

# AUSTRALIAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



## NEWSLETTER

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## 2019 – THE PROGRESS CONTINUES

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 3rd November 2019. The President, Peter Philippssohn presented a detailed report on the projects being undertaken and further updates are provided in this Newsletter. The following were elected Committee members: -

Rabbi Ben Elton	Denise Lvoff
Gary Eckstein	Keith Masnick
Robert Gescheit	Philip Moses
Ralph Hirst	Peter Philippssohn
Ruth Lilian	Suzanne Rutland

Following Committee elections and adoption of the Treasurers Report, Peter Philippssohn introduced Steve Hart and invited him to launch the book *The Moses Family in Yass 1837-1878* by Stephe Jitts. Steve Hart spoke of his connection to the Moses family and recommended the book to all those interested in the Moses family of Yass both for its detailed genealogical as well as biographical information.

Peter Philippssohn then invited Stephe Jitts to speak. Stephe explained how his interest in the Moses family arose through the purchase and restoration of the original house that Moses Moses built in Yass and the influence of the family in the town.

At a Committee Meeting held after the AGM, Peter Philippssohn was appointed President, Ralph Hirst, Treasurer and Philip Moses, Secretary. In addition, Anna Marks was coopted to fill the casual vacancy. The position of Vice President remains vacant for the time being.

## AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS 2020

All members of the Society congratulate the following on their recent award.

### **Charles (Chuck) Aronson OAM**

Charles has played leading roles with numerous communal organisation and until recently was a Vice President of the Society.

### **Rabbi Dr Jeffrey Cohen OAM**

Jeffrey, an academic, was honoured particularly for his work in the interfaith field. He was previously a Vice President of the Society.

### **Peter Kahn OAM**

Peter, an avid historian, was honoured particularly for his work with the Sydney Tramway Museum. He is a longstanding member and supporter of the Society.



## NEW FACES 2020 – AN INTRODUCTION TO NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**Robert Gescheit OAM**

Robert has been active in Jewish communal affairs since his university days in the 1970's. He has been instrumental in founding and playing a leading role in many Jewish organisations in a voluntary and professional capacity over the past 40+ years.

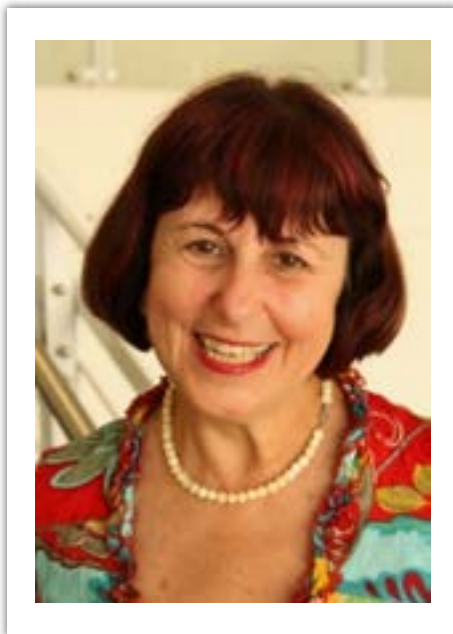
In 2015 he received the NSW Government Community Service Award in acknowledgment of his "outstanding contribution to the community". In 2017, he received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his services to the community.

His communal achievements include co-founding the Dover Heights Shule in 1997 and acting as President for the first 13 years; designer and construction manager of the Sydney Eruv; involvement with the Jewish Care Family Respite program for the past 15 years; and founding member of the Council of Orthodox Synagogues of NSW.



Robert's business background is as a Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer for over 20 years, establishing the largest independent agency in the Inner Western Suburbs of Sydney. After selling his business, he moved into property investment and development, spent a number of years as a Business and Investment Advisor with the Israel Trade Commission in Sydney, and has been a Property and Business Consultant for the past 20 years. For a change of pace in 2010, Robert went back to university and completed the post graduate course in Arbitration, and became nationally accredited as a Commercial Arbitrator.

He is married to Jayne, has 3 married children and 8 grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys travelling the world with his wife.



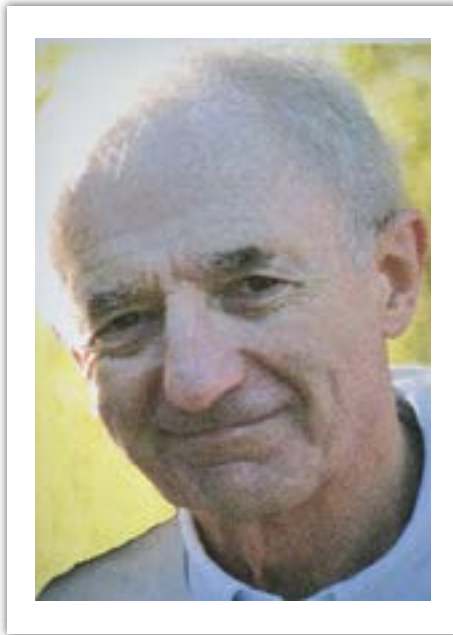
### **Ruth Lilian OAM**

Ruth works in the conference and event management sector – specifically in the medical, scientific and education areas where she manages international, national and state conferences and exhibitions.

She has always been involved with both Jewish and general community not for profit organisations, having been a past board and committee member of the Sir Moses Montefiore Home, Jewish House, NSW Maccabi and the National Council of Jewish Women NSW. She currently volunteer with Sailors with disABILITIES – Creators of Change, offering sailing experiences for children and youth facing disability or disadvantage; the University of NSW Faculty of Medicine and their medical student communication skills program, and she is also part of a peer volunteer education program with Health Promotion Service for Older People (CPSA), associated with NSW Health where she presents to older Australians on certain medical conditions.

In 2008 she received the Order of Australia for services to the Meetings and Events industry, including the start-up of a number of specialist medical and scientific associations as well as her communal activities. She enjoys bridge, music, theatre, art and cooking for her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends.





### **Keith Masnick**

Keith graduated in optometry in 1965 and spent the next few years at U Melbourne, Hadassah and Moorfields Eye (London) Hospitals and UNSW. In 1971 he started clinical practice and over the next 20 years established, with his brother Anthony, a large group of optometry practices in NSW. In the 70's Keith produced seminal research into soft contact lenses and was the second Australian to be awarded the contact lens diploma of the American Academy of Optometry. In 1986 he became president of the NSW division of the Optometrists Association and began an 18-year stint as chairman of the Optometry Registration Board. In 1990 he entered international eye care, guiding countries such as Thailand, India, Brazil and Argentina as well as consulting with the European Community.

Keith retired from clinical practice in 2002 and returned to university as a researcher in international health manpower and a lecturer in public health. During this period, he became involved in applying dynamic health system modelling which has been used both locally and in Thailand. In 2016 he was appointed to a position at Notre Dame University and currently holds an appointment to the School of Optometry and Visual Science at UNSW.

Keith has served on the board of The Emanuel School and has been married to Lynne for over 50 years. He has 7 near perfect grandchildren.

His qualifications are Ph.D., M.Optom., M.B.A., M.P.H., M.A. (international Relations), F.A.A.O. (dip CL), F.C.C.L.S.A.

## ON TIME AND ON BUDGET

The renovation of Level 4 at 146 Darlinghurst Road was completed on time and on budget. The work comprised a complete refurbishment to bring it to archive storage standards. This included waterproofing, painting, air conditioning, improved lighting and accessioning area and the installation of compactuses and additional shelving. This result was achieved through the diligence and professionalism of architect, Paul Bondin, who acted as project manager and coordinated all aspects of the job, willingly giving his time, for which we are most grateful.



*Before*



*After*

The project was funded from the bequest of the late Louise Rosenberg. To honour Louise's memory and acknowledge the many years of devoted service she gave to the Society the area will be known as the Louise Rosenberg Community Archive. A ceremony dedicating a plaque to her memory designating the area will be held later this year.



## AUSTRALIAN JEWISH MILITARY DATABASE AND WAR MEMORIAL – UPDATE.

### Peter Allen

A 2019 NSW Government 'Anzac Community Grant' of \$2,000 to the Society has been acquitted. The grant was for the National Archives of Australia (NAA) to digitise some 70+ records of WWII Jewish men, who died on service but whose records had not yet been digitised. The work has been completed by the NAA and the records are now viewable on-line at [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au).

This exercise was essential for the research work currently being undertaken for the ACT Jewish Community Museum's interactive Touchscreen, which will display narratives and images associated with the 341 men named on the cenotaph of the new Australian Jewish War Memorial (AJWM), dedicated last year - as part of their Federal Government DVA grants.

Peter Allen is preparing content for the Touchscreen, assisted by his wife Gloria, Jeannette Tsoulos (British Forces' enlistees and genealogy) and Merrilyn Sernack (proofreading). To date, 70 names have been completed, in chronological order by date of death. If you, or someone you know has pertinent material, please contact **Peter Allen: Email: [ccallen@bigpond.net](mailto:ccallen@bigpond.net) Mob: 0418 161366.**

The AJHS' Jewish Military Database [www.ajhs.com/ajmd](http://www.ajhs.com/ajmd) will also host the material - and it is hoped that eventually the Sydney Jewish Museum and museums in other states will have similar Touchscreens.

As well as finding two additional names and new, detailed information regarding the men named on the AJWM, their families and in many cases the circumstances of their death, there have been some other, unexpected discoveries. An excellent resource is a 23-volume work by Alan Storr, Royal Australian Air Force World War II Fatalities digitised by the Australian War Memorial. A somewhat perturbing example is that of Pte Leslie Cohen, a fallen WW1 soldier, whose grave was chanced upon in Rookwood Jewish Cemetery, but who does not qualify for inclusion on the AJWM or – at this stage - the Touchscreen.

### Obituary for Leslie Albert Cohen (1893 – 1921)

Leslie Albert Cohen was born in 1893 - the second son of Sophia (née Marks) and Laurence Cohen of Darlinghurst. Without disclosing that he'd received a six-month suspended prison sentence - after pleading guilty for passing a forged cheque in Nowra in 1912 whilst working as a farm labourer in the Shoalhaven district - he enlisted 'Jewish' in the AIF on 6 September 1915, age 22.





Private Leslie Cohen arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, in February 1916, joining the main body of the 20th Battalion after its evacuation from Gallipoli. They sailed to Marseilles and entered the trenches of the Western Front near Armentières, France, on the Belgian border in April, and the next month had the dubious honour of being the first Australian battalion to be raided by the Germans.

Just before the battalion relocated south to the Somme, on 27 May Leslie was diagnosed with mild VDH ('Valvular Disease Heart'). He was shipped across to England and admitted to the Kitchener Hospital, where he remained until boarding the Hospital Ship Marathon on 8 August, for return to Australia. Meanwhile, many of his fellow diggers were being wiped out in the terrible battles of Pozières and Moquet Farm.

Leslie was discharged Medically Unfit (Heart) in Sydney on 8 November 1916, was granted a war pension of three pounds per fortnight and lodged a returned soldiers' land application for 100 acres near Grafton. He briefly convalesced at the Western Red Cross Home, Hathrop, via Bathurst NSW, where he was in the cricket team. At a farewell concert there in February 1917, a Captain Williams said, "It was a great disappointment to have lost Mr Cohen at this juncture as there are some very hard matches ahead of the club and his services will be greatly missed."

Leslie returned to the Shoalhaven area the following September, when the Jamberoo community welcomed him back, presenting "soldiers Aldridge and Cohen with beautiful gold medals, suitably inscribed, and engraved with the implements of war, surmounted by patriotic motto: 'from the people of the district in recognition of the response given by them to their country's call.'" The Kiama Independent and Shoalhaven Advertiser report continued, "Pte Aldridge, who was severely wounded at Fleurbaix [losing a limb], and Pte Cohen, who was wounded at Armentieres, both responded and gave a recital of their experiences, which were intensely interesting." By 1918, Leslie was again living in the Bathurst area, where he raised funds for the tombstone of a Gunner Symes.



Having done his best to serve his country and fortunate to dodge some bullets, Leslie Cohen succumbed to his heart disease on 1 April 1921, age 28, and was buried at Rookwood Jewish Cemetery. Fatefully, that was just one day after the Australian War Memorial's specified cut-off date of war-service death, for persons to qualify for inscription on its Roll of Honour: 31 March 1921 – the same criteria adopted by the AJWM.

Nevertheless, No. 3978 Pte Leslie Albert Cohen does have a War Grave, provided by the government ....

.... and now he also has this - belated - obituary.



## WALK OF JEWISH SYDNEY

Peter Keeda



The *Walk of Jewish Sydney* app will soon be available on Apple and Android devices. This app has 44 stations throughout the Sydney CBD which illustrate the history of Jews in Sydney and their contribution to the development of the wider Australian Community.

The app is now at the testing stage and over the next month we hope to iron out kinks, typos and other mishaps which inevitably have crept in. Also, special thanks to Dan Friedman of Brandzu (<https://brandzu.com.au/>) who created the icon

The creation of the app has been made possible by a grant from the City of Sydney and we are delighted that Lord Mayor Clover Moore has agreed to help us launch the project on Sunday 5 April 2020. The launch will be held in the main sanctuary of The Great Synagogue and invitations will be issued to all members of the public, Jewish and non-Jewish. Besides the Lord Mayor we expect other dignitaries will also attend and an interesting programme is being organized.

Mark your calendar and bring your family along.



## HORTENSE HENRIETTE MONTEFIORE

### Russell Stern

Hortense Montefiore was the sixth daughter of Eliezer Levi Montefiore and his cousin Esther Barrow Montefiore. (For Eliezer Levi see AJHS Journal Vol VII Part 4 <https://www.ajhs.com.au/archives/ajhs-13-4-1997-p687/> and Vol XVII Part 3 <https://www.ajhs.com.au/archives/ajhs-20-3-2011-p349/>. Hortense was born in Melbourne in December 1870. By 1872 the family had moved to Sydney where her mother, Esther, died in 1882 and her father, Eliezer, died in October 1894.

Hortense prepared for admission to Sydney University at Miss Gilders Academy at Macleay House, Elizabeth Bay and entered the Womens College of Sydney University in June 1892 graduating in April 1896 with Second class Honours in French. In June 1896 she was appointed a Mistress at the Brisbane Girls Grammar School, however she left in 1897 to study in Germany, completing an Arts Degree at the University of Gottingen. She was appointed Modern Languages mistress at Kings High School Warwick, England and in 1934 was awarded the Palmes Academique and title of Officier d'Academie in recognition of her work for the French language in Great Britain.

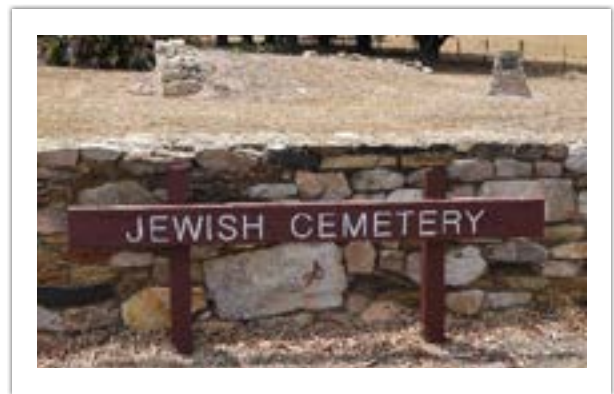
At the outbreak of WWI, she held the rank of Administrative Officer in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps at the No 1 RAF Cadet Wing, St Leonards on Sea also serving at Sandling and Coventry depots. In 1915 she served as V.A.D. in the 1st Line Military Hospital at the Lycee Janson, Rue de la Pompe in Paris. She was also Mentioned in Despatches;

In 1939 Hortense volunteered at St Charles School First Aid Post, Kensington, and died in London in 1943.

## GOULBURN HISTORIC JEWISH CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

Gary Luke

**The historic Jewish cemeteries at Goulburn and Maitland are the only exclusive Jewish burial grounds in NSW, both were in use from the mid-1840s and are now closed for burials. All other Jewish cemeteries in NSW are portions of Crown Land general cemeteries.**



The Jewish cemetery at Goulburn is a half-acre lot on Long Street. It is listed as a heritage site on the Local Environment Plan of Goulburn-Mulwaree Council. There were approximately 30 burials between mid-1840s and mid-1940s. Fewer than a dozen headstones still exist, including broken ones. Remnants of previous structures on the site include stones from a ruined caretaker's cottage which were used to construct a cairn with a brass plate with names of burials, many of which are incorrect. There's also a well filled with rubble.

In order to give the cemetery full legal protection in the future and to give it the necessary status to qualify for heritage grants towards its restoration, the cemetery must become registered on the NSW State Heritage Register.

The steps required to preserve the cemetery are: -

- Raise funds to commission a nomination for State Heritage listing, to give the cemetery legal protection for the future, and give it status viable for heritage grants.
- Commission ground penetrating radar (GPR) to find the location of unmarked graves.
- Archaeological exploration of the well and cottage.
- Replace the plaque with a similar one with correct names.
- Maintain the site in accordance with the respect and care that is its due.





If you wish to assist with the first step, applying for State Heritage Listing, tax deductible donations can be made to the Society by direct deposit to the following Bank Account, marked "Goulburn Cemetery".

Australian Jewish Historical Society BSB 062-236 Account No 1029-8500.



If you would like to assist or be kept informed of this project please contact the Society at [admin@ajhs.com.au](mailto:admin@ajhs.com.au). For detailed information and enquiries please contact the cemetery trustee, Gary Luke, on [gary@feraltek.com.au](mailto:gary@feraltek.com.au) or Peter Keeda on [keedad@gmail.com](mailto:keedad@gmail.com).

## GRAVE OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST DETECTIVE CONSECRATED 151 YEARS AFTER BURIAL.

Israel Chapman (Izzy to all those who knew him) was Australia's first detective. His unmarked grave located in Sydney's Rookwood Jewish Cemetery has been identified and a new headstone consecrated at an impressive Police ceremony. The search for Izzy's Chapman's last resting place was initiated by the Acting Assistant Commissioner of the NSW Police, Stuart Smith. It has been a long-time passion of his to memorialise outstanding members of the NSW Police Force since its inception. Due to the diligent research of AJHS Member Joe Kensell, the exact location of the grave was determined, and he also provided additional detailed biographical information to the Police.

On 23 October 2019 the newly erected headstone of Israel Chapman was consecrated by NSW Police chaplain Rabbi Mendel Kastel. Present were Police Commissioner Mick Fuller together with Senior Police Officers, on behalf of the Jewish community the Vice-President of The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies David Ossip and CEO Vic Alhadeff, from the Australian Jewish Historical Society Peter Philippsohn, Philip Moses and Joe Kensell as well as three of the descendants of Israel Chapman.



*Acting Assistant Commissioner Stuart Smit, Vic Alhadeff, Betty Bailey, David Ossip, Rosalie Pollett Barry and Dianne Robinson and Commissioner Mick Fuller*



AAC Stuart Smith, the MC, spoke of Israel Chapman's life:

"Born in Chelsea, London in 1790, Israel Chapman was transported to the penal colony of NSW in 1818 after being convicted of highway robbery. A model convict, Chapman was made the principal overseer in the newly built Hyde Park convict barracks in Sydney joining the Sydney police 18 months later. In 1821 he was granted a conditional pardon and entered the Sydney police as a constable. Constable Chapman's duties took him throughout the colony where he captured many bushrangers and was wounded several times. On 28 November 1820 in St Philip's Church, Sydney, he married convict Catharine Martin. In 1827 he was transferred from the basic police to become appointed 'The George Street Runner'. Chapman had been appointed to the newly created post of police runner at an annual salary of £100. Like the Bow Street Runners, he was primarily a detective. He was known as the 'George Street Runner', because he was attached to the George Street police office in Sydney. In the same year, the NSW Governor Sir Ralph Darling granted Israel Chapman a full pardon.

A fearless character who gained notoriety as a master of disguise and was ruthless in finding and capturing Bushrangers with his bare hands. In February 1829, within a month of his wife's death, he returned to London. In June 1832 his request for a passage to New South Wales as a free emigrant was warmly

supported by Darling, the former governor. Chapman returned to Sydney and in March 1833 was appointed one of the six wardsmen in the police force at a salary of £73. He died destitute at the Liverpool Asylum on 4 July 1868 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Jewish section of the cemetery at Haslem's Creek now part of the Rookwood Cemetery".

Stuart Smith then spoke of the project honouring Isaac Chapman:

"For the last twelve months the archival team at the Rookwood historic cemetery, the NSW State Library, NSW State Archives and State Crime Command under a set of terms of reference by the NSW Police Force Detectives Board, identified the last resting-place of Israel. Furthermore, they recovered and replicated key documents of the policing career of Chapman including the absolute pardon and a copy of The Australian functioning novel celebrating the deeds of Detective Chapman. These documents will be permanently on display at State Crime Command at the Detectives' Training Course in Hurstville standing as a guide to the trainees of the tenacity, skill and the expectation required of them to achieve the designation of detective"





*Peter Philippsohn, Stuart Smith, Philip Moses, Joe Kensell.*

He thanked the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies for their participation and added “The Police Association of NSW is meeting the costs associated with the preparation of the placement of the headstone.” He also thanked the State Library and the NSW Police State Records for granting access to records which have been sealed for 192 years.

Commissioner Mick Fuller told the guests that Chapman was “a small fellow who made a large impact on public safety” adding “you would have liked to have a beer with him to be at the bar listening to his stories.” He thanked The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies for funding the headstone.

David Ossip, Vice-president of The New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies said, “Israel Chapman represents a long history of the Jewish contribution to this country. The Jews of NSW in Chapman’s time faced no discrimination and no position of authority was denied to them, they passed in Colonial society indistinguishable from the general population.” He pointed out that whilst Israel Chapman was the first detective the first policeman, John Harris, was also Jewish. He paid tribute to the tremendous support the Jewish community receives from the NSW Police on an ongoing basis, which is greatly appreciated.



## MAITLAND JEWISH CEMETERY, 10 YEARS ON.

**Clare James.**

The care and conservation of Maitland Jewish Cemetery passed a number of milestones over the past 10 years, under the auspices of Maitland City Council and the guidance of the Friends of the Maitland Jewish Cemetery.

The Maitland Jewish Cemetery is a unique site located off Louth Park Road in South Maitland. It is the earliest, largest and most intact standalone Jewish Cemetery in NSW.



*Prior to commencement of conservation in 2012.*

In early 2011, the Friends of Maitland Jewish Cemetery was established as a monitoring and advisory panel and has been meeting regularly since. Recently, Gary Luke who instigated the Friends, and acted as the Society's representative, was recognised with nomination under Maitland City Council's Volunteer Service Awards. Gary made a significant contribution towards the listing of the Cemetery on the NSW State Heritage Register, the development of the Conservation Management Plan for the site as well as providing the Council with invaluable cultural guidance throughout these initiatives.

The comprehensive 2012 Conservation Management Plan, prepared by Rookwood Management Services established guidelines for conservation works, interpretation, research and importantly, recommended that the cemetery be nominated to the NSW State Heritage Register. This nomination was enthusiastically received by the NSW Heritage Division, with the site's recognition being celebrated at an Open Day in 2014.

*Rookwood General Cemeteries Monumental Heritage Team Leader,*





*Sach Killam, demonstrating restoration techniques at the Open Day 2014.*

State grant funding under the NSW Heritage Grants Program, matched by Maitland City Council, has seen a staged works program stabilise and transform the cemetery between 2012 and 2017, with monumental conservation works, reconstruction of the original timber perimeter fence, and plantings native to the location. The landscape design serves to protect monuments and minimise maintenance requirements.



*Gary Luke addressing visitors at the Open Day in 2017*

A second Open Day was held in 2017 to showcase and explain the conservation and landscaping works that had been completed. A brochure 'Encounters', designed to connect sites of Maitland's Jewish heritage including the cemetery, was prepared by Janis Wilton and Joe Eisenberg to coincide with the Open Day.



*Conservation and new landscaping works May 2019.*

Interpretation will be the focus of the next phase of engagement at the cemetery, with an Interpretation Plan, currently in draft, providing an analysis of different audiences who may want to visit the cemetery, or find out about it, suggestions of different on and off site interpretation media that would enhance visitor experiences, and the compilation of information to be used in the Plan's implementation. The NSW Heritage Office continued support for the cemetery with funding provided towards the preparation of the plan.

For further information on the project email Maitland City Council's Heritage Officer Clare James at [clarej@maitland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clarej@maitland.nsw.gov.au) or call 4934 9832.

## THE MARKS/ISRAEL CONTRIBUTION TO FIJI.

### Jeannette Tsoulos.

Corporal Gerald Raymond Israel, born in Melbourne, was the only son of Abraham Israel and Rachel Marks to fight in WWI. He enlisted in the 3rd South African Infantry in the South African Campaign in 1913, then travelled with his regiment to Egypt and then France. He died in the massive German bombardment of Delville Wood on 15 July 1916. His three brothers – Albert, Samuel and Benjamin spent the war years working for their uncles Gabriel and the Hon (later Sir) Henry Marks MLC in their flourishing business in Fiji - Henry Marks and Co.



*Sir Henry Marks MLC*

Born in Melbourne, Sir Henry spent most of his life in Fiji as a director of several businesses, a Member of the Legislative Council for 18 years and serving on the Suva Municipal Council, including four years as Mayor. As Commissioner of Currency he helped establish Fiji's pound currency. He became a Major in the Fiji Volunteer Force in 1902. He was also a philanthropist. His brother Gabriel ran Henry Marks & Co and was Suva's first Mayor, serving for 5 years. He and his wife died whilst on holidays, when the Empress of Ireland sank in the Gulf of St Lawrence after colliding with the Norwegian collier Storstad on 29 May 1914.

The Marks/Israel families have particularly left their mark on freemasonry in Fiji. Henry Marks became the Master of the Lodge of Fiji in 1893 and his brother, Gabriel, was Master of the same Lodge in 1905 and 1912. Their nephew, Albert (Bert) Israel, was Foundation Master of the Lodge Lautoka No 3354 EC in 1909, and his brother, Samuel, became Master of the Lodge Lautoka in 1938.



*Ian Ross, Past Grand Master of NZ, Morris Tobias,  
Past Grand Officer, Victoria, Tony Israel, Master of  
Lautoka Lodge, Past Grand Officer of NZ Jim McQuitty.*



*Bert Israel*

Continuing the family tradition, Bert's grandson, Anthony (Tony) Israel, joined Lodge Lautoka in 2009 along with his brother-in-law, Morris Tobias. His Masonic background in New Zealand helped restore the Lodge's finances and membership. In 2013 Tony was installed as Master of the Lodge of Lautoka, making him the third member of his family to have held that position.





## AJHS BURIALS DATABASE - UPDATE.

**Peter Philippsohn**

Thanks to the support of the Melbourne Chevra Kadisha (MCK), we have now received 34,394 records of burials conducted by the MCK, as shown in the list below. The burials range from 1828 up to the end of 2019. In most cases interment was in Victoria though some were in other states or overseas.

We are presently working to integrate these records with the data we already hold from other sources such as the Beverly Davis Burial Database (BDBD) or data directly from Victorian cemeteries. The main challenge is the elimination of duplications and researching inconsistencies between the sources.

We anticipate that this new database will be available on the website for research before Pesach

Cemetery	Burials	Cemetery	Burials
Adass Israel Cemetery	697	Coburg Cemetery	1
Altona Memorial Park	5	Dromana Cemetery	1
Amherst Cemetery Talbot & Clunes	8	Eldorado Cemetery	1
Anderson's Creek Cemetery	2	Eltham Cemetery	1
Ararat Cemetery	10	Fawkner Cemetery	4,490
Avoca Cemetery	1	Frankston Cemetery	1
Ballarat New Cemetery	34	Geelong/Eastern Cemetery	129
Ballarat Old Cemetery	286	Harkaway Cemetery	2
Beechworth Cemetery	7	Healesville Cemetery	4
Berwick Cemetery	1	Keilor Cemetery	1
Boroondara Cemetery	10	Kew Cemetery	2
Brighton Cemetery	1,120	Kyneton Cemetery	1
Broadford Cemetery	1	Leongatha Cemetery	2
Bulla Cemetery	1	Lilydale Cemetery	3
Bunurong Memorial Park	2	Macclesfield Cemetery	3
Campbells Creek Cemetery	6	Macedon Cemetery	1
Cheltenham Cemetery	4	Mansfield Cemetery	8
Chewton Cemetery	3	Marengo Bay / Apollo Bay	2
Chiltern New Cemetery	8	Maryborough General Cemetery	6
		MCK Cemetery Lyndhurst	1,161
		MCK Cemetery Springvale	15,002





Melbourne General Cemetery	5,415	Wangaratta Cemetery	1
Merbein Cemetery	1	Warrnambool Cemetery	2
Nhill Cemetery	1	White Hills Cemetery - Bendigo	126
Queenscliff Cemetery	3	Albury Cemetery	21
Rutherglen Cemetery	2	Cornelian Bay Cemetery- Hobart	121
Sale Cemetery	1	Hobart	44
Seymour Cemetery	1	Karrakatta Cemetery WA	1
Sorrento Cemetery	3	Mildura Cemetery	1
Springvale Botanical Cemetery (Necropolis)	3,748	Mount Gravatt Cemetery	1
St Kilda Cemetery	336	Interstate	148
Stawell Cemetery	2	Overseas Burial	286
Templestowe Cemetery	2	Not Buried	950
Wallan Cemetery	1	Unknown	147
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34,394</b>

## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications, published by the Society are available for purchase.

- Hans Kimmel Competition Essays 1979-2007. Edited by Russell Stern and Dr Sophie Gelski.....\$20.00.
- The Road to the Menzies Enquiry – Suspected War Criminals in Australia, By Leslie Caplan.....\$25.00.
- To My Brave Wife – Dunera Notes from an ‘enemy alien’, by Dr. Kurt Epstein. Edited by Yoram Epstein, Konrad Kwiet, Helen Bersten, Lee Kersten..... \$25.00
- Jews of the Outback – The centenary of the Broken Hill Synagogue 1910-2010. Edited by Suzanne Rutland, Leon Mann and Margaret Price..... \$20.00.
- Jewish Sydney – The First One Hundred Years, by Helen Bersten.....\$16.50.  
New revised edition with improved photos and additional information.

# **JEWISH SYDNEY THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS 1788 - 1888**

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