



Making your home a sanctuary

This week's parashah contains quite an in-depth description of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle, designed to be a resting place for God's presence.

The Torah goes into intricate detail of how the Mishkan should be built, what should go where, as well as many other specifics that one would need when building a resting place for God's presence.

The Ark that was housed inside the Mishkan, contained what is more commonly referred to as the Tablets that Moses brought down from Mount Sinai, as depicted in many recollections of the events at Mount Sinai.

The Cover was made of pure gold, and was decorated with two Cherubim, also made of gold. Adonai had told Moses that it was there that God would speak to him. Then there was a Table, made of acacia wood, also covered with gold, as well as a gold crown. There was also a Menorah, as well as Covers for the Tabernacle, a Partition, and Altar, and a Courtyard.

This seems rather lavish for the Children of Israel to have to build, especially since they would have to carry this Mishkan with them throughout the journey towards Canaan. This was to be a direct symbol, tangible evidence of God's existence.

When we look at the design and structure of the Mishkan in detail, we find ourselves in a familiar environment. Many of the individual pieces used in the Mishkan are present in our own homes today. A table, which was originally intended for "meetings" between God and Moses. Today, we generally gather around the table to talk, or to eat, and there's usually talking involved whilst eating, anyway. The Mishkan also contains several other structures or elements that are basic to any house today – walls, curtains, covers, partitions.

While it would be incorrect to equate the Mishkan with our everyday houses and homes, these structures we live in probably resemble the closest concepts that we would have, as to what the Mishkan would have looked like. After all, today, a home is a Mishkan, our very own sanctuary.

The Mishkan was finally settled in the Temple in Jerusalem, and when the 2nd Temple was destroyed, the home eventually became a substitute, albeit, a more subdued version, of the Mishkan. It is true to say that many of our religious practices and occurrences take place in the synagogue. However, we don't spend most of our time in the synagogue, but rather in our homes.

Therefore, the home has become the more appropriate replacement for the Mishkan. How often have we heard the home being referred to as the sanctuary in which the family lives? Just as the Mishkan represented the centre of Jewish existence, so too does the home represent the centre of our Jewish existence today. What we do and for that matter, don't do in our homes, reflects our religious lives more than we anticipate. At home, we feel, well... at home.

Our behaviour and practices in the Synagogue and the wider community, should reflect our behaviour in our homes. At the beginning of this week's parashah, God says; "V'asu li Mikdash v'shachanti betocham." (They shall make Me a Sanctuary, so that I may dwell within them).

Our Sages explain that the goal of building the Mishkan is not merely to create a House for God, but to sanctify a place for God within the people.

Each individual should personally strive to make their home a home where God feels welcome, as if it were God's home.

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MAZAL TOV

to **Oscar-Louis Antflück** on his **Bar Mitzvah** (Main Sanctuary)

Naomi Solomon and **Giovanni Trono** on the naming of their baby **Akira** (Main Sanctuary)

Jack Smagarinsky on his **Bar Mitzvah** (Minchah - *Newweg Sanctuary*)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 7:29pm

Saturday 8:25pm

TORAH

Exodus 25:1 - 27:19 (page 485)

HAFTARAH

I Kings 5:26 - 6:13 (page 499)

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat

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

Shabbat Morning

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

Morning Minyan

- Morning Minyan is on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45am.
- Every Sunday from 9:00am followed by breakfast



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

Let us strive to find the strength and inspiration to build our very own Mishkan within our homes, and more than being crafted of fine wood, laden with gold, may it be a symbol of our gratitude, a place where we would be proud for God to dwell therein.

Shabbat Shalom,
Reverend Sam Zwarenstein



Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



with chef **Michael Rantissi**

Wednesday 21 February 2018, from 7pm

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*.

Tickets: just \$60 A percentage of profits will go to OzHarvest.

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

Are you planning a wedding?

If you are planning on getting married in the coming year, these are the sessions for you!

Meet others in the same stage of life as you, share experiences, and learn some practical skills from experts including financial planning and communication. Email rkaiserblueth@emanuel.org.au for any questions or to RSVP. No charge. Call office for dates.



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff

CELEBRATE PURIM

HAMANTASCHEN BAKING

Sunday February 25 from 10am

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MEGILLAH READING

Wednesday February 28 from 6:15pm

followed by the world-famous Emanuel Synagogue Purim Spiel

MY FAIR MAIDEL

The singing, dancing story of Esther Jewlittle and her quest to save her people

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PURIM FAMILY CELEBRATION

Thursday March 1st from 4:00pm

Fun for all the family!

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RENEWAL PURIM KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday March 2nd from 7pm

Join us at 7pm and enjoy live music on the sand in front of Bronte Surf Club followed by a pot-luck picnic on the grass.



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth



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 children in the congregation.

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

Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins looks at major issues facing contemporary Israel.

Kabbalah Meditation Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm February 20th, 27 & March 6th

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

Hebrew Classes - Monday evenings from 6-7pm

Our Beginners' Hebrew class is full however a few spaces remain in the **Intermediate class**.

Registrations are essential and are open at <https://tinyurl.com/advhebrew>

Shabbat services this week - we welcome a **special speaker** on behalf of the **ZDVO**.

Anat Yahalom served as a Commander in the Sinai Peninsula and was critically wounded at the onset of the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

KEEP THE DATE

Official Opening Celebration for the new Sanctuary & Preschool of Emanuel Synagogue
from 7:00pm Monday May 14, 2018

You are invited to a Q&A - live from Jerusalem
Fighting for Equality: At the Kotel, on the busses, in the streets" featuring Anat Hoffman

Thursday 1 March 7pm, Emanuel Synagogue Hall
Anat is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and a founding member of Women of the Wall

Anat will be speaking to us direct from Jerusalem about her passionate fight for religious pluralism, tolerance and equality in Israel.

JOURNEY IN JUDAISM

Every Sunday morning of school term, join us for 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.

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

IN MEMORY

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

Shiva: Anna Sefo, Violet Hougie, Derek Freeman

Shloshim: Samuel Lissing, Andrew Casey, Elinda Lissing, Edith Port, Bernard (Bernie) Hirst, Nina Crown, Michael Berger, John Sirmai, Alan Steinberg

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

* Memorial Light

- Benjamin Berkon** (Esther Berkon, Jonathan Berkon, Michelle Berkon)
Ian Biner (Anne Biner)
Magda Bognar (George Bognar)
Sydney Benjamin Brandt-Sarif (Alicia Brandt-Sarif)
Arthur Edward Cario (Mark Cario, Peter Cario)
Margaret Castle (David Castle)
Harry Philip Castle (David Castle)
Gweneth Ivy Cohen (Jeffrey Cohen)
Stanley Davis (Garry Davis)
* **Joseph Davis** (Sally Davis)
Chava Oren (Dahlia Dior)
Mariska Doktor (David Knoll)
Zaro Elizov (Judith Brandl)
Edith Engel (Elizabeth Green)
Michael Epstein (Marlene Epstein)
Emery Foldes (Susie Phillips)
Joe Gold (Carol Reismann)
* **Martha Goldstein**
Nellie Grinberg (Reg Grinberg)
Solo Grinberg (Reg Grinberg)
Susan Gross (David Gross)
Emil Halsted (David Castle)
Robert Haski (Jacqueline Haski, Roberta Haski)
Louis Heimann (Judith Gleiber)
Zena Hellig (Lesley-Ann Hellig)
Irma Hirsch (Dorothy Krawitz)
Michael Igra (Anthony Igra)
Helena Jucovic (Miriam Van Rooijen)
Armand Kohan (Evelyn Kohan)
Norman Lander (Judith Lander)
Jack Lang (Steven Lang)
Michael Lansky (Pamela Lansky Williams)
Leon Lehrer (Prof Gus Lehrer, Carol Lehrer)
Ronald Lewis (Joan Lewis, Craig Lewis)
Eve Linker (Maurice Linker)
Rebecca Lissing (Jack Lissing)
Bessie Mankowitz (Anita Libesman)
Paula Marcus (Danny Marcus)
Glen Margo (Robin Margo)
- Sydney Simon Maybloom** (Bernard Maybloom)
Cissie Maybloom (Bernard Maybloom)
Gabriella Meller Gacs (Peter Gacs)
Renee Miller (Debbie Warnock)
* **Ester Moses**
Abraham Joseph Nathanson (Michael Nathanson)
Klara Nemes (Peter Nemes)
Dora Nimon (Maxine Klarinet)
Dorothy Parsons (Johanna Nicholls)
Zoshia Pearlberger (Freda Glass)
Eva Perl (Peter Perl)
Jeffrey Reynolds (Barbara Holmes)
Betty Rheuben (Yadida Sekel)
* **Jacob (Jack) Lewis Rosen**
Henrietta Rotenstein (George Rotenstein)
Esther Safro (Lina Safro)
Maude Said (Cathy Laurence)
Dorothy Sammel (Neville Sammel)
Lila Schreiber (Elizabeth Marks)
David Schwarz (Peter Adler)
* **Henry Seamonds** (Morris Seamonds)
Isidor Segal (Colin Segal)
Barry Shillan (Paul Shillan)
Rayna Slivkin (Vivienne Nabarro)
Sender Smoliar (Karen Einati, Igal Leis, Lana Neumann)
Hyman Stern (Roger Davis)
* **Fred Stern** (Eva Engel)
Fredrick Swaab (Debbie Hausman, Nikki Levi, Judith Swaab)
Wolfe Tanner (Lorna Graham)
Frances Trachtenberg (Paul Trachtenberg)
Ruby Wallace (Michelle Frankl)
Louis Watson (Maurice Watson)
Betty Shirley Waxman (Leon Waxman)
Jacqueline Westwood (Claude Hakim)
Sydney Whitby (Louise Morris)
Josephine Zamel (Martine Buchter-Taylor, Lynette Rosen, Gary Zamel)
Ezekiel Zukerman (Jill Zukerman)

Shoah remembrance: Sigfrid Jordan was born in Munich, Germany and lived there until he was murdered in Riga, Latvia during the Holocaust.