

WINDOWS INTO JUDAISM

Our eyes are the windows to our souls –
through them we can see the past,
the present and the future.

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The magnificent stained-glass windows hanging in the main sanctuary of Temple Beth Israel celebrate the creativity, inspiration and artistry of David Wright and James Thompson, and provide an accessible and engaging lens through which visitors can explore the history, heritage and faith of Judaism.

‘Windows Into Judaism’ is our effort to share our story with friends and neighbors, students and teachers, schools and community groups, and in so doing break barriers of isolation, build bonds of mutual respect and celebrate the spirit of multiculturalism that is at the heart of Australia.

Temple Beth Israel is a Progressive Jewish congregation that provides a spiritual community through a contemporary approach to Jewish practice and a commitment to Jewish tradition, culture and education. We have approximately 2,600 members.

Founded in 1930, we are incredibly proud of our long connection to the broader Victorian community and our partnerships with many religious, health, educational, and social service organisations.

We also acknowledge that we have the privilege to assemble on land whose traditional custodians are the people of the Kulin Nation.

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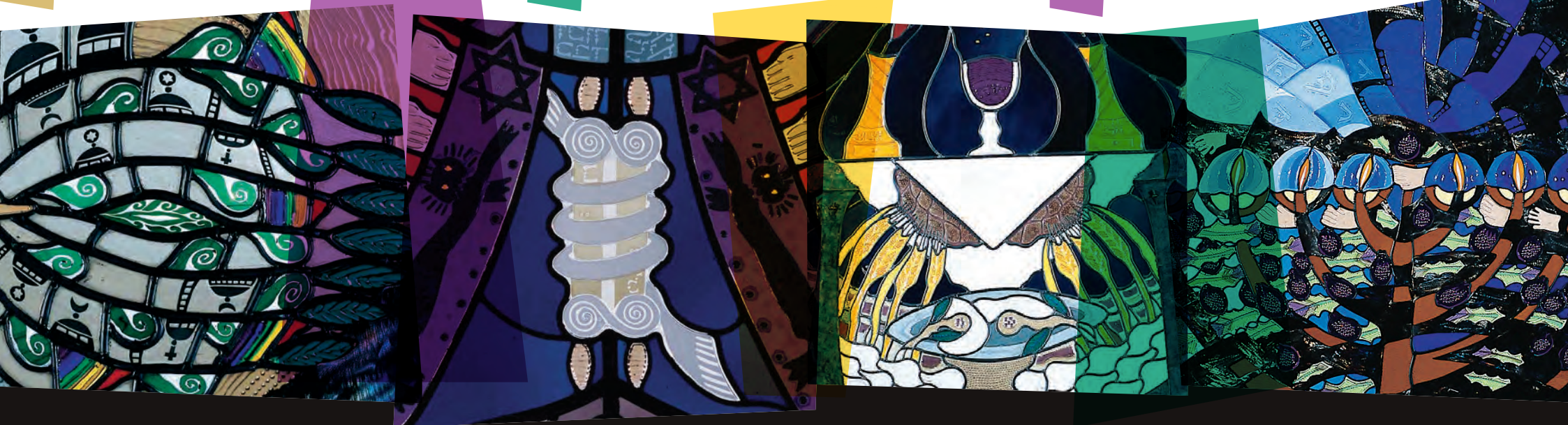
Temple Beth Israel, Melbourne Australia

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Education is a core element of the Jewish experience, and we take it upon ourselves to share our traditions, customs and way of viewing the world in both excursion and incursion formats. All programs are supported by age-appropriate materials to use either as a primer or follow-up in your classroom.

Our programs for educators are designed to share Jewish texts, traditions and rituals, providing an opportunity to touch, taste, smell, hear and see the Jewish experience with a choice of two full-day courses. These professional development opportunities are designed for educators working in the field of religious instruction, but are open to all.

Tours of our synagogue will provide you with the opportunity to discuss some of humanity's most sacred questions, meet with Rabbis and Jewish leaders, and engage with history's first monotheistic religion and people. An exploration of Judaism can offer profound insights for your community group or church, as well as powerfully change the way we interact with each other.



INCURSIONS **From \$180 per session**

Our trained facilitators come to you so that you may explore Judaism through its many facets. Possible topics include the Sabbath, The Five Books of Moses, the three Pilgrimage Festivals and Jewish Music. We can tailor the presentation to match your curricular needs.

EXCURSIONS **From \$2 per student**

Bring your students to us, and our trained facilitators will provide them with an introduction to Judaism and Jewish life while exploring the art and artefacts of our sacred space. Visits are typically one to two hours long, and can be extended and adapted to match your curricular needs.

A TASTE OF JUDAISM **\$360 per person**

Introduces participants to Jewish lifecycle events, examines Jewish identity, values, beliefs and practices. The day also includes a guided tour of our synagogue and display of ritual objects. The course is taught by one of our Rabbis, and provides teachers with knowledge, tools and worksheets that can be adapted and used in a variety of classroom settings.

INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MELBOURNE **\$360 per person**

Includes a basic introduction to Jewish lifecycle events and an exploration of the Jewish calendar and festivals. The day begins with a guided tour of our synagogue and display of ritual objects, followed by visits to other local Jewish sites, including the Jewish Museum or Holocaust Museum.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER AND RITUAL **Free**

Join one of our trained facilitators for a tour of our synagogue, meet with a member of our clergy, and stay on to experience the music and energy of our Shabbat worship service. Tours take place at 5.45pm on Fridays or 9.30am on Saturdays. Bookings essential.

WINDOWS INTO JUDAISM **From \$180 per group**

Join one of our trained facilitators for a tour of our synagogue and learn about our magnificent stained glass windows. This two-hour session begins with an introduction to the windows and our community, and an exploration of the creation story through the first seven windows. Following a brief break, it concludes with a study of the festivals of the Jewish year.