

The Council of Christians and Jews (Vic) Inc.



Receiver of Victorian Multicultural Commission Award for Excellence 2017



Presents

Pilgrimage:

*A conversation about Sacred Places and Sacred Journeys
(Jerusalem, Mecca & Santiago de Compostela)*

Chaired by Mark Walsh

Mohamed Mohideen is the current President of the Islamic Council of Victoria with over 20 years of community service. He is lecturer in Microbiology at Monash University and is currently also the Vice President of the Faith Communities Council of Victoria. He is originally from Sri Lanka and has served as President of the United Sri Lankan Muslim Association of Australia as well as Islamic Association of Monash Mosque. He strongly believes in Interfaith dialogue and that the human race can live in peace and harmony if they are prepared to respect each other's beliefs and accept that people can practice faith differently to others. Mohamed was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2013.



Sam Tatarka is the Immediate Past President of Zionism Victoria which is the roof body of 54 communal Jewish organisations that consider Israel and Zionism central to their activities. Sam is also Chairman of Beth Weizmann Jewish Community Centre. Sam is a graduate of Melbourne's orthodox Jewish day school Yeshivah College, having been born and raised in Melbourne. He has been active in many communal organisations over the years including *MonJSS*, *Beit Aharon* at Mt Scopus' Gandel Besen House and as a foundation first responder with *Hatzolah*. He has been a member of the Zionist Council of Victoria since 2004 having served in the role of Public Relations Chair for six years before being elected President. A barrister by profession, Sam has a broad based commercial litigation and advice practice. Sam is married to Miriam and they have 5 children.

Margaret Caffyn (nee Stott) was born in Melbourne, Australia. Her childhood was an adventure in itself, living in suburbia during the week and spending every weekend and school holidays at the family's sheep farm on Phillip Island. Maggie was christened, confirmed and educated in the Church of England. Most people have a huge party when they turn 60 but Maggie took off and walked the Camino de Santiago, an 890 km trek from France to Santiago de Compostela in north western Spain. Although now of no religion to speak of, she experienced something quite unexplainable and ethereal on this adventure. It changed her life dramatically and has led to some surprising opportunities. Maggie published the book *Walking Back Home: Finding Clarity on the Camino* in 2017.



Mark Walsh has worked in Catholic Education for 30 years. He has a deep interest in Interfaith Dialogue, Pilgrimage and Scripture. In the past four years he has spent time living in Jerusalem and has walked three pilgrimages: the Camino de Santiago de Compostela through Spain, the Jesus Trail through the Galilee and the Aussie Camino in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. He is a member of the Executive of the Council of Christians and Jews and will be returning to the Camino de Santiago in October this year.

Sunday 22 April 2018, 3pm – 5pm
St Joseph's Conference Centre
St Kevin's College, Waterford Campus
Entry via The Vaucluse, Richmond, VIC, 3121
\$10 entry, includes Kosher afternoon tea

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