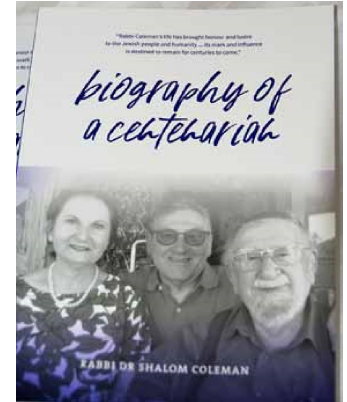


‘TORAT SHALOM’ Biography of a Centenarian

On Sunday 8 December at the MZH, on launching Rabbi Dr Shalom Coleman’s new book titled ‘Biography of a Centenarian’, Rabbi David Freilich pointed out that many famous people were born in Liverpool UK, including John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr... and Shalom Coleman!



To paraphrase one of the Beatles’ famous songs ‘Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I’m 101?’ Not only does our community still need Rabbi Coleman with his wise advice from 101 years of experience in the university of life, as illustrated in his latest work, but spiritually, we don’t feed him... he feeds us – with his knowledge, his understanding and life philosophy. All of this is embraced in his latest book.

Rather than the book be titled ‘Biography of a Centenarian’, it should be called ‘Torat Shalom’ – the teachings of Shalom (Coleman) – for three reasons:

Firstly, the divinely given Torah of Moses is referred to as a *shirah*, a song. This is explained by the fact that the word *shirah* in Hebrew refers to the outpouring of what one believes in one’s heart as well as connoting continuity. Rabbi Coleman’s latest work is a true example to all of us of the passion that we should all have for our beliefs in our hearts and the desire for these beliefs to be perpetuated in generations to come. This is one of the reasons for the publication of this book.

Secondly, because it portrays the living example through Shalom Coleman’s life, of how one should conduct oneself according to the values of the actual Torah. Examples from the book illustrate Rabbi Coleman’s Torah-inspired behaviour of showing gratitude to the Almighty for His blessings, and to everyone from whom he benefitted from his interactions with them, no matter what the person’s background or economic status.

The book also, like our holy Torah, exemplifies

the essential value of every human being. Rabbi Coleman appreciated and learnt from the many and varied people throughout the world with whom he came into contact in his life, and who are mentioned in the book.

The book is an inspiration to all of us as to how perseverance and determination can overcome all obstacles in life. Even those who sometimes frustrated his efforts, although not mentioned by name, are in Rabbi Coleman’s own words “forgiven but not forgotten.”

And thirdly, because the literal meaning of *Torat Shalom* is ‘a law of peace and welfare’. The book gives profound wisdom and advice on, amongst other things, family relationships, the raising of children, on how to deal with the changing phases of one’s life as well as the importance of loyalty to one’s country and

community. Rabbi Coleman’s book shows how he was willing and able to adapt to the social and technological changes throughout his 101 years of life – whether it was graduating from the fountain pen to the computer or embracing the changing role of the rabbinate. The book gives an insight into Rabbi Coleman’s philosophy and attitude towards these changes and whether, from his great experience of life, he saw them as beneficial to society or not.

The book is a statement of Rabbi Coleman’s devotion to his communities, wherever life took him, and how he saw the community as his extended family.

I commend this book as a guide to all of us, of both how we should live our lives and bring shalom, peace and wellbeing to ourselves, our family and community. *Rabbi David Freilich*



Rabbi Coleman with his grandson Zach Kaufman, granddaughter Lexie, son and daughter-in-law Martin and Heidi Coleman



Rabbi Coleman and John Schaffer



Maurice Zeffert Home’s Amanda Macnamara, Eileen Johnstone, Irwin Tollman, Yvonne Goldman and Elaine Zanotti



Rabbi Dan Lieberman, Rabbi David Freilich and Rabbi Coleman with HRH Prince Graeme of Hutt River Province



Yuval Shmuel and Eli Rahamim
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WHAT'S ON

Sunday, 15 December 2019

Centenary of Jewish War Memorial Kings Park. Commemoration Service. 10.30am. P16

NCJWA Musical Afternoon. Jewish Centre. 3pm. P12

FOIWA Andrew Tucker, international advocate for Israel. Chabad Noranda. 3pm. P2

Tuesday, 17 December 2019

Living in Retirement. GBH. 10.30am. P14

Yiddish Club. Temple David Boardroom. 12.30pm. P2

Sunday, 22 December 2019

Community Chanuka Celebration 2019/5780.

Breckler Gardens (behind the Jewish Centre). 5pm. P9

Monday, 23 December 2019

Public Menorah Lighting. Fremantle 5.30pm. P16

Sunday, 29 December 2019

Menorah Lighting & Chanukah Celebration.

Ben Gurion Reserve. 5.30pm. P16

Chanukah Party by the Sea. PHC. 6pm. P15

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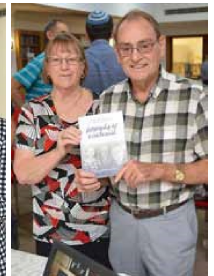
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Rabbi Coleman's family and HRH Prince Graeme



Rabbi Coleman with Rabbi David and Aviva Freilich



Brenda and Warren Austin



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11 Garson Court, Noranda
3.00pm, Sunday 15 December 2019

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