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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I write this on a bright and sunny morning – it's springtime here in Hobart, looking out on a mass of golden daffodils (I should think that Wordsworth would have had excellent inspiration here for *that* poem!) It all looks so peaceful and beautiful and I feel very lucky to be here. Oh, that the rest of the world could be so fortunate! It must be the time of the year - the old one just about over, the High Holy Days just about here - that makes me so reflective and appreciative of the good things in life. Yes, there are dark and gloomy clouds on the horizon: the world remembers the horror of three years ago in New York and the continuing terror in Israel and the Middle East, in Sudan and elsewhere. But, I'm a naturally positive person and there's a "lot of good out there" too! People helping other people in all sorts of different ways. Let's remember, especially at this time of the year, that all our good deeds can and do make a difference, to our family and friends and further afield (*Tzedakah* [charity]). And, we've been hearing a lot lately about "taking care of our environment". If we all make a positive commitment to recycle and re-use whatever we can in our daily lives, we can make a real difference to our world.

"Thank You", Roz and all our contributors, for making this *Chaverim* such a great read!

Chag Sameach L'Shana TovaCAROLINE

PS: I saw the following recently: I hope these words mean as much to you as they do to me:

IMAGINE WHAT YOU WOULD DO IF YOU KNEW YOU COULDN'T FAIL



AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

- To everyone on our sick list ... and there've been quite a few suffering winter ills and chills We wish you a very speedy recovery.
- Marjorie Negrin suffered a broken leg a few months ago and I'm pleased to report that she's much better and "back on both feet" again.
- Welcome back, Len and Renée Freedman, after your summer sojourn in the northern hemisphere.
- Patsy and Norm Zadik have been enjoying a visit from their son Gary (from Canada) and daughter Debbie (from Sydney)
- Happy Birthday to Iris Levy and Aviva Samuelson during August. Although we don't have a "Register of Birthdays" a little bird has told your editor that Len Freedman will be having a birthday during October. For those who have recently celebrated a birthday, anniversary or whatever and we haven't known about it ... Happy Birthday/Anniversary/Whatever...
- For people wishing to commemorate a *Yahrzeit*, please remember that *Yahrzeit* candles are obtainable from the *Kosher* section at Coles Supermarket, Sandy Bay.
- A warm welcome to new member of our community - Michael Newman.

Netzer celebrates 25 years in style

Winter camp 2004 has finished - and it was definitely one to remember. With over 170 participants from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart and Perth, from years 3 - 12, this truly federal camp was an overwhelming success. Held in the beautiful but chilly Licola, VIC, our chanichim (campers) spent 7 days interacting with other young Jews from around the country, exploring their Jewish identity, learning about Israel and examining what being a Progressive Jew means. Between the informal learning, sliding down the flying fox, climbing the high ropes, singing crazy songs, exploring the area on mountain bikes, Rikudei Am (Israeli folk dancing), sitting around the camp fire, playing on the oval and dressing up for "theme" meals, we also found time to celebrate 25 years of Netzer - and this culminated in a magical Shabbat. We were joined by approximately 20 past Netzer madrichim - who brought with them some of the history of the movement - and it was wonderful having them with us.

We were lucky to be joined at camp by Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black and family from the Leo Baeck Centre, and Dr Janice Alper, the new UPJ Director of Education, and it was wonderful to see first hand the support we enjoy from our communities and roof body. Also, Student Rabbi Kim Etlinger joined us for part of camp and added a special touch.

Our 25th year began in February with a Bogrim tour to Israel run for the first time in many, many years - 22 Bogrim who returned to Israel to re-connect. Our celebrations continued with this unique camp - the first time a federal all ages camp has been held - and plans are underway to continue the celebrations with another event later on in the year.

Netzer are led by a fantastically energetic, committed group of madrichim, who put in endless hours of their time to make sure that your communities have a vibrant, active and successful youth movement - which one day will provide the leaders of your community. Our success does not depend on our numbers - but without our chanichim, there is no movement. Your continued support of Netzer - by sending your children to camps and activities - will enable us to continue doing our part in Jewish continuity, promoting Israel and exploring what being a Progressive Jew means. Activities will be underway soon in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. Summer camps are the next big event to occur - Senior Camp (Yr's 10-12) - from all States - will be held from January 4th - 14th 2005, in Bright, VIC. Junior Camp (Yrs 3-10) will be held in both Melbourne and Sydney, from January 18th - 24th 2005.

For more information about Netzer and contact details for all states - go to www.netzer.org.au



Year 12's getting ready to tackle the climbing wall at Netzer Winter Camp.

Netzer Winter Camp 2004 – Aviva's Report

On Sunday the 4th of July, 2004 I went to Melbourne to take part in the Federal Winter Netzer Camp. Netzer had a birthday this year, it turned 25. This winter camp will be remembered as one of the most exciting in Netzer's history. There were around 175 participants from Adelaide, Perth, Tasmania, Sydney and Melbourne, from all ages. The name of the camp was Machaneh Mushlam which means the perfect camp. The camp was really fun, a couple of the activities Magnorah (the name of my group) did were high ropes course, and we also talked about how we changed our bodies to suit our religion and ourselves. We sang songs at mealtimes and after some mealtimes Magnorah did toronot. We had a Kabbalat Shabbat service and for Shabbat breakfast we had chocolate milk and chocolate cake. After that we had a Shabbat morning service and they had a representative from each state going up to the Torah, as I was the only person from Tasmania that meant that I had this honour. On Saturday night we had a skit-night, this was hilarious and went until 2.00am. On Sunday morning at 5.00am, we had to be up to say our farewells to the Sydney people. I left Licola (where the camp had been) at 8.00am to get back to Melbourne to catch my flight home. I would like to thank Yonathan for coming so early to collect me from Melbourne airport, and a huge thank you to Netzer for making it possible for me to attend this camp.

Aviva Samuelson

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The new Bimah cover to be designed and made by Mhoira Lauer-Patterson.

Arranging theme nights and study sessions

Fine tuning of Fire Evacuation Procedure

Preparation for the AGM

Screening of Israeli films in Hobart in November/December

Formation of a children/young person's group

Provision of a new Siddur for progressive services

The need for an extension of the Niche Wall at the Cornelian Bay Cemetery

Maintenance, carpeting and heating in the Synagogue

Organisation for the High Holy Days

SARAH RUBENSTEIN'S BAT MITZVAH

A bat/bar- mitzvah is a very special occasion in a young Jewish person's life and as part of the preparation, a drash is prepared on the relevant portion for that Shabbat. Here in Hobart, bat- and bar-mitzvahs are rarely celebrated .. due to the paucity of numbers of young people here! At the end of June, Sarah Rubenstein celebrated her bat-mitzvah, the service being conducted by Rabbi Fred Morgan from Temple Beth Israel in Melbourne. Sarah's drash shows her maturity - she has chosen to be bat-mitzvah a little later than is the norm - and we have included it in this "Chaverim" for everyone to read.

I know that everyone will join with me in congratulating Sarah and welcoming her, as we do all our previous and future bar- and bat-mitzvah youth. They are OUR future ...

Caroline Heard, President

There are many critical things that we are told about in this portion, but there is one in particular that I think has a lot of relevance today and to my life. It is about the role that men and women are expected to play, both in Jewish tradition and in society in general. In the first line of my reading we are told, "Miriam died there and was buried there". According to tradition, a well supplying all the water needs of the nation followed Miriam through the years when the people were in the desert. In Torah, when Miriam dies, the people immediately complain to Moses that they are without water. So the rabbis reasoned that Miriam's death meant that the well dried up. After her death, there is no mention of any mourning period for Miriam; instead the focus is on the material issue, the lack of water. The people seem to disregard the death of someone who had been so important. Soon after Miriam's death, we learn that Aaron also dies. By contrast with Miriam, Aaron is bewailed by the house of Israel for 30 days. I believe this contrast reveals a significant difference in how men and women are viewed and treated in general.

Although things are beginning to change now, throughout the ages women have typically been seen almost solely as mother figures. It is women who are associated with the nurturing role, which is often seen as less valuable than the public roles of men. Miriam was exactly this, a nurturing mother figure, and my portion shows that this role wasn't valued. But Miriam was also more than this. Miriam was the first prophetess, who prophesied the birth of Moses and the role that he would play as the redeemer of Israel. She also led the women of Israel in a song and dance of celebration after the Pharaoh's men were defeated in the sea. But this was forgotten. On the other hand Aaron was mourned because he was a respected peacemaker, but I believe this role was valued in part at least because he was a man.

My attention is drawn to Miriam and Aaron in this case simply because their deaths are close together and create such a contrast, but it is true that more often than not in Jewish tradition, the men take on the central and apparently more important roles. This is still true today. And this raises two problems for me. To begin with, I don't agree with the belief that nurturing and mothering are at all less important than other, more public roles, such as a priest or even peacemaker. It is actually the mothering that develops, and even protects to a degree, our peacemakers and leaders. Miriam was the one who first watched over Moses to make sure that he came to no harm.

I also think that there is much more to women than the nurturing roles that they may play, as is demonstrated by Miriam. In Jewish tradition, women are not usually given a chance to play public roles, leading to the conclusion that they are incapable of filling such important roles. This is an unreasonable generalization. One of the reasons that I feel quite strongly about this is because I would eventually like to be involved in international law or perhaps the diplomatic service, which may include some sort of role in peace making. It is something that has interested me for years.

If I had been told a couple years ago that I would be standing here today, there is no way that I would have believed it. It wasn't until about two years ago that I started to become involved in my religion. Since I was fairly young, I have thought of myself as Jewish but just because of heritage. To be honest I didn't give it that much thought. I don't actually remember now what made that change, but I think that it was very gradual. It might have started about four years ago when my wonderful teacher, Peter Jones, started my thinking about it. I first started coming to services because Judaism was part of me, but I really had no

involvement with it. So it was a desire to find out something about myself that prompted my search. From then on, my increasing interest and involvement was to do with an identity shift.

Anyone who knows me well will know that since I was about 12, I have been very involved in sport, especially rowing. For 6 years it has been a passion, and a huge part of my life. For a long time it was also a huge part of how I identified myself. I think I started to feel that identifying myself as an athlete wasn't enough to satisfy me. Being Jewish became more and more significant for me. It was this growing sense of being Jewish that made me decide I wanted to celebrate my bat mitzvah. I feel like this is the first step in my becoming like Miriam, offering to my community water from the well of Torah, and at the same time taking on the public role that it is my destiny as a Jewish woman to do.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support and that everyone has given me, and also to thank everyone who came on the day to share such a wonderful experience, that has changed my life."

Thanks

Sarah



DANISH ROYAL WEDDING

The Jewish National Fund planted 18 trees in Israel in honour of Mary Donaldson, who wed Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark. Carol and her daughter Aviva Samuelson presented the JNF certificate to representatives of the Royal Family in Copenhagen, while they were there with the Derwent Valley Band.

Donated by the National Council of Jewish Women's Tasmanian chapter, the 18 trees will bear a plaque with Mary's name on it. "The trees were planted by the NCJW in honour of the wedding" said Len Mahemoff, the JNF's federal bequests director, adding that the number 18 corresponds the the Hebrew letter "Chai", meaning "Life"

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur The High Holidays, also known as The Days of Awe.

(Thank you to Len Freedman for this article)

Rosh ha-Shanah (beginning of the year) is also known as Yom ha-Din (Day of Judgement), Yom ha-Zikharon (Day of Memorial), and Yom Teruah (Day of sounding the Shofar). In the Liberal community this is celebrated on the first of Tishri only, whilst the Orthodox community celebrate it on the first and second of Tishri.

Rosh ha-Shanah begins the observance of the Ten Penitential Days, a period ending with Yom Kippur. It is believed that on Rosh ha-Shanah it is decreed and written in the Book of Life, who shall live and who shall die, who shall see ripe old age and who not, who shall be in peace and who in torment, who rich and who poor etc. etc. (see the prayer Unetaneh tokef kedushat hayom page 176 Gates of Repentance) and on Yom Kippur the Book is sealed "but Penitence, Prayer and Charity can avert judgements severe decree". So all is not necessarily lost, one still has time between Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur to change ones ways, to repent, to pray and give charity.

The Torah portion that is read on Rosh ha-Shanah deals with God instructing Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. As an angel tells Abraham that God has spared Isaac, a ram appears, caught by its horns in a bush, and it is duly sacrificed. The rams horn has become a perpetual reminder of this episode of Abrahams willingness to serve God, and at various times during the service it is blown.

On Rosh ha-Shanah it is the custom, after Kiddush and ha-Motzi, to eat apple dipped in honey accompanied by the prayer for fruit (borei p'ri ha-eitz) and the request "May it be Your will, God and God of our fathers to renew on us a good and sweet year". It is also customary to eat a fruit that that we have not eaten that season, over which we make the prayer "She-he-chi-ONU" in which we thank God for permitting us to survive to this season.

Between Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur, it is customary to visit the graves of relatives.

In the evening of the 10th of Tishri, Yom Kippur commences with the Service of Kol Nidrei - "All vows and Obligations" - a plea to God to annul all the oaths and vows we made to Him, and which we were unable to fulfil after honest effort. At the very beginning of the service it is made clear that it is only promises to God that the Day of Atonement atones for. Transgressions of one human against another can only be atoned for by asking forgiveness from the injured party.

The service starts with a very moving appeal by the reader, in front of the open Ark, that though he considers himself unfit, because he is a sinner, for the great task he is about to perform, he should be judged as though he was entirely fitting for the task of being the representative of the congregation, that God should not blame the congregation for his sins, nor he for theirs.

The Ark is opened and the Scrolls are taken out. The Reader asks permission for the congregation to pray with sinners - this is from the time of the Spanish Inquisition when Jews were forced into converting to Catholicism (Marrano Jews) but inwardly were still Jews.

The reader then reads Kol Nidrei, asking absolution for the congregation for their broken promises to God and their sins. The Scrolls are returned to the Ark.

The Fast starts an hour before sunset and continues until the evening of the next day - when 3 stars are visible in the sky. It is customary not to wear leather or furs on Yom Kippur - shoes should be of cloth or plastic - trainers, gym shoes, slippers etc. The chazzan or reader should wear a white kittel in place of the normal black one, the Scrolls are covered in white and the curtain on the Ark also is changed to white for the High Holy Days.

The Fast is brought to a close by the sounding of the Shofar - Tekiah Gedolah - a very long blast as long as the lungs hold out!

An interesting fact - in Temple Times the High Priest would place his hands upon the head of a goat as he confessed the peoples sins; the goat was then taken into the wilderness and thrown over a precipice. This act was symbolic of expiation and God's forgiveness. Thus we have the concept of a scapegoat, someone who bears the blame for the faults of others.

A similar concept was followed when I was a child, known in Yiddish as "to schlock kappores". Before Yom Kippur my grandfather would buy a live chicken and on the day before the Holiday everyone in the family would swing the chicken above their head whilst saying a prayer transferring their sins to the bird, which afterwards would be killed and given to the poor. I don't remember whether at the time I thought the ceremony "fun" or whether I was terrified as I helped my grandfather swing the hapless bird round my head. When my grandfather became too ill to cope with live birds the ceremony was carried out using a handful of coins which were later given to charity.

A still further example of a ceremony to cast out sins is that of Tashlich which is carried out in the afternoon of the first day of Rosh ha-Shanah. The penitents walk to a river or the sea and recite penitential prayers, the essence of which is the hope that their sins will be cast "into a place where they shall no more be remembered nor visited nor ever come to mind".



Sunday Morning Concert - 27 June 2004

A selection of photos from this very special concert which was held at our Shul on Sunday morning, the 27th of June 2004.

KOSHER KORNER

Did you know that Coles at Sandy Bay in Hobart has an ever-growing KOSHER SECTION ? The new manager, Rob Sanders, is very sympathetic and has improved/enlarged on what was started by the previous manager, David Dillon. We are hopeful of having kosher margarine, small goods and (whisper, whisper!!) kosher MEAT very soon which will all augment and enhance the kosher range available for purchase here in Hobart/Tasmania. So, holidaymakers and those on self-catering holidays won't have to 'schlepp' kosher products/foods here ... everything may be bought locally.

I also had a call from the Delicatessen in Elizabeth Mall, central Hobart ... kosher [sweet] biscuits, along with matzo, may be purchased there now.



3 August 2004
16 Av 5764

Dear Friends,

In my new capacity as the Executive Director of the Union for Progressive Judaism, I am initiating a monthly communication with you pertaining to the UPJ. The first week of every month you will receive information that you can transmit to your congregation or affiliates via your newsletters, e-mail or hard copy. I hope you find it of value and feel that it connects us with your congregation.

For this month we are sending you the following items:

A new year greeting from Penny Jakobovits and me

A letter of information about “YESH”, the King David School trip to Israel in December

A flyer about the Ketubah Design contest sponsored by the Moetzah (separate attachment as a .pdf file)

A preliminary information registration packet about the upcoming UPJ Conference in November (brochures will be available the end of August)

Specifications for a Poster to display at the Conference highlighting one aspect of your institution

A notice from Ian Samuel pertaining to a change in status of ARZI to ARZA—it is requested that this notice be distributed 28 days before the meeting date of October 11. If you are unable to print it in your newsletter, we are requesting that you distribute it with High Holyday tickets or during the High Holydays so that people have ample notice of the change.

Thank you to those of you who included UPJ information in your recent newsletters. I recognize that space is limited, however, I would like to request that, at the minimum, you include the words “Affiliated with the Union for Progressive Judaism, Australia, New Zealand and Asia” somewhere in your masthead or on your editorial page.

I appreciate the warm welcome you have extended to me upon my arrival. I look forward to working with all of you and doing great things together. Best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy and successful new year and may there be peace in Israel.

L’shalom,

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FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

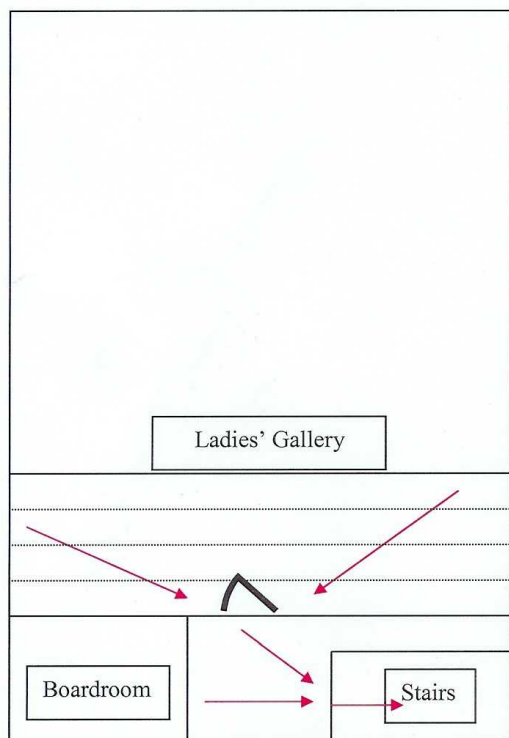
Please read and remember..... the life you save may be your own!

(Thanks Daniel for putting this together)

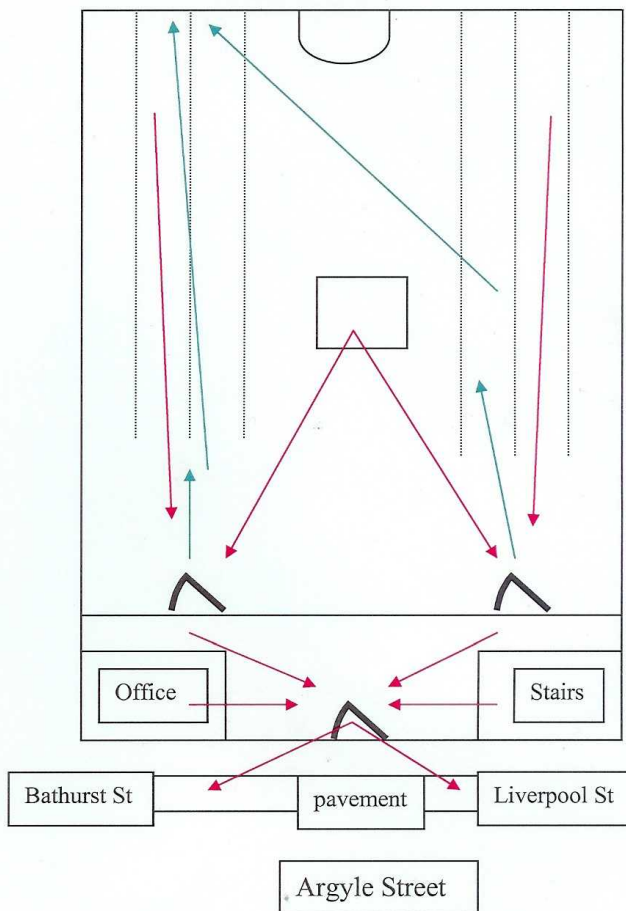
FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

- IF A FIRE OCCURS, THE PERSON WHO IS THE FIRE WARDEN ON THAT DAY WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES.
- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE WARDEN.
- EVACUATE THE BUILDING THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR (AS SHOWN BY THE RED ARROWS IN THE DIAGRAMS BELOW) UNLESS THE FIRE WARDEN SAYS TO EVACUATE VIA THE BACK WINDOW (AS SHOWN BY THE GREEN ARROWS IN THE DIAGRAMS BELOW).
- REMEMBER TO STAY ON THE PAVEMENT AND MOVE TOWARDS BATHURST AND LIVERPOOL STREET CORNERS, BUT DO NOT CROSS ARGYLE STREET.

UPSTAIRS



DOWNSTAIRS



PROMOTING OUR TRADITIONS

In our shul, on the bimah, we are looking to promote our traditions of:

wearing tallit when on the bimah,
(men) to wear kippot/yarmulke
sensible and decorous attire

Your co-operation will be warmly appreciated.

From your Board



Mark Anshan, Chairman of ARZENU (International Federation of Reform and Progressive Religious Zionists) to visit Australia and New Zealand

ARZA Australia are very pleased and privileged to announce the upcoming visit of Mark Anshan, the chairman of the world body ARZENU of which ARZA Australia is a member.

Mark, who lives in Toronto, Canada is a long time leader of the reform movement. Apart from being the current ARZENU Chairman, Mark is also Vice Chair of the Union of Reform Judaism (our sister movement in North America), as well as being a member of the Education and Information technology Committees of the Jewish Agency for Israel Board of Governors.



Mark speaks and writes on Middle East and Israeli current affairs and appears as a political commentator and analyst on TV public affairs programs.

Mark will be visiting our community in October 2004. He will be in Auckland on the 11th, Wellington on the 12th, Sydney from 13th – 16th, Melbourne 17th – 18th, Adelaide 19th and Perth 20th October.

The World Zionist Organization,
The Jerusalem Program and ARZA
What's the connection?

What Is The World Zionist Congress?

In 1897, Herzl convened Jewish leaders from around the world in Basel, Switzerland to discuss the condition of the Jewish People. The delegates at the meeting decided to create a movement whose goal it was to establish a Jewish Homeland and thus the World Zionist Organization was born.

What is the Jerusalem Program?

The Jerusalem Program is the set of ideals and principles on which all Zionists agree. It was adopted in 1951 at the 23rd WZO Congress, revised by the 27th Zionist Congress in 1968 and again recently revised at the June 2004 session of the WZO in Jerusalem. The full text of the Jerusalem program can be found over the page. All affiliates of the Zionist Federation of Australia are required to accept the Jerusalem Program in order to be accepted as an affiliate.

What is ARZA?

ARZA, the Australian Reform Zionist Organisation, promotes Progressive Zionist activities to the Australian Jewish community and helps to foster understanding between Israel and Australia with the aim of closer links between the two countries.

ARZA is an affiliate of the Union for Progressive Judaism. ARZA is a member of ARZENU – which was founded in 1980 as an "ideological grouping" or Brit Olamit within the WZO. ARZENU represents the interests of these groups and of Reform and Progressive Judaism worldwide in the governing bodies of the WZO and in the Jewish Agency for Israel – and its influence can be seen in an excerpt of the revised Jerusalem Program

The Revised Jerusalem Program (2004)

Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.

This addition to the Jerusalem Program is an important step towards making Judaism relevant and meaningful to many people in Israel for whom it is no longer a meaningful part of their lives. It is hoped that that this addition to the Program will encourage the State of Israel to take the necessary steps needed to recognise the need for and encourage the growth of the blossoming Reform and Conservative Movements.



ARZA Australia takes an active role in promoting the recognition of Progressive Judaism in Israel and around the world, and is proud to have played a part in the acceptance of the revised Jerusalem Program.

For more information about ARZA Australia, contact Ian Samuel, Acting President on [samuelis@bigpond.net.au](mailto:samuellis@bigpond.net.au)

The Jerusalem Program

Zionism, the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, brought about the establishment of the State of Israel, and views a Jewish, Zionist, democratic and secure State of Israel to be the expression of the common responsibility of the Jewish people for its continuity and future.

The foundations of Zionism are:

1. The unity of the Jewish people, its bond to its historic homeland Eretz Yisrael, and the centrality of the State of Israel and Jerusalem, its capital, in the life of the nation;
2. Aliyah to Israel from all countries and the effective integration of all immigrants into Israeli Society.
3. Strengthening Israel as a Jewish, Zionist and democratic state and shaping it as an exemplary society with a unique moral and spiritual character, marked by mutual respect for the multi-faceted Jewish people, rooted in the vision of the prophets, striving for peace and contributing to the betterment of the world.
4. Ensuring the future and the distinctiveness of the Jewish people by furthering Jewish, Hebrew and Zionist education, fostering spiritual and cultural values and teaching Hebrew as the national language;
5. Nurturing mutual Jewish responsibility, defending the rights of Jews as individuals and as a nation, representing the national Zionist interests of the Jewish people, and struggling against all manifestations of anti-Semitism;
6. Settling the country as an expression of practical Zionism.

UNITED NATIONS DAYS 2004

July 11:	World Population Day
August 9:	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12:	International Youth Day
September 8:	International Literacy Day
September 16:	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
September 21:	International Day of Peace
October 1:	International Day of Older Persons
October 4:	World Habitat Day
October 5:	World Teachers Day
October 10:	World Mental Health Day
October 13:	International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
October 17:	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
October 24:	United Nations Day
November 14:	World Diabetes Day
November 16:	International Day for Tolerance
November 20:	Universal Children's Day
November 25:	International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women
December 3:	International Day of Disabled Persons
December 5:	International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development
December 10:	Human Rights Day
December 18:	International Migrants Day

2004: International Year of Rice

2005: International Year of Micro Credit AND
International Year for Sport and Physical Education

2006: International Year of Deserts and Desertification



More Concert Photos from 27 June 2004

NEWS FROM SEAN LADIGES - 18 July 2004

Hello everyone,

I am now one month (exactly half-way) into my Marva period. Marva is basically two months of basic training in Tza'al (the Israeli Defence Force) along with some trips around Israel and classes about Israeli history.

Last week I was in Nitzana, in the Negev desert, doing hikes around the desert and visiting places such as the Israeli border, and Machtesh Ramon. We also learned about the plants and animals that can be found in the Israeli desert. Before this I spent a week learning about navigation, a week out in the field learning about field craft and ambush, as well as learning how to shoot an M-16. The first week was dedicated to discipline and learning, how to present yourself and how to communicate with our commanders as well as the safety rules of using a gun.

The training is not too difficult, but I am having a bit of trouble adjusting to the heat. July and August are the hottest months of the year, and the temperature reached 40 degrees last week, and I have to be in my full uniform the whole time.

I recieved my M-16 at the end of the first week, and since then I have gone to a firing range once. apart from shooting it, we have spent a lot of time learning about the safety rules of weapons, and about how to take it apart and clean it. I have to take it with me everywhere I go, even when I take a shower and I need to put it under my mattress under my head while I am asleep. If I forget it three times, I will lose my gun. A couple of nights ago, the commanders came into our rooms and tried to steal our guns. One of my roommates lost his gun while he was asleep because of this.

Next week we will be going to Wingate, which is the main military fitness centre in Israel situated a bit north of Tel Aviv. We will have a week of sports and fitness and learn some Krav-Maga, a style of unarmed combat that the Israeli military use. I am looking forward to this because so far we have not had as much physical training as I want.

The entire program is in Hebrew with translations for those who need it, and there are also quite a few Brazilians on the program to whom I speak only in Hebrew so my Hebrew has improved a lot since I started Marva, which is something I am really happy about.

Another amazing thing about the program is walking around in uniform off the base. I have had tourists come up to me and ask to have their photos with me, and when I go to shops and on busses, they give me discounts for being a soldier. In general people look at me in a totally different way when I am in uniform.

The best part is when I get a free weekend once a fortnight and I visit my family and I get to sleep in past 5:30 and I get to wear whatever I like and I get to eat real food and I can check my email.

Take care and let me know what you are all up to,

Love,

Sean

MORE NEWS FROM SEAN - 27 August 2004

Hi everyone,

How are you?

I have been living at Kibbutz Yahel for the past week and I am about to start my first Shabbat on the kibbutz. The kibbutz is situated in the south of Israel in the Negev Desert. Surrounding the kibbutz are beautiful red mountains. It is also very close to Eilat, so I went snorkeling on Wednesday afternoon.

I started work a few days ago. I am working with the kibbutz electrician\handyman, so I am learning how to repair things and how to use lots of power tools. Pretty useful stuff to know. I think this was the most interesting job that was available, because all my friends are either sorting melons, cooking and washing dishes, or cleaning hotel rooms.

Apart from the Netzer group that I have come here with, there are also quite a few people our age on the kibbutz, as well as a group of volunteers from all over the world and a group of soldiers who have just finished their service.

One of the kibbutznics has been building a pub, so I've been helping him work on it for the last few nights, and the pub opens tonight. Hopefully it'll be a good party and all the young people from the kibbutz will come.

My average day is as follows:

6:45 Climb out of bed and have a shower

7:15 Start work

8:00 Eat breakfast at the chadar ochel (dining room) and talk to my friends who are working in the kitchen or eating breakfast

8:45 Continue working and playing with power tools

12:00 Lunch at chadar ochel

1:00 Back to work

4:00 finish work

4:05 Jump into pool

6:30 Climb out of pool (maybe cook if it's my turn, or read, or email, or talk to friends)

7:30 Eat

8:00 Hebrew, or asepha (meeting) or tv

9:00 Work on pub

11:00\12:00 read and go to bed

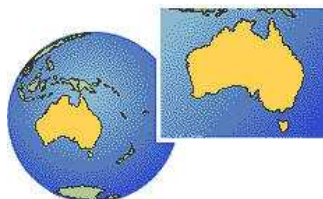
I'm having a great time.

Write back and take care,

Love,
Sean



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ANNUAL UPJ CONFERENCE

18 – 21 NOVEMBER, 2004

Vibe Rushcutters Hotel
100 Bayswater Road
Rushcutters Bay, Sydney NSW 2011

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Pre-Conference - 17-18 November
World Union for Progressive Judaism Board of Governors

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
 Thursday, 18 November: *Keynote Address Rabbi Uri Regev, Executive Director, World Union for Progressive Judaism*
 Friday, 19 November
Dr. Rachael Kohn, commentator, *Australian National Radio, "The Spirit of Things"*
 Saturday, 20 November, **Participate in Shabbat study with local rabbis and scholars**
 Saturday night, 20 November:
Koshertheatresports
 • Sunday, 21 November
Dr. Leanne Piggott, author of **One Land Two People: A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

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- Meet Progressive Jews from Israel, USA, Europe & South America
- Learn what is happening in our Region
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- The Jewish People in Relation to the Non-Jewish World
- L'Atid, the Future is Now-Identifying and Nurturing Leaders in our Communities
- And much more...

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY 19TH OCTOBER 2004

PERSONAL INFORMATION::

Name	
Address	
Tel / Fax	
Email	
Congregation	
Position held (if any)	
Partner joining you <i>As a delegate: YES / NO</i>
Specific dietary needs	
Attending WUPJ meeting 17.11.04 (no cost for attendance at meetings): YES / NO

- *ALL air travel arrangements to and from Sydney are the responsibility of each delegate.*
- *Transport from Sydney Airport to Vibe Rushcutters Hotel is available. KST Shuttle Bus service runs every 10 - 30 minutes. KST booth is located on the Arrivals level, between Gates A & B, near McDonalds. One way cost \$8, return trip cost \$13.*

Hotel Preferences :

- ***Vibe Rushcutters Hotel , 100 Bayswater Road, Rushcutters Bay, 2011***
Accommodation: Double (King size bed)
Cost: \$165.00 per night (single) including breakfast
\$181.00 per night (double) including breakfast
Note: Rollaway bed available \$30 per night; childs cot \$5 per night

- ***Medina Serviced Apartments, 400 Glenmore Road, Paddington, 2021***
2 Bedroom Apartment: Accommodation for up to 3 people
Cost: \$212.00 per night, plus breakfast at Conference venue
@ \$16 p.p. per day.
3 Bedroom Apartment: Accommodation for up to 5 people
Cost: \$311.00 per night, plus breakfast at Conference venue
@ \$16 p.p. per day
Note: Rollaway bed available \$17 per night; childs cot \$5 per night

Please book accommodation with Karyn Hall, UPJ Office, tel. (03) 9533 8587, or by email - karyn.hall@upj.org.au

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE (excluding accommodation):

- * \$375.00 p.p. Includes all *meals, full use of conference facilities, and transport to external venues
(*Conference meals include lunch on Friday, Saturday & Sunday; dinner Thursday, Friday & Saturday.)

DAY PACKAGES (excluding accommodation):

- * \$65.00 p.p. Includes registration, morning and afternoon tea AND lunch, and full use of conference facilities.
- * \$50.00 p.p. Half-day includes registration, lunch and either morning OR afternoon tea.

ADDITIONAL &/OR VISITORS' MEALS:

Lunch: Friday, Saturday, Sunday = \$25.00 each
Dinner: Thursday: \$70.00 , Friday: \$60.00, Saturday: \$60.00

ACCOMMODATION: (Indicate if you require additional night's accommodation for WUPJ Board of Governors meeting - 17.11.04)

OPTION 1 : Vibe Rushcutters Hotel: (King room)

\$165.00 per ROOM per night single, incl breakfast @ No. of nights _____ = \$ _____
 \$181.00 per ROOM per night double, incl breakfast @ No. of nights _____ = \$ _____

OPTION 2 : Medina Serviced Apartments Paddington

\$212.00 per night - 2 bedroom @ No. of nights _____ = \$ _____
 \$311.00 per night - 3 bedroom @ No. of nights _____ = \$ _____
 \$16.00 per person per day breakfast at Vibe @ No. of days _____ = \$ _____

Conference Registration Fee No. of delegates _____ = \$ _____
 Day Package Fee _____ = \$ _____
 Additional / Visitors meals _____ = \$ _____
 Extra items (rollaway bed, cot) _____ = \$ _____
 PLUS: Credit Card Fee 2% _____ = \$ _____
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE: _____ = \$ _____ . 00

- *To assist us with planing, please confirm your intention to attend the conference by **26 September, 2004***
- **CONFERENCE COSTS** are to be paid by 19th October 2004. All prices are in Australian dollars. Payment may be made by cheque or credit card and should be forwarded to:

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NOTICE FROM ARZI

Notice is hereby given of a Council meeting of ARZI Australia and of any State Constituent Bodies of ARZI for the purpose of winding up ARZI Australia and any Constituent bodies within the meaning of the constitution of ARZI Australia and to apply all assets of ARZI Australia and any Constituent body of ARZI to ARZA (Australia) Inc. In addition the meeting will be asked to ratify the appointment of any officer of ARZI Australia as the corresponding officer of ARZA (Australia), where the context so permits.

The meeting will be held by means of a telephone conference at places in each relevant state, with the place for meeting in Victoria at Unit 8, 50 Grant Street, Malvern East at 8pm on Wednesday 13th October 2004 and in New South Wales simultaneously at the Board room of Temple Emanuel Woollahra at 8pm. Any member of ARZI Australia interested in attending should signify that interest by contacting Ian Samuel by telephone on (03) 9563 6336 or by email at samuels@bigpond.net.au

Anyone wishing to view a copy of the Statement of Purposes and Rules should contact Karyn Hall on (03) 95338587 or by email at upj@upj.org.au

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STUDY GROUP PROGRAM

Study Group sessions will commence Tuesday, 21 September at 7.30pm. Please call Will Howard (6223 6667) or Tony O'Brien (6267 4799) for details. Study Group notes will be available on our webpage www.hobartsynagogue.org

At our first session, definite dates, times, venues will be finalized and these will appear in future Chaverim. Please visit www.hobartsynagogue.org for an outline of the Study Group program.

Reflection at Thanksgiving Service for the life of
Mrs Caroline Ann Elias
2 August 2004

My brothers and I, mum's sisters June Fizelle and Rosemary Kinstler, her brother Ted Lilley, and our families, would like to thank you for being here with us this morning to honour the memory of Ann Elias.

My mother died at St John's hospital last Tuesday, a little over 7 months after having been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. It was just 8 months since my father died and a little over 12 months since he too was diagnosed with cancer. So the last year has been a difficult one for us all.

It will not surprise any of you that my mother, being an organised and practical lady, left some notes for us as guidance for this memorial service. The aim, she said, should be "to generate feelings of wonder and happiness". And so, despite the sad cause of us being here, we are very pleased that you are able to join with us to celebrate the life of Ann Elias and acknowledge the contribution that she made to our lives.

My mother was born in Hobart on 8 September 1933, the eldest child of Edward and Eileen Mulhearin-Lilley. Her father was a Tasmanian who went overseas to study at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and then served in Nigeria as a colonial surveyor before marrying and returning home. Her mother was English and studying natural sciences at Oxford when they met.

She was a child of the Depression and her early years on a small farm in Lenah Valley found her with the responsibility of being the eldest child with two younger sisters and a baby brother in an otherwise all-female household, with an aunt and a grandmother helping her mother when survey field-work took her father away for weeks at a time.

She was educated at Clemes College, from 1939 to 1942 and then at The Collegiate School from 1943-1949. Being academically bright produced the mixed blessing that she entered her secondary education perhaps two years younger than her peer group. She was Head Prefect in 1949.

She studied at the University of Tasmania from 1950 to 1952 and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours in 1953. Her majors were French, German and History.

Degree completed, and at the age of only 19, she applied to enter the Commonwealth Public Service in the then developing Canberra and was offered the position of Graduate Clerk in the Department of External Affairs. There she received an excellent training in records management in a department where the accuracy and security of the written word were taken very seriously. She was working in External Affairs at the time of the Petrov Affair but with career development limited by the norms of the day which effectively excluded women from careers in the Department, she resigned at the end of 1955.

She left Canberra for Europe, hitchhiking with friends. For a time, she based herself in London with a number of other Tasmanian travellers, and held a temporary job in Piccadilly in the then very new field of market research for commercial television.

England held the additional interest of enabling her, for the first time, to meet the aunts, cousins and wider relations on her mother's side of the family.

On returning to Hobart she undertook a 3-year post-graduate training in Librarianship, working at the State Library of Tasmania; at Parliament House; and at the University of Tasmania. As well as adding to her wide general knowledge, these jobs provided much satisfaction and the basis of many life long friendships.

Her final position was establishing the University Engineering Library in a new building on the Sandy Bay campus.

I understand that for a time, the Engineering and Law libraries were in the same building so she knew most of the prominent engineers, lawyers and politicians of the subsequent years, including how studious they were, whether they returned books on time, or indeed, returned them at all !

She resigned from the University library staff when she married my father, Peter Elias, in December 1963, and thereafter undertook only occasional paid employment. She did, however, return to higher education and between 1976 and 1978 completed the theoretical subjects for a degree in Social Work at the Tasmanian College of Advanced Education.

My mother found many other opportunities to use her skills with documents and reference work.

She wrote, by invitation, contributions for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* on the surveyor, E.A.Counsel; the dentist and botanist, Leonard Rodway; and the valuer J.F.N. Murray.

She was interested in local history and was a member of both the Tasmanian Historical Research Association and the Bruny Island Historical Society. In later life, she built on the research of her father and documented the Lilley family history as well as helping my father organise his family recollections, documents and photos.

She assisted many voluntary organisations with administrative and editing work.

Together with the complementary strengths of her sister Rosemary Kinstler, she developed in the early 1970s a course for new mothers called "Bringing home your baby" which was run through the Adult Education Board. Together, they also started and ran the St Davids Cathedral crèche for some years, and rejuvenated the Hutchins School Clothing Pool. In the mid 1980s, they established and managed a business that provided home nursing services, known as *The Private Nursing Group*, which pioneered the establishment of a group practice of independent nursing practitioners in Tasmania.

My mother and Rosemary got on really well and it would be remiss of me not to pay tribute to Rosy who has been an incredibly valuable support for my mother over the last 12 months.

My mother also supported my father in many aspects of the management of his dental practice and with his contributions to the Dental profession in Tasmania including service on the Dental Board and running the after-hours emergency roster. She was active in supporting our family's involvement in the Oldina Ski Club, The Southern Tasmanian Ski Association and the Sandy Bay Sailing Club.

My parents enjoyed almost exactly 40 years of marriage together. Indeed, it would be impossible to separate the achievements of one from the other over this time.

The marriage produced three boys and David, John and I are the privileged products of a “traditional” family – 2 parents, a stable home and the knowledge that we were welcome in the world.

We all benefited from mum being at home just to talk with, her encouragement for us to achieve, and support when we didn’t quite make it. She stood behind us, but did not claim the credit for our achievements.

She took education seriously, sought good schools and demanding teachers. And with a good memory, wide general knowledge and a houseful of books was even able to help with our homework !

For the last 10 or so years, my parents enjoyed an active and happy retirement. Early on, their focus was travel and included a number of trips overseas to visit their children, friends and relations in places such as the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, South Africa, Argentina, Israel and Ireland.

They joined the University of the Third Age and enjoyed a variety of courses. And they both took up computing and emailing, usually ringing my brother David for advice when the computer got it wrong.

A highlight for my parents during this period was in welcoming Jill, and then Katie as daughters-in-law. Both Mum and Dad were very proud to be grandparents to Samuel, Annabelle and Edward; and William. I know that Mum was especially pleased to be able to meet baby James over the last few weeks.

Apart from being proud grandparents, their main activity over the last few years was their joint editing of the book *A few from Afar – Jewish lives in Tasmania from 1804* . Conceived initially as a mere re-publication of some interesting articles, it turned into 3 years of full-time work with mum’s historical and administrative skills well supported by Dad’s previously hidden talents for proof reading and archival research.

Both readable and recognised as a ‘proper’ historical work, it was completed and launched with what – in hindsight – was incredibly fortunate timing in May last year. It stands as both an example of, and a memorial to, what they achieved together.

I have an autographed copy of the book at home. I remember when Mum and Dad signed it, kidding them that the now defaced copies would be worth less than the cover price. None of us realised, of course, just how quickly they would become collector’s items.

My parents were also fortunate to enjoy stability in a great many friendships with neighbours, work colleagues, bushwalkers, fellow members of the Oldina Ski Club at Mt Field, the residents of Simpson’s Bay where we had our holiday home, bookgroups, various Church congregations and for my mum, what started as a mother’s group (somewhat cheekily referred as ‘the Chatterboxes’) whose friendships continued to the end.

So I also wish to thank all those many friends who have supported my mother over the past 12 months with notes, calls, visits, dinners, invitations to coffee or lunch, cards, flowers, and the many other acts of kindness that she was privileged to enjoy.

When my children saw Grandma Ann a few weeks ago, it was clear that she was unwell. My

son Sam, who is only 5 but nevertheless quite astute, asked if Grandma was sick in the same way that Grandpa Peter had been, and so a discussion ensued. We were not sure what had sunk in, but that evening as she was tucked into bed my daughter Annabelle told me very matter-of-factly:

“Daddy - I have something sad to tell you. Grandma Ann is very sick
First the Doctor says you are allowed to go to hospital, then the angels take you to heaven, then Grandma can be best friends with Grandpa Peter again”

Not a bad explanation for a 3 year old. In fact, it reminded me a little of how Mum might have said it – step-by-step, to the point, and quickly finding the good in the situation.

* * *

Ann Elias leaves a wide circle of friends and a strong, proud and grateful family. How will we remember her life ?

- It was an honest, hard working and widely respected life.
- It was a life lived to the full serving others and recognising and valuing them as individuals.
- It was a happy and rewarding life.

She led by example.

And we will all miss her challenging, well-informed conversations and sage advice.

Ann Elias was indeed a virtuous woman. She was a good and faithful servant. And now we let her depart in peace.

(Michael Elias)



Thankyou PML for your support in printing our newsletter



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Re: The King David School Israel Trip – Yesh – éù – December 2004

The King David School has organized an exciting Israel Trip in December 2004, for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. The trip will last for 3 weeks and has been designed so that participants spend as much time as possible with Israelis of their own age – seeing the real Israel with real Israelis.

The trip consists of 3 main parts: (a) Kibbutz Lotan – spending time on this Reform, ecological community. Lotan is leading the environmental revolution in Israel, and participants, besides for traveling the beautiful surrounding area, will have a chance to work on an environmental project happening on the kibbutz. There will also be a large amount of interaction with the students from Lotan and Yahel – and from the regional school at Yotvata. (b) The Leo Baeck Centre in Haifa – one of the most impressive educational institutions in Israel, participants will spend a week, together with students of their own age from the centre, studying and traveling. Themes for the week will include co-existence between Arabs and Jews, and pluralism issues in Israel. The third section consists of touring and exploring the significant and very beautiful sites of Israel, from the Dead Sea and Masada in the south to Ramat Hagolan and the Galilee in the north.

We are very excited to open the King David School Israel Trip to members of the UPJ community from around the country and region. If you have members of your congregation who might be interested, please help us to reach them.

The trip has already generated a lot of interested, and we are hoping for a group of at least 15 participants. Dates are from 5th – 26th December and the cost is approximately \$5000 including airfare, accommodation and all food and activities.

A poster, with more detailed information, will be sent to teach congregation for publication in the monthly newsletter, as well as to display in prominent places around your congregation. Please help us to ensure the success of this trip.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact one of us

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