

# No problems for captains



"I don't find any problem being a Jewish school captain in a Presbyterian school," says 17-year-old Malcolm Bersten, the elected head of Knox Grammar School, Warrawee.

He is among several other Jewish captains at Sydney secondary schools, including Stephen Goldberg at Vaucluse Boys' High, Phillip Entman at Turramurra High and Jonathon Levenston at Manly Boys' High.

Malcolm is one of eleven Jewish students at Knox.

He plays Rugby for the first fifteen, was a CUO in cadets and has participated in school

debating, athletics and drama. He studied Divinity for four years and together with another Jewish boy, frequently topped the class in these exams.

Architecture, Engineering and Science all appeal to him as potential careers.

Though Malcolm is not actively involved in any Jewish organisations, his parents, Mr and Mrs N. Bersten, of Killara, are members of the North Shore Temple Emanuel.

Stephen Goldberg, also 17 years old, and captain of Vaucluse, is an energetic student in a school where Jews play a very significant role, comprising about 25 per cent of the student body.

He has been a member of the school's all-Jewish debating team for two years, together with Alex Naples, Ron Grunstein and Tony Weiss.

Stephen's parents, Mr and Mrs B. Goldberg, are members of the Temple Emanuel, Woolahra, and his mother, Mrs Zelda Goldberg, is president of WIZO Darom.

He is a former treasurer of Sydney AZA, a member of the school's first grade Rugby Union and second grade cricket teams.

Stephen's ambition is to become a dentist.

Jewish prefects at Vaucluse Boys' High include Jimmy Thier, David Scott, Ron Grunstein (head prefect), Gary Knespal and Henry Gilbert.

Seventeen-year-old Philip Antman, of West Pymble, is school captain of Turramurra High.

He represented Australia in cricket at the recent Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Jonathon Levenston of North Manly, who recently won the Lions' "Youth of the Year" title in a hard-fought quest, is school captain of Manly Boys' High.

He is believed to be the only Jewish boy in the school.



● Stephen Goldberg

## JUTOPIA B-B-Q



● Outdoor chefs, Paul Blanket and Michael Goldstein, barbecue meat for Jutopians whilst host, Peter Bassin, stands in the background.



● Michelle Levay, John Casey, Linda Bassin and Debbie Goodman relaxing at the recent Jutopia party at St Ives.

## YOUNG JEWISH "ALDERMEN"

Six young Jews are among representatives of schools in the Woollahra Municipality's second junior council.

Mayor of Woollahra, Alderman T. Reynolds, has convened this year's council as a feature of his shire's education week activities.

The junior body is also seen as a means of canvassing the opinions of youth on topical issues which concern both the adult community and themselves.

Schools represented include

Kambala Church of England Girls' School, Moriah College, Vaucluse Boys' High, Ascham, Cranbrook, Scots College and Rose Bay Convent School.

Junior members were appointed by their various school principals to participate in the municipal youth forum, which is to instruct is councillors in formal meeting procedures, public speaking and debating.

## COMMUNAL SURVEY BY 2 STUDENTS

Two Jewish university students are currently conducting a survey of Jewish communal organisations in Sydney and North America.

They hope to analyse the role these organisations are playing in the Diaspora, and will also examine communal attitudes towards youth.

The students are David Beirman and Ian Penn, both 20-year-olds in their third year of honors Arts courses.

For David, who recently retired as president of NSW University Union of Jewish Students, the survey will represent his thesis for his Sociology major.

Ian, formerly chairman of the Zionist Youth Council, is a student in Political Science at Sydney University.

He is participating in the Leadership Course of the World Union of Jewish Students in Pennsylvania this week and while in North America, will research the role of communal organisations in Philadelphia, New York and Montreal.

Together, David and Ian

will be interviewing 160 people in Sydney from more than 60 organisations.

They are approaching the survey from several angles, postulating that Jewish organisations are more interested in the degree of response to their activities than in quality or intensity.

They will also consider whether Jewish organisations are primarily concerned with promoting youth causes to perpetuate themselves.

Another hypothesis will be that, although Jewish organisations want to strengthen Jewish identity through their activities in practice, they are pre-occupied with the success of their own operations rather than with their ultimate goals.

Finally, David and Ian will examine whether Jewish organisations have so little intrinsic Jewish value that it will lead eventually to their downfall.

## Youth Scene

### SINGER HAILED ON SOLO ALBUM

Sydney Jewish singer, Renee Geyer, is being hailed for her vocal talent and has been compared with overseas greats.

Eighteen-year-old Renee last week released her first album only two years after she began a professional singing career.

The daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Geyer, of kosher catering fame, she went straight from school to a job as vocalist with a band called "Dry Red" at the Kask Wine Bar in Bondi.

Later, while appearing at the Arts Factory in Sydney, she met and joined the jazz-blues-rock group "Sun", and after a ten-month stint she was asked to join a band that assembled some of the finest musicians in the country, "Mother Earth".

Renee had already begun recording her album when financial difficulties forced "Mother Earth" to disband.

It is now 18 months since she went solo and there has been no looking back.

During this period she has had numerous appearances on the ABC's "GTK", performed on the "Bob Rogers Show" and backed Colleen Hewett in her recent television special.

And now RCA has released her first solo album, aptly titled "Renee Geyer".

Produced by Gus McNeil and Rocky Thomas and backed by "Mother Earth", she displays her superb vocal talents.

Renee is an exciting and talented new star whose vocal range has been described by one writer as "extraordinary".



● Renee Geyer

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**BBY DIARY**

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 9th—Full Day Car Rally. Meet Bondi Beach steps 10 am. Bring own lunch. Party-plus-Dinner (inclusive) \$2 (57 Village High Rd.). Danny 74-8757.

Saturday, 15—Theatre Nite. Information Danny 30-2187.

Sunday, 23—Scarba Fair — to Adventureland. Meet Bondi Beach steps 10 am. Ring 387-3378.

**NEW JEWRY**

SEPT. 1 KADIMAH Games Night. Roslyn 300 9270.

2 JAYS House Party, 16 Pearce St, Double Bay. See ad. Sports page 24.

3 KADIMAH Table Tennis, Downstairs Macc. Hall, 8 pm.

3 NUJS Disc. "Medicine in Relevance to Judaism" with Laibel Wolf, Arts/Maths Room 308, 1 pm.

**Young Adult Diary**

5-6 An Evening with Syd. Jewish Theatre, Macc. Audit, Lereine, 371 9964.

6 WIZORD Enterprise Dance — Jewish Youth, Goodman Hall, 371 6215.

7 CUJS Oneg Shabbat—Speaker: Laibel Wolf, 259 O.S.H. Rd, Bondi, 7.30 pm, 337 1096.

8 SHALOM College Formal Ball at College UNSW. \$10 double. 2 bands.

9 JUTOPIA Push Bike Picnic. Mini buses to Bundanoon. Sue 42 5607.