



# Adelaide Hebrew Congregation News

Volume 1, Issue 2

January 14, 2011

## Shabbat Details

- Friday night service  
6.30pm
- Saturday morning  
service 9.15am fol-  
lowed by kiddush
- Times for Shabbat:  
LC 8.12pm, ends  
9.12pm

## Inside this issue:

Bar Mitzvah	1
Minyanim	1
Thanks	1
Refuah Sheleimah	1
Yahrzeits	1
Parasha Beshalach	2

## Notices

- Please join us next week to celebrate the **Bar Mitzvah** of Yogev Goldstein, son of Anat and Meir, parashat Yitro on 22 January 2011. A special Kiddush will follow the service and all are welcome.
- Thanks to everyone who has been attending shul over the summer holiday break. We have continued to have **full minyanim** and are grateful to all who have participated.
- Mary Schechter would like to **thank** the Rabbi and Peter Yudkin for the help and support at the funeral of her late husband Ben Schechter. Also thanks to family members and all the people who attended the funeral and visited her afterwards at her daughter's house.
- We wish **Refuah Sheleimah** to Mara Zacks, Ivor Lee, Maurice Nachmad Nina Hassan, Dinah Ellis, Rosi Costi and Sybil Ailion; who have all been unwell. We hope you are better and back with us soon.

## Yahrzeits

We wish the following members long life on their Yahrzeit:

Mrs Huguette Ades for her sister Renee Carasso  
Mr David Baden for his sister-in-law Judith Freyer  
Mrs Ester Baden for her sister Judith Freyer  
Mr Jack Hines for his mother Hilde Hines



## Parashah Beshalach, Shabbat Shira

### Thoughts for the week – Tu B'Shevat

*Tu B'Shevat, the new year for trees*

Tu B'Shevat, the 15th of Shevat on the Jewish calendar, celebrated this year on January 20; is the day that marks the beginning of a 'New Year for Trees'. This is the season in which the earliest blooming of the trees in the Land of Israel emerge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

Legally, the 'New Year for Trees' relates to the various tithes that are separated from produce grown in the Holy Land. These tithes differ from year to year in the seven year Shemittah cycle; the point at which a budding fruit is considered to belong to the next year of the cycle is the 15th of Shevat.

#### The Tu B'Shevat Seder

In the 17th century, the Kabbalists, the Jewish mystics of Safed, developed a special Seder (order service). Their efforts were influenced by the esoteric meaning in the verse Deuteronomy 20:19: "*For man is like the tree of the field*".

Modeled on the Passover Seder, the Tu B'Shevat Seder included drinking 4 cups of wine with varying percentages of red and white wine, representing perhaps, the shifting of yearly seasons. The Seder also included readings on trees and fruit from a range of Jewish literature.

The new form of celebration spread from Safed to Sephardi communities in Turkey, Italy and Greece; and later in Europe, Asia and North Africa. Modern adaptations of this centuries old practice have been created by Jewish environmental groups and others involved in Jewish renewal. (taken from Chabad.org and Hillel.org websites)

Shabbat Shalom and Tu Bishvat Sameach!

Rabbi Netanel Friedler

Address  
13 Flemington St  
Glenside, SA 5065  
PO Box 320  
Glenside SA 5065

Phone: (08) 8338 2922  
Fax: (08) 8379 0142  
E-mail:

[office@adelaidehebrew.com](mailto:office@adelaidehebrew.com)

**We're on the web!**  
[www.adelaidehebrew.com](http://www.adelaidehebrew.com)

**Adelaide  
Hebrew  
Congregation  
Inc.**