



## Planning for success

How should we define success? It is an elusive term. Is it simply ticking off the boxes of a predetermined goal? Is there a difference in how success should be defined? As we approach another year, how should we measure this past one? Throughout the ages, humankind has always created physical or metaphorical idols. Try as we might, we can never rid ourselves of them. An idol is an idea or a thing that should have relative value but has, however, been elevated to an absolute. The problem with idolatry for the monotheistic religions is that idols/idolatry creates a sense of delusion, can enslave a person and ultimately dehumanizes us.

In today's world, we do not necessarily have the idols that we conjure in our imaginations, of towering statues or images that we worship. These modern idols share characteristics with these more traditional idols. One of these most intoxicating qualities is success. From our early years of life, children are challenged to be successful in their classes and games - they have to win, and if not it is a tragedy or failure. In school we are measured by how well we have done in our exams - not if we have gained knowledge. We are comparing ourselves to others around us and not striving to be better than our own self. As we continue our educational trajectory in our life in college, we are pushed to our limits to obtain a degree in a profession with the idea to be successful in our future profession - not necessarily in life or in our relation with people. Money and fame, together with success, seems to define the ultimate absolute goals of a person. All these are relatively important, for sure, but they should not substitute the higher moral values. True happiness, for instance, is not obtained or achieved by accumulating more diplomas and certificates to prove that we are a successful person. My success is only real when it is perceived as a temporary, relative triumph; never as an end in and of itself. The reason for this way of thinking is that once I have accepted a successful endeavor and overcome a tough test in life, I might think that I have reached the top of the mountain, and there are no other mountains to climb. I would settle for the minimum, be satisfied with little gains and stifle my need to grow and challenge new goals.

All success therefore, should be partial, temporary and never final. We try to reach the stars but know that we will get only to the moon, and that is more than a success. There are always more heights to conquer than we can perceive. Nevertheless, to be grateful for the little steps forward, to learn to value the greatness of small things, to have helped a person just with a small smile, is a success in the heart of a person - knowing that tomorrow I can and should bring some happiness and love to another person. If I can inspire others, open someone's mind, reach into my soul, connect with someone on a deep level, those are all successes that we lose focus on, because they are all the beginning of a process, not the end of a journey.

Success therefore in our lives is not necessarily about reaching the goal, but maybe setting the goal and taking steps to accomplish it, and measuring the quality of the journey. How will you reflect on your success this past year? How will you plan for success this coming year? I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

שנה טובה ומתוקה

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## MAZAL TOV

**Daniel Berman & Francine Du Plessis** on their auf ruf  
(*New Sanctuary*)

**Luc & Adam Marshall-Weinberg** on their auf ruf  
(*New Sanctuary*)

**Coby New** on his **Bar Mitzvah**  
(*Main Sanctuary*)

**CANDLE LIGHTING**  
Friday 5:18pm  
Saturday 6:14pm  
**TORAH** (*page 1140*)  
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

**HAFTARAH:**  
(*page 1160*)

Isaiah 60:1 - 60:22

## SHABBAT SERVICES

### Erev Shabbat

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

### Shabbat Morning

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

### Renewal Shabbat Meditations

9am-10am - Shabbat Mornings in October

### Morning Minyan

Monday and Thursday at 6:45am (*New Sanctuary*)



## SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER - 11:00AM TO 10:00PM

Book now for Shir Madness, the Jewish music festival being held this October at Emanuel Synagogue.

Tickets are just \$75 + booking fee for a full day of musical performances! Featuring 25 acts on multiple stages featuring the best of Australian and international Jewish performers. In addition, Emanuel Synagogue members receive a **10% discount**. Simply enter the discount code: **emanuel member** on the Enter Details screen. Book now at [shirmadness.com](http://shirmadness.com) to take advantage of this special rate!

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR KOL NIDRE APPEAL

As we commit to securing our future, we ask that you please give generously to our Kol Nidre Appeal so we can continue to support our community.

See: [emanuel.org.au/kn](http://emanuel.org.au/kn) or call 9389 6444

## Is your membership current?

High Holy Days are less than 10 days away and tickets have been sent to members. Please make sure that your membership is current so you don't miss out. If you think your membership may have lapsed, please call the office on (02) 9389 6444.



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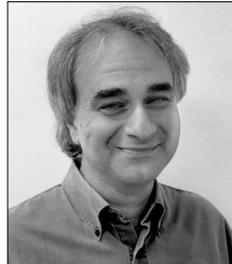
*Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth*



*Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff*



*Rev. Sam Zwarenstein  
Director of Communal Engagement*



*Cantor George Mordecai*

## CAMPUS ACCESS

We are in the process of building a beautiful new garden forecourt. Until construction is complete, there will be no access to the campus from Ocean Street. During this time the main entrance will be from the end of Woods Avenue (off Wallis Street). This includes services, events and office appointments. For details on access, see: [emanuel.org.au/woods-ave](http://emanuel.org.au/woods-ave)

# WHAT'S ON

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

Kef Kids is an educational program for children in years K-5 - an exciting, fun way for kids to connect with Judaism and their community.

## ***Conversations about Israel - every Monday from 10:00am-11:30am***

On September 3rd, guest **Ayala Katz** will be speaking on **The Bar Noar shooting and the LGBT movement in Israel**. In 2009, Ayala lost her 26-year-old son Nir Katz ז"ל in a shooting at the Bar Noar, a centre for LGBT youth in Tel Aviv where Nir worked as a volunteer counsellor. Following Nir's death, Ayala was invited to become the Chairperson of the LGBT parents' support organization, Tehila.

## **Shabbat Tot - Friday September 7th 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!

## **Family Friday - Friday September 7th 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 to celebrate Shabbat together.

## **Lunch 'n' Learn - Saturday September 8 after Shabbat services**

Reverend Sam Zwarenstein leads a discussion on "Some of the weird things Jews do"

# Selichot

## Turning to the Divine

**A night of beautiful music and spiritual return**

**Saturday 1st September from 9:00pm**

The stunningly beautiful Selichot prayers usher in the soulful themes and melodies of the approaching Yamim Noraim, Days of Awe. Bring your family and friends to this unforgettable and deeply meaningful spiritual experience.

Led by Cantor George Mordecai with the other members of our clergy and musicians including Llew Kiek, Aliza Waxman and Ben Adler.

Plus61J together with Emanuel Synagogue present

## **ISRAEL, JEWS & THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH FILM**

Join us each month for a fascinating festival of film followed by engaging discussion

**12th September, 7:00pm for 7:15pm** **The Sabra and the Shoah – The end of the dream?**

*Walk on Water* (2005, 104 minutes)

**10th October, 7:00pm for 7:15pm** **The Holocaust in Israeli Cinema and culture**

*The Flat* (2012, 97 minutes)

**14th November, 7:00pm for 7:15pm** **Mizrahi Immigration to Israel**

*Baba Joon* (2015, 91 minutes)

**12th December, 7:00pm for 7:15pm** **"Gotta be Happy" – Yiddish humor in America**

*The Komediant* (2004, 85 Minutes)

For more information and to book: [emanuel.org.au/films](http://emanuel.org.au/films)

# IN MEMORY

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

*Shiva:* Marie Con

*Shloshim:* Rodney Lesley Stern, Danny Rosen, Petru Musat, Harry Ashley Smith, Bruce Green, Alexander Klein, Betty Engelfield, Carol Isaacs, Joanne Fried

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

\* Memorial Light

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**Nancye Aaron** (Max Crawford)  
**John Hubert America** (Michael America)  
**Marcel Barold** (Gerard Barold)  
**Zena Brudno** (Salome Simon)  
**Ruth Cohen** (Ruth Faludi, Patricia Harca, Ericka Van Aalst)  
**Glenn Albert Cue** (Gary Smith)  
**Ronald Dyason** (Ann Rubner)  
**Stephen Glass** (Freda Glass, Sara Roberts)  
**Barbara Goldman** (Sylvia Leeser)  
**Nicholas Goodman** (Rachel Kaiserblueth, Tony Goodman, Robert Goodman)  
\* **Leon Gries**  
**Zvi David Grinberg** (Karin Banna, Ofra Grinberg)  
\* **Sophie Gruenfeld**  
\* **Bernard Hausman** (Denise Hausman, Neville Hausman)  
**Elisabeth Herz** (Helen Sirmai)  
**Jack Jackson** (Gail Lundberg)  
**Matthew Paul Jellins** (Jack Jellins, Maureen Jellins)  
**Rudolfine Jellins** (Jack Jellins)  
**Emery Kater** (Susan Hauser)  
**Rebecca Komesarook** (Minnie Shaul)  
**Sue Larish** (Peter Glaser)  
\* **John Leeser** (Sylvia Leeser, Jillian Leeser, Lindsay Leeser)  
**Rene Leplatrier** (Michele Haifer)  
**Sol Levi** (Mark Levi)  
\* **Jacob Lewis**  
**Sidney Lipton** (Erika Fulop)  
\* **Joseph Sydney Marks**

**Samuel Marshall** (Susan Nothman)  
**David Mendelsohn** (Graeme Mendelsohn)  
**Isobel Miller** (Keith Miller)  
**Kim Morris** (Rae Morris)  
**Kristine Morris** (Rae Morris)  
\* **Myer (Jack) Myers**  
**Imre Nemes** (Peter Kadar)  
**Henry Osborne** (Ronald Osborne)  
**Steven Perl** (Adam Perl, Lynne Perl)  
**Stella Rousseau** (Albert Rousseau)  
**Simon Rubner** (Steve Rubner)  
\* **Emanuel Seamonds** (Morris Seamonds)  
**Salomon Silberstein** (Ben Zucker)  
**Lesley Smith** (Roberta Freedman Smith)  
**Lester Sofer-Schreiber** (Mildred Teitler)  
**Evan Soicher** (Gillian De Jong)  
**Amelia Solomon** (Vern Solomon)  
**Basil Solomon** (David Solomon)  
**Sheila Steinberg** (Mark Steinberg)  
**Rosemary Stern** (Sharon Stern)  
**Esther Tandowski** (Sharon Stern)  
**Aitan Tobias** (Dahlia Dior)  
**Abraham Van Rooijen**  
(William Van Rooijen)  
**George Weyland** (Marta Weyland)  
**Elisabeth Wynhausen** (Gabi Wynhausen)  
**Nachman Yudelman** (Ivan Goldberg)  
**Victor Zakarewski** (Therese Kutis)

**Shoah remembrance:** Hilda Lercher was born in Vienna, Austria in 1907 and lived there until she was murdered in 1940 during the Holocaust.