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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have just come home from our Board leadership retreat and as usual feel inspired. Great energy, great vibe, and an overall sense of motivation and enthusiasm for serving our community. Thank you to Rabbi Dean for leading the day and challenging us. We started with reviewing around our own Mission and Vision statements and considering them in context of progressive Jewish values as stated by the URJ. We ended with a thoughtful presentation by Te Ohu Tāmaki, a community alliance that organises to make change on social issues, such as housing.

In the middle, we worked on developing 1- and 3-year strategic plans for each of our portfolios/teams. It was great to have representation from Education (James), Community Care (Viv) and Ritual (Naomi) Committees participate in this section of the day. My clear take-away was that we have to have a plan in order to make progress, and that the plans will help inform how we spend our resources, both people and budget. For example, in our membership working group, we started with the overarching function of creating 'a deep sense of belonging.' One of our short-term goals was to put in place a process to manage membership. We listed several actions that would be needed to meet this goal, and then when all the teams reported back, we added more, as it became clear that there were so many overlapping areas within our shul systems that link with membership. We aim to report to the community about our progress at the AGM next March.

We have had a busy few weeks, celebrating Benji's Bar Mitzvah, hosting a session led by the Irwin Cotler foundation on the challenge of being Jewish in the 21st century, an energetic Term 3 Yachad start, and the 3rd fabulous learning session for our 13-15 year olds with Tali Josephs. We had a great turnout to our recent potluck Shabbat dinner where services were led by Rabbi Dean and the Habo madrichim; thanks Mika and team for organising.

Please pay your membership subs if you have not yet had a chance. We recognise the cost of living crisis and don't want financial difficulty to be a reason not to be a member - do contact Tamara in confidence to discuss what a realistic weekly contribution could be treasurer@bethshalom.org.nz

If you have a child or grandchild age 16-29 years old, please encourage them to become young adult members (the cost is equivalent to a High Holiday ticket). A quick save-the-date for Reverse Tashlich - 29 September.

B'Shalom



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Wise".

PRESIDENT

Email: president@bethshalom.org.nz

AJBBS *August Article*

July was a busy month for the B&B, with sad news of two deaths. Our condolences to the families of Miriam Kauders and Annmay Rose.

"We are often asked about the simplicity of Jewish customs around our rituals of farewelling loved ones."

We are often asked about the simplicity of Jewish customs around our rituals of farewelling loved ones. These include the practice of dressing the deceased in simple white linen garments.

The source for this custom comes from ancient text, in the Gemara (Ketubot, 1. 9a 43). The question is asked: What is the connection between Rabban Gamliel and a house of mourning?

The response is given: "It is as it is taught ... Initially, the funeral expenditures for the deceased were more taxing for his relatives than his death, as the burials were opulent, until it reached a point where people would abandon the deceased and flee. This continued until Rabbi Gamliel came and conducted himself in a self-deprecatory manner, instructing the people that they were to take him for burial in plain linen garments. And all the people conducted themselves following his example, and instructed their families to take them for burial in plain linen garments."

Rav Pappa said: And today, everyone is accustomed to bury the dead in plain garments, even in rough cloth ... worth one zuz.



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This custom has not outlived its appropriateness! It endures in our modern times.

Elsewhere we find information that Torah mantles and wrappings that have worn out beyond repair, may be used as tachrichim, specifically for a "met mtzvah" i.e. burial of a person who wouldn't otherwise have anyone to attend to their burial, or whose family are too poor to afford the shrouds. (Tur, Orach Chaim 154)

Fortunately, we are unlikely to need this resource here in AotearoaNZ. Just last week, in Auckland, our wonderful, skilled sewing team completed the sacred task of cutting, sewing and packaging sets of tachrichim/burial shrouds. Thank you, Sonja, Jann, Julie, Jude, Steph, Chris and Jack. We are blessed with the work of your hands.

L'shalom - AJBBS

YACHAD

Term 3 is off to a great start – bringing our students together as learners in a safe and supportive Jewish environment. Our term 3 value is 'Shalom – Peace!' The first session Beyachad/altogether, was very meaningful as our students learnt ways to find peace within themselves and to support the spread of peace in the world around them.

Hebrew Online Mon, Tues and Wed afternoon/evenings, each Week.

Jewish Values every second Sunday 2 – 4pm.

All enquiries to educator@bethshalom.org.nz



PENNY JAKOBOVITS OAM SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL



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A strong support of Israel, Penny also served on the World Union for Progressive Judaism and was a highly respected delegate at the many conferences she attended.

Your donation to the Penny Jakobovits Scholarship fund will be tax deductible through the Progressive Jewish Cultural Fund: [CLICK HERE](#).



UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

Penny Jakobovits was president of the UPJ from 1998 to 2002, previously having been the Hon. Secretary and a very supportive member of the UPJ executive from the early 1990s. Sadly Penny died last December after a very short illness and in her memory the Union for Progressive Judaism and Progressive Judaism Victoria will support a scholarship in her name to encourage and support young UPJ members to attend the UPJ biennial conferences around our region.

Penny was an inveterate volunteer serving Temple Beth Israel for many years both on the TBI board and afterwards on numerous committees. She was also a treasured board member of the Council of Christians and Jews Victoria where her sensible and wise counsel was often sought.

A strong supporter of Israel, Penny also served on the World Union for Progressive Judaism and was a highly respected delegate at the many conferences she attended.

We seek your support in raising funds for a perpetual scholarship in Penny's memory. We urge you to give generously to make the award a truly significant one in the life of the successful candidate.

The Penny Jakobovits Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to applicants under 30 to attend UPJ conferences to encourage future leadership roles. If sufficient funds are raised, the scholarship will assist with registration, airfares and accommodation at UPJ Biennial conferences.

Applicants will be judged by a panel including a representative of the Jakobovits family. With sincere appreciation for your support.

Penny Jakobovits Scholarship Fund Co-Chairs & PJCF Chair and UPJ Honorary Treasurer

MARK-THE-DATE

High Holy Days 5785

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Selichot

Saturday 28th September 7pm

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Rosh HaShanah

Erev Service: Wednesday 2nd October
Morning Service: Thursday 3rd October

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Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Friday 11th October
Yom Kippur Day: Saturday 12th October

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Sukkot

Sukkah Decorating: Sunday 13th October
Third day Erev Service: Friday 18th October

In Person and on Zoom

We need one another. Come join us.

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Selichot

A time for forgiveness and wholeness

Saturday 28th September 7pm

Services followed by shared
chocolate dessert.

In person and on Zoom

CSG APPOINTS LEE SAVAGE AS REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER – AUCKLAND & AJCC SECURITY LEAD

The New Zealand Jewish Community Security Group Charitable Trust (CSG) has appointed Lee Savage to the position of Regional Security Officer Auckland (RSO Auckland) & AJCC Security Lead effective 12 August 2024.

The CSG has long been a feature of Jewish communal life in New Zealand, and professional security executives and operational teams are a common feature of many Jewish communities around the world, including in Australia and the UK.

CSG's purpose is to protect Jewish life and Jewish way of life in New Zealand. CSG's vision is a New Zealand society and environment where Jewish people are free to practise their religion and culture, and participate in New Zealand civil society, without fear of harm, harassment, or persecution.

The RSO Auckland & AJCC Security Lead position is government-funded, and Lee will report to the CSG National Security Officer (Mark Day) and the AJCC Hub Manager (Malindy Rose) and be based out of the AJCC in Remuera, Auckland.

CSG and AJCC look forward to welcoming Lee to the community and, in particular, introducing him to our members and stakeholders around the Auckland region. We know that he will be a superb asset to us all.

We look forward to seeing Lee across our Auckland sites over the next few months.

For further information:

Mark Day

National Security Officer, CSG NZ

mark.day@csg.org.nz



Lee brings a strong background that includes significant experience within the UK armed forces (with multiple international deployments), followed by a career in security consulting and close protection both in New Zealand and overseas.

Lee has also worked with the NZ Ministry of Fisheries, and as a trainer with the NZ Defence Force, and he brings extensive leadership, security training, and security operational experience to the New Zealand Jewish Community.

EVENTS IN AUGUST

Comforting the mourner - A profound mitzvah.

AUGUST 24
FOLLOWING
SERVICES

- Training with Rabbi Dean includes:
- Using our new prayerbook for A House of Mourning
 - Customs for Shiva
 - Facilitating a meaningful experience

SHIVA MINYAN: SATURDAY 24
AUGUST (RSVP ESSENTIAL)

Learn how to lead a Shiva Minyan -
Holding space for mourners
to grieve, to feel the love of their
friends and community.

If you might be able to
serve our community in this way, are ready
to RSVP, would like any information,
or have questions, contact
administrator@bethshalom.org.nz


L'DOR V'DOR SPEAKER:
WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST
HOLOCAUST CENTRE OF NZ

Please click [HERE](#) if you wish to
attend in Person

Please click [HERE](#) if you wish to
attend via Zoom

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HOLOCAUST CENTRE OF NEW ZEALAND PRESENTS

From Generation
L'Dor V'Dor
לדור ודור
To Generation

CHIC IN THE SHADOW OF THE SWASTIKA

HAUTE COUTURE UNDER NAZI
GERMANY

L'Dor V'Dor speaker - Kris Clancy,
Education Director

28 August 2024 12pm-1.30pm

80 Webb St, Wellington
The event will also be available on Zoom

DIOR, CHANEL, LOUIS VUITTON, HUGO BOSS...
In the realm of high fashion and haute couture, an
intriguing and often overlooked chapter intertwines with
the tumultuous history of Nazi Germany.
Amidst the political upheaval and cultural
transformation, fashion not only survived but also
thrived, revealing complex intersections of power,
propaganda, and artistic expression.
Join us as we delve into the captivating story of how
couturiers navigated this era, shaping styles that reflected
both conformity and resistance, shedding new light on
the enduring influence of fashion amidst adversity.



EVENTS IN AUGUST

Indigeneity, colonialism and the war of the narrative: the significance of the Indigenous Embassy Jerusalem for this time
with Dr Sheree Trotter

FREE Online Event
Sunday 18th August 2024



NZJC: ONLINE TALK WITH DR. SHEREE TROTTER, SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

**JEWISH BOOK CLUB:
MONDAY 19 AUGUST
(ONLINE)**

This month we will be discussing:
This Magnificent Dappled Sea
by David Biro

New members welcome! RSVP to Sharon
sp@canada.kiwi.nz



EVENTS IN AUGUST ...CONTINUED



SHALOM COURT - FAMILY DAY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Family Day at Shalom Court

A highly successful function was held at Shalom Court on Sunday 30th June. It coincided with Matariki which this year emphasized family, whanau and mishpaha – family, fun and food. It was great being able to welcome about 80 adults and 20 children. Whilst the adults were treated to two pieces of classical music composed for violin and piano (performed by Boris Kipnes on his violin and accompanied by Vicki Ross on the piano) the youngsters played games and coloured in the provided pictures.

Mr. Whippy proved to be a hit, with young and old alike. A delicious afternoon tea was served by the EMS (Events Management Subcommittee) and a group of wonderful volunteers. It was such a joyful occasion and Shalom Court came alive by having a happy group of young people at Family day.

IMPORTANT EVENT IN AUGUST

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shalom Court Auckland Inc. and the Auckland Jewish Home Trust Board will take place in the David Levene Lounge, on **Sunday 18th August 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** Please note, that voting is only for those who are FOSCA members.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Contact Adele Hirsh for more information - wanda@hirsh.co.nz

UNION FOR PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM (UPJ) BIENNIAL, CANBERRA - AUS



UPJ is experiencing a surge of registrations and expect to soon be fully booked out for its **Biennial on 7 – 10 November**.

While not 100% finalised, here are some highlights of the Biennial program:

- "How can our communities evolve to engage the next generation?" Featuring 90-second responses from multigenerational attendees (either live or pre-recorded) with a panel to respond.
- Bruce Wolpe, Senior Fellow at the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, and former advisor to US Democrats, and former chief-of-staff to PM Julia Gillard will speak on "Days after the US presidential election, what does it mean for us and global dynamics?"
- "Conversation about complex issues in Israel" with leaders of the Progressive movement in Israel and in our region.
- "Being Jewish in public life" with MPs Josh Burns and Julian Leeser, moderated by Former MP Dr Mike Kelly AM.
- "Exposing rising antisemitism and identifying strategies to combat it" with Anne Brown, Deputy CEO of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.
- "Exploring Australia's policy on Israel and events in the Middle East" with a senior politician.
- Nova Peris OAM will be our honoured guest speaker at Shabbat dinner on "Exploring our relationship with the indigenous community"
- "Navigating changing synagogue demographics and post-Covid disengagement" with a regional/international panel.
- "Strategies for talking about Israel" with Lynda Ben-Menashe.

If anyone is interested or contemplating attending, be note that the early-bird deadline (which has been extended) is on Friday 9 August (\$100 discount), and due to the popularity of our special guests, space is quickly becoming limited (particularly for the Shabbat dinner with Nova Peris OAM). The UPJ Biennial is open to anyone interested in experiencing this special event.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register today.

Funding may be available for UPJ members travelling from New Zealand and Asia. Contact the UPJ office to enquire – jocelyn@upj.org.au

CLASSIFIEDS: PUBLIC NOTICE

Sharing helpful information for services, events or interests within the Jewish community and around the Auckland Region



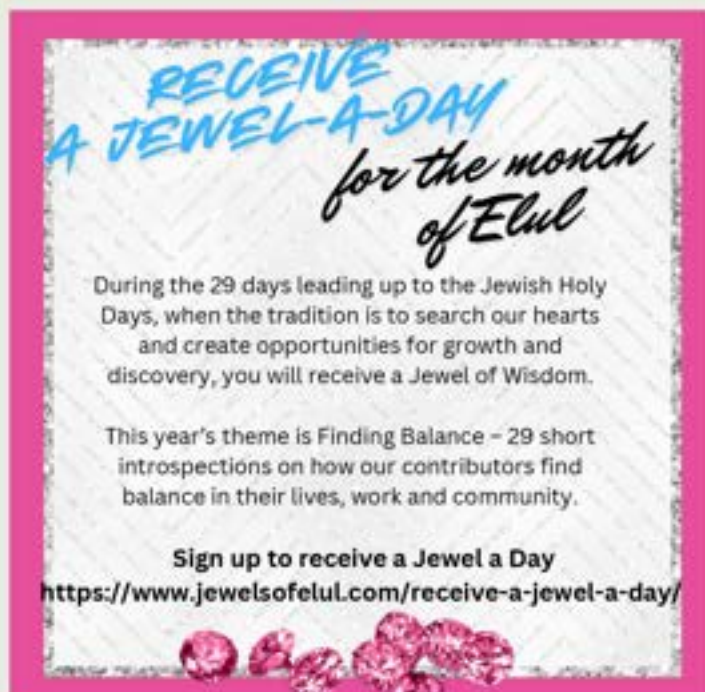
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WE ARE NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS!

JOIN US FOR OUR SPECIAL SUNDAY MENU INCLUDING FRESH BAGELS, DIPS & SCHEMERS, HOT SMOKED SALMON, OUR FAMOUS PICKLES, *NOT* CHOPPED LIVER, COFFEE, FRESH PASTRIES + LOTS MORE!

TAKEOUT ALSO AVAILABLE TO CREATE THE PERFECT HOME BRUNCH!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE AND REMEMBER DOGS ARE WELCOME!
(WELL BEHAVED DOGS MAY BE ENTITLED TO A SLICE OF SMOKED SALMON!)



RECEIVE A JEWEL-A-DAY for the month of Elul

During the 29 days leading up to the Jewish Holy Days, when the tradition is to search our hearts and create opportunities for growth and discovery, you will receive a Jewel of Wisdom.

This year's theme is Finding Balance – 29 short introspections on how our contributors find balance in their lives, work and community.

Sign up to receive a Jewel a Day
<https://www.jewelsofelul.com/receive-a-jewel-a-day/>



Improve Your Hebrew Language Skills: Intermediate-Level Classes

Are you looking to take your Hebrew language skills to the next level? Do you want to enhance your communication skills, expand your vocabulary, and improve your grammar?

Our intermediate-level language classes are designed specifically for learners with a solid foundation in the basics but want to refine their skills and reach a higher level of proficiency.

Class Objectives:

- Enhance reading and writing skills
- Improve pronunciation
- Learn grammar and sentence structure
- Expand vocabulary
- Develop conversational fluency and comprehension

Small group
Interactive activities
Discussions and role-plays
Homework and self-study resources will be provided
Printed materials will be provided at an extra cost.

Shelly Tenenbaum has teaching experience and is fluent in the Hebrew language. She is passionate about helping learners achieve their language goals and providing a supportive and engaging learning environment.

Classes will be primarily in-person as this is more conducive to learning. There will be an online option.

Classes begin Monday 29th July at 7:30 pm.
This is a 10-week course, 60 minutes each lesson.

Please reply if you are interested to shelly.tenenbaum@gmail.com



Second Temple Judaism: Ancient Israel through the Destruction of the Second Temple

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (NZ time)
beginning 31 July 2024 + 6 weeks
enrol: earthdiverse.org.nz





Bring Them Home

PUBLIC NOTICE: WATERCARE WORKS IN THE EPSOM AREA

Members are urged to keep in mind when travelling to and from the Synagogue in Epsom that there will be works undertaken by Watercare to replace the Huia 1 watermain that runs from water reservoirs in Konini Road, Titirangi through to Epsom.

The map below shows the section of works on Gillies Avenue, King George Avenue and St Andrews Road, Epsom. The work is estimated to start mid-to late August 2024 and will take until approximately late January 2024 to complete (these are current best guess estimates and are subject to change).



How will this affect members or visitors?

- Working hours will be from 7am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 4pm on Saturday including some Statutory Holidays.
- Please note that traffic on Gillies Avenue will be shifted over to the eastern side of the road to maintain two lanes of traffic, however there may be lane or road closures on the other sections.
- Some street parking will need to be temporarily removed near the work site to allow traffic management to be set up as part of the approved traffic management plan.
- Construction works will generate some noise and vibration; however, levels will be kept to a minimum and in accordance with Auckland Council and consent requirements.

BETH SHALOM SECURITY PROTOCOL



Swift entry and exit

Please enter and exit the gates swiftly, ensure they are fully closed.



No entry without clearance

Please do not admit entry to anyone you do not know. Please do not linger on the street in front.



Large bag entry restrictions

Please refrain from bringing big bags to the synagogue. They will be checked, and you might be refused entry.



Be alert at all times

Please have a heightened level of awareness and vigilance at all events and services, be aware of threats, and report any suspicious activity.



Report unusual activity

If you see something unusual, report it to the security guard, service leader or to the office.

CONTACT US

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.

Kvetch and Kvell: Feedback at Beth Shalom

To give constructive feedback - whether positive or negative - please email: feedback@bethshalom.org.nz

Tzedakah – 'Winter Appeal 2024' Women's Refuge Centre

The Women's Refuge continues to encounter a dire and critical demand for non-perishable food supplies, warm clothes for children aged 13-19yrs old and general winter supplies. As they navigate through their day-to-day services, your ongoing support remains invaluable. A table has been setup in the Foyer to receive donations. For more information on how you can help, reach out to Chris Shiller (shiller@orcon.net.nz).

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