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Coming up in August

- **Experiential learning Term 3 commences Sunday 1 August.**
- **Saturday 31 July 10-11am** in the Library, **Shabbat Kat**. There will also be a **Kiddush** after the service, jointly hosted by the Desiree and Eddie Gelbart and Beth Shalom, to farewell their Terry who is off to work in Canada from August.
- **Our High Holy Day singing practices** will commence from Saturday 31 July and will run through weekly to 4 September after kiddush each Saturday. We welcome new people to join our group of singers practising the tunes for the High Holy Days. If you would like to go on the email list please let Christine know in the office.
- **25 July to 21 August Art Exhibition** "Woman-Nature" by Lilach Cohen at the Helensville Art Centre, 49 Commercial Road. 12pm-2pm, Lilach's contact number 022 607 8923.
- **Sunday 1 August**, 5pm Hadassah AGM at Beth Shalom.
- **Friday 6 August 6.30pm** Collaborative Teens/Young adults' service followed by a **potluck dinner**.
- **CHANGE OF DATE! Sunday 8 August**, 10:30am Beth Shalom Walking Group: Rhonda and Jeff Albom will be hosting the next walk in Shakespeare Park to see the new lambs. No pets are allowed in the park. Also, the Albom's home is gluten free. Please RSVP to office@bethshalom.org.nz. Meeting spot details TBD. See you there!
- **Kadimah's 50th year anniversary celebrations 13-16 August**, [registration form here](#). If you have any questions please contact Elaine Silverman at alumni@kadimah.school.nz



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From the President

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua: 'I walk backwards into the future with my eyes fixed on my past' (Māori whakatauki/ saying)

As we move forward towards the High Holy Days, I've been reflecting backwards and looking forwards.

The passing of Gordon Stern and Eunice Defries has made me think about the enormous energy, dedication and love our founding members devoted to creating and maintaining our community. I think of them as the roots that have anchored and nourished Beth Shalom over many years. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to them, and all the other people, who have loved and grown the community over the years. They grew us.

We then have the trunk of our tree - All those people who hold up the community and make sure that the tree is nourished. All our established members and volunteers, who give so much to the community and hold Beth Shalom dear. They sustain us.

And then we have the branches and new leaves - Our young and younger members. These people are our future. It will be for them to take the community into the future and maintain Progressive Judaism in Auckland. Our hopes for a thriving Progressive Jewish community in the future rests with them.

One of the challenges - and opportunities - as we move into the future is to 'walk backwards into the future with our eyes fixed on the past'. How do we ensure that the wonderful roots that our founding members developed, and our current members have grown and sustained, remains vibrant and rich and meaningful as we move forward?

I'd like to think that some of the answers will come out of the Vision Project, which is currently at the stage of speaking to people to hear their views. If you would like to talk to someone about your relationship with Judaism and Beth Shalom and your dreams for the future, please let me know. We want to hear your voices.

Some of the answers will come from our current initiative to engage younger members and grow our Young Adult membership category, so that they help to shape the future of Progressive Judaism in Auckland.

I see a Rabbi as a major player in helping us maintain and grow the richness of our community and our way of celebrating Judaism. Hopefully we are not too far off introducing the community to a potential candidate for the position as our Rabbi.

My hope and prayer as we lead into this time of introspection is that we will have the wisdom and mutual love for Beth Shalom to shape a future for ourselves and our children, and their children, that will carry Beth Shalom forward as a vibrant community. And continue to honour the richness that all of us, wherever we are 'in the tree', bring to our wonderful community.

Olga

JCC update

Dear Beth Shalom Community; Last month a meeting was held at the AHC during which a vision was presented for the future Jewish Community Centre to be established in Remuera. While the meeting was intended for members of AHC, a member of the Beth Shalom board did attend. The meeting was very positive, and the concept of the JCC as a place where all Jews and those affiliated with the Jewish Community could gather and feel at home was warmly received. While a host of details are yet to be fully worked through, we think you will agree that the JCC should strengthen the ties among members of Auckland's Jewish community.

As advised in previous correspondence, a focus group-style meeting was held in May during which members of the AHC and Beth Shalom worked together to craft a vision statement for the JCC. A follow-up meeting will be held to discuss the more refined site concepts articulated at the AHC meeting.

There has been some confusion among members of our community that arose following the AHC meeting. Namely, discussion to the effect that Beth Shalom will take time to reach a decision on whether to move has been misconstrued to mean that Beth Shalom would definitively not be moving to the JCC (i.e., that a decision has already been made). This is not the case. Ongoing discussions with AHC continue and a detailed case for relocation will be brought to our community for a vote. If the determination is made by our community to relocate, AHC will almost certainly have already shifted to the JCC well prior to a move by Beth Shalom. Statements to this effect at the AHC meeting were later construed by some members of our community to imply that we had broken off discussions with AHC, full stop. We will update you further in the next Teruah. **Ted Ries**

From the Board - Terry Haffern

Rabbinic Search: The process is progressing well at this stage.

High Holy Days: The Ritual Committee has a Plan B in place in case Rabbi Dean's work visa is delayed.

Security: There is an electronic card now which is issued to Board members, Shammashim and a few other strategic people. There is a buzzer on the gate which will alert someone in the building to let you in.

The Buzz ...

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Wednesday 18 August, 6-8pm Let's Cook Vegan in the Beth Shalom Kitchen and study the Jewish writing of Rav Kook on being vegetarian. Come to Beth Shalom to learn to make a delicious vegan dish with Sharon Almog from the Vegetarian Centre. Please RSVP office@bethshalom.org.nz so we can plan - Koha of \$5 for supplies

Crafty People Group

In July we had the first meet-up of our Crafty People group. We had some delicious afternoon tea, plenty of conversation, and a range of different crafts including weaving, punch needle embroidery, knitting, cross stitch and crochet. Thanks to everyone who came, it was so lovely to see and spend time with you!

Our next Crafty Group date is the 21st of August at 2pm and we'd love to see you there. We welcome any age and any level of experience. Come with a project to work on or just to chat. Afternoon tea will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessamie Milton (djmhippy@gmail.com) or Rachel Zussman (rachelzuss@hotmail.co.nz)





**Friday 6 August, 2021,
Collaborative Teens/Young Adults
Service followed by potluck dinner.
Please bring a non-meat dish or
dessert to share.**

*Please no strawberries or food with garlic that needs
reheating to keep our members with serious
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**Beth Shalom 6:30pm and
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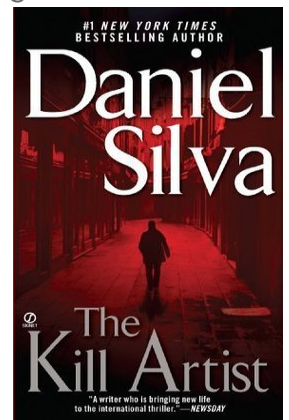


Jewish Book Club

meets at Beth Shalom in the Library, Monday 16 August,
10:30am. Contact Sharon Morris if you would like to join the group Email: sp@canada.kiwi.nz

Immersed in the quiet, meticulous life of an art restorer, former Israeli intelligence operative Gabriel Allon keeps his past well behind him. But now he is being called back into the game—and teamed with an agent who hides behind her own mask...as a beautiful fashion model.

Their target: a cunning terrorist on one last killing spree, a Palestinian zealot who played a dark part in Gabriel's past. And what begins as a manhunt turns into a globe-spanning duel fueled by both political intrigue and deep personal passions.



Things That Matter - Theatre adaptation from the memoir by Dr David Galler

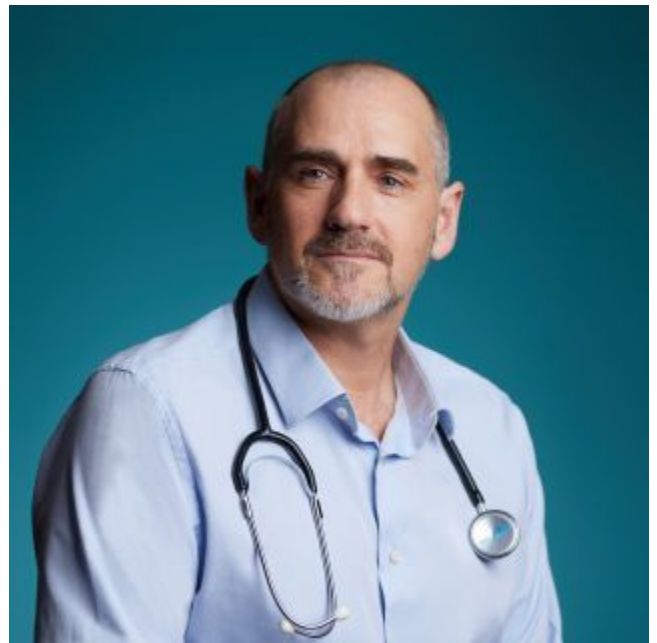
The Auckland Theatre Company are presenting **Things That Matter** from 17-20 August at ASB Waterfront Theatre in Auckland.

The play is based on the memoir by the son of Jewish Polish immigrants and prominent doctor Dr David Galler. It is an inspirational and life-affirming story weaving anecdotes from his time at Middlemore hospital with that of his parents who survived the holocaust.

"Adapted for the stage, award-winning playwright Gary Henderson masterfully weaves Galler's compassionate insight on the real and important stories of patients and the stark realities of the New Zealand healthcare system with stories of his life, and that of his Jewish Polish immigrant parents.

Inspirational and life-affirming, Things That Matter shines a light on the importance of humanity and the challenging decisions that doctors, families and society face."

Buy tickets [here](#)



Education

Sunday School

Starting the new term, we will continue our exploration of Shabbat by equating time and space with holiness. Candles made out of beautiful honeycomb that smell amazing and herbs to bring a nice smell to our shabbat home and our havdalah atmosphere; Clove orange, or pot of nice smelling herbs or a bag of cinnamon; things that can help you carry the sweet smell of shabbat to the rest of the week.

Holding out and catching the light of shabbat; what does this mean to me?

In the following weeks we will be working towards the high holidays. We are going to be doing a series of sessions using arts, puppets and community action to discover the meaning of prayer, *tchuva* (repentance) and *ahavat olam* (love of the world). Rachel Zussman will be working together with the students to stimulate this creative process along with our regular gang of fantastic teachers, Jess, Ofer, Elena, Hannah and myself.

Introduction to Judaism

Classes are starting up again and we will be welcoming people who have gone through the conversion process and are now active members of the Jewish community. Rabbi Friedler from the Auckland Hebrew Congregation, recently visited our class.



It is also exciting times with some of our past students choosing to go through the conversion process. They took the written test this past Saturday. They will have turned in their open book test this coming week and the Beit Din will be coming up on September 2. Sadly, we will have Rabbi Fred Morgan (who has been central to this process) only Zooming in to the process from Australia as the travel bubble with OZ has been stopped for 8 weeks. We will also have a rabbinic presence in person.

We will also be starting an adult hebrew course for the month of August on Thursday August 5th at 7pm. All people are welcome. Please email educator@bethshalom.org.nz if you are interested.

November 26-28th at Carey Park in Henderson Shabbaton Committee met this past week and we just about have the whole program planned. We are going to try some new things including sharing our transformation stories where you pick out a member of our community to hear about a transformative experience they might have had on a trip, with another culture, or climbing a mountain; Midnight Meditations, Yoga, Finding Your Roots, and Being Creative with artist Hannah Moritz along with our wonderful food and outdoor Torah service by the stream and wonderful Rabbi Dean and Rabbi JoEllen. We hope to have the program out to you in the next few weeks. Registration should be available on our website in a couple of weeks.

There is limited space on site so if you want to stay at Carey Park and be a part of the community spirit that goes on into the evening and early morning, please sign up soon. We will be able to accommodate visitors but it is important that you sign up as well so we can plan for catering purposes.

Debbie recently recorded an interview with Beattie of the Religious Diversity Centre on food in Judaism.

If you would like to see the video on YouTube please [click here](#).



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Adult Hebrew Classes.

Thursdays at 6.30pm at Beth Shalom on a weekly basis from 5th August. Modern Hebrew: speaking, reading, writing and simple grammar (available on Zoom).

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

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Ritcom Reports ...

Our 2021 High Holy Day season will commence with our very moving S'lichot (Forgiveness) prayer service on Saturday 28 August at 7pm. This is a very special service followed by a chocolate reception and a study session. More information about the study session will follow. We do hope you will join us for S'lichot as we all individually and collectively prepare for the High Holy Days. We thank Desirée Gelbart for this beautiful article.

S'lichot - Forgiveness

Services leading up to, and including our High Holy Days this year, will be especially poignant as we will be one of a few communities around the world that will be able to attend in person. Let us unite in our sanctuary, starting this S'lichot as one community, and stand for those voices around the world who cannot attend services for either health or political reasons. In the low light of the Beth Shalom sanctuary, we will read poems and sing songs. As we recite prayers and study we will mark the beginning of our journey towards forgiveness of self and others. This S'lichot service allows us to explore our relationships with each other and The Holy One as we transition from our current reality to one of hope and the renewal and rebirth of our world.

Once again, we will sing a heartfelt rendition of Ana B'Koach (credited to R. Nechunya Ben Ha-Kana). This mystical and symbolic prayer is said to contain the 42-letter name of The Holy One, concealed in the first letter of each word. Sometimes sung as a niggun, Ana B'Koach is a deep and moving appeal to The Holy One. In the translation below, crafted by Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, the first line reads:

אנא בכח גדולת ימיןך תתיר צרורה ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד *Ana b'koach, gedulat y'mincha, tatir tz'rurah. Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va'ed.*

Source of mercy, with loving strength, untie our tangles. Through time and space, Your glory shines, Majestic One!

Koach - strength - in times of trouble we need to draw strength from each other and from The Holy One and we need to find the peace to "untangle our minds" so that we will forgive ourselves and each other as we ask for forgiveness from The Holy One.

Ana b'Koach ends with, "Bless them, purify them, show them pity, may Your righteousness always recompense them. Powerful Holy One, with Your abundant goodness guide Your congregation."

May this S'lichot be the beginning of a period of meaningful reflection and T'Shuvah for you and your loved ones here, and all over the world.



High Holy Days will soon be here ...



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The High Holy Days are approaching, and we are hopeful that this year we will be able to observe them in person as a community. We would like to reflect on the value of gathering and praying together, remembering the love and support of art that Eunice Defries shared with the community over many years.

The **Eunice Defries Memorial Art Exhibition** will be held at **Beth Shalom** during the High Holy Days (**Saturday 4th to Saturday 18th September**).

All who are interested are invited to create and submit art that reflects on the theme of **T'shuvah, T'filah, and T'zedakah**.

Participation information:

People of all ages are invited to contribute work and any art form that can reasonably be displayed in Beth Shalom is welcome.

Your work should fit the theme of **T'shuvah, T'filah, and T'zedakah**. Potential mediums could include jewellery, painting, drawing, textiles, small sculptures, writing, or photography. Works will be accepted on the basis of being on theme, registered in advance, and meeting the following requirements:

- Wall-mounted works should be unframed paper or cardboard 750mm x 500mm.
- Objects/sculptures should be no larger than 400x400x400mm and self-supporting for display on a pedestal or table.
- Written work will have a limit of 300 words to be displayed in a physical booklet and online.
- Maximum two works per person.

Please email bethshalom.exhibition@gmail.com by 14th August to register your contribution and be prepared to deliver it to Beth Shalom by 27th August. We need the following information from you for registration:

- Contact details (name, email address, and phone number),
- Number of works,
- Medium,
- Estimated size of work/s,
- Means of display/display requirements (wall, table, cabinet).

Volunteering opportunities: We would love to have help during installation and de-installation in the days before and after the exhibition, respectively. Any contribution of your time would be welcome and valuable.

If you have any questions, ideas for submissions you are not sure about, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Zussman (rachelzuss@hotmail.co.nz) or Chris Shiller (shiller@orcon.net.nz)



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Climate Migrants by Debbie Miller

If we believe that climate change is real, which I do, then we have to think towards the future. We must plan for a world that is going to be different than the one we know. We need to realise what our part in this world is going to be; how we in our community are going to be a part of the solution.

It is what being Jewish has always been about community and justice. Tzedek tzedek terdof Justice, Justice you shall pursue. We are lucky to be living in one of countries that is predicted to be one of the most inhabitable places to live with the advent of climate change. [Watch here](#) at 4min 24sec to hear about New Zealand. I think you should listen to the piece because it gives you a real sense of how many climate migrants there are going to be in the world.

Can we imagine a world where people can no longer live in large portions of the world? I think it will be hard for us to comprehend that those masses of the world populations will be resettled in New Zealand. Maybe this is not a vision we want to entertain, but you must then ask yourself are you willing to keep the doors of New Zealand closed to billions of climate migrants? The walls and the army you are going to have to build are going to have to be so big it is just not possible, so what is the alternative? The alternative is to plan for a future that opens the doors to climate migrants in a sane and orderly fashion and that future starts now.

We need to look at models of mass migrant absorption that allows people to uptake a new language, culture and economic endeavour. I think Israel is a classic model for this. In 1948 Israel welcomed more than 50% of its population as Jews from Arab lands fled countries. They did not call them refugees, they welcomed them as nation building for good. The idea of encouraging Jews from all over the world to resettle in Israel was their vision. People from 55 different countries around the world immigrated to build this new state. What were the guiding principles that helped them draw the people together into one functioning, cohesive community?

1. A common identity - survivors of climate change, the new people of Planet Earth.
2. A common language—Ulpan language study centres designed to train everyone to be able to function in the new society with language skills geared for their particular skill set.
3. Housing - everyone was provided with government housing.
4. Communal endeavours that would support and take on displaced children - agricultural schools, kibbutzim, trade schools which are dormitory facilities and quality education centres with a mix of the local and the new migrants.
5. Labour unions whose main job is to find work for every member of the migrant and local population so that no member is left behind.
6. And allowing different cultural groups to establish kibbutzim and neighbourhoods and towns that are centred around their groups so that they can maintain some of their cultural identity and pride.

These things sound big but the structure of them is critical to understanding that it is possible to absorb a larger population to your society successfully if you plan for it and welcome them with dignity and the intention to build something better together.

We have a place at Beth Shalom to model this. We need to open our doors to migrants to New Zealand. We need to become a centre for:

1. Teaching English - a place where our member volunteer to run classes to teach English.
2. A job search and stimulus program where we help new migrants to find jobs or start businesses.
3. Help build kibbutz-like enclaves that support these communities.
4. Childcare: start early childhood centres that welcome young mothers to be part of the care system like playcentres but on a bigger scale.

These are things we can start at Beth Shalom today. We can start the seeds of a plan to accept climate migrants today, because tomorrow is already here. And if we do not plan we will have the choice of billions dying at our doorstep or planning to accept and welcome a new reality and future.

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Prayers 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 prayers.
- Please contact Leon Goldwater or Christine O'Brien at shul office
- Leon: ldgoldwater@gmail.com 020 403 88054
- Christine: office@bethshalom.org.nz 524 4139

High Holy Days 2021 Message from the Union for Progressive Judaism

Truly this pandemic has been hard for all who are affected, whether by the disease itself, the public health measures, or the trauma of living with fear and uncertainty. As a movement across Australia, New Zealand and Asia, our congregations have been nothing short of inspirational.

The enormous dedication and creativity exhibited by UPJ congregations and organisations in establishing a myriad of virtual services, classes and resources has resulted in even greater than normal participation and a higher level of engagement for so many seeking ways to learn and pray.

We are grateful for the cooperation and collaboration around our Relational Judaism, Presidents' Roundtables, young-adult and climate-change action initiatives, and we know that when we can all meet again in person, we will be able to do even more to strengthen our communities, working together.

In keeping with the tradition of the High Holy Days, if we have inadvertently upset or offended anyone, we sincerely ask for forgiveness. May the new year 5782 bring blessing to you, your families and congregations, and may our shared efforts continue to grow Progressive Judaism in our region and help bring about a lasting peace for Israel.

On behalf of the UPJ Executive Committee, we wish you L'shana tova tikatevu: may our communities be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life,

David D Knoll AM and Brian Samuel OAM, Co-Presidents Jocelyn Robuck Executive Manager

SAVE THE DATE: UPJ Biennial: 2022

The conference that was to be held in Sydney in October 2021 has been postponed, after much soul searching and regret, in response to the continued impact of the pandemic. Shir Chadash, the UPJ's music conference, was planned to interweave with the 2021 conference for the first time and will remain linked for the Biennial that has now been re-scheduled to take place on **Thursday 17 November to Sunday 20 November 2022** at the **Novotel Brighton Beach in Sydney**.

We are thrilled to share the news that Rabbi Sharon Brous has confirmed that she will be our featured presenter at that time. Rabbi Brous is the senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a Jewish community in Los Angeles that launched in 2004 to reinvigorate Jewish practice and inspire people of faith to reclaim a moral and prophetic voice. In 2013, she blessed President Obama and Vice-President Biden at the inaugural National Prayer Service and returned in 2021 to bless President Biden and Vice-President Harris, and to lead the White House Passover Seder that Spring.

Please mark your personal and congregational diaries for 17-20 November 2022, and plan to join us!



Auckland Jewish Burial & Benevolent Society Inc

Last month we lost two special people in the life of Beth Shalom. Eunice Defries (1924-6 July 2021) and Gordon Stern (1934-25 July 2021). We send our ongoing love and condolences to the families. Their memories will always be for a blessing as their lives and contributions were to many of us in the Beth Shalom community.

"Death has much to teach us. It touches every one of us in a number of different ways: We all will die and we all will be mourners. Living in a community, we will all have opportunities to receive and offer help at times of loss. When we are touched by death, we are reminded to value the gift of life. Awareness of death can enrich our daily lives by binding us closer to each other and to the continuum of our ancient past and unknown future"

As we approach the High Holy Days we have an opportunity to remember our ancestors. Those who have recently passed and those whose memories we have cherished across generations.

Please join Rabbi Dean and the Burial & Benevolent Society at Waikumete Cemetery on 12 September at 2pm for the Kver Avot v'Imahot service.

"It is customary to visit the graves of loved ones before the High Holy Days as well as on the yahrzeit of the death. Many Jews also visit the cemetery on the loved one's birthday, an anniversary, or on a special shared day. Visits are not made on Shabbat or Jewish festivals. Jewish tradition discourages excessive mourning and cemetery visitation, especially if it becomes an impediment to returning to life. It has been an old custom dating back to biblical times to leave a pebble or small stone on the grave marker. In earlier times, graves were marked only by a pile of stones. Today, they can be a visible sign of the remembrance"

Yizkor Service during Yom Kippur will be held at 5pm on Thursday 16th September.

Yizkor (memorial) services are held on the three pilgrimage festivals (the last days of Sukkot and Pesach, and on Shavuot) and on Yom Kippur. The Yizkor prayer recalls by name those who have died, along with others in our community and in our history who have left their mark on the world. Yizkor was originally instituted as a regular practice after the First Crusade in 1096, when entire communities of Jews in the Rhineland chose death over forced baptism. The surviving communities instituted a memorial to the pious martyrs on Yom Kippur, which was later extended to the three pilgrimage festivals. The service was eventually expanded to include memorials for individual relatives. No matter what we believe or don't believe about the afterlife, most of us would agree with the statement: "We live on in the memory of those who survive us." Yizkor provides us with a framework for including personal and collective memory in our observance of major Jewish holidays. There is a custom of giving tzedakah (charity) and lighting a yahrtzeit candle not only on the anniversary of the death, but each time we recite Yizkor.

I read two pieces of work that evoke a contemporary interpretation of the tradition of naming our people and for mourners Kaddish.

Sue Berman, President of the B&B

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Each of Us Has a Name by Zelda Translated by Marcia Falk

Each of us has a name

given by God

and given by our parents

Each of us has a name

given by our stature and our smile

and given by what we wear

Each of us has a name

given by the mountains

and given by our walls

Each of us has a name

given by the stars

and given by our neighbors

Each of us has a name

given by our sins

and given by our longing

Each of us has a name

given by our enemies

and given by our love

Each of us has a name

given by our celebrations

and given by our work

Each of us has a name

given by the seasons

and given by our blindness

Each of us has a name

given by the sea

and given by

our death.

Kaddish - by Marge Piercy

Look around us, search above us, below, behind.

We stand in a great web of being joined together.

Let us praise, let us love the life we are lent

passing through us in the body of Israel

and our own bodies, let's say amein.

Time flows through us like water.

The past and the dead speak through us.

We breathe out our children's children, blessing.

Blessed is the earth from which we grow,

blessed the life we are lent,

blessed the ones who teach us,

blessed the ones we teach,

blessed is the word that cannot say the glory

that shines through us and remains to shine

fowing past distant suns on the way to forever.

Let's say amein.

Blessed is light, blessed is darkness,

but blessed above all else is peace

which bears the fruits of knowledge

on strong branches, let's say amein.

Peace that bears joy into the world,

peace that enables love, peace over the people Israel

everywhere, blessed and holy is peace,

let's say amein.

Shanah tovah u'metuka.

Source for content: <https://tikkunvor.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/112/2019/04/Jewish-Practices-for-Death-and-Mourning.pdf>

Community Care ...

Hello Everyone,

HOW CAN THE COMMUNITY CARE TEAM HELP?

As usual, we are here to help and support you

Please feel comfortable to ask

- After a fall or feeling unwell.
- Finding it a challenge to do things yourself.
- Need a helping hand short term.
- Perhaps need to just talk to someone.
- Need Help with filling in forms.
- Need someone to be with you when visiting a Doctor.
- Or need support getting X-rays done.
- Do you know of someone who is unwell and would benefit from a phone call?
- Or a Get Well card?
- Or some flowers to cheer?
- Or receive a frozen meal?
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Get a family member to call us if you cannot.

INDEPENDENCE IS WONDERFUL

Consider how a helping hand can help you achieve this.

Especially when it is offered willingly by members of our team.

We also want to know and share your good things, so tell us if there is a special Anniversary, or a new baby, or any other happy event on the horizon.

LET US KNOW

As a team, we work very closely with the B&B with anything relating to financial issues and for the mature members, with Senior Outreach (SOS).

So, if we can't help you ourselves, we can put you onto the path of where you can get the help you need and assist you down that path.

Have a good and healthy month.

Cheers

Lita (Chairperson) and the Community Care Team.

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Lita Summerfield 021 297 9462 (TEXT ONLY)

serendipitylms40@gmail.com

Lorna Orbell 022 026 2897 chaim@slingshot.co.nz

Left to right,
Ora Lefebvre.
Chris Shiller,
Barbara
Sandler, Lita
Summerfield,
Sandra van
Eden, Bill
Merrill, Lorna
Orbell and
Sandra
Brickman.



Women's Refuge Winter Appeal 2021

This time last year we were all under lockdown and subsequently our Winter appeal was launched very late – how fortunate we are to be living in NZ in 2021 and enjoying the freedom from Covid 19, unlike so many other countries around the world.

However, whether under lockdown or not, the need to support the Women's Refuge over the coming Winter months – the requirements for warm, protective clothing for the women and children, is greater than ever before.



They are in need of new or "near new" clothing such as Winter pyjamas – for children of all ages and women – socks, jerseys and track suits, hats and scarves, outdoor wear – rain jackets, boots and umbrellas; blankets.

There is always an ongoing need for non-perishable food and for toiletries – soap, deodorant, hand cream, sanitary products, shampoo, conditioner etc for the women and for the children and babies – toothpaste, toothbrushes, nappies, sippy cups, bottles and baby food.



We will continue this special appeal until Rosh Hashanah in September – if you are unable to deliver the goods to shul, please contact Chris Shiller (mob 021 177 4934, email shiller@orcon.net.nz) and a plan will be made to collect your items.

The Women's Refuge has asked me to pass on their grateful thanks for the continued support by the Beth Shalom community over many years, your donations are always very much appreciated.



WOMEN'S REFUGE

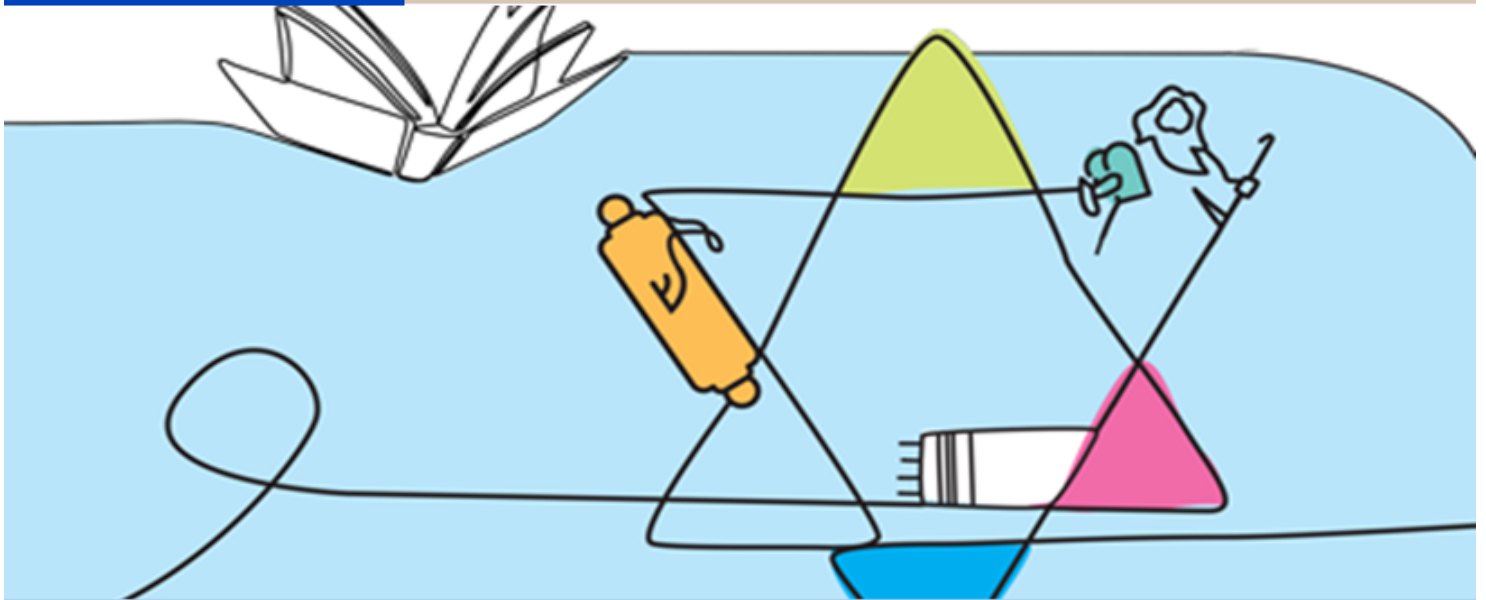
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Members Of The Tribe

What Makes Us "The Chosen People"?

EXPERIENCE A FAMED AND ENGAGING MELTON
COURSE, TAUGHT BY RABBI FRED MORGAN



Members Of The Tribe

BEGINS JULY 7 FOR 6 WEEKS
WEDNESDAYS 19:00-20:30 AEST
TAUGHT BY RABBI FRED MORGAN

In this short six-session quest, we will examine aspects of what might be considered the Jewish mission, a blend of practices that distinguish us as Jews, and what to do with this idea of being called the "Chosen People."

All lessons in this series will be taught on Zoom, using Melton's famous interactive and discussion-based methodology. If you cannot attend a session, recordings of each lesson are available.



Registrations are limited!

nhayman@meltonschool.org
for registration and info

Rabbi Fred Morgan has served congregations in the UK and in Australia, where he was Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne for 16 years. He has taught Melton courses for 20 years, known for his charisma, energy and charm.

The responsibilities, pressures, and misconceptions that come with being called "the Chosen People."

Kadimah School, 50th Anniversary

If you haven't already registered for events and purchased tickets for the Drinks and Canapes evening, please do so at the links below.

Tickets for 'Drinks & Canapes' (Sunday 15th August 7-9pm, ages 18+) are available [here](#)

Tickets must be purchased by 1 August for catering purposes. This is the main social event of the weekend. Don't miss out!

The event line up is as follows:

Fri 13 Aug - Kabbalat Shabbat with current Kadimah students 10am-11am

Sat 14 Aug - Shabbat Service & Kiddush at Beth El and Beth Shalom Synagogues 10am-12.30pm

Sun 15 Aug - Short tours of the school from 6pm, followed by Drinks & Canapes 7pm-9pm

Mon 16 Aug - Tour of the school in action, either 11am-12.30pm or 1.30pm-3pm.

To register for events, please use this form: <https://forms.gle/Xa3BYCVN53AoAr7V8>

If you have any questions please contact Elaine Silverman at alumni@kadimah.school.nz.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration.

Kadimah School



Celebrating 50 Years of Jewish learning together

Lenny Bloksberg will be blowing the shofar as the Jewish contribution.

Free

Sounds of the Sacred

An Inspirational Free Concert

Seven diverse performing groups share vocal and instrumental music drawn from Auckland's many spiritual traditions

When: Thursday, 26 August
7:00pm - 8.30pm

Where: Hillsborough Room, Fickling Centre,
546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings
(beneath the Three Kings library)

'Sounds of the Sacred' celebrates the rich spiritual traditions, the music and sacred sounds of our diverse cultures and communities. Hot chai, vegetarian snacks afterwards.

Admission is free – simply turn up on the night

**Inquiries: phone/text
022 188 7432**

Organized by the Sri Chinmoy Centre, with musical performances from Auckland's Sufi, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, Sikh and Indian communities – plus an all-performers grand finale. An evening of music and friendship, wonderfully supported by the Auckland Interfaith Council.

SHABBATON 26-28 November



SAVE THE DATE!

FOR SHABBATON!

NOV 26-28, 2021

Join Us at Carey Park for a wonderfully rustic weekend with the family.

Relax in nature with the Beth Shalom community!

Full program TBD...but you can bet on a **great time** packed with loads of great speakers and activities for kids and adults!



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Serving the Jewish Community in New Zealand

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CSG is looking for more people!

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS US – WE NEED YOU.

If you are aged between 18 and 80 and would like to contribute to your community then please contact the CSG using the details above.