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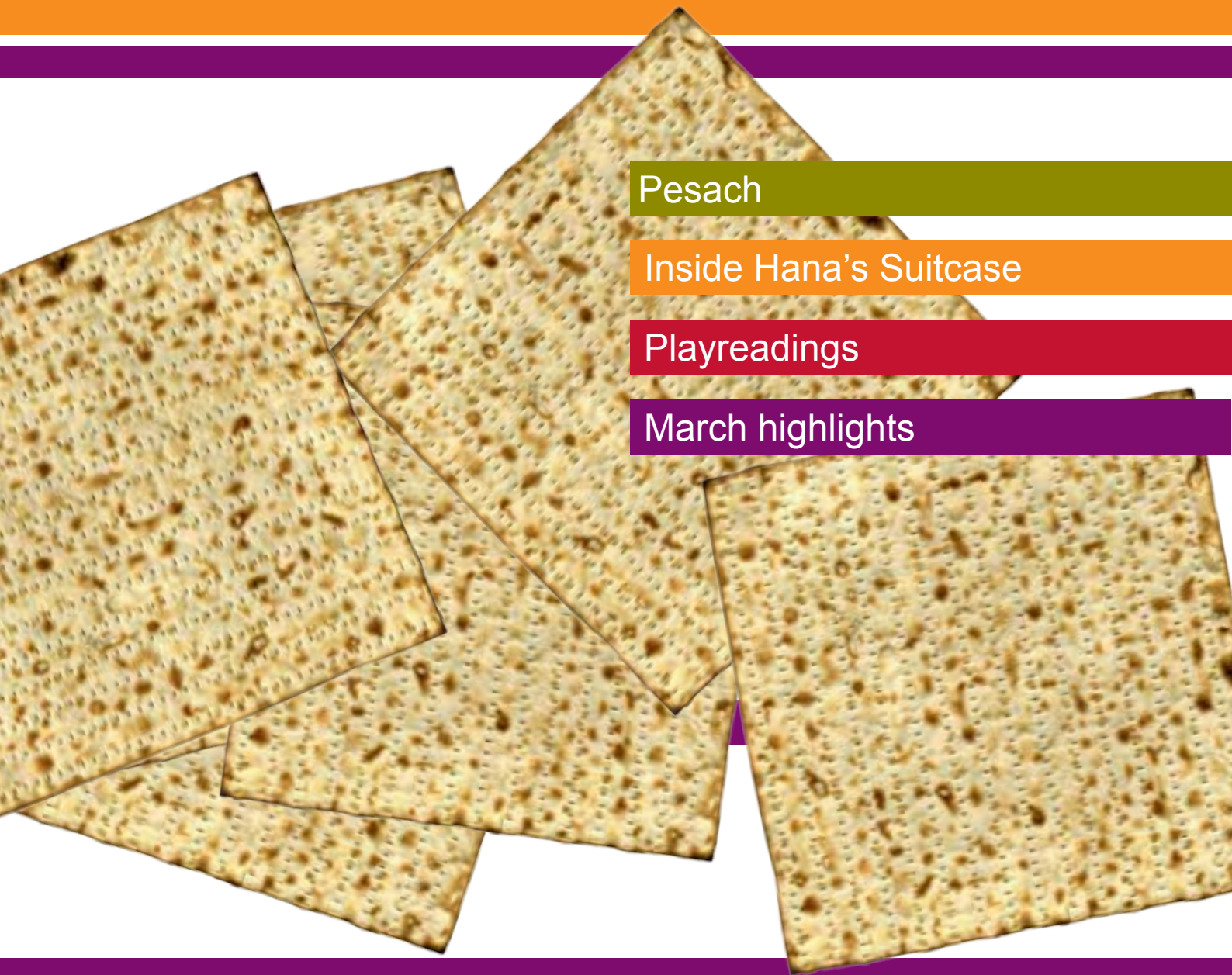
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This is the season of giving to the United Israel Appeal, and now, more than ever, I urge your generous support of the appeal, particularly through its Progressive Trust. Israel is our homeland, the place where our Hebrew language has come alive again, uniting Jews around the world; it is the place where we truly live

in Jewish time, connect to our ancestors and fulfill our destiny. Part of helping that destiny unfold from afar is through our contributions to the Progressive Trust, which helps allow refugees coming to Israel to experience its deepest prophetic values of justice and compassion. To earmark your donation to the UIA, all you have to do, is either on your pledge or payment form write, *“The enclosed donation is an unconditional gift to the United Israel Appeal Refugee Relief Fund. I/we request that the amount of \$_____ is directed to the work of the WUPJ with Olim in Israel”*.

As we prepare for the forthcoming UIA campaign, we feel it is crucial to make sure that you are aware of the challenges facing Israel, from external sources and from within, and to explain why your support is needed now as much as ever. We know of external threats, but there are also internal ones over the Jewish character of the state and what it means to be a democratic, Jewish state. The attacks on Israel’s democracy are coming from various quarters in the form of social, political, economic, legal and religious discrimination. While the ultra-Orthodox regularly undermine the essential egalitarian nature of the State, including its treatment of refugees and migrants, the Progressive movement works to integrate refugees and help make Israel as democratic, egalitarian and pluralistic as described in its Declaration of Independence.

We love Israel and will help her, through our generous contributions to the Progressive Trust of the UIA, be the country its founders intended and in which we believe.

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday 14 March, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
BYO Picnic lunch and drinks
Location: Model Yacht Pond, Centennial Park

Grab your picnic blanket and join us for a lazy Sunday picnic in beautiful Centennial Park. Bring your family and friends for a relaxing afternoon filled with fun and games for kids and adults, great company and a few surprises!

Shabbat Tot

A short and very noisy prayer service tailored for young children

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First Friday of the month
Next date: 5 March
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Children aged 2 - 5



I would like to share two stories with you, both true, both of which are causing me great sadness and anger. A friend of mine was at Shabbat lunch. He was with some friends and others he did not know very well. It came time to bless the challah. They held it aloft and said the prayer then he took the salt grinder and ground salt on the challah. One of the people at the table began to berate him. They told him it was not permissible to turn the salt grinder, that he had violated the rule against working on Shabbat and had done a terrible wrong. My friend was embarrassed and humiliated in front of a room of people, for trying to do the right thing and celebrate the Shabbat

Another friend was enjoying Shabbat afternoon on a balcony with a group of people. The time was coming to a close and everyone was packing up to bring things inside. There was a little water left in the water jug and he tipped it onto a nearby plant so as not to waste the water. Someone at the gathering began to shout at him because he had violated the commandment not to irrigate on Shabbat.

I do not believe in the kind of Judaism which allows such situations to exist. In both cases, strictly interpreting the law, my friends had violated two of the Shabbat commandments but the people who publically shamed and humiliated them, have, in my opinion, violated far more fundamental and central commandments about how one should treat our fellow human beings. Unfortunately, these two instances are but two of many that I have heard in recent weeks, where there has been strict adherence to the letter of the law at the expense of humanity and care for fellow human beings. I cannot believe in a God who would care more about the observance of the rule not to irrigate over the feelings of another person, over the care for the environment, over the commandment not to waste. And I feel that the Torah supports my belief. If we look at a list of the commandments, the vast majority are concerned with the ways in which we treat other people. They aim to create a society which is harmonious, where everyone is valued and cared for. Furthermore, the refrain over and over in the Torah is to remember that we were slaves in Egypt. We are told to be sure never to forget the degradation, the oppression and the feelings of powerlessness that slavery brings. Shaming in the name of adherence to laws is the very behaviour the Torah is warning us against.

There is an interesting section of Torah where God is asked how we can tell a true prophet from a false one. God says we cannot rely on signs and wonders they may perform but instead should look at the message and see if it is in the spirit of the rest of the Torah. It should be the same philosophy we apply when deciding which interpretation of a law we choose to follow. Progressive Judaism demands that we look not just to the letter of the law but also the spirit, to see the bigger picture and to try

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2 February -
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and bring about the intent of the Torah as well as adherence to the laws. And according to Progressive Judaism it is incumbent upon each of us to learn and study both the laws and the philosophy of Judaism in order to reach our conclusions. This is a rigorous process but can create a deep and beautiful connection with the practices we adopt. Judaism is such a rich well with so much beauty and goodness within it, but much depends on the ways in which we choose to interpret and implement the traditions. I believe that God wants us to bring blessing and joy into the world, to heal the sick, give bread to the hungry and clothe the naked, to make the world a better place for all who live within it. I don't believe that God minds so much whether or not we grind salt on the challah or sprinkle it, what God wants is that we celebrate the Shabbat, we have a day of rest and reflection, that we are together with family, friends and community. Sadly, however, I keep hearing tales of people are adhering to a strict interpretation of the law at the expense of other people and in so doing, I believe, moving far from the true spirit of the Torah and far from what God wants from us.

There is a story about a shepherd who used to sit with his flock every day and talk to God. He did not know the exact words of the prayers so he used to recite the alphabet in Hebrew while he told God all that was happening in his life; he figured God would be able to put the letters into prayers for him. He sat in the field with his sheep and said "God, How are you today? Aleph, I am pretty good, the sheep are happy and there is lots of grass for them to eat, thank you, Bet! And my family too are well, I am grateful for my health, Gimmel. But God, Mrs. Cohen down the road is not so well, she has an ache in her back again and she is not able to go to work, could you please help her a little, make her better, dalet....and so it went, the shepherd talking to God, saying his special prayer.

One day, a distinguished and important rabbi was passing by and he heard the shepherd reciting his prayers. He wandered closer to listen and was appalled by what he heard. He called the shepherd over. "Shepherd," he said, "what on earth do you think you are doing?!" "Oh great rabbi what an honour to have you visit my field," said the shepherd, "I am tending to my flock and praying to God." "Praying to God!" said the rabbi, "what kind of praying is that! You have not said one prayer correctly."

"Oh well. I am a poor shepherd, I never learnt to read or write, I just learned the alphabet, so I talk to God, tell God what is happening in my life and then I recite the letters of the alphabet. I think that God can then put them in order and turn them into prayers." "I have never heard such rubbish in my life!" said the rabbi, "This will not do. You must not say any prayers from now on and I will come and teach you properly, the right way to pray."

The shepherd did not know whether to be happy or sad, he had always wanted to know the prayers properly but he was feeling bad that he had insulted God by praying the wrong way for so long. He was embarrassed and ashamed.

For the next few months the rabbi came to the field every day and sat with the shepherd. He taught him to read, he taught him the proper prayers to say in the morning, the ones for the afternoon and the evening. He learned the times to pray, the way to pray and soon he was ready to pray again, but this time the proper way, with the words from the book, bowing in the right places, standing up in the right places. The rabbi was very pleased with his pupil and believed he had put him on the right path.

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Bnei Mitzvah Brunch Seminar

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“Goodbye shepherd,” said the rabbi, “make sure you remember everything I have taught you so that you will always be praying the right way.”

“Thank you so much rabbi,” said the shepherd, and the two parted company. The shepherd made sure that he prayed every day, exactly the right words at exactly the right time in exactly the right way. But he found he was not happy. He tried to connect with them in the way he had felt connected to God when he prayed his own way, but it was not the same. But whenever he felt sad, he consoled himself with the thought that he was doing it right.

Meanwhile God was sitting in the heavens feeling sad. “God, what seems to be troubling you?” asked the angels

“Well I had not heard any prayers from my friend the shepherd for a long time, and then just the other day, some prayers came in from him but they weren’t the same. Before, we talked like friends, he shared with me the machinations of his life, his happiness and his sadness, he thanked me and praised me, he challenged me and made me laugh, but now he is just reciting the words from the book. There is no passion and feeling like before. I miss my friend.”

“I think you need to tell him” said the angel.

“Yes but I need to do it by going to the one who caused the problem, here’s what I need you to do.”

And God whispered in the ear of the angel.

That night the rabbi was asleep and he heard a voice in his ear, waking him up.

“Go away,” said the rabbi, “it is night, leave me alone.”

“I think you will want to receive this message,” said the angel, “it’s from God.”

“I don’t care who it’s from,” began the rabbi, “did you say God? Oh my wow, fabulous, um well what can I do for you?” he said as he jumped up in his bed.

“Listen, God is very unhappy with you. You have stopped the prayers from his friend the shepherd. You shamed him and made him feel small, as if he was not good enough when in fact, God looked forward to their conversations each day and God loved the shepherd’s true prayer, because it came from his heart, friend to friend. You were wrong, to insist that he learn the prayers your way. Now go to him and tell him to return to his way, to offer his blessings with a pure, full heart, with blessings and joy.”

“Oh dear,” said the rabbi, “I did not mean to make him feel small, I just wanted him to do it the right way.”

“I know,” said the angel, “but there is more than one right way. So go now and make peace with him”

The man went straight to the field to find the shepherd who was sleeping beside his flock. He woke him up. “Shepherd, shepherd it’s me, your friend the rabbi.”

“Who? Rabbi? Oh my goodness, Rabbi!! What are you doing here, it’s the middle of the night.”

“I have a really important message for you from God. But first I must apologise to you. I was wrong and I treated you poorly. I should not have made you feel bad because you did not know the prayers, I should not have embarrassed you and made you feel small. That is not what God wants from us. But what God wants from you is that you return to having your conversations together. That you tell God what is happening in your life and what is going on for you. God misses you and I have, with my bad advice, taken you away from God. So please, return to your old ways.” “Oh thank you rabbi!” said the shepherd, “I liked the new prayers I really did and I will still say them, but I want to say my own special prayers too. Oh boy, if you will excuse me for a minute, I just have to go and talk with God, we have a lot to catch up on.”

And with that the shepherd went and sat under the shade of a tree, overlooking the valley where the sun was beginning to peek above the horizon, and he started to pray. “God, its been a while, I missed you, let me tell you about Daisy aleph, ...”

Sometimes the letter of the law needs to give way to humanity and when we are looking at the different ways in which we can apply the law, we should always seek the solution which is the most compassionate, the most open to the needs of others, then we will be truly doing God’s work and bringing the day nearer when all humanity will be one.

Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



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**Five actors perform on stage at Emanuel Synagogue
Sunday 21 March, 5:00pm - 7:30pm
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With humour, compassion and humanity, *A House Like Any Other* tells the story of Joseph Stotland, a Jewish immigrant from Egypt, lost in the world, yet determined to somehow forge a life for his family in small town Adelaide, Australia.

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In July 2008, I was invited to participate as a radio guest on ABC 702's Mornings with Deborah Cameron. On this particular interview, I was asked, as a young religious leader, to speak about multi-faith involvement in World Youth Day. I joined a nun in her mid-twenties and an imam in his mid-thirties for the conversation.

Subsequent to that conversation, I received a phone call from the Sutherland Shire Citizens for Native Title and Reconciliation. This particular group envisions, as a part of the larger New South Wales Reconciliation Council, "A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all." The group wanted to organise a multi-faith ceremony, with participants from all backgrounds (religious and secular) to address the ongoing need for healing and reconciliation in our communities and our country, especially as these themes relate to indigenous Australians and their families.

While I recognised the need for healing and reconciliation, I began to wonder, "What business does a rabbi have being involved in such a programme?" And as an American citizen, and a migrant to Australia only two years earlier, I thought, "Maybe they should choose someone else."

But that is precisely the point. As an "American," my home nation has a history of poor relations with the Native American community, a people who had inhabited that land long before the Spaniards arrived in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries, and before the English arrived in the seventeenth century. In the nineteenth century, under the Presidency of Andrew Jackson, the American government and military relocated the Native American community in a torturous journey that came to be known as "The Trail of Tears."

As a Jew, and a rabbi who attempts to derive lessons and meaning from Torah and other sacred Jewish texts, I am sometimes drawn to the challenge of Torah as a conquest narrative. Torah readily informs us that other people (Canaanites, Hittites, Jebussites, Perizzites, etc.) were already in the land before the Israelites conquered that land. Our nation of Israel is borne through acts of war, a war that tries to proclaim the importance of monotheism and rid the region of idolatrous worship. For many people, myself included, such thoughts present huge challenges to our understanding of our ancient Jewish heritage. And although our history is grounded in war and conquest, we also know what it means to be oppressed by foreign governments. Through all of our experiences and suffering through countless generations, we continue to believe and argue that we are people of peace.

No matter how hard we try, no matter how much we want to do so, we cannot change the practices of our ancestors; we can only learn from their behaviour, and attempt, wherever appropriate, to do differently. Wherever I turned, whether I considered what it meant to be an American, an Australian, or a Jew, I was confronted by historical moments that challenged my self-definition. Reconciliation and healing were necessary, not just between migrants to Australia and indigenous Australians, but between all people.

On Sunday, February 14, the Sutherland Shire Citizens for Native Title and Reconciliation held their multi-faith commemoration, exactly two years after Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's formal apology to the indigenous community in Parliament. I joined people from all walks of life – Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, indigenous Australians, and people with no faith background – for this beautiful ceremony. Because we need to reconcile our differences with one another. We need to explore how we are similar to one another, even if we have different ways of expressing our ideas. And ultimately, each of us needs to commit ourselves to pursuing pathways of peace, morality, and justice in our lives.

One of the readings in the ceremony was written by Reverend Stephanie Dowrick:

As a peacemaker I will...	Soften my reactivity.
Develop peace within my own heart and mind.	Accept difference – even when it challenges me.
See the good in myself and other people.	Extend my vision of community to embrace all living beings.
Give others the benefit of the doubt.	Protect the earth. Honour the earth. Cherish the earth and all its living forms.
Regard life as a precious gift.	Learn the value of silence and of thoughtful speech.
Take time to look deeply and to listen.	Practise the power of forgiveness.
Practise kindness – regardless of who "deserves" it.	Open the space for joy, spirit and illumination to come in.
Take responsibility for how I affect others.	Refuse violence as a solution to human problems – ever.
Protect the vulnerable.	See the unity in all of life.
Learn from my mistakes.	Live as a source of peace for others and also for myself.
Speak to myself like a true friend.	
Notice what I already have.	

In the weeks and months ahead, may each of us endeavour to focus on these beautiful principles, to search for reconciliation and healing within our own lives, our own relationships, always working to make a positive difference in our world – a world that so desperately needs our attention, our commitment, and our love.

Rabbi Paul J Jacobson



This year begins with a brand new initiative by Emanuel Synagogue.

Two play readings of Jewish themed plays. One by Sydney Jewish scriptwriter/ filmmaker, Jack Feldstein prior to returning to New York and the other by New York based playwright Alana Ruben Free.

On Sunday 21 March, 5pm Jack Feldstein's play *A House Like Any Other* will be read by five actors at the Emanuel Synagogue. This full length award winning piece addresses the themes of Jewish immigration in small town Australia and the challenges that must be overcome in both a humorous and dramatic way. For several years Jack Feldstein was involved in the development of Australian playwriting in Sydney

with Parnassus Den, an organization that workshops Australian scripts in NY. He has also worked often in NYC and New York University and brings what he has learned there to the process. In addition, Jack is an award winning filmmaker whose neon animation films have screened worldwide.

At the end of the reading, there will be an audience discussion about the themes of alienation and migration raised.

On Sunday 2 May at 5pm Alana Ruben Free's play *Fear And Desire* about a Jewish mother and daughter will be performed in a rehearsed reading by Donna Brooks and Vee Malnar. This is a sequel to the acclaimed play *Beginner At Life* performed at the Tap Gallery in 2009.

The NY based playwright Alana Ruben Free will lead the discussion of the psychology of Jewish mother/daughter relationships following the play.

In late July we hope to have a recital by an Israeli opera singer who will perform a mixed repertoire of operatic and other well known works.

We hope to bring you other exciting events later in the year. Please consult your *TELL* and *What's On* to find out more.

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Lunch 'n' Learn: "You Are What You Eat?"

Saturday 13 March, After services until 2:00pm

In an age where kosher meat can often cost twenty dollars more than regular store-bought meat, and we hear stories of animal abuse in "kosher" slaughterhouses, can there still be value in guarding the principles of kashrut? With terms like "organic," "free range," and "eco-kashrut," floating around in mainstream culture, join us for a conversation on how we can learn to eat ethically.

Kabbalah Music Circle

Bronte Beach

Tues 2nd March, 7:30pm

With Orna Triguboff and Nadav Kahn

Enjoy the full moon rising while we sing and meditate at the beach. At 6:30pm please come for a byo picnic before the music begins.

Contact info@neshamalife.org for more information.

Womens Rosh Chodesh Group

Monday 15 March, 8:00pm

Contact 9328 7833 for location details

Secret Jewish women's business celebrated in conjunction with the new Hebrew month/moon. All women are welcome to attend.

Pesach Seder

Communal 2nd Night Seder

Tuesday 30 March, service at 6:00pm

Bookings essential: 9328 7833

Adults: \$55 members, \$70 non-members

Children: \$30 members, \$40 non-members

Join us for our communal seder.

Special Events

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TWO NEW EVENTS!

Sunday Cinema: *Inside Hana's Suitcase*

Sunday 7 March. 4:00pm

Based on the internationally acclaimed book "Hana's Suitcase". In addition to tracing the lives of George and Hana Brady in the 1930's and 40's, *Inside Hana's Suitcase* tells the present-day story of "The Small Wings", a group of Japanese school children, and how their passionate and tenacious teacher, Fumiko Ishioka, helped them solve the mystery of Hana Brady, whose name was painted on an old battered suitcase recovered from Auschwitz.

Meet the Heroes of Hana's Suitcase

Monday 22 March. 7:30pm

Bookings: 9328 7833

Guest speakers: Fumiko Ishioka, whose quest for understanding has brought us this compelling story and George Brady's grand-daughter, Lara Brady.

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Ash Levi - One Year Later...

Dear family and friends,

Ash's friends have now returned from their year in Israel and others are chatting excitedly about the one they are about to embark on. It is an unavoidable time of reflection.

It took one second, 12 months ago, for many lives to change dramatically: people who knew him, people who knew of him, and people who he has met and whose lives he has touched during the course of this year. Mostly of course, it is the people who are closest to him, the ones who love him, his family and friends.

Ash sustained a serious spinal injury in January 2009. We were told that he would spend a week or so in Intensive Care and that he would then be moved across to the Spinal Ward at the Prince of Wales Hospital. The doctors warned us that he would be there for most of the year and that unless a miracle occurred he would be coming home in a motorised wheelchair. People with injuries like Ash's rarely walk again and have only limited use of their arms.

No-one could have prepared us for the turbulent road that we have travelled on this year. Ash developed an extremely rare condition, which continues to baffle his brilliant medical team. This "Critical Illness Neuropathy" affected all of Ash's peripheral nerves, in its early stages immobilizing every single muscle in his body.

Ash spent exactly six months in the Intensive Care Ward before being transferred to his current home in the Spinal Acute Care Ward. The year has been an emotional roller coaster ride with tiny steps forward, often followed by what feels like huge steps backward. We are quick to get excited about every little improvement, only to be disappointed when things appear to deteriorate or change. Ash first attempted to drive with his chin eight months ago but it is only in recent weeks that he has driven up and down the hospital corridors and put his "chin on the accelerator". Similarly, where Ash had so much soup that he never wants to eat it ever again, he is no longer capable of eating or drinking anything orally – what feels like another backward step, imposed in an effort to improve his breathing.

Ash breathes with the assistance of his ventilator but manages long periods during the day without it. We are very hopeful that eventually the ventilator will be a thing of the past. We can't wait for him to be well enough to enjoy eating sushi and drinking Diet Coke again.

Ash over the past 12 months has progressed from not being able to communicate at all, to communicating by blinking, then shaking his head, and now, finally, mouthing his words. He still has no audible voice. Family and friends are learning to lip read – something we all thought would be impossible. We are learning that anything and everything is possible. We speak a very unique language of our own, developed so that we can understand whatever Ash has to say.

No doctor will give us a prognosis on Ash's recovery at this stage. They have no idea how long it will take, nor what recovery he will have. We just take each day as it comes. However, what we do know with certainty is that his mind is as sharp as a tack, keeping his whole medical team on alert at all times. His humour keeps everyone laughing and his charm wins the hearts of everyone who is lucky enough to spend time with him.

Ash does not move anything much below his shoulders but with his huge stature, his absolute presence of mind, his wonderful smile and the huge circle of family and friends who gather around him every day, he has been likened, by other patients, to a wise Pharaoh of Egypt.

Life is not meant to be easy: life is a challenge. We cannot always control our fate, but we can control our attitude. Ash keeps getting knocked down - but he keeps getting back up. He won't give up. He knows he is loved by many and he knows he is supported by family and some fantastic friends. It is this, combined with his resilience, that will sustain him on this journey.

It has been a long year for Ash and his family, and we are all extremely grateful for the ongoing love and support of extended family and friends.

With heartfelt love,

Vicky, Mark, Tom, Kimberley and Ash



Join us for our Womens Seder

Thursday 1 April, 6:00pm

Bookings and location details: 9328 7833

Please bring a kosher l'Pesach vegetarian dish to share.



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The truth behind the Chazan no-show

Although we know that “the first victim of war is the truth” it is really only when you actually become part of a news story that you see how quickly facts and information become distorted and changed. A great example of this is last week’s story about the deferral of the visit of outstanding academic and Human Rights activist, Professor Naomi Chazan.

What started as a mutual decision to delay the visit was quickly distorted. The UIA Progressive Trust was accused by some of agreeing with the despicable rantings of a fanatical group in Israel who blame Naomi Chazan and the New Israel Fund (NIF) for the Goldstone Report.

At the same time, we were accused by others around the world of caving in under the pressure of the right wing of the Australian Zionist movement.

The fact that neither of these accusations was even remotely true had little effect on the reporting of the story, despite conversations and correspondence with journalists here and across the world.

Whilst against the use of specialist ‘spin doctors’ skilled in wrapping up the truth in order to “sell” it to the public, it has been a sobering experience to try to convey a few simple realities, including:

- The single and exclusive goal of our annual Appeal is to raise funds for Israel’s work to receive and integrate refugees and immigrants.
- Throughout the planning of this visit it was agreed by all involved that anything that detracted from the above goal would not be acceptable.
- At the beginning of last week a nationalist group in Israel launched a loud and vindictive attack on Naomi Chazan and the organisation she heads.
- News of this attack, including despicable cartoons of Naomi Chazan, was published in the National Press of Australia and by many news agencies around the world.
- It was immediately clear to the campaign organisers that, without any reference to the nature of the attack, it would be impossible for the focus of Professor Chazan’s visit (just 2 weeks later) to be on the fundraising goal.
- Based on the previous agreement Professor Chazan and the appeal organisers reluctantly decided not to proceed with this visit, but to plan for a visit during a non-fundraising period, possibly later this year.

As anyone who has organised a fundraising event – from a cake stall to a telethon – will tell you, external forces (e.g. weather; competing events; or a lack of understanding by the public regarding the appeal) can have a tremendous influence on the success or failure of the event.

In this instance, the choice was clear – to either press ahead and allow this, and possibly the general UIA appeal, to be distracted by Professor Chazan’s visit; or to defer the visit to a time when our community can enjoy hearing her knowledge and insight into Israeli society without jeopardizing the collecting of funds vital for Israel and the Progressive movement.

Without having detailed information on the topic of the NIF I note the following:

- Professor Naomi Chazan is widely respected and universally recognised as a passionate advocate for Israel, and for democracy;
- The Board of Directors of the NIF includes many respected, lawyers and leaders, including “our own” former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk;
- The Government of Israel, in its response to the Goldstone Report, has stated that relevant information for its own enquiries had come from the reports of the organisations funded by the NIF.

We stand proudly alongside all those dedicated to peaceful democratic change and freedom of speech in Israel to ensure political, religious and social equality for all its inhabitants. We also look forward to receiving the full support of our community in making the UIA Progressive Trust appeal an unprecedented success.

Steve Denenburg
Executive Director, Union for Progressive Judaism

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Our Bar Mitzvah



Nissim Toledano

School: Emanuel School

Hobbies: Music (Guitar)

Dislikes: Annoying Bugs

My favourite tv show is Family Guy. I would love to be a famous Guitarist. I also like soccer and basketball and I like Math.

As I get older I would like to help the people in third world countries have a better life.

What I will remember most about the time spent preparing for my bar mitzvah is my barmitzvah teacher Kim and the argument between him and me.

Reuben Challis

School: Sydney Grammar School

Hobbies: Playing video games, watching rugby league and wrestling, playing soccer and basketball.

Pets: A very large but friendly Labradoodle, named Pavlov, who loves playing fetch.

Dislikes: My daily chores, especially picking up Pavlov's poo.

I love listening to most genres of music and play the viola, piano and am about to start the guitar. Apart from music, most of my hobbies revolve around competitive pursuits. When it comes to sport, I play basketball and soccer. I'm a die-hard fan of the Cronulla Sharks and Sydney FC. My favourite TV show of all time is 'Survivor', which I watch together with my sister, Noa, and my parents—we all choose a contestant at the start of the season, whom we hope will eventually "outwit, outplay and outlast". My favourite activities at school are debating and drama. Perhaps one day I will have a career in politics or the arts.

When my uncle Gabby was a med student, he spent a couple of weeks working with the Fred Hollows Foundation returning sight to people in Nepal. Last year at school, I had the opportunity to help out,



when we supported the Foundation by raising money through a raffle.

Memories of preparing for my Bar Mitzvah: That I got to know a totally new side of my godmother, Irit, and she of me, as she has taught me for my Bar Mitzvah. I'll remember this as the start of our adult relationship together.



Jordon Daniel Woods

School: The Emanuel School, Randwick

Hobbies: Rugby League, Basketball, Pets, Cricket, Facebook, Chess, Golf & Sailing

Pets: 2 Birds - A Cockatiel & a Rainbow Lorikeet, 2 Dogs - Both English Cocker Spaniels - Shilo & Jet, 1 Cat - Burman - Cocco

Any dislikes: Vegetables, Homework, Housework

Favourite TV Show: SpongeBob Squarepants

Favourite Rugby Team: Sydney Roosters

Favourite Player: Anthony Minichello

Favourite AFL Team: Swans

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Band: Black Eyed Peas

Favourite Song: I Got A Feeling & Right Round

Favourite Food: Chocolate (White), Pizza

Possible Future Career: Sports teacher at Emanuel School

Social Justice Projects/Charities:

Project Heritage @ Emanuel School

Shaved Head for Leukaemia Foundation

MS Readathon: Assisted in raising \$652 for the Sydney Children's Hospital over the December School Holidays

Memories of preparing for my Bar Mitzvah: Hebrew Lessons, and the wonderful assistance Kim Gottlieb has given me in preparing for the day. The spirituality behind the lessons that I am learning for my Dobra Torah. The experience in sharing in so many of my friends Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and the closeness it is bringing us together by sharing this experience. This is something we will treasure and share forever. The attention to detail my parents have gone through in arranging everything for the day, and making sure it will be a perfect day for me.

Israel Sheli – Would Israelis Vote From Abroad?

This week a new law was presented to the “Knesset” (Israel’s congress). According to this new law Israelis could vote in general elections from outside of Israel. Just as USA, Britain and France allow their citizens, living outside their countries to participate in elections.

That is exciting thinking I might be in Sydney for Israel’s next elections. As a Shlichah I will be able to vote as other Israelis, on a state mission, as embassy workers, diplomats and shlichim are allowed to vote outside their country. But my partner can not. My brother missed the last elections as he is a student in Rome and his wife couldn’t vote either although she is working for EL–Al, the Israeli national airline. They are temporarily living abroad and would have been more than interested in fulfilling their first democratic commitment to vote. Wouldn’t that be great? Raising the percentage of participation in elections surely makes Israel a much stronger democracy.

So how come this law caused such a huge discussion in Israel this week?

Ze’ev Bielski, former head of the Jewish Agency, and now a Knesset member for “Kadima” initiated a petition stating: “livchor rak be Israel” a sentence that can be read as: “to vote only in Israel” as well as: “choosing only Israel”. Joined by former IDF commanders and ex-police officers he claimed that the right to decide the future of the state should be given to the ones that live here, pay their taxes, and fulfil their civilian duties and shouldn’t be given to those who chose to live their life in a different country.

Gidon Levy, left wing publicist, does not understand how it could be that a national party gives a voting right to the ones that have left the country. How is Joe that was once Yossi, Aib that was once Abraham, Sam that was once Shmulick, going to decide the future of the Israeli state? He implies that this is a way for the right wing in Israel to get more votes.

Giving ex-Israelis a voting pass is one step to giving all Jews a voting option. Doesn’t that make sense? Israel is the Jewish state by definition, and has opened its gates to Jewish immigration since day one. Playing with the idea – just think how much influence the Progressive community would have to help the Progressive community in Israel? It is the shortest and easiest way to get Progressive religious ceremonies legal and accepted in Israel.

Israel, with the freedom of religious inside the Jewish streams will be even more pluralistic and democratic. Although, it could also be the opposite case. Under the assumption that the majority of Israelis living abroad hold right wing ideas Israel could be sent to a war that is not in its interests and could be led to make major decisions based on the views of those living over the ocean. As if there is not enough politics in Israel – do we really need all the Jewish world politics inside the state?

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel’s prime minister, said: “in the era of globalisation it is only fair to give Israelis on business trips, working periods or students, the chance to participate in elections as other nations do”. Zipi Livni, the head of “Kadima” says “the privilege to make a decision regarding Israel’s destiny should be given to those who are willing to live the consequences of that decision for better or for worse”.

Certainly, it could be exciting to get to vote here in Australia. Democracy and elections are crucial to the nature and the future of the Jewish state. But speaking as an Israeli I do agree that the different era of globalisation changes things. In this era it is much easier to travel. So if you want to fulfil your duty as a democratic citizen, or use your electoral privilege to vote, the least you can do is get on a plane, pay your holy land and mother country a small visit, and go to the polling booth to help influence its future.

Anat Baruch

Netzer

The end of the decade proved yet another successful period for Netzer Australia, as we move into our 31 year of existence. Kicked off in style with a fantastic junior camp, run by our very own incoming mazkira Maddie Davey, the camp was a huge success running over a five day period in late December. Next on the calendar was the annual federal senior camp, located in the picturesque Pennet Hills at the foot of the Lane Cove national park. For the first time we had participants from over 5 states in Australia and New Zealand. The camp atmosphere was greatly boosted by the return of last years shnat participants, and will go down in our memories as a summer to remember for years to come.

Looking forward, 2010 is shaping as a year of great excitement and expectation. First, Netzer is sending of its largest shnat group ever. With great anticipation we wish all 32 members of shnat Zahav all the best in the year to come. Second, the new mazkirut(executive) body was voted in for the 2010 period. This includes Maddie Davey as secretary, Rachael Ginges as head of education, Joshua Robert Anthony Van-Biene as public relations director and Aviva Israel as state treasurer.

We Hope 2010 is as successful as 2009.

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“I SPEAK MY MIND”
Sunday 21st March at 7.30pm
North Shore Temple Emanuel
28 Chatswood Av, Chatswood

Brigitta Schwarz, Psychologist in the Dementia Behaviour Management Advisory Service team at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital will talk about the problem of the isolation of the elderly and particularly their carers who are trying to keep them in their own home for as long as possible.

Special Film Event: *Inside Hana's Suitcase*

Inside Hana's Suitcase is the poignant story of two young children who grew up in Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II and the terrible events that they endured just because they happened to be born Jewish. Based on the internationally acclaimed book "Hana's Suitcase" which has been translated into 40 languages, the film is an effective blend of documentary and dramatic techniques. In addition to tracing the lives of George and Hana Brady in the 1930's and 40's, *Inside Hana's Suitcase* tells the present-day story of "The Small Wings", a group of Japanese school children, and how their passionate and tenacious teacher, Fumiko Ishioka, helped them solve the mystery of Hana Brady, whose name was painted on an old battered suitcase recovered from Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi death camp built in Poland. The story unfolds as told through contemporary young storytellers who act as the omniscient narrators. They seamlessly transport us through 70 years of history and back and forth across three continents, to relate the story of unspeakable sadness and also of shining hope. For this is a Holocaust story unlike others: it provides a contemporary global perspective and lessons to be learned for a better future. Directed by award-winning filmmaker, Larry Weinstein, *Inside Hana's Suitcase* is a powerful journey full of mystery and memories, brought to life through the first-hand perspectives of Fumiko, of Hana's brother George, and of Hana herself.

Film Synopsis from Rhombus Media



***Inside Hana's Suitcase* screens at Emanuel Synagogue, Sunday 7 March, 4:00pm.**

See the movie on 7 March, then meet the heroes on Monday 22 March, 7:30pm!

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Pesach Services

1st Night	Monday 29 March, 6:30pm
1st Day	Tuesday 30 March
	Masorti 9:00am
	Progressive 10:00am
	Renewal 10:00am
2nd Night	Tuesday 30 March, 6:30pm
2nd Day	Wednesday 31 March, 9:00am
7th Day	Monday 5 April
	Masorti 9:00am
	Progressive(with Yizkor) 10:00am
8th Day	Tuesday 6 April
	Masorti(with Yizkor) 9:00am

Pesach cooking Made Easy

Sunday 21 March, 10.30am

Emanuel Hall

Bookings essential: 9328 7833

Cost: \$35 - includes morning tea and a copy of the Emanuel Eats cook book.

Let us take the stress out of Pesach cooking as we show you how easy it is to whip up something tasty for Pesach!

Communal 2nd Night Seder

Tuesday 30 March, service at 6:00pm followed by seder.

Bookings essential: 9328 7833

Adults: \$55 members, \$70 non-members

Children: \$30 members, \$40 non-members

Join us for our communal seder.

Womens Seder

Thursday 1 April, 6:00pm

Bookings and location details: 9328 7833

Please bring a kosher l'Pesach vegetarian dish to share.

Rosh Chodesh

There is a legend that when the Israelites came to create the golden calf, the men asked the women to give them all their jewellery and gold to be melted down for the calf. The women refused and as a reward a special festival was given to them -

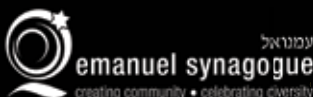
**The Festival of Rosh Chodesh:
The Celebration of the New Moon.**

All women are welcome to join us in celebration.

Contact 9328 7833 for location details.

2010 Rosh Chodesh meetings:

Adar:	Feb 14	8:00pm
Nisan:	Mar 15	8:00pm
Iyar:	Apr 14	8:00pm
Sivan:	May 13	8:00pm
Tammuz:	Jun 13	8:00pm
Av:	Jul 11	8:00pm
Elul:	Aug 10	8:00pm
Chesvan:	Oct 10	8:00pm
Kislev:	Nov 8	8:00pm
Tevet:	Dec 8	8:00pm



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Pesach Lasagne

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6 matzos
1 onion, chopped
Garlic
Oil for frying
1 tin peeled tomatoes, chopped
250 ml tomato puree
1 tablespoon each of chopped
parsley, basil and oregano (fresh if possible)
5 eggs
½ cup grated cheese
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Soak matzo in water.
2. Make tomato sauce by frying the onion and garlic in oil until soft, then adding tomatoes and puree, herbs, salt and pepper.
3. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes.
4. Drain matzo and squeeze out water.
5. Mix with beaten egg, salt and pepper.
6. Layer in greased oven dish, starting with half the egg matzo, then half the cheese, the rest of the egg matzo and cheese, then top with the tomato sauce.
7. Bake for about half an hour at 180C, or until done.

There's more than Matzo to eat for Pesach!

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To rejoice with the bride and groom

Lindy Talia Lowenstein & Jacob Kaplan
Joel Spiro & Julia Frenkel

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To honour the father and mother at the naming of their child

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Sanne Rachel Nathan (Sarah bat Mordechai) daughter to Mark Nathan & Marije Vrieze
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