

B'nai B'rith in Brief

Our Weekly Newsletter

1944 - 2024 Celebrating 80 years of community service in NSW.



05 September 2025

HIGHLIGHTS



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**B'nai
B'rith**
New South Wales

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Shabbat Shalom members and friends!

The triennial convention 2025 is now over and I am pleased to say that by all accounts it was a great success. It was lovely to meet our counterparts from Victoria and New Zealand whom I've only seen on Zoom! Kol Hakavod to all the organisers including Vivienne and Marina who have worked their fingers to the bone. As Vivienne said the day before driving to Canberra... *"we're taking the kitchen sink!"*

The program was outstanding. It had 18 iterations before being finalised, but worth every alteration and update. All the speakers were brilliant, and we will include their presentations in the next newsletter. Today, I am including links to various press releases, thank yous we've received and notifications from BB International. All are worth reading.

It was exciting to see Janine Zimble being installed as BBANZ District President and in her acceptance speech, she outlined the plans for her term in office. I congratulate the new Executive and look forward to working with them and achieving great things for B'nai B'rith over the next 3 years.

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation at Parliament House in the Federation Chamber by Julian Leeser MP, Josh Burns MP and Allegra Spender MP congratulating B'nai B'rith on the work it has done in the last 80 years. I was quite bursting with pride. The motion is already available in Hansard, and [here is the link to read the full entry from the House of Representatives.](#)

Earlier this week, we sent out two press releases to media outlets and organisations, You can read them here:

[1. Parliamentary Motion Recognises 80 Years of B'nai B'rith in Australia](#)

[2. B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand Charts Bold Future at Triennial Convention in Canberra](#)

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Athol Morris, President of the Canberra Jewish Community, delivered a most inspiring speech at the Gala Dinner. [Click here to read it.](#)

Newly elected BBANZ President Janine Zimbler addressed the convention. Her acceptance speech outlined her vision for the organisation's future. [You can read it here.](#)

Following the convention, we've been delighted by the thank-you messages. [You can read them here.](#)

From Dr Vic Alhadeff OAM, an Op-Ed in the Sydney Morning Herald, a very sad read - [click here.](#)

I invite you learn more about the ongoing work and impact of BBInternational:

[1. B'nai B'rith Launches Durban Advocacy Initiative in Advance of 25th Commemoration of U.N. Racism Conference that Unleashed Unbridled Hatred at Israel and Jews](#)

[2. Watch Live: B'nai B'rith Event at the UNHRC on Justice for Jewish Refugees in the Middle East - Monday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. ET / 17:00 CET / 18:00 Israel](#) *(The event will be happening live in Geneva at the United Nations, during the U.N. Human Rights Council's latest session, and can be watched live on B'nai B'rith's YouTube channel.)*

And last but not least, SEU is hosting a combined meeting of B'nai B'rith with Mark Friedgut, who will speak on *'The Two State Delusion'* on Sunday, 14th September 2.30pm. Booking is essential. Please contact Yvonne to reserve your spot 0419 149 602, cost is \$7.50 for members and \$10.00 for guests. Payment by bank deposit to: B'nai B'rith Syd Einfeld Unit BSB 062 236 A/C 1004 0382 *(enter your name as reference)*.

Am Yisrael Chai.

Anna Marks OAM,
President BBNSW.

COURAGE TO CARE

IN BRIEF



Parliamentary Recognition Highlights Courage to Care's Vital Work

On September 1st, 2025, the Australian House of Representatives entered a motion to celebrate B'nai B'rith's 80 years of service to Australia. But among all the achievements recognised that day, one program stood out as particularly vital in our current times: **Courage to Care.**

Members praised Courage to Care's transformative work with young Australians, noting the program, which has now reached over 400,000 students across the country, was more crucial than ever in combating rising antisemitism.

Below are the key moments from that historic parliamentary session where Courage to Care's impact was specifically acknowledged and celebrated.

Mr Leeson (Berowra) highlighted the program's origins and current importance:

"The work directly inspired the Courage to Care program, and I want to acknowledge Ernie Friedlander and his great work in that. Launched in Melbourne and then in Sydney, Courage to Care teaches Australians—especially school students—about the dangers of prejudice and discrimination. It empowers them to become upstanders, not bystanders, inspiring young people to embrace and celebrate the beauty of our Jewish tradition, which teaches us to treat others with loving kindness. In a period where antisemitism is escalating, Courage to Care has never been more important."

Mr Burns (Macnamara) emphasized the program's vital message:

"The highlight for me also, I have to mention, just like the member for Berowra, is Courage to Care, which is a program designed, led and fed by B'nai B'rith, which is all about telling young people in Australia that you must be an upstander against racism, not a bystander in witnessing it. That lesson, as the member for Berowra mentioned before, has never been more important."

Ms Spender (Wentworth) shared her personal experience witnessing the program's impact:

"I want to shout out Courage to Care, because that is the organisation and the program that I have seen having the greatest direct impact on students of all faiths in my electorate. I had the enormous privilege of being in one of those programs recently at Rose Bay secondary College... It is remarkable to see that Courage to Care has had that sort of impact on 400,000 students around Australia. That is absolutely critical."

To read the full speech extracted from the Hansard report, [click here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

N.B. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY AND ALL FUNCTIONS LISTED BELOW

Schedule of meetings:

- SEU meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- NSK meet on the 4th Sunday of each month.
- SYD meet on the 4th Thursday every 2 months.

Please note: office opening hours are Mon to Thur 9am - 5pm, and Fri 9am - 1pm.

What's on in Sept 2025

****Wednesdays BB Band**, weekly, at BB Centre, 6.00pm.

****Mondays BB a cappella**, weekly, at a new venue, 7pm. Please contact the office.

****Mondays & Thursdays Click & Connect**, starts again after Chaggim in October.

****Tuesdays BB Players**, weekly, at BB Centre, 6.30pm.

Wednesday 10th NSK Schmooze, venue TBC, 12.30pm.

Friday 12th Pituach Event, Shabbat Dinner, save the date.

Sunday 14th SEU Event, guest speaker, Mark Friedgut SC, at BB Centre, 2.30pm.

Thursday 18th SEU Shmooze, venue TBC, 12.30pm.

Monday 22nd (erev)-24th Rosh Hashana, BB Centre closed 23-24th.

Sunday 28th NSK AGM, venue and details TBC.

Monday 29th-30th Kids Club
Mosaic Workshop at BB Centre.

Monday 29th BB Exec Meeting, at BB Centre, 4.30pm. *Please note change of date.

Coming up in Oct 2025

Wednesday 1st (erev)-2nd Yom Kippur, BB Centre closed 2nd.

Monday 6th Public Holiday, BB Centre closed.

Monday 6th (erev)-13th Sukkot, BB Centre closed 7-8th.

Sunday 12th Pituach Event, Lunch in the Sukkah, TBA.

Tuesday 14th Shemini Atzeret, BB Centre closed.

Wednesday 15th Simchas Torah, BB Centre closed.

Sunday 19th SEU Event, TBC.

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BB International
happenings.



To visit our website:
bnaibrith.org.au/nsw/





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invites you to**

SCHMOOZE



**Wednesday
10 September 2025
@ 12.30pm.**
>>NEW Venue<<
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your attendance by
Monday 11th August.

Join us for a few leisurely hours with great
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Who: The entire family
(siblings, parents and grandparents)
Cost: \$30 adult \$25 child (under 12)

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security reasons.




Organised by BB Pituach Unit Contact: council@bbnsw.org.au

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THE WEEK THAT WAS...

BELOW: At the recent BBANZ Convention, members watched live from the ACT Jewish Community Centre as B'nai B'rith was formally recognised in Parliament — a truly historic and proud moment for our organisation.



Press play to watch.

RIGHT: Names were drawn from a hat, giving several members the special opportunity to attend in person and witness the motion being entered in Parliament. Pictured with Ms Allegra Spender MP and Mr Julian Leeser MP, who presented the motion.



BELOW: The BB Boppers also known as Sugar&Spice, entertained a large crowd at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre this weekend in a Cabaret Variety Show. The event was organised by the Bondi Theatre Company. Classics by legends such as Ella Fitzgerald & Nat King Cole were played, taking in a delightfully nostalgic journey down memory lane. A fabulous musical evening was had by all.



BELOW: New group Keshar recently met at Centennial Park for their 'Walk, Talk, and Picnic' get-together.



**B'NAI B'RITH
SYD EINFELD UNIT 3385 INVITES
ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO**

A PRESENTATION WITH MARK FRIEDGUT

Mark Friedgut is a barrister in Sydney specializing in commercial litigation, who has been working pro bono for the last two years to stop the scourge of antisemitism in Australia

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'The Two State Delusion'

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Please
note date
change!

**Sunday 14th
Sept @ 2.30pm**



Banking Details: B'nai B'rith Syd Einfeld Unit:
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Please enter your name as reference

RSVP by Monday, 8th Sept to Yvonne Shapiro
e: ymshapiro100@gmail.com

****Pre booking is essential for security****

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**B'NAI B'RITH
SYD EINFELD UNIT 3385**

SEPTEMBER SHMOOZE

Join us

For a relaxing few hours of good
company, food and coffee.



***RSVP essential by 15th September**
robynlewis67@gmail.com



**Thursday 18th September
@12.30pm**

NOTE: Venue TBA

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THE WEEK THAT WAS...BBANZ Triennial Convention 2025



ABOVE: Amir Meron, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli Embassy delivers his address at the opening of the 2025 triennial convention.



ABOVE: Outgoing BBANZ President Dr Benny Monheit welcomes members to the 2025 convention.



THE WEEK THAT WAS...BBANZ Triennial Convention 2025



FROM LEFT: BBYO members Amy Joshua (Youth Advisor), Joel Ginges, Bronte Gould, Aya Yehezkel, Gabi Singer and Sharni Briner (Regional Director, Australasia),

LEFT: Associate Professor Dr Peter Schattner, BBVIC.



ABOVE: Tahli Blicblau (CEO, The Dor Foundation).



ABOVE: The Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly AM.



ABOVE: Tom Curtis (Chair, Courage to Care Australia).



ABOVE: Mark Leach (Never Again is Now), presented with a cheque from Bargain Bazaar by James Altman OAM.

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BELOW: SEU brought their A-game to the convention.



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LEFT: 2025 BBANZ Board of Govenors are sworn in.



BELOW: The gala dinner.



LEFT: Janine Zimblar officially takes the helm as President BBANZ.



B'nai B'rith Culture Club

Our 2025 program for members to enjoy cultural activities together.

All bookings to be made by you, don't delay booking. Once you have booked please make contact to let the organiser know you are attending.

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"Anne being Frank" by Ron Elisha

Alexis Fishman is taking the role of Anne.
What if Anne Frank kept writing?

Had she known what was to come, would Anne Frank still have written the famous line: 'In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart'?

Sydney Opera House, 3pm.
Please book in ASAP, this is very popular.

Contact Linda Reitzin 0448 044 710. Closer to the day we will make further arrangements to gather and meet.

[Click here to book](#)

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S.H. Ervin Gallery The Salon des Refuses

This exhibition displays the many works which were entered for the Archibald Exhibition but have not been displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW. Meet at 11 am at the Gallery. National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, The Rocks, Sydney.

Please contact Diana Laufer 0409 412 123

If at times you have ideas which you wish to pass on, please contact Diana Laufer 0409 412 123. Our program has been selected by a group of eager music and art lovers. We are always keen to hear from you and expand our options.

THE WEEK THAT WAS...

BELOW: Sydney Unit recently held its Annual General Meeting, which included the initiation of new member Isa Harris and an inspiring address from Ernie Friedlander OAM. It was enjoyed by all.



The Beanie Project



Are you a knitter?

Help us support IDF soldiers this winter by knitting black woollen beanies. Only machine washable wool to be used.

For more information and a pattern, contact Chris on 0412 287 232. Beanies can be delivered to the B'nai B'rith Centre, contact the office on 9321 6300.



Are you travelling to Israel?

Please contact us if you can take a few beanies with you.



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Join Viv Radomsky
from B'nai B'rith NSW
to create a mosaic
masterpiece using
ceramic tiles.

Kids Club mosaic art Holiday Workshop

Limited places!

Monday & Tuesday 29-30 September
8:30am - 3:30 pm

Ages: 8-12 (BYO Vegetarian Lunch)

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