

Rabbi Report דיעה מהרב**A TIME FOR RENEWAL**

One of my biggest adjustments in relocating from the northern to the southern hemisphere has been celebrating Pesach in the autumn. How to capture the sense of hope, of renewal in Pesach, when Pesach comes at the end of summer rather than before it? I gradually realised that autumn actually is the season of renewal in South Australia: this is the time of year when the rains return, the land turns green, and life explodes all about us. We have already had a taste of rain this year and look forward to a lush and vital autumn and winter seasons.

This year, the world is very much in need of renewal. As I write this, the people of Japan are still dealing with the terrible destructiveness of the earthquake and tsunami and are also fretting about the Fukushima nuclear power plant. Western allies have entered the Libyan conflict and are trying to bring to an end Muammar Qaddafi's attack on his own people. Tensions continue to build in the Middle East, as Israelis hope and pray for a peace that seems increasingly far away. And everyone in the world, there are pockets of sadness and desperation.

Years ago, I knew a hospital chaplain who always wore a button on her rounds. The button read "Miracles are possible." That is one essential message of Pesach. As the Haggadah reminds us, "If God had not brought our ancestors out of Egypt, we, our children and our children's children would still be slaves to Pharaoh." Looking back over 3000 years, the exodus from Egypt seems not only possible but inevitable. But surely, it must have been quite a surprise to the Israelite slaves!

Lots of places around the world are in need of miracles. Perhaps we ourselves can be the source of a miracle. Our Purim drive for World Vision raised over \$170—not a princely sum, but certainly enough to make a difference. As Pesach approaches, what can each of us do to bring miracles to the many corners of the world that are in need?

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES FOR A PESACH OF RENEWAL, JOY AND VERY GOOD FOOD

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:
LEADING AN ENGAGING PASSOVER SEDER**

Pesach is the one time of year when anyone who leads a Pesach seder plays the part of the rabbi. It's an uncomfortable role for many, but it doesn't need to be. Come join Rabbi Shoshana for a ninety minute refresher and brainstorming session full of ideas of injecting excitement into your seder this year. The class will take place on **WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL AT 7:30 P.M.** at the synagogue. If you have a favourite Haggadah to show off, please bring it along. The cost to attend is \$7 for Beit Shalom members and \$20 for non-members.

CELEBRATE SA

The Board of Management would like extend thanks to Kitty Goode, Norman Schueler and Larry Lockshin for their tireless work in organizing the Celebrate SA service. The event was a huge success!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Celebrate SA
- ◆ We Didn't Start the Fire

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Congregational News

BIRTHDAYS

ימי הולדת

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Ron Waxman
Ed Argy
Jamie Goode
Carolyn Eglinton
Ruth Gilbert
Danielle James
David Kopstein
Laura Kate Argy
Michelle Lewandowski
Joseph Ninio
Mayo Vyshovsky
Elliot Lagnado
Ellie Rosenfeld
Karen Lewis
Lisa Rogers
Karni Katz
Teresa Zetlein
John Sulan

DONATIONS RECEIVED

תרומות שהתקבלו

Thank you to the following members who have made Yahrzeit donations:

Donor	In Memory of
Hermina Pincus	Jetta Martz
Lotte Ronai	Moshe & Miriam Kupferman
Les & Belinda Koopowitz	Ivan Koopowitz
Lipert Family	John Lipert
Marie Lipert	John Lipert, Fay Koll Buckner
Dorothy Staska	Michael Shnukal
Jack & Lydia Ades	Isaac Ades



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

יובל נישואים

Mazel Tov the following couples:

Pam & David Eglinton
Laura & Ian Morris

SERVICES FOR THE SEVENTH DAY OF PESACH

On Anzac Day, we'll mark the seventh day of Pesach with morning services at 10:30 a.m. As is traditional, we'll recall the crossing of the Red Sea, sing songs of celebration, but also mourn those who are no longer with us by reciting the Yizkor service. Please join us on **APRIL 25**. Chag sameach!

TOT SHABBAT ON APRIL 29

Life goes on once Pesach ends. Please join us for Tot Shabbat, taking place this month on the fifth Shabbat at **5:15 p.m.** We'll look forward to it!

Rosters

SHAMUS

April 1 Ruth Gilbert
April 2 Dorothy Staska

April 8 Shaun Dwyer
April 9 Ron Hoenig

April 15 Ruth Gilbert
April 16 Janet Henrie

April 22 ShaunDwyer
April 23 Dorothy Staska

April 29 Ron Hoenig
April 30 Janet Henrie

BIMAH

April 1 Alison Dwyer
April 2 Bernice Cohen

April 8 Kitty Goode
April 9 Annetay H-Sapir

April 15 Steven Knopoff
April 16 Janet Henrie

April 22 Janet Henrie
April 23 Marianne Sag

April 29 Annetay H-Sapir
April 30 Ella Pak-Poy

UPDATES

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Beit Shalom's online calendar has been updated to include all our community events. If you need to know when something is happening check it out: <http://www.bshalomadel.com/calendar.php?>

For updated details of events within the Jewish community please visit our website:

Yahrzeits אזכרה

April 1—2

Isaac Ades
21 Adar 11—27 March
Father of Jack, father in law of Lydia,
grandfather of Vanessa & Natalie, great
grandfather of Sophie & Bronte

Fay Koll Buchner
22 Adar 11—28 March
Mother of Marie Lipert

Juliet Plasner
23 Adar 11—29 March
Aunt of Ralph Barouche

Moshe & Miriam Kupferman
23 Adar 11—29 March
Family of Lotte Ronai

Sarid Kornfeld
25 Adar 11—31 March
Grand-daughter of Les Paleg

Michael Shnukal
25 Adar 11—31 March
Father of Dorothy Staska, Michael Shnukal,
Sam Shnukal, Eva Riley, Joan Crowther,
Muriel Spencer

Nicholas Millis
27 Adar 11—2 April
Uncle of Dina Tversky

April 8—9

Alfred Baker
28 Adar 11—3 April
Husband of Raisy Baker

Milan Hanzalik
29 Adar 11—4 April
Father of Michael Hanzalik

Marcel Bourlas
1 Nisan—5 April
Uncle of Dina Fox

Louis Shapiro
2 Nisan—6 April
Father of Lorre Zuckerman

Adelheid Traub
2 Nisan—6 April
Congregant of Beit Shalom

Sylvan Carson
5 Nisan—9 April
Son of Liliane Carson, brother of Giles

April 15—16

Margaret Sollner
11 Nisan—15 April
Aunt of Jordanna Meschemberg

April 22—23

Rose Harrison
16 Nisan—20 April
Mother of Michael Harrison

Coleman Iachman
16 Nisan—20 April
Grandfather of Janet Hiller

April 29—30

Daisy Musry
22 Nisan—26 April
Mother of Joe Musry, mother in law of Sue,
grandmother of Mati & Tal

Edmund Traub
22 Nisan—26 April
Congregant of Beit Shalom

Rosalind Eirew
25 Nisan—29 April
Sister of Gerri Bloustien

Purim 2011



Back row: R Gillespie, D Lapidot, E Cozens, C Holland, R Gilbert, D Katz, C Gillespie, E Pak Poy
Front row: L Gillespie, H Lockshin, C Gillespie, A Knopoff, R Muecke



Kids at Purim, Karni Katz & Sarah Nino

President's Report ידיעה מיושב הראש

DIARY OF A JEWISH MOTHER

2 weeks before 14 Adar: Ask child what kind of costume would he like. Answer - Dinosaur. Google DIY dinosaur costume. Too complicated for this Jewish Mother. Ask child again, what other costume would you like. Answer - Spiderman. Google DIY spiderman costume. This is really one that should be purchased. Stop asking child for suggestions. Google easy DIY costumes made from stuff around the house. Selected a highway costume (later became a road).

1 week before 14 Adar: Make road costume. Find black shirt and pants. Cut yellow paper into short strips and paste down centre of shirt and pants to designate middle of the road. Tape long strips of duct tape to right and left side of clothes to designate road edge. Attach cars, road signs, street lights etc from child's toy collection. First attempt to attach using duct tape.

13 Adar: Make adjustments to costume and attempt to sew on cars, signs etc onto clothes.

14 Adar: Buy face paint. Paint child's face as a stop sign to indicate the end of the road. Last minute decide to also dress up. Pick vampire because face paint box includes picture of vampire.

14 Adar (10 minutes before arriving at Beit Shalom for Purim): Realise that the theme of Purim Spiel is Esther the Vampire Slayer. Think I am so cool for subconsciously choosing to dress up in theme.

14 Adar (during Purim festivities): collect all the cars, road signs etc that have fallen off child's costume.

As always this year's Purim Spiel was an entertainment extravaganza for the whole family. I admit to being an avid reader of the Twilight Series and the Anne Rice Vampire Chronicles so this was straight up my alley. A big mazel tov and thank you to the fantastic cast and crew who did a stand up job. And once again, praise and thanks to our formidable writer and director, Ruth Gilbert, who never ceases to amaze us with something new and fresh every year.



Ethan Dwyer in his Purim costume.

Alison Dwyer/President

SELL YOUR HAMETZ

Traditionally, Jews do not own any hametz—products made with leavening or containing wheat—during the week of Pesach. In a wonderful example of the Jews art of legal fiction, we sell our hametz to a non-Jewish person who returns ownership to us at the end of the holiday. The rabbi is happy to sell your hametz for you. It will be stored at your home until the end of the week, when it will be yours once again. Please call or e-mail the office to arrange for the sale. It is customary to make a small donation for this service.

Torah Portions חלקים מהתורה

DATE	PARASHAH	TORAH	HAFTARAH
APR 2	Tazria	Leviticus 12:1-13:59	Ezekiel 45:16:25
APR 9	Metzora	Leviticus 14:1-15:33	2 Kings 7:3-20
APR 16	Achare Mot	Leviticus 16:1-18:30	Malachi 3:4-24
APR 23	Chol HaMoed Pesach	Exodus 13:3-16	Ezekiel 37:1-14
APR 30	Kedoshim	Leviticus 19:1-20:27	Amos 9:7-15

Celebrate SA - Sat March 5th 29 Adar 1 5771

Welcome to Beit Shalom Synagogue

How did we arrive at the today's theme Celebrate South Australia?

The easy answer would be to mention famous Jewish South Australians, such as five Lord Mayors or "Sudden Solomon", who was Premier for a week and after whom the electorate of Solomon in the Northern Territory was named. I could even reignite the debate about the socially exclusive Adelaide Club where Philip Levi and Jonas Moses Phillipson were founders or the Jewish pastoralists who opened up the outback or the DaCostas or the construction of the Queen's theatre in 1840.

The more pertinent would be to ask, what do we stand for and how can we shape the future?

So, as is my wont, I looked to this week's Torah portion to see if there was a connection to my question.

And this week's reading from the Torah tell us about the accounts of the desert sanctuary that Moses had constructed. It seems that even he was not above scrutiny when it came to public works!

Accounts need not only to be seen as monetary, one can also easily interpret it to mean, how do we account for ourselves either individually or as a collective.

We are not just accountable for the physical structure of communal buildings, no matter how beautiful or functional they may be.

We need to regularly audit and give account for our maintenance of our core values. Those immutable values of justice, dignity for all and community service through which civilized society is created and sustained.

Our Jewish journey is about becoming oneself, defining ourselves not simply as individuals but as interdependent human beings. It is as much about maintaining the right of minorities to be different as defending the right of peace loving minorities to be treated the same; maintaining these values not simply for ourselves but for others who have difficulty in putting their case for equality with dignity and justice.

We take for granted such rights as those that have been hard won by women, yet religious and human rights are by no means accessible to the millions living under the control of despots whose crimes towards humanity go unchecked.

This of course leads into the current debate about the merits and practicalities of multiculturalism.

At the outset I must say that the word multiculturalism is most apt and I am glad that its use has been reinstated.

I believe that the debate has to some extent lost direction with respect to the examples chosen to define the minority.

Too often definitions are based on emotion, headline grabbing and self serving pronouncements, too frequently there is a lack of empirical evidence.

Australian multiculturalism is of a vastly different order to that practiced in other countries. Without entering into argument where we differ from France, Germany or the United Kingdom or what they could have done differently, I will point out the salient difference between the United States and Australia.



Norman Schueler
[President: Jewish Community Council]

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The States has an over arching goal of nationalism at any cost. We too have nationalistic fervor , but encourage and foster difference under the same umbrella. If I were to choose a simplistic analogy, it would be framed in culinary terms. The Americans take the ingredients, dump them in a pot to make an amalgam of a single flavor.

We however take the ingredients, place them in a wok and encourage the individual flavours.

Our formula has worked well, as evidenced by the involvement in politics, arts, business, philanthropy and professions.

Jewish people were driven by wars and pogroms and demonic hatred to every corner of the earth. It is no accident that Australia has the largest number of Holocaust survivors outside Israel. The more fortunate of us came here by choice, but we were welcomed and gratefully acknowledge and respect the laws and customs of the country that gave us a home.

Amongst us today, we are honoured to have a perfect example of a family that crossed the treacherous waters off Northern Australia in the expectation of a better life. Their story is well known and always inspiring. The achievements of Hieu van Le, our Lieutenant Governor and Lan are a matter of record. He has inspired many and lead by example, thus demonstrating that our policies can work well and deliver tremendous advantages for Australia.

Last week I attended the Multicultural Awards ceremony hosted by His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Scarce. They are to be applauded for their ongoing encouragement of the diverse community. In particular I thank you for the poignant and meaningful words you chose in your speech.

This was a stunning example of empirical evidence that multiculturalism is alive and well and contributing to the country's wellbeing.

It is well known that we, together with the Christian and Muslim communities, have worked closely on Project Abraham for 4 years. Its success has been widely acclaimed and we owe a debt of gratitude to Katherine Goode for not only conceiving it and guiding its direction, but also for ensuring that the program was targeting areas of commonality of philosophy and practices.

From time to time we experience overt anti –Semitism. In the past we tried to sweep it under the carpet, not rock the boat and hope it went away and hopefully we would not attract any further attention. Clearly it didn't work and for the last 16 years we have been more upfront in our approach. As tools we utilised education and knowledge to help combat the tide of oppression that was born through generations of ignorance. It has helped but anti –Semitism has not been totally eradicated.

Why am I saying this? so as to demonstrate to our Muslim friends that they are not alone. We realize you suffer the same prejudice and bigotry that, even in this great country, touches our lives from time to time. You do not need to re invent the wheel, as we gladly work with you for a better understanding. Yours is not the only religion that has fanatics and, as we stand up and denounce our own when they bring embarrassment and ridicule and promote extremism, we ask you to do the same.

Undoubtedly Australia has benefitted from immigration. Nevertheless our birthrate is still insufficient to maintain natural growth. We are witnessing our manufacturing industries disintegrating. Our population is ageing and we will lack the critical mass to sustain our economy so we need the influx of hard-working peace-loving people to stand as a bulwark against extremism.

Our brand of multiculturalism has thrived because our selection process generally works well.

I strongly urge our politicians to prioritise immigration targeting the current and future needs of particular industries and professions.

Three weeks ago, the Australian Jewish News asked me to write an article about Adelaide and the future of our community, because our school is in administration, I entitled it "Adelaide – open for business"

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the title, it became “Adelaide -
A community worth crowing
about”

And that’s exactly what I am doing. We as a community want to continue to be an integral part of our great state, shaping its future and making it a better place for generations to come.

I thank all our visitors for sharing a part of our Sabbath with us, it is a real pleasure to have you here. I know we are sharing with friends and by giving you a window into our rituals and prayers, we hope that there will be even better understanding.

Shabbat shalom
Norman Schueler
President—Jewish Community Council of SA

Celebrate SA Sermon—Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky

In this week’s Torah reading, an enormous project is completed: the construction of the ark, the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and also all of the altars, utensils, and clothes required for the performance of the ancient sacrificial cult. Several weeks ago I joked that this vast undertaking was conceived of as a way to keep the Israelites entertained in the wilderness. The truth is that this was a monumental effort, requiring an investment of time and treasure from every adult member of the community. The Israelites are called upon to dedicate their most valuable possessions—their precious metals and gems, beautiful fabrics, and magnificent wood—so that the ark and other items may be built. They are then asked to participate in the building process itself, particularly those men and women who are gifted in working with their hands.

Unlike the half shekel head tax I mentioned earlier, the Jews were not *required* to make gifts to the Tabernacle project. Moses specifies that gifts should be given as each person is moved to do so. When the donations start to roll in, the Israelites are so generous that Moses then asks them to stop giving! We never hear a word of complaint while the work is being carried out, which is unusual for this lot. Elsewhere in the Torah, it can seem that they never miss an opportunity for a good whinge.

The message I take from all this is that there are projects that are worth the effort required. That is how I feel about multifaith education and cooperation. My first multifaith encounter was in rabbinical school more than twenty years ago, when I had the opportunity to spend several days meeting with Protestant, Catholic and Greek Orthodox seminary students. The experience rocked my world: not only did I learn an enormous amount about faiths different from my own, but I emerged with a much clearer view of my own religion. I became, as they say in the business, a dialogue addict. In the years that followed, I sought out opportunities to meet and engage with those whose worldview was very different from my own. Some of my most intense experiences came during the two years I worked as a student chaplain in acute care hospitals. I spent many extraordinary hours with my fellow students, who included an Orthodox rabbi, a Muslim woman, and an evangelical Christian. I came to believe that multifaith understanding is not something nice that we should do if the opportunity arises; it is a necessity for each of us to grow within our own communities and see our world blossom.

I believe there is no time more important for multifaith understanding than the present. We in Australia may pride ourselves on our multicultural society, but a recent study published by the University of Western Sydney suggests that we still have a great deal of work to do: in the study, 25% of those surveyed admitted that they have anti-Semitic or anti-Asian sentiments. Nearly half reported that they held anti-Muslim attitudes. This is not okay. I consider myself blessed to live in a world where I am able to encounter people from amazingly diverse backgrounds. I have never felt anything but enriched from these experiences.

I am now actively seeking ways to give my children the same gifts that I have enjoyed myself. Last year, my kids were invited to participate in a community service television commercial to promote multifaith and multicultural

Celebrate SA Sermon—Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky [contd]

appreciation. At the time, a rabbinic colleague of mine expressed concern that the children might be in danger were they do be a part of the project. Wasn't it conceivable that the image of children from different faith and cultural backgrounds playing and celebrating together might be enough to push a racist nutter over the edge? I shared her concerns with my children, who were adamant that they still wanted to be a part of the project. They already felt a drive to work for a world at peace and saw this as a terrific way to move towards that goal. Of course, I'm tremendously gratified by their feelings, but I also realise that they still do not have the tools they need to do this work. A willing heart is essential, but they also need to be educated about the basics of other faith traditions so that they can become act as advocates for themselves and allies for others. Multifaith appreciation is nowhere near as effective as multifaith education. I hope that our Abraham Institute will step up to fill this gap for adults and so build a core of committed peacemakers in our region.

As I said earlier, such work is not always easy. As we have seen recently, multiculturalism as a value is not universally embraced, and it seems that increasing numbers are rejecting it as a philosophy. It is much safer for people to stay close to those who share their own culture, history and beliefs rather than taking the risk of meeting someone whose background is radically different. Much easier to require newcomers to leave behind their own cultural and religious heritage and become just like everyone else. I commend all of you who have joined us this morning and have ventured into unfamiliar territory. Please if you have any questions, do not hesitate to approach me following services or to ring or send an e-mail this next week. I can't promise to deliver all of the answers, but I will certainly try.

In his commentary on this week's Torah portion, Rabbi John Levi points out that even though Moses does the final work of assembling the tabernacle, he is not able to enter it once God's presence settles within it. He dedicates the last forty years of his life to leading the Jewish people towards Israel, but then he himself is denied the opportunity to enter it. Like Moses, we do not always get to see our work completed. If we are lucky, we see a glimpse of a world on the mend during our lifetimes. If we are even luckier, we are able to find those who will continue our work once we are gone. I realise that a world where all are at peace with one other is still far away, but it is worth working for. I thank all of you who are engaged in this good work. I wish you a Shabbat shalom—a Sabbath of peace.

Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky



**National Council of Jewish
Women of Australia
S. A. Section,**

**Our Next Meeting Will Be Held
On WEDNESDAY, 6TH OF APRIL, 2011
at 11.30 am at the RHH**

**Guest Speaker: Rabbi Kaminsky
“What’s a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a
Profession Like This?!”**

New titles in the Library

Thanks to Pam Mendels for a collection of books including the following titles:

'A Guide to the Jewish Dietary Laws'

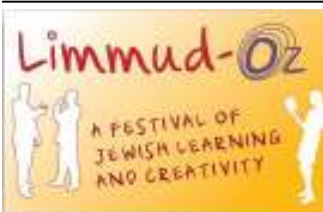
'Forms of Settlement: Jewish villages in Israel'

'Alienation and Regeneration' by Nurit Govrim

'The Emblem of the State of Israel: Its Roots in Nature and Heritage'

'The Moshav in Israel'

Three Haggadot



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Queen's Birthday
Weekend

June 11-13

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THE JEWISH HOLIDAY CYCLE—OUR NEXT INTRO. TO JUDAISM UNIT

Starting on April 4, the rabbi will launch a six-week serious on the Jewish holiday cycle, starting with Shabbat and then moving on to Pesach and the celebrations of our Jewish year. **(Class does not meet during Pesach—April 18 and April 25).** Come along and deepen your appreciation of our festive days! As always, fees are \$7 for Beit Shalom members, \$20 for non-members

We didn't Start the Fire

Anyone familiar with the Billy Joel song “we didn’t start the fire” – which is a list of people and incidents that influenced the world from the 1940’s to the 1970s. The song includes the names of infamous wars and disasters. It also suggests that even if you aren’t responsible for the disaster you do have a duty to try and do something about it.



Unfortunately, it seems like we can already add an entire verse of disasters that have occurred in 2011 from Christchurch to Ipswich, through to Fukushima and Itamar. We have suddenly been made aware of the fragility of life and the importance of using every opportunity to be productive and ‘make a difference’ to the world.

Just last week our Netzer madrichim showed their willingness to act when they responded magnificently to the UPJ’s offer to sponsor flights and flew to Queensland to help with the clean-up operation.

Our world movement – the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) – showed their commitment to ‘Tikkun Olam’ at the recent biennial conference in San Francisco when they passed a series of resolutions calling for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual couples as to be treated the same as “married heterosexual couples”; for Progressive and Conservative Rabbis to be treated the same as Orthodox rabbis in Israel. The conference also spoke out against and condemned racism, genocide and domestic violence.

Similarly, in our region the leadership of the UPJ and the Moetzah (Council of Progressive Rabbis) are working hard to address important issues both locally and in Israel. The UPJ’s Social Action committee, *OSIM* (“we do”) is planning a series of activities to encourage social action and advocacy work at national and international levels. Similarly, ARZA (the Australian Religious Zionist arm of the Progressive movement) is working to defend Israel against the impact of boycott and slander while pushing for democratic reforms to the legal and political system there.

Volunteers from all of these organisations are also deeply committed to the vital work of the UIA Progressive Trust. This organisation, chaired by Ian Samuel OAM, presents members of the Australian community with the exceptional opportunity to support Israel’s work to absorb refugees and migrants AND to support the work of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ) in its work to defend the social and human rights of all Israel’s citizens.

Indeed, the IMPJ, with the invaluable and greatly appreciated help of the UIA Progressive Trust, is the main agency for social advocacy in Israel. The current work of the IMPJ, as well as supporting the 25 Progressive congregations around Israel, includes fighting gender segregation in the public systems of transport, health and education; working for Progressive and Conservative rabbis and communities to receive the same State support given to their Orthodox counterparts; combating discriminatory changes to various pieces of legislation and generally working to make Israel the democratic and inclusive society described by its founders; described in its Declaration of Independence and longed for by most Jews around the world.

To take the lesson from Purim – when faced by disaster each person can make a difference, by speaking out and by taking action.

Make donations to help the victims of disasters and provide support to the UIA Progressive Trust, as well as becoming involved in a hands-on project of “Tikkun Olam” through your Synagogue. Also please note that in May, Rabbi Gilad Kariv from the IMPJ will be visiting Australia – be sure to hear him.

You may well not of “started the fires” caused by natural disasters or an unfair electoral system but “you can try to fight them” by taking action now.

Ken yehee ratzon

Steve Denenberg

Baby Naming—12 March 2011 [6 Adar 11 5771]



Rachel, Stuart, Jonah and their family and friends gathered for Zalia's naming ceremony on 12th March at Beit Shalom. Zalia lived up to one of the meanings of her name "quiet and peaceful" throughout the service and ceremony; ie she was asleep!! A splendid vegetarian kiddush was provided by the sisterhood catering committee

L-R Jonah, Stuart, Rachel and Baby Zalia

ABOUT ZALIA ABIGAIL'S NAME.

As many of you who remember her would know, my grandmother Bobba's name was Zalia. I have always loved the name and always said if we had a daughter I would like to name her Zalia. Of course we also give our daughter the name Zalia in the hope that she will grow up to hold many of the worthy values her late great grandmother held and that she will share the same special relationship with her grandmothers that I shared with mine.

Bobba always believed Zalia was a made up name bestowed on her to honour a relative called Zelda – apparently all the more conventional variations had already been taken by her cousins. However, in our hours of trawling through name books and on the internet we discovered that Zalia is actually a bone fide name in its own right and not really a made up name at all. Various sources inform us that is is a form of Zali or Sara of Polish and Hebrew origin and meaning "princess", a Swahili name meaning "of royal birth" and a variant of Zelia taken from the French Solenne meaning "solemn" or from the Greek meaning "zeal". Yet another source suggests the name is taken from Zalman who was one of King David's warriors. The Hebrew meaning listed in this source is "quiet and peaceful" – we can only hope at least this one proves to be true beyond her infancy and into her toddlerhood!










The name Abigail appealed to us both for different reasons. Although we both liked the sound of this popular Hebrew name, I particularly liked its meaning "born of a joyous father". Despite her father's convictions that we were having another boy, our little princess who rushed out to meet us a few days before her scheduled date, was indeed a joyous surprise for her Daddy who tells me now he really hoped we would have a daughter!



Beit Shalom Calendar

April 2011 Adar 11/Nisan 5771



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Upcoming Events for your Diary:</i>				1  6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	2  10.30 am Shabbat Service
3 10:30 am Cheder	4 7.30 pm Intro Judaism	5	6 11.30 am NCJW 7:30pm Leading an engaging Pesach seder	7 10.30 am—1.30 pm Chaverim Club	8  6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9  10.30 am Shabbat Service
10 10:30 am Cheder	11 7.30 pm Intro Judaism	12 Bagels Club [Parlt House]	13	14 10.30 am—1.30 pm Chaverim Club	15  6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	16  10.30 am Shabbat Service
17	18	19 Communal Seder 6:00pm	20 7	21 10.30 am—1.30 pm Chaverim Club	22  6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	23  10.30 am Shabbat Traditional Service
24	25 10:30 Pesach & Yizkor services	26	27 7:30 pm Board Meeting	28 10.30 am—1.30 pm Chaverim Club	29  5.15 pm Tot Shabbat 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	30  10.30 am Shabbat Service

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