



NEJC FAMILY NEWS

October 2008– February 2009



Births

A hearty Mazel Tov to
Michael and Yvonne Lazarow
on the birth of a grandson

Laurence and Sandra
Feldman on the birth of a
granddaughter

Elyau and Louise Golshevsky
on the birth of a
granddaughter

Robert and Rhonda Sharp on
the birth of a son

Geoffrey Simpson on the birth
of a grandson

Claude and Henryka Fromm
on the birth of a grandson

Joe and Sharon Leibowitz on
the birth of a granddaughter

Esther Press on the birth of a
great grandson

Charles and Dierdre Beiles
on the birth of a grandson

Engagements

Michael and Sandra Katzew
on the engagement of Sharon
to Oded

Lynette Blumenthal on the
engagement of Haley to Craig

Alan and Hynda Feldman on
the engagement of Bianca to
Aaron

Marriages

A hearty Mazel Tov to
Alan and Sharon Bergman on
the marriage of Francine to
Ben

Dick and Irma Hayden on the
marriage of John to Gail

Lynette Blumenthal on the
marriage of Wayne to Tammy

Miron and Ruth Goldwasser
on the marriage Tammy to
Wayne

Michael and Stephanie Kahn
on the marriage of Jason to
Kaye

Hilton and Maryann Katz on
the marriage of Darren to
Candy

Special Birthdays

A hearty Mazel Tov to
Esther Press on her
95th birthday

New Members Welcome

A hearty Welcome to
Brian and Ruth Hendry

Condolences

**We extend our heartfelt
condolences to**
Sandy Kaplan on the passing
of her sister Joyce Shapiro

Ronnie and Esme Robinson
on the passing of their brother-
in-law Abe Cohen

Irene Port on the passing of
her father

Peretz and Annette Samuels
on the passing of Annette's
mother Jennie

Batmitzvahs

A hearty Mazel Tov to
Edward and Sara Berson on
the Batmitzvah of their
daughter Michal

Jonathan and Brenda Segal
on the Batmitzvah of their
daughter Alexandra

Ray and Vivien Briffa on the
Batmitzvah of their daughter
Tahlia

Arthur and Rosalyn Zulman on
the Batmitzvah of their
daughter Sarah

Shirley Zulman on the
Batmitzvah of her
granddaughter Sarah

My Experiences on B'nei Brith's 'Multi-faith future leaders program'

By Aaron Densham

Having previously spent time meeting and truly getting to know people of other faiths, the opportunity of a three day multi-faith leadership seminar seemed too good to miss. The importance of interfaith dialogue, and even more so the building of positive and genuine relationships between members of different faiths (and intra-faith denominations), cannot be underestimated. The misunderstandings, generalisations and misrepresentations of one another result directly from an absence of *knowing* one another in our most fundamental form – as individuals and as humans, who all love, laugh, listen to music, enjoy food and cherish friendship. With an absence of this human interaction we consequently perceive one another as these distant aliens, as 'Jews', 'Muslims' and 'Christians' and not as individual people not unlike ourselves. The simple act of meeting and engaging with one another allows for us to re-connect with each other fundamentally as individuals and as people.

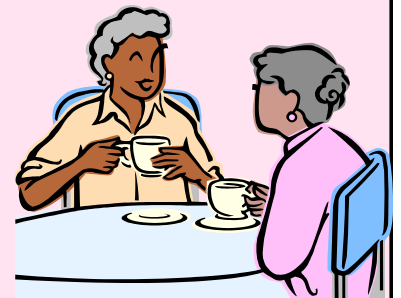
From this standpoint, we can then further begin to learn, educate and discuss our beliefs, ideologies and religious identities. This is precisely what interfaith meetings and dialogue attempts to achieve, and furthermore this is certainly what this multi-faith future leaders seminar taught and achieved for me. I connected with other beautiful individuals, built friendships and learned about their different beliefs, values and faiths. I know that these friendships and connections will continue into the future, and I will use these as a basis for further interfaith activity and initiatives for the benefit of both the Jewish and the wider community and ultimately for the creation of a more accepting and harmonious multi-cultural society.

Aaron Densham

Friendship Club Report

by Mary Hirsch

If you enjoy food, lots of laughter and playing cards then come to the North Eastern Jewish Centre Friendship Circle. Chatting to the club members and having a great time talking about their experiences and enjoying many jokes! Visit us every second **Wednesday from 10.30am – 1.30pm** and join in the fun. You will be made to feel at home and even asked to stay for lunch – YUM.



We also offer a warm helping hand to all community members – everyone is a friend, tea is always ready and light lunch is subsidized.

Rabbi Glasman is always ready to listen providing assistance through "Wings of care" for everyone and anyone. Please contact Rabbi Glasman on any issues you would like to speak about.

We wish you all the best for 2009 and look forward to meeting you at our Friendship Circle.

Please call the office on 9816 3516 on Tuesday if you require a lift to these meetings.

Comments from our regulars-

Judy Chait - 'Its lovely coming to the Friendship Club-The atmosphere is so warm and lovely.'

Edith Lasnitzki- 'I look forward to the Friendship Club every fortnight. Wish there were fewer holidays and more meetings.'

Sara Zalstein -'The friendship Club is good for the love, warmth and friendship.'

Nancy Letwin - 'I enjoy the company and have made friends at the Friendship Club, which has given me a lot of pleasure.'

Esther Press - 'The Friendship Club is enjoyed and appreciated for its warm, congenial atmosphere.'

Sara Matalon- 'Je suis tres heureux avec notre plaisent cleup to merci beaucoup tu juice centrer' translated to 'I am very happy with our pleasant group and thank the Jewish Centre very much.'

Property Report

by Michael Katzew

In last year's property report I mentioned that "2008 has started with many jobs to be done". And indeed they were! It was a year during which much money was spent enhancing infrastructure at our Centre. The old kitchen was gutted and totally replaced with a sparkling new kitchen, which will, hopefully, yield tasty meals and kiddushim for many years. My thanks to Geta Shenker, Ben Alexander and our caretaker Mark Fielding without whose input and efforts the new kitchen would not have been installed.

The other significant upgrading was the downstairs toilets. The floors have been replaced with grey vinyl and during the early part of 2009 the mirrors are to be framed and the toilets painted. Thanks to Mark Fielding for organising and supervising the toilet renovations and to Ben Alexander for his wise counsel.

Maintenance planned for 2009 include replacing the box-gutters on child minding centre roof and servicing the air conditioning. Two fans have been installed in the upstairs of the shule.

The income will increase this year as we have now let the youth hall to Cerebrano Martial Arts. Thanks to Milton Shenker & Issy Allen for their hard work in this regard.

I wish to thank our caretaker, Mark Fielding for his assistance during the year and for keeping our 46 year old building in good condition. He spends much time doing minor maintenance jobs himself and obtaining

"D'LISH SHABBATON" ...by a valued Centre member

On Friday 20th February (26TH Shevat) NORTH EASTERN CENTRE hosted a wonderful Shabbaton that my family attended. It was extremely well attended, from the "Very Young", "The Young" & "The Young at Heart"!!!!

The hall was of constant Chitter Chatter and with a scrumptious dinner to enjoy, not to mention the great company, throughout the whole evening made the night wonderful.

Rabbi Glasman spoke to our Young Youth, on their Jewish Heritage, their beliefs and the commitment of keeping our Jewish Traditions through their journey as an adult.

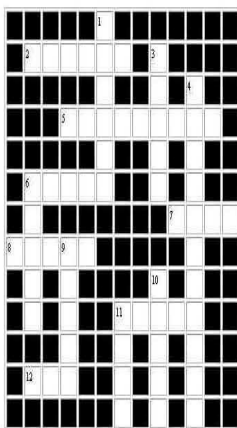
I do believe Rabbi Glasman had all the kids' attention, as Rabbi Glasman spoke to them, they were all enjoying their dessert, giving Rabbi Glasman great responses to his questions.

On behalf of all who attended the Shabbaton, I'm sure they would join me in thanking Rabbi Glasman & Sarah, for arranging the Shabbaton.

Activity page

Passover History Crossword Puzzle

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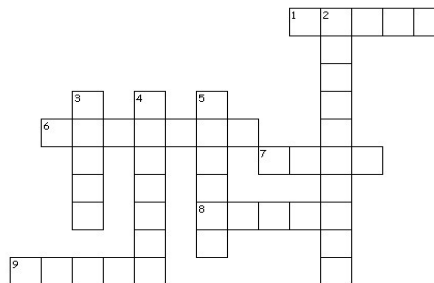
Across

2. In Egypt, the jews were what?
5. A practice taught by one generation to another.
6. Passover marks what of the Jewish nation?
7. Who celebrates Passover?
8. What is usually cleaned the week before Passover?
11. Many Jewish people throw out in observance of Passover?
12. How many plagues occurred in Egypt?

Down

1. Another word for Passover.
3. What is unleavened bread?
4. A bitter herb used in the seder.
6. What was put on the doorpost in order for the Angel to passover?
9. How many days to Passover?
10. What is the passover dinner called?
11. What is the haggadah?

Passover
Criss Cross Puzzle
by PartySuppliesShop.com



Across

1. Passover is celebrated on the 15th of this Hebrew month
 6. Israelites were held as slaves by the Egyptian Pharaoh, _____ II
 7. this basket was placed in the _____ River
 8. Passover is celebrated for _____ days
 9. _____ was placed in a basket
- Down
2. Jewish people were known as _____
 3. unleavened bread
 4. Jewish people were known as _____
 5. What Moses parted

North Eastern Jewish Playgroup

Interactive "mummy & me" mat session based on a Jewish theme

Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00pm at Jewish Centre 6 High Street Doncaster

for more information Sara Glasman 9848-6840

WELCOME TO OUR JEWISH PLAYGROUP
Age birth to 5yo

In this group we seek the wisdom of ages, but try to look at the world through the eyes of a child!

Bagels, fruit & snacks provided for kids

our playgroup allows your child to EXPLORE, DANCE, SING, CREATE, PLAY WITH OTHERS, AND MUCH MORE!

Free-play on our brand new playgroup equipment

The collage features several photographs of children in a playgroup setting. One photo shows a child on a small red and blue trampoline. Another shows children sitting at a table with a white tablecloth, engaged in a craft activity with colorful beads and markers. Other photos show children playing with toys on the floor, sitting in small chairs, and interacting with adults. The background of the top half of the collage is a yellow patterned fabric with a large blue owl graphic.

Picture Gallery



BAT-MITZVAH GIRLS CEREMONY 09.11.08

Over 400 guests attended a Bat Mitzvah ceremony at the North Eastern Jewish Centre on Sunday, November 9th. Pictured from L-R: Jasmine Goodrich, Tahlia Briffa, Georgia Abzatz, Alexandra Segal, Michal Berson and Sarah Zulman. Behind: Rebbetzin Sara Glasman, Rabbi Yaakov Glasman



Rabbi Glasman running to raise money for the Murdoch Children's Institute in September 2008



Rabbi Glasman and Helen Shardey (member for Caulfield) comparing Blackberry phones in November 2008.



Michael Katzew receiving his JCCV Award in November 2008.