



ACJC NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

As we approach the end of another significant year, it's a timely moment to reflect on the challenges and opportunities that have shaped Australian Jewish life over the past 12 months.

This has been a period of profound uncertainty and difficulty for our community, but also one in which there has been an increased recognition of the importance of knowledge, leadership and connection. Here at ACJC, we remain focused on helping to strengthen Australian Jewish life – both by addressing the challenges of rising antisemitism and by building the knowledge, resilience and connections that fortify our community for the future.

Our teaching and research remains central to this mission, with hundreds of students continuing to explore Jewish history, civilisation, religion and culture each year. We're also continuing to build our community outreach via publications, participating in community events and seminars, and contributing to government forums across federal, state and local levels.

We're proud to have launched the Gen26 longitudinal community survey, following on from Gen08 and Gen17, which will provide vital insights to help build understanding and services for Australia's Jewish community over the coming decade. The Monash Initiative for Rapid Research into Antisemitism (MIRRA) team has also been busy at work expanding our national training program, publishing important sector-based research, and contributing to the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion.

Across research, teaching, public engagement and community life, ACJC continues to put knowledge into action. We're deeply grateful for your ongoing support and partnership.

Wishing you a sweet and happy new year, Shana Tova U'Metuka and Leshone Toyve. 🍎 🥰

Professor David Slucki
ACJC Director

GEN26



Gen26: The Australian Jewish Community Survey

Please participate in this important study and share with family and friends to help our community address challenges and plan for services over the coming decade.

[Complete the survey](#)

ACADEMIC UPDATE



Dr Nathan Wolski, Liberman Family Senior Lecturer in Jewish Studies

We're excited to announce two new publications from Nathan: his latest book and the co-production of a musical album.

Nathan has recently published a translated and annotated version of [Hillel Zeitlin's, *The Thirst*](#). This mystical work of poetic prose was first published in Hebrew in 1910, and traces a spiritual odyssey from existential despair and desolation to a renewed sense of the wonder and mystery of being. He was also involved in the production of the just-released fifth album by Melbourne's Yiddish folk trio, *The Bashevis Singers*. Titled [Moon's Milk](#), this limited edition vinyl record sets to music the earliest works of Yiddish poet Avrom Sutzkever, penned almost 100 years ago, translated by Nathan and recorded in English for the first time.

MIRRA TRAINING UPDATE

Monash Initiative for Rapid Research into Antisemitism

Our MIRRA antisemitism training for universities has already reached over 1700 leaders and staff across more than 30 institutions. Supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, this program is now expanding nationwide. To support this we're seeking trainers who can guide

conversations about antisemitism in the higher education sector and beyond with care, honesty and skill. Find out more or submit an expression of interest to become a trainer via the button below.

MIRRA Trainer EOIs

OTHER UPDATES



Jacob G. Rosenberg Writer-in-Residence Fellowship

Anthony Levin, our inaugural fellow, is working on his project that is part memoir, part love letter and part cosmic roadmap. Follow our socials for updates.



Higher Degree Research student update: Joanne Leone

Joanne is investigating a group of ancient texts discovered at Nag Hammadi in Egypt and their connection to Jewish interpretative history.

EVENTS



Moon's Milk: The Mystical Poetry of Avrom Sutzkever

20 October
7:30 – 9.00pm

Melbourne location

A special evening of Yiddish poetry and music with Dr Nathan

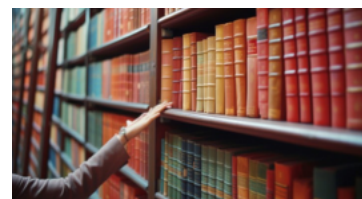


Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg from Duke University

21, 23 and 25 October

Melbourne locations

Talks on S.Y. Agnon's *In the Heart of the Seas*, Freud's *Moses and Monotheism* and



The Jewish Bookshelf: ACJC's monthly book club

Last Thursdays of each month

Monash Caulfield

Join in to explore novels and short fiction that engage with diverse and

Wolski and The
Bashevis Singers.

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teaching Israel-
Palestine.

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complex Jewish cultures
and experiences.

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MEDIA, REPORTS AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Some of our recent media

David Slucki and other experts on MIRRA's latest report on Holocaust education and antisemitism: [The Age](#), by Nicole Precel, 31 July 2026.

David Slucki comments on the experiences of Jewish creatives and philanthropists in the arts sector at the Royal Commission: [The Weekend Australian](#) (Print), by Rosemary Neill and Jordan Lamont, 31 July 2026.

Julianna Dubinsky, ACJC/MIRRA Senior Project Officer for the MIRRA Training program, on the how and why of becoming a MIRRA antisemitism trainer: [Talking to the Max](#) on J-Air Radio with Gary Max, 19 August 2026.

Major reports

Group of Eight Expert Advisory Committee on Combatting Antisemitism: [Report to the Group of Eight Board](#). Chaired by ACJC Advisory Council Chair Alan Finkel, 13 June 2026.

MIRRA report: [Holocaust Education and its Role in Addressing Antisemitism in Australia](#), 31 July 2026 ([Executive Summary](#)).

Academic publications

Professor Rebecca Margolis: Multilingual narratives and cultural diversity in the *Phryne Fisher* Series and *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*: Representing 1920s Melbourne's Chinese and Jewish communities, [Journal of Australian Studies](#), 29 July 2026.

Mali Rezaei and David Slucki: Developing a theory of change for addressing antisemitism in higher education, [Higher Education Research & Development](#), 10 August 2026.



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