



THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC JEWISH PROGRAM

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SUMMARY OF CENTENARY OF ANZAC JEWISH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AROUND AUSTRALIA

Book on Australian Jewish Military History

Mark Dapin is completing his research and is well advanced in writing the manuscript, which he plans to provide by this December and is now expected to generate more widespread interest than originally anticipated. The SJM is aiming to launch the book in April 2016, around Anzac Day.

The Centenary Yahrzeit Project

The CoAJP has distributed to congregations around Australia, a list of names of 36 Jewish soldiers KiA in the Gallipoli campaign, for their Centenary Yahrzeits in 2015 and in particular for reference in Yizkor on Yom Kippur and Festival services and on appropriate Shabbats.

Centenary Yahrzeit Candles

Four unique stone memorial candles, designed by Peter Allen, were commissioned by the CoAJP for use at Anzac Commemorative services around Australia. Engraved with emblems of the Anzac Centenary and the 3 Armed Forces, they also represent the four generations since Gallipoli.

New South Wales

The very impressive Anzac Centenary Commemorative Service of the NSW Jewish Community was held on Sunday 3 May 2015 at The Great Synagogue (*refer separate NAJEX article by Roger Selby*), where CoAJP Patron Wesley Browne received a special NAJEX Centenary of Anzac Award.

Three Leonard Keysor VC / Lone Pine Centenary events were held on 6 and 9 August: (*refer separate article by Roger Selby*). A short DVD was prepared for DHA, utilising material compiled for the event at TGS.

The Harold Collins Photographic Exhibition was recently shown at the Sydney Jewish Museum see: www.sydnejewishmuseum.com.au/exhibition/the-great-war-through-the-lens-of-harold-collins

It was curated by NAJEX President Charles Aronson and is also planned to become a Travelling Exhibition, which will visit Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and possibly Melbourne between 2016 and 2017, culminating in Canberra in 2018. A proposal is also being prepared for the NSW Government to assist with a similar Travelling Exhibition to regional centres around NSW.

Educational Materials are planned to be compiled by the SJM, with production of a 25 minute educational DVD based on the event at TGS having already commenced.

Queensland

The Queensland Jewish Community Centenary of Anzac Commemoration was held on Sunday 19 April, with special guests the Rt Hon. Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Graham Quirk, military and communal dignitaries and some hundred other attendees in the Brisbane Synagogue. Rabbi Levi Jaffe, Lee McNamee, Chair of CoAJP Qld and Jason Steinberg, President of QJBD, were joined by Chaplain Rabbi Yossi Friedman and Peter Allen as participants in the service, where the Ode was read by David Roubin, President of QAJEX. Sadly, David passed away suddenly just 9 weeks later, on 25 June 2015 (*see separate article by Roger Selby*).

At the Gold Coast Jewish Community's Anzac Centenary Commemorative Service held on Anzac Day, shabbat 25 April 2015, the guest speaker was Lt Col George Karsai (Ret'd).



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Western Australia

The Jewish Community Council of Western Australia joined WAJEX to hold a Centenary of Anzac Commemorative Service at The Perth Synagogue on Sunday 19 April. The historic 'Anzac Torah', presented by the Cairo Jewish community to Chaplain Rev. Freedman in 1915, was specially brought out of the Ark by PHC Rabbi David Freilich, who was joined by rabbonim from other WA congregations. Dr Keith Shilkin, Vice-President of WAJEX and CoAJP WA Convener, gave the Centenary of Anzac Address.

The following Friday, 24 April, a 100 Year Anzac commemoration was held at the Jewish War Memorial in Kings Park. The Ode was again read by Warren Austin, President of WAJEX/Gen Sir John Monash RSL Sub-branch while students from Carmel School also participated.

Victoria

On Sunday 26 April an Anzac Centenary Commemorative Service was held at Glen Eira Town Hall. Prior to the launch of the Jewish Museum of Australia's exhibition 'True Jews and Patriots: Australian Jews and WW1' (open until 31 January 2016) on Sunday 28 June a 'Birth of the Anzac Spirit' service was held in St Kilda Hebrew Congregation's shul. Peter Allen was honoured to light the first of the four CoAJP memorial candles, Senator The Hon. Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans Affairs gave the keynote address, the special Anzac Centenary T'filah was read by Rabbi Ralph Genende Senior Rabbi to the ADF, CoAJP Patron Maj Gen Jeffrey Rosenfeld unveiled a bust of Sir John Monash donated by the Ryzman family and Dr Judy Landau VAJEX President read the Ode.

More details of Victorian activities can be seen on the website: www.vajexaustralia.org.au

South Australia

Led by Dr Larry Lockshin, CoAJP SA Convenor, planning is about to commence for the Adelaide Jewish community's Anzac Commemorative Service on Sunday 24 April 2016.

Tasmania

A service is being planned for Sunday 30 October 2016 at the Hobart Hebrew Congregation, where an Honour Board to Tasmanian Jews who served in the Boer War, WW1 and WW2 will be unveiled. Peter Allen is assisting Daniel Albert, HHC President.

ACT

Dr Danny Lamm, ZFA President, was guest speaker at the ACT Jewish Community Anzac Day service on 25 April.

Peter Allen will be meeting in Canberra next November with Robert Cussel, President of the ACTJCC, to commence planning for a proposed Australian Jewish War Memorial, to be unveiled at a Centenary of Armistice Service of the Australian Jewish Community on Sunday 11 November, 2018.

Several articles have been published in the general and Jewish print and on-line media, regarding many of the above activities.

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