



Preserving our garden...

Parasha Beshallach, which tells of the redemption of our ancestors from slavery in Egypt to freedom to serve God, contains “The Song of the Sea”; mirrored by the haftarah from the Book of Judges, which contains Deborah’s song of triumph, we know this Shabbat as the Shabbat of Song (Shabbat Shirah).

On Shabbat Shirah we are reminded (as Rabbi Jonathan Sacks wrote in his Torah commentary this week) that song is at the heart of human creativity, a crucial aspect of our learning, worship and faith community.

Shabbat Shirah this year leads into the minor festival of Tu BiShvat (the fifteenth day of the month of Shvat) which corresponds to February 8/9. TuBiShvat celebrates the new year of trees, and the mitzvah connected to it is the planting of trees. Many in our community choose to do this through donations to Keren Kayemet (The Jewish National Fund) for the planting of trees in Israel. Israel is the one country on the planet where, due to our commitment to the land and the environment, more trees existed there at the end of the 20th century than at the beginning of it. Contributing to the planting of trees in your community (through gifts to parklands for example) is another way of fulfilling this mitzvah, let alone just planting a tree in your home if able. Caring for our environment is a core principal of Judaism stemming from the opening story of the Torah which commands us to tend and preserve the garden we inhabit.

Unfortunately, the record of human impact on the planet has not been benign. Fortunately, we have the knowledge and ability to rectify that problem. From the time of our redemption from Egypt we have been called to a life of service. This sense of “Tikkun Olam”, repair of the world, extends not just to striving for justice within our society, but also to the entire realm of life. This is what our ancestors meant when they, through Moses, petitioned Pharaoh: “Let my people go – so that they may serve Me. “Me=God=Life Itself. Now is the time, more than ever, to rectify the damage we are doing to our environment, our habitat.

As we sing the song of Beshallach, we will recognise that it contains the words “*Mi Kamocha B’elim Adonai* – who is like You among gods that are worshipped,” which form part of our daily worship in the blessing after the Shema. This song reminds us daily that we are part of a glorious creation. Shabbat Shirah and TuBiShvat highlight the importance of what should be a daily commitment – to sing our praise of life and nature, and do our utmost to tend to and preserve our earth.

Rabbi Jeffrey B. Kamins

MAZAL TOV

Jamie Latham on her Bat Mitzvah
 Jacob Riesel on his Bar Mitzvah

TORAH

Exodus 13:17-17:16
 Etz Chayim Chumash:
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HAFTARAH

Judges 4:4-5:31
 Etz Chayim Chumash:
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SERVICES

Erev Shabbat:
 Fridays 6:30pm
 Saturdays:
 9:00am Masorti
 10:00am Progressive

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 7:40pm

HAVDALAH

Saturday 8:40pm

WELCOME!

If you are a new member or visiting our congregation, please introduce yourself to us after services.

SHABBAT LIVE RETURNS!



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From Friday 3 February, 6:30pm

We are excited and thrilled to say that Shabbat Live will be back from the first week in February and will continue throughout the year.

Shabbat Live is an innovative Shabbat service where prayer is enhanced with musical instruments, beautiful melodies, creative readings and stories. During the hour we move from the chaos and pressures of the work week to the joy, rest and peace of Shabbat. Please join us for a truly magical evening.



Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio

SPECIAL SHABBAT DINNER AT EMANUEL

10 February, 6:30 - 9:30pm beginning with Shabbat Live

A vegetarian potluck Shabbat dinner in the hall for B'nei Mitzvah graduates currently starting yrs 10 & 11, along with their families.

An opportunity to catch up, and hear about the youth activities planned for 2012. We provide cutlery, plates, cups, tea, coffee and serviettes). RSVP the office by emailing info@emanuel.org.au or calling the office 9328 7833.



Rabbi Paul Jacobson

SERVICES DURING JANUARY

Erev Shabbat: Progressive 6:30pm (Big Sanctuary)

Masorti 6:30pm (Neuweg)

Shabbat Morning: Progressive 10:00am (Big Sanctuary)

Masorti: 9:00am (Neuweg)

BOARD MEMBERS HOSTING THIS WEEK

Shabbat Evening: Alex Feher

Shabbat Morning: Rodney Brender (Progressive)

Naomi Elias (Masorti)



Rabbi Dr Orna Trigoboff

DIRECTORY

President : Rodney Brender

General Manager: Sam Zwarenstein

Youth Director: Martin Yafe

Director of Music: Andrea Catzel

Community Shlichah: Anat Baruch

Director of Education: Sandy Hollis

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

World Wide Wrap –The Ties that Bind

Sunday 5 February 9:00-10:00am, Neuweg.

Coordinated international tefillin wrap. Perform the mitzvah of tefillin along with fellow Jews all over the world. Shacharit in Neuweg followed by breakfast.

For more information see www.worldwidewrap.org or contact Eric Lundberg on 0411 647 510

Lunch & Learn

Saturday 11 February after services until 2:00pm

The place of women in the public sphere is becoming a source of controversy. Soldiers have walked out of events featuring singing women, women's images have been removed from advertising hoardings, separation between men and women on public transport has been challenged.

Tu Bishvat: Tree Meditation and Full Moon Music

Wednesday 8 February 2012, 7:00pm.

A unique way of celebrating Tu Bishvat: Meet at 7:00pm, at the pine trees near Bronte Beach bus stop to, meditate on the different types of trees, listen to music while watching the full moon rise over the ocean and share snacks. \$5 donation. Children welcome. Bookings essential to receive address of indoor venue if cold or rainy. Email: orna@emmanuel.org.au

Hamentaschen Baking

Sunday 26 February, 10:00am - 3:00pm in the Emanuel Hall

Bring family, friends, your children and an apron and we'll supply everything else!

Mardi Gras Shabbat Service & Dinner

Friday 2 March, Service 6.30pm, Dinner 7.30pm

Emanuel Synagogue in association with DAYENU, Sydney's GLBTI Group [Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Intersex] invites members and guests to attend this annual event. All welcome. Please tell your Gay friends about this event.

\$30 Dayenu and Emanuel members. \$35 Guests.

Booking essential:

9328 7833 or via the Emanuel Synagogue website



Shabbat Tot

Our monthly Shabbat programme for children 2-5 begins Friday 3rd of February at the **NEW TIME of 4pm**. Come along and sing, dance, enjoy craft activities, stories and Shabbat prayers with your children.

My Playspace

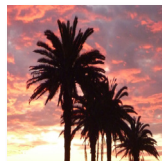
Friday mornings 9:30-11:30, beginning February 10th.

Our playgroup for the under 3s returns. Looking forward to welcoming you to play and have fun together with your children and grandchildren.

Purim Spiel

Wednesday 7 March, 6:30pm

Service and Megillah reading followed by "Much Ado About Purim" - A tragic Shakespearian Comedy. No cost involved, but bring a can of food for the homeless and hungry of Sydney



IN MEMORY

Shiva: There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones: Jeanette Rowne, Sarah Nassau.

Shloshim: We are in the period of Shloshim for: Helen Russon, Sandor Bauer, Prof Malcolm Chaikin OBE AO, Arkadi Bronfentrinker, Russell James Longworth, Freda Rowan, Alex Frankl, Rosa Fridman, Michiko Hana Lieberman, Elsa Buyers, Ephraim Gilbert, Andre Raoul Hauptmann, Seraphim (Jim) Tsintsof.

THIS WEEK WE OBSERVE THE YAHRZEITS OF (observed by):

* Memorial Light

Charles Josep Berg (Mrs Robyn Berg & Mrs Vivienne Sharpe)
Aaron Blou (Mr Lester Blou)
Annie Blou (Mr Lester Blou)
Ernest Bogнар (Ms Sue Bogнар)
* **Arthur Peel Cohen**
Hilton Cohen (Mr Allan Crown)
Ubby (Abraham) Davis (Mr Roger Davis, Mr George Davis, Dr Sacha Davis & Mr David Davis)
Edith Dreyer (Mrs Lily Dreyer)
Hans Dreyer (Mrs Lily Dreyer)
Renee Durbach (Ms Andrea Durbach)
* **Leah Eizenberg**
Abraham Feldman (Mrs Serena Feldman)
Abraham Feldman (Ms Judy Menczel)
Bernard Fiegel (Mrs Jean Fiegel)
Elizabeth Fischer (Ms Judy Fischer)
Musja Freidin (Mr Faives Freidin)
Michael Gilbert (Mrs Roslyn Hakim)
Myer (Mick) Glick (Mr Barry Glick)
Marie Gold (Mr Brian Gold)
Ivan Johnny Gonda (Mr Robert Gonda)
Harvey Greenberg (Mrs Heidi Goldman)
Zena Housepeters (Mrs Marlene Epstein)
Theodore Karas (Mr Raphael Kraus)
Kamila Kay (Dr Judy Kay)
Devora Klisser (Mr Philip Klisser)
Leona Ladanyi (Mrs Eva Varnay)
* **Frederick B. Lamberger**
* **Maximilian Lamberger**
* **Millicent (Millie) Levenson**
Ronny Leopold Lewy (Mrs Anne-Marie Lewy)
Samuel Lipson (Mr Peter Lipson & Mr Leslie Solar)
Max Julius Marcuse (Mrs Valentina Marcuse & Mrs Lily Dreyer)
Pauline Evans & Max Schmidt (Mrs Greta Smith)
*5 **Philip Myerson**
Maurice Nathan (Mr Alan Nathan)
Peter Pelz (Dr Susie Linder-Pelz & Mrs Helen Mushin)
Benjamin David Penny (Mr Gary Penny)
Rivka Pozniak (Mrs Sylvia Vasin)
Sadie Rosenblum (Mrs Louise Hyman)
* **Ernst Rosenthal**
Helen (Inci) Santo (Mrs Marika Lenart)
Daniel Ezra Saul (Mr Reuben Saul)
Anna & Samuel Schmidt (Mrs Greta Smith)
Cathreen Senes (Mr George Senes)
Clare Sills (Ms Irene Sills)
Sophie Silove (Mr Phillip Silove)
Abraham Simenhoff (Mrs Shirley Katz)
Lee Simmons
Sarah Sheindl Skurnik (Ms Lilly Skurnik)
Martin Smith (Mrs Greta Smith)
David Snider (Mrs Lauren Ehrlich & Mrs Allyson Ireland)
Rose Spiegel (Professor Elaine Thompson)
Charles Spring (Mrs Jeanette Sceats & Mrs Sophie Spring)
Irma Tahler (Mrs Kornelia Illing)
Genia Taksa (Mr Michael Taksa)
* **Arthur Thieman**
* **Asher Thompson**
Lotte Torda (Mrs Greta Smith)
Harriet Ungar (Mrs Ruth Catts & Mrs Dianne Joseph)
Ruby Margaret Walsh-Henry (Mrs Shirley Singer)
Leslie Youngleson (Ms Beverley Berelowitz)
* **Esther Zines**

SHOAH REMEMBRANCE

Each week, as well as remembering members of our community or their loved ones, we add the name of one person who perished in the Shoah. This week we remember: Herman Tandler, born 1917 in Moravia-Silesia, Czechoslovakia and died in Treblinka Camp in Poland.