



# Adelaide Hebrew Congregation News

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## Shabbat Details

- Friday night service  
6.15pm
- Saturday morning  
service 9am  
followed by kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:  
LC 5.40pm,  
ends 6.37pm

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## Notices

- We wish **refuah sheleimah** and a speedy recovery to Ivor Lee, Jeanette Ailion, Maurice Nachmad, Rosi Costi, Nina Hassan, Suzy Kertesz, Martha Reitjoa and anyone else who has been unwell recently.
- **Schach** will be available for Sukkot. Please order via the AHC office, 8338 2922; \$2/branch.
- **Preparations for the High Holidays:** Please call the office and let us know if you and your family are planning to be in Shul for Rosh Hashana or the other Yamim Tovim and need a host or a meal.
- Join us this **Motzei Shabbat, 4th September** for the **first Selichot service, at 11:30pm.**
- All welcome on **Sunday 5th September 9am** for a **Shacharit Minyan**, scrumptious breakfast, L'chaim for Shana Tova, and a Shiur for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur - "*How do we transform sins into merits?*" Please contact Rabbi to allow for appropriate catering.
- Delicious 3 course kosher **Simchat Torah dinner** in Honour of our Chatan Torah, Liam Wittert; and our Chatan Bereishit, Benji Kessly. Please book & pay at the AHC office to allow accurate catering. If you need assistance with transport, please let the Office staff know.
- Thanks to the Nachum family for the delicious Kiddush this Shabbat in honour of Rob's birthday.



# Shabbat Parashat Nitzavim—Vayalech

## Thoughts for the week – The last Shabbat of the year

This Shabbat will be the last Shabbat of the year.

Parashat Nitzavim is always read just before Rosh Hashana, and not by coincidence:

The Parasha talks a great deal about “Teshuva” (repentance). After Moses' prophecy that the People of Israel will stray from the path of the Torah, and that all the curses in last week's Parasha will come true, Moses tells the People of Israel that there is always a hope: - “And you will return unto Hashem your God, and listen to his voice”... “Then Hashem your God will bring back your captivity and have mercy upon you, and He will return and gather you in from all the peoples to which Hashem your God has scattered you”(Devarim 30, 2-30).

The Rabbis found a further referral to Rosh Hashana from the first verse in the Parasha: “You are standing today, all of you, before Hashem your God”(29, 9)

- All of us stand for judgment on Rosh Hashana (today), before Hashem.

Another interesting idea is the *Gimatria* (the numerical value) of the verse “אתם ניצבים היום כולכם” (you are standing today) which is equal to 694, and which has the same numerical value as “ לעמוד לסליחות” (to stand for the Selichot) = 694. This is a hint that on Motzei Shabbat of Parashat Nitzavim, the Ashkenazi people always join their Sephardi brothers and start to say the Selichot before the Yamim Noraim.

## Shabbat Shalom and Shana Tova – a sweet new year!

Rabbi Netanel Friedler

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## Yahrzeits

### We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeits:

Mr Jack Geller for his mother, Clara Geller

Mr Victor Barouch for his father, Raphael Barouch

Mr Victor Barouch for his mother, Esther Barouch

Mrs Suzy Kertesz for her father, Henry Frangi

Dr Leon Pitchon for his father, Isaac Pitchon



## Presenting This Year's Chatan Bereishit: Benjamin Kessly

I was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1984 in Sydney. I lived in Sydney my whole life until 2008. From 1987 until 1989 I attended Yeshivah College Kindergarten in Blair Street, Bondi. In 1989 I began school at Mount Sinai College, which was a relatively new school with no more than 60 students from Prep to Year 6. Unfortunately it was only a primary school; I therefore had to move on to a different high school and leave behind a lot of great friends and memories.

I attended high school at The Emanuel School from 1996 until I graduated in 2001. High school was an extremely tough and testing time for me. The reason being that unfortunately for certain reasons I was unable to attend the local orthodox school. I had no choice but to accept my new school in the best way that I could even though it was a secular school. In Year 12 I was elected as one of ten Prefects.

Since Year 2 I had been a part of Bnei Akiva youth movement, however, in Year 10 I made a switch to Betar. After graduating from school, I decided to take a year off my studies and spent the year in Israel on the Betar Israel program. This included leadership training for Madrichim, basic training in the Israel Defense Force and Yeshivah. After an intense year of learning in Israel, I came back to Sydney to be a leader in Betar and to start my University studies. In 2005, I was elected President of AUJS NSW.

Between 2003 and 2008 I completed three degrees as well as continuing some Yeshivah education in Sydney. I have a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) University of New South Wales; Master of Teaching, University of Sydney; and a Post Graduate Diploma of Classical and Modern Hebrew, University of Sydney.

In July 2008 I moved from Sydney to Melbourne to be with my then fiancée Deborah Mond. We were married in August 2008 at the Caulfield Hebrew Congregation. In January 2009 we made the move to Adelaide so I could join the Massada College family as the teacher for Jewish Studies. At the present time we are happy and delighted to be a part of such a wonderful Jewish community. We are now please G-d expecting our first child at the beginning of 2011.



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