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ISRAEL: THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND PEOPLE

The third term will explore contemporary issues such as: the environment, immigration and refugees, Israel's role as the world centre for Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Baha'i, and the ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

The course will be held in Rose Harrison Hall at Beit Shalom Synagogue, 39-41 Hackney Road, Hackney, SA. Most of the sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. Check the syllabus for any time changes. Each session is \$20 and \$10 concession, payable on the night.

TERM THREE

- **October 10**—Monday, 7 pm. Environmental issues, particularly the struggle for water –Robert Schneider, Chief Executive, Jewish National Fund of Australia
- **October 20**—Daily Life in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank –Zafi Bachar, Israeli-Australian and Monir Elrayes, Palestinian-Canadian from Gaza. Moderator-Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky
- **October 27**—Iraqi, Egyptian and Yemenite Jewish migration in the 1950's followed by the Ethiopians and the Russians in the 1980s and 1990s. Recently, there has also been an influx of guest workers, particularly from the Philippines and African refugees. Meir Itzhaki, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel.
- **November 3**—Jerusalem, city of faith. The four quarters of the Old City – Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Armenian Orthodox. Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky, Beit Shalom Synagogue, George Mnatzeganian, Adelaide University, Dr Marianne Dacy, University of Sydney, Emeritus Professor Riaz Hassan, Flinders University.
- **November 10**—Political structure and the laws. Which personal rights are protected and where are their disputes between religious and secular laws – Justice John Sulan, Supreme Court, South Australia
- **November 17**--Cultural life—Film, theatre, literature, art and music—Elinor Cozens
- **November 24**—Baha'i World Centre in Haifa—A Historical Perspective-Dr. David Chittleborough
- **December 4**—Sunday, 2 pm. The final session will be a panel discussion on the following topic: How Can We Make a Lasting Peace for Israel and Palestine? Maher Mughrabi, foreign news editor, The Age, Zeddy Lawrence, Editor, Australian Jewish News, Moderator-Dr. Lynn Arnold AO

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