

# Ma Nishma **מה נשמע**

PESACH SPECIAL

FEBRUARY/MARCH/  
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since the AGM last November there has been no Board meeting due to the customary end of year break until the scheduled February meeting. However, the newly elected Executive members have been as busy as usual preparing for the current year and discussing new programmes and some small changes to the Articles which will be dealt with at a forthcoming Special General Meeting of which you have received due notice.

We welcome with great pleasure the new members of the Board.

Our Boards future in Human Relations, Welfare and Academic contributions is considerably enhanced with the addition to the Board of Franceska Jordan who has been a long term advisor of immense value to the community.

Our new Congregation member and new Hon. Treasurer is Rick Wineberg (a very special nephew of your President), Rick's business expertise and masterful computer knowledge is invaluable and he has already established our new Internet presence.

Our new President of course is I, Laurie (enough said A.K!)

*Laurie Rosenblum OAM*

## From Queensland Jewish Community Services

Shalom,

Queensland Jewish Community Services Inc is applying for Community Aged Care Packages in Brisbane North, Brisbane South and the Gold Coast in the 2010 funding round.

To support the application we need to demonstrate the need for a Communal Jewish Aged Care Program.

I would like to ask you to distribute this email to your lists so families and individuals can respond with an email or letter of support for this application.

Replies can be sent via email to [ari@qjcs.org.au](mailto:ari@qjcs.org.au) or posted to PO Box 1202, Stafford City Qld 4053.

Letters along the lines of:

Dear Ari,

I/we would be interested in using the CACP program being applied for by QJCS Inc.

Signed

XXXX (your names here)

I thank you for your assistance,

Ari Heber

President

QJCS Inc

THE BOARD WISH ALL MA NISHMA READERS

CHAG PURIM SAMEACH

CHAG PESACH KASHER  
V'SAMEACH

CHAG SHAVUOT SAMEACH

# Mishkan T'filah Update

Jocelyn Robuck and Steve Denenberg of the UPJ have advised that an adjustment to the initial time line for the publication of the siddurim as well as the expected date of their receipt has been moved to approximately August 20th.

Rabbi Hara Person, Publisher and Director of Press for the CCAR has expressed her deep regret at the delays.

We appreciate the patience of all our members who have pre-purchased the siddurim and will advise you as soon as any further information is to hand.

## Shavuot

When: Tuesday 18 May

Time: 7:00pm

Where: 13 Koolatah Street, Camp Hill

Discussion "The Ten Commandments Live"

Live Entertainment

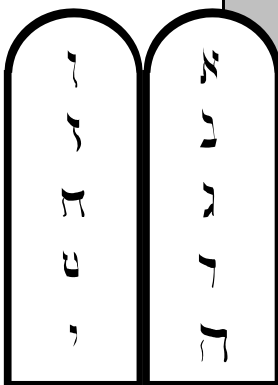
Join us for a fun night of learning , fine food and great entertainment

### Dairy Supper Menu

**Tomato and Basil soup with crème fraiche**

**Spinach Cheese Lasagne and Salad**

**Cheese Blintzes with strawberries in vincotta**



Cost: \$25 adults \$30 couples  
\$35 families  
\$20 students and pensioners

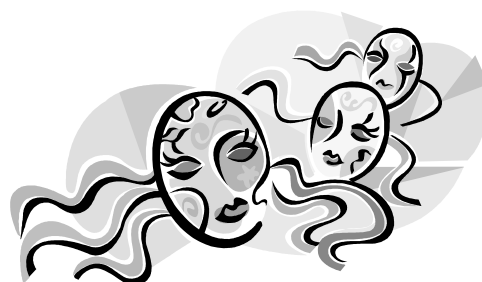
**All bookings to Georgie  
on 32455496**

# Beit Knesset Shalom Presents

# Purim



Purim Masquerade and Feast  
Not the usual megillah!



When: Saturday 27 February

Time: 7:00pm

Where: 13 Koolatah Street Camp Hill

Join us for a fun night of Purim  
Comedy and a fine dining  
experience.  
Savour the delights of Persian  
delicacies fit for Queen Esther.

## MENU

### Ash Resteh

Traditional green vegetable soup with herbs and  
noodles

### Fesenjen

Tender chicken breasts in a delicate  
pomegranate and walnut sauce

### Javaher Polow

This spectacular rice is adorned with fruits and  
nuts that turn it into a jewel

Hamantaschen and Chocolate Marzipan Dates

Traditional Purim pastries served with vanilla  
poached pears

## Ruski Way

Kosher smoked salmon

Sliced \$25 kilo

Chunky pieces \$20 kilo

Cheese Blintzes \$10 pack of six

Kosher Russian Caviar \$25 can

Dills, Pickled Tomatoes, Rye Bread and much,  
much more.

Shop 2/ 423 Ipswich Rd

Annerley QLD 4103

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## BYO Graggers!

On Purim, during the reading of the  
Megillah in the synagogue, it is a minhag  
to rattle noisemakers or graggers,  
whenever the hated villain, Haman, is  
mentioned.

Don't miss out!

Cost: \$25 adults \$30 couples \$35 family

Students and pensioners \$20

Bookings Georgie 32455496

Beit Knesset Shalom



**esach**

**2010**

## **Second Night Pesach Seder**

**When: Tuesday, March 30th,**

**Time: 7:00pm—9.30pm**

**Where: The Shul, 13 Koolatah Street, Camp Hill**

Join us in re-experiencing the Exodus--our journey of freedom--in a new and exciting way! Our innovative and concise Seder presented in a communal environment and complemented with delicious food will delight all.

All are welcome!

Cost: \$30 single adult or \$40 per couple. Family \$50. Students and pensioners \$20. (prices quoted for early birds only)



## **MENU**

**Delicious traditional chicken soup with knaidlach**

**Garlic roasted lamb with baked vegetables**

**Fresh fruit salad with jellies**

**Orange/almond cake and macaroons**

**All Kosher L'Pesach**

All bookings to Georgie on 32455496 by 30 April  
accompanied by a cheque to  
*The Hon Treasurer, Beit Knesset Shalom,  
44/52-62 Newstead Terrace. Newstead. Qld 4006*

## PASSOVER HAGGADAH

We will be using a smaller and concise Haggadah this year so that our many members who live more than 30 minutes from the Shul can enjoy and attend without having to reach their homes at a very late hour after the event.

“ This meaningful abbreviated format includes all of the highlights of the traditional Seder. The gender sensitive, socially conscious text will appeal to all ages.” Rabbi Bonnie Koppell

## PURIM PERSIAN SLAVE AUCTION

Come along to the Purim event and purchase a “slave” at a really bargain price.

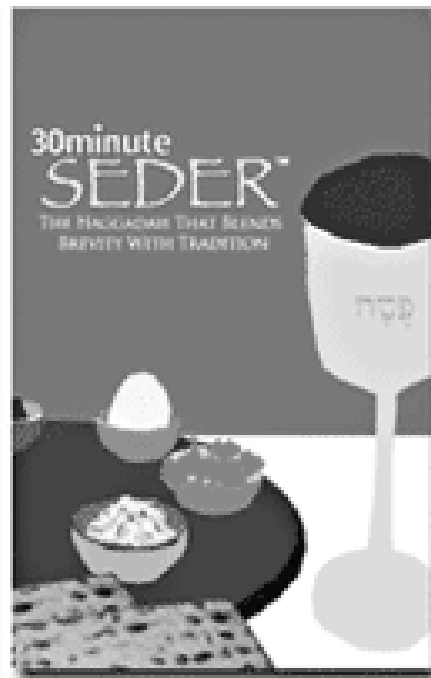
The “slaves” are in fact items which have been donated to the Shul for raffles and we intend to auction them on the night. “Slaves’ include paintings, Judaica, Bric a Brak and other assorted tsochkes.



## Membership Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions will soon be due. We appreciate the vast majority of our members who pay promptly. Subscriptions are the major source of income for the Shul which must be supplemented by donations in order for us to make ends meet.

We appreciate the many members and friends who regularly donate funds or foodstuffs for our many functions This allows us to keep our catering costs low.



## Membership Drive

If you know of any unaffiliated persons who might be interested in joining our Shul please let us know at [info@bks.org.au](mailto:info@bks.org.au) . We are also welcoming new members to our Friends of the Shul category.

Membership application forms may be downloaded at [www.bks.org.au](http://www.bks.org.au)

There are several categories of membership in BKS

- Family \$450
- Single \$350
- Associate Family \$350 (non voting rights)
- Associate Single \$250 (non voting rights)
- Seniors Family \$300
- Seniors Single \$200
- Students over 18 \$200
- Country membership as per Associate Membership
- Friends \$150

## Parashah Study Portions

1. The Torah portion for Shabbat Parah, 6th March, is **Ki Tisa**, and includes the infamous episode of the Golden Calf. Incredibly this incident of idolatry comes just after the Mishkan (Tabernacle) is completed. Various features of the Mishkan, such as the Keruvim, may have contributed to this outpouring of idolatrous behaviour. Other strange practices associated with the Mishkan were the Urim and Tumim oracles. All of these were considered kosher. So why not the Golden Calf? **For discussion:** How do we define idolatry?
2. The Torah portion for Shabbat, 20th March, is **Vayikra**. This is the first parashah in Sefer Vayikra. Vayikra is often thought of as of little meaning to modern Jews until we reach the parashah called Kedoshim. The structure of this Book of Torah is remarkably different to Bereshit and Shemot. **For discussion:** How does Sefer Vayikra differ in structure to previous Books of Torah?
3. On 17th April we read Parashah **Tazria-Metzora**. This double portion contains laws pertaining to Tumah v'Taharah—ritual impurity and purity. A skin disease which many have associated with leprosy requires a rather strange purification viz. a sacrifice involving two birds, spring water in an earthen ware vessel, some cedar bark, a scarlet thread and some hyssop. Most other purification rituals involve the immersion in a ritual bath or mikvah. **For discussion:** Is a mikvah relevant today?
4. On 1st May we read **Parashah Emor** which deals with the special laws pertaining to the kohanim or priests. One of these laws requires a kohen with a physical deformity to abstain from Temple service. **For discussion:** Are the strict laws pertaining to kohanim with physical deformities discrimi-

given that most countries now have legislation protecting the rights of disabled persons?

5. The Torah portion for 15th May is **Bamidbar**. The parashah begins with a census of the various tribes of Israel. The list given differs from that of Sefer Bereshit, which includes the tribes of Joseph and Levi. These tribes are missing in Bamidbar and have been replaced by the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. **For discussion:** Why do you think the list of tribes differ in the two biblical accounts?

## Spied around the Shul



The diagram of the Shviti appeared in many old synagogues in the form of a plaque that looked out from the bimah so that people could meditate on the symbolism of God before prayer.

The text of "shviti" is Psalms 16:8. The verse is inscribed on paper and is placed before the shtender of the person leading services. The words "I will keep God before me always" are a reminder of the obligation to focus the prayer on God.

At BKS two Shviti are positioned at either side of the bimah.

# BOARD MUSINGS

- Our Annual General Meeting saw over 25 persons in attendance and the following officers were elected/confirmed to the Board of Directors:
  - President: Laurie Rosenblum OAM
  - Vice-President: Wensley Cohn
  - Immediate Past-President: Gary Fysch
  - Hon. Treasurer: Rick Wineberg
  - Hon. Secretary: Frank Croucher
  - Guild Representative: Georgie Boyle
  - Country Membership Rep: Sam Miskowski
  - Board members: Phil Cohn, Brent Maynard, Dawn Cohn, Harold Brown, Brenna Lee-Cooney, Georgina Baumann, Marj Dixon and Franceska Jordan AO.
  - Our auditor was confirmed as Phillip Levy FCPA FTMA MIMC CMC.
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- Our Annual Chanukah Party was a great success with 32 persons attending. Our Russian theme of songs presented by the choir, with George Valentin playing Gypsy accordion and delicious Russian foods was well received by all. Thanks to our anonymous sponsor for covering the catering .
  - We saw the New Year in with our Tu B'Shvat Seder and sampled some wonderful foods. With 28 persons attending it was a great night. Thanks to Georgie Boyle for making and donating the delicious soup, challah and orange almond cakes—to Marj Dixon for donating the salads and date rolls—to Brent Maynard for donating the special WA wines—and to Gary Fysch for donating the smoked salmon and pomegranate and birch juices.
  - Our next event is our Persian Purim Feast. We already have 20 bookings so get in fast. Bookings to Georgie on 32455496. See advertisement elsewhere in this newsletter.
  - Don't forget to book for the Seder. The special early-birds price has been subsidized and is for those persons who book before 30 April—after that date prices will increase considerably.
  - Please check the details of our Shavuot observance. This will feature a discussion on the Ten Commandments from an entirely Jewish perspective with comparisons to other interpretations. A delicious dairy supper will be served.
  - **Please note that at all our events vegetarian and gluten free meals are available by prior arrangement only.**
  - **Please also note that information about events and services is current at the time of publication of this newsletter. Times may change and you should check [www.bks.org.au](http://www.bks.org.au) under events and services for updates.**

Beit Knesset Shalom

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[www.bks.org.au](http://www.bks.org.au)

Commemorate a birth, B'nei Mitzvah, wedding, anniversary, or other simchah – or establish a memorial for a departed loved one – with an engraved leaf on the Tree of Life situated in the shul. Each leaf on the Tree of Life costs from between \$150.00—\$500.00.

Contact The Hon Treasurer for further details.

### Donations Gratefully Received

Ben Shohet, Brent Maynard, Georgie Boyle, Marj Dixon, Georgina Baumann, Lucyna Clarke, and Gary Fysch.

**תודה רבה**  
**Todah rabah**

## Services Schedule

Saturday 27 February 7:00pm	Persian Purim Feast Fun Megillah reading Songs and much more <b>פורים</b>
Saturday 6 March 10:00am	Shabbat Parah Ki Tisa
Saturday 20 March 10:00am	Shabbat Vayikra
Tuesday 30 March 7:00pm	Second Night Communal Seder Concise Seder Kosher L'Pesach Foods <b>פסח</b>
Saturday 10 April 10:00am	Shabbat
Saturday 17 April 10:00am	Shabbat Tazria-Metzora
Saturday 8 May 10:00am	Shabbat Emor
Tuesday 18 May 7:00pm	Shavuot Ten Commandments Live! Dairy Supper <b>שבועות</b>
Saturday 29 May 10:00am	Shabbat Bahalotcha