

Bialik service in 2018 to honour Monash

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A SERVICE to commemorate the centenary of the pivotal World War I Battle of Hamel in 2018 will be held at Bialik College in Hawthorn in three years from now, after the award of a \$5000 grant for the Kooyong electorate under the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

The scheme, announced by the Federal Government, allocated \$125,000 to each Australian electorate for Anzac commemorative activities, said Kooyong MP and assistant federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

In partnership with Bialik College and the Jewish Museum of Australia (JMA), the Sir John Monash Commemorative Service will mark the centenary of the Battle of Hamel, where the then Major-General led the Australian Corps to a decisive victory that broke the stalemate on the Western Front. It will also be 100 years since the centenary of his subsequent knighthood by King George V on the battlefield.

The service will bring together members of the Kooyong community, as well as the Jewish community and dignitaries, to remember



King George V knighting Sir John Monash in 1918.

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the valour and bravery of Monash and his men in World War I and will include stories from his descendants and Jewish soldiers who served in that war.

Frydenberg told *The AJN* that Bialik and the JMA “should be congratulated for taking the initiative in organising a tribute to Australia’s greatest citizen soldier and a proud Jew, Sir John Monash. His heroic deeds during the First World War are an example to all Australians and a particular source of pride to the Jewish community”.



Watch Monash being knighted

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