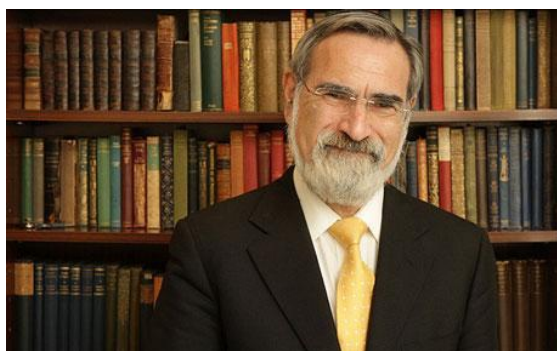




East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc.

The Melbourne City Synagogue



Announcement

Building Our Future - Preserving Our Past

The President, Board and Rabbi of the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation are excited to inform our members and friends that we have secured an **exclusive visit to Melbourne of the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, Lord Jonathan Sacks, together with his wife, Lady Elaine Sacks**. This has added significance because it will be the Chief Rabbi's last official tour of Australia before the conclusion of his term in office in 2013 after over 20 years as Chief Rabbi.

The Shul would like to utilize the last official visit by the Chief Rabbi in our 155th year to celebrate the history and now-transformed role of the Synagogue amongst our own membership and the wider community. We will also host the Chief Rabbi for the wider Melbourne Jewish community as they pay homage and respect to the Chief Rabbi and his wife. The visit will extend from 27–30 January 2012. Some of the events will include:

- A special Shabbat in the city with the Chief Rabbi on Shabbat 28 January 2012.
- A ceremony dedicating 2 new Torahs to the EMHC on the morning of Sunday 29 January 2012.
- A Gala Dinner to farewell the Chief Rabbi and raise funds for the EMHC on the evening of Sunday 29 January 2012.

We believe these events with the presence of the Chief Rabbi will be a shot in the arm for our congregation in seeking to revitalize the East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation by preserving its history and artistry and at the same time transforming it into a modern Jewish Community Centre serving the needs of Melbourne in the 21st century.

Anyone wishing to assist in the organization, planning or fundraising for this great event, please contact the President Danny Segal on 0417592500 or the Synagogue office on 9662 1372.