



## SOUTH CAULFIELD HEBREW CONGREGATION

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## RABBI MENDY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

After six years that my family lived in Hong Kong serving the Jewish

community of Discovery Bay in Lantau Island, we left with some great experiences and memories. One stark difference to Melbourne is the vertical urban living of Hong Kong.



Living in apartment towers, twenty to fifty floors high is normal.

Hong Kong is built on less than 50,000 acres resulting in a dense high rise environment, earning it the title of the "worlds most vertical city". The experts say that vertical living will be the future of urban living.

One of the benefits of vertical urban living is the building amenities which include playgrounds, gyms and swimming pools. Our children had lots of friends to play with as well as a choice of playgrounds within a few minutes walk.

The obvious challenge of vertical urban living is living in compact homes with very little or no private outdoor space.

### SHULE SCHEDULE

**Friday 15 July**

**Mincha 5:15pm**

**Kabbalat Shabbat 6pm**

**Saturday 16 July**

**Talmud Shiur 8:30am**

**Shacharit 9am**

**Mincha 4:45pm**

**Shabbat Ends 6:02pm**

**Weekday Services**

**Mornings**

**Sunday Fast of 17th Tammuz**

**8:30am**

**Mon & Thurs 6:30am**

**Tues, Wed & Friday 6:45am**

**Evenings**

**Sunday Mincha / Maariv**

**5:10pm**

**Tuesday-Thursday Maariv**

**Only 7:30pm**

# LIFSHY'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

Here's an article I read this week that I would like to share from [chabad.org](http://chabad.org).



“How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, thy dwellings, O Israel.” Ma tovu ohalecha Yaakov mishkenotecha Yisrael.

Read the Hebrew words, and for anyone who has been to Jewish camp or Jewish anything, the melody just pops into your head. This verse is said upon entering a synagogue, it's part of the daily Morning Prayer and even if you don't recite it, you may know it because it's one of the most famous verses in the Torah, and it's in the Torah portion, Balak.

And so one would think that these words of praise were uttered by G-d or by Moses, or at least by someone “very holy.” And yet, these words emanated from the mouth of a notorious Jew-hater, Bilaam, who was hired by Balak (the newly appointed King of Moab) to curse the Jewish people in the desert.

Three times, Bilaam tried to curse the Jewish people, and yet each time, he blessed them instead. Now prior to the first two attempts, Bilaam and G-d had a “conversation,” whereby G-d either instructed Bilaam what to say or put the words directly into his mouth. And so despite his utmost intentions and hatred, Bilaam could only utter words of blessing and praise for the Jewish people.

Another challenge is privacy in general. As there are hundreds of buildings built next to each other, its not uncommon to live on a high floor with another building a few metres away with windows facing into your home.

In this week's Parshah Balak, Bilaam attempted to curse the Jewish people and in the end gave them blessings. One of the blessings he gave was “How beautiful are your tents, Yaakov!” (Bamidbar 24:5)

In the Talmud (Bava Basra 60a) it explains that Bilaam observed how the Jewish people arranged their tents so that the entrances did not line up, and they did not peer into each other's homes. This demonstrated their dedication to maintain family privacy.

What's interesting is, the Jewish people had 42 separate stops during their journey to the Land of Israel, some longer than others. Each time they set up camp, no matter how long it was for, they always made sure to maintain privacy.

I can only imagine the difficult task of the town planners, managing requests of who wants to stay near and far away from who ;).

This is an important lesson in maintaining modesty, privacy and dignity even in our 21st century higher density living environment.

Wishing you and your families a Shabbat Shalom,  
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Therefore, before the third and final attempt, Bilaam decided to take a different tack since these “conversations” with G-d were not going his way. This time, Bilaam concentrated on the so-called faults and transgressions of the Jewish people, trying to discredit them so as to overcome G-d’s benevolence and whip up a host of spiritual negativity against the Jewish people.

And so, after he was all fired up, Bilaam lifted his eyes to blast the Jewish people with his “evil eye.” But when he lifted his eyes and looked—truly looked—Bilaam noticed how the placement of the tents was designed for the utmost respect of privacy and dignity. He saw order. He saw righteousness. He saw goodness. And he was moved. The Torah states, “Balaam saw that it pleased the L-rd to bless Israel” (Numbers 24:1).

And in so doing, even if it was a very temporary shift, Bilaam saw a new reality, a G-dly reality, and his curses were transformed into blessings.

So the question is, how could such words of praise come out of Bilaam’s mouth and of his own accord?

It’s a not-funny joke that if a notorious anti-Semite says something nice about the Jews, then it must be true. It’s just human nature; we have a hard time believing certain ideas when they originate from sources very close to us. How credible is it when we sing our own praises? And so, if a non-Jew praises the Jewish people, that’s good. But if a Jew-hater effusively praises us? Wow! What could be better?

Lots of love & Shabbat Shalom,  
Lifshy Ajzenszmid



**Mommy  
&  
Me**  
With Lifshy

**Fridays 11:30 at SCHC Shule**

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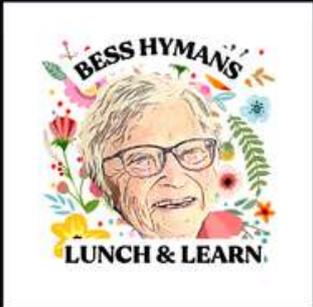
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**BESS HYMANS  
LUNCH & LEARN**

**12PM - 1:30PM - 18 JULY  
SOUTH CAULFIELD SHULE**





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# FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



**WITH GUEST CHAZAN  
BRETT KAYE**

**FRIDAY 22 JULY  
5:15PM MINCHA  
6PM KABBALT SHABBAT**

# BEER & BILTONG



# Shabbat Mevorchim Communal Lunch & Farbrengen

Shabbat 23 July  
following Musaf



**Sponsored in honour of  
Rabbi Mendy's Birthday**

Free of charge - Bookings essential by  
9pm Wednesday 20 July

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# YARTZEITS



Saturday 16 Jul 2022 (17 Tammuz 5738) Musie Zuck (Mussia Ita Bat Baruch David) mother of Phyllis Moritz  
Sunday 17 Jul 2022 (18 Tammuz 5759) Israel Goldblatt (Yisrael ben Shlomo) father of Brenda Freedman  
Sunday 17 Jul 2022 (18 Tammuz 5732) Jennifer Gafin (Elka Bat Itzchak Elkayin) mother of Anthony Gafin  
Sunday 17 Jul 2022 (18 Tammuz 5753) Ronnie Rappoport (Reuven Shimon Ben Shmuel Lev HaCohen) father of Beverly Joffe  
Monday 18 Jul 2022 (19 Tammuz 5758) Charlotte Lesser (Charlotte Bat Chananya) aunt of Paul Adler  
Monday 18 Jul 2022 (19 Tammuz 5758) Birdie Weitzer (Brina Bat Leib) grandmother of Michael Weitzer  
Tuesday 19 Jul 2022 (20 Tammuz 5759) Pearl Lipkie (Penina Bat Yitschack) mother of Darryl Lipkie  
Wednesday 20 Jul 2022 (21 Tammuz 5757) Siegfried Hamburger (Shmuel ben Yekutiel) father of Gillian Pinn  
Thursday 21 Jul 2022 (22 Tammuz 5775) Barry Rosenberg (Ber Dov) husband of Hetty Rosenberg  
Thursday 21 Jul 2022 (22 Tammuz 5775) Barry Rosenberg (Ber Dov) father of Susan Budlender  
Friday 22 Jul 2022 (23 Tammuz 5741) Morris Rubinstein (Moishe Ben Kashriel) father of David Rubinstein  
Friday 22 Jul 2022 (23 Tammuz 5741) Morris Rubinstein (Moishe Ben Kashriel) grandfather of Sean Rubinstein  
Friday 22 Jul 2022 (23 Tammuz 5741) Morris Rubinstein (Moishe Ben Kashriel) grandfather of Hylton Rubinstein

## 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 Ajzenszmidt or call on his mobile 0405 766 241 and he will ensure he adds them to his list of regular visits

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

16/07/2022 Martin Leslie Stock  
16/07/2022 Jemma Katz  
16/07/2022 Shota Sepiashvili  
17/07/2022 Louise Breuer  
17/07/2022 Ben Wajzman  
17/07/2022 Joe Lipszyc  
18/07/2022 Carla Jurblum  
19/07/2022 Chad Aizicowitz  
19/07/2022 Michal Treisman  
20/07/2022 Simon Wail  
20/07/2022 Helen Sauler  
21/07/2022 Miriam Millingen  
22/07/2022 Stacy Kaseman  
21/07/2022 Thomas Weinberger



## MAZAL TOV



To Jonathan & Rosilyn Ivanyi on the birth a grandson, Jordan Alexander. We extend our wishes to the parents Joshua and Marssa Ivanyi and the entire family.

To Michelle Golding on the birth of her grandson, Blake Ezra. We extend our wishes to Talia 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

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



RABBI MENDY WITH SHAINA MALKA & ROSIE SINGING SHABBAT SONGS WITH ELDERS OF BUPA AGED CARE CAULFIELD.



## KIDDUSH SPONSOR

This Shabbat's Kiddush is sponsored by Phyllis and Edgar Moritz in memory of Phyllis's late mother Musie Zuck (Mussia Ita Bat Baruch David) z"l .

The Seuda Shlishit this Shabbat is sponsored by Mel and Maureen Klotz in honour of all their children

Shabbat Shalom  
שבת שלום

