



## A three-fold blessing

The three-fold blessing found at the end of Parshat Nasso is one of the most powerful and important blessings of our tradition. We use it to bless children and it is inserted into the daily Amidah. I love to sing this blessing when I officiate under a chuppah at wedding ceremonies. When I approach the blessing during the Amidah on Shabbat, I pause, then sing it slowly and softly, making sure that I have the right kavannah (spiritual focus) before I recite the blessing.

*And the Lord spoke to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons: Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them:*

*May the Lord bless and protect you!*

*May the Lord's face shine upon you!*

*May the Lord bestow favour upon you and grant you peace!*

*Thus they shall link My name with the people of Israel, and I will bless them.* (Numbers 6:22-27)

God is directing Moses to teach the priests how to bless the whole Israelite community. Why, then, is the blessing framed in the second person singular, as opposed to the plural form? Rabbi Shai Held in his book *The Heart of Torah*, quoting Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin, gives a beautiful interpretation of the reason for this. He states that it is inferred \*in the singular form even though the blessing is directed to the whole community because at the core of this blessing is the acknowledgment that each and every person in the community is a unique individual: "Each person has their own special personality, their own needs, dreams and yearnings." Despite the emphasis on the collective, our tradition values the individual and does not advocate for a mindless conformity in lifestyle and worship whereby the individual loses their identity in the collective. Muhyiddin ibn Arabi, a famous Sufi Islamic mystic who lived in the 13th century, poignantly describes the connection and relationship between God and each individual. He invokes the image of the sun and its rays as a way of articulating how each individual is a precious manifestation of the Divine. The sun burns at its centre and emits rays, all forming unique shapes that emerge from its centre. The rays are intrinsically connected to the sun but also form their own unique patterns. This understanding, later coined *wahdat il wujud* ('oneness of being') by his disciples, was a crucially important theosophical development. God is not some demagogue who wants mindless conformity. On the contrary, God wants us to embrace and embody our uniqueness while at the same time honouring and resonating with

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*Thank you to Aliza Sassoon for sponsoring the Masorti kiddush.*

*Thank you to Nora's Cooking Club for preparing the Progressive kiddush.*

## CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 4:34pm

Saturday 5:10pm

**TORAH** (page 791)

Numbers 4:21 - 7:89

**HAFTARAH** (page 812)

Judges 13:2 - 13:25

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm Masorti service  
(*Neuweg*)
- 6:15pm Shabbat Live  
(*New Sanctuary*)

### Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am -  
Masorti service  
(*New Sanctuary*)
- 10:00am -  
Progressive service  
(*Heritage Sanctuary*)

### Morning Minyan

Morning minyan is on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45am.

- Friday June 21 6:15pm  
Renewal Kabbalat  
Shabbat, Dinner and  
Meditation
- Saturday June 22  
9:30am  
*Shabbat In The Circle*

the very deep interconnectivity of all creation.

The Ari, Isaac Luria, taught that the Ein Sof, the deepest part of God, desired to create human beings in order that compassion, lovingkindness and grace would be reflected back at the Godhead.

In this teaching the purpose of our lives on this planet is to embody lovingkindness in our own unique way and to manifest that love in all our relationships.

The three-fold blessing recited by the priests to each and every individual in the community of Israel continues to hold deep meaning for our people. May we all embody the essence of these blessings as we continue to build a kehilah kedosha—a sacred community of unique individuals compassionately committed to justice for all peoples.

*Shabbat Shalom,*

Cantor George Mordecai

## Tree of Life Sound Healing with Live Music

**23 June from 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**Special guest musician, Avishai Barnatan, will join Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff in leading a relaxation based on the Kabbalistic Tree of Life.**

For a relaxing, rejuvenating and inspiring Sunday evening.

Members \$10, online early bird price \$25, otherwise \$35

Bookings: [tinyurl.com/soundheal](http://tinyurl.com/soundheal)

**Emanuel Synagogue and Plus61J present  
an Israeli film directed by Yossi Madmoni**

## *Restoration*

**19th June from 7:00pm**

A man comes face to face with his failings as a father and a businessman as he struggles to make things right in this Israeli drama. Winner of the World Cinema Screenwriting Award at the Sundance Film Festival.

Bookings: [tinyurl.com/restoration-film](http://tinyurl.com/restoration-film)

## TORAH DEDICATION CEREMONY

Join us for an educational and moving ceremony, as we welcome a new Sefer Torah dedicated by the Hauser Family to our congregation in loving memory of Alexander Hauser.

This is a special opportunity to learn more about what goes into writing a Sefer Torah, to watch as the scribe writes the final letters, and to welcome our newest Sefer Torah.

**Sunday 30 June 2019 at 11:00am**

Please register:

[tinyurl.com/emanuel-torah](http://tinyurl.com/emanuel-torah)



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



*Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio*



*Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth*



*Rev. Sam Zwarenstein  
Director of Communal Engagement*



*Cantor George Mordecai*



*Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff*

# WHAT'S ON

## ***Shabbat In the Circle - Saturday June 22 from 9:30am***

Join us for this special Shabbat morning gathering. We begin at 9:30am with the study of Hassidic and other mystical texts then discuss how we can apply them in our daily lives. This is followed at 10:15am by a collaborative musical gathering based on the Shabbat morning service incorporating melodies, poems and dance to enhance our Shabbat. All are welcome for this unique gathering.

## **Ofer Levy - The Nature of Israel photography exhibition - On now in the gallery**

For this exhibition, award-winning photographer Ofer Levy has selected some of his favourite images of the birds and other animals of Israel.

## **Shabbat Tot - for 2-5 year olds - Friday July 5 from 4:30pm - 5:30pm**

A lovely way to introduce your children to Shabbat and to meet other families.

## **Family Friday - Friday July 5 from 5:30pm - 6:15pm**

Come along for a light, child-friendly dinner and then stay for services.

A great opportunity to meet families in the congregation and celebrate Shabbat together.

## **Jew Natal - new monthly sessions start July 21st from 3:00pm - 4:00pm.**

Calling all expecting couples, regardless of whether this is your first, second or more! Join Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth for a series of informal sessions, designed as preparation for birth in a Jewish context. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet those who are about to welcome a new bundle of joy in their lives. Call the office on 9389 6444 for details.

## ***Conversations about Health***

### **Legal and Illegal Drugs**

with Dr Alex Wodak

*Why does almost every Australian family have a member with a serious drug problem?*

**Sunday June 30 from 5:00pm**

Dr Wodak is one of Australia's preeminent drug law reformists and was the instigator of the nationwide roll out of needle and syringe programs, preventing a major HIV outbreak, stabilised hepatitis C rates and saved countless lives.

Members free, non-members: \$10  
Book now: [tinyurl.com/wodak-talk](http://tinyurl.com/wodak-talk)

## **THE WAR ON SLAVERY**

*Today, despite being illegal everywhere,  
40-45 million people live in slavery.  
Two thirds in our region.  
A quarter, children.  
The largest number of slaves the world has  
ever seen.*

Presenting a special *In Conversation* featuring Kevin Hyland OBE (the world's first Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner), together with a panel of experts on modern slavery, forced labour and human trafficking.

**Sunday July 7 2019  
from 5:00pm-6:30pm**

Please register:  
[events.humanitix.com.au/stop-slavery](http://events.humanitix.com.au/stop-slavery)

## **Conversations about Israel**

**Monday June 17 from 10:00am-11:30am**

**Izzat Abdulhadi**

Head of the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia

**Remembering the Past: Dreaming of the Future**

# IN MEMORY

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

*Shiva:* Leonard Robuck, Eva Gottlieb

*Shloshim:* Pauline Vellins, Jean Margaret Brodie, Dolly Shadler, Joyce Herz, Cliff Rubinstein, Susie Gold, Abe Meyerson, Fritzi Ritterman, Peter Morris, Elaine Morris, Susan Feller, Alan Vorsay, Valerie Marie Doyle, Lena Goldstein, Jeffrey Woolf, Svetlana Farbman, Sylvia Golding

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

\* Memorial Light

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**Solomon Alba** (Avril Alba)  
**Margalit Banna** (Karin Banna)  
**Werner Becker** (Miguel Becker)  
**Sam Bernstein** (Joel Bernstein)  
**Emanuel Block** (David Block)  
**Alf Brandon** (Judith Snider)  
**Bella (Bunny) Davis** (Garry Davis)  
**Loretta Edelman** (Louise Morris)  
**Sydney David Einfeld** (Marcus Einfeld)  
**David Faigen** (Betty Kohane)  
**Gisel (Giz) Folden** (Shanon Folden)  
**Frederick Frere** (Alethea Gold)  
**Walter Gerber** (Antony Gerber)  
**Edit Glaser** (Peter Glaser)  
**Eva Goldberg** (Benzion Goldberg, Ivan Goldberg)  
**Joseph Gottlieb** (Thomas Gottlieb)  
**Leopold Guttman**  
(Miriam Guttman-Jones)  
**Renee Haski** (Caroline Haski, Danielle Haski, Roberta Haski)  
**Jeannette Hersch** (Arnold Hersch)  
**Fred Isaacs** (Wendy Bookatz)  
**Anna Kalfus** (Irene Kalfus)  
**Bobette Kamins** (Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins)  
\* **Paula Kelson**  
**Paul Klein** (Stephen Klein)  
**Sam Komesarook** (Minnie Shaul)  
\* **Eliezer Kroll**  
**Martin Lawrence** (Wendy Cohen)  
**Daniel Lawrence** (Yittah Lawrence)  
**Abraham Lessick** (Wendy Bookatz)  
\* **Otto Lustig**

**Barrie Milroy** (Sheilah Milroy)  
**Veronica Rosalie Minc** (Joy Evans, Ariane Minc, Karen Bell)  
**Ray Clement Nahum** (Allan Nahum)  
**Raymond Dudley Payne** (Clare Sneddon)  
**Dennis Pollard** (Warwick Pollard)  
**Rita Pollard** (Warwick Pollard)  
**Betty Pryer** (Ian Pryer)  
**Mary Rosenfeld** (Deidre Libbert)  
**Millicent Roth** (Jeffrey Roth)  
**Stephen Sanig** (Michael Sanig)  
**David Solomon Saul** (Bertha Pisk)  
**Felise Sio Sefo** (Dilan Rajasingham)  
**Miriam Shur** (Vivian Wolff)  
**Dorothea Suster** (Lisa Collins)  
**Hephzibah Tintner** (Michael Reznik)  
**Donia Torok** (Nora Torok)  
\* **Mozelle Van Praag**  
**Susanne Wakil** (Isaac Wakil)  
\* **Emanuel Weingard**  
\* **Bessie Hannah Williams**  
**Sam Wrublewski** (Suanne Adelman, Harry Wrublewski)  
**Zelman Josif Zylberberg**  
(Norman Zylberberg)

**Shoah Remembrance:** Richard Kellermann was born in Wien, Austria in 1899 and lived there until 1940 when he was murdered during the Holocaust.