



Listening to the song of the universe

Shabbat Beshalach links two stories, one told in the Torah, one in the Haftarah from the Book of Judges. The first is the redemption at the sea, as our ancestors fled from Egypt and the waters parted; the second is a decisive victory over enemies in the land to which we had come, enabling us to live in quiet for 40 years. These parashiot are linked by women, Miriam and Devorah, described as prophets (Miriam the first person in the Torah to be described that way), who lead their people in time of struggle to victory and triumph.

This Shabbat is also known as Shabbat Shira, the Shabbat of Song, for both triumphant victories are celebrated with song. We all know the Torah's "Song of the Sea", sung by the children of Israel as they experienced their miraculous deliverance from slavery and reached freedom on the opposite banks of the sea. At that moment of supreme joy and celebration, the Israelites burst into song, giving voice to their delight. This song is recited every day in the traditional morning service; a phrase of it is found in the prayer of redemption immediately after the Shema, known to nearly all Jews: "*Mi Kamocha B'elim Adonai*" – who is like You among gods that are worshipped?

As many have considered, song is at the core of human creativity, a crucial aspect of our learning, worship and faith community, for song opens our hearts. We sing for joy, but we also sing in lament; song captures our innermost feelings and yearnings.

This Shabbat is also the Shabbat before Tu Bishvat, one of four new years described in the Talmud. Tu Bishvat is the new year for trees and it is the time in our calendar where we pause to celebrate and consider our environment and our impact upon it. We reflect on the beauty of nature and the precious planet, which has been entrusted to our care. Celebrating our environment this Shabbat is actually linked to this Shabbat Shirah, this Shabbat of Song.

The Ba'al Shem Tov and Rav Kook both suggest that every plant, tree, flower and shrub has its own song, even blades of grass sing their own unique melody. The voices of the plants then join together in a beautiful harmony and the song they sing together, circles the world, resting gently upon us all. At Tu Bishvat, we take the time to listen for the song, to hear the harmony flowing through nature and to connect ourselves to that aspect of the world.

This Shabbat Shira, we must query whether the song of the universe is as harmonious as before. With the devastation humans are wreaking upon our world, so, this Shabbat Shira, Shabbat of song, may we all hear the song of the universe, celebrating the beauty and wonder around us, and may we all add our own notes to create an even more wonderful and lasting harmony.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins

MAZAL TOV

to **Georgia Silverton**
on her **Bat Mitzvah**

Shaun & Jana Greenblo
on the welcoming of their
son, **Noa**
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 7:46pm
Saturday 8:45pm

TORAH

Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
(*page 399*)

HAFTARAH

Judges 4:4 - 5:31
(*page 423*)

SHABBAT SERVICES Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm - Pluralist Service
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)
- February 2nd *Shabbat Live* returns with special guest, Cantor George Mordecai

Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am - Masorti service
(*Newweg Sanctuary*)
- 10:00am - Progressive service (*Main Sanctuary*)

Morning Minyan

- Morning Minyan is on Mondays and Thursdays from Jan 29 at 6:45am

Next Renewal Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday 9 February 6:15pm
with Cantor George Mordecai and Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff in *Newweg Sanctuary*



Rabbi Jeffrey B. Kamins OAM
Arno & Hella Seefeldt Rabbinic Chair



Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth



Rev. Sam Zwarenstein
Director of Communal Engagement



A TASTE OF HUMMUS & CO

with chef Michael Rantissi

Wednesday 21 February 2018, from 7pm
Emanuel Synagogue

Join Michael Rantissi, chef from the renowned Sydney restaurants **Kepos Street Kitchen** and **Kepos & Co** for a demonstration of some recipes from his new cookbook, *Hummus & Co*, (which he co-wrote with Kristy Frawley the co-owner of Kepos St Kitchen) as well as their first cookbook, *Felafel for Breakfast*.
Tickets: just \$60 A percentage of profits will go to OzHarvest.

Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/hummusco>

Our Jewish Story: Our Land, Our People

Monday January 29 from 10:00am-11:30am

The fight you don't see or hear - saving Syrian children

with guest presenter, **Professor Mary-Louise McLaws**
outlining Ziv Hospital's activities saving children from horrendous war wounds and psychological ill health.

CELEBRATE PURIM

Sunday February 25 from 10am

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING

Wednesday February 28 from 6:15pm

MEGILLAH READING

followed by

PURIM SPIEL

Thursday March 1st from 4:00pm-6:00pm

PURIM FAMILY CELEBRATION

Fun for all the family!

Mardi Gras Shabbat

Friday 2 March - Services 6:15pm - Dinner 7:30pm

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Mardi Gras, Emanuel Synagogue in association with Dayenu - Sydney's Jewish LGBT+ Group invites you to the annual Mardi Gras Shabbat Service, followed by a communal dinner.

Booking required for our kosher-catered dinner (BYO wine)

BOOK NOW: www.emanuel.org.au/mardigras

WHAT'S ON

Shabbat Tot - Friday February 2nd from 4:30pm-5:30pm

A lovely way to introduce your children to Shabbat and an opportunity to meet other families in the community. For 2 to 5 year olds. Parents and grandparents welcome!

Kef Kids - Fridays from 4:00pm-5:30pm (returns on February 2nd)

Educational program for children in years K-5 - an exciting, fun way for kids to connect with Judaism and their community, learn and form friendships with children in the congregation.

The World Wide Wrap is back - Sunday February 4 from 9:00am

Join with our people. Participate in the Mitzvah. Experience the Wonder & Joy of Tefillin. There'll be extra sets and personal tefillin trainers to help you through the process. Afterwards, please join us for a delicious bagel breakfast and learning session on Tefillin. Male or female, first timers or old hands - join us and be a part of this lovely experience.

Kabbalah Meditation Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm starting February 13th for 4 weeks
Learn techniques to improve your focus, ability to relax and enjoy spiritual community.
followed by

Kabbalah Text Study Tuesday evenings 8:30-9:30pm

Taught by Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff, who has a Ph.D. in Kabbalah studies.
Book now at www.emanuel.org.au

Renewal Shabbat Service

with special guest Cantor George Mordecai

Friday 9 February 2018 at 6:15pm in the Neuweg Sanctuary.

Followed by a pot luck dinner and then music and meditation.

Give us a term and we'll give you Hebrew

This year, we are introducing weekly **Beginners Hebrew and Intermediate Hebrew classes** on Monday evenings from **5 February 2018**, 6-7pm. In just one term we will open the world of reading a Hebrew prayerbook for you! Your commitment is just one hour a week and 10-15 minutes practice a day. Registrations are essential and are open now at <https://tinyurl.com/beginhebrew> and <https://tinyurl.com/advhebrew>

JOURNEY IN JUDAISM

Starting February 4, every Sunday morning of school term, we are introducing a new and exciting program to broaden your horizons and build on your journey in Judaism.

You can partake in any one of the three parts of the journey, or all of it. From **9:00-9:45am** we will have an **informal learner's minyan** to help you understand the pattern and meaning of Jewish prayer. From **9:45am** we will be having **light brunch**. From **10:00-11:00am** we conclude our journey with meaningful learning led by one of our clergy team on an exciting topic.

Do you need help in dealing with bereavement?

Experience has shown that bereavement support can often offer individuals appropriate care in their time of need. Jacky Gerald, who has experience in this field, will be facilitating a number of one-hour group sessions on Monday evenings for those seeking help in dealing with bereavement.

As these sessions will be held off-site (in the CBD) registration will be required.

The next group is on **Monday 5 February**; please contact us by e-mail info@emanuel.org.au or call 9389 6444 and information on the sessions will be sent to you.

IN MEMORY

There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones.

Shiva: Michael Berger, John Sirmai

Shloshim: Edward Strasser, Joel Hess, Norma Brender, Ivan Fedor, Bernard (Bernie) Hirst, Nadine (Deanna) Ryner, Nina Crown

This week we observe the Yahrzeits of (observed by):

* Memorial Light

- * **David Abbott** (Coral Lawrence)
- * **Abraham Abrahams**
Bella Arenson (Belinda Levy)
- * **Gina Benjamin** (Susan Benjamin)
- * **Leon Joshua Berliner**
Anne Blitz (Rami Moryosef)
- Julian Block** (Rosie Block, Jessica Block, David Block)
- Annie Blou** (Lester Blou)
- Aaron Blou** (Lester Blou)
- Ignatz Broch** (Toni Kleiner)
- Chaim-Zvi Broch** (Toni Kleiner)
- * **Michael Cahn**
Christine Celermajer (Danielle Celermajer)
- * **Albert Abraham Coppleson**
- * **Belinda Cork** (Bruce Goldman)
- Ubby (Abraham) Davis** (David Davis, George Davis, Roger Davis, Sacha Davis)
- * **Klotilde Eichner**
- * **Leah Eizenberg**
Bernard Ferster (Renee Ferster-Levy)
- Henryk Frant** (Christine Harris)
- Raymond Frederikson** (Gloria Schwarz)
- Sydney Friedlander** (Friedlander Kahn)
- Lizzi Gertler** (Robert Gertler, Vera Jacoby)
- Myer (Mick) Glick** (Barry Glick)
- Louis Goldberg** (Michael Golding)
- Harvey Greenberg** (Heidi Goldman)
- Israel Gross** (Colin Gross)
- * **Elimelech Yisrael Guth**
Brian Hardy (Elaine Hardy)
- Benita Harris** (Sara Glaser)
- Elaine Hershcopf** (Susan Banki)
- * **Anna Kadisch** (John Mikler)
- Marilyn Katz** (Leslie Katz)
- Kamila Kay** (Judy Kay)
- Ann Kirby** (Cathy New, Peter New)
- Paula Kitchener** (Peter Kitchener)
- Devora Klisser** (Philip Klisser)
- * **Isidore Krumholz**
- * **Frederick Lamberger, Maximilian Lamberger, Moshe Lamberger** (Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins)
- Betty Lavigne** (John Lavigne)
- * **Edgar E. Levey**
Elemer Lorentz (Ivan Lorentz)
- Eve Mankiewicz** (Renee Koonin)
- Marcus Mintz** (Peter Mintz)
- Regina Merkur** (Toni Kleiner)
- Ruth Ursel Muller** (Frank Muller)
- * **Philip Myerson**
- * **Sarah Nassau** (Dianne Nassau)
- Maurice Nathan** (Alan Nathan)
- Eva Nathan** (David Nathan)
- Sonia Rabin** (Milly Goldman & family)
- Alexander Rabin** (Milly Goldman & family)
- Joan Rein** (Rosalind Tarszisz)
- * **Otto Clyde Rheuben** (Scott Whitmont, Steph Whitmont)
- * **Maurycy Schwarzbaum** (Jacheta Schwarzbaum)
- Sidney Leopold Segal** (Jillian Segal)
- Hymie Sherman** (Brian Sherman)
- Abraham Simenhoff** (Shirley Katz)
- Sarah Sheindl Skurnik** (Lilly Skurnik)
- Irma Stahler** (Jeffrey Steinweg)
- * **Asher Thompson**
Sylvia Vasin (Maurice Vasin, Michael Vasin)
- Eric Vellins** (Pauline Vellins)
- Pamela Warnock** (Anne Spero, Debbie Warnock)
- Samuel Wingeren** (Belinda Levy)
- Leslie Youngleson** (Beverley Berelowitz)
- * **Ernst Zweig** (Evelyn Krieger)

Shoah remembrance: This week commemorates the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. We encourage congregants to light a candle in solidarity with the millions of innocent victims of the Holocaust.

Albert Hagouel was born in 1885 in Thessaloniki, Greece and lived there until he was murdered at Auschwitz Birkenau during the Holocaust.