



Your Tent Is Lovely!

When we begin our morning services in the synagogue we open with the words of the prophet Balam which appear in this week's Torah portion: Ma tovu ohalecha Ya'akov, mishkenotecha Yisrael" "How lovely are your tents O Jacob, your dwelling places O Israel." I have often wondered what kind of "real estate speak" is this? "Lovely tents" does that tell us that the Israelites were living in a "renovator's delight" did their tents have "room for improvement" to turn them from "lovely" to "fabulous." Were they the worst tents in the best street in the desert, or had they over-extended and found great tents in a terrible neighbourhood?

The Torah commentators tell us that there were a number of things which made the Israelites' tents lovely and the real estate ad would probably go something like this: don't miss this opportunity to buy into this tightly held enclave: fabulous, quiet, private location in the heart of the desert. Community feel, close to eateries, 24 hour access to prophet of God. Strata fees: 613 mitzvot per annum. Price on request.

We are taught that the Israelites merited the glowing report about their tents, their homes in the desert, because even though they were temporary dwellings, they were homes. The tents were arranged in an incredibly ordered fashion, with no tent looking into another, no ones' privacy compromised despite the close living quarters. Yet they were not distant from one another. Each person cared for the other and was aware of what those around them needed. It was a true community and their homes reflected who they were and what was important in their lives; community and family, a place to be together and also the space to be alone with those you love most dearly.

Today we are very good at creating homes with privacy. The doors to our tents definitely do not open to the street for people to see inside. We build walls and barriers between ourselves and our neighbours and we are losing the sense of community so valued by our ancestors. And at the same time as we are building physical walls to shut others out, we are inviting them into our private worlds through the facebook, instagram and reality television. The barriers between the public domain and the private one are so blurred as to be almost indistinguishable. Even though we cannot look into each other's homes, we have access to each other's most intimate secrets and thoughts. So ironically, as we are creating more physical distance between one another we are dissolving the personal barriers. But it is not giving us the sense of community that our ancestors felt. It is not providing us with the balance that the Israelites managed to forge in the desert.

Researchers who have studied happiness suggest that one of the major sources of happiness and contentment is to be part of a community with shared values and goals; to be involved in something which is

MAZEL TOV

Paul & Bryony Ross on the Naming of their daughter, Harriet.

Daniel Solomon on his Bar Mitzvah (Masorti)

Lewis Saul on his Bar Mitzvah (Progressive)

Harry Cass on his Bar Mitzvah (Mincha)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 4:38pm

Saturday 5:37pm

TORAH (page 894)

Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

HAFTARAH (page 910)

Micah 5:6 - 6:8

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm - Masorti Service (*Neuweg*)
- 6:15pm - *Shabbat Live* (*Main Sanctuary*)

Shabbat Morning

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

Morning Minyan

Monday and Thursday at 6:45am.

6 July from 6:15pm

Renewal Kabbalat Shabbat

with music, meditation and prayer. (*Neuweg*)

Thursdays in August



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larger than each of us as an individual. We need to find that again, to recognise the value and importance of caring for those around us and connecting with them. And we also need to find the private space and time too, moments where we can connect with those closest to us, to have personal space and place to be. And if we can find that balance then once again we can exclaim: “Ma tovu ohalecha Ya’akov, mishkenotecha Yisrael!”

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



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Jewish Renewal Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner

6th July from 6:15pm

Enjoy music, meditation and prayer in uplifting community.

Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff will be leading the service with guest musician, Kim Cunio - Sefardic musician and ethnomusicologist. Followed by a communal vegetarian dinner, please bring something to share.

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:15pm Vegetarian pot luck dinner

8:30pm Music and meditation



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth

Tisha B'Av

Saturday 21st July

6:15pm Tisha B'Av services including the chanting of Eicha (the Book of Lamentations) and kinnot (elegies) sung by the community choir

Sunday 22nd July

9:00am Tisha B'Av morning services

3:00pm screening of the movie “*The Forgotten Refugees*” about the experiences of the exile of Jews from Arab lands. We will watch the film and then have the opportunity to hear from people in the community who were refugees from Arab lands talk about their experiences

4:45pm Mincha Ma'ariv services followed by a light meal to break fast



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rev. Sam Zwarenstein
Director of Communal Engagement

WHAT'S ON

Kef Kids - Fridays from 4:00pm-5:30pm

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 other children.

Our Jewish Story: Our Land, Our People - every Monday from 10:00am-11:30am

This Monday, 2 July -

Online Kabbalah *Text Study & Meditation* - Tuesday evenings in August 8:00pm

We will explore the 13th Century Kabbalah of Rabbi Avraham Abulafia, his ideas about language, sound, healing, developing focus and connection to self.

For info email: orna@emanuel.org.au

Chanukah In July

6:00pm Sunday July 29

Light up your winter nights with Chanukah in July!

Warm up the cold winter with a night of light and wonder as we celebrate Chanukah in July. Join us for a sumptuous feast with the traditional Chanukah fare, music and a journey through the 8 decades of our synagogue as we light 8 candles and tell 8 stories.

Bookings now open at tinyurl.com/julymenorah

Art, Kabbalah and Meditation Seminar

19 August 10:30am-3:00pm

with David Friedman, visiting artist from Safed, Israel
David is a Kabbalist, Artist and Meditation Teacher

email: orna@emanuel.org.au

Kabbalah Tour of Israel

October 2019

A 10 day tour of Israel with a focus on Jewish Spirituality.

We explore ancient sites, learn with the best Kabbalah teachers in the world and experience authentic, inspiring tikun olam projects and get to know the people involved. Led by Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff and Israeli musicians, teachers and artists.

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IN MEMORY

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

Shiva: Adi Trijbetz-Straus, Alfred Kobor

Shloshim: Caren Deeb, Reuven ben Yosef Hacohen v'Chaya, Otto Slazenger, Gisel (Giz) Folden, Edith Aramaty, Maya Ameisen, Edith Lederman, Anna (Hanka) Kalfus, Val Seminson

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

* Memorial Light

***Geoffrey Louis Berkman**

Solomon Bettman (Philip Bettman)

Ester Billig (Helen Engel, Irene Smith)

Shoshannah Bobrow (Devorah Lees)

Solomon Cantor (Barry Cantor)

Bessie Rebecca Cantor (Jill Gold, Pamela Leon)

Oswald Louis Cantor (Jill Gold, Pamela Leon)

Cecilia Chait (Cyndi Freiman)

Abe Chamita (Karen Fried)

Ray Etty Cohen (Neville Cohen)

***Asher Cohen**

***Arthur Corrick**

Anthony Dale (Jacqueline Dale)

Elly Elsas (Robert Sandy)

Maxwell Faigen (David Faigen)

Zelman Freeman (Anthony Freeman)

Catherine Gluck (Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins)

Lily Gold (Harold Gold)

Nathan Gold (Harold Gold)

Joseph Beer Govendir (Rita Opit)

Marton Hamor (George Hamor)

***William Herz**

Arthur Hirst (David Hirst)

***Hannah Isaaks**

Rachel Jackson (Gordon Jackson)

Ray Jacobson (Martin Jacobson)

Gerald Marcus Jaffee (Diane Geffrey)

Benzion Levy (Mary Aston-Levy)

***Rose & Benjamin Levy**

John Edward Lipman (Kent Lipman)

Henry Lippmann (Ed Lippmann, Michael Lippmann)

***Alfred Abraham Loebel**

Alice Lowy (Michelle Goldman)

Sandy Marmot (Allan Marmot, Danielle Marmot, Justin Marmot)

***Mordecai Ezra Messiah** (Karen Fried, Mark Fried)

Max Miller (Netty Grant)

Benjamin Ben Moshe Marder (Andre Menash)

***Anna Nadel** (Ervin Nadel)

***Morris Newman** (Margaret Perrott)

Harold Newstead (Valerie Newstead)

William Osmo (Steven Osmo)

Benzion (Bencjan) Perla (Diana Perla, Sam Perla)

Michael Pincus (Sharon Jacobson)

Sybil Henrietta Roden (Robert Roden)

Meyer Rosenwax (Jill Gold, Pamela Leon)

Valerie Isa Rosenwax (Jill Gold, Pamela Leon)

Joseph Rousseau (Albert Rousseau)

Montague Benjamin Said (Cathy Laurence)

Rhoda Shaw (Valerie Davis)

Simone Kiri Simon (Edith Simon, John Simon)

Patricia Sinclair (Wendy Sinclair)

Michael Samuel Stern (Helen Coolican, Michael Stern)

Michael Stone (Paul Stone)

Fredryka Tauber (Serge Tauber)

Betty Wainer (Devorah Wainer)

Gideon Wolman (Yoav Porat)

Jules Wynhausen (Eve Wynhausen, Gabi Wynhausen)

Shoah remembrance: Adolf Dorner was born in Trstena, Czechoslovakia in 1865 and lived there until 1941 when he was murdered in Poland during the Holocaust.