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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members & friends of Elwood Shule.

Rosh Hashanah 5781 will be like no other Rosh Hashanah we have ever experienced in Melbourne or at Elwood Shule. As I write this 6 weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah, we find ourselves in the middle of a 9 week lockdown due to COVID-19, with no idea of what, if any, Rosh Hashanah services may be held this year.

How fortunate we are to be living in times where technology allows us to remain in contact, where we can see each other, talk to each other, pray together, learn together and be able to celebrate and commemorate festivals and other events. Elwood Shule has also done its very best during the pandemic to permit Bar Mitzvah boys to have memorable simchas under these trying and ever changing conditions. "This too shall pass" and whatever "normal" looks like in the future, we will be back, bigger and better than ever before.

We have taken this downtime while the Shule has been closed to carry out ongoing maintenance on our aging buildings including costly roof repairs, ceiling repairs, installing new flooring in the Sukkah and painting in the Beit Midrash and Sukkah.

I would like to welcome our numerous new members to our Shule and hope that you join us throughout the year too. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. There are many benefits to our members including access to our wonderful Rabbinical team for questions or pastoral care, bikur cholim (visiting the sick), weekly shiurim, free or discounted life cycle events, discounted entry into Shule events and venue hire and the knowledge that Elwood Shule maintains daily services so that people can be confident that they can commemorate a Yahrtzeit or celebrate a simcha 365 days per year.

I would like to thank Rabbi Shmuel Karnowsky and Rebbetzin Rivki Karnowsky, Rabbi Avigdor Aron, Rabbi Levi Kurinsky, Rabbi Binny Fogelgarn, Ronny Kowadlo, Jack Lipson our office administrator, our graphic designer Tara Saltzman for putting this calendar together, our Gabbay Reuven Cyprus, Chana, Chaim & Michael Cyprys, the stalwarts of our daily minyan, our door greeters David and Leon Friedman, our CSG and security volunteers and to my fellow Committee members and Trustees, who volunteer their time in keeping Elwood Shule as a most valuable resource of the Melbourne Jewish Community.

May we all be blessed with a year of good health, an end to this pandemic and happiness and peace for Israel.

Mark Kuran













LETTER FROM THE RABBI

I'm not sure where to begin! Life as we know it has taken so many twists and turns that it's hard just to remember the stage before the one we're currently in, not to mention what happened weeks and months ago - and life before Corona? Fuggedaboutit! It's but a distant memory.

But there was life before COVID and our Shule was as vibrant as ever. We just have to look through all the photos in this calendar to remind us of the events, activities and celebrations we enjoyed together in our Shule.

And then we had to pivot. And pivot we did. While the strategies have changed and the rules of engagement are very different, our vision and goal remain the same. To be a thriving, caring, engaging and welcoming community, guided and inspired by our Torah, creating an environment where all Jews can connect, grow and feel a sense of belonging.

Since the week after Purim, we've continued to find new ways to remain relevant and active. Staying inspired and motivated to keep our community connected and supported - Through phone calls, video messaging, physical, emotional and financial support and through VirtShule services, Bar & Bat Mitzvahs, learning opportunities and numerous social events.

And we will continue to do so. We are here for you and with you.

So here we are, just a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah 5781, and what a roller coaster that will be. We won't be singing the Elwood classics together, nor will we be witnessing hundreds of children gather around the Bima for the blowing of the Shofar. We will all miss the buzz and electricity in the air, that unique and unparalleled Elwood energy that elevates the room and all who are in it.

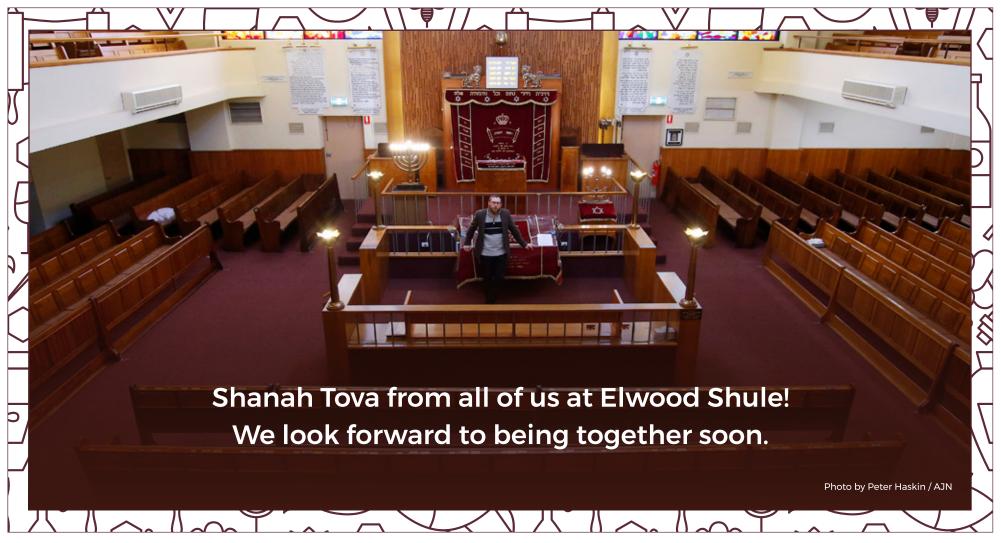
It's difficult to fathom. It hurts. But - we're on the cusp of a New Year. A time to exhale the old and inhale the new.

It is up to each of us to make the most of this High Holyday season, to enjoy it with our nearest and dearest and to make it as meaningful as possible.

We can only go upwards from here! Let us direct our mind, heart and energy toward remaining hopeful and positive and acting accordingly. We will get through this. We will be back in our beautiful Shule - Bigger, better and more committed than ever before! We will be back sitting around our Yom Tov tables with family and friends. Amen!

Rivki & I, together with our children, extend our love and best wishes to you and your family for a Shanah Tovah Umetukah! A Gut Yohr! May this year be one of personal and communal healing and growth, in good health, joy and peace.

Rabbi Shmuel Karnowsky





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ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah marks the Jewish New Year, taking place on the first and second days of Tishrei, the first month of each year. Literally translated as 'the head of the year', it commemorates the creation of the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. The crucial message of Rosh Hashanah is about humanity and corporeal accomplishment, which represent G-d's purpose of creation. However, despite the power of man in a physical world, we must be cognisant of our reliance upon G-d, the source of our existence.

The main Mitzvah, to be observed on Rosh Hashanah is to hear a sounding of the Shofar, a ram's horn. This tradition symbolises awakening; the return of the Jewish Nation to G-d. It also manifests the coronation of G-d as King of the Universe.

We incorporate various foods into our Rosh Hashanah meals that symbolise the sweetness and abundance, such as Challah and apple dipped in honey, head of a fish, pomegranates and tzimmes - sweet carrots, to mention a few.





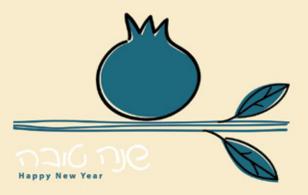
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SUKKOT

Sukkot is a festival filled with happiness, celebration, and rejoicing. During this time, we remember and thank G-d for the 'clouds of glory' that protected our ancestors as they journeyed through the Sinai Desert on their way to Israel. We commemorate the miraculous clouds by dwelling and dining in a temporary hut, a Sukkah, for eight days.









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CHANUKAH

The miraculous nature of the month of Kislev dates back to the days of the Jewish people in ancient Israel, as a small band of faithful Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated the mighty Creeks. The Greeks had infiltrated the Beit Hamikdash, the Jewish Temple, and had contaminated all the flasks of oil used to light the Menorah. When the Jews sought to light the Temple's Menorah they found only a single cruse of olive oil. Miraculously, the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days.

We commemorate this miracle through the eight day festival of Chanukah, on which we light the Menorah (Chanukiyah) each night and celebrate Jewish survival, freedom, and vitality - reinforcing the message that no matter how dark it is outside, a candle of goodness can transform the darkness into light. In addition to the kindling of the Menorah, we enjoy oil rich dishes such as doughnuts and latkes, playing with the dreidel, and giving Chanukah gelt.



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TEVET 10

On the 10th day of the Jewish month of Tevet, in the year 425BCE, the armies of the Babylonian emperor Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. Thirty months later, the city walls were breached, and on the 9th of Av of that year the Holy Temple was destroyed. The Jewish people were exiled to Babylonia for 70 years.

It is viewed as the beginning of the chain of events that culminated with the destruction of the Temple and the subsequent exiles, something that we have never fully recovered from, because even when the Second Temple was finally built, it never returned to its full glory.

This day is observed as a day of fasting, mourning and repentance. We add selichot and other special supplements to our prayers.

SHEVAT 15 - TU B'SHEVAT

The 15th of Shevat marks the New Year for trees. This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

We mark the 15th of Shevat by eating fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Holy Land: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

We humans can also celebrate along with the trees. After all, according to Jewish tradition, man is likened to 'the tree of the field'. We are nurtured by deep roots, as far back as Abraham and Sarah; we reach upwards to the heavens while standing firmly on the ground; and when we do all this right, we produce fruits - namely, our good deeds that benefit the world.

As such we celebrate the beauty and productive nature of agriculture and botany on this day.





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ADAR 7

This day marks the date of both the birth and passing of Moshe Rabbeinu, Moses, the ultimate embodiment of Jewish leadership. He led the Jews in the Exodus from Egypt, received the Torah from G-d on Mount Sinai and imparted it to the nation. He led the Jewish people through their forty year sojourn through the desert.

PURIM

Purim is the Festival on which we celebrate a most mesmerising tale of Jewish oppression and triumph as told in the 'Megillah' (Scroll) of Esther. The Jews in Persia were under the rule of King Achashverosh. When his topmost advisor Haman sought to annihilate the Jews because they refused to worship him, G-d used the righteous Esther as his messenger to save His people. Esther married King Achashverosh and it was through her role as Queen that she was able to intervene and prevent the destruction of the Jewish people.

Whilst the story is immaculately detailed, G-d is not mentioned throughout the Megillah, from which our sages have learned that the miracles of Purim were arranged by G-d to occur through the course of nature. This form of miracle is in essence higher and more remarkable than a miracle which defies nature. Whilst the latter type of miracle reveals that G-d is not confined to nature in any way, the former type of miracle reveals that G-d himself is vested in the minute and daily progression of nature.

We fast on the day prior to Purim in order to remember the three days of fasting and prayer that the Jewish people held in order to divert Haman's evil decree, as requested by Esther.

THE MITZVOT OF PURIM

- 1. We listen to the reading of the 'Megillah', once on the eve of Purim and again on the following day.
- 2. We send 'Mishloach Manot', gift packages that contain two types of foods to one (or more) friends on the day of Purim.

- 3. We give 'Matanot L'evyonim', charity to the poor, to two separate people or causes. The year round Mitzvah is given heightened importance on Purim.
- 4. We enjoy a festive Purim feast.

It is also customary for children (and adults, if they desire) to dress up in costume. A traditional Purim food is hamantaschen, three-cornered pastries bursting with poppy seeds or other sweet fillings.









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PESACH

On Pesach, we do not consume or own any 'Chametz', or leavened food. That is, any food containing one of five grains; wheat, barley, rye, oats, or spelt, which mixes with water and rises. Such food may not be eaten or owned, and we should not receive any benefit from it throughout the Holiday. We eat a special Pesach food called 'Matzah', which is flour and water rolled flat and baked in under 18 minutes. We retell the story of our slavery in Egypt and our dramatic liberation in great detail at the Seder dinners, which take place on the first two nights of the Holiday, and celebrate the freedom and birth of our people throughout the Holiday.

In order to prepare for the holiday, we clean our homes meticulously, make our kitchen 'Kosher for Pesach', and purchase Kosher for Pesach foods. We sell any unleavened food products to the temporary ownership of a non-Jew, which your Rabbi can take care of for you. These foods are set aside in a designated sealed closet or room.

THE SEDER

On the first two nights of Pesach, or the first night only in Israel, the Seder is conducted, abounding with customs. We drink four cups of wine, which represent our freedom from Egypt which G-d delivered to us in four stages. We also ask four questions pertaining to the Seder, customarily recited first by the children, followed by the 'Haggadah' a recount of the miraculous Exodus from Egypt. We eat Matzah and Maror to commemorate the slavery and the speedy manner in which the Jews were redeemed.

THE LAST DAY OF PESACH

We've spent eight days celebrating the exodus from Egypt. Now, as we leave Pesach, we pray for the final redemption and a brighter tomorrow.

The Haftorah for this day is from Isaiah 11, which describes the promised future era of universal peace and divine perfection.

In many communities, a festive "Moshiach's Feast" complete with matzah and wine is enjoyed toward the evening, to emphasise this days special dimension.

THE OMER

Throughout the entire month of Iyar, we 'count' the progression of days from Pesach leading up to the festival of Shavuot - Seven weeks in total. Each night, starting from the second night of Pesach, we mark the night as one night closer to the receiving of the Torah - the principal event of Shavuot.







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PESACH SHEINI

On the 14th day of lyar, we celebrate the 'Second Pesach'. This is the day in which the people who were unable to give the Pesach offering in the days of the Holy Temple, were given a second chance. The message of the day is that each person can try again, give life another shot, return to their roots and tradition at any time.

LAG B'OMER

The 18th of lyar is a day of celebration and unity. We commemorate the end of a plague that had caused the death of thousands of the students of Rabbi Akiva, which occured on this day. We also mark the day of the passing of the Rashbi, Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, who wrote the Holy Zohar. He requested before his death that the time of his passing be one not of mourning but of great joy. Thus, we light bonfires and rejoice with music, and many visit the city of Meron in which Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai is burried.





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SHAVUOT

Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai. Though the Torah was given thousands of years ago, it is the blueprint of the world, and the code of human interaction and behaviour.

The Torah helps us peel away the corporeality that surrounds and often overwhelms us and to see what lies beyond the physical. Torah also helps us be the best that we can, extends us to find meaning through altruism, belief in G-d, and spiritual productivity.

On Shavuot, some have the custom to stay up all night and learn Torah in preparation for the giving of the Torah which occurs during the day, when the Ten Commandments are read. A festive dairy meal is served on the first day of Shavuot, a custom predicted on our ancestors having not yet learned the laws of Kashrut and therefore not yet knowing how to properly prepare Kosher meat!



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TAMMUZ 17

This is a fast day which marks the start of a period of three weeks of mourning. On this day, the walls surrounding Jerusalem were breached by the Romans, signifying the first stage of their infiltration into the Holy City and the ultimate destruction of the Second Temple. On the 7th of Av, the Temple fell, and on the 9th of Av, the Temple was set on fire. Tisha B'Av (9th of Av) is thus the conclusion of the three weeks of mourning and is marked by a 25 hour fast. During the course of these three weeks, we do not hold celebrations, listen to music, or have haircuts. In the final nine days of the three week period, we refrain from eating meat products.

THE NINE DAYS

When the month of Av begins, the three week period of mourning becomes more intense, and the nine day segment of mourning begins. We do not eat meat products, do not drink wine, and do not partake in festivities in our state of mourning.

TISHA B'AV - AV 9

Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av is the date on which both the first and second Beit Hamikdash, the Holy Temple in Jerusalem were destroyed, and as such we fast on this day, beginning at nightfall.

Later on in our history, many more tragedies happened on this day, including the expulsion of England's Jews in 1290 and the banishment of all Jews from Spain in 1492. World War II and the Holocaust, historians conclude, was actually the long drawn-out conclusion of World War I that began in 1914. Germany declared war on Russia, effectively catapulting the First World War into motion, on the 9th of Av.

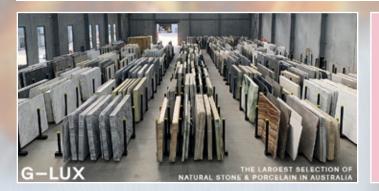
It is an intensely sad day of mourning and has been as such for thousands of years. On Tisha B'Av, we do not eat, drink, wear leather shoes, wash ourselves, or anoint ourselves. We refrain from marital relations, and sit on low chairs throughout the eve and morning of Tisha B'Av.

We read the 'Eicha Megillah' (scroll), which recounts the very emotive tale of the destruction of the Temple.



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9		QUEENS BIRTI	HDAY							LIGHT CANDL	.ES 4:50PM	SHABBAT EN	DS 5:51PM
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CANDLE LIGHTING

Candle lighting before Shabbat and Festivals is a Jewish tradition specifically reserved for women and girls, in some communities from the age of three.

The flame is a paradigm of spirituality, a glimpse into the struggle of the soul for life and self-expression in a world that seems separate from its source. On Shabbatot and Festivals, an added dimension of light and G-dliness is manifest in the world and within the soul.

Lighting a candle before nightfall simultaneously fills the home with light and tranquility, and this state of being that mentally differentiates holy days from mundane days. The Shabbat and holiday candles are lit 18 minutes before sunset on the evening before.

TU B'AV - AV 15

The Mishnah recounts: "There was no greater holidays for the Jewish people than that of the 15th of Av and Yom Kippur." Several joyful events have occured on this date throughout history, including the end of the 40 year decree upon the Jewish people to wander and die in the desert after leaving Egypt. This date is particularly joyful as it occurs just as we conclude the mourning period over the destruction of the Temple.





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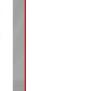
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KOSHER

The Hebrew word "kosher" literally means "fit." The laws of kosher define the foods that are fit for consumption for a Jew. This includes which animals are consumed, how food is prepared, and even how and when it is served.

Whilst our sages point out various advantages of the kosher laws, the health benefits, the humane treatment of animals and their unifying effect on a dispersed people, none of these are the reason we keep kosher. Rather, we keep kosher because, as the commandment of the Creator of our bodies and our souls, the kosher way of life is obviously beneficial to both aspects of our beings.

By eating kosher foods, we release a spark of G-dliness that is immersed within it and that element of holiness becomes one with us, affecting us in a transcendental way.









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THE MONTH OF ELUL

As the last month of the Jewish year, Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and stocktaking - a time to review one's deeds and spiritual progress over the past year, and prepare for the upcoming "Days of Awe" of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

As the month of divine mercy and forgiveness, Elul is a most opportune time for teshuvah ("return" to self and G-d), prayer, charity, and increased Ahavat Yisrael (love for a fellow Jew), in the quest for self improvement and coming closer to G-d.

The following are some of the customs and practices for the month of Elul: Each day of the month of Elul (except for Shabbat and the last day of Elul), we sound the shofar (ram's horn) as a call to repentance.

When writing an email or meeting one another, we bless one another by including the greeting Ketivah Vachatimah Tovah - which roughly translates as "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year".

Some communities recite three additional chapters of Psalms each day, from the first of Elul until Yom Kippur. (On Yom Kippur the remaining 36 chapters are recited, thereby completing the entire book of Psalms.

Elul is a good time to have one's mezuza and tefillin checked by a qualified scribe, to ensure that they are in good condition and fit for use. During the last week of Elul, in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the Selichot prayers are recited. On the first night they are recited at midnight; on the following days, in the early morning.







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26	כ תשרי 20 TISHREI	27 בא תשרי 21 TISHREI	28 כב תשרי 22 TISHREI	29 כג תשרי 23 TISHREI	כד תשרי 24 TISHREI			
6TH D.	AY SUKKOT	HOSHANA RABBAH LIGHT CANDLES 6:03PM	SHEMINI ATZERET YIZKOR LIGHT AFTER 7:01PM	SIMCHAT TORAH HOLIDAY ENDS 7:02PM				



































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