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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JEWISH CARE!

This November, we will be celebrating a milestone birthday for Jewish Care. 170 years ago, on 19 November 1848, 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.

Those early visionaries were imbued with a vision: to support the wellbeing of the Jewish community of Victoria. volunteers and leaders who carried that proud legacy forward to the present day.

As we now enter our 18th decade serving the Jewish community of Victoria, we are in the midst of the most significant redevelopment in our organisation's history. Our building campaign, together with the transformation of key services, intending to include a gift in their will to Jewish Care, or have already done so. Their legacy gifts make tomorrow's dreams possible. To those many treasured benefactors who have had the thoughtfulness and foresight to look ahead, thank you – it is deeply appreciated.

Warm regards,

Over the years, generation after generation of community-minded individuals have continued to dedicate themselves to that vision. We owe a debt of gratitude to the donors, embodies bold aspirations for our community's future.

We are grateful to the many supporters who are partnering with us. We are particularly grateful to the many individuals who have let us know over the past twelve months that they are



Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care



# My Circle

## THINKING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS



Evelyn and John Beckman at one of our Volunteer Working Bees.

Volunteers and treasured benefactors, John and Evelyn Beckman, have had a long association with Jewish Care.

For many years, they led a very busy lifestyle running a successful furniture removal business and raising their four children: Debbie, Anita, Adam and Daniel.

Unfortunately in 2007, John suffered a stroke and was unable to continue working. The change meant the closure of their business and sale of their family home.

"Suddenly, I didn't know what to do with myself," said Evelyn.

"We had to adapt to new, changed circumstances," added John.

Evelyn didn't stay home for long. Soon, she became a regular Jewish Care volunteer helping a person with vision impairment to write letters and do shopping. Once John felt better, he joined Evelyn. Today, they again lead a busy lifestyle, helping their children and grandchildren, while also thinking of those in need. Together, they enjoy coming to Jewish Care's Working Bee and annual Mitzvah Day, where they meet new friends with whom they share the joy of bringing happiness to others.

Inspired by Jewish Care's breadth in assisting people through all life stages, the Beckmans decided to include a gift to Jewish Care in their will.

"As parents, we believe that it is very important to support our children, of course. But we can't forget our community too," said John.

"It's a good feeling" says Evelyn, "to know we are helping generations to come."

### **REMEMBERING PAST BENEFACTORS**





Three generations of the Parasol family with Manders Villas resident and family friend, Zac Chester, joined us in honouring the memory of Elka Bajla and Kalman Parasol *z*'l at our recent Benefactor Commemoration.

The contributions of a number of past bequestors were acknowledged at our Annual Benefactor Commemoration held at Manders Villas, 17 September 2018. The event included personal testimonies by family members and the presentation of a special commemorative brochure.

This is the third year that this event has been held, providing an opportunity for Jewish Care staff to express the organisation's deep gratitude for the foresight and thoughtfulness of past supporters. We would like to acknowledge Fella Hamilton and Statewide Home Health Care for generously sponsoring our Circle of Care events. We encourage you to support their business!

If you are interested in promoting your business, please contact Raye Sacks at (03) 8517 5609 or raye.sacks@jewishcare.org.au



## ST KILDA ROAD UPDATE



As construction rapidly progresses, the Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building is taking shape. A towering crane is visible all along St Kilda and Punt Roads. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. Construction is made possible by funding from capital donations and gifts in wills.

For information on naming rights opportunities, contact Orlee Schneeweiss at (03) 8517 5647 or orlee@jewishcare.org.au

## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



## SUPPORTING A SAFE HOME FOR EVERYONE



## A SWEETER NEW YEAR



Thank you to the many supporters who have made the New Year so much sweeter for those going through difficult times. Our community's generous response to the 2018 Rosh Hashana campaign has raised more than \$125,000 to support those in need.

There is still time to make a difference! Please contact 1800 JEWISH (1800 539 474) or visit our donation page at *jewishcare.org.au/donate* 

## GETTING ORGANISED

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Jack Frydman and his dog Ace love visiting their friends at Gary Smorgon House.

Volunteering is a great way to give back and it's good for you too! Research shows that volunteering enhances physical and mental wellbeing.

We are currently seeking friendly visitors for those living at home and in our residences.

For more information, contact Hayley Bacher, Volunteer Program Manager at (03) 8517 5734 or hbacher@jewishcare.org.au Marilyn Kraner, Manager of Individual and Family Services, presented at the recent Generations of Women Brunch.

With ongoing pressure in the housing market, record numbers of individuals in the Jewish community are turning to Jewish Care for housing support. Of 105 individuals currently accommodated in Jewish Care run properties, nearly half of those are children.

We sincerely thank our many guests, hostesses, patrons and supporters of Generations of Women for helping to ensure that everyone in our community has a safe place to call home.



Personal Records Organiser Bringing All Your Important Information Together

One of the first steps of any estate planning is setting out all the details of your financial assets and obligations. Our Personal Records Organiser makes it easy to get started.

For your complimentary copy, contact Margaret Langley at mlangley@jewishcare.org.au or (03) 8517 5963

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## FRIENDS & FACES

It was wonderful seeing so many of our supporters at our recent Circle of Care Film Afternoon at the Classic Cinema, 12 August, featuring "The Last Suit".

Top row, left to right: Eddie & Rena Komesaroff, Rod Granat; Helen Mizrachi, Sara & Barry Raboy; Fela Freiberg, Cesia Singer;

Middle row: Inge Sommer, Ruth Barton; Leon & Suzanne Ress; Robert & Judy Lebovits;

Bottom row: Tamara Besser & Eva Segal; Henri & Sandra Korn; Halina Zylberman, David Prince, Steve Sacks.



## OUT AND ABOUT

Hear more about Jewish Care at the following upcoming events:

#### CHANUKAH CELEBRATION



Join us at our Circle of Care Chanukah Celebration on Thursday, 6 December 2018. This year's event features great entertainment and an annual update from Jewish Care's CEO, Bill Appleby.

### Contact Margaret Langley on mlangley@jewishcare.org.au or

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Jewish Care's AGM will feature a discussion on 'Elder Abuse – Behind Closed Doors', with guest panelist Mary Anne Hunt, Chair of Elder Rights Advocacy Victoria, and others. Thursday 15 November 2018 at 6:00pm, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, Building H. My Circle

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Circle of Care is a social group for longstanding supporters of Jewish Care. Events are held throughout the year to honour our treasured supporters and the values we share. To subscribe to our quarterly newsletter "My Circle" or to find out about future events, contact Feygl Cylich on **8517 5602** or **fcylich@jewishcare.org.au** 

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For registration, email ldvash@jewishcare.org.au by 9 November.

## SUPPORTING YOU AT HOME



Looking for some extra support at home? Jewish Care can help you to remain living independently. We can also assist you in registering with My Aged Care.

Contact our Front Door team on 8517 5999

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