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Rabbi Jeremy Lawrence is Senior Rabbi and Chief Minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney. He serves as registrar on the Sydney Beth Din and the rabbinical board of the Kashrut Authority. He is a religious advisor to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies. He is a founder member and director of the Jewish Arbitration and Mediation Service.

Rabbi Lawrence has an MA (hons) in Jurisprudence from St Catherine's College, Oxford. He has wide-ranging interests from environmental issues to interfaith, magic and Gilbert and Sullivan operettas.

This event is held in conjunction with Sydney Jewish Museum



Nicholson Museum Invitation

2008 was the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sir Charles Nicholson. 2010 will mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Nicholson Museum. To commemorate Nicholson's great achievement, the Museum is proud to present a series of talks by leading figures in the areas in which Nicholson either excelled or had an interest.

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Torah: Ancient scroll & modern tree of life.



Amongst the Rare Books Collection in Fisher Library are a number of Jewish Texts, including Torah scrolls, collected by Sir Charles Nicholson. Nicholson learnt to read Hebrew late in his life, so as to be able to understand and appreciate his ancient texts.

Rabbi Lawrence will look at the dynamism of the living Torah, which is written and studied with punctilious attention to fine detail. While critics have challenged these traditions as myopic and stagnating, the ancient, yet timeless, intricacies of its verses provide and inspire 'the People of the Book' with a legal and ethical guide that remains as relevant today as ever.

Thursday 20 August 2009

6 for 6.30 pm

In the Nicholson Museum

\$30 (\$20 Friends of the Nicholson Museum and Sydney Jewish Museum)

price includes refreshments

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