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**will be in the Sanctuary and livestreamed on OneRoom unless otherwise advised.**

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# Coming up in July

- **Friday 2 July** potluck dinner after service. Please bring a non-meat dish or dessert to share. Just a reminder about no strawberries or food with garlic that needs reheating to keep our members with serious allergies safe.
- **Sunday 4 July 10:00am Beth Shalom Walking Group** - Hannah Mortiz will be hosting our next walk starting in Murray's Bay along the East Coast bays. Meet at the base of Murrays Bay Wharf. Please RSVP to Tami at [office@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:office@bethshalom.org.nz) for details. Hope to see you there!
- **Learning Opportunity with Rabbi Fred Morgan** - What makes us "The Chosen People". Weekly from 7 July for 6 weeks from 9-10.30pm NZ time on Zoom. See the Beth Shalom website or Facebook page for more information and how to register. This is an Australian Melton course made available for us.
- **Saturday 31 July 10-11am**, Shabbat Kat in the Library



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# From the President

I've been thinking about what it means to be a Progressive Jew.

I was brought up in an Orthodox home where Jewishness was really important, but we weren't particularly observant. My best friend was Progressive and went to shul every Friday and Saturday, and to Hebrew School every Sunday, but my family still thought of ourselves as 'more Jewish'.

My husband Rob and I joined Beth Shalom because we had to if we wanted our daughters to attend the Hebrew School. Rob and I were very sure about the Hebrew School, but less sure about being members of a Progressive community.

So, what happened between then and now?

As we became more involved in the community, we discovered the warmth of Beth Shalom. We were welcomed and included. Much later, we discovered the support that people in the community extend in time of need. We discovered that Beth Shalom is a community of people who care for each other.

The next experience that really resonated with us was that, as a family with three daughters, they (and I) were considered as equal in all aspects of religious life. We loved the fact that we can pray together and be included equally in services. One of the highpoints of my life was seeing my daughters, for their Bat Mitzvot, not only lead a service but also read from the Torah.

We also love the fact that our family can question what it is to be a Jew - We are encouraged to be aware and reflective about how we live our Jewish values and principles.

We also love acceptance of diversity of our community - in terms of religious expression, but also gender and ethnicity. We have learned to treasure the diversity of expression of Judaism in our community. We are a 'wide tent', bound together by our shared belief in and love of Judaism.

As we read and learned more about Progressive Judaism, we realised that the underpinnings of this form of Judaism fitted with the way we think and our values.

We love the community's focus on tikkun olam and social justice.

We like the fact that the focus on egalitarianism encourages a democratic approach to governance. This doesn't make things easy, but it does recognise that we all have a say and encourages robust debate.

I am, and will always feel, profoundly Jewish. The more we settled into Beth Shalom and appreciated what it offers, the more we've realised that in our thinking and observances, we fit with this lovely, varied Progressive community.

L'shalom, Olga

# From the Board ...

**Rabbi Dean...** arrives August 1<sup>st</sup> and isolating for the required 14 days. He is coming in on a partnership entry. He will apply for work permit...hopefully this will be through in time for the beginning of the Yamim Tovim.

**Vision Project...** Interviewing is in progress at this stage.

**JCC update...** There was a joint meeting of the younger members of Beth Shalom and AHC. It was a very positive meeting. There will be a follow-up meeting. There was also an AHC community meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Coral/flame tree** growing in the Maon grounds has now been removed and is no longer a health and safety risk.

## **Community Security Group**

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# The Buzz ...

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*Please no strawberries or food with garlic that needs reheating to keep our members with serious allergies safe.*

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

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### **Hannah Sampson and Goldie Moritz speak for Judaism at the recent Leadership Diversity Day**

Hannah Sampson and Goldie Moritz both represented Judaism at the Leadership Diversity Day that was held at Unitec and Manukau Institute of Technology for Year 12 students. This was an event organised by the Religious Diversity Centre and the Auckland Interfaith Council. Both Hannah and Goldie spoke at their respective venues on the theme of "Our environment, our home, our future? - Preserving Aotearoa New Zealand for future generations." They spoke from the perspective of Judaism along with a Hindu Student and a Buddhist Student. Discussion followed the presentations. The idea was that students would get a good idea of what each religion was about from listening to the presentations round the theme.

Here is Hannah's reflection on her experience:

"On the 19th of May, I attended and spoke at a Year 12 Leadership Diversity Day. I was one of 6 religious students who spoke about their religion in the modern world -my topic was our religion's perspective on preserving the environment. These speeches were followed by group discussions with other students, all of whom came from different religious and ethnic backgrounds than me. Not only was hearing from othercultures so interesting and enriching, I also made friendships with people I would have never otherwise have met. The day was filled with interesting talks and discussions, all of which I gained so much from. I loved the experience and definitely recommend it!





We thank both Hannah and Goldie for stepping up and presenting at the Leadership Diversity Day. The Interfaith Council received rave reviews about both girls' presentations which is wonderful to know. We are very proud of them both. We also thank their parents for providing transport and supporting them.

To read more about the Leadership Diversity Day check out

<https://rdc.org.nz/leadership-diversity-days-2021/>

### **Do you need help to get to shul?**

We know that a number of our members would love to attend services but may be put off by the traffic or may no longer be driving making attendance difficult. If you would like assistance to get to shul, please let Christine in the office know. She will pass your message on and we will try to match you with a shul goer in your area.

**Can you help? I am living in Pukekohe, I have no transport, I used to attend the service on Friday through Zoom or OneRoom. If there is anybody living in Pukekohe who attends on Saturday who can give me a lift to shul, I can manage the return journey OK. Happy to share petrol costs. Please email Christine [office@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:office@bethshalom.org.nz)**

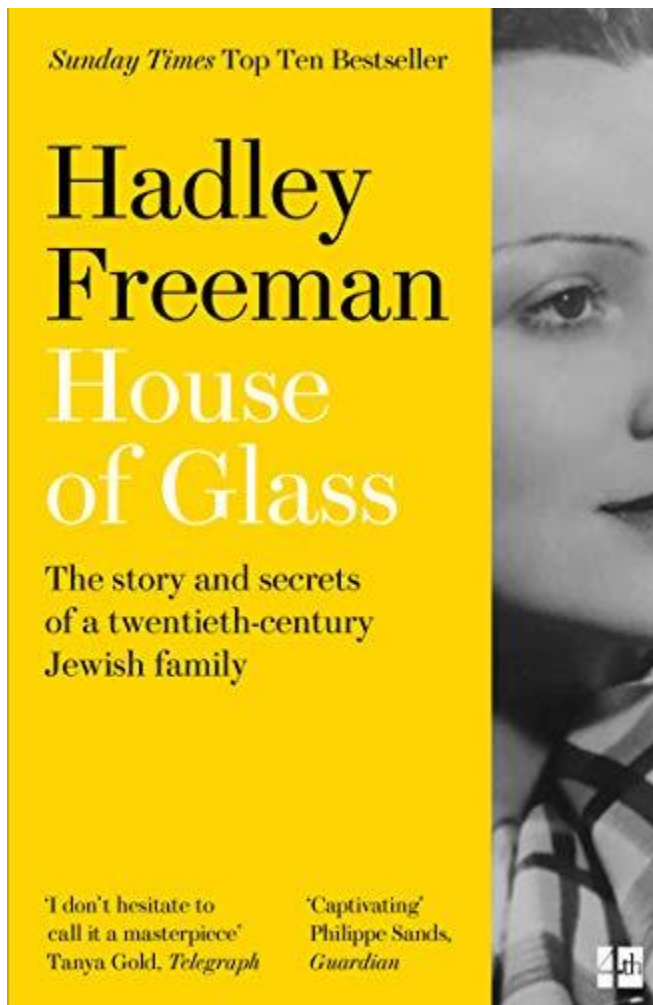
Alternatively if you would be available to give rides to others, please let Christine know.

**Jewish Book Club** meets at Beth Shalom in the Library, Monday 19 July 10:30am.

Contact Sharon Morris if you would like to join the group Email: [sp@canada.kiwi.nz](mailto:sp@canada.kiwi.nz)

**House of Glass: the story and secrets of a twentieth-century Jewish family**

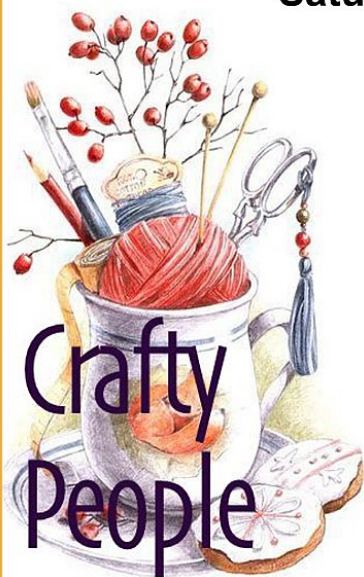
**by Hadley Freeman**



After her grandmother died, Hadley Freeman travelled to her apartment to try and make sense of a woman she'd never really known. Sala Glass was a European expat in America - defiantly clinging to her French influences, famously reserved, fashionable to the end - yet to Hadley much of her life remained a mystery. Sala's experience of surviving one of the most tumultuous periods in modern history was never spoken about.

A moving memoir following the Glass siblings throughout the course of the twentieth-century as they each make their own bid for survival, *House of Glass* explores assimilation, identity and home - issues that are deeply relevant today.

We invite any and all crafters to our first Crafty People meet-up on  
**Saturday 24th July 1:30-2:30pm**  
at Beth Shalom.



If you dabble in knitting, crochet, embroidery or any other craft you are welcome to come along to work on and/or discuss your projects, or just to chat or share advice with other crafters. All ages and levels of expertise are welcome.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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# Education

Beth ShalomThe Experiential Jewish Learning is having its mid-winter vision and progress meetings between Debbie Miller, the Educator involved in organising the program and the parents. The teachers and volunteers are also invited to have meetings.

Please email me or call me to schedule a time to meet at Beth Shalom for a coffee or tea to talk. This option is open to other people in the community who want to come in and talk about their vision or creative ideas they would like to see happen in the field of education for all ages.

Beth Shalom Jewish Experiential Learning is a unique place where you can learn a lot about Jewish history. This past month we have been to Limmud in addition to revisiting our chosen Jewish character we decided to explore. Each student picked a character and tried to explore their immigration story. Judaism has a long history of moving from land to land due largely to anti-Semitic reasons during the fall of the second temple 70 CE to the beginning of Zionism. With the advent of the Zionist movement, it was the first time Jews started immigrating for positive reasons with the movement to re-establishment of the Jewish state in our homeland Israel.

The younger kids studied Joseph, Abraham and Sarah and then made challah and served the other students in recognition and play acting the act of welcoming the stranger to their tent. Abraham and Sarah were known for their *gimilut hasidim* and their welcoming to their home. The students had a tent in the hall and welcomed the other students with their homemade challah with chocolate chips.

The older kids researched their characters. We anticipate visiting the maritime museum for our history immigration stories and scavenger hunt in the museum followed by a trip on the antique sail boat. The boat is not ready so we have delayed that adventure to a later date.

This week we studied about *picuach nefesh*, the mitzva of saving a life. Caitlin Borchert is a paramedic and brought in dummies for us to teach CPR. We had a great experience with Caitlin and had some really good discussions.

**Contact:**[educator@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:educator@bethshalom.org.nz)

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### John Moore

April 22, 2020 · 🌐

In 1976, Shavarsh Karapetyan, an Armenian Olympic swimmer, had just completed a 12-mile run with his brother when they saw a trolley bus crash into a dam reservoir. The trolley bus sank 80 feet offshore at a depth of 33 feet. Shavarsh immediately dove in and swam to the bus and despite zero visibility, managed to kick in the back window, injuring himself in the process. He proceeded to save twenty people trapped in the bus, one at a time, for hours.

The combined effect of the cold water and his injuries from breaking the glass window led to his hospitalization for 45 days after the incident, during which time he developed pneumonia, sepsis, and lung damage which ended his athletic career.

For years, his story wasn't known, until an article about the event identified him by name in 1982. In 1985, he happened to pass by a burning building and rushed inside, again saving people trapped inside one at a time until he collapsed. He was again hospitalized with severe burns and lung damage.

He's still kicking it at 66. Just an awesome person I learned about today and thought I'd share.



# Ritcom Reports ...

## Sanctuary Etiquette

Let's make everyone's experience at Beth Shalom as positive as we can. Here are some pointers that will make a difference.

- We wear smart, modest clothing - casual is fine
- If we are late, we walk behind the bimah to find a seat so as not to disturb others
- We hold off entering the sanctuary if the congregation is standing
- Our mobile phones are off or on silent
- Please avoid walking in or out of the sanctuary while the torah reader is leining as this can be very distracting for the torah reader
- Photos may be taken after the service but not during the service
- We don't eat or drink in the sanctuary apart from sipping water from a water bottle
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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
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- Christine: [office@bethshalom.org.nz](mailto:office@bethshalom.org.nz) 524 4139

# Auckland Jewish Burial & Benevolent Society Inc

Last month Paul Wilton and myself responded to an invitation by Davis Funeral Services to talk to their staff about Judaism and matters related to death and dying. We really appreciated the invitation and the care and attendance they gave to hosting us, the questions they asked and the service they confirmed as being able to provide our community.

Paul wrote a short drash on Judaism 101 and the sources we reference in our tradition. It was wonderful and so we thought to share it with you for this month's column.

Just a gentle reminder if you haven't paid your membership fees or sent an annual donation that these are greatly appreciated in being able support the community. If you need any assistance with fees or other matters please do not hesitate to be in touch.

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Shalom, Salam, and kia ora koutou katoa

The purpose of this introduction is to tell you a bit about Judaism, who we are, where we came from and sources that determine Jewish Laws and customs.

Judaism is the oldest of what has become known as the Abrahamic Religions.

Abraham is recognised as the founding father of the Jewish people, and Sarah the founding mother. Abraham was born in Ur, Mesopotamia and is believed to have lived in the early bronze age, some 4,000 or more years ago. At the time, people worshipped idols and Abraham broke that mould, turning to the worship of the single G-d that is now shared by the Abrahamic faiths.

He was born Abram, meaning exalted father in Hebrew, but G-d changed the name to Abraham, meaning father of a multitude of nations.

And so he is: He is known to Muslims as Ibrahim and the genealogy of the prophet Mohamed goes back through Ishmael, Ibrahim's first-born son, born to Hagar. Ishmael is also a prophet in Islam. Both Judaism and Christianity refer to themselves as Abrahamic religions that trace their roots back to Abraham through his second son, Isaac born to Sarah.

And so, here we have three of the great religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam who recognise Abraham as a father figure, a connecting ancestor in Faith. He is also recognised as a significant character in the Baha'i faith.

Abraham's story appears in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Torah. Many think of the Torah as the Jewish bible, but it is only the first part of it. Our Bible is known to us as the Tanach. It has three parts and the word, "TANACH", is formed from the first letter of each part:

- Torah: The Five Books of Moses
- Nevi'im: The Prophets; and
- Ketuvim: The writings, including Psalms, Proverbs and so on.

To many of you, it will simply be known as the Old Testament, but to Jews, the Tanach is our Bible.

Genesis, as you would know, covers the story starting "In the beginning and takes us through the story of our ancestors up to the death of Joseph, Abraham's great-grandson, who was the first born of Jacob's favourite wife, Rachel. At the end of Genesis, two of Joseph's great grandchildren were "born upon Joseph's knee". The book ends as follows: So, Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

This is of interest in the context of this talk. Over this past weekend we had our annual Jewish educational conference at Dio and I was chatting to the Orthodox Jewish Rabbi of Wellington, who was telling me that under almost no circumstances must a Jew be embalmed, as it is considered a desecration of the image of God. It is prohibited even where the deceased has requested it specifically. The Rabbi said that an exception can be made where a body needs to be repatriated, for practical reasons.

From the end of Genesis, we move onto the last four books of Moses, covering the slavery in Egypt, the Exodus - or freedom from slavery, 40 years wandering in the desert as we returned to the land of Canaan where Jacob had settled many generations before. Most importantly, it is in these last four books of Moses where the Laws governing Judaism are encoded, from the 10 commandments to another 603.

While the Torah sets out the written Law, the Talmud documents early Rabbinic commentaries on the Torah, recording what is known as the oral Law. The Talmud tells us (Tractate Makkot 23b) that there are 613 commandments (mitzvot) in the Torah; 248 Positive Commandments (do's) and 365 Negative Commandments (do not's). However, the Talmud does not provide us with a list of these commandments. Great Jewish scholars later compiled complete lists of the 613 mitzvot, including Maimonides, the 12<sup>th</sup> Century sage and Rabbi, also known as Rambam.

Our tradition teaches that Moses did not only receive the ten commandments when he went up Mt Sinai, but he actually received the whole Torah from God. The Torah is therefore the most definitive source of Jewish Law, being considered by Orthodox Jews as the word of God, and by many others as being written under Divine inspiration at least.

Nonetheless, by now, you should be getting the idea that Jewish Law has developed over the centuries to include the interpretations and commentaries of Torah by recognised Rabbis. This complete body of Jewish Law is referred to as Halachah.

Halachah literally means "the way" and it is halachah that guides the day-to-day life of an observant Orthodox Jew.

Although Halachah emerged from rabbinic debates recorded in the Talmud, as we have seen, great rabbis, in the post Talmudic period, most notably [Maimonides](#), wrote works that clarified the halachic rulings of the [Talmud](#).

Eventually, these halachic ruling were further refined and consolidated in the Shulchan Aruch in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. This is considered the authoritative work on Halachah that sets out the rules which apply today. The Shulchan Aruch consists of four parts, the second of which deals with many topics, including dying, death and burial. Rulings continue to be made by Rabbinic Councils, however, to consider modern day issues and these are published as responsa, or halachic rulings.

You will notice that I have been talking about observant Orthodox Jews. As you are probably aware, we belong to Beth Shalom which is the Progressive Jewish Congregation of Auckland.

There are three main streams of Judaism and many sects within these streams, as there are in most religions where differences have emerged through communities being scattered around the world. The three streams are Orthodoxy, Conservative and Reform. Progressive Judaism, is part of the Reform or Liberal stream of Judaism.

At a very basic level, Orthodox Judaism teaches that every word of the Torah comes directly from God and that the Rabbinic interpretations and commentaries carry almost as much weight as the Torah itself.

The Reform, Liberal and Progressive streams teach that these works were compiled by humans under Divine inspiration. We are still required to study and be aware of our tradition and when we come to assess what Law applies to any situation, we will refer to the traditional texts.

All streams of Judaism encourage interpretation and within any stream, not all Rabbis will necessarily agree with one another. An Orthodox friend once said to me that to discard or disagree with any word of Torah is to reject the authority of the Torah itself, which to him would be tantamount to rejecting God's word. This is not the way it is seen by Progressive Judaism.

There are differences in the way that we practice our faith, but this is changing too. So, less than ten years ago, we could say that while Conservative and Progressive Judaism ordain women as rabbis, Orthodox Judaism did not. In recent years, however, modern orthodoxy has ordained a few women rabbis.

There is an obligation on Jews to bury the dead. Orthodox Jews do not accept cremation, but Reform Judaism does and in such cases the ashes will often be buried. We have a section for burying non-Jewish partners of Jewish members, but this is not the case for the Orthodox congregation. The Talmud states, "We must bury non-Jewish dead along with Jewish dead". This was understood as requiring the burial of non-Jews, even if no Jew had died with them, but not in the same cemetery.

By Paul Wilton.

Sue Berman then spoke briefly about our traditions for preparation for burial [Tahara] and the essential aspects of a Jewish funeral service, followed by a number of questions from the funeral directors.

We left the Davis' team with the booklet *A guide to Jewish Funeral and Mourning Customs* which we are planning on updating this year. If you don't have one and would like a booklet, please contact Christine at the office to be posted a copy.

Sue Berman, President of the B&B

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- 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?

Get a family member to call us if you cannot.

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?

## **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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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](mailto: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

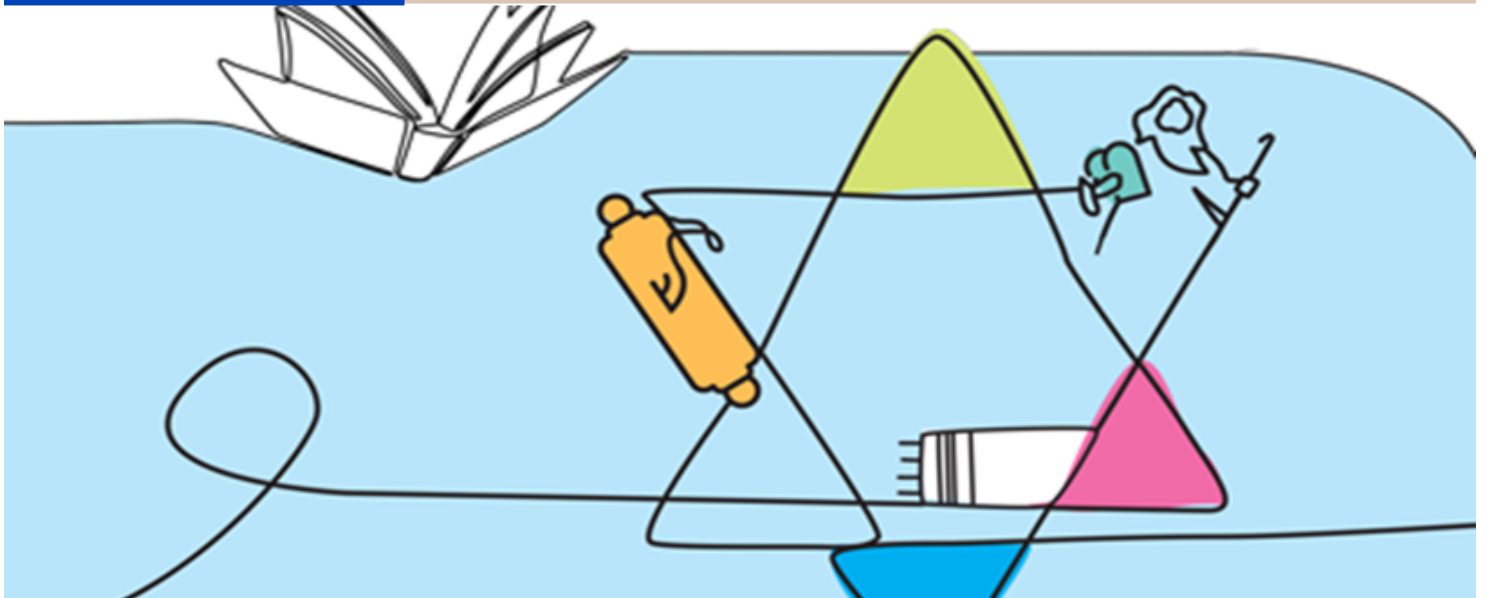
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All lessons in this series will be taught on Zoom, using Melton's famous interactive and discussion-based methodology. If you cannot attend a session, recordings of each lesson are available.



Registrations are  
limited!

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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.

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