

**Shabbat Times 3 - 4 February 2017 7 - 8 Sh'vat 5777**

**Candlelighting at 8.13pm.**

**Musical erev Shabbat service 6.30 - 7.30pm:**

Come and enjoy KN's unique, uplifting and song-filled Shabbat service created by our wonderful musicians!

**Shabbat shiur study group 9 - 9.30am:** Everyone welcome. Shabbat service starts at 9.30am.

**Weekly Torah Portion:**

Parashat Bo / פרשת בא

Torah: Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13 - 46:28

**Shabbat ends: 9.20pm**



**What's on at Kehilat Nitzan (details in boxes below)**

5 Feb: World Wide Wrap, 10am at shul

9 Feb: B'nei Mitzvah Program resumes, 5.30pm at shul

18 Feb: Iyun with Professor Andrew Marcus

19 Feb: Nitzanim Singers gig at 2.30pm, Emmy Monash

25 Feb: Children's Shabbat Service, 10.45am

**From the Board:** The Board recently held its February meeting, and I am pleased to share with you the following:

**In Once Voice:** Kehilat Nitzan will have a stall at *In One Voice*, the communal gathering of many of Melbourne's Jewish organizations. This is being led by your membership and marketing committee and will be an effective way to acquaint more of the Jewish community with Masorti Judaism and Kehilat Nitzan.

**Bikur Cholim:** We have developed guidelines for Bikur Cholim, visiting the sick, under the auspices of the Tikkun Olam committee. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a list from one of our volunteers, please let Lianne know by calling 9500 0906 or by [email](#).

**Conversion Classes:** We will commence our new conversion course in the next few weeks, and if you know of anyone who may be interested in this please let us know.

**New Siddurim:** We are investigating the best way to purchase and deliver from America our movement's new Shabbat siddur. The siddur is similar in design to our beautiful mahzor and we hope that we will have the new siddurim in the not too distant future.

**Book Club:** Our social committee held a very successful book club at the synagogue and they have many other events for the future.

**Rabbinic Search:** I am often asked by congregants, "Nu?" regarding the search. I assure you that our rabbinic search is very active. The committee has recently had Skype interviews with a number of candidates. We continue to receive new applications from candidates which are reviewed by the committee. The process takes time and on behalf of the search committee, we appreciate your patience. We are also so grateful for all of our lay leaders who ensure that our services continue to be held at the high standards which we enjoy.

**Children's Shabbat Service:** Our first Children's Shabbat Service for 2017 will be February 25, commencing 10:45. All young children and their parents, grandparents or siblings and other family members are most welcome. Shabbat Shalom, Zvi

**TO KEHILAT NITZAN, I want to express my gratitude for the lovely meal which the shul provided for us at this time of my bereavement. I feel that such gestures are what make Kehilat Nitzan the warm and welcoming place it is, and which makes one proud to be a member. Warmest wishes to all. Freda Hodge**

### **B'nei Mitzvah Program**

To all B'nei Mitzvah parents and students, the start of the 2017 school year nears, and this means our B'nei Mitzvah program will also resume. **Our first session starts at 5:30 on February 9, at Kehilat Nitzan and finishes at 7:00.** At the first session I would like to speak to the kids and parents for about 15 - 20 minutes to discuss our program and answer any questions you may have. I am looking forward to seeing you there. In addition, **if you know of a uni student who has been in, or is in a youth group and may be interested in helping to lead our B'nai Mitzvah program, please contact me.**

**For Future B'nei Mitzvah:** To ensure getting the date you'd like for your child's bar / bat mitzvah, please contact Lianne via email or call 9500 0906 so that we can complete the necessary paperwork.

### **CHaT Matters: First iyun, 18 February 2017**

**Join us for the service followed by the first 2017 iyun on "Attitudes to cultural diversity in Australia. Is the ground shifting?" delivered by Professor Andrew Markus**

Since 2007 the Scanlon Foundation has sponsored broad ranging surveys on Australian attitudes, including attitudes towards immigration and cultural diversity. In that time nine national surveys have been conducted, together with four surveys in areas of immigrant concentration. The most recent surveys indicate that there continues to be majority support for immigration and multiculturalism, but also signs of increased pessimism, a relatively high proportion with negative attitudes towards Muslims and an increasing reporting of discrimination on the basis of skin colour, ethnicity or religion. This presentation will provide an overview of the survey findings and consider possible implications for the Jewish community.

Professor Andrew Markus is the Pratt Foundation Research Professor of Jewish Civilisation at Monash University and is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. Andrew heads the Scanlon Foundation social cohesion research program and is also the principal researcher on the Australian Jewish population and Yiddish Melbourne research projects. Andrew has published extensively in the field of Australian race relations and immigration history.

### **KN BOOKCLUB - Tuesday 31 January at 7pm at shul**

KN now has a book club!! Come meet new people and join us in exploring and discussing great books. Please log onto the KN Book Club Facebook page to register your interest and to help choose our first book: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/360057081021556/> If this meeting time doesn't suit please let me know. The meeting schedule and other books will be discussed at the first meeting. For more information please contact Rohan via the office 9500 0906, or post a question on the Facebook page.

### **Tikun Olam Volunteers wanted to deliver food to mourners**

One of the most important mitzvot the Tikun Olam volunteers carry out is providing food to mourners. This is not an onerous task as the meals need only to be collected and delivered to the bereaved. We encourage Kehilat Nitzan members to add their names to the list of volunteers.

The Tikun Olam committee is also seeking volunteers who would like to be involved with the various projects undertaken by Kehilat Nitzan. If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the office 9500 0906 or via email [info@kehilatnitzan.org.au](mailto:info@kehilatnitzan.org.au)

**Calling All Lawn Bowlers!** The annual Inter-Shul Day competition is coming up on Sunday 19 February at Caulfield Park Sports Club, cost \$25 per person. Anyone wishing to represent Kehilat Nitzan please contact Helen on 9505 3015 or 0412 582 478 or e-mail [helen\\_w@optusnet.com.au](mailto:helen_w@optusnet.com.au)

**BIKKUR CHOLIM VISITING THE SICK:** We have a dedicated, trained group of volunteers who would like to visit any member of Kehilat Nitzan, or family of members, who are ill in hospital or who are recuperating at home. If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit from a volunteers, please click [here](#) to email Lianne and she will pass on the message. Please note that, unfortunately, we are not offering a pastoral visit as this is really for a Rabbi.