

**THE GREAT AUSSIE SHTETL**

**HOBART HEBREW CONGREGATION**

**The honey of the Apple Isle**

THE Hobart Hebrew Congregation (HHC) has a proud history and an exciting present.

As custodians of the oldest synagogue in Australia, consecrated in 1845 with a distinct Egyptian revival style architecture, it is a welcoming community with stories and experiences to share.

The congregation embraces both Orthodox and Progressive members and holds services for both groups. They are always happy for visitors to join them – whether it be for a tour, a service, or even those looking to relocate to the island.

Recently, the HHC held a jovial Simchat Torah service led by two visiting rabbis. With several young members in attendance, there is much optimism and excitement to be found in the old shule. As more families are finding the lovely wilderness, laid-back atmosphere, and low cost of living in Tasmania to be attractive, there is confidence they will continue to add new members to their vibrant congregation.

Additionally, the shule is ready to open its doors during the



Inside the Hobart Synagogue, the oldest in Australia.

warmer weather months when visitors flock to Tasmania. The HHC website allows users to easily schedule tours of the heritage-listed synagogue. Last year they shared the remarkable history and the building's unique architecture with an unprecedented amount of curious visitors – and they hope to continue doing so.

The summer promises to be a busy time within the congregation. HHC will be welcoming a visiting rabbi to lead Chanukah

services and join at their annual picnic held at a beautiful water-side reserve. In addition, they are finalising details for two klezmer concerts by well-known Australian groups to be held in the shule. Details are forthcoming on the HHC website.

While the congregation is small, HHC is proud of its history and is committed to Judaism in the beautiful island state.

For more information, visit [www.hobartsynagogue.org/visitus](http://www.hobartsynagogue.org/visitus) or call 0466 434 620.

**CHABAD ACT**

**A hive of activity**

WITH approval for its first Jewish day school just granted for 2019, Canberra will now be fully equipped with all the Jewish infrastructure necessary to live a traditional Jewish life.

Chabad ACT is led by Rabbi Shmueli and Rebbetzin Chasia Feldman. Situated in the purpose-built Gan Yisroel Community and Day Care Centre, Canberra's only Jewish preschool and long day care centre, is the Chabad ACT Synagogue. Services are traditional, and are conducted in a joyous, casual atmosphere. They are held every Shabbat and Jewish festival. Children are included and most welcome. Not all of those who attend can read Hebrew, yet everyone feels at home. The prayer book is bilingual and various English readings are included in the service.

Chabad ACT also provides Canberra's only kosher service, Canberra Kosher; and operates the only mikvah in the region.

Jewish education is paramount, with after-school and adult classes on offer.

Goodness and Kindness has been set up by Chabad ACT as a humanitarian, outreach and welfare organisation. Their crisis support arm provides emergency relief

and assistance wherever required, aiming to put people in touch with the relevant community service and advocate for them to ensure they receive the treatment and services they require. Their crisis support operations are open to the entire community within the ACT and the region. Counselling, financial assistance, and crisis accommodation and housing support are also services offered.

Each day, Chabad ACT provides crisis assistance, meals, once-off aid for basic necessities, housing solutions, counselling, financial aid, employment and training services, and support for the elderly including Holocaust survivors. They also operate a food bank with frozen and fresh meals provided upon request to those in need. All meals are strictly kosher under the supervision of Canberra Kosher.

Everyone is welcome at Chabad ACT, regardless of their personal level of religious observance. Their philosophy is in keeping with the Chabad-Lubavitch approach of joy, scholarship and unconditional acceptance and love for every Jew and all of mankind.

For more information, visit [www.chabadact.com.au](http://www.chabadact.com.au)

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*“Do not separate yourself from the community”*

Progressive Judaism honours our tradition, informs the present and guides the future of our communities through meaningful opportunities for Jewish expression in the modern world. Programs include leadership development, education, community building, the pursuit of social justice and connections with the entire Jewish community, locally, nationally and world wide.

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**CHABAD ACT** AUSTRALIA'S BEST KEPT JEWISH SECRET EXPOSED  
SERVING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

With approval for its first Jewish Day School just granted for 2019 and voted the world's most liveable City, Canberra will now be equipped with all the Jewish infrastructure a traditional Jewish family will need to live a comfortable Jewish life and at a fraction of the price of Sydney or Melbourne.

Other Services provided by Chabad ACT include:

- Vibrant, welcoming and engaged Synagogue Community
- Established and award winning Jewish Preschool & LDC Centre
- Outreach & Welfare program
- State of the Art Mikvah
- Canberra Kosher Shop and Catering
- Adult Jewish Education Programs and a vast Jewish Library
- And Much more...

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Get in early to secure your family to become a part of Australian Jewry's hottest development! Housing subsidies for the next ten families who move from interstate. Conditions apply.

For more information: [www.jewishcanberra.com](http://www.jewishcanberra.com)

**Hobart Synagogue**

Australia's oldest Synagogue (1845)

We are an active and welcoming community in beautiful Tasmania. See the shul's fascinating architecture and learn about our remarkable history.

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