

MY Connection

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Celebrating
Milestones



Mike Debinski, President



Bill Appleby, CEO

We are delighted to mark an extraordinary milestone birthday for Jewish Care Victoria, celebrating 170 years!

Reflecting on our long and proud history, we would like to acknowledge past visionaries and predecessors who through their leadership have led this organisation to become Victoria's largest provider of quality social services for the Jewish community. To past and present supporters, and every one of you connected to the Jewish Care family, we thank you for your involvement and commitment.

Looking to the future, we will build on our proud 170-year legacy to continue to innovate and transform our supports, whilst navigating multiple waves of change as seen in the past few years, especially in aged and disability sectors. Underpinned by an enabling culture, strong Jewish values, clear strategic priorities, and capable leadership, Jewish Care remains confident and well positioned to leverage opportunities to enable growth and evolution of sustainable outcomes for our community, now and into the future.

Much has already been achieved. While 2019 is a significant investment and capital development year, our efforts to improving the quality and inclusiveness of all services for our diverse community remain an integral component of our strategy.

The progress we have made over the past six months in our capital projects is significant. The Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building has reached the halfway point in construction, and we have signed two more building contracts for the Carnegie Senior Living Community Precinct and the Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre. These state-of-the-art facilities, once completed, will herald a new era for our community, providing the best in person-centred services in Victoria.

Jewish Care supports the Federal and Victorian State Governments' decision to undertake their respective Royal Commissions in Mental Health, Aged Care and Disability Services. We anticipate that the findings will provide valuable insights into quality and safety, and future challenges and opportunities for the respective sectors to deliver care and support in a sustainable way.

Each year, we reach out to our community to ask for support of our Annual Appeal. Your donations are pivotal in helping to bring stability into the lives of vulnerable members of our community and alleviating the burden of others who struggle to make ends meet. We are always grateful for your donations. Your continued support will ensure a safe, caring and welcoming environment for all members of our diverse community.

Mike Debinski

Bill Appleby

Thanks for understanding that this is the first week-long holiday I've had without my kids - over 9 years without a long break. I normally only get 3 days off so this feels like a "oh my god". Love you and Jewish Care so much. The house literally saved my life."

~ Children's Respite Parent

To Tamara and her team; it's very hard to describe in a few words what a fantastic effort you have put into the very successful celebration of Chanukah at Gary Smorgon House. The decorations were very beautiful, innovative and colourful. The entertainment was first class and refreshments were very traditional and beautifully presented and enjoyed by all.

It was a celebration of tradition, music, dancing with young and old, and the goodies on the table were just "wow". Thank you to all of you, another successful effort. We are very proud of all of you.

~ Adele Justin

Our experience has been so reassuring during her first week of residency. Obviously, a new resident is very nervous to move into care, but we have been delighted with all the activities, variety and standard of food, especially welcome kosher food after a long hospitalisation. Also, the heimish atmosphere and celebration of Shabbat at Gary Smorgon House. Settling in was so easy and quick. Thank you.

~ Chana M (relative of Gary Smorgon House Elder)



Share your feedback about our services by emailing yoursay@jewishcare.org.au

Front cover:

From left: Lorelle Krulis, Donna Cohen, The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Hannah Cohen and Tania Smorgon at the entrance of the new development.



Change Somebody's Tomorrow

The 2019 Annual Appeal was launched on 27 February and aims to raise \$3.5 million to help fund social services, during the campaign period ending 30 June.

With little or no funding from the government, Jewish Care will once again rely on financial support from the community to continue to care for vulnerable people.

As a provider of vital services, we offer a variety of supports and programs including housing for those who are at risk of homelessness, employment opportunities, financial aid and healthy ageing, to name a few. As a direct consequence of our involvement, over 6000 people are benefitted yearly, making life less stressful for them.

This year, a range of fundraising activities were launched as part of the broader appeal campaign. These include direct mail, print and outdoor advertising, social and online media,

seven Major Donor Dinners, a Tzedakah Sunday Telethon and posters. A video was also developed around the theme 'The greatest thing you'll do today...is change somebody's tomorrow,' which is a real life story of our clients, Noah and his aunt, Nat.

Noah and his aunt, Nat, were innocent victims of someone else's behaviour, who were able to turn their lives around with the support of Jewish Care. They were assisted with housing, employment, financial aid and parenting support, which are programs mostly funded by our community.

Thank you for your generous contributions so far and constant inspiration. It is you who help us to continue to care for thousands of individuals each year.



To make a donation, visit jewishcare.org.au/2019appeal, call 1800 539 474 or complete the coupon on the back page.

JewishCare
2019 Annual Appeal

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is change somebody's
tomorrow.*

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Tzedakah Sunday Telethon, 5 May

The Tzedakah Sunday Telethon is a fun-filled event that will bring our supporters, staff and volunteers together on 5 May, to help raise much needed funds for our community.

All donations from the telethon will be directed towards the Annual Appeal, supporting thousands of individuals to live a better tomorrow.

Please volunteer an hour or two of your time to help us make phone calls to our donors.

SUNDAY MAY 5, 10AM – 8PM

LOCATION

Active Living Centre
Level 6, 619 St Kilda Road
Melbourne

TO REGISTER

or to find out more, please contact
Lauren or Kayleigh on 8517 5622
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Reaching Memorable Milestones



State Government Ministers and Labor Candidates with Jewish Care Board and Executive



The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP together with Capital Campaign Chair Alan Schwartz OAM and Co-Chairs Lisa Kennet and Susie Ivany OAM, Hannah Cohen, Lorelle Krulis, Tania Smorgon, Donna Cohen, Bill Appleby and Mike Debinsky



A first-cut model of the building was presented to Hannah Cohen by Capital Campaign Co-Chair Susie Ivany OAM

On 1 March 2019, Jewish Care celebrated the halfway point in construction of The Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building with special guests including Hannah Cohen and family, and the Federal Treasurer, The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP.

James Paterson, Senator for Victoria; Nina Taylor MP, Josh Burns, Labor candidate; Kate Ashmor, Liberal candidate; David Southwick MP, Member for Caulfield, and Dick Gross, Mayor of the City of Port Philip, past and current Jewish Care Board members, Major Donors, Elders and supporters of Jewish Care were also in attendance to celebrate this special event.

"Today is a milestone for Jewish Care," said Mr. Frydenberg. "The fact that this building is the contemporary vision of the original founders of Jewish Care is very special. A nine-storey building, seven of which are devoted to homes for senior citizens and the other two storeys for other essential services is a really modern vision for a communal organisation such as Jewish Care."

Jewish Care President Mike Debinski thanked all donors and supporters for "helping to realise this dream for our

community." He said, "by supporting our Capital Campaign projects, you become part of something truly historic and instrumental in shaping the future care of our community".

The Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building development received further impetus last year, when the Labor government pledged \$625,000 during their visit to Jewish Care as part of the election campaign. Martin Foley MP, Philip Dalidakis MP, and Labor candidates representing the Andrews government toured the construction site and chatted with Elders at Montefiore Homes during their visit last year.

Jewish Care CEO Bill Appleby thanked Ministers Foley and Dalidakis, and the Labor candidates for taking the time to visit Jewish Care and said, "We welcome the Andrews government's pledge to support the construction, which will not only provide an inclusive and heimish home for our Elders, but also be a welcoming and vibrant hub for the community to share."

Located at the corner of Union Street and Punt Road, the building is expected to open early 2020.

The Carnegie Senior Living Community and Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre developments were two others projects that were finalised recently, with building contracts awarded to ARC3 and Four Square Pty Ltd, respectively.

The \$38 million contract for the 120-bed Senior Living Community in Carnegie will provide bespoke aged care services to the Jewish community in the South Eastern suburbs.

The Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre will support healthy ageing for Elders living at Gary Smorgon House and independently in the local community. The \$7 million modern facility will feature consulting rooms, a gymnasium, meeting and administrative rooms, training and outreach services, allied health services, respite services for the wider community, and a new dedicated shule. The entrance to Gary Smorgon House and ground floor community spaces, including the café, will also be refurbished as part of the construction.



The teams from Jewish Care and Four Square signing the contract to develop the Senior Living Community Precinct in Carnegie



The teams from Jewish Care and ARC3 at the contract signing event for construction of the Anne and Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre



The lounge of a newly refurbished unit in Fulton Street



Newly refurbished kitchen area

Community Housing in East St Kilda

Community Housing in East St Kilda has always been a safe haven for the Jewish community who are at risk of homelessness. As part of the Capital Campaign, a two-stage approach was adopted in upgrading and refurbishing our existing property in Fulton Street.

In Stage One, 36 units in Bontschek Court were extensively refurbished with more open spaces for dining and living, upgrades to bedrooms and bathrooms, and laundry facilities added to each unit. This stage was completed in August last year, and clients have settled in.

Stage Two will see 33 new one to three bedroom units built over three levels. These modern units will be accessible for all abilities and religious observance.



For more information and enquiries about our new facilities, please contact Jo Cochrane on jcochrane@jewishcare.org.au or 8517 5697.

Enriching Lives For 170 Years

On 19 November 2018, Jewish Care reached a monumental milestone of turning 170 years old.

It all started in 1848, when a small group of community representatives met at the Rainbow Tavern on Swanston Street and resolved to form the Melbourne Jewish Philanthropic Society, the predecessor of today's Jewish Care.

Over the years, generation after generation of community-minded individuals have continued to dedicate themselves to the vision that was imbued by early visionaries: to support the wellbeing of the Jewish community of Victoria. Today, we are Victoria's largest provider of social services for the Jewish community.

Our 170th Anniversary was celebrated in the presence of past Presidents, Life Governors, staff, volunteers, donors and many community supporters at the elegant Quat Quatta Receptions in Ripponlea.

CEO Bill Appleby hosted the evening commencing with the launch of a new video featuring a line-up of dedicated supporters, complimenting Jewish Care on reaching this milestone.

Four guest speakers took to the stage to share stories of their longstanding relationships with Jewish Care in a range of roles, including Dr. John Serry, Melissa Davis, Barbara Belfer, and Dorothy Kovacs.

"I have watched Jewish Care develop and grow over the last 17 years into this unique and magnificent organisation that touches the hearts of many and enriches the lives of thousands every year," said Melissa Davis, Chair of the Annual Appeal Committee and Co-Chair of the Generations of Women Committee. "We are so lucky to have Jewish Care; no other religious or cultural community has anything like it, and it is run by management and a board that is professional, authentic and genuine, with an eye on the future needs of the community."

Another important announcement was the production of a new hardcover book featuring inspiring people connected to Jewish Care. This beautiful book of portraits, entitled '170 Years - Enriching Lives of the Jewish Community', will stand as a tribute to the organisation and the many people who have represented it through the decades.

The assistance of a highly respected team of current and past leaders were sought to select over 70 people to be profiled, from over 200 public nominations. The book, which is currently in production is planned for release later this year.



Melissa Davis speaks at the 170th anniversary event



Past presidents Bruce Rosengarten and Val Smorgon OBE with CEO Bill Appleby



Long-standing volunteer of Jewish Care, Henri Korn with wife Sandra



An enjoyable evening of celebration

Jewish Care Joins the National Redress Scheme

Jewish Care has become the first major provider of services to the Victorian Jewish community to join the National Redress Scheme.

The scheme was established on 1 July 2018, and is a key recommendation from the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.

The scheme offers eligible abuse survivors a redress payment of up to \$150,000, access to psychological counselling, and a direct personal response from the responsible institution if requested. But while survivors can apply for redress at any time, the relevant institution must have joined the scheme for their application to be processed.

Jewish Care was one of the first organisations in Victoria to launch its own scheme in 2013, The Children in Residential Care Support Scheme, and is committed to participating in the National Redress Scheme for its ten-year duration.



Summer and Sarah Jack at the Open Day

Open Day to Experience Respite Centre

The Coppel & Piekarski Family Disability Respite Centre opened its doors to friends and family to learn more about the programs and services at the Centre, including:

- Short term accommodation
- Emergency accommodation
- Kids afters school programs

The open day included a range of fun activities for kids and a tour and information session for parents. Visitors were also introduced to staff working at the Centre.

We thank Flying Fox, Access Inc and Maccabi Victoria All Abilities for their support and involvement on the day.

i For more information about our programs and activities at the Coppel & Piekarski Family Disability Respite Centre, please contact Amy Gilmore on 8532 9801.

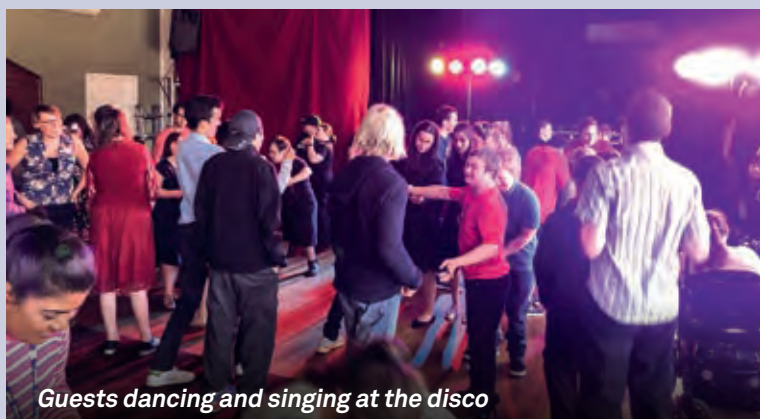
Saturday Nights Heat Up!

Our first two Saturday Night Fever Disco parties, for adults with a disability 18 years and over were big hits amongst participants.

More than 150 people over both events came together to revel in the fun-filled atmosphere. The St Kilda Sports Club venue

was perfectly lit up with vibrant disco lights while popular dance hits were played by the DJ.

Many more disco nights are planned throughout the year. To buy your ticket to our next disco, visit our website jewishcare.org.au/events



Guests dancing and singing at the disco



Sharing is Caring

The Manders Villas is a secure, independent and community-focused home for adults living with disability. It can also be converted into a shared space to build and strengthen relationships between Jewish communal organisations and our clients, through various programs.

The cornerstone of The Manders Villas is an inviting and inclusive communal hub to host recreational programs, engage with people and celebrate special events. Many organisations have already established their programs at the hub, including Our Village Kitchen, Our Kitchen Table, Zooz, Access Inc. and Maccabi Victoria All Abilities.

Flying Fox became our newest partner to move in and share our office space at The Manders Villas.

Flying Fox is a youth led organisation that opens life-changing opportunities for kids with special needs. They promote positive social interactions by running fun recreational camps.

"We've had great engagement with the work of Flying Fox from its very inception and we know the great work they do for our community," said Jewish Care CEO, Bill Appleby. "We support the lives of many of the same people in our community, so this was a natural progression of our relationship."

Dean Cohen, Founder and CEO of Flying Fox said, "Jewish Care has been there supporting Flying Fox from the beginning and we're thrilled that we can continue to work together to deliver great and innovative services to our community by utilising the office space at The Manders Villas."



Jacqui Cowan is posing with her lovely artwork created with Our Kitchen Table



Children from Maccabi Victoria All Abilities sharing their list of activities at The Manders Villas

Over 3000 Meals for Our Community!

The partnership between Jewish Care and Our Village Kitchen has generated over 3,200 meals for our community over a period of 12 months.

The project has developed to attract more volunteers and cooking sessions, enabling to cater to more people from the community. The distribution of healthy home cooked meals has extended beyond Shabbat to include Jewish holidays and festivals.

We thank the wonderful residents of The Manders Villas for assisting with food distribution each week; ARK Centre for use of their kosher kitchen, and the terrific students from Bialik College and Mount Scopus Memorial College who have volunteered to help with food preparation.



Young Achievers Graduate

Over 25 teenagers graduated from the Young Achievers Program at the 2018 year-end dinner, held at Caulfield Park Pavilion in December.

Each young achiever received a certificate for exceptional excellence and leadership, and for representing Jewish Care's values during the 12 month program.

The dinner saw graduates and their parents, mentors, Jewish Care staff and leadership team come together to celebrate their participation and achievements.

With 45 youth enrolled in the 2019 program – the largest number on record, it has gained recognition as a valuable mentoring program for youth in the Jewish community. The program welcomes teenagers between the ages 15 - 18 from

a range of backgrounds attending Jewish and non-Jewish schools.

The Young Achievers Program and Youth Aspire Program focus on nurturing and developing young people through mentoring workshops. They are also offered scholarships and opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.

Both programs are facilitated by volunteer mentors in the community, and combine informal with formal mentoring sessions. They are committed to supporting and helping our youth become more confident and connect with the Jewish community.



Please contact Eliza Arnold at earnold@jewishcare.org.au or 8517 5999 to become a mentor or mentee for 2020.



Young Achievers program graduates and mentors at the 2018 end of year dinner

Parenting Forums Draw A Crowd

Our free Parenting Forums continue to be a roaring success, with our diverse speakers attracting not only parents but grandparents, carers, teachers and health professionals. Now in its fifth year, this popular offering features expert speakers presenting on a variety of topics related to the health and wellbeing of young people.

The 2019 series promises to be another enlightening year. February kicked off the year with a sold-out 'back to school'

special focused on Social Survival Skills, presented by acclaimed educator Georgina Manning.

Remember to save the date for our next forum on Tuesday 21 May where The Man Cave will present a session on healthy masculinity and supporting boys to express their emotions.



To attend a forum or be added to the mailing list, please contact Cassandra Barrett on cbarrett@jewishcare.org.au or phone 8517 5908.

Spearheading LGBTIQ Inclusion

In a historic move, Jewish Care and nine other faith-based organisations signed a pledge committing support to inclusivity for all LGBTIQ people seeking services.

Co-hosted by Jewish Care and Temple Beth Israel, the event was attended by CEOs and representatives of participating organisations.

In addition to signing the multi-faith pledge, Jewish Care is working towards achieving Rainbow Tick Accreditation.

As part of this important work, the Board, Executive and senior leadership attended a training session facilitated by Matthew Parsons from Rainbow Health, the creators of the Rainbow Tick Standards. It will be rolled out to all staff and volunteers to

build the learnings into daily practice.

A more recent involvement was walking with eight other Jewish community organisations at the 24th Annual Midsumma Pride March. President Mike Debinski and CEO Bill Appleby marched together with staff, volunteers and Board members under the 'Jews of Pride' banner in February.

"Jewish Care values inclusion for all members of our community. Marching alongside LGBTIQ+ members of both the Jewish and wider communities, as well as other communal organisations, is one way we can outwardly express our commitment to supporting LGBTIQ+ people," said Mike Debinski.



Jewish Care team with Ro Allen (2nd from right) pledging support to inclusivity for all LGBTIQ members



Jewish Care team at the Midsumma Pride March

Bonding for Greater Outcomes

An agreement signed between Jewish Care and Maccabi Victoria All Abilities will further strengthen our collective efforts to provide social, recreational and sporting activities for people living with disability. Through this partnership, Maccabi Victoria All Abilities will continue to provide a wide range of activities including basketball, table tennis, fitness, schmooze and groove.

Jewish Care CEO Bill Appleby said, "Partnerships such as these strengthen bonds between communal organisations and enhance our ability to deliver person-centred support."

"As the program develops, it's terrific to know the partnership's commitment will offer broader and more creative activities to engage people living with a disability in the community," said Maccabi Victoria General Manager Sheryl Furman.



Bill Appleby and Sheryl Furman signing the agreement at our head office in St Kilda

2018 Annual General Meeting

Many significant achievements from the 2017/18 year were outlined by President Mike Debinski and CEO Bill Appleby at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, held on November 15 at Monash University, Caulfield.

Proceedings included the presentation of the Leo and Mina Fink Community Service Award to Henri Korn, in recognition of his voluntary contribution to Jewish Care for over 13 years.

A thought-provoking panel discussion, 'Elder Abuse - Behind Closed Doors', followed the meeting and was facilitated by Stephen Thomas, General Manager Quality and Innovation.

Guest speakers included Gerard Mansour, Commissioner for Senior Victorians and Ambassador for Elder Abuse Prevention; Ronda Held, CEO COTA Victoria; Dr Anita Frayman, Director of Elder Solutions Pty Ltd and Mary Anne Hunt, Chair of Elder Rights Advocacy Victoria.

We thank Susie Ivany OAM for her role as master of ceremonies, Bruce Rosengarten for proceeding over the election of the Board and Gabriella Davis for her beautiful singing of the Australian and Israeli national anthems.



Guest speakers Gerard Mansour, Ronda Held, Dr Anita Frayman and Mary Anne Hunt with Susie Ivany OAM



Rabbi Yoseph Nerenberg and Jewish Care Board member, Andrew Schwartz



Generations of Women committee 2018

Women Tackle Homelessness

The 22nd Annual Generations of Women Brunch saw 320 women come together in support of Jewish Care's Housing program to ease housing pressure for people who are at risk of homelessness.

The brunch raised more than \$90,000 in 2018, surpassing a total of \$1.5million raised since the launch of the event 22 years ago.

The guest speaker was Andie Halas, the former Director of Australian swimwear company Seafolly and founder of not-for-profit organisation Thread Together. She shared her story of how a random encounter with a mother searching for suitable clothes for her child at the Asylum Seeker Centre motivated her to start Thread Together. The organisation sources brand-new clothing destined for landfill and redistributes it to people in need across Australia.

Halas's story was an inspirational reminder to attendees that "possibilities, profitability and social good don't have to be mutually exclusive."



For more information about Jewish Care's Housing Support Program, contact 8517 5999 or info@jewishcare.org.au



Georgia Levy, Davina Chizik and Melanie Smorgon at the brunch



Sadie Goldsmith with her children, Dr. Michael Goldsmith and Barbara Belfer

Linking Generations through Storytelling

The inaugural Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle event titled, "Linking the Generations – Through the Power of Story", held at Gary Smorgon House attracted more than 150 Elders, family members, volunteers and guests.

Founded in 2009 to celebrate the beginning of each month, the event was the brainchild of Rebbetzin Sara Gutnick.

The gathering was a warm and welcoming atmosphere of camaraderie, acceptance and discovery.

"We want to tap into the wisdom and experience of our Elders and share this inspiration with the younger generation," said Rebbetzin Gutnick.

The first presenter in this series was Gary Smorgon House Elder, Sadie Goldsmith. She spoke about her journey from Poland to Australia as a teenager in 1938, and the life she built with her late husband, Arthur.

Sadie was surrounded by her family and extended family while narrating her amazing life story. She later reminisced: "While recapping my story, I could see my mother's face right in front of me. Having such a large family, Boruch Hashem (Thank G-d), makes me feel like the luckiest woman in the world."

Elders and guests were treated to a scrumptious buffet, complimentary chocolates, and entertainment by Rabbi Yoni Reyder.

The first event was overwhelmingly successful thanks to the efforts of many who were involved. We thank Rebbetzin Gutnick, the President and founder of the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle - for bringing the event to our facility; our staff and volunteers for helping us organise the event; Abi Montag from Jemark Quality & Value for donating masks; Rishon Foods for ice-cream and Kosher Kingdom for chocolates.



Young attendees at the event

Circle of Care Chanukah Tea

The Circle of Care Chanukah Afternoon Tea was held at Brighton Receptions on 6 December with over 200 loyal supporters attending.

Acknowledged were the many individuals in attendance who have helped to create a legacy for the future by including a gift to Jewish Care in their will.

Entertainment was provided by Brett Kaye and pianist Tamara Visilevitsky.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for supporting the event:

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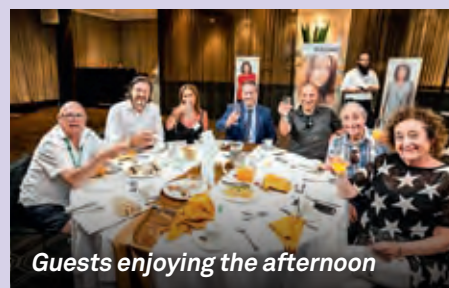
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From left to right: Rochelle Rosenberg, Charlotte Newmann and Debbie Jurblum



Guests enjoying the afternoon

Celebrating Excellence

Leading staff and volunteers were recognised for their outstanding contribution to Jewish Care at the Annual Staff and Volunteer Service & Excellence Awards, held at St Kilda Town Hall in 2018.

Over 200 Jewish Care staff, volunteers, Board members and supporters gathered to acknowledge and congratulate award nominees for their excellence and dedication.

Samuel H. Harris Award, Volunteer of the Year, President's Award, CEO Customer Service Award, Ethos Award, Innovation of the Year and Team of the Year were all milestones recognised on the night.

The 2018 award winners are:

The Samuel H. Harris Award: Russell Griffiths

Volunteer of the Year: Ian Fayman

President's Award: Steve Lowe and Ella Turner

CEO Customer Service Award: Debbie Sztrochlic & Tarun Dua

Ethos Award: Lynette Maguire

Innovation of the Year: Fulton Street Refurbishment Team

Team of the Year: Healthy Communities Team

March of the Living Recipients: Fross Driscoll & Samuel Murray

Jewish Care also awards scholarships to deserving staff to support strengthen their skills and professional development. The three scholarships were awarded to Freya Matthews, Kate Bakos and Neetu Goyal.

Service milestones was another highlight celebrated with staff and volunteers who had given 5-35 years of service to



Russell Griffiths (left), recipient of the Samuel H. Harris Award with Board member, Jeffrey Appel OAM



March of the Living recipient Fross Driscoll receives her certificate from CEO Bill Appleby

Jewish Care. Gwenneth Hill, Sorin Ronea and Dr John Serry were recognised for 30 years of service, and Jeffrey Appel OAM was congratulated on 35 years of voluntary service to Jewish Care. CEO

Bill Appleby, commended all nominees on their hard work, passion and willingness to support our community receive the best possible care and support.

Yesod Grows Year-on-Year

The 2018 Yesod Board Foundation Program concluded with a graduation event at The Coppel & Piekarski Family Disability Respite Centre. Each participant received a certificate of completion from the Australian Institute of Company Directors for successfully completing the 10-month program.

2018 participant, Ashely Moss said, "Yesod enabled me to get exposure not only to the operations of an extremely competent non-for-profit at board/sub-committee level, but also opened my eyes to the incredible breadth of work Jewish Care does for our community. For both these reasons, I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to participate, and would encourage others to do the same".

The program enables participants to work alongside a Jewish Care Board member, and attend sub-committee meetings and workshops with key-note speakers. It provides a platform to connect, up-skill, build and inspire



2018 Yesod participants with Jewish Care Board members

the next generation leaders in Jewish Care and best practice principles of governance.

Jewish Care thanks the Kelly and Simon T. Morris Family and the Szalmuk-Singer Family for sponsoring the program, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors for their continued support through partnering.



Abby Jotkowitz – Bat Mitzvah



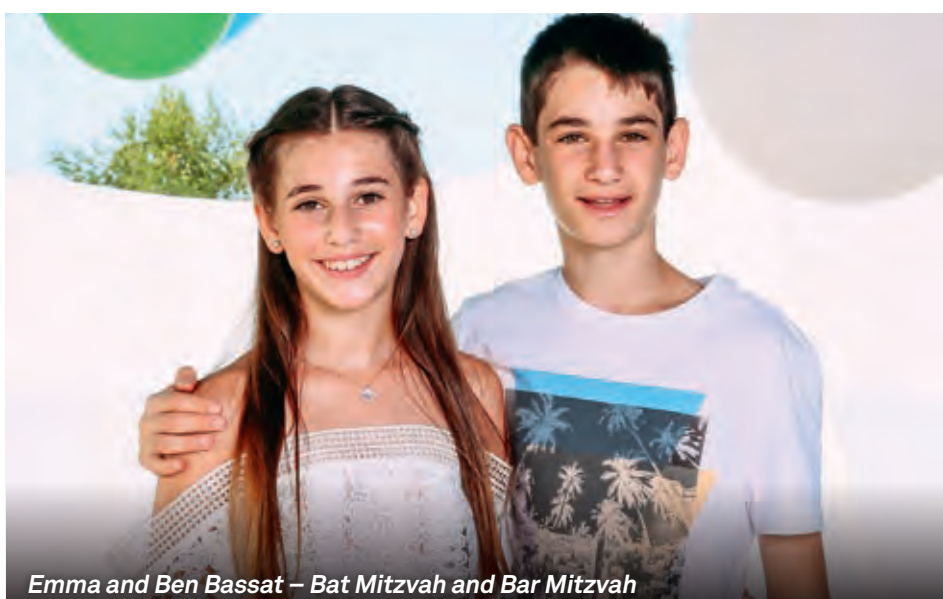
Jean Sharp – 90th Birthday



Gideon Gunn – 50th Birthday



Simon Buch – 50th Birthday



Emma and Ben Bassat – Bat Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah

Sharing the Simcha

We are extremely grateful to the following supporters for requesting donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts to mark their special occasions:

Bar Mitzvah

Benjamin Bassat
Nate Portnoy

Hannah Nirim
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Leslie Reti AM
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Bat Mitzvah

Emma Bassat
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Adrian Gunzburg



To share your simcha, please contact our Community Team on 8517 5786 or donations@jewishcare.org.au

“ I believe leaving a gift to Jewish Care is the right thing to do. I hope my children and grandchildren will continue this tradition of giving and helping people in need. ”
Inge Ruben, Bequestor

If you are considering a gift to Jewish Care in your Will, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Feygl Cylich
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Photo Gallery



Monte Elder Ida Chneiderova with a student at the year end party



Volunteer, Errol Rink with Eva Suss celebrating Chanukah



Rosemary Michael (left) receives a gift from Feygl Cylich in honour of her late sister, Judith Block at the 2018 Benefactors' Commemoration



The Manders Villas residents, Ruth Ben-Danan and Andrew Sass at the Chanukah party



From left to right: Young Achievers, Jeffery Rochman, Arthur Kaganovitch and Adam Kanerak



Major Donor Dinner host Lorelle Krulis (right) with Monica Kempler, Gina and Ian Swart



Monte Elders Toyva Levit and Irina Soloveychik celebrating Purim



Hugh Cattermole, Carol and Alan Schwartz AM at The Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building construction event



Miriam Pinkus and Ian Savicky enjoying Purim at Gary Smorgon House



Ian Abrahamer with his Mum Judy celebrating Purim at The Manders Villas



Smorgon Nursing Home Elder Samuel Fain with his friend and volunteer Christine at Purim



Elizabeth Slater (left) with volunteer, Anne Fajerman at Purim Packing Bee event



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Five Minutes with Tuvia Garfinkel

Tuvia Garfinkel (a.k.a. Tuvsvday) is an accomplished artist who has volunteered his time to create original stencil artworks of past and present members of Jewish Care, for its 170th anniversary. His works are displayed along the temporary corridor connecting Montefiore Homes and Smorgon Family Nursing Home.

When and where did you first get your art on a public surface?

I started making stencil artwork during 2008, as part of my studies of graphic design. The first was a wall of a local milk bar

near Caulfield Park. The self-portrait stencil has lasted many years and is a tribute to the local community.

What inspired you to work with stencils?

I wanted my artwork to become personal gifts, one that recognises personalities and capture emotions. This type of work inspires me, and I truly enjoy seeing the process till the end.

How does your wife and family feel about your work?

Our home is my gallery and studio, and Natasha has been very supportive of my journey as an artist. Most of my work is displayed at home, and there's space for new creations as well. As for my family, they prefer my portrait photography, but still like their personalised stencil portraits sketched by me.

Have you shown your work in any galleries?

Yes, I have had a few solo and group exhibitions; my artwork was sold in markets and selected galleries in Victoria and Sydney. Some were bought by international street art collectors.

How did you get involved with Jewish Care?

Our first involvement was in 2015, when we exchanged our wedding vows in the Montefiore garden. Natasha was a nurse at the time, and we both felt this is how we would like to spend the most important day, amongst beautiful people. Since then, I've always wanted to have a meaningful exhibition that relates to the community.

Much to our surprise, in 2018, I was given this opportunity to capture some of the most important personalities in Jewish Care's 170 year history.

I was glad to be part of this historic event and this great organisation. I think it's very important to volunteer and contribute your skills and be involved with the community.

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