



EAST MELBOURNE HEBREW Congregation

ROSH HASHANAH 5771 | SEPTEMBER 2010

Our Shul

East Melbourne Hebrew
Congregation

*The Melbourne city
Synagogue*

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Welcome to the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation - the Jewish heart of the city and the gateway to Jewish Melbourne. Known as the Melbourne City Synagogue, it is modern orthodox and the only shul in the inner city area. The historic and architecturally significant synagogue is within walking distance from the city's hotels, hospitals and universities and serves as the city's Jewish centre.

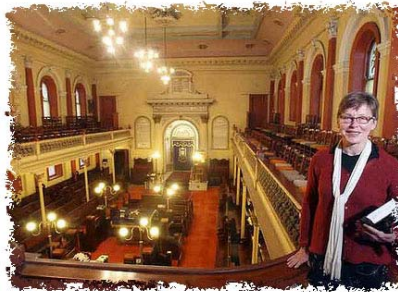
Whether you are a local or a tourist, you will find the synagogue and its congregation to be a warm inviting place to spend some time. Feel free to join our services or activities, tour the premises during office hours or just touch base. We are here to help you with your Jewish and religious needs and look forward to personally welcoming you to the synagogue.

Our Activities Include:

- Shabbat Services
- Weekday Services
- Festival Programs
- Hospital & Nursing Home Visits
- University Chaplaincy
- Adult Education & Discussion Groups
- Youth Shabbatonim
- Tourist and School tours/seminars
- Counseling Services
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Programs

A Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year

We wish you a year of much personal fulfillment and success both in spiritual as well as physical matters this coming year. Here at East Melbourne things are looking particularly upbeat. In the past few months East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation has seen a continued expansion in its activities.



With regular weddings, now some bar mitzvahs and even the occasional bris, East Melbourne Shul is starting to become a venue of choice for people wanting a special and intimate atmosphere for their simchahs and events. We are also finding an increase in tours, school groups, religious groups and functions in the Victor Smorgon Community Hall.

A recent highlight was the Melbourne Open House event on Sunday the 25th of July, which saw in excess of 1000 people come through the shul to learn more about Judaism and the iconic shul. EMHC's involvement was featured in *The Age*. (24/7) The above picture of our new office manager, Ruth Leonards, is taken from that article. Left and below are pictures of Rabbi Gutnick and Dennis Martin engaging the crowds.



An upcoming highlight will be the bar mitzvah of Jordan Davis on Parshat Noach. This will be a historic occasion celebrating four generations of bar mitzvahs from the one family at East Melbourne Shul. We have also developed our plans for the Torah dedication celebrating 150 years of continual Torah services at East Melbourne Synagogue.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope that this year delivers many blessings for our entire congregation and indeed all *Klal Yisrael*. May it be a year of peace in the world at large, in our homeland Israel and in each of our individual lives.

Service Times

SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

Friday evening:
Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv: 6:30 / 7 pm
Shabbat morning:
Shacharit followed by Kiddush: 9:30 am

WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES

Rosh Chodesh: First day of Jewish month –
7:30 am followed by breakfast

Minchah: Mon –Thurs
during winter months i.e. non-DST 1:15 pm

Rabbi's Shit: Mondays 12:30 pm

Office Hours

Office manager: Ms Ruth Leonards

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

The office will not be open on public or
Jewish holidays.

Messages left on the answering machine
or synagogue email will be attended to by
the next working day.

The Rabbi can always be contacted on his
mobile phone 0430 384 948.

High Holidays 5771/2010 Calendar & Service Times

ROSH HASHANAH

Wed. 08 Sept
1st Night Rosh Hashanah

Candle Lighting 5:46pm
Maariv prayer service 6:15pm

Thurs. 09 Sept.
1st Day Rosh Hashanah

Shachrit - Morning service 9:00am
Shofar 11:15am
Minchah/Tashlich 2:15pm

Friday 10 Sept.
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Shachrit 9:00am
Shofar 11:15am

Please note Rosh Hashanah runs right into
Shabbat. You will light Shabbat candles
before 5:48pm from an existing flame.

Please note: the custom of kaparos which is
done as an atonement on the day prior to
Yom Kippur can be done with money as a
donation to charity. Its instruction and service
can be found in the Siddur and doesn't
require a minyan or official service.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur Eve
Friday 17 Sept

Fast begins 5:54pm
Kol Nidrei 6:15pm

Yom Kippur Day
Sat 18 Sept

Shachrit 9:00am
Yizkor (approx) 11:45am
Minchah 4:30pm
Neilah 5:40pm
Fast concludes 6:51pm

SUKKOT

Sukkot Eve
Wed 22 Sept

Candle Lighting 5:58pm
Maariv 6:30pm

1st Day Sukkot
Thurs. 23 Sept

Shachrit 9:30am

2nd Day Sukkot
Friday 24 Sept.

Shachrit 9:30am

Please note the Sukkah will be open daily
over all the days of Sukkot (Thursday 23rd –
Wednesday 29th September) from
10:00am – 3:00pm. Lunch and
refreshments will be available on all
weekdays, and a Kiddush will occur after
services on holidays.

SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

Shemini Atzeret Eve
Wed 29 Sept.

Candle Lighting 6:04pm

Shemin Atzeret Day
Thurs 30 Sept.

Shachrit 9:30am
Yizkor 11:00am

Simchat Torah eve
Thurs Eve 30 Sept

Maariv and Dancing 7:00pm

Simchat Torah Day
Friday 01 Oct.

Shachrit 9:30am
Hakafof Dancing 10:15am
Special Kiddush 12:30pm

Please note the festival runs straight into
Shabbat. The Shabbat candles will be lit
before 6:06pm from an existing flame

Memorial Dedications at EMHC

EMHC now has a number of new options for making a dedication at the shule in honour of a loved one. Many people have already chosen to dedicate a seat with a plaque as an eternal dedication to those who came before them and sat at that seat in the shul. Recently we have started the concept of placing a plaque on one of the beams of the Bimah to commemorate a pillar of our community. The first plaque to go up was for the late Mr Michael Schwarz whose *yahrzeit* will be commemorated this Shabbat in shul. A number of others have already been booked. If you would like to dedicate with one of these options or choose to dedicate a memorial lamp in the front of the shul, or even dedicate something more major at the shul, please contact the shul office to discuss prices and concept with Ruth – 9662 1372.

Yizkor Form 2010

To make a memorial offering on Yom Kippur during Yizkor, please fill in this form and return it with a donation to EMHC, 488 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002

I/we (Name) _____

hereby offer \$ _____ in memory of:

(1) HEBREW NAME _____

ENGLISH NAME _____

(2) HEBREW NAME _____

ENGLISH NAME _____

(3) HEBREW NAME _____

ENGLISH NAME _____

(Please attach more names if required.)

SIGNED _____

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

Credit Card: Visa/Mastercard

Expiry Date ____/____/____

or post a cheque payable to EMHC to
488 Albert Street, East Melbourne, 3002.

In order to make our service more accommodating, we will not be calling an extended list of names at Yizkor this year. The shul will only call names of people who have sent in this form or who are on our memorial boards in the shul's foyer. Yizkor is ideally fulfilled by one saying it personally at the yizkor service. Thank you for your understanding.

Yahrzeits (Elul-Tishrei)

We wish the families of the following, who have their yahrzeit in the coming two months, a long life and may the Neshamot (souls) of their loved ones continue to have an Aliyah (ascent in the spiritual realms).

Mr J Davis, 1 Elul
Chaya Tzarna Sternfein, 2 Elul
Mrs Chana Golda Spigelman, 3 Elul
Mr Samuel Jacobs, 4 Elul,
Mr Max Silberthau, 4 Elul
Mr John Rothfild, 5 Elul
Mr Ludwig Schiffan, 6 Elul
Loika (Lea) Grunfeld, 7 Elul
Mr Yankel Rosenbaum, 9 Elul
Lillian Lieder OC, 9 Elul
Mr Arthur Symons, 9 Elul
Mrs Morley, 11 Elul
Mrs Helene Jedwab, 12 Elul
Mrs Bernice Robin, 12 Elul
Mr Hirshel Ryza, 12 Elul
Mr Morris Revelman 13 Elul
Mrs Bourne, 15 Elul
Mrs. Miriam Levy, 15 Elul
Mr Abe Rawicki, 18 Elul
Rabbi Moshe Honig, 18 Elul
Mr Simon Yescovitch, 20 Elul
Mrs Sara Lieder,
Mr Hymie Wald, 20 Elul
Julie Power, 21 Elul
Miss Julia Morris, 22 Elul
Mr Sydney Revelman, 22 Elul
Mr Ian Abraham, 23 Elul
Mrs Annie Markham, 24 Elul
Mr Michael Schwarz, 24 Elul
Mr Cecil Harris, 27 Elul
Ms Mara (Miriam) Goodman, 28 Elul

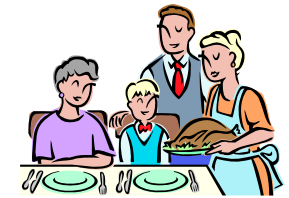
Mr Israel Falman, 1 Tishrei
Mrs Miriam Rosenberg, 2 Tishrei
Mr Karol Berhang, 7 Tishrei
Mr Michael Silberthau, 7 Tishrei
Mr Ignagy Maschler, 10 Tishrei
Miss Zara Revelman, 11 Tishrei
Mr Chaskel Kurop, 11 Tishrei
Mr Victor Kaufman, 13 Tishrei
Mrs Fanny Efron, 13 Tishrei
Mrs I. Kleiman, 13 Tishrei
Mr Melle Kaplan, 15 Tishrei
Mr Sam Yescovitch, 17 Tishrei
Dr Morris C. Davis, 18 Tishrei
Mr Isaac Resenberg, 19 Tishrei
Mr Izzy Lew, 20 Tishrei
Mr David Morley, 22 Tishrei
Mrs Nellie Jacobs, 25 Tishrei
Mr Ben Abrahams, 25 Tishrei
Mrs Golda Morris, 25 Tishrei
Miss Julie Gavartin, 26 Tishrei
Sir John Monash, 27 Tishrei
Mrs Sophia Davis, 28 Tishrei
Mr Isador Levy, 28 Tishrei

High Holiday Kiddush Sponsorship

Kiddush will be provided after services at East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation during all of the High Holiday period.

We would be very grateful for kiddush sponsorships on the following dates at \$90 per kiddush:

- First day Rosh HaShana, Thursday 08 September
- Second day Rosh HaShana, Friday 09 September
- Breaking the Fast, Yom Kippur, Saturday 18 September
- First day Sukkot, Thursday 23 September
- Second day Sukkot, Friday 24 September
- Chol HaMoed Sukkot, 25-28 September
- Shemini Atzeret, Wednesday 29 September
- Simchat Torah evening, Thursday 30 September
- Simchat Torah, Friday 01 October



Your Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date to be sponsored ____/____/____

Occasion (e.g., yahrzeit, birthday, anniversary)

Enclosed is my cheque payable to
East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation

Please charge the amount of \$..... to my

Visa / Mastercard

Card No: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____ Amount _____

Signature: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Please Return to East Melbourne Synagogue 488 Albert Street East Melbourne 3002

Congregation News

Mazal Tov! Wedding of Sam and Fiona

In a lovely ceremony Sam Szvemer and Fiona Lewi had their wedding at East Melbourne Shul in April. We wish them all the best for the future and a *binyan adei ad al yesodei hatorah vehamtzvot* – an everlasting edifice built upon the foundation of Torah and Mitzvot.

Mazal Tov! Wedding of Alex and Lironne

Mazal Tov to Alex and Lironne Voskoboinik on their recent wedding at East Melbourne Shul. It was a fabulous and joyous event viewed by a full shul. A hearty Mazal Tov to the Voskoboinik and Wein families. We wish them all the best for the future and a *binyan adei ad al yesodei hatorah vehamtzvot* – an everlasting edifice built upon the foundation of Torah and Mitzvot.

Mazal Tov! It's a boy – Mossenson/Noyelle

We extend warm Mazal Tov wishes Patrick Noyelle and Simone Mossenson on the birth of their lovely baby boy David, who had his bris at our shul in what was a wonderful and moving Simchah. Much Nachas to the whole family.

Mazal Tov! It's a boy – Flamm/Harris

A huge Mazal Tov to Rhonda Flamm (Bubby) and Ellen Harris (Aunt Bubby), two stalwarts of our community, on the birth of Jonathan Michael to Deborah and Jason Flamm. Much Nachas to the whole family. We look forward to counting him in our shul minyan in a few years time.

Beruchim Habaim - Welcome Back Alan and Vivien Davis.

A warm welcome back to Dr Alan and Viv Davis who were overseas for a couple of months earlier in the year.

Zetchem Lshalom – Bon Voyage Professor Richard Wassursug

EMHC had the immense pleasure of hosting a distinguished personality over the past six months in Prof. Richard Wassursug. Richard was living around the corner from the shul on six month sabbatical from his university in Halifax. In addition to attending every week, he riveted us all with his presentation on Tikkun leil Shavuot about prostate cancer sufferers and a link to the Temple cherubim.

Refuah Sheleimah – Mrs Miriam Ovadia

Best Wishes for a speedy recovery for Mrs Miriam Ovadia, who has now moved to the Montefiore Homes. Anyone able to visit Miriam will be doing a big mitzvah and have the pleasure of spending time in the presence of a woman of enormous piety.

The passing of Mina Lazarus O"H

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Dr Mark Lazarus and his family on the passing of his mother Mrs Mina Lazarus. *Tehey Nishmatah Tzerurah Bitzror Hachaim* – May her soul be bound in the bond of eternal life.

The passing of Ida Mehr O"H

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Freda Wald and her family on the passing of her dear mother Wanda - Ida. *Tehey Nishmatah Tzerurah Bitzror Hachaim* – May her soul be bound in the bond of eternal life.

The passing of Jane Binstock O"H

Our condolences to the Jacobs and Binstock families on the passing of Jane Binstock in June this year. *Tehey Nishmatah Tzerurah Bitzror Hachaim* – May her soul be bound in the bond of eternal life.

The passing of Mira Webber O"H

Our condolences to Sarah Black and family on the passing of her dear mother. *Tehey Nishmatah Tzerurah Bitzror Hachaim* – May her soul be bound in the bond of eternal life.

Welcome to our family!

We take this opportunity to welcome several new people and families who have become affiliated with our congregation in recent weeks:

The Pryles family, who look forward to celebrating the wedding of David Pryles to Natalie Sussman at EMHC next year.

The Teicher family in anticipation of Ethan's upcoming bar mitzvah next year. Ethan has already begun bar mitzvah classes with Rabbi Gutnick and is doing a great job.

Fiona Moon, who has helped bolster our attendance in the women's gallery on a weekly basis.

Quotable Quote

"Your fellow is your mirror: If your own face is clean, the image you see will also be pure;

Should you however look upon your fellow man and see a blemish, it is your own imperfection that you are perceiving."

- Rabbi Israel Baal Shem Tov

The Art of being a Jew

By Rabbi David Gutnick



(c) Zalman Kleinman

can get bad press by being confused with vaguely defined Jewish culture and tradition).

Albert, a regular attendee at our Shabbat morning services at EMHC, seems to enjoy the fact that on certain Shabbat days I walk right past the MCG on my way to and from shule. In his head he envisions the Collingwood Essendon game halted (or umpire Tufnell calling dead ball) as a black clad, bearded rabbi taking the most direct route to shule, walks through a players gate, onto the hallowed turf right through the middle of the ground and off at the opposite boundary. The stark contrast is indeed rather quirky.

Yet this rather bizarre and imaginative scene actually struck me as being much more.

The practice of Judaism is both a science and an art. Walking four cubits in a public domain whilst holding an object on Shabbat is the creative and therefore prohibited act of carrying on Shabbat; three and a half is not. We pray within certain time frames, we practice within certain spaces, we operate within particular dimensions. It is very precise and massively academic. For six months at a time I sat in rabbinical colleges grappling with nuanced detail and fine points within Jewish law and practice.

Yet Judaism will also buck this nuanced and measurable form and become something much more fluid and subtle. More alive and more human; an art form. Prayer loses all its dimensions and becomes a life journey, a meaningful voyage through spiritual realms. Our Divine service stirs the emotions, raises the passions and touch our very soul. We are a nation who serves G-d with love and fear, song and tears. (Unfortunately this side of Judaism

Perhaps it is due to my Chassidic upbringing but I have always felt this is the dominant path for a Jew to take. Don't just explain Judaism, experience Judaism. Sing and rejoice with the people and with our G-d. Reach out and touch the Divine in our every day lives. Of course, in order to experience this we have to know and follow the Divine instruction.

To put it in slightly different terms: I've often justified the Yiddish adage "S'es shver tzu zayn a Yid" (translation: It ain't easy being Jewish) by picturing an old lady in a small village in Poland scurrying around a one room hut, trying to cook, clean and take care of her children, while her husband struggles up the hill carrying water buckets across his shoulders with a group of bloodthirsty Cossacks hounding and tormenting the local Jewish population. Fair enough.

But when I hear an observant Jew (or even find myself) using this term to bemoan the fact that we can't go to a Collingwood game because it clashes with Friday night shule or we can't eat at McDonalds like everyone else, I'm

left feeling a little ashamed.

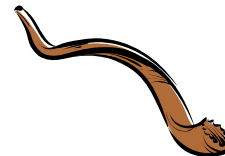
Yiddishkeit is not a religious yoke; in fact I don't even view it as a religion at all. Yiddishkeit is a total living experience encompassing every one of our human faculties to our very core.

When the Seer of Lublin was told that the long awaited Messiah had arrived, he went to his window and breathed the air and said sadly, "no, it isn't in the air." I am no seer but as a small child I was able to sense the air when Shabbat was coming. Of course, the spiritual glow in the Friday afternoon sky, and the physical aromas of my mother's Shabbat cooking, and my father dressed in his long Shabbat cloak all helped to set the scene.

And it's not just Shabbat. Every Jewish experience comes alive in a symphony of physical and spiritual sensations. If done right, we can find a place where our heart sings with joy; if we only give ourselves the chance. How? By reading the manual and following the instructions. It's that simple.

As I ask of myself, I humbly suggest for all our dear congregants as well: This year give Yiddishkeit a chance. Let's open up the Book(s) and take upon ourselves a few good deeds. Choose some that speak to you. Within 613 Mitzvot, surely we can find one or two that get the juices flowing. King David said "taste and see how good it is." Give it a chance, give it a taste and see what happens.

How fortunate are we that our destination is not (only) the MCG but rather the Synagogue higher up the road.



כתיבה וחתימה טובה, לשנה טובה ומתוקה
*Wishing you and your family
a happy, healthy and sweet new year.*

