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 **JewishCare**
My Community. My Choice.

**SUNDAY
21 MARCH
2010**

10AM TO 3.30PM

**429 AUBURN ROAD
EAST HAWTHORN
(BIALIK COLLEGE)**

**Family
FunDAY**

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Message from our President



Bruce Rosengarten. President.

First let me say I feel privileged to lead Jewish Care during this exciting period of development and growth.

I am particularly honoured to be following the path set by Robyne Schwarz, whose leadership and statesmanship has steered Jewish Care to become the strong and professional organisation that it is today.

My passion for Jewish Care started many years ago when my mother took me as a

young boy on her visits to Frances Barkman Homes, where Jewish Welfare cared for and supported orphaned and foster children in our community. Seeing these children at Frances Barkman Homes was a big awakening for a young boy. My mother was involved with Frances Barkman Homes for over 30 years and had a deep association with Jewish Welfare. My grandmother was a resident at Montefiore Homes and my Dad always taught me to be involved in community activities. So I've had a long association with what today is Jewish Care.

Every day that I'm involved with Jewish Care, I discover new facets about what the organisation does, I feel enriched from seeing how it works in the community. At the same time I see how many in our community need our support to help them move forward. We see demand growing for all our services, and will be researching where the demands of our complex society will be taking us. In addition, demographics show that over the next 10 to 20 years we will be facing an unprecedented demand on services for older people.

The Board's responsibility is to support the executive team to put in place a strategy to deliver the highest level of services to our community in an efficient and effective manner. A key priority for the Board has been the selection of a new highly skilled and responsive executive team. I am

delighted with the recent appointments of Bill Appleby as CEO, Mary Anne Hunt as General Manager of Services for Older People and Miriam Suss as General Manager of Development. They bring enormous broad experience to Jewish Care. I am grateful to our outgoing CEO Bruce Salvin for his dedicated service to Jewish Care over the past six years and his ongoing commitment to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Our priorities will be to work smarter, improve efficiencies, build partnerships, expand services and offer new choices. I look forward to being able to reap savings which can be redirected to underfunded vital community support services while ensuring long term financial sustainability for our organisation.

Going forward, I see Jewish Care as an organisation the community has tremendous pride in, one that creates measurable value for each client and for the community – an organisation that is transparent, financially sustainable, responsive and provides leadership in its services and facilities. It will attract and retain great people and have a highly motivated and passionate team supported by donors who are proud to choose it and thousands of volunteers all involved in building a greater and better community.

But none of this is possible without your help.

On 19 February we will be launching our Annual Appeal – please give generously so that we can respond to the thousands of people in crisis who turn to us each year for help.

Don't forget to add our Family Fun Day on 21 March to your calendar, an event to bring our community together in support of Jewish Care's work with children and young people.

See you there.

Bruce Rosengarten – President, Jewish Care

My Community. My Choice.

Jewish Care's Strategic Plan 2009-2014 charts a path of greater responsiveness to community needs while strengthening our position as a leader in "whole of life" community care.

'My Community. My Choice.' is a reflection of this new stance and expresses our aspirations as we enter a new phase of growth and development.

'My Community. My Choice.' highlights that Jewish Care belongs to the community – each member an owner and stakeholder. With ownership comes responsibility. Every person plays a role in ensuring the care of those in need.

The strength of the Jewish community is in its diversity and in its togetherness – young and old, rich and poor, healthy and sick, religious and unaffiliated. Together, we are one.

Jewish Care's mission speaks to the whole community, not just the vulnerable. Through the delivery of the highest quality of care coupled with real choices and real options, we will transform Jewish Care from a provider of necessity to a provider of choice.

**For your copy
of Jewish Care's
Principal Brochure
or the 2009
Annual Report,
please call
8517 5963.**



Jewish Care Welcomes New CEO



Incoming CEO, Bill Appleby.

In February 2010, we look forward to welcoming Bill Appleby as CEO of Jewish Care.

Bill is a strong executive leader with extensive experience and strategic understanding of providing services for older people. He served as Executive Director – Aged Care at Mercy Health, prior to which he was General Manager Operations, Regis Group, one of the largest privately owned aged care organisations in Australia.

Bill's deep commitment to community welfare and wellbeing is well suited to Jewish Care's values and ethos. Originally trained as a nurse, Bill has held senior roles at Benetas, is Deputy Chair of the Tweddle Child & Family Health Service and is an active member of other community organisations.

Bill will build on the solid foundations established by our outgoing CEO Bruce Salvin, and will lead our organisation into the next era of development, service delivery and growth.

Broadening our Leadership

As we put into action our strategic plan 2009-2014, a dynamic team of General Managers will provide strong, broad-based executive leadership, improved innovation and greater cross-organisational synergy.

As incoming General Manager of Development, Miriam Suss will be leading our strategy of outreach and engagement, partnering with donors and philanthropic organisations, other Jewish community organisations, businesses, government and the broader community to sustain and grow Jewish Care's vital work.

Mary Anne Hunt, formerly NSW State Manager for Regis Group, has joined as General Manager of Services for Older People, and will oversee both

community based and residential aged care services.

By combining the two aged care streams under a single banner, our clients benefit from a streamlined service for their aged care needs.

Answering directly to our new CEO Bill Appleby, Miriam Suss and Mary Anne will be working closely with Daniel Leighton, Acting General Manager of Community Services and Adam Goldberger, Chief Financial Officer.

Thank You to our Board Members

Our Board Members provide an invaluable service, volunteering their time and effort on behalf of our community.

We express our gratitude to David Brous, Laura Davis and Frank Oberklaid OAM and our former

Vice President Andrew Schwarz, who have stepped down from their positions on the Board. We welcome our new Board Members Marcia Pinski and Mike Debinski and look forward to their involvement and contribution.



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2010 Annual Appeal

Leadership



Outgoing President Robyne Schwarz and outgoing CEO Bruce Salvin.

Farewell Robyne

The heart of Jewish Care for more than a decade, Robyne Schwarz recently stepped down from her role as President of the Board, a post she has held for the past five years.

Making her announcement at the Annual General Meeting on 17 November, Robyne passed the mantle of leadership to incoming President Bruce Rosengarten. She will be retaining her seat on the Board to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

First joining the Jewish Community Services Board in 1999, Robyne has contributed untold hours of her time in a voluntary capacity, providing unfailing dedication to our organisation and community. Her commitment to the broader community, her powerful advocacy for those who are less well off and her statesmanship have led Jewish Care in its transition from a community services welfare entity into a modern professional services organisation and a leader in service innovation and care provision.

Farewell Bruce

After seven outstanding years of service, Bruce Salvin has stepped down as CEO.

Commencing work in 2001 as Director of Residential Services, Bruce assumed his role as CEO two years later, following the 2002 merger of Montefiore Homes for the Aged and Jewish Community Services.

As the new Jewish Care arose, Bruce stepped up to the challenge of creating a modern, streamlined organisation in an environment of considerable operational, cultural and financial pressure, generating trust, goodwill and support amongst key stakeholders and staff.

During his tenure, Bruce realised key objectives to upgrade facilities and provide professional, high quality care to Victoria's Jewish community.

He will stay on at Jewish Care to ensure a smooth handover to new CEO, Bill Appleby. We look forward to Bruce's ongoing guidance as we build a strong base for the future.

The Dynamic Duo: Six Years at the Helm

Working together, Robyne Schwarz and Bruce Salvin have served as President and CEO for the past six years.

Under their leadership, Jewish Care achieved a turn-around in accreditation results, achieving top scores consistently across all aged care accommodation sites. A number of major capital projects were initiated and realised: Gary Smorgon House, the Mark and Dina Munzer Community Residence, the Children's Respite House and the soon to be opened Glen Eira Road development.

The organisation was opened up to greater opportunities by initiating and strengthening key partnerships both with government and the local and wider community, including the National Council of Jewish Women of Victoria, Maccabi, the Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence, Access Inc., ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Lawrence, the new Jewish Inclusion Network, as well as partnerships with major universities both here and overseas. Robyne and Bruce were integral contributors to the formulation of our Strategic Plan 2009–2014.



Bruce Rosengarten presents Robyne Schwarz with artwork from Jewish Care's Creative Arts Studio.



Community and government leaders turned the first sod at the construction site of Gary Smorgon House in 2008.



The Mark and Dina Munzer Community Residence was opened to provide quality accommodation for older residents seeking high level care in a Jewish environment.



Prahran Grove was opened in 2007 to provide supported accommodation for adults with a disability.



The opening of Gary Smorgon House made available a new level of quality care to members of the Jewish community.



The Jewish Population Survey Gen 08 will aid community planning in Australia.



Naomi Milgrom and Premier John Brumby at our 2006 Gala Dinner, launching our Glen Eira Road development for people with disabilities.



Activities for older people were consolidated with the opening of the Active Living Centre on Kooyong Road.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow's Leaders

Past Presidents, Life Governors and key supporters of Jewish Care enjoyed a luncheon at Gary Smorgon House in November to meet our new President Bruce Rosengarten, who shared new strategies and directions.

The event provided an opportunity for our up and coming leadership to meet with community stalwarts, many of whom have played a foundational role in the establishment of many of Melbourne's communal institutions.

President Bruce Rosengarten paid homage to the efforts and selfless dedication of our organisation's key stakeholders and encouraged their ongoing involvement as partners and ambassadors as we continue to build on the foundations they helped to put in place.



Raymond and Mary Lou Orloff, David Smorgon OAM and Val Smorgon OBE.



Kylie Appel and Romy Bursztyn, Family Fun Day co-chairs.

Disability

Glen Eira Road Goes for Green

With an exciting grand opening planned for February 2010, construction on Jewish Care's Glen Eira Road development for people with disabilities is nearing completion.

As well as offering an enhanced quality of life for residents, the ground-breaking environmentally sustainable design is ecologically friendly and benefits residents with a reduced cost of living.

Incorporating solar powered hot water systems, rain harvest tanks for grey water usage, roof, wall and window insulation, and contemporary solar design principles, the facility will require additional heating or cooling only during prolonged heatwaves or cold snaps.

This is just one of Jewish Care's many green initiatives. Over the past

two years, in conjunction with local government and South East Water, we have achieved a 45% reduction in water consumption by improving infrastructure, maintenance and procedures, and introducing drought-tolerant landscaping.



The soon to be opened Glen Eira Road development.

Funding Opportunities

If you are interested in supporting our capital projects and would like to arrange a tour, please contact our Development Team on 8517 5963.

\$100K Partnership Grant

Engagement and being proactive are behind Jewish Care's innovative approach to managing people with disabilities who display challenging behaviours.

Jewish Care has been awarded a grant from the Department of Human Services for its proficiency in this area, so that it can share its expertise with others.

Over the next 12 months, our staff will provide mentoring and training to other disability service providers in the Southern Metropolitan region so that they can better support people with challenging behaviours. The \$102,587 grant will also enable Jewish Care to partner with Deakin University's School of Psychology to develop a research base which will ultimately enable children and adults in respite settings everywhere to lead a better quality of life.

Creative Art Studio on Display

Jewish Care's Creative Art Studio exhibition "Point of View: The Sandra Bardas Memorial Exhibition" opened for a 10-week run at the Jewish Museum. The exhibition featured photographs taken by participants in Jewish Care's Creative Arts Studio, all of whom have mental health issues.

Led by acclaimed photographer Emmanuel Santos, the artists surveyed a variety of photographic themes while building skills and exploring pathways in creative expression.

Work by one of the artists was presented on behalf of Jewish Care to outgoing President Robyne Schwarz. The artist, who has struggled with post natal depression, found that her participation in the program helped her to gain insights into her life and to remain engaged and committed to something for the first time in many years.

We are grateful to the Sandra Bardas Memorial Foundation, Generations of Women, the Nordia Foundation and the Herbert and Inge Littauer Fund, whose valuable contributions to Jewish Care enable the Creative Arts Studio to run.



Robert Bardas and Janet Krapes.

Community Support

Financial Counselling Service Now Available

Helping families manage their finances better is the role of our new Financial Counsellor.

Available free of charge to members of the Jewish community experiencing financial difficulties, the service is part of Jewish Care's strategy to develop strength and resilience in our community through skills building and support. The service provides:

- Information, advocacy and negotiation
- Financial skills and strategies
- Partnership with other Jewish Care programs as part of a holistic strategy

Financial counselling benefits people facing debt or creditor issues, recent

changes in circumstances due to divorce, bereavement or business failure, or who need assistance to access government benefit entitlements. Since commencing in October, the service has received a tremendous response.

As with many of Jewish Care's community support services, our Financial Counselling service does not attract government funding. We are grateful to Abe and Marlene Zelwer, whose generosity has made this service available to our community.



Marlene Zelwer, Reuben Zelwer and Abe Zelwer have been instrumental in funding our new Financial Counselling service.

To arrange an appointment with our Financial Counsellor, please contact our Intake Team on 8517 5999.

Saver Plus Expands

A recent Federal Government funding announcement has seen the expansion of Jewish Care's Saver Plus program for the next two years.

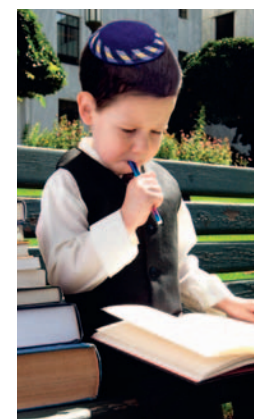
In addition to the Jewish community, we now service families in the Port Phillip, Glen Eira and Kingston local council areas.

Saver Plus is a 10-month matched saving and financial education program developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ in 2002, which assists people on lower incomes to save for education costs, offering budgeting skills workshops and matching savings dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$500.

Since its launch in May 2009, Jewish Care's Saver Plus has progressed rapidly, with the first 20 participants due to reach their savings goals in early 2010.

Key funding from Dr Abe and Marlene Zelwer, the Slome-Topol Family Charitable Trust, Nathan and Camit Cher and Gary and Susan Hearst have made Jewish Care's Saver Plus program possible.

For further information on Saver Plus, please contact us on 8517 5999.



New Course Empowers Businesswomen

Always Moving Forward (AMF), Jewish Care's recruitment and training service, will be offering a new course for women seeking to succeed in their own business. "Financial Empowerment for Women" is the brainchild of successful businesswoman and entrepreneur Debra Jacobs.

Designed for women aiming to enter the business world or whose existing business needs a boost, the 12-week course will teach fundamentals such as how to recognise personal aptitudes or identify a product or service in demand.

Also, AMF's new Retail Skills course, run in partnership with Swinburne University, gives participants practical skills and understanding of the retail world while conferring nationally recognised retail qualifications.

Both courses are part of AMF's suite of quality training programs. Courses commence in February.

For further information, please contact Always Moving Forward on 9528 4466.



Services for Older People

Gary Smorgon House Open for Respite Care

In addition to offering low care, high care and dementia accommodation, Gary Smorgon House now offers members of the community respite care as well.

Respite Care enables carers to take planned breaks from their caring role. Temporary accommodation is now available for high care, low care or dementia clients. Gary Smorgon House's Respite Care service offers carers the peace of mind that their loved ones are being well supported in a friendly and *heimish* environment. It also affords families the opportunity to enjoy the Gary Smorgon House experience prior to deciding on residential accommodation.

Subject to availability, the service is offered all year round, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



For more information on Respite Care at Gary Smorgon House, contact our Intake Team on 8517 5999.

First Brit at Munzer

Four generations came together at Jewish Care's Mark and Dina Munzer Community Residence to celebrate the *brit milah* of a great grandchild.

Mordechai Tzvi Belfer, son of Yaakov and Adina Belfer, was circumcised in the Mark and Dina Munzer Community Residence, home of the youngster's great grandmother Sadie Goldsmith, before 150 family, friends and residents.



Clockwise from left: Barbara Belfer, Adina Belfer, Sadie Goldsmith and Mordechai Tzvi Belfer.

Jewish Care Goes East

People living in the North Eastern suburbs have enjoyed the benefits of Jewish Care close to home.

Physiotherapists from Jewish Care's Healthy Ageing Program recently ran a series of gentle exercise sessions for older people at Kew Hebrew Congregation and the Leo Beck Centre. Coordinated by representatives from the Shuls in partnership with Jewish Care, the sessions were extremely well received. An information session on Jewish Care's services for older people was held at Kew Hebrew Congregation as well.

Over the past two years, Jewish Care has increased the services it provides to members of the Jewish community who live in the North Eastern suburbs, all of which help older people stay healthy, active and able to live independently in their own home for longer.

For more information regarding Jewish Care's community services for older people, please call us on 8517 5999.

NRCP Strides Ahead

Jewish Care's National Respite for Carer's Program (NRCP), Stepping Out, is proving to be tremendously popular for carers of the Jewish community seeking quality respite care.

Operating twice a week from a dedicated area in Montefiore Homes Community Residence, the program is fully booked and there is a growing waiting list.

As well as offering carers a break from their caring role, the program offers other benefits as well, by reconnecting older people with other participants in the NRCP program and with former friends and neighbours who are current residents.

The program helps to demystify residential care – a number of participants have taken up one or two weeks of residential respite, while several have made the transition to permanent care.

For more information regarding respite services for older people, please call us on 8517 5999.

The Newest Shul in Town

The shul at Gary Smorgon House was officially inaugurated at a celebratory event held in December, becoming Jewish Care's third shul across three residential sites.

The shul was named Beit Shlomo in honour of the generous bequest of the late Robert Raynor AM, a highly esteemed philanthropist and loyal supporter of Jewish Care.

Since opening in June, Gary Smorgon House, with its welcoming communal spaces, has been a focal point for families to come together. The shul has proved particularly popular, with many families and guests from the surrounding

neighbourhood joining residents for Shabbat prayer services and the tantalizing *kiddush* which follows.



Gary Smorgon House's Beit Shlomo is the community's newest shul.

Gary Smorgon House Hosts Leaders from Across the Community

Over the last few months, Gary Smorgon House has hosted several functions for a number of groups from across the community.

In October, leaders of the Liberal community celebrated the festival of Succot in Gary Smorgon House's *succah*. Later that month, more than 100 people from the community joined residents and members of the Jewish Care Board for a special Shabbat service. In November, over 50 Rabbis and lay leaders from the Orthodox community enjoyed lunch at Gary Smorgon House, prior to the Rabbinical Council of Victoria's 2009 Annual General Meeting.



Rabbi David Gutnick, Rabbi Yaakov Barber, Rabbi David Rubinfeld.



Young philanthropists Max Milstein and Ella Kamer together with their grandfather Benjamin Lewin, a resident at Gary Smorgon House.

All in the Family

"My hero now lives in a home run by Jewish Care. He's happy and content and well looked after there." – Ella Kamer

The grandchildren of Benjamin Lewin, resident at Gary Smorgon House, have shown their appreciation to Jewish Care by raising a collective sum of nearly \$9000. Brothers Max and Alexander Milstein donated part of their Bar Mitzvah money, while their cousin Ella Kamer teamed up with friend Kim Dorfman to donate to Jewish Care as well.

For more information on simcha giving, contact our Development Team on 8517 5963.

Development

\$175K Raised for Community and Disability Services

The community's generous response to recent campaigns raised approximately \$175,000 in support of our vital services.

Nearly \$77,000 was raised in September for Always Moving Forward, our recruitment and training program, which helps jobseekers in our community gain employment.

Our Phantom Tea raised \$48,000 towards the ongoing maintenance of respite and residential accommodation facilities for children and adults with disabilities. We would like to thank BH Fine Foods Pty Ltd who generously donated their Lotus Peak white tea.

Our wonderful Generations of Women committee succeeded in raising \$52,000 for Jewish Care's Creative Arts Studio, which provides a creative outlet for members of the community facing mental health issues.

We are grateful for your support, which enables us to maintain these important services.

To find out how you can support our services to the community, contact our Development Team on 8517 5963.

Youth Engagement, Simchas

A BBQ with More on Top

In October, students at Bialik College hosted a BBQ with an extra ingredient – raising awareness and almost \$1,500 for Jewish Care.



Bialik College students Liana Tranis, Ayelet Dahan, Dylan Gordon and Tomas Delatycki raised funds for Jewish Care.

As part of the Bialik College curriculum, Year 9 students undertake community service at various institutions and organisations around Melbourne. Liana Tranis, Dylan Gordon, Tomas Delatycki and Ayelet Dahan were offered the opportunity to build skills and learn key elements of communal fundraising at Jewish Care.

With the support of the school and mentored by Donna Nuttall, Manager of Youth Engagement at Jewish Care, the foursome organised a school-wide BBQ to raise funds for Jewish Care.

A Fine '09 for Young Achievers

Mentors, family and friends of Jewish Care's Young Achievers Program marked a year of personal growth and achievement at an end of year celebration at My Flame restaurant.

Guest speaker Dion Appel spoke of his journey to become CEO of Lifelounge, Australia's leading digital resource on youth culture.

The Young Achievers Program is a mentoring and skills development program which supports young people aged 15–18 to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

We are grateful to our generous donors who ensure the ongoing operation of the Young Achievers Program.



Philip Brass, Vivien Brass, Melodie Bereson, Donna Nuttall and Denise Kain at the Young Achievers Program end of year dinner.

To support the Young Achievers Program, contact Donna Nuttall, on 8517 5933.

Match Made in Heaven

As they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Aron and Lily Midler took the time to remember those who first made it possible.

As migrant refugees, the young couple were unable to finance their wedding. A loan of £200 from Jewish Welfare made their dreams come true. Their donation to Jewish Care in honour of their golden anniversary is Aron and Lily's way of giving back so that Jewish Care can keep helping others.



Aron and Lily Midler.

Thank You

A tremendous thank you to all those who have made their recent celebrations since September 2009 an opportunity to donate to Jewish Care.

BIRTH

Doodie & Ruth Ringelblum – Daughter (AydI)

Naomi Serry
Merle Goldberg

80th Birthday
Hymie Wein

BAR MITZVAH

Raphael Tell
Max Milstein
Andrew Schwartz
Harley Stiebel
Benjamin Janover

90th Birthday
David Itescu
Leon Lipp
Daniel Bokser
Martin Gertler
Sol Solomon

BAT MITZVAH

Polly Burstin

95th Birthday
Malcha Brown

100th Birthday
Henritta Malley

BIRTHDAYS

Annette Smorgon
David Slonim
Anita Lange

WEDDING
Andrew Rettig & Amanda Briskin

18th Birthday
Nikki Siman

20th Wedding Anniversary
Doreen & Danny Leber

40th Birthday
Gary Levin

30th Wedding Anniversary
Colin & Debbie Edwards

45th Birthday
Danny & Regina Ben-Eli

40th Wedding Anniversary
Myron & Bernice Blecher

60th Birthday
Graham Smorgon
Gail Diamond
Annette Rosen
Sandy Raizon

50th Wedding Anniversary
Basil & Edith Ornellas
Leo & Daisy Bloumis
Aron & Lily Midler

70th Birthday
Deanna Levin
Roslyn Roseman

Volunteers

Celebrating a Year of Volunteering

Jewish Care's Annual Awards Party in December provided an opportunity to give recognition to the selfless generosity and extraordinary contribution of our many volunteers.

More than 300 volunteers contributed over 23,000 hours of time this past year. Our volunteers visit those who are lonely or isolated, mentor our young people, and entertain and engage those in residential care. They assist special interest groups, run fundraising events, provide transport to outings and lead our organisation. They are invaluable in enabling us to care for our community.

Speaking on behalf of Jewish Care, Andrew Blode, Member of the Jewish Care Board and a volunteer himself, reflected that volunteering, embodied by Jewish Care's values of chessed and tzedakah, was a strongly held Jewish tradition, offering tremendous sense of purpose, pride and achievement.



Marcie Bernshaw, David and Judy Lewis and Andrew Blode.



Benjamin Stark and Alex Starikov with Bruce Salvin.



Susan Swiatlo, Bina Best, Ida Klein and Ann Carew, with Andrew Blode.

We thank all our volunteers for their invaluable contribution, and acknowledge the following for their many years of service:

5 YEARS

Marcie Bernshaw
Joshua Bernshaw
David Lewis
Judy Lewis

Cecile Stone
Bina Best
Ida Klein
Dianna Oaten
Ann Carew

Helen Moses
Hershal Moses
Joanne Loewy
Beryl Sandler
Josy Solomon

Esther Baker
Miriam Rubinfeld

20 YEARS

Jacob Kagan

10 YEARS

Alan Markov

Susan Swiatlo
Barbara Landau

15 YEARS

Phillip Symons

25 YEARS

Alexander Starikov
Benjamin Stark

For further information about Volunteering, please contact Jacque Robinson on 8517 5700.

Supporters Luncheon

Key supporters of Jewish Care enjoyed an end of year luncheon at the Mark and Dina Munzer Community Residence on 26 November.

Over the past year, bequests from the estates of Aaron Arthur Smith, Robert Raynor OAM and others have made a significant impact to our annual budget, ensuring the ongoing provision of services to our community. We are deeply grateful to the commitment of those donors who have chosen to include Jewish Care in their will.



Helen Raynor, Tony Fell and Marietta Manders at the end of year Circle of Care luncheon.

For more information about how you can support Jewish Care by making a bequest, contact our Development Team on 8517 5963.

Jewish Care and the NCJWA Mark Ten Years

Jewish Care and the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (NCJWA) recently celebrated 10 years of partnership.

Since 1999, Jewish Care's Golden Age Clubs, run in conjunction with the NCJWA, have been enhancing the wellbeing of older people in the Jewish community and assisting them to remain living independently in their own homes.

Golden Age Clubs provide fortnightly socialisation for people living in housing commission flats in Prahran, South Yarra, St Kilda and South Melbourne.



Bruce Salvin and Rysia Rosen OAM, President of the NCJWA, recently celebrated 10 years of Golden Age Clubs.

Message from our Rabbi

While the secular concept of New Year falls only once a year, the Jewish calendar offers many New Year opportunities to renew and restore.

The 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, which this year falls on 30 January, is "Tu B'Shvat", the Jewish New Year for Trees.

The Torah tells us "Man is a tree of the field." (Deuteronomy 20:19). The roots represent our faith. The trunk, branches and leaves represent our intellectual and emotional faculties which enables us to grow, while the fruit is our ability to create new life and to affect others.

Jewish Care can also be likened to a tall and stately tree. It is rooted deeply in more than 160 years of collective experience. It has weathered many storms, and yet its majestic canopy continues to provide shade and shelter for all those who seek it.

The fruits we enjoy today are the products of those who first planted it and those who nurtured its growth.

At this time of renewal, as our organisation grows and matures, we who reap its benefits must remember to keep nurturing our precious tree, so that it continues to bear fruit for all.



Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant.

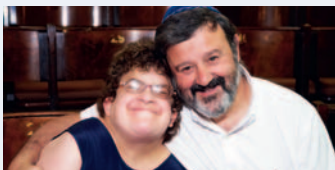
Let There Be Light

Light abounded as Jewish Care celebrated the festival of Chanukah.

Over 200 people participated in the Active Living Centre's Chanukah Party at the St Kilda Town Hall, which this year showcased some of the centre's home grown talent. Disability Services celebrated Chanukah at Toorak Shul, with residents from Jewish Care's supported accommodation kindling the *menorah* and enjoying a boisterous rendition of *Moaz Tsur*. Senior managers competed at the traditional executive dreidel game. At the annual staff Chanukah party, *latkes*, doughnuts and chocolate Chanukah *gelt* were enjoyed by all.



David Faigenbaum and Reverend Harry Gluck light the menorah at Toorak Shul.



Jacquie and Harvey Cowan.



More than 200 people attended the Active Living Centre's Chanukah party at St Kilda Town Hall.

Premier's Conference Promotes Harmony

Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant, Rabbi of Jewish Care and former President of the Rabbinical Council of Victoria, participated in the Premier's Multifaith Forum, held 18 November, to discuss multifaith and multicultural harmony across the state.

More than 30 leaders from various faiths, including Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist, attended the forum hosted by the Victorian Premier John Brumby.



Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant meets the Premier John Brumby.

Upcoming Events

For enquiries, please contact
Frances Carter on 8517 5901.

Glen Eira Opening

Wednesday 10 February



2010 Annual Appeal

Gala Dinner

Tuesday 23 February
For enquiries, please
call 8517 5602

Family Fun Day
Sunday 21 March

