

AROUND THE SHULES



KEHILLAT MASADA

Messiah, men and mortals

PERSPECTIVES, ideologies and even whole communities were challenged through a discussion between Kehillat Masada's Rabbi Gad Krebs (pictured right) and Newtown Synagogue's Rabbi Eli Cohen (pictured left) at a debate held at Kehillat Masada. While the rabbis disagreed about their ideologies, they acknowledged the debate should focus on bringing people closer to Judaism.

CREMORNE SYNAGOGUE Shabbat for the Anzacs

IN keeping with Cremorne Synagogue's establishment as a war memorial in 1960, the Anzac Commemorative Shabbat has been a longstanding tradition at the shule. This tradition continued late last month when the shule honoured the centenary year of the end of World War I and the centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux. President of Cremorne Synagogue John Gallo explained that the Anzac Shabbat is a most important annual event on the synagogue's calendar, stating that it provides a valuable opportunity for the Cremorne community to demonstrate its connection with greater Australian society.

President of the NSW Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men & Women Roger Selby delivered the Anzac address, and Rabbi Chaim Konceptolski led the congregation in the traditional singing of *Adon Olam* to the tune of *Waltzing Matilda*, after which an Anzac-themed kiddush was enjoyed by all.

Among the reminders of Cremorne Synagogue's origin is the hallway dedicated to the memory of Captain John Harris Samuels – a doctor and soldier who was killed on the second day of the Battle of

El Alamein while operating on a wounded soldier.

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Is suicide the 11th plague?

NORTH Shore Temple Emanuel is hosting a conversation on suicide prevention this Saturday, May 12 at 4.30pm.

The Jewish Suicide Prevention Strategy (JSPS) – which was officially launched on World Suicide Prevention Day in September last year, with the launch of the strategy document in March this year – will be discussed.

As the principle of "pikuach nefesh", saving a life, demands that communities take action, the Sydney Jewish community is coming together to promote strategies to keep its vulnerable members from taking their own life.

Light refreshments will be served, and the discussion will be followed by a short and embracing havdalah ritual for those who wish to stay for spiritual sustenance.

The JSPS also offers free mental health first aid training and has set up a monthly Suicide Impacting Me support group.

Register: (02) 9419 7011. If you or someone you know is struggling, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Jewish House on 1300 544 357

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE EXHIBITION

Old shule seen with fresh eyes

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THE exquisite architecture and ornaments of The Great Synagogue may have been depicted before, but the shule's new exhibition *First 140 Years*, opening with a grand launch on May 20, brings members of the public a fresh perspective on its proud past.

Curator of the exhibition Jana Vytrhlik commented, "To celebrate [The Great Synagogue's] important 140th anniversary we wanted to come up with something different and the exhibition *First 140 Years* sets a new task: to bring to visitors new material, and a different perspective and interpretation – perhaps one never explored before."

In eight thematic sections, the exhibition will feature rare photographs presented with corresponding documents, artworks and objects from The Great Synagogue's AM Rosenblum Jewish Museum and other historical collections.

The exhibition will explore, for



Curator Jana Vytrhlik delves into the archives of The Great Synagogue.

example, the role of prodigious architect Thomas Rowe – an Anglican by faith, who had possibly never entered a synagogue before he designed and built The Great at the close of the 19th century.

Enlargements of beautifully preserved colourful maps and street plans of old Sydney from the 1850s that mark the first purpose-built synagogue in York Street will also be on display. They reflect the congregation's interesting heritage, which saw a

second breakaway shule appear on Macquarie Street, before the two shules eventually merged into one bigger congregation forming The Great on Castlereagh Street.

The exhibition also focuses on women closely associated with The Great through the ages and those in the community today, who are led by chief minister of The Great Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton.

Having conducted research into the interior of The Great, Rabbi Elton's discovery of information about the rearrangement of the bimah's position and The Great's choir between 1906 and 1911, creates an additional element of interest for visitors.

Vytrhlik commented, "It is the second exhibition we have worked on together ... We are from different backgrounds but have one thing in common – we come from places with a strong Jewish history, which we see through the eyes of an historian."

All are invited to the exhibition launch on Sunday, May 20 at midday.

CONGREGATIONS

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BONDI MIZRACHI SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9130 5973;
www.mizrachi.org.au
Rabbi Shua Solomon
Services: Shacharit: 6.30am every weekday morning. Sunday: 8am.
Mincha Sunday and during the week is 10 minutes before sunset. Shabbat afternoon Mincha is 25 minutes before sunset (followed by seudat shlishit and maariv)
Kabbalat Shabbat in winter is 5.45pm

THE CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9355 4000; Fax: (02) 9355 4099;
www.centralsynagogue.com.au.
Rabbis: Levi Wolff; Rabbi David Freedman; Rabbi Yehuda Niasoff. Cantor: Shimon Farkas
OAM. Monday - Friday Shacharit 6.30am; Monday - Thursday Mincha followed by Maariv 5pm; 2nd Maariv 7.30pm. Sundays/ Public Holidays Shacharit/Mincha-Maariv 8am/5pm. Friday Mincha 1pm. Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm; Friday Night Children's Service 6.15pm; Youth Minyan 6.15pm; Saturday Shacharit 8.45am; Children's Service 10.30am. Mincha/Seuda Shlishit/Maariv approx 1 hour prior end Shabbat.
Bar Mitzvah: Jake Shore. Rosh Hineni, Seniors, Lauren: hinenisydney@gmail.com; Sgan Rosh Hineni, Juniors, Jordana: sgan.syd@hineni.org.au.

COOGEE SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9315 8291;
www.coogeesynagogue.org;
administration@coogeesynagogue.org.
Rabbi: Elozer Gestetner;
Services: Friday 6.30pm; Saturday 9.15am; 1st Sunday of the month: 8am Shacharit followed by bagels and lox breakfast; Bar/Bat Mitzvah Club and Coogee Synagogue Youth: enquiries via email/phone above;

Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs M Kovari: (02) 9327 2007; Sick/hospital visits: contact Rabbi.
Coogee Batory Kindergarten: (02) 9664 1492.

CREMORNE SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9908 1853;
www.cremornesyndagogue.com;
info@cremornesyndagogue.com.
Rabbi Chaim Konceptolski.
Services: Friday 6pm; Saturday Shacharit/Mussaf 9.30am, Mincha and seudat shlishit one hour and 15 minutes before Shabbat ends winter time, 5.30pm summertime; Shacharit Monday 6.30am.
Cheder - enquiries to the Rabbi.

DOVER HEIGHTS SHULE

(02) 9371 0055; nfo@dhs.org.au;
www.doverheightsshule.org.au.
Rabbi Motti Feldman.
Services: Monday - Friday 6.30am; Sunday - Thursday Mincha - 15 minutes before sunset followed by shiur and Maariv. Friday 6.30pm; Saturday 9.30am. Youth programs. Saturday Mincha: one hour prior to sunset. Sunday: 9am. Enquiries: (02) 9371 0055.

EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE

www.emanuel.org.au;
Office: (02) 9389 6444
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Offering Progressive, Masorti and Renewal streams. Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins, Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio, Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff, Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth, Reverend Sam Zwarenstein Erev Shabbat: Friday 6:15pm Shabbat Live and Carlebach services Saturday 9am Masorti, 10am Progressive Masorti minyan: Monday & Thursday 6.45am Renewal: Coffee & Kabbalah Wed 11am - Max Brenner, Bondi Junction Netzer Youth: sydney@netzer.org.au.

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9267 2477;
Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton;
Reverend Josh Weinberger;
www.greatsynagogue.org.au
Friday night: 6pm followed by Kiddush (entry Elizabeth Street). Shabbat morning: Class (shiur) at 8.30am, Shacharit 8.45am-11.30am followed by Kiddush (entry Elizabeth Street). Shabbat Mincha: after Kiddush. Shacharit: Monday and Thursday 7am/ Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7.15am; Entrance on weekdays is from Castlereagh Street. Rosh Chodesh, Chol Hamoed and Selichot 6.45am.

KEHILLAT KADIMAH

(02) 9371 7300;
admin@kadimahsydney.org;
www.kadimahsydney.org.
Chazan Rabbi Yehoshua Niasoff.
Services: Shacharit Monday, Thursday, Fast Days & Rosh Chodesh 6.30am; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6.45am; Sunday, Public Holidays 8.00am; Mincha-Maariv Sunday-Thursday 5.10pm; Friday night 5.45pm.
Shabbat 9.00am (Tehillim 8.55am); Children's Services 10.30am.

KEHILLAT MASADA, ST IVES

(02) 9988 4417; www.kehillatmasada.com.au;
info@kehillatmasada.com.au. Rabbi Gad Krebs.
Admin manager: Maish Grauman. Services: Shacharit Mondays & Thursdays 6.20am, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 6.30am, Sundays & Public holidays 8.15am, Week day Rosh Chodesh 6.15am. Maariv Sun to Thurs 7.30pm. Erev Shabbat & Chagim 6.30pm. Shacharit Shabbat & chagim 9am. Shabbat Children's Service 10.30am.

KEHILLAT MORIAH

(02) 9375 1600; Rabbi:Dr Aryeh Solomon.
Office: Monday-Friday 8am-4.30pm.
Services: Fridays 6.30pm; Saturday 9.30am
Call office for information on Shabbat services, bar/bat mitzvahs, anniversaries and weddings.

MAROURBRA SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Yossi Friedman:
Services: Mornings Monday and Thursday 6.30am except on Rosh Chodesh 6.15am. Sunday morning 8am; Evening services Sunday to Thursday 7.30pm; Shabbat: Friday 6pm; Shacharit 9am; Mincha one hour fifteen minutes before Shabbat ends. Children's services Shabbat 10.45am; Please contact the office on (02) 9344 6095 for any information; PO Box 110 Maroubra NSW 2035. admin@maroubrasynagogue.org.au.

NEWTOWN SYNAGOGUE

Rabbi Eli Cohen 0410 513 770;
Services: Friday 6.30pm; Sat 9.30am
Shiur: Sat 9am (02) 9550 1192;
www.newtown.shul.org.au;
newtown@shul.org.au.

NORTH SHORE SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9416 3710; Email: info@nss.asn.au;
website: www.nss.asn.au
Rabbi Paul Lewin;
Rabbi Emeritus, David Rogut OAM;
Chazan, Zvi Teichtahl.
Services: Shacharit, Mon and Thursday 6.40am. Friday evening 6.30pm. Saturday 9.15am. Children's service 10.45am
Enquiries (02) 9416 3710.

NORTH SHORE TEMPLE EMANUEL

(02) 9419 7011; info@nste.org.au;
www.nste.org.au; Rabbi Nicole Roberts, Rabbi Emeritus Richard Lampert
Services: Friday 6.30pm, Saturday 10am
Apples & Honey Preschool (02) 9412 4839
Meah Hebrew & Religion School 0416 688 911
Years K-6: Sundays 9am, Years 5-6: Wednesdays 4pm, Year 7: Thursdays 4.30pm.

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/https://www.facebook.com/or.chadash/.
Rabbi Alon Meltzer. President: Dr Jonathan Erlich; Shabbat morning service 9.15am; Children's Service 10am.

PARRAMATTA SYNAGOGUE

(02) 9683 5626; Rabbi: Roni Cohavi.
Services: Shabbat - Friday 6.30pm, Saturday 10am; High holy days and festivals. Shiur Tuesday evenings 7.30pm. Cheder: Sunday 10am to 12 noon school terms. Ages 5 to 13 years. Bar and bat mitzvah classes by arrangement with the Rabbi. Please like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/ParramattaSynagogue.
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SOUTHERN SYDNEY SYNAGOGUE

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Services: Friday 6.30pm; Saturday 9am.
Minister: Tzuriel Avila 0402 626 243
Cheder: Sunday 10.00-11.30am
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