



# JEWISH MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY

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**Recording, Preserving and Disseminating**  
40+ Years of Unique Torah Content and Culture  
Generated In Australia

# THE STORY OF JML

The Library collection began in the early 80's when Rabbi Dr. Shimon Cowen, a Kollel Alumnus of Kollel Menachem in Melbourne, began recording and preserving early lectures and events organised by the Kollel. Management was then passed on in the 90's, to Kollel Alumnus Rabbi Mendy Rimler, who greatly expanded this collection, whilst ensuring the recording of each and every summer learning program lecture, along with many other communal events.

It was then digitised and moved online through its establishment as an independent community-based library, [jml.org.au](http://jml.org.au) with the aim and purpose of servicing the entire Jewish community of Melbourne.

JML currently boasts a collection of more than **5,000 Lectures** delivered by more than **330 speakers across 42 Subject Categories**, all of which are freely available via our website.

Month	Unique Visitors	# of visits	Pages	Hits
Jan-23	1,397	1,765	6,886	14,930
Feb-23	1,150	1,448	5,418	12,954
Mar-23	1,256	1,484	4,332	9,274
Apr-23	1,152	1,365	4,151	9,152
May-23	926	1,126	7,654	15,875
Jun-23	1,388	1,772	5,694	12,850
Jul-23	1,156	1,380	5,867	16,261
Aug-23	1,095	1,321	7,193	18,625
Sep-23	1,153	1,450	5,314	11,263
Oct-23	3,296	3,830	12,904	20,932
Nov-23	3,336	3,555	12,558	16,219
Dec-23	923	1,203	7,301	14,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,228</b>	<b>21,699</b>	<b>85,272</b>	<b>172,446</b>

The image shows a grid of video thumbnails from the JML website. Each thumbnail includes a small image, a title, and a speaker's name. The titles include 'Summer Learning Retreat Marysville 2020', 'Mizrachi Bet Midrash', 'Summer Learning Program 5781', 'Self Help', 'Farbrengen - Chassidic Gatherings', 'Holocaust', 'Kabbalah Course', 'Maamer: The Gift of Speech', 'Tanya with Rabbi Y. Glasman', and 'Daf Yomi - By Rabbi Mottel Krasnjanski'.



## NOTED SPEAKERS FROM THE PAST AND PRESENT

Most of this collection consists of live recordings the library produced of local and visiting lecturers and dignitaries to Melbourne over the past 40+ years and which are exclusively available through our JML website.

Prominent speakers of note from the past, include Rabbi C. Gutnick, Rabbi Y. D. Groner, Rabbi Lord J. Sacks and Rabbi A. Ibn Israel (Steinsaltz) OB" M.

Highly popular contemporary speakers include Rabbi A. Shishler, Rabbi Y. Y. Jacobson, Rabbi Y. Chazan, Rabbi M. Dinerman and Rabbi S. Taub as well as local oratory talents, Rabbi L. Broh and Rabbi Y. Glasman.

Popular presenters of Halacha include Rabbi F. Levin, Rabbi Y. Ulman, and Rabbi M. Stern. Popular presenters of Talmud include Rabbi M. Krasnjanski, Rabbi Y. Johnson, and Rabbi Y. Hecht. Many lectures presented by Rabbi Y. Gordon, our foremost expert on Tanach, along with many more talented speakers too numerous to list here.

## OUR DAILY MISHNAH YOMIS SERIES

Rabbi Leor Broh, a most respected and eloquent presenter, has been delivering the daily Mishnah Yomis shiur for over 30 years. Due to its prominence, we recently built a special purpose website to uniquely cater for this series as well. Please visit: [jlmishnayomis.org](http://jlmishnayomis.org) We also have plans for developing a site to uniquely cater for his popular weekly parsha and Tzaddikim series which will be fully indexed and searchable.



## OUR LARGEST AND LONGEST RUNNING LECTURE SERIES – DAF YOMI

Rabbi Mordechai Krasnjanski, a Kollel Alumnus, has been delivering the daily Daf Yomi shiur at the Kollel for nearly 40 years, since 1986. His daily Daf shiur is highly sought after world-wide for being unique in capturing and delivering an entire Daf along with Tosfos, Rishonim, and Acharonim accompanied by his own novellae in just over half an hour! JML undertook the arduous task of recording and uploading these daily shiurim since 2016, at the urging of none other than Rabbi Yossi Jacobson himself of Yeshiva.net who requested this to satisfy a need for many of his students overseas! JML has since managed to record and upload the entire shas! These have also been video recorded via Zoom since Covid19, and special thanks goes to Chaim Moshe Korik, a loyal attendee of this shiur, who was instrumental in arranging these zoom recordings. Due to the prominence and size of this particular series, we recently built a special purpose website to exclusively cater for this series. Please visit: [jmldafyomi.org](http://jmldafyomi.org)

## FUNDING OBJECTIVES FOR THE JEWISH MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY



### MAJOR UPGRADE OF JML WEBSITE

The JML website is urgently in need of a major upgrade as the coding used for this website is extremely old and unsupported. The major upgrade will fully overhaul the existing website into a state-of-the-art modern design implementing the latest technology, tools, user enhancements, along with a smart app. Simplicity and user friendliness being at the forefront of its aims and objectives.

## ENABLING PRIVATELY HELD ARCHIVES TO BE MADE PUBLIC

JML is working closely with professional community videographers and photographers, to enable their vast archives of videos and photos of past communal events, to be digitised and preserved for posterity and subsequently to be shared with the rest of the community via the JML website. These include organisational dinners, groundbreaking events and ceremonies, Lag B'Omer parades and celebrations, major symposiums, lectures and debates, special films and tributes, shloshim and yahrzeit events, holocaust survivor interviews, and other rare footage and collections of communal interest.

This Sunday 16th June



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## PARTNER WITH US IN OUR FIRST CHARIDY FUNDRAISER

Dear Friends,

The Jewish Multimedia Library has dedicatingly provided a valuable community service for the greater Jewish community in Melbourne for over 28 years. Its early collection of recordings began in the 80s under the management of Rabbi Dr Shimon Cowen, son of a former Governor General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen OBM, who was then Program Director of the post-graduate Rabbinic Institute, Kollel Menachem in Melbourne. It later evolved in the 90s into a fully independent, community library and recording service under the Direction of Rabbi Mendy Rimler, who registered this library as a non-for-profit and tax-deductible community library with his vision for it being something that will serve and benefit the entire Jewish community of Melbourne. The officers serving on the board of JML, are made up of highly respected community individuals, including Cowen himself, who always remained very connected to JML by serving as its secretary and public officer throughout all these years. He regularly performs internal audits, reviewing all of the libraries transactions and expenditures, as well as making sure it's adhering to all laws and regulations governing charities.

Special thanks and acknowledgements to Mr. Dean Ellinson, who was instrumental in having Mizrachi avail itself of JML back in 2012, by having Mendy come down and ensure very high-quality recordings were made both on audio and video of the many lectures given during the Arnold Bloch Memorial Service Series. (See accompanying image for a screenshot of its website showcasing and hosting all of Rabbi Kennards' talks along with many other prominent lectures which they recorded at Mizrachi on our behalf.)

More recently, JML recorded the talks given by Dr. Tovah Lichtenstein, daughter of Rav J.B. Soloveitchik, at Mizrachi Shule in 2018. JML however, always had to operate on a shoe-string budget, which forced them to greatly limit their recording activities amongst the broader community. Yet, they have never stopped recording and uploading lectures and events throughout all these years, and every single day, new recordings are made and uploaded, amongst them two of our very prominent regular shiur presenters at Mizrachi, Rabbi Leor Broh and Rabbi Mottel Krasnjanski.

JML is now making a very strong comeback. Firstly, by gearing up to launch their first major charity fundraiser. They have professionally rebranded with a mesmerising new logo,



Rabbi Dr. Avrohom (Alan) Kimche, Senior Rabbi of Mizrachi in Melbourne, posing with Rabbi Mendy Rimler, Director of JML, following the King's Birthday Learning and Breakfast, hosted by Kollel Menachem, on Monday, 10th June 2024.



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regal-looking brochure and great signage. Several billboards are also up around the community advertising their library and campaign with one right opposite Mizrachi, at 76 Balaclava Rd.

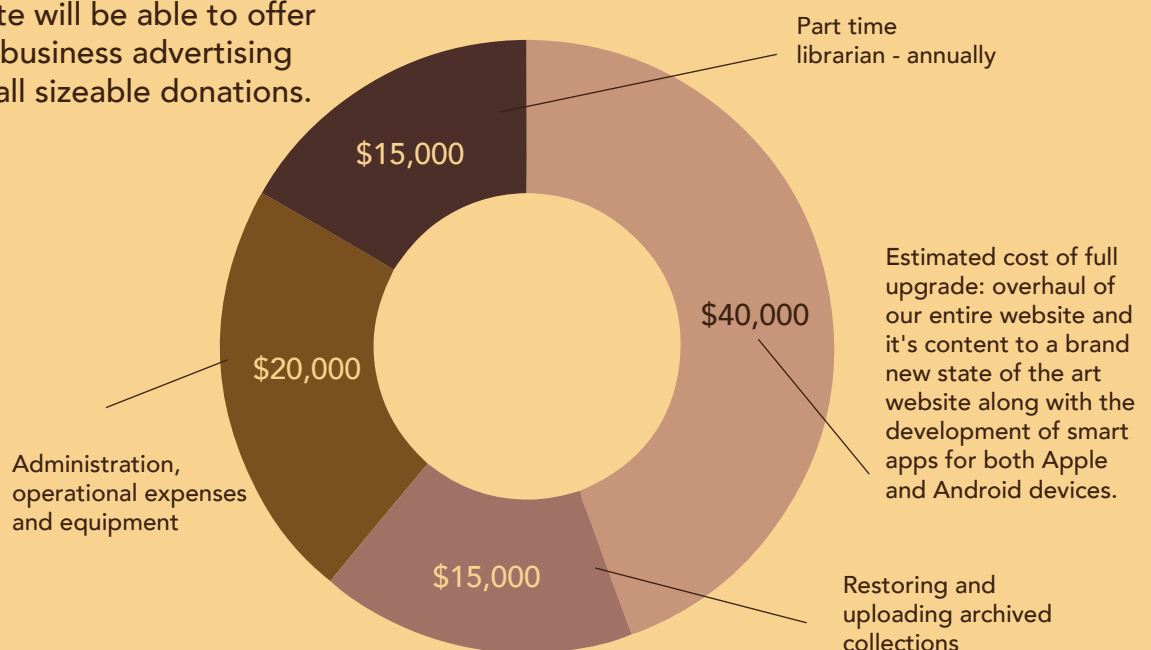
They are now in urgent need of upgrading their website which is very outdated and unsupported. As a result, many videos are not playable on their current website, nor can it upload new content on to its website, until after they upgrade. In the interim, they are using their Youtube and Spotify accounts to host whatever content they currently produce and upload.

They are also teaming up with our local community videographers, such as Mr Chaim Mehlman, Mr Henry Greener, and the Cylich and Feiglin families, all of whom are in possession of rare and valuable archives, many of which need to first be digitised and uploaded to be of use and benefit to the entire community.

**To receive some teaser video clips from our treasured archives being prepared for our website, please email: [director@jml.org.au](mailto:director@jml.org.au) with the word 'teaser' in the subject line.**

JML deserves the support and recognition of the Melbourne Jewish community, after more than 28 years of dedicated service to the community. 28 is the same numerical value of Koach (strength). Time for us to give them a big Yasher Koach by showing our generous support. Let's all give them a breather by helping them get restarted in a substantial way, through our generous, tax-deductible contributions. They are still actively trying to find some major donors, sponsors and dollar-matchers who will help give them a boost towards their upcoming Charidy campaign this coming Sunday, 16th of June.

- All donations are fully tax-deductible
- All donations will be fully acknowledged on their Charidy Page
- Their new website will be able to offer dedications and business advertising in exchange for all sizeable donations.





...through our diligent recording, editing, disseminating and preserving of so many important lectures and events held in and around Melbourne throughout the year.

■ Your support will help us continue as well as expand our efforts to ensure all important and widely sought-after lectures throughout the year get professionally recorded, edited and are readily made available to the public via this website.

■ Spreading the light and inspiration of Torah lectures by bringing it to those who were not present.

■ Stimulating your 'drive to learn' whilst enabling you to 'learn while you drive' - "...Ubelechtechah Baderech..."

28 Shevat 5771 Glenunga, South Australia 5065

Dear Mendy,  
I am very proud to support JML and encourage you in this important endeavor. I see that the website already has over 1000 downloadable lectures available on-line. I have listened to some recently. It is an important collection of scholarly material on Torah, Talmud, Chassidus, ethics, religious practice, communal history and much more.  
The recordings of outstanding speakers who are no longer with us will be treasured by many. For example, it was very moving to listen to Rabbi Chaim Gutnick describing the shloshim for the Rebbe's wife and particularly giving the Birkat Kohanim at the end.  
I was born in East St Kilda but have lived all my life in Adelaide. Over the last 60 years various members of the Melbourne Chabad community have traveled to Adelaide to give shiurim or lectures. Around 1983, the Rebbe himself sponsored Rabbi Mordechai Szmerling to travel regularly to teach chassidus to a handful of students, including myself. Others who traveled to teach have included Rabbi Chaim Gutnick from the 1950's, Rabbi Yossi Groner in the 1980's, Rabbi Feitel Levin who gave a lecture in the 1990's, and Rabbi Avraham Gutnick in recent years.  
I have attended Yarchei Kallah since then. Through the Yarchei Kallah recordings, I have been able to review the parshah study we did with Rabbi Szmerling and Rabbi Broth, study Gemara with Rabbi Weinberg, chassidus with Rabbi Shishler and much more. It is hard to say in a few words how much this means for an isolated woman scholar in a small community such as Adelaide. Not only does it create a virtual Yeshiva, but an on-line resource that will be valued and used to grow in knowledge.  
As a sponsor I hope that I can encourage you to continue this inspiring outreach through preserving this valuable collection and making Melbourne's outstanding Torah scholarship available through the internet. May we have the zechut to see this happen real soon.

Harzlacha Rabba  
Dr Klee Benveniste  
BA DipAppPsych PhD(Medicine) MAPS Registered Psychologist

Enable us to provide support and assistance especially to the elderly and in aged care with the necessary equipment that will make it easy for them to enjoy lives via these lectures.  
Towards this end, we have been assisting the public by providing affordable equipment such as MP3 players and FM transmitters to enable users to these lectures wherever they may.

Be a part of this historical and monumental event by sponsoring a dedication or advertisement on our new website in support of this great launch.

Our brochure from 2012



**Sub-Committee**

**Bet Midrash Chairman's Report**  
**Geoff Bloch, Convenor**

This has been a dramatic year at the Bet Midrash and Midrasha. We farewelled Rav Elad and Odelya Dahan and our bachurim David Barras, Roi Herman, Isaac Landes and Elad Roth, who contributed so much to our community and beyond.  
We welcomed our new Rosh Kollel team of Rav Dudi and Chani Winkler. They have carried on all existing programmes and activities and have implemented further initiatives at Leibler Yavneh College and at Balaclava Road together with our bachurim Yuval Ben Yehuda, Yair Green, Jonty Loeber and Yoni Rubin.  
The highlight of the year was the Bet Midrash dinner which celebrated our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Rabbi Professor Danny Sinclair was our keynote speaker and as in previous years, the evening was widely supported by the *kehilah*. It is gratifying to know that our members not only realise that their support is essential to our ongoing viability but also that the Bet Midrash plays a vital and indispensable role at Mizrachi, educationally, spiritually and socially.  
On behalf of the Bet Midrash Committee I express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Gila Parkes, who made aliya this year, for her invaluable contributions as a member of the Committee over several years. We wish her well.  
I am pleased to report that Dean Ellinson has joined the Committee and he has been incredibly energetic in establishing many new initiatives, including one deserving of special mention which drew our largest ever audience. Nearly 150 VCE and university aged students from across the spectrum of Melbourne Jewry participated in an enthralling address and Q&A session by Rabbi Kennard on the subject "Does God Really Exist?" The session was taped and I would

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urge anyone with secondary school and university age children to encourage them to access the Jewish Multimedia Library website [www.jml.org.au/](http://www.jml.org.au/) and follow the links, because the spiritual wellbeing of our youth must always be of paramount importance in this post-modern and post-Zionist world.  
I would like to thank each member of my sub-committee for their invaluable assistance over the past year; Dr. Lawrence Cher, Dean Ellinson, Jeremy Herz, Dr. Danny Lamm and Dr. Joel Steiner.  
As this is my last report as convenor of the Bet Midrash, I would like to express my gratitude to Mizrachi for allowing me the opportunity to contribute to the organisation's activities in such a meaningful way.

**Mizrachi Annual Report 2012**

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# Uniting the entire Jewish community through Torah!

Friday, September 7, 2012

## Our history on record

ASHLEY SHENKER

THE Jewish Multimedia Library (JML) may be 16 years old, but it is only recently that its extensive selection of audio material has become available online.

The not-for-profit has come a long way since its establishment in 1996, where it initially had a database of just 250 recordings from lectures at the Yeshivah Centre dating back to 1982.

Now, the library is catering to the entire community, offering almost 1000 recordings covering major communal events as well as talks on the Messiah, and from halachah to the Holocaust.

"We're here to service the community," director of JML Rabbi Mendy Rimpler told *The AJN*. "Up until two years ago, we had recordings on cassettes and needed to convert them. We were also located in a shed at the back of Yeshivah and it was not very user accessible and friendly for the community, and we are trying to serve the community's interests and knowledge."

However, as Rabbi Rimpler and his colleagues have limited time to work on the library and raise funds, the organisation is facing challenges if it is to continue to grow.



The Jewish Multimedia Library website.

Despite significant donations from Eliezer Kornhauser and the late Yisroel Herzog and their families, Rabbi Rimpler explained, "We've had some major sponsors, but that is not enough, so we need help from the community to donate."

Each addition to the library goes through a rigorous production process, which includes it being edited, tagged, catalogued, compressed and uploaded to the website so it's available to listen to or download.

Recent recordings include the coverage of Sir Zelman Cowen's memororative service at St Kilda Hebrew Congregation and Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks's visit to Melbourne Hebrew Congregation. Among the speakers whose talks are recorded are Rabbi Yaakov Glasman of the Rabbinical

Council of Victoria and St Kilda and Rabbi James Kennard, principal of Mount Scopus Memorial College.

"We started by recording lectures at the Yeshivah," Rabbi Rimpler said. "But then I started actively recording lectures outside, and it slowly became a community-wide library."

The biggest positive about the initiative is that it is all offered for free and for the benefit of not only the Jewish community of Melbourne, but for Jews around the world.

"If I charge for the service, I would be alienating a large amount of people," Rabbi Rimpler said. "So the key here is sponsorship ... and we really do need help from the community."

For more information, to access the recordings or to make a donation go to [www.jml.org.au](http://www.jml.org.au)

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**RABBI J. KENNARD**  
PRINCIPAL OF MOUNT SCOPUS MEMORIAL COLLEGE

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**DR TOVAH LICHTENSTEIN**

Dr Tovah Lichtenstein has a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.S.W. from Columbia University. She earned a Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University, where she was a senior lecturer in the School of Social Work until her retirement. Her field of expertise is child welfare. She has lectured in Israel and the United States on a wide range of topics, both in child welfare and Torah learning.

- RAV SOLEVEITCHIK : WHO REALLY WAS THE RAV
- THE LIFE AND TEACHING'S OF RAV AHARON LICHTENSTEIN

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**PROF DANIEL SINCLAIR**

Prof. Sinclair is Wolf Fellow in Jewish law and Visiting Professor of Law at Fordham University Law School. He is also professor of Jewish Law and Comparative Biomedical Law at the Law School of the City of New York, and Adjunct Professor of Comparative Biomedical Law at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Prof. Sinclair has published extensively in the fields of comparative biomedical law, Jewish law, the influence of Jewish law on the legal system of the State of Israel, and ethics and the Policy and Jewish Identity in the State of Israel. Amongst his books are *(Oxford University Press, 2008)* and *Jewish Biomedical Law: Legal and Extra-Legal Dimensions* (Oxford University Press, 2013). During his period in the United Kingdom, Prof. Sinclair contributed to the Science and Technology Committee of the House of Commons in the area of human genetics, and also served as a member of the Committee of the Royal College of Physicians. Prof. Sinclair is an ordained Orthodox rabbi and senior rabbinical positions are rabbi of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation and the Dean of the Jews' College and the Rabbinical School in London. He also held the portfolio for medical ethics in the Chief Rabbi's Cabinet and drew up protocols on the Jewish law aspects of stem cell research, organ donation and artificial reproductive techniques. Currently, he is a member of an advisory committee to the European Union on the ethics of science.

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