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Arguably, 2015 has been the most incredible year in our 86 year history ... both for good reasons and sad.

The commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac and WWI have resulted in extra events run by VAJEX Australia and other events being attended by your President and Vice President.

As a result of the extra events, the running costs of the association have soared and I'd like to appeal to all members to dig deep and give what you can to get us through the next three years of WWI commemorations.

Significant donations have come in from the Victor Smorgon Charitable Fund and Jack & Robert Smorgon Families. We are extremely grateful for these outstanding contributions.

One of our most exciting Centenary projects was the launching of the new website with a trial searchable database. The trial has been a huge success and two researchers have already contacted us with questions and I have directed them to the search engine on our website. We can now be found at www.vajexaustralia.org.au and our new email addresses are listed on page 2.

If you have not supplied us with an email address, you are missing out on being able to login to the member's area and seeing the full website. It is not too late to submit your email and if you don't have one, you may send the email address of a family member or friend.

One example of contact from the website, is from Claude Vandewalle in Belgium who has adopted the grave of one of our WWI fallen, 2027 PTE Simie Frankel, and Claude cares for his grave.

We have followed the trend of having magazines such as *Navy, Army and Air Force News* available online and so *PARADE* and *InFormation* are now on our website. To cut back on the significant costs of printing and postage, we will only be mailing out to those who don't have computer access. There has been a drop in advertisers adding to the need to cut costs.

Copies of our publications are taken to some of the local retirement homes as we are losing touch with some of our members. It is hoped that they will come across *PARADE* and reconnect with us. If you know of new contact details of anyone who has moved, please let us know.

Due to the huge year, I've added four more pages to this edition, and it still is not enough to cover the events. Amongst the missing is the Shrine service which was very well attended and what many have said was the most moving yet.

There have been a number of significant events this year (including Anzac Day) which have fallen on Shabbat. Obviously we have not been able to attend and this has sent a positive message to the wider ex-service communities that we take pride in our traditions. It has fostered respect and deeper understanding with some high ranking leaders. With public awareness being increased, I have been getting the occasional question asking if Monash was one of our original members. Of course he was one of our founding members, so it is wonderful to be able to say this to so many.



The down side to this year is the unprecedented number of our members who have passed away. We also lost QAJEX President MAJ David Roubin who we all held in high esteem. Julie and I saw David in April and his death came as a shock.

Our Welfare Officer, Gary Ciddor, has attended most of the funerals and both he and I have combined forces to attend consecrations.

Mazal tov to Gary for completing the DVA Welfare course which gives us higher status with DVA. Executive Advisor, Harold Karpin, also has this qualification.

Our next major event is the unveiling of the new WWI and WWII Victorian Jewish Memorial on 15 November 2015. This will be immediately followed by our Book of Remembrance Reception (formally known as the Luncheon). Numbers were down last year with members saying there was too much food and they don't want fleishig in the middle of the day because it is too heavy. So now the price has gone from \$65 to \$30. See the booking form for details of the changes that many of you requested, so now you have it!

Thanks to our donors for the new Memorial.

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Wishing Klal Yisrael L'Shanah Tovah Tikatev V'Taihatem; may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

Lest We Forget

Judy Landau, President, VAJEX Australia

CENTENARY OF ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

BY THE HON TIMOTHY FISCHER AC

AUSTRALIA HAS THREE FIELD MARSHALS SADLY JOHN MONASH IS NOT ONE OF THEM

BIRDWOOD, BLAMEY AND PRINCE PHILIP ARE A CURIOUS MIX

Mr Fischer requested that this piece be published instead of his address to further the efforts of posthumously awarding the rank of Field Marshal to Gen Sir John Monash.

Speaking at Melbourne Rotary where John Monash of Melbourne and Jerilderie was a founding member and President years ago, Tim Fischer has decried the composition of the list of officially denoted Australian Field Marshals.



“Two are of British orientation, Indian British and Greek British, the other was born at Wagga Wagga and was NOT our greatest General”, Mr Fischer said,

“Sir William Riddell Birdwood was made a British Field Marshal on the 20th March 1925, just before becoming C in C in India, but also designated an Australian Field Marshal, Sir Thomas Blamey of Wagga Wagga on his sick bed was made a Field Marshal effective 1 January 1950 and Prince Philip was made an Australian Field Marshal 61 years ago today, 1 April 1954.

“So Australians born and bred are a minority on this list, deserved posthumous promotion of Sir John Monash, our greatest “Citizen General” would help rectify this. Monash was born in Melbourne and grew up in and around Jerilderie in the Riverina.

Mr Fischer added that April 2015 will be a purposeful month of Remembrance as Australia and New Zealand embraces the Centenary of Gallipoli.

REMEMBER ALSO THE GALLIPOLI WORLD WAR I SURVIVORS

“There are at least forty who survived WWI and went on to over achieve post war for their country, for example aviators Hudson Fysh, Ross MacPherson Smith, Kingsford Smith,

Charles Ulm and George Jones and more. “S M Bruce and Richard Casey along with Norman Gilroy were all at Gallipoli and then reached top levels in their chosen professions. “I salute the fallen but also the survivors for not dropping out post war and for giving so much for their country”, Mr Fischer concluded.

Tim Fischer was born at Lockhart, NSW, and educated at Boree Creek in the Riverina and Xavier College, Melbourne. Mr Fischer served with the Australian Army 1 RAR from 1966-1969, in both Australia and Vietnam, before returning to the family farm at Boree Creek in southern NSW.

In 1971 he was elected to the NSW Parliament. During his time in State Parliament, Mr Fischer became National Party Whip and served on a number of Parliamentary Committees, including the State ‘Staysafe’ Committee. He resigned from State Politics in 1984 to seek pre-selection for the Federal Parliamentary seat of Farrer, at the time based on Albury, Corowa and Deniliquin, from the ACT to the SA border.

Mr Fischer was subsequently elected Federal Member for Farrer and served in this role from 1984 to 2001. During this time he was Shadow Minister for Energy & Resources, Shadow Minister for Trade, Leader of the National, and later Minister for Trade and Deputy Prime Minister in the Howard Government (1996 - 1999). He led the Official delegation to observe the East Timor Referendum in 1999.

In Federal Parliament, Tim Fischer strongly supported harmonised strict Gun Law Reform and also the World’s newest Transcontinental Railway, Adelaide to Darwin where freight tonnage has increased greatly since its inception in 2004.

He retired from politics in 2001, served as Chair Tourism Australia 2004 - 2007 and then first Rome resident Australian Ambassador to the Holy See 2009 - 2012. He was also

appointed Special Envoy by the Australian Government to Bhutan, Eritrea and South Sudan, for a period of years. In his work and related roles, he has visited over 84 countries.

In 2012 Tim Fischer was elected Vice Chairman of the Global Crop Diversity Trust or GCDT with Seed Vault in North Norway.

Mr Fischer is Chairman of FAMU Holdings, a private company, and has a range of business interests, mainly with an export orientation.



His hobbies include chess and trekking in Kudremukh National Park and the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan.

Mr Fischer has also held the following honorary positions:

- Chair of the Crawford Fund on International Agricultural Research;
- Chair of the Australian Winemakers Foundation;
- National Chair RFDS and National Patron of Frontier Services;
- Patron of various charitable organisations.

Some of Mr Fischer's previous commercial activities include the following :

- Consultant Deloitte;
- Director AA Co, Ausmore Singapore & Asia Pacific Transport.

Tim lives at Mudgegonga, with his wife Judy and two sons, Harrison and Dominic and at times at Boree Creek, NSW.



MEMORIAL STAKES REPLACED & WHERE THEY WILL BE DISPLAYED

Concerns have been raised about where our Memorial Stakes should be displayed. The stakes were originally made to be displayed once a year at the Glen Eira Anzac Service to balance the Field of Crosses by Caulfield RSL. Somehow, the stakes became displayed at all other VAJEX Australia functions, going beyond this original intention.

Most of the stakes memorialise fallen Victorian Jews who died long after their service finished, so to display them alongside the Field of Crosses of those killed in action is not appropriate as it is misleading unless they are examined closely, which most don't do.

Therefore, the Board has voted to only display the Memorial Stakes of those who were killed as a result of wars at the Glen Eira service (or any other public domain). The display of Memorial Stakes of those who passed away after their service finished, will now be at our own Anzac service once a year or as determined by the Board. We all believe this is more appropriate.











YESTERDAY WAS THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC

BY SQD/LDR HAROLD J KARPIN RAAF (RET'D)

The weather for the Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance could not have been more appropriate. Dark, drizzly, and cold...just like that experienced by the soldiers at Gallipoli.

Tens of thousands turned out to witness the Dawn Service. They crushed together so far from the Shine that they could neither see it nor hear the transmitted service. They all came to be a part of the record breaking gathering.

The only crowd that could even possibly rival it was what has now become an ANZAC tradition...the Footy!

But that was yesterday.

Today, Sunday the 26th of April, was to be the VAJEX Commemorative Service of the Centenary of Anzac held in the beautiful Glen Eira Town Hall Auditorium.

As I walked from the car park to the Auditorium, the grey skies sieved the promised showers and I didn't have an umbrella. As I hurried on, my brain kicked into gear...wake up to yourself Karpin. Remember what you are here for. You have come from the comfort of a car, walked the smooth asphalt aiming for the shelter of a welcoming building. Do you for a moment think that the boys at Gallipoli even dreamed of such comfort as they sat huddled together in their mud-sodden trench with perhaps only a groundsheet to imitate a roof? The path that led them from that hell was the rough terrain to another hell...the enemy trenches, that is, if they could reach them.

The auditorium in which the service would be held was silent and bare, except for the line of tables in front of the stage covered with a garden of bright red poppies and candles that would play a significant part of the ceremony. The poppies lay in the silence like graves filled with memories...each cuddling their own memory of battles fought and lives stolen.

My thoughts that the rain would keep many from attending proved false. Lines of seats began to fill and the silence was broken by the excited chatter or the greetings given between friends.

Julie Leder, our MC for the morning, called the gathering to order by advising that Rabbi Hillel Nagel would sound the Great Shofar in recognition of the freedom we enjoyed. The blast was loud and clear with the sound resonating around the joyful and startled throng.

Our President, Dr Judy Landau, welcomed the attending VIPs whose names read like a page in a Who's Who. Lady Cohen, The Hon Tim Fischer AC, MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ, Mr Jack Smorgon AO, Rabbis, Members of Council, Community leaders, students and of course, the rest of us.

Next, in my opinion, came a very important part of the ceremony... the chance for all whose family had suffered the loss of dear ones in the battles of WWI to remember their fallen by coming forward to light a candle.

Julie then invited anyone who chose to light a candle for their fallen in following wars.

Gary Ciddor, our Welfare Officer, recited Psalm 23, followed by Rabbi Dovid Gutnick's sincere prayer for peace and his blessing for all who served overseas.

Dr Marlene Ryzman recited the ANZAC Memorial, by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. To me, the most significant and comforting promise of the poem reads as follows:

'You, the mothers, who sent your sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are at peace, after having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.'

The place of honour was given to our guest, The Hon Tim Fischer AC (commonly known as Tim). I thought his address would be a pitch to sell his latest book *Maestro John Monash*. Not so. It was constructed almost evenly between General Monash's humorous military extracts and his own exploits. He began with the words of Sir John which described his thoughts of war; 'The horror; the ghastly inefficiency, the unspeakable cruelty and misery (of war) have always appalled me.'

However, his address was more like a discussion between mates as he directed his talk



to each individual who hung expectantly on each and every memory. As a matter of fact, the talk was not on Monash alone but it was spread over a wide range of 'warries' (stories of war, sometimes quite exaggerated and preceded by the jibe, 'Get your helmets out!')

On Monash, Mr Fischer gave an account of his brilliance. From the little Jewish boy born to German parents and raised at Jerilderie. (It is said he met Ned Kelly there.) His intelligence set him apart from his peers who sent him on his way. Dux at Scotch College. On to Melbourne University where he Mastered in Arts, Law and Engineering. The latter saw his methods of solving major problems put to the test in his military career. It should be noted that he joined the Army as a Private and rose to the point where he was knighted in the field by King George V— a feat not recorded for over 200 years.

Monash saw the futility of the way that the British Generals commanded the war. He said of them, 'It was a pride of lions led by donkeys.' He considered the flaws in their way of using the infantry as nothing more than fodder to the enemy guns. They did this by ordering suicide raids from the trench toward the established enemy. He devised the now used tactic of balancing infantry with tanks which immediately saved many lives. Unlike British commanders, Sir John valued the lives of his soldiers and insisted on maintaining his command close to them.

Monash commanded the battle of Amiens which was seen as a major Allied victory that was described as 'A black day for the German army.'

Mr Fischer quipped on this, thus: Some captured German soldiers were asked by their British captors, "Do you think you can still win the war?" "Yes, we have God on our side!" "That doesn't count. We have the Aussies on ours!"

Mr Fischer ended his talk by drawing attention to Sir John's military career being stunted by jealousy and anti-Semitism. Tim is leading a push to have Sir John, in his death, promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.

What followed was the most serious part of the proceedings...the wreath and book laying ceremony followed by MAJGEN Rosenfeld naming the fallen from Victoria at Gallipoli.

Dr Judy Landau recited the Ode which opened the way for the young Australian soldier, Bugler CPL David Robinson of the Australian Army

Band Melbourne, to sound The Last Post and Rouse.

Cantor David Brykman's voice 'sang' Kel Maleh Rachamim with the melodic misery that only a Hebrew prayer can evoke.

The main part of the ceremony ended with Mr Israel Mos and Ms Julie Leder saying Kaddish, the Mourner's Prayer. Mr Mos in Hebrew and Ms Leder in English.

Mr David Zimmerman hosted the final part of the service with the presentation of the Private Gregory Sher Memorial Shields by Mr Felix and Mrs Yvonne Sher to Jewish school children for outstanding achievements. Their line-up of young eager and happy faces gave meaning to our hope for the future.

Whilst preparing my version of our Commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac, I came across the following by an unknown author:

At the going down of the sun...

I crouched in a shallow trench on that hell of exposed beaches... steeply rising foothills bare of cover... a landscape pockmarked with war's inevitable litter... piles of stores... equipment... ammunition... and the weird contortions of death sculptured in Australian flesh... I saw the going down of the sun on that first ANZAC Day... the chaotic maelstrom of Australia's bleeding.

I fought in the frozen mud of the Somme... in a blazing destroyer exploding on the North Sea... I fought on the perimeter at Tobruk... crashed in the flaming wreckage of a fighter in New Guinea... lived with the damned in the place cursed with the name Changi.

I was your mate... the kid across the street... the med. student at graduation... the mechanic in the corner garage... the baker who brought you bread... the gardener who cut your lawn... the clerk who sent your phone bill.

I was an Army private... a Naval commander... an Air Force bombardier. no man knows me... no name marks my tomb, for I am every Australian serviceman... I am the Unknown Soldier.

I died for a cause I held just in the service of my land... that you and yours may say in freedom... I am proud to be an Australian.

Harold Karpin is an Executive Adviser to the VAJEX Australia Board. He is a past Vice President and a regular contributor to PARADE magazine.

ADDRESS TO MELBOURNE HEBREW CONGREGATION

BY MAJGEN JEFFREY ROSENTELD AM OBE KSTJ

Thank you for the honour of presenting at this important commemoration service of the Centenary of Anzac. The highest calling for a citizen is to wear the uniform of the military and defend the country.

I am proud to wear the uniform and to have served the Australian Army, the ADF and the Nation since 1984.

As a military doctor and surgeon, I am particularly proud to have looked after the health and wellbeing of our men and women in uniform who put themselves in harms way in hostile warzones and on peacekeeping operations. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction. I am also particularly proud to be the Patron of the Victorian Association of Jewish Ex & Servicemen & Women Australia (VAJEX Australia) along with Mr Jack Smorgon AO.

This important community organisation helps to perpetuate the memory of those Jews who have served Australia and our Allies in past wars and conflicts and we pay our respects to those who passed away in the past year including inscribing their name and service record in our treasured Books of Remembrance. I am also very proud to be the Representative Colonel for the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps in Victoria. I will continue to serve the ADF to the best of my ability. I am very honoured to be invited by the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation to speak at this important community service.

If one asked returned soldiers from WWI and WWII what it was like to serve, most would never talk about it. It was too horrible to recall. They wanted to block it out of their mind. Many could not block it and they suffered in silence or developed what we now call Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for the remainder of their life. There was no treatment or relief in those days except perhaps alcohol or suicide.

Unfortunately, despite all the peace-making and diplomacy in the world today, war is here to stay. Despite all we know about the workings of the brain and the human mind, we do not know why humans are capable of on the one hand creating beauty in music, art and literature but on the other are also capable of the greatest animalistic depravity and barbarism. A current example is the black-hooded members of the ISIS death cult who are determined to cause us



harm. "Only the dead have seen the end of war" is attributed to Plato.

Ask any soldier who has been in combat what he or she thinks of war and they will say they abhor war and all the human death and suffering that goes with it. I certainly do. General Sir John Monash wrote to his wife, Vic, in March 1917, 'I hate the business of war and soldiering with a loathing that I cannot describe - the awful horror of it, the waste, the destruction and the inefficiency. My only consolation has been the sense of faithfully doing my duty to my country'.

We are certainly not here to glorify combat and warfare. We are here to remember the courage, sacrifice and honour of those young men and in some cases women who fought to preserve our freedom and democracy. Imagine the unthinkable for Australia. What if Germany had won WWI or WWII along with its Allies including Japan? I submit we would not be living with the freedom we have today.

We are here to commemorate the Centenary of the commencement of the Gallipoli Campaign in WWI which will occur on ANZAC day this Saturday. Let us remember the fallen

and all those who served on Gallipoli and on other battlefields of WWI and indeed in all our wars. Let us also appreciate what they achieved for us. We are the guardians of this history and the precious memories. We have a heavy responsibility to them to preserve this legacy and to commemorate it annually on Anzac Day as we are now doing. 'They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old'. 'Lest We Forget'. This remembrance of our history forged in battle will make us all stronger as a nation in order to resist the forces of tyranny, fascism and terrorism that continue to threaten our way of life and other democracies throughout the world. Many Australians are discovering our wartime history for the first time during this centenary commemorative period and that is vital for Australia's future.

Australia's values and beliefs include mateship, loyalty, fairness, courage in the face of adversity, and service to the nation. These were forged at Gallipoli and on the other battlefields of WWI.

The ADF has been busy operationally around the world for over a decade. There are currently 2700 ADF personnel serving abroad and 41 have made the ultimate sacrifice in the

Afghanistan War, including Private Gregory Sher, a young Jewish Australian Commando and Reservist who was tragically killed by a rocket attack whilst serving in Afghanistan in 2009. I was privileged to have attended his funeral. Over 200 Australian personnel have been seriously wounded in Afghanistan. A new contingent of Australian soldiers have just left to help train the Iraqi Army in their fight against ISIS. We wish them a successful mission and a safe return.

At the start of WWI there were little over 5 million Australians. 417,000 volunteered for service in WWI. 62,000 died and more than 150 thousand were wounded. 40% of Australian males between 18 and 44 years enlisted. Virtually every Australian family was touched by the war and there are quite a few families who are still discovering their forebear's sacrifice in the Great War.

Many Jews served in WWI on both sides. British Jews had a high rate of per capita participation with 41,000 serving out of a total population of 280,000. In 1914 there was a total population of 20,000 Jews in Australia. Of about 10,000 males only about 3000 would have been fit to serve. In fact, 2000 Australian

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and 200 New Zealand Jews voluntarily enlisted in WWI. Mr Sam Lipski pointed out in an article a few years ago, this is an incredible contribution, as nearly every able-bodied young Jewish male enlisted. The loyalty, patriotism and commitment of the Jews cannot be questioned just as it remains so today.

More than 200 of the 2200 ANZAC Jews were killed on active duty and a large percentage were wounded. About 200 held commissioned rank and 100 received honours and distinctions. LT Leonard M Keysor from 42nd battalion NSW was awarded a Victoria Cross at Gallipoli "for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at Lone Pine".

The outstanding senior soldier of WWI was General Sir John Monash. I would like to say a few words about him. Monash had all the qualities of a fine military leader. He had a sharp innate intelligence, a keen analytical mind, and meticulous attention to detail. He was an outstanding student at Scotch College where he was equal dux, and at the University of Melbourne in Engineering and Law. He was also very interested in the Arts and was a fine musician. He rose rapidly through the ranks in the Citizen Militia (the equivalent of the Army Reserve of today) through sheer ability and commitment. He was audacious in battle and prepared to take considered risk. He showed great empathy for his troops which was unusual for a General in those times. This garnered tremendous respect for him and no doubt contributed to the Australians' successes on the battlefield. Monash was clearly a creative thinker who was continually learning. He must have learnt a great deal from poor decision making by Commanders in the Gallipoli Campaign. He went on to apply the lessons he learnt on the battlefields of the Western Front.

There could be no denying Monash's impressive achievements and as a result, he was able to withstand sustained prejudice from superior commanders. It seems that the influential war correspondent Charles Bean and the journalist Keith Murdoch were both determined to have Monash removed from command principally because he was a Jew. The fact that he was a Reservist did not enamour him to his professional soldier commanders. He had Prussian Jewish immigrant parents. He was regarded as an outsider, untrustworthy and overly ambitious, all code words for being a Jew. The Australian Prime Minister, William 'Billy'

Hughes was fearful of Monash's allure to the Australian Public and was probably jealous of all the attention he was getting, including from King George V. Monash was knighted on the battlefield by the King. Fortunately for all of us, Hughes was persuaded by Monash's many supporters, who had directly experienced his outstanding performance, that he should remain in command.

After the war Monash led the State Electricity Commission in Victoria for 10 years, spearheaded the development of the Shrine, and became Honorary Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University amongst many other community contributions. He stated openly that he wished to give back to the community. Yet by



all accounts, he remained humble and quietly spoken. You don't have to make a lot of noise to be effective. His was a life of conviction, commitment and selfless service to Australia.

What more could we ask of a citizen? His life should be a lasting inspiration to all Australians. Sir John Monash's magnificent statue by Peter Corlett OAM was unveiled at Monash University yesterday.

Monash said 'Adopt as your fundamental creed that you will equip yourself for life, not solely for your own benefit, but for the benefit of the whole community'. Building the nation and lifelong learning were his credo. Sir John Monash is an inspiration for all Australians.

We should never take for granted the defence of our nation. Let us remember what all Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen have sacrificed to allow Australia to grow in peace and prosperity as a vibrant multicultural democracy. Let us particularly remember those men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in wars past.

May they rest in peace for evermore.



~ BIRTH OF THE ANZAC SPIRIT ~

BY GARY CIDDOR

On Sunday 28 June 2015 a commemorative service "Birth of the Anzac Spirit" was held at St Kilda Hebrew Congregation. Those in attendance also saw the official launch of the joint exhibition between the Jewish Museum of Australia and VAJEX Australia's "True Jews and Patriots: Australian Jews and World War One".

On entering the foyer of the St Kilda Synagogue the result of Dr Judy Landau's enormous research effort was clearly visible – six large banners with photographs and biographical information about Victorian Jewish servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI. Judy, VAJEX Australia's President, had spent two years collecting and analysing the information and designing the banners.

Whilst awaiting the commencement of the service in the magnificent St Kilda Synagogue one could see that the congregation had a direct link to World War I - two honour boards on the wall, a Memorial Board displaying the names of members of the congregation who served and the names of those who died, and a second plaque honouring Rev (Rabbi) Jacob Danglow who served as a Chaplain in the AIF in both World Wars.

The atmosphere in the synagogue became hushed as Julie Leder, Vice President of VAJEX Australia and MC for the service, ascended the magnificent pulpit from where she welcomed those in attendance. As requested by Julie, all stood as the official party entered. Members of the official party are listed separately.

Rabbi Philip Heilbrunn OAM then filled the synagogue with the magnificent sound of the Great Shofar for our freedom.

Dr Judy Landau, President of VAJEX Australia, welcomed the distinguished guests and all attendees. She thanked those involved in organising the service. A brief history of the life and achievements of Sir John Monash was given. Judy talked about the birth of the ANZAC spirit at Gallipoli and how Jews were highly represented in the AIF. She emphasised the need to remember and to learn the lessons from

this experience, and how this particularly applies to the next generations.

Four Yahtzeit candles were then lit – three for each of the armed services and one for all the

fallen. The candles were lit by Peter Allan, National Coordinator, Centenary of Anzac Jewish Program, Sara-Leah Ciddor-Moore, Rover Scout from Danglow's Own 3rd St Kilda Scouts, Felix Sher, father of Private Greg Sher obm, and Jennifer Huppert, President JCCV.

The Ark was then opened by George Erlichster, Vice President of St Kilda Hebrew Congregation, followed by the reading of the prayer for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and leaders of nations by Rabbi Yaakov Glasman, Chief Minister

of St Kilda Hebrew Congregation. Private Paul Jurblum recited the prayer for veterans and ADF serving members. Rabbi Ralph Genende, Senior Chaplain ADF and Chair of the Religious Advisory Council to the Minister of Defence (RACS) recited the Prayer for Australia.

One could not help noticing the magnificence of the Torah scrolls glowing in the light of the open Ark behind the pulpit – a beacon for all. Following these prayers the Ark was closed.

As Lieutenant Asher Klebaner ascended the pulpit in his army uniform, many in attendance were impressed by his slouch hat adorned with Emu plumes. Asher read Psalm 23.

Julie introduced the St Kilda Hebrew Congregation Choir and its conductor, Adrian Bartak, who took the audience back 100 years with a medley of familiar WWI songs. The nostalgic feelings were enhanced when members of the audience joined in with the singing.

Those in attendance couldn't miss noticing a large object on the bimah draped with a large navy blue cloth. This turned out to be a bronze bust of General Sir John Monash kindly donated to VAJEX Australia by the Ryzman Family. Julie introduced Mr Leonard Ryzman, representing Ms Deborah, Dr Marlene and Mr Selwyn Ryzman. Leonard spoke eloquently about the



Monash bust. He described Sir John Monash as a brilliant strategist who was inspirational and that not enough was generally known about him. He described his own father's admiration for Monash and that, even against significant opposition, Monash was honoured. Leonard highlighted the Ryzman families' commitment to community service and humanitarian causes. MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ, Patron-in-Chief of VAJEX Australia, together with Dr Judy Landau were then called to the bimah where, after the bust was unveiled, Jeffrey read aloud the plaque on the Monash bust. The Ryzman family then formally handed over the bust to VAJEX Australia as represented by Judy.

Rebecca Forgasz, Director & CEO of the Jewish Museum, talked about the commemoration of the 1914-1918 war and reflected on its significance. The museum wished to honour the spirit and memories of those who fought and died and has done so by jointly developing an exhibition – "True Jews and Patriots". She noted that this exhibition has been designed to share an important part of Australian history. It is both scholarly and accessible. Rebecca went on to thank the exhibition curator, Dr Deborah Rechter, and the others who helped put the exhibition together. She explained the educational significance of the exhibition and described how school students will be involved by researching individuals who served and died.

Julie introduced the keynote speaker, Senator The Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Liberal Minister for Victoria.

Senator Ronaldson expressed his honour to be in attendance. He noted that a nation that fails to remember is a nation that fails itself. Following his acknowledgement of those in uniform at the synagogue, he made special mention of Yvonne and Felix Sher, parents of Private Gregory Sher who died in the service of his country in Afghanistan, who were in attendance. He went on to acknowledge those not properly recognised – Jewish servicemen. He said that 1800 men identified themselves as Jewish in WWI. He described how Rabbi Cohen in Sydney told young Jewish men that they must join up and defend what has been given to us. Senator Ronaldson briefly described the service of Captain Keith Levi who, as a doctor, initially

served on hospital ships at Gallipoli. On 6 August 1915 he worked throughout the night just behind the lines and was killed on 7 August 1915. This is one of many such stories told in the exhibition. He went on to praise Sir John Monash, a man knighted on the battlefield. Monash left his mark on the battlefield and, after returning to Australia, left his mark in a wider sense. Ronaldson said that we must never forget Sir John Monash. To support this he described a new \$100-million war museum at the Australian memorial in Villers-Bretonneaux. He was with Prime Minister Tony Abbott when he revealed details of the design of the interpretive centre, to be known as the Sir John Monash Centre, on a visit to the fields of the old Western Front. Senator Ronaldson then went on to recognise Dr Judy Landau's research on WWI service records.

Attendees were shown a video – "Birth of the ANZAC Spirit" after which a wreath was laid by Dr Judy Landau and Ms Rebecca Forgasz. The Ode was recited by Judy followed by the haunting sounds of the Last Post played by Able Seaman Dorian Broomhall. A minute's silence ended with Reveille (RAN do not sound Rouse) reverberating throughout the synagogue.

A beautiful rendition of Kel Maleh Rachamim was given by Cantor David Brykman, a VAJEX Australia member, and was backed by the choir. This was followed by Kaddish recited by Adrian Bartak. Adrian continued by leading the choir with an Aussie version of Adon Olam, which was sung with gusto to the tune of Waltzing Matilda.

The service concluded with the singing of the New Zealand National Anthem, in both Maori and English, and Advance Australia Fair.

Attendees were invited to cross Charnwood Crescent to the Jewish Museum of Australia for refreshments and a viewing of the exhibition – "True Jews and Patriots".

The exhibition is full of personal memorabilia of Jews who served in WWI. It includes documents and other personal items that help the viewer to identify with the experiences of those who served 100 years ago. It is obvious that the museum together with its exhibition partner, VAJEX Australia, has done an enormous amount of work to provide such an interesting and educational experience for visitors.

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"Australia, the land of my birth, perhaps in a higher degree than in any other country in the world, there is and has been throughout all my life, never a vestige of discrimination against any one class or creed in the community. In the equality of opportunity which the democracy to which I belong offers to every man or woman regardless of social or religious considerations must be found the explanation of the fact that I am able to acknowledge and gratefully acknowledge, that never at any time since my first schooldays and throughout my whole academic and professional work, have I been confronted with any difficulty or obstacle or deterrent arising either directly or indirectly from any question of race or religion.

John Monash



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Back Row: Representing the Commander of 4th Brigade, Colonel Doug Laidlaw and representing Melbourne University Regiment, Commanding Officer LTCOL Tom Nairn and his RSM Warrant Officer Class I Damien Lindsay & MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ
Front Row: Rebecca Forgasz, Dr Judy Landau & Julie Leder
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MONASH BRONZE BUST UNVEILING

BY DR MARLENE RYZMAN

In honour of General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Australian Corps 1918, the Ryzman Family donated a Bronze Bust of Monash (from a new mould of Sir John Monash after an original sculpture by Paul Montford circa 1928-1932) to VAJEX Australia in memory of their parents Netty and Dov Ryzman (GNR VX123381). It is housed at the VAJEX Australia HQ.

The Bust was unveiled and plaque inscription read out by MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ (Patron-in-Chief of VAJEX Australia), a distant cousin of Sir John Monash.

This memorable moment took place at the Anzac Centenary Service (~The Birth of the Anzac Spirit~) held at St Kilda Hebrew Congregation on 28 June 2015 to commemorate what would have been the 150th birthday anniversary of Monash the previous day.

Mr Leonard Ryzman's inspiring speech made a powerful impact on the audience of over 400 people. All were deeply moved by Mr Ryzman's memorable words highlighting General Monash's unparalleled achievements in war and peace: "This man

Monash, in particular, has earned the greatest respect, and his traits, accomplishments, and humanity must never be forgotten."

These sentiments were applauded and echoed by Keynote Speaker Senator The Hon Michael Ronaldson Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC.

Netty and Dov Ryzman, ardent admirers of Monash, were honoured as two great Australians whose lives were characterised by kindness, generosity of spirit; support for good humanitarian causes and the fervent belief that everyone who served deserves to be remembered.

A host of other dignitaries attended, including the Official Party consisting of Keynote Speaker Senator The Hon Michael Ronaldson; Mr Philip Dalidakis MLC, representing the Victorian Premier The Hon Daniel Andrews; The Hon Matthew Guy, Leader of the Victorian Opposition; The Hon Ted and

Mrs Robyn Baillieu, former Premier of Victoria and Chair of the Victorian Anzac Centenary Committee; Air Vice-Marshal Chris Spence AO (Ret'd), Chair of Trustees of the Shrine of Remembrance; MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ; Mr Lambis Englezos AM, finder of the mass burial site of 250 Australian Diggers at Fromelles; Lady Cowen AM; Rabbi Ralph Genende; Zelda Rosenbaum OAM; Stephen

Blair, NZ Consulate General; Dr Deborah Rechter (Curator of the joint exhibition); Rebecca Forgasz; and Dr Judy Landau who spearheaded the concept of the commemorative event. Also attending were The Hon Michael Danby Federal Member for Melbourne Ports, David Southwick

Member for Caulfield, Rabbonim and community and school leaders.

Uniformed representative of 4th Brigade (formed in September 1914 and raised for service in WWI and under the command of Colonel then later General Sir John Monash in Egypt and Gallipoli) and Melbourne University Regiment were present.

The striking navy blue cover for the unveiling of the Ryzman Monash Bronze Bust was supplied by VAJEX Australia.

The following inspiring verse was quoted from Dov Ryzman's prolific published poetry:

"The dawn of day is part of G-d's plan.
It will surely come if man does his share.
The sun is up ... the day has commenced.
On wings of the morning, to soar we dare."

May their memories be a blessing.



THE MAKING OF THE RYZMAN MONASH BRONZE BUST

BY DR JUDY LANDAU

It began when the VAJEX Australia members voted at the 2014 AGM to return our existing Monash bronze bust to the Shrine of Remembrance after the completion of their new Galleries. The VAJEX Australia Board members who frequented HQ, had become used to seeing Sir John taking pride of place in the office and it was with much regret that we had to say farewell. That all changed when the Ryzman family approached President Judy Landau with their extraordinary plan.

There are many ways to honour the memories of deceased parents, but the way the Ryzman family decided to honour Dov and Netty was inspiring. They would donate a Monash Bust in their memory.

Our then Board member, Harold Karpin, set to work to find out where the bust could be made and discovered that the old foundry had closed. Not letting this deter him, he continued with his sleuthing and discovered that Meridian Sculpture had taken over and they would find the mould and arrange for a loan.

The months marched by and the project stalled. The moulds were part of the collection of Museum Victoria and housed at Scienceworks in Williamstown, but no one was allowing the objects to be borrowed by Director Gareth Morley of Meridian Sculpture. Gareth had already warned me that they were very precious about lending their objects.

In the meantime, a good friend, Steve Thake, began work on the stand for the bust.

August rolled around and still no moulds. I began generating the artwork for the plaque for the stand to the Ryzman family specifications.

A confusing email arrived from Meridian Sculpture stating that the Shrine of Remembrance was also involved with the moulds, but I later found out that the Shrine had also been trying to obtain the moulds from Museum Victoria and had been unsuccessful.

Meridian Sculpture finally found the person with the power to sign over the loan of the Monash mould, however there was considerable paperwork involved and they were arguing that insurance needed to be taken out. At this point, Gareth asked me to start supplying "appropriate diplomatic pressure" and with that, he supplied the contact details for the person.

The contact person, however, didn't take phone calls and one needed to leave a message and wait for the call to be returned. This I did numerous times, with no response.

By now it was October and the former contact person had retired. Her replacement loans manager did take phone calls and Karen and I

spoke for a very long time on more than one occasion ... then suddenly within days, a contract appeared in my inbox! I began jumping through the hoops and Museum Victoria arranged the transport and I had to be at Meridian Sculpture to sign in the moulds and inspect their condition. I argued that it is impossible to return them in the same condition since they are brand new, and they will be used when returned. I won that round with contract clauses changed and the day of delivery arrived. I had taken the first of many days off work and didn't mind that the van had been delayed. Gareth and his father, Peter, showed me around the foundry and I met the workers. The van was close by and I was very excited. It had taken seven months to get to this point and was now 17th November. Museum Victoria had approved me photographing the process.

The van arrived and the Condition Reports were presented to me for signing. The van left and at last the moulds were in the care of Meridian Sculpture.

I was contacted regularly by Gareth to go to check on the progress of the bust. The highlight of one of these visits was running into Peter Corlett OAM, the renowned sculptor of the Monash Statue now at Monash University. Peter took me to see his own work in progress and it was an awesome sight of Monash "thinking".

During my last inspection of the Ryzman Bust, there were three adjustments needed.

After 10 months, in February 2015, it was finished. The Ryzman family then took over and arranged collection from Meridian Sculpture.

This incredible project is now completed. All the time and effort have been worth every second to honour Dov and Netty Ryzman.

In my speech of thanks at the unveiling, I thanked the fabulous Ryzman family for this most generous gift. All who knew them loved Dov and Netty and now their presence is at our HQ in the office. To Deborah, Leonard, Marlene and Selwyn, sincere thanks on behalf of all of us at VAJEX Australia.

We will remember them!





GOVERNOR-GENERAL VISITS JOINT JMA & VAJEX AUSTRALIA EXHIBITION

BY JUDY LANDAU

“At the Jewish Museum of Australia, St Kilda, the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove, were guests of the Director and CEO, Ms Rebecca Forgasz, President, Barry Fradkin OAM and President VAJEX Australia, Dr Judy Landau, viewed the “True Jews and Patriots: Australian Jews and World War One exhibition.”

The above statement appears on the Governor-General’s website.



Barry Fradkin President JMA, Judy Landau President VAJEX Australia, Lady Cosgrove, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove & Rebecca Forgasz CEO & Director JMA

Photos courtesy Peter Haskin

I had a chance to explain about my research for the new Victorian Jewish Memorial and how DNA was sent only last week to hopefully identify one of our youngest casualties who was killed in action at the tender age of 16. It is thought that his remains have been found in a



mass grave at Fromelles and his second cousin, who is a new VAJEX Australia member, supplied the DNA.

The WWI names for the new Victorian Jewish Memorial are printed on one of the walls of the

exhibition and after hearing the story of this young soldier, Sir Peter took a pebble and placed it in memory of him. It was a very special moment. Her Excellency Lady Cosgrove placed a pebble in memory of one of the newly discovered soldiers. This is a memory I will always treasure.



Sir Peter & Lady Cosgrove placed memorial pebbles under the wall of fallen Jewish Victorian WWI names with Judy nearby explaining about the pebbles.

As they were about to leave, Sir Peter asked if there were any Jewish nurses amongst the Australian nurses who went over to the battlefields. What a pity he didn’t have time to hear my reply because there were five Jewish nurses with a Victorian connection who served in World War I. Some time ago I made a DVD and a pamphlet on this topic, and with Julie Leder, gave a talk to a women’s group about women in the Armed Forces.



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2015 GLEN EIRA VOLUNTEER AWARDS



20 years service Ben Hirsh



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10 years service Judy Landau



500 hours service Julie Leder

2015 ANZAC OF THE YEAR IS IN OUR MIDST

Wednesday 1 July 2015 our Patron-in-Chief MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ was awarded the prestigious ANZAC of the Year Award by MAJ GEN David McLaughlin AO Ret'd, State President of the RSL.



Photo courtesy Julie Leder

From the RSL Website:

In its desire to honour those who serve in peace as well as perpetuating the memory and gallantry of those who served in war, the Returned & Services League of Australia has established a series of National Honours - the ANZAC Awards.

The ANZAC Awards are, the ANZAC Peace Prize, only one of which is awarded to an Australian individual or group for outstanding efforts in promoting international understanding and peace, and the ANZAC of the Year Awards, seven of which may be awarded each year to Australian individuals or groups for service to the community in a positive, compassionate and selfless manner.

2015 AGM AGENDA

MINOR CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

Notice is given that minor changes will be made to the Constitution to clarify existing rules and tighten up members' privacy. A copy will be on the website from 1 Jan 2016 (you will need to login) and copies will be available at the AGM.

FINDING PTE JOSEPH

BY IAN MINCHIN

In late 2013, Ian Minchin published his book, *Brothers in Arms*. The book covers much of last century in Australia and includes Ian's father's involvement in World War I at Gallipoli and on the Western Front. He also had three older brothers in World War II, one was a pilot who flew spies into France, the other a bomber pilot and the third was in the Royal Australian Navy.

As events commemorating the two world wars were due to take place during 2014/15, he sent a copy of his book to The Department of Veterans' Affairs, offering to participate in the planned commemorations. The Department identified a connection with the exhumation of diggers at Fromelles in France and forwarded the information to The Fromelles Association, which has been linking relatives with the remains of the World War I soldiers buried by the Germans in mass graves in France.

Ian Minchin was contacted by The Fromelles Association as an Australian Infantry Forces soldier's body, which had been connected to Ian, was known to be in a mass grave at Fromelles.

Private Joseph Joseph, a 16 year old from Port Fairy in Victoria, who had enlisted in the Australian Infantry Forces at age fifteen was killed at Fromelles in 1916. When contacted, Ian was told that Private Joseph's body was thought to be amongst those that were exhumed and being identified in France and would he agree to provide his DNA, as he was a relative of the deceased. Ian expressed surprise at the discovery and was assured that their research had proven his relationship to Joseph Joseph as a second cousin. Ian claimed no knowledge of such a relative and was then informed that the dead soldier was the son of his grandmother's sister, therefore a first cousin of his mother. Ian

informed the officer from the Association that his grandmother was an only child, to which he was advised that his grandmother was from a Jewish family in Port Fairy with seven siblings.



Ian had been told as a child (as had his four brothers) that there was a Jewish connection in the family but it was not known to what extent or that his grandmother was full blood Jewish. His grandmother never talked of any relatives on her side and the family was told by their mother that she was an only child.

Ian contacted his two surviving brothers who live in Perth but they were unaware that their grandmother had any siblings. Ian's mother had always said that she had no relatives as she also was an only child. Her mother, Amelia Jane Handriks, had married William Penn Tompson in Melbourne and Ian can only assume that as she married outside the Jewish faith, she may have been ostracised by her family as was the case in those times. She and her husband then left for Western Australia, where Ian's mother

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was born.

These revelations have resulted in Ian being involved with the Fromelles Association and supplying his DNA through the Australian Army for analysis in Europe. Ian has not yet had confirmation that Joseph Joseph's body has been amongst those exhumed so far. Ian is hopeful that there is identification before the centenary commemoration of the battle of Fromelles next year, as he would want to participate and visit the grave of his long lost relative.

Ian was a guest at VAJEX Australia's Shrine of Remembrance Pilgrimage service on the 2nd August 2015 and is now a non-service member of the Victorian Association of Jewish Ex & Servicemen & Women Australia Inc.

Ian's book, *Brothers in Arms*, tracks his family's origins in Ireland and their migration to Australia in the 1850s, settling first in Victoria during the gold rush, and then his paternal grandparents and father ultimately moving to Western Australia. His maternal grandmother, Amelia Handricks married William Tompson and they moved to Western Australia at the same time. Her family of eight siblings initially lived in Port Fairy and Amelia's father is buried in the Geelong Cemetery. Ian had virtually no information on his maternal grandmother's origins and included little in his book about that side of the family. Ian was very close to his grandmother and in his book tells an emotional story of his relationship with her when he learns of her death in 1957, while Ian was working in Melbourne.

Amelia and her husband had one daughter, Iris Vera Isabelle Tompson (Ian's mother). The Tompson family and the Minchin family became firm friends soon after arrival in Western Australia and their daughter Iris and the Minchin's second eldest son, Hugh, were childhood sweethearts. They married some years after Hugh's return from WWI as a severely wounded soldier, who had returned to work on the farm he owned with his eldest brother Allan, who served in the Royal Australian Navy in Australia during WWI.

Ian Minchin was born in 1938, the fifth son of Iris and Hugh and was educated in Perth. At age eighteen, he moved to Melbourne while working in The National Bank, where he met his wife Carol Jones who lived in North Caulfield. They married in 1961 and have four daughters. Ian has worked in the finance industry most of

his life and travelled widely with his employer, Barclays Bank. After retiring, Ian undertook several board positions and ultimately decided to write his family's biography, which was reinforced when he and Carol visited Gallipoli in 2008.



Name	Joseph Davis De Passe JOSEPH
Rank	Private
Service Number	1055
Date of birth	David Joseph Joseph b. 1900 Reg 20511 Parents: Leopold Edward JOSEPH & Sarah Elizabeth HANDRICKS
Place of birth	Melbourne East
Enlistment	24 July 1915 Melbourne Unit embarked from Melbourne on board HMATA62 <i>Wandilla</i> on 9 November 1915
Next of kin	Mother: Mrs Joseph 214 Cecil Street, South Melbourne
Occupation	Scholar
Religion	Jewish/Hebrew
Date of death	20 July 1916
Age	16 (stated he was 18 years 1 month)
Cause of death	Killed in Action
Place of death	Fleurbaix
Unit	31st Battalion
Cemetery	No known grave Panel No 3 VC Corner Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France
Family	Parents: Leopold Emmanuel & Lily Elizabeth JOSEPH of Geelong
Medals	1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Above: Name plate of PTE Joseph Joseph from Judy Landau's artwork of the WWI pull up banners.

The discrepancy in his and his parents' names from his birth registration and enlistment details was common, as names evolved through their lives and some became known as something quite different from their birth name. Ed.



OUR GLORIOUS FALLEN ~ VICTORIA

1914 ~ 1918

Aarons	Maurice	Fink	Gordon	Jacobs	Louis	Marks	Lionel M B	Raphael	Frederick
Abraham	Frederick	Frankel	Simie	Jonas	Benjamin	Marks	Marcus	Rosenthal	Samuel
Ansell	Herbert	Freadman	Zavel	Joseph	Joseph	Marks	Maurice	Rosenwax	Charles
Barnes	David	Fromer	Harry	Joseph	Sydney	Mendoza	Howard	Roth	Karl
Barnard	Sydney	Goldring	Gordon	Judell	Elias	Michaelis	Frank	Samuel	Edward
Beaver	Wilfred	Goldstein	Leon	Kozminsky	Maurice	Michaelis	Grant	Silberthau	Rudolph
Benjamin	Stanley	Goldstone	Aaron	Kunin	Gregory	Miller DCM	Joseph	Silverman	Abraham
Bishop	Samuel	Hallenstein	Dalbert	Lazarus	Isaac	Moses	Hamilton	Simon	Oscar
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Cohen	Joseph	Hart	Joseph	Levy	Harry	Nyman	Charles	Weingott	Alexander
Cohen	Maurice	Hart	Leslie	Lewis	Barnett	Phillips	Samuel	Wertheim	Jacob
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1939 ~ 1945

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Berliner	Harris	Fink	Thorold	Jacobs	Peter	Morris	Allan	Roskin	Nathaniel
Berliner	Leon	Frieze	Berrol	Joseph	David	Nathan	Edward	Rovkin	Joseph
Bernstein	Harry	Goldberg	Leslie	Joseph	Graham	Opas	Athol	Saulwick	Laurance
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VALE

- 23 Sep 2014 449771 LAC Joseph Salfas, Central Photographic Unit Brisbane, RAAF
- 3 Oct 2014 VX21049 LT David Simmons, 2nd/7th Australian General Hospital, AAMC (PHARM)
- 17 Oct 2014 V129130 PTE & 127596 AC1 Leon Lipp, 24 Battalion & 1 School Technical Training, RAAF
- 20 Nov 2014 LAC Alan Rembach, No 301 Air Base Wing Central Photographic Establishment, RAAF
- 8 Dec 2014 VX 64508 Private David Leslie Pahoff, 2nd/5th Australian General Hospital
- 8 Dec 2014 55937 LAC Abraham Kleiman, Air Supply Unit, RAAF
- 28 Dec 2014 Jacob Barnett, British Army WW2
- 13 Feb 2015 129674 LAC Ralph Lewis, Air Gunner's School & 20 Squadron, RAAF
- 22 Feb 2015 V503683 CPL Sydney Hymans, 1 Aust Central Ordnance Depot
- 24 Mar 2015 Alfred Blondell, Polish Army May 1944-March 1953
- 2 Apr 2015 NS7005 Meir Harari, British Army
- 19 Apr 2015 VX133503 Sig Leonard Singer, 102 Australian Anti Aircraft Regiment
- 23 Apr 2015 Alexander Jaye (Jacobs)
- 27 Apr 2015 VX50896 PTE Gerald Rosenberg ex POW, 85 Australian Light Aid Detachment
- 4 May 2015 Leon Wirski, Polish Army 1942-1946
- 25 Jun 2015 1731038 MAJ David John Roubin, Vietnam Veteran, QAJEX President
- 7 Jul 2015 P/O Joe Ketko, NZ Air Force
- 12 Jul 2015 V46464 PTE Alexander Dorevitch, 4th Australian Field Ambulance, AASC

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Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick
Drinks & schmooze afterwards

UNVEILING & CONSECRATION OF NEW WWI & WWII VICTORIAN JEWISH MEMORIAL

Sunday, 15 November 2015 11.00 am
Location on request
To be unveiled by MAJGEN Jeffrey Rosenfeld AM OBE KStJ
To be consecrated by Rabbi Ralph Genende
FOLLOWED BY

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE RECEPTION

(FORMALLY REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON)

Keynote Speaker:

The Hon Ted Baillieu, former Premier of Victoria
Chair, ANZAC Centenary Committee

Sunday, 15 November 2015 12.30 pm
Caulfield RSL Function Room
4 St Georges Road, Elsternwick

By popular demand!
New milchig menu & sit where you wish!
\$30 per person



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 6 March 2016 10.30am
Lamm Jewish Library Australia
304 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield



GLEN EIRA ANZAC SERVICE

Sunday, 24 April 2016 10.00 am
Caulfield Park
WWI & WWII memorial stakes on display

VAJEX AUSTRALIA ANZAC COMMEMORATION & PRIVATE GREGORY SHER MEMORIAL AWARDS

Sunday, 1 May 2016 10.30am
City of Glen Eira, Auditorium
Cnr Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads
Kosher refreshments



PILGRIMAGE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 7 August 2016 12 noon
Meet in Sanctuary 11.45am
VAJEX Australia flag is raised in the Forecourt



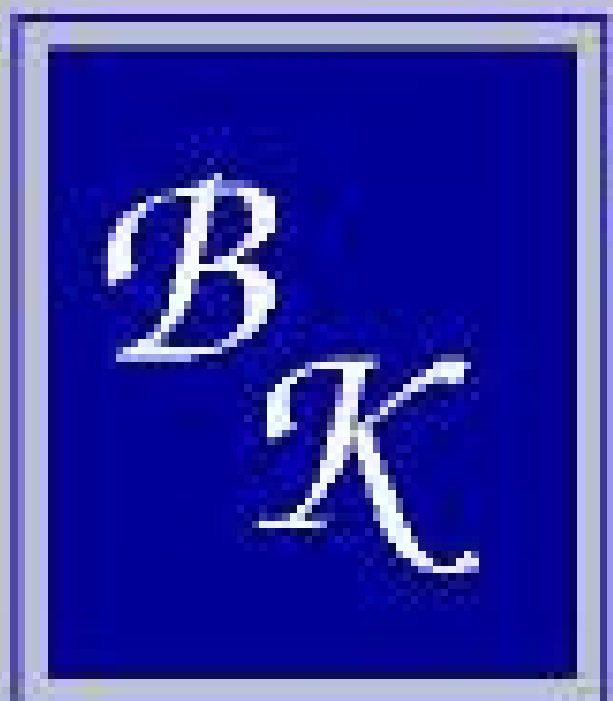
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