

Shabbat Shalom!

שבת שלום!

9 - 10 November 2017 21 - 22 Cheshvan 5778

Candlelighting:

Erev Shabbat 7.46 pm

Musical erev Shabbat service 6.30 pm

Join us to be uplifted and inspired by KN's unique song-filled Shabbat service created by our wonderful musicians!

Shabbat service begins at 9.30 am



Weekly Torah Portion:

Parashat Chayei Sara / פרשת חיי שרה

Torah: Genesis 23:1 - 24:5- 52

Haftarah: I Kings 1:1 - 1:31

Shabbat ends: 8.49 pm

Refuah Shleymah:

We wish the following people a speedy and full recovery: Evelyn Rose

If someone has recently taken ill or should be taken off the list, please contact Lianne on 9500 0906 or lianne@kehilatnitzan.org.au or Sammy at gabbai@kehilatnitzan.org.au



A message from Rabbi Sadoff:

Reflections on ANZAC Day Celebrations in Beer-Sheva

This year's ANZAC Day Commemoration in Beer-Sheva was remarkable. Participating in this event felt like taking part in a historic moment. The centennial commemoration of the battle of Beer-Sheva marked one hundred years since the capture of Beer-Sheva by the Australian light horsemen, a triumph that paved the way for the British Mandate of Palestine and the downfall of the Ottoman Empire during World War I. The Balfour Declaration was issued two days later, heralding the establishment of the State of Israel.

It is amazing to think that this is the very land where Abraham and Sarah lived, the same territory they traversed and in which they dug wells thousands of years ago, making this place their home – as our family has for the past five years. The personal and biblical ties alone made this a most moving experience for us, but we were also drawn to this event and found it so meaningful because of our newfound connection to Australia – and particularly to our new congregation in Melbourne!

Not all events were open to the public, but we were able to participate in two of the grandest: the parade and the reenactment of the cavalry charge. The parade was impressive, the reenactment a true spectacle, but the highlight of the day for us was being surrounded by Australians, Israelis and New Zealanders all at once.

When we arrived at the civic parade of the light horsemen, we immediately ran into a group of congregants from our Kehilah Magen Avraham in Omer (a small town adjoining Beer-Sheva) and then a whole other group of families from the shul, all the while being surrounded by young people cheering "Aussie, aussie, aussie, oi, oi, oi." We already felt a strong affinity with these people and their country. (I was sure that this was a Jewish Australian cheer "Aussie, aussie, aussie, oy yoy yoy!" but it was later



explained to me that this is a sports cheer that is not necessarily Jewish.) There was something very special about feeling connected to Israel and to Australia all at the same time.

Another event that played an important part in this commemoration was held right here at our Kehilat Magen Avraham in Omer. It featured a screening of the Australian film *The Light Horsemen*, followed by a lecture about the events it portrays. The lecture placed particular emphasis on the scholarly work of Professor Yishayahu (Isaiah) Friedman z"l. Friedman was a great scholar of history at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, as well as a member of Kehilat Magen Avraham. [See:

<http://www.balfour100.com/reaction/isaiah-friedman/>] Moreover, many of our congregants hosted Australian delegates. The guest we received was a lovely woman named Janene from Geelong who, though not Jewish, has a true love for Israel.

I have intentionally left out most of the historical details about the battle and surrounding events, as they have been written about extensively both in the Australian and the Israeli press. It was important to me, however, as the incoming rabbi and part of the rabbinic family coming to Kehilat Nitzan, to share with you these reflections on what was a truly remarkable event here in Beer-Sheva; one which felt like a bridge between two worlds; Israel and Australia. It is upon this bridge that we will be embarking very shortly and continuing to embody while in Australia, as we remain connected always to this sacred land.

Wishing you all a Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Yonatan Sadoff

Zehovians learn about Avraham and Sarah's hospitality

We recently read in the Torah how Avraham and Sarah welcomed visitors to their tent, which had a door always open to be on the lookout for wayfarers. The Zehoo kids learned about this and then made their own tent. Some special visitors happened to come by, too!



SAVE THE DATES! DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON...

- **SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER: KN MOVIE - "SOME LIKE IT HOT"**
- **FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER: CHANUKAH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & FAMILY DINNER**
- **SHABBAT 30 DECEMBER: ZMIROT LUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE**

What's on in a Nutshell:

Thursday 9 Nov : A Course in Practical Prayer, 6 pm
Thursday 9 Nov : Pondering the Parasha, 7.15 pm (weekly)
Sunday 19 Nov : Mitzvah Day (details in box below)
Nitzanim Mitzvah Day Gig, 3.30 pm
Zehoo Bake-a-thon, 2-4 pm
Wednesday 22 Nov : Morning Minyan, 7-730am (weekly)
Thursday 23 Nov : A Course in Practical Prayer resumes, 6 pm
Thursday 23 Nov : Pondering the Parasha, 7.15 pm (weekly)
Sunday 10 Dec : KN Movie "Some Like it Hot", 3pm
Friday 15 Dec : Chanukah Family dinner
Shabbat 20 Dec : Zmirot Lunch

Mitzvah Day Sunday 19 November 2017

MITZVAH DAY BLOOD DRIVE

If you would like to participate in the Blood Drive please contact Jeanette Mecoles at mecoles@bigpond.com or call 0438 579 238.

NITZANIM SINGERS MITZVAH DAY GIG

Graceland Hostel Services, 508 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick from 3.30 - 4.30pm



B'nei Mitzvah Reminder

If you have a child who will become bar/bat mitzvah in 2019, 2020 or 2021 at Kehilat Nitzan, and you have not as yet registered your child with the office, please contact Lianne on 9500 0906 or info@kehilatnitzan.org.au so that we can confirm the date and share with you details about the bar/bat mitzvah preparation and education. We require at least a year's notice. Thank you!