

Kimberley Ex-Pats Newsletter #59 January 2024

Invitation to a Zoom with Barney and Rav Moshe on 4 February to Bless the Kimberley Virtual Cemetery

Join Rav Moshe and Barney on Zoom to bless at the Virtual Cemetery

See it here: [Cemetery blessing 4 February 2024](#)



Sunday 4 February 2024, 7.00pm SA time

Please join Barney Horwitz, Chairman of the Jewish Community in Kimberley (right above) and Rav Moshe Silberhaft the spiritual leader of the South African Jewish Small Communities Association (of which Barney is also the Chairman) on Zoom to dedicate and bless our Virtual Cemetery and the endeavour of enabling us to honour our parents and grandparents and those that went before us in Kimberley from wherever we are today.

Many of you have already visited the Virtual Cemetery and some have also uploaded the pictures of your dear relatives and donated by buying leaves on their Tree of Life.

This is how you enter the Virtual cemetery: Click <https://kimberley.jewishcemetery.net/>

Your Cemetery Feedback Please: I would be very pleased to hear of your experience with the site. Was the action straightforward or did you have any difficulty? We know that some people have tried to make donations that did not go through (even though the PayPal mechanisms we have set up should be simple to use). Please explain to me what the problem was, and we will try to fix it. If you had no trouble let me know that too, please.

Inevitably there will be teething troubles in a new venture such as this. But the sooner we know what they are, the sooner we can fix them.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be refreshing the site and fixing any problems. Do please look to see if your family members are properly represented. We know that all burials after April 2000 have not yet been added. We hope to have these up very shortly. If there are any other people that are missing from this list, do let us know.

Please come back to me in a day or two so we can get it corrected as soon as possible – at least by Tuesday night.

Supporting the Physical Cemetery and Kimberley Jewish Heritage

By making a contribution, remember you will be helping Barney to preserve the footprint of Jewish Kimberley and to keep the actual graves clean and safe. He has undertaken this responsibility with dedication and commitment and deserves all the help we can give him in this sacred task. Whatever you decide to donate – substantial or modest, will be gratefully received and well used. Please try to go on the Cemetery site and donate now.

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The Tree of Life

A few people have already donated leaves. If you would like some leaves for a relative or friend, try it out now: you can place on Leaf for £50; two for £75 and you get four leaves for £100. (GBP). It would be lovely if by the 'launch' and dedication of this cemetery on 4 February, there are lots of pictures of dear ones uploaded and lots of leaves shimmering on the trees.



Please diarise the date and time. Sunday 4 February 5.00pm UK, 7.00pm South Africa and Israel, 9.00am California, 12.00noon New York, Perth next day 1.00am, Sydney 4.00am and Auckland 6.00am. The zoom link will be sent to you the week before. (It will be so lovely to celebrate with you also the anniversary of Ronnies and my nuptials in the Kimberley synagogue on 4 February 1962! Maybe there will even be some of you who were present on the occasion.)

(You can also read about the history of the Kimberley Jewish cemeteries on this page on our website [Kimberley Jewish Cemeteries History](#).)

I hope you enjoy and find comfort in your visit to the Kimberley Virtual Cemetery.
Geraldine Auerbach MBE, London December 2023.