



Rabbi Kim Ettlinger with Chair Professor Rowan Strong, Vice Chair Hilary Silbert, Treasurer Alison Hayden and committee member Marian Agombar

A Shabbat Experience

A unique occasion occurred on Friday night when members and friends of the Council of Christians and Jews WA joined the Temple David congregation in a service conducted by Rabbi Kim Ettlinger. Chair of CCJWA, Professor Rowan Strong DD, FRHistS, an eminent Historian, was joined by members of the executive committee, and addressed those present.

He said that it was 'quite an exceptional occasion in his entire life: that a Christian Priest was invited to deliver an address during Shabbat'. He believed it illustrated 'the commitment to dialogue, to understanding and to peace upheld by Judaism that puts the dark days of Christian persecution of Jews, to shame'.



In 1985 he was the founding chair of CCJWA having been involved in the organisation in both Edinburgh and Melbourne. For some visitors it was their first time in a synagogue. Rabbi Kim explained more to guests both after the service for an up-close viewing of the Torah scroll and again over dinner in the Function Centre. A delicious meal was enjoyed by those in attendance. Such a worthwhile occasion during these challenging times.

Hilary Silbert