

Think Again - I can't believe it's Yomtovim again

Yes it is true, this upcoming week will be Rosh Hashana . We symbolically celebrate the birthday of the world and mankind, 5772 years ago. I for one can not believe that it is upon us again so quickly. Much has happened both in our personal lives, in the wider community in Australia, especially with the debates on climate change and asylum seekers raging. Both touch a central chord in the Jewish soul. There has been much volatility on the world stage. Israel faces challenges like never before, however as Arik Sharon once said

"גם זה יעבור" this too will pass, we will overcome.

At the Synagogue this is of course our busy time of the year. I say that both in numbers as most of you will be in attendance over the High Holidays. I also say this with trepidation with regard to the awesome responsibility. It is the task of the Rabbi to make certain that the neshamas (souls) within his community do not run on dry and that the neshamas do not remain in a state of want. The body needs nourishment but so too does the soul need its nourishment. This is the time of the year when we fill the soul with inspiration and vigor, liveliness and spirit. I pray that I will do justice to each of you in this regard over Yom Tov.

I obviously believe that Synagogue is an important component of our lives; it is a safe house where one can meditate pray or just have time out; it is like a second family. It is a place where one can receive encouragement become inspired and stirred. The Charter of the shule is to be there for everyone and Coogee does try. Becoming part of our community I trust will give you much satisfaction and sense of purpose. This year the Synagogue will have a proper overflow section for everyone to come in and pray.

Teenagers will have there own service taking place at the Medina apartments from 10.30 - 12.30 on the first day of Yom Tov followed by a Kiddush. Teenagers will leave from the shule and will be under supervision. The service will be led by Shuie Gestetner. The littlies will have a service under the building in the back of the shule with refreshments games and stories.

Chazan Maariv: Daniel Sloman

Chazan Shacharit : Ronny Schnapp

Chazan Musaf: Daniel Sloman

Sermon / Shofar: Rabbi

Mincha : Shuie

I take this opportunity to wish each of you a shana tova umetuka, I wish you all a rewarding uplifting healthy and prosperous year. A year full of nachas, joy and serenity; may we merit to Next year in Jerusalem

As always see you in shule

Good Shabbos and Shana Tova

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