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Front cover:
Tali Troy, Jewish Care's
Volunteer of the Year 2011
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Message from our Executive

The Joy of Giving



CEO Bill Appleby and
President Bruce Rosengarten

The glowing face of Tali Troy, Volunteer of the Year, on the front cover of this edition of My Connection speaks volumes.

It acknowledges a young person's contribution to the wellbeing of others; it also expresses the joy that comes when you give of yourself.

We are glad to have taken the opportunity at our Service Recognition Awards Ceremony in March to celebrate Tali and our other outstanding volunteers and staff who have given of themselves so wholeheartedly to the people we serve.

We also want to thank those thousands in our community who have donated so generously to this year's Annual Appeal.

The real reward, though, comes from the lives you help to turn around: the residents at Glen Eira Villas embracing independence; Saver Plus participants saving for the first time; immigrants from the Soviet Union reconnecting with their Jewish roots; our Young Achievers, getting a head start; our elders celebrating the warm, familiar patterns of Jewish life. These are but a few examples of the lives we help to turn around every day.

“...The reward comes from the lives you help turn around...”

Ever since its predecessor organisations were established – the Melbourne Philanthropic Society in 1848 and Jewish Welfare in 1936 – Jewish Care has played an integral role in supporting the vulnerable, advocating for those in need, and enhancing community wellbeing.

It is a role we must not take for granted.

This year, our organisation faces a \$5 million shortfall to provide vital services to our community. Our Annual Appeal is our campaign to cover the cost of services which would otherwise not be provided. We are grateful to the thousands of supporters who have already donated so generously. With only a few weeks left to go however, we are still short of our target.

With your help, we will continue to support people in our community in need.

Take a message from Tali and from our other volunteers, benefactors and supporters who appreciate the importance and the joy of giving.

We urge you to donate now to Jewish Care's Annual Appeal – help turn lives around, together.

Bruce Rosengarten
President

Bill Appleby
Chief Executive Officer

Where Does Your Donation Go?

Your donations help support more than 5000 people who turn to Jewish Care every year. Together, we turn lives around by ensuring the delivery of vital services which receive little or no government funding:

\$2.8m	Financial aid, mental health programs, counselling, etc
\$1.2m	Kosher food service
\$0.5m	Cultural and Spiritual services
\$0.4m	Healthy Ageing programs

**To donate, please call
1800 JEWISH (1800 539 474)
or donate online at
jewishcare.org.au.**

Donate before 30 June to receive a 2011 tax deductible receipt.

**Donate now
to help turn lives
around, together.**



2011 Annual Appeal



Annual Appeal

Community Rallies to Turn Lives Around, Together

Our community has rallied behind our campaign to support the thousands of individuals and families who turn to Jewish Care each year.

Our telethon attracted a record number of volunteers and staff of all ages to help canvass for the cause. We are heartened by the outpouring of support, as more people than ever before have contributed to help individuals and families in our community in need.

Thank you to all those who gave their time and to the thousands who have responded so generously.



Adira Werdiger, Karen Goldenberg, Annette Smorgon, Ronni Kahn, Suzanne Slomoi



Tammie and David Slade



David Smorgon OAM, Patron



Michael and Renee Sion, Leah and Sooly Balter, Daniel and Tali Houseman

Oh, What a Night!

Gala Dinner Kickstarts 2011 Annual Appeal

In a year of unforgiving global disasters, the Victorian Jewish community once again showed their unwavering generosity in supporting their local community at Jewish Care's 2011 Annual Appeal Gala Dinner. Appeal Patron David Smorgon OAM lauded Jewish Care as a “wonderful example of Jewish people helping fellow Jews” and called on the community to dig deep to help those in need.

Keynote speaker Ronni Kahn, founder of Oz Harvest, spoke about what could be achieved when we pool our resources for the common good.

The Community Service Award was presented to Liz Nissen, who used the opportunity to call on those present to support Glen Eira Villas Adult Respite.

Our sincere thanks go to David Smorgon and the Gala Dinner organising committee of Annette Smorgon, Karen Goldenberg, Suzanne Slomoi and Adira Werdiger for their passion, commitment and dedication in making the event such a huge success.

Make a Lasting Difference...

Whilst some people we support just need a hand to get through a temporary setback, others have more complex, challenging issues. Long term recovery and healing requires ongoing commitment. By donating monthly you are providing reliable and sustainable support to ensure this is possible.

You will receive:

- Regular updates on how your gift is having a real impact on the lives of individuals and families
- ‘My Connection’ newsletter
- An annual tax statement so you can claim your donation as a tax deduction.
- Invitations to special events so you can see how your regular giving is making a real difference

How does it work?

It's simple: you chose how much you would like donate each month. This can be changed at any time. Then each month, the amount chosen will be automatically deducted from your credit card or bank account.

When you join Jewish Care's monthly giving program, you become part of a passionate team committed to making a lasting difference to the lives of individuals and families in the Jewish community.

**To sign up for monthly giving,
please call 1800 539 474**

Thanks for Coming on Board!

Thank you to the following real estate agents who provided community boards to promote our Annual Appeal:

Gary Peer, Hocking Stuart, LJ Hooker, Noel Jones, Run Property, TBM and TBM Commercial.



Turning Lives Around



Tali Troy, recipient of Jewish Care's inaugural Volunteer of the Year award

Jewish Care's Inaugural Volunteer of the Year Turning Lives Around

Tali Troy, Jewish Care's inaugural Volunteer of the Year, looks forward one day to creating change on a large scale as a policy advisor in social work. She is well on the way to making a difference, having brought sunshine and companionship through her weekly visits with residents at Montefiore Community Homes Residence.

Growing up in Croydon and wanting to do something for others, Tali started volunteering for Jewish Care when she was 21; five years later and the people she has befriended have become integral to her life – as is Tali to theirs.

Tali wishes that more younger volunteers would get involved. Many elderly people don't get out very much she points out, and yet it's so vital that they do. Tali looks forward to aged care facilities becoming more like communal meeting centres. "These facilities could and should be places full of vibrant life," says Tali.

For more information about volunteering, contact Sari Eisen, Volunteer Resource Coordinator, on (03) 8517 5917 or seisen@jewishcare.org.au

Aids for Independence

Helping ageing Holocaust survivors access the vital equipment they need is one of the important services provided by Jewish Care, with funding from Claims Conference.

In addition to offering advice regarding aids and equipment, Healthy Ageing staff at the Active Living Centre are able to make recommendations for minor home modifications such as installation of banister railings, handles in bathrooms and other home aids. Individual requirements are assessed by our physiotherapists and occupational therapists and specific advice sought from experts at Archicentre.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, contact Intake on (03) 8517 5999 or email info@jewishcare.org.au



Reece Adams, one of Jewish Care's occupational therapists, assists one of our Healthy Ageing clients

Happy Birthday Villas!



Residents and friends of Glen Eira Villas

One year since Glen Eira Villas officially opened its doors, the mini community is thriving. Four villas are in full swing, with residents developing social and life skills and being supported to live independently. Located in the heart of the community, the Villas provide a home for people with a disability. Community volunteers are invaluable in helping residents to settle in, and to gain skills in basics, such as shopping and cooking.

One of the projects we are aspiring to roll out soon is the opening of Glen Eira Villas' Adult Respite facility. The service will accommodate three people overnight or up to six during the day.

Glen Eira Villas' Adult Respite service is critical for those families whose children have turned 18 and can no longer attend the Children's Respite House.

If you are interested in supporting Glen Eira Villas Adult Respite, please contact Miriam Suss on (03) 8517 5715 or msuss@jewishcare.org.au

Have A Say!

Jewish Care is encouraging all people with a disability and their carers to participate in a national research project that seeks feedback on a variety of social issues.

If you'd like to participate, go to www.1in4pollaustralia.com

Helping Families to Save

Buying clothes for the kids might not seem like an achievement, but for Esther, it was a milestone she had never believed possible. Esther followed the budgeting principles she had learned through the Saver Plus program and it worked. "I can't tell you how good it felt to be able to save" Esther said. "I feel like I can really start taking control of my life."

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program developed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, which helps people on low incomes to save for educational expenses.



The recent Government budget has secured the program's future. Saver Plus is one of the ways Jewish Care is building strength and resilience in our community.

For further information, contact Deena Elmakeas, Saver Plus Coordinator, on (03) 8517 5670 or delmakeas@jewishcare.org.au

Support for Families Facing Challenges



A new pilot program is supporting 15 children with a disability who have behaviours of concern, and their families. The aim of the Intensive Behaviour Support Program is to support families experiencing extreme stress in order to keep them from breaking apart.

Working closely with schools, health professionals and support services, our staff assess each individual's needs and, together with their family, introduce positive changes to improve their quality of life.

The program is aligned with our mission to build strength and resilience in the community. Jewish Care is the nominated provider of this service in the Southern Metropolitan region and a leader in developing expertise in this area.

Bringing Out the Best in Teenagers

Parents in the community will feel more confident communicating with their teenagers, following a three week parenting course delivered by Jewish Care's Counselling and Case Management team. 'Engaging Adolescents' helped participants to understand young people better in order to promote more appropriate behaviour.

Participants appreciate the supportive atmosphere and the opportunity to network with other families in the community.

This course is one of a number of parenting workshops which Jewish Care has run for families in the community.



Young Achievers Get a Head Start

Improved self-awareness, resilience and teamwork were some of the outcomes of a two-day leadership camp this past April, which prompted the following comments from our 2011 Young Achievers:

"I learned to trust myself"

"It is actually really easy to help others and work as a team"

"I pushed myself further than I would normally go"

"I learned to not give up"

Now in its 8th year and funded through private donations, Young Achievers Program (YAP) is an innovative personal development program for young people 15 – 18 years old. Young people are matched with an adult mentor and participate in monthly skills and team building activities.



Young Achievers prepare to abseil



Young Achievers have a go at kayaking at their recent two-day camp

For more information about our Young Achievers Program, please contact Lana Block on (03) 8517 5626 or lblock@jewishcare.org.au

News, Views and Advocacy

Jewish Care Supports NDIS

One of the challenges faced by people with a disability is accessing the critical aids, support and therapy they need. These supports are often costly and waiting can take years.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) offers a solution. Quite distinct from the Disability Support Pension, which provides an income for people with disabilities who are not able to work, the NDIS promises more equitable support for people with a disability, their families and carers. The NDIS will make it easier for people to access essential care, support, therapy, equipment, early intervention and training, while offering them greater choice and control.



NDIS | revolutionising disability services

With the Productivity Commission presenting its final report on the proposed NDIS to the Federal Government in July, Jewish Care has joined hundreds of providers across Australia in supporting the NDIS and urges members of the community to do the same.

To find out more about the NDIS and to register your support, go to everyaustraliancounts.com.au

Staff Member Gains Disability Sector Nomination

Exceptional skill and commitment earned Galit Sarig, Jewish Care's Individual Support Coordinator, nomination in the inaugural Victorian Disability Sector Awards. Galit's nomination for the Emerging Leader Award was acknowledged by the Minister for Community Services, Hon. Mary Wooldridge, at an Awards Ceremony held at Federation Square in April.

Amongst special qualities noted were Galit's strong advocacy on



Hon. Mary Wooldridge, MP Minister for Community Services with Galit Sarig, Individual Support Coordinator

behalf of people with a disability and their families, her efforts in helping them to identify options to suit their preferences, and her key role in building vibrancy in Jewish Care's Individual Support Program.



Healthy Food for Healthy Seniors

Improving the nutrition of the elderly is the focus of a dietary research project that may help seniors to eat better. Jewish Care's Consultant Dietician, Lisa Sossen, is one of nine study participants looking at ways to enhance meals and snacks to meet the nutritional needs of seniors. By developing energy rich meals and snacks that are tasty and can be eaten in small quantities, reliance on

Supporting Spirit Through Pastoral Care

Providing spiritual and emotional support in times of crisis is integral to the work of Jewish Care. Two members of Jewish Care's staff have boosted their pastoral skills by attending a course in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). This international program is based on a highly developed model of training, close clinical supervision, group interactions and theological reflection. Designed to help enable individuals to draw on their own inner resources, this is the first time in Australia that the course has been run specifically for rabbis.

The project is the result of a joint partnership between Jewish Care, The Rabbinical Council of Victoria, The Alfred Hospital and Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria.



Israel Visit Inspires Resilience and Optimism

CEO Bill Appleby discovered a land of resilience and optimism when he visited Israel this past May, as part of the JNF Gold Patrons Mission to Israel.

The tour encompassed *Yom Hashoah*, *Yom Hazikaron* and *Yom Haatzmaut*, and included sites of political, technological, ecological, cultural and historical significance, with activities ranging from Shabbat at the Kotel to volunteering in a Jerusalem soup kitchen. Mr Appleby also met with colleagues in the field and explored opportunities for collaboration with key health and community-based agencies.



Bill Appleby, CEO, at Reuth Medical Centre, Israel

Plans are underway for Jewish Care's annual participation in the JNF tour as part of our program to further enhance the Jewish ethos at Jewish Care.

Bringing the World to Their Doorstep



Jewish Care residents link up with the USA

New technology is bringing the world a whole lot closer for Jewish Care's aged care residents. A new social networking project called *Gam Yachad*, "Together as One," used Skype video link to hook up residents of Jewish Care's Montefiore Homes

Community Residence and Gary Smorgon House with counterparts at the Menorah Park Centre for Senior Living in Ohio, USA. Friendships have already formed, and residents are looking forward to the "link-up" becoming a regular event.

Another activity gaining popularity is the internet corner at Gary Smorgon House which enables residents to stay in touch with children, grandchildren, friends and family overseas, and to keep abreast of news from Israel and around the globe.

Training Course Addresses Family Violence

Jewish Care supported the Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence to facilitate a training course in March to help Jewish Care staff and other professionals respond to the issue of family violence and sexual assault in the Jewish community. The course was presented by Debbie Gross, a Developmental Psychologist and the founder and director of the Crisis Centre for Religious Women in Jerusalem.

Jewish Care and the Jewish Taskforce Against Family Violence have been working together collaboratively since the Taskforce was first established approximately 15 years ago to provide vital support for individuals in our community.

For more information, call Jewish Care on (03) 8517 5999 or info@jewishcare.org.au, or the Jewish Taskforce Support Line on (03) 9523 2100 or jewishtaskforce.com.au

Residents Bear Testimony

Moving Yom Hashoah Memorial Services were held on Sunday 1 May at Jewish Care's aged care residences. In his address, Rabbi Kluwgant urged the residents, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, to speak up and share their experiences.



Residents mark Yom Hashoah at Jewish Care

Bequest Benefits Mental Health

A bequest from the Estate of Judith Block will lead to improved outcomes for Jewish Care clients with mental health issues and their carers. Funding provided by the bequest will enable us to bolster staff development, including a calendar of professional development incorporating case conferencing and ongoing professional supervision.



If you would like more information on making a bequest to Jewish Care, please contact one of our Planned Giving Officers on (03) 8517 5963 or development@jewishcare.org.au

Partnerships and Community Engagement

Champion for the Needy Warmly Remembered



Rachael Smith

The installation of outdoor artworks at the Children's Respite House marked the first anniversary of the passing of Rachael Smith, highly respected and long standing supporter of Jewish Care. A former Life Governor, Rachael sat on the Board of the Australian Jewish



Libby Blashki, Sandra Markov, Deanna Levin, Marilyn Hyams and Mim Segal

Welfare and Relief Society for over 30 years and was a weekend foster parent to young residents of Frances Barkman house. She selflessly gave countless hours for the betterment of the Jewish community – volunteering her time and helping raise funds for those in need.

Bialik's Pesach Drive

"Let all who are hungry come and eat!" This opening line from the Passover Haggadah inspired students from Bialik Primary School and Early Learning Centre to express their concern for those less fortunate.

The students donated over 70 parcels of grape juice, potato flour, matzah and other essential Kosher for Passover foodstuffs, which were distributed by Jewish Care to clients and families in need.



Bialik Primary School students show their community spirit

We thank the children for their generosity, and for showing they understand the importance – and the joy – of giving.

Seniors Star in Lag B'Omer Parade

Residents from Gary Smorgon House and Montefiore Community Homes Residence were thrilled to participate in the traditional Lag B'Omer Day Parade on Sunday 22 May. Jewish Care's van, topped by a giant size tzedakah box, was one of the highlights amongst a homespun parade of floats and marchers representing Jewish schools and youth organisations. Waving warmly to the crowd, the seniors were greeted with cheers of enthusiasm, reminding those present to help turn lives around, together.



Seniors from Gary Smorgon House and Montefiore Community Homes Residence charm onlookers at the Lag B'Omer Day Parade

Friends of Montefiore 28th Annual Brunch

Over two hundred women showed their support for the work of Jewish Care at the 28th Annual Friends of Montefiore brunch, held 1 June at Leonda by the Yarra. Guest speaker, dynamic entrepreneur and self help guru, Megan Castran, encouraged guests to live life to the fullest.

The brunch was made possible thanks to the dedication of Delysia Pahoff and the Friends of Montefiore committee, and the generous sponsorship of the Pratt Foundation. Proceeds from the event go towards supporting services for older people.



Megan Castran (Guest Speaker) and Delysia Pahoff



Janina Fleiszig, Lyn Samuel, Marion Nowoweiski



Deanna Levin and Sandra Markov



Sonia Goldberg, Debra Kiven, Linda Herscu, Megan Castran, Nicole Silberberg, Lisa Blode

Staff and Volunteers Celebrated

Inaugural Service Recognition Awards

The inaugural Jewish Care Staff and Volunteers Award Ceremony recognised service and excellence by celebrating the staff and volunteers who are key to the work we do. Colleagues contributed their input towards the nominations, and awards were presented to staff and volunteers who had given five or more years of service.

Guest speaker Simon McKeon, Australian of the Year, spoke of the importance of aspiring to excellence and the key role of not-for-profit organisations in championing social change.



Our proud Recognition Award winners and Executive. Back L-R: Bill Appleby (CEO), Simon McKeon (Guest speaker); Middle: Sylvia Drever, Jane Campbell, Val Granat; Front: Robyn Schwarz, Tali Troy, Luba Shamsiev, Rebecca Swansson, Rachel Thorsen, Bruce Rosengarten (President)



Some of our volunteers and staff accepting their long service awards



Barbara and Bill Gelfand, Sari Eisen, Volunteer Resource Coordinator



Howard and Michelle Kiel

Finding Your Voice

Building bridges between the generations is one of the goals of "Finding Your Voice", a new volunteer project to record the precious memories of our residents. Guided by Makor Library and the Jewish Holocaust Centre, volunteers assist residents to create a lasting record of their lifetime experiences. Documentation takes the form of a written, audio or video recording. Volunteers are trained to help residents focus on positive life experiences, happy occasions and family joys.

The program has built strong friendships between interviewers and interviewees, while preserving precious memories for generations to come.

Volunteer Opportunities

Each month over 300 volunteers give their time, energy and personal skills working across all Jewish Care programs in a wide range of roles.

Jewish Care's Volunteer Resource Program is always looking for people to support our many and varied activities. If you are able to make a regular weekly or monthly commitment and can assist in the following areas, we would love to hear from you:

Volunteer roles at Jewish Care include:

- Gardeners to help us establish a community garden
- Computer support persons to help produce short films using Movie Maker
- Support for arts or sports programs
- Musicians and entertainers
- Birthday party organisers

For more information on volunteering opportunities, contact our Volunteer Resource Coordinators, Sari Eisen (03) 8531 5917 or seisen@jewishcare.org.au or Fred Schober (03) 8517 5700 or fschober@jewishcare.org.au

Share the Simcha

Sefer Torah Welcomed

A new Sefer Torah was donated this month to Jewish Care by Leon Schnall in honour of his parents, Jacob and Judith Schnall, residents of Gary Smorgon House.

Heart-warming music filled the air as residents, staff, family and friends paraded down Freeman Street, Caulfield, welcoming and celebrating the third Torah Scroll to the Beit Shomo Shul at Gary Smorgon House.



Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant and Harvey Teller



Leon Schnall and his father, Jacob Schnall, celebrate with friends at Gary Smorgon House

Home is Where the Art Is

Bill Wellins has shared his love for art by making a donation of artworks to Gary Smorgon House. Bill has been a resident of Gary Smorgon House since its opening in July 2009.



Andrew Blode, Secretary of the Board of Jewish Care, with Bill Wellins

110 Years Young!

Mary Rothstein, Australia's oldest Jewish person, recently celebrated her 110th birthday at Gary Smorgon House surrounded by family and friends.



Mary Rothstein celebrates her 110th birthday at Gary Smorgon House

Community Celebrates Pesach

This Passover was one of our busiest ever, with Passover changeover at four kitchens, 19 *sedarim* (Passover ceremonial meals), 32 prayer services, three staff education sessions, sales of *chametz*, and Passover celebrations for clients, residents and families across all our facilities and programs.

Our aged care residents were especially delighted to have over 200 family members join us for the *sedarim*, with a record 70 guests at Gary Smorgon House on the first night alone.

NCJWA's Golden Partnership



Vivien Brass, NCJWA (Vic) President, enjoying Purim festivities

A partnership with the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (NCJWA) has been helping to foster inclusion and independence for Russian-speaking migrants from the former Soviet Union for more than ten years. Run by NCJWA volunteers through Claims Conference funding, the Golden Age Clubs provide lunch and entertainment for residents living in housing commission flats in Prahran, South Yarra, St Kilda and South Melbourne. The Clubs play an important role in combating isolation and enabling participants, many of whom are Holocaust survivors, to remain living independently in their own home.

The NCJWA is one of 47 community organisations that Jewish Care partners with in order to provide care and support where it's needed.



Deb Harvey, Manager Healthy Ageing, at a seder hosted by the Active Living Centre

Heart for Art

Theo Feiglin and Zac Smolarski donated a trolley full of art and craft supplies on the occasion of their 5th birthday. Theo and Zac personally delivered the supplies and visited the Art Room at Montefiore Homes Community Residence where the supplies will be put to good use.



A Real Mitzvah!



Joshua Davis could think of no better way to mark his entry into manhood than to request donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts.

For Love and Passion

Sheryl Topol and Paul Rosen not only have a love for each other but they are both passionate about their Jewish community and the mitzvah of *tzedakah*.

Sheryl's late sister Caren worked for Jewish Welfare and her mother is a current member of the Jump Start Loans committee. Their heartfelt donation on the occasion of their marriage will go towards supporting our unfunded community service programs.



Thank You!

To share your Simcha, please contact our Development Team on (03) 8517 5963 or development@jewishcare.org.au

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

Special Birthday

Selwyn Auster
Andrew Davis
Sophie Galland
Mary Goldfarb
Jack and Diane Gringlas
Genia Janover
Tom Layton
Anita Lurie
Sandra Prager
Solange Rapaport
Julius Rath

Bernard Rothschild
Rose Rothschild

Bat Mitzvah
Amber Givoni

Bar Mitzvah
Nicholas Cohen
Joshua Davis
Timothy Davis
Jacob Waislitz
40th Birthday
Lisa Farber
Justin Liberman

50th Birthday
Garry Frydman
Elliot Susskind
60th Birthday
Tommy Winter
75th Birthday
Robin Rothfield
80th Birthday
Ruth Erlichman
Betty Kornhauser
Luba Olenski

90th Birthday
Theresa Ivanyi
Noah Leibson
Max Stern
110th Birthday
Mary Rothstein
50th Wedding Anniversary
Kurt and Judy Langfelder

A Kingston Tradition

Following his brother's footsteps, Ben Kingston requested guests at his Bar Mitzvah to make donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts. Contributions in honour of Ben's Bar Mitzvah will support people in our community in need.



Sharing the Love

Mikki Gringlas and Gidon Silverman marked their recent engagement by thinking of those in need. Donations from their Simcha go towards Adult Respite at Glen Eira Villas.



Message from our Rabbi

Standing Together



Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant

The journey from the Exodus on Pesach to the giving of the Torah on Shavuot is arduous, to say the least.

In contemporary times, we navigate numerous commemorative events – solemn ones such as *Yom Hashoah* and *Yom Hazikaron*, as well as joyous occasions such as *Lag B'Omer* and *Yom Haatzmaut*.

What they all have in common however, is that we are there for each other.

We are told that when the Torah was about to be given, the nation stood united in anticipation, as it says, "And he encamped at the mountain." Our sages explain that the singular 'he' teaches that they stood as one person with one heart.

Our clients and services at Jewish Care depend on the community coming together as "one person with one heart," united in cause to support those in our community who are in need. As we did in those times, so may we do in these.

Warm wishes and blessing,

Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant

**Make your mark.
Leave a legacy.**

For generations, Jewish Care has supported people in our community. A gift in your Will helps ensure support for generations to come.

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Yes, I want to support Jewish Care and help turn lives around.

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