed to challenge them. Who rebuilt their synagogue. Who loved to tell funny stories. Who spoke plainly about Israel and Zionism.

And then, aware that health problems, were looming and the children were anxious, Brian and Dina (as Dale was now called) moved to Jerusalem. Brian found an unpaid job looking after a quaint bookshop on Rehov Ephraim in Baka.

And then it was home to Sydney and the children and the grandchildren.

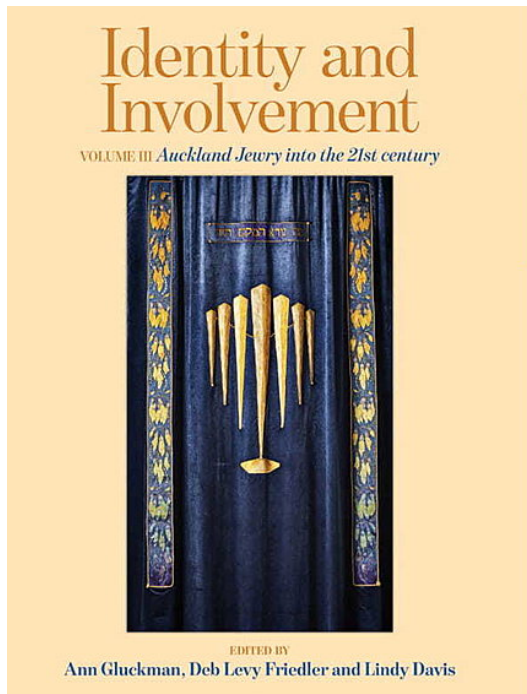
Brian Fox died on 10 January 2020 and was mourned by hundreds who came to the service.

Above the Ark at the Emanuel Synagogue shines an antique Ner Tamid which Rabbi Brian Fox AM DD had placed within the synagogue when he had served as its senior rabbi for twenty eventful years.

In August 1994 the **Sydney Morning Herald** and the **Age** published a double portrait and article on us both. As Rabbi Fox said "A fellow once said to me : 'You two are dangerous . You could do anything together. Thank goodness you're rabbis'. "

Rabbi John Simon Levi

Book Launch: Identity and Involvement



You are warmly invited to the launch of

Identity and Involvement Volume III

edited by

Ann Gluckman, Deb Levy Friedler and Lindy Davis

to be held at the Synagogue (108 Greys Avenue, Auckland)
on Thursday 20 February, 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Guest speaker: Meng Foon, Race Relations Commissioner

MC: Sir Peter Gluckman

Drinks and canapés will be served from 5.30pm.

To assist with catering, please RSVP by 10 February to
Gill Hughes, hughespublicity@gmail.com or phone 021-944499.

*Books will be available for sale during the event
at the special launch price of \$45.*

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Beth Shalom Community Care 2020



Hi everyone, Hope you are all keeping well, and enjoying the summer weather. Just a reminder about who and what we are.

Community Care's 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, in hospital or rest homes. Maybe a friendly card or a phone call 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 recognise your simcha's and lifestyle events and can help organise a lift to any services you may wish to attend, a funeral or any other event. Please don't hesitate, to get in touch with us, and if any of you can think of a way we could help or support you more, please advise us of these ideas. Your suggestions are welcome.

If a member of your family needs any help or support and doesn't like to ask, or is not in a position to ask, please do it for them and contact us.

In this respect and all other aspects we assure you we are very mindful of your privacy.

If needed, please contact Lorna Orbell on 022 026 2897 or Christine at Beth Shalom Office 09 524 4139.

Take care. Lita and the Community Care Team



Women's International Zionist Organization
for an Improved Israeli Society

22 January 2020

Members of our Congregations

It has been an honour to have had the opportunity to work for the wonderful worldwide organisation of the Women's International Zionist Organisation (W.I.Z.O).

The time has come for me to resign my long-standing positions of President and Treasurer of the New Zealand Federation.

The request for volunteers from the New Zealand community to carry on with the New Zealand branch has been without success. Therefore, those that wish to carry on with donations may send them directly to Israel. [Click here for bank details.](#)

I would sincerely like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Committee, members and contributors both past and present for their continued support given over the years, to ensure that the needs of those in Israel were received.

With my sincere thanks once again.

B'hatzlacha

Lorna Henrietta Orbell National President & Treasurer, W.I.Z.O New Zealand Federation



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