

WHAT'S ON AT KEDEM



Welcome to Kedem! We hope to see you at some of the virtual events we are planning, until we are able to meet again in person. This too shall pass.

We are a predominantly lay-led, innovative and progressive community that celebrates Shabbat, festivals and Jewish life-cycle events with warmth, fun, music and food! We may not now be able to do all the following things that we usually do, but as soon as we can, we intend to resume:

- Mark a special event in your life with an Aliyah or by sponsoring a Kiddish – for a birthday, anniversary, travel, work or school achievement – we would love to share the naches with you and your family here at Kedem!
- Kedem provides lay leadership for life-cycle events, such as a funeral, minyan, shloshim, and a consecration.
- We provide a B'nei Mitzvah program for children. Adults: consider marking the anniversary of your B'nei Mitzvah with us, or having a ceremony for the first time!

For further details for any of the events below, please contact Rosi on rosi.kedem@outlook.com, or Ruth Gross ruth.kedem@outlook.com or call the office on 95762277

MARCH

Contact Ilan to register for the “Be a Good Ancestor” study sessions and find out how these are proceeding, ilanabrahams@gmail.com

Contact Bev if you would like to participate in a virtual format for the **Text Study Group**, who are about to commence the Book of Ben Sira. bevgebart@gmail.com or 0410 483 676

Saturday 28th March: A virtual **Service for the Soul** is going ahead on Zoom, at 10.00 am. A reflective Shabbat celebration with singing, prayer, poetry and meditation. Contact Ruth to register ruth.kedem@outlook.com

APRIL

These services have been scheduled. We anticipate doing them in a virtual format. Stay tuned for details. New virtual events are being planned and will be added as soon as we can.

Saturday 4th April: Shabbat Shacharit service at 10.00am

Thursday 9th April: First day Pesach Service at 10.00 am. Drash by Progressive community and Netzer Shaliach, Sefi Shalam.

Wednesday 15th April: Seventh day Pesach Service at 10.00am. Hallel and Yizkor included.

Saturday 18th April: Shabbat Shacharit service at 10.00am. All kids welcome! Followed by the Torah Portion/Haftarah discussion group, at approximately 12.15 - 2.00.

Saturday 25th April: Service for the Soul. 10.00 am.



Tikkun Olam is a core value of Kedem and underpins our social action commitment.

The Kedem community acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and offer our respects to the elders past and present.

We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.

If you have a Tikkun Olam project that you would like to initiate, or a project that you would like to suggest we take onboard, contact **Shaun Miller**, Tikkun Olam coordinator, **0439 391 377**

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PURIM AND PESACH 2020 PROJECTS

FITTED FOR WORK

Kedem is again supporting Fitted for Work as our Purim and Pesach project. Fitted for Work provides a free service to women experiencing disadvantage - a complete personal outfitting and interview preparation service. Their aim is to dress women in a carefully co-ordinated outfit that is professional, suitable for an interview and builds confidence. **This ties in with themes of Purim: dressing up for a good cause; and themes of Pesach: empowerment and freedom, including economic freedom.**

Donations of clean and good quality, work appropriate, women's clothes and accessories, and unopened, new toiletries, make up and underwear are being sought.

Keep your donations at home, until we can arrange delivery when Fitted for Work re-opens.

MAZON AUSTRALIA PESACH FOOD DRIVE

“ARE KITNIYOT KOSHER FOR PESACH? WHO CARES: THEY FEED THE HUNGRY!”

The debate over whether or not to eat Kitniyot (rice, corn, soybeans, peas, lentils and legumes) during Pesach has been waged for centuries. No matter which side of the debate you sit on, we can all agree that Kitniyot are essential for the diets of those who are hungry.

This Pesach Food Drive allows us to act upon the command to, “let all who are hungry come and eat.” Kedem donations will go directly to the Christ Church Community Centre, St. Kilda, who we support throughout the year, for their emergency relief pantry.

Please contact Robin and Rosemary, randrstarr@optusnet.com.au to arrange to drop off your donations to their front door, and they will deliver to the Church.

If you prefer, you can make a donation on the Mazon Australia website <https://www.mazonaustralia.org/pesach> and they will do the shopping for you. All monetary donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

In addition to Kitniyot, the food and toiletry items we usually collect during the year and for High Holydays can also be included.