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Shabbat evening 2nd March / Saturday morning 3rd March

26th February 2018

Dear Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents,

My name is Tim Cohen. I am a Board Member of St Kilda Shule and have two children currently involved in either the Bat or Bar Mitzvah programmes this year.

This weekend's event is a new initiative primarily designed to bring all the families and the children enrolled in our Bar and Bat Mitzvah programmes together to celebrate a traditional Shabbat (just like in the olden days when this was not such a "big event", but a normal weekly occurrence).

The focus of this year's programme is Your child but we also want you to feel at home in our beautiful Shule so when the "Big Day" arrives and the Synagogue is filled with your family and friends, you will be more familiar with the service. To assist, we will be providing a liaison to sit with your group during this Friday night and Saturday morning services to provide a advice in order to familiarise you with what's happening, what to do and when.

The Shule has siddurim (prayer books), with English, for the service which help you to follow and join in.

We also understand that little children may find it difficult to sit for long periods. There is a children's service at 10:15am on Saturday mornings and little kids are free to move about the shule as they please.

Friday Night Service 2nd March

- Liaisons: Carmel Bridgeman and Martin Block
- Arrive at 6:25pm so that you can meet the liaisons in the Casper Foyer of the Shule
- Service starts 6:30pm. Length of service 45 minutes 1 hour
- Seating: Ladies in the left side of the women's section downstairs near Carmel; Men will be sitting adjacent to the Bimah on the left hand side near Martin.
- a Traditional Shabbat meal will follow at about 7:30pm in the Shule's Adele Southwick Centre of the Samuel Meyers Hall. We have around 110 people coming. We will be at long tables so you don't need to worry about family groupings.

Saturday Morning Service 3rd March

- Liaisons: Carmel Bridgeman and Frits Trijbetz
- Arrive at 8:55am so that you can meet the liaisons in the Casper Foyer of the Shule
- Service Starts 9:00am. Length of service approximately 2¹/₂ hours
- Seating: Ladies in upstairs near Carmel around midway on the right hand side; Men will be sitting adjacent to the Bimah near Frits (same place as Friday night).
- a Kiddush will follow the service in the annexe of the Hall. IMPORTANT: For catering purposes, please let the office BY TOMORROW MORNING know how many will be attending.

Thank you once again for your support and for choosing the St Kilda Synagogue for your child's Bar and Bat Mitzvah. We look forward to seeing you and your family in Shule on Friday night as we kick off this special Shabbat event.

Best Regards

Tim Cohen **Board Member**