



From the Chazzan's Bimah



Dear Congregants,

Rosh Hashanah is nearly upon us, and I hope everyone is well and preparing for the New Year.

It is my intention to put “pen to paper” every few months to convey to everyone at the Kehillah what the Chazzan is up to, present some interesting information regarding Jewish Music and to connect more with you, the members of our Shule.

This past Shabbat, Shabbat Shoftim, I was away at the other side of Australia, in Perth. I was the guest of the Perth Hebrew Congregation (PHC) over the weekend in what they called a “Gala Musical weekend” for the Shule!

Approximately 16 months ago, I began to assist our Rabbi with teaching the Bar mitzvah boys. More specifically, I now meet with every pre-Bar mitzvah boy individually nearly every week to prepare them to conduct their Parashah and other Tephillot in Shule on their Bar mitzvah Shabbat. At any one time there are over 10 boys who are learning with me every week, and that amounts to a lot of Torah study! The Bar mitzvah boys have been very excited to get onto the Bimah, not only for their Bar mitzvah, but also help lead some of the service, especially on Saturday morning with Aleinu and Adon Olam.

By now everyone would have seen the Flyer for the [*Musical Evening to take place on Saturday Night 4th September.*](#)

The Saturday night musical evening is called a “Melave Malka”. A Melave Malka is a way to “escort the Shabbat Queen” on her way for another week through song and eating – just as one would escort a monarch upon his or her departure from a City.

The evening will be a very relaxed and musical way to enjoy your Saturday night just before Rosh Hashanah, and I would love to see as many of you come and enjoy the night out.

Anticipating the services over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I hope I will be able to sing and conduct the Shule services over this period with much ruach and feeling, and together with the Shule choir, make the services most enjoyable and spiritually uplifting for everyone.

I wish everyone a Shana Tovah U M'tukah,

Chazzan Ian and Sindee