



**PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM**  
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האיגוד ליהדות מתקדמת בויקטוריה

# Lifelong Learning @PJV

## Term 1: January to March 2012

Learning opportunities from the congregations of  
Progressive Judaism Victoria  
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### **Etz Chayim Progressive Synagogue**

549 Centre Road, Bentleigh 9563 9208

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

### **Kedem**

119 Kooyong Road, Armadale 9822 5802

[www.kedem.com.au](http://www.kedem.com.au)

### **Leo Baeck Centre for Progressive Judaism (LBC)**

31-37 Harp Road, East Kew 9819 7160

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

### **Temple Beth Israel (TBI)**

76-82 Alma Road, St Kilda 9510 1488

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



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## ONE TIME EVENTS

### What is YOUR Ideal Jewish Community?

Sunday 19 February, 10:30 am after bagels at 10  
Let us enter the world of make-believe. Imagine that you are part of the Jewish community in a brand new city and have been asked to be part of the committee forming a new congregation, with no history or preconceived ideas. In what direction would you see the congregation heading? What parts of our Jewish heritage would you adopt? What parts of our Jewish heritage would you not consider? What new ideas would you like to incorporate? How would you adapt the concepts of others? Although we will never leave the world of make-believe, we should still have a very lively debate!

With: Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black and Albert Isaacs  
Where: LBC  
Cost: Gold coin donation  
Info: 9819 7160

### Annual Leo Baeck Memorial Lecture

#### Sir Zelman Cowen, My Mentor—His Life and Times

Sunday 25 March, 7:30 pm  
With: Josh Frydenberg, Federal Parliamentarian and Local MP  
Where: LBC  
Cost: Gold coin donation  
Info: 9819 7160

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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

### Introduction to Judaism

Every Tuesday evening, 7:30pm  
Intakes in Feb and July  
A two-semester course for those seriously interested in confirming their place among the Jewish people with a foundation level course of study covering Jewish source literature, history, customs and how to pursue a Jewish lifestyle. For those studying with a view to becoming Jewish by choice, the level of instruction is aimed at students with little or no formal learning in Jewish tradition. Individuals and partnered couples make for a mixed and interesting group. Enrolment by interview with a Rabbi only.  
With: PJV Rabbis  
Where: TBI  
Cost: \$470 per semester (No one is turned away because of financial need.)  
Info: ECPS 9563 9208; LBC 9819 7160;  
TBI 9510 1488

### Al Regel Achat (On One Foot)

First Saturday of each month, 9:00 am  
Adult learning program, exploring special topics of interest, concluding with question time over coffee/tea.  
With: Rabbi Gersh Lazarow  
Where: Etz Chayim  
Cost: None  
Info: 9563 9208

### Shabbat Study Group

Saturday mornings, 9:00 am  
Our informal study and discussion group has been run for many years. You are welcome to join in occasionally or regularly. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. There are different topics each week.  
With: Congregation members  
Where: LBC  
Cost: None  
Info: Alison Harcourt (9853 3162)

### Kedem's 4th Shabbatot – Service for the Soul

Saturday February 25 and March 25, 10 am  
Meditative, calming Shabbat services with Kiddush  
Where: Private home  
Cost: None  
Info: 9822 5802

### Kedem's 5th Shabbatot

31 March, Shiurim and light lunch, 10:00 am  
With: Rabbi Fred Morgan  
Where: Private home  
Cost: None  
Info: 9822 5802

### Israel Awareness at LBC

Tuesday 31 January, 7:30 pm  
Gusti Yehoshua-Braverman, WZO Co-Chair, Department for Diaspora Activities, will answer "Questions from the Diaspora"  
With: Gusti Yehoshua-Braverman  
Where: LBC  
Cost: None  
Info: (and to join our email list for events related to Israel) 9819 7160

### Parashat Hashavuah

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, starting 31 January  
Exploring the Parasha of the week. All welcome.  
With: Rabbis Fred Morgan and Kim Ettlinger and guest presenters  
Where: Friedlander Bet Midrash at TBI  
Cost: None  
Info: 9510 1488

### Omek - Learning for Gen Y

A group of young adults get together to learn in chevruta.  
Cost: none  
Info: Beck 0433 955 560



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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

### 'Beyachad' Singing for Fun!

First and Third Thursdays of the month  
8:00 -9:30 pm

'Beyachad' (Together) is for people who like to sing and want to learn a range of 'world music', especially Yiddish, Hebrew and Ladino songs. We are skillfully taught by Sarah Mandie – vocalist with *Spiel Azoi* and *Soleluna*, who has introduced singing in parts and in rounds to our 'repertoire'. While we're steadily improving, we get together mainly because it's fun.

With: Sarah Mandie and a friendly group of singers  
Where: Private home in Kew  
Cost: \$15/\$10 concession per session  
Info: Julie Contole 9853 2057 or  
0417 397 050

### Meditation with Nishmat Col Chai: Jewish Renewal

Sundays, 12 February, 18 March 7:30 – 9:00 pm

A quiet opportunity to meditate and reflect on an eclectic range of styles of Jewish meditation, including chants and discussion. All are welcome, whether experienced in meditation or not.

With: Various facilitators  
Where: LBC  
Costs: Gold coin donation  
Info: Helen Wolfram ([helenwolfram@live.com.au](mailto:helenwolfram@live.com.au))

### LBC Women

Fourth Monday of the month, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

These monthly meetings are always stimulating, both due to the range of topics covered as well as the lively discussion they promote.

Where: Held in a variety of private homes, the group welcomes newcomers.  
Cost: None  
Info: Marilyn on 9882 5400 / [m\\_mandie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m_mandie@bigpond.net.au)

### The Network Luncheon

Third Tuesday of the month, 12:00 noon

A monthly educational and social opportunity for senior members, including a catered luncheon.

With: Various speakers  
Where: Etz Chayim  
Cost: \$6, including lunch  
Info: 9563 9208

### Jewish Cooking Around the World

Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Sundays, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

These classes will explore different recipes from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic traditions. The format is part demonstration, part hands-on and the classes are appropriate for all skill levels. Each class will run for approximately two hours and will conclude with a shared meal. Here's your chance to learn something about your heritage or just to try something delicious. Places are limited.

With: Several visiting experts  
Where: Etz Chayim  
Cost: \$15 to cover ingredients  
Info: 9563 9208, bookings essential

### Israeli Dancing

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am (beginners) and 10:30 am (intermediate)

Get fit while learning to dance. No partners or experience necessary. Fun for all ages.

With: Shari Rose  
Where: LBC  
Cost: \$5  
Info: 9819 7160

### Rosh Chodesh

22 February, 25 March, 22 April 7:30 pm

Each month the women of PJV are invited to come together and rejoice in the new month with sacred learning, in-depth conversation and, of course, a little nosh

With: Rabbi Kim Ettlinger  
Where: Private home  
Cost: none  
Info: 9510 1488

### Men's Group

Third Sunday of the month 8 pm

Running for nearly 20 years, the men's group does not limit its study to texts of Torah. They also tackle issues such as the continuity of the Jewish community in Australia and Israel.

With: Albert Bentata  
Where: TBI  
Cost: none  
Info: 9510 1488



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## SHORT COURSES

### Limmud on Sunday

5, 12, 26 February, 4 March  
10:30 am-12:00 noon

Four Unorthodox Lectures on Jewish History

A brief journey through Jewish history, looking at key moment in the history of our people through progressive eyes.

With: Rabbi John Levi  
Where: TBI  
Cost: Free for TBI members, \$5 donation for non-members.  
Includes bagels and dips from 10 am.  
Info: 9510 1488

18 and 25 March, 10:30 am

Baruch Spinoza: Apostate Jew or Progressive Jew?

Baruch Spinoza is one of the most puzzling and divisive philosophers of the modern era. He rejected the Jewish religion and was banished from his community, and yet devoted himself to arguing for religious tolerance. In these lectures we will discuss Spinoza's historical context and the central themes of his philosophy.

With: Dr Colin Marshall, Univ of Melb  
Where: TBI  
Cost: Free for TBI members, \$5 donation for non-members  
Info: 9510 1488

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## HEBREW LANGUAGE STUDIES

### Aleph Isn't Tough

10 Thursdays beginning 1 February 7:30-8:30 pm

Beginners' course in Hebrew. Learn to recognise all the letters and have a basic understanding of Hebrew word structures and an elementary vocabulary of key prayer terms.

With: Karen Rosauer  
Where: TBI Magid Resource Centre  
Cost: Please contact TBI office  
Info: 9510 1488

### Bet is for B'reshit

For those who have mastered the Hebrew alphabet and feel comfortable with the words in the siddur. To extend your knowledge of Hebrew, we will continue to focus on roots of words, as well as grammar; and introduce a little colloquial modern Hebrew.

With: Albert Bentata  
Where: TBI Magid Resource Centre  
Cost: Please contact TBI office  
Info: 9510 1488

### Aleph Isn't Enough

10 Thursdays beginning 1 February 7:30-8:30 pm

Deepening your understanding of the Hebrew language.

With: Albert Bentata  
Where: TBI Magid Resource Centre  
Cost: Please contact TBI office  
Info: 9510 1488

