

Jewish Genealogy Yearbook 2006

Societies: Australia: Victoria

Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Victoria), Inc.

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Mission: The aim of the Society is to provide opportunities for people to research their Jewish ancestry through access to library resources and expert guidance. To achieve this aim the Society conducts lectures, seminars and workshops, gives individual assistance to its members, issues a newsletter and builds a library collection.

Update: Lectures included; Simon Italiaander, chairman of the Nederlandse Kring voor Joodse Genealogy on Dutch Research; Simone Beyfus on her research into a Jewish connection to Harrods Department Store of London; Ephraim Finch of the Melbourne Chevra Kadisha on 'Collecting Living Records from the Dead'; Liz James on Ottolenghi/Ottolanguì/Langleigh ancestry and their descendants; James McKinnon on the functions of the Public Records Office of Victoria; and Phillip Same on research into early well known Australian Jewish families. A number of meetings and workshops were also held to enable members to share their research findings, compare genealogy software and to assist beginning researchers. The Society also participated in a number of Open Days held by LDS and other groups.