

Parshat Bamidbar - Shavuot
Friday 3 June, 2022

NEWSLETTER

Candle Lighting
Friday night 4:51pm
1st Night after 5:51pm
2nd Night after 5:51pm
Yom Tov ends 5:51pm



SOUTH CAULFIELD
HEBREW CONGREGATION

SCHC is committed to the protection of all children and young people from harm and has a zero tolerance policy towards all forms of child abuse.

RABBI MENDY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

I am very fortunate to have been selected to participate in the Launchpad Leadership 2022 program. This is the third cohort of 34 senior professionals and lay leaders from a diverse

range of Jewish organisations from across Australia.

The program blends Jewish values with technical skills and leadership theory with experiential learning. It is an incredible platform to develop friendships and foster cross community collaboration.



Going into the program, I was uncertain how a cohort of Jews from very different backgrounds would work together, let alone a group of Jewish leaders. I was reminded of the story about how Golda Meir, the former Israeli prime minister, once told the American president, Richard Nixon: "You are the president of 150 million Americans; I am the prime minister of six million prime ministers."

I learned very quickly that our cohort consists of talented and passionate leaders each of whose goal is to serve our community. Each one of us have different skills and experiences to share and we also have areas in which to grow and learn. We are 34 individuals with our unique perspectives that the Launchpad Leadership program has managed to unite in a common cause.

Leading up to Shavuot when we celebrate the date of the giving of the Torah, there is a famous teaching from Rashi regarding when the Jews camped near the mountain to receive the Torah, the verb used in the Torah, the verb used in the Torah is in singular form: Vayichan - and he camped. Rashi explains that the Jewish people were united as one person with one heart.

SHULE SCHEDULE

Friday 3 June
Mincha 5pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm

Saturday 4 June
Talmud Shiur 8:30am
Shacharit 9am
Mincha 12:45pm
Maariv 6pm
Tikun Leil Program 8:30pm

Sunday 5 June - 1st Day Shavuot
Shacharit 9am
Bikkurim & 10 commandments Aprox 10:15am
Mincha 5pm
Maariv 5:51pm

Monday 6 June - 2nd Day Shavuot
Shacharit 9am
Yizkor (approx 11am)
Mincha 4:45pm
Maariv & Yom Tov Ends 5:51pm

Weekday Services
Mornings
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6:45am
Thursday 6:30am

Evenings
Tuesday - Thursday Maariv Only 7:30pm

I found a powerful parallel in this week's Parshah, Bamidbar which commences the book of Numbers. It is called Numbers because of the 2 major censuses that are recorded in the book.

Usually the Hebrew word used for counting is sefira. Sefira is used for counting the Omer, counting the seven years from Shemittah, counting the Jubilee year etc. Yet when counting the Jewish people, the Torah avoids the classic term and uses "Seu et Rosh" (Numbers 1:2) and "Pakad" (Numbers 1:49).

Both of these terms have other meanings besides to count: "Seu et Rosh" also means to lift up the head and "Pakad" also means memory. So why does the Torah depart from the usual term Sefira and use these ambiguous terms when describing the count of the people?

On the one hand, we count items that we love and cherish because each one is valuable. G-d wants to count each individual, because each of them is important to Him.

Yet, Jews have an aversion to counting people. As the famous RACV ads used to say "You're a member, not a number." Counting people can strip them of their basic identity and dignity. Nothing dehumanises more than a number; something the Nazis understood very well.

When Hashem counts the Jewish people, it is an elevating experience. Each individual is precious and no matter where they stand in society is counted equally with even the great sages. Every single person potentially has something of infinite value to contribute.

Now we can appreciate the depths of the words the Torah employs for counting people: "Seu et Rosh" and "Pakad" - "lifting up" and "remembering." Instead of counting the people, we must remember them and lift them up. The counting should remind the people what their inherent and indispensable value is.

There is a famous teaching of the Baal Shem Tov, that if even one letter in the Torah scroll is missing, the Torah is invalid. So too in Judaism, each individual is considered a crucial part of the people, without whom the entire nation would be incomplete.

I still have a couple of more sessions with my cohort at Launchpad. I look forward to seeing the incredible contribution that each one of them makes to our wider community.

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LIFSHY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

I received a message from my friend this week telling me that her 11 year old daughter wanted to interview me for a school project. Based on the story of Ruth, from the Tanach, the girls were instructed to find a woman who had



sacrificed something for Torah: an inspiring woman who had/has embarked on a journey to uplift hers and others Neshamot- Jewish souls.

I was so touched that she wanted to interview me. My heart warmed and swelled to 3 times it's size.

Of course I said yes, I would do the interview. It got me thinking though: What I do, and what each of us do, has such a strong impact on the younger generation. Who did I look up to when I was that age? Who was able to guide me spiritually and make me proud of who I was? And who do I want to be for my own Children. Who do I want to be for your children?

On Shavuot, we promised Hashem that our children will be the guarantors of the Torah. Those special, sweet and kind children will guarantee that our beautiful Torah will live on for generations to come, for all eternity.

How can we pave the way for our children to receive this special gift? We can show them the beauty of living a life of Torah. Show them what we sacrifice for Torah. And show them how much richer our lives are with Torah in it. Just like Ruth, who gave up all the comforts of the royal life she lived so that she could live a life with Torah at its centre.

May this Shavuot bring you inspiration and blessing!

Lots of love,
Lifshy Ajzenszmidt



WHAT'S COMING UP!



Mommy & Me

With Lifshy

Fridays 10am at SCHC Shule

GOLD COIN DONATION



SOUTH CAULFIELD
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**Join us Friday from 5pm
for Mincha,
Shiur n Snacks**



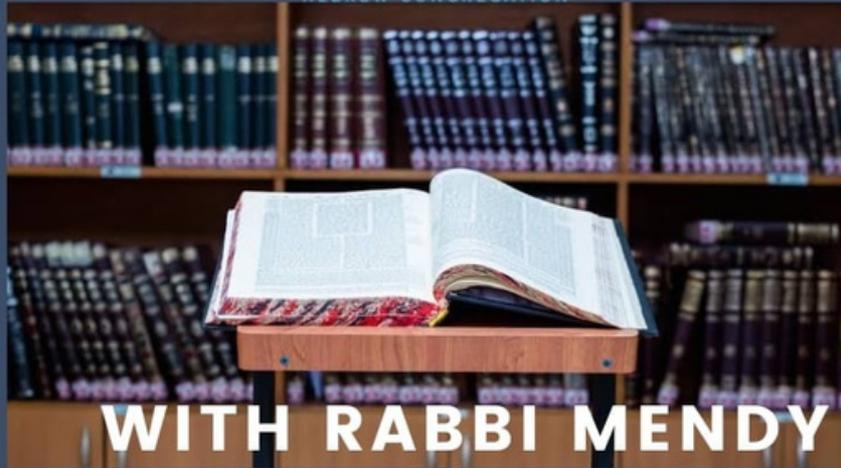
**THE BEST HOT
SOUP AFTER
DAVENING!**

WHAT'S COMING UP!

You're Invited!

TALMUD SHIUR

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WITH RABBI MENDY
SHABBAT DAY 8.30AM
ALL ARE WELCOME
All Covid Safe Protocols will apply



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C Care

Connecting Through Food & Friendship



Rabbi Shlomo Nathanson

In 2012 Shlomo realized that there were hundreds of isolated Jews living locally in poverty and other difficult circumstances. In line with personal goals of reaching out and helping those less fortunate, Shlomo together with his wife, Rivki started C Care – a volunteer driven organization that alleviates social isolation and disadvantage amongst the most vulnerable and fragmented sections of the community. C Care continues to grow and flourish, constantly expanding its range of services, and making a real difference in the Melbourne Jewish Community.



13 June, 2022 | 12.00 PM
47 Leopold St, Caulfield South
Gold Coin Donation
No Booking Required



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Tikun Leil Learning Program

Saturday, 4 June

47 Leopold St, Caulfield South



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6:30PM



SHAVUOT DINNER SALUTING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

[LINKTR.EE/SCHCSHULE](https://linktr.ee/schcshule)



8:30PM

HOW TO ADVANCE THE AGENDA OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Ms Nomi Kaltmann

President, Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance



PANEL DISCUSSION: FUTURE OF JEWISH EDUCATION



Itzik Sztokman
Executive Principal,
UJEB



Justin Greenstein
Board Director and
Head of Engagement
& Growth, UJEB



Miri Zevin
Member-Bialik Council
Chair- Affordability
Committee



Howard Sachs
JCCV Executive -
Education Portfolio



Daniel Houseman
Co-Chair Yeshivah
-Beth Rivkah

9PM

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE MEDICAL, LEGAL AND HALACHIC PERSPECTIVES OF ABORTION



Daniel Meyrowitz
Senior Lawyer
Moderator



Dr Saul Cohen
Obstetrician
& Gynaecologist
Medical Perspective



Janine Wald
Barrister at law
Legal Perspective



Dr Graeme Wald
PhD MBA GAICD
Socioeconomic
Perspective



Mendy Ajzenszmid
Rabbi, SCHC
Torah Perspective

10PM

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



SCHC MONTHLY WOMEN'S CIRCLE
PRESENTS



SCHC
PAINT & SIP

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
7PM
SCHC HALL
\$25

Sign up at linktr.ee/SCHCshule

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MEET CHAYA ROCHEL, OUR ART TEACHER FOR THE NIGHT. CHAYA ROCHEL IS AN ARTIST ORIGINALLY FROM NEW YORK AND HAS BEEN LIVING IN MELBOURNE FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS WITH HER HUSBAND AND 5 CHILDREN




SHAVUOT ICE CREAM PARTY

SUNDAY, 5 JUNE
MONDAY, 6 JUNE

10:15AM HEAR THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (5 JUNE ONLY)
10:30AM CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
11:30AM ICE CREAM PARTY

SPECIAL BIKKURIM CEREMONY ON SUNDAY
CHILDREN BRING A BASKET OF FRUIT TO BE DONATED TO THE NEEDY

47 LEOPOLD ST, CAULFIELD SOUTH

SOUTH CAULFIELD
HEBREW CONGREGATION

You are invited!

CALLING ALL KIDS!

10 Commandments



BIKKUREM

Saleinu Alkatfeinu



Bring Fruit in a decorated Basket - 10.15am

YARTZEITS



Saturday 04 Jun 2022 (5 Sivan 5757) Beno Kamieniecki (Dov) father of Nathan Kamien
Saturday 04 Jun 2022 (5 Sivan 5758) Eli Brody (Eliyaho ben Yitzack) father of Alec Brody
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5745) Gertrude Want (Chaya bat Shimon) grandmother of Gavin Want
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5767) Hymie Simon (Chaim Ben Avraham HaKohen) brother of Nathan Simon
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5767) Hymie Simon (Chaim Ben Avraham HaKohen) brother of Sol Simon
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5772) Jeremiasz Kiper (Yirmiyahu Yitzhak Ben Leyb) father of Leon Kiper
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5772) Isydor Preston (Yitzhak Ruven ben Shmuel) grandfather of Joy Gunzburg
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5772) Rebecca Goldenberg (Rivkah Bat Yerucham Fishel and Sima Chaya) mother of Deborah Searle
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5730) Jonny (Jack) Want (Yakov ben Shmuel) grandfather of Gavin Want
Sunday 05 Jun 2022 (6 Sivan 5745) Zalman Natan (Zalman ben Aaron Halevi) father of Judith Brody
Monday 06 Jun 2022 (7 Sivan 5772) Jacob Kahn (Jaacov Ben Shmuel) father of Ros Epstein
Tuesday 07 Jun 2022 (8 Sivan 5721) Ann Sacher (Chaya Rivka Bat Shimon) sister of Michael Sacher
Tuesday 07 Jun 2022 (8 Sivan) 5743) Ben Mymin (Binyamin ben Zeilig) father of Sharon Krawitz
Tuesday 07 Jun 2022 (8 Sivan 5728) Bernard Neumann (Boruch ben Moshe) father of George Neumann
Wednesday 08 Jun 2022 (9 Sivan 5748) 9 Sivan Sophie Adler (Sofi Bat Shmuel) mother of Paul Adler
Thursday 09 Jun 2022 (10 Sivan 5779) Tania Makowski (Tova bat Efraim) mother of Benny Makowski
Friday 10 Jun 2022 (11 Sivan 5769) Joseph Cooper (Yosef Ben Reb Zvi) husband of Bessie Cooper
Friday 10 Jun 2022 (11 Sivan 5769) Joseph Cooper (Yosef Ben Reb Zvi) father of Maxine Lasnitzki

AGED CARE VISIT



Do you have a loved one or know someone who is in an Aged-Care Home and would like the Rabbi to visit them? If yes, please email the Rabbi Mendy Ajzenszmidts or call on his mobile 0405 766 241 and he will ensure he adds them to his list of regular visits

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4/06/2022 Bella Garkawe
4/06/2022 Rodney Edelsten
4/06/2022 Gabe Breuer
5/06/2022 Robert Zielin
5/06/2022 Roy Gottlieb
5/06/2022 Gabriella Kaseman
5/06/2022 Phyllis Moritz
6/06/2022 Zac Weiss
7/06/2022 Talia Benson
7/06/2022 Jonathan Ivanyi
7/06/2022 Jeffrey Greenberg
8/06/2022 Sol Simon
9/06/2022 Anne Katz
9/06/2022 Nathaniel Lockshin
10/06/2022 Debbie Haskin
10/06/2022 Rachel Milner



CONDOLENCES



To Nigel Leivenzon on the recent passing of his mother, Rae Leivenzon (z'l), We extend our sincere condolences to Rahel, Eli, Josh, Shira and the entire family

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR SHULE

There are many opportunities to get involved, as the need arises, we will update this space. Here are just a few to get started:

Sponsorship

To sponsor an event, Friday night, Kiddush, Seudat Shlishit, Farbrengen, Women's event, or in honour of an upcoming milestone or Yartzeit - contact the office 9578 5922.

Security

Join the security roster - contact Mark Sarachik mark.sarachik@schc.org.au

Haftorah

Read the Haftotrah - contact the office - 9578 5922

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



THE STUDENTS OF MOUNT SCOPUS FKI CAMPUS FROM THE SCHOOL AND KINDER CAME TO VISIT OUR SHULE AND LEARN ABOUT THE TORAH BEFORE SHAVUOT.



Shabbat Shalom
& Chag Sameach
שבת שלום וחג שמח

