



# My Circle



*Young helpers at this year's Purim Packing Bee at Gary Smorgon House.*

## TO GIVE IS TO LIVE

As this is our Pre-Pesach issue of My Circle, I wanted to share with you how proud I am to belong to a community that understands and appreciates the importance of giving.

Many of you grew up as I did, in homes where giving came naturally. There was always room for another seat around the table, another potato in the pot, another coin in the 'pushkeh'.

I remember the Pesach seder of my youth. My father, a Holocaust survivor, would recount the going out from slavery – a story that was, in essence, his own. His admonition, "Do not forget that you were once a slave in Egypt," was a call to action: to take responsibility for one another and never forget the needy.

As we are a people who have emerged time and again from oppression,

this sense of social responsibility both describes us and defines us. It was there at the beginning of our nationhood. It was there when Jewish Care was founded more than 170 years ago. This sense of duty continues to drive and inspire us today.

But more than obligation, giving is a privilege. It is the means by which we lighten our fellow's burden. It is the way we make our world brighter. Giving empowers us. It gives our life meaning, direction and purpose. As stated so eloquently by former Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, "To live is to give." The inverse, I believe, is also true: "To give is to live."

That is why I feel so fortunate to count myself amongst this exceptional community of givers – a community that does not turn a blind eye to the

vulnerable and the frail, a community for whom the opening declaration of the Pesach seder, "Let those who are hungry, come and eat," is a way of life. Whether you have shared your time, your talents or your wisdom, whether you have donated to our Annual Appeal or created a legacy for the future – thank you for being part of our circle of care. On behalf of all those whose lives you've enriched, thank you for giving life and making the world a better place.

With wishes for a warm and joyful Pesach,

Feygl Cylich  
Planned Giving Manager





LINKING THE GENERATIONS



Celebrating the life and wisdom of Sadie Goldsmith at the Linking the Generations event at Gary Smorgon House.

Esteemed elder and longtime resident Sadie Goldsmith was honoured recently at a special afternoon, facilitated by the Rosh Chodesh Women's Circle community group.

Aided by her son Michael Goldsmith, who travelled especially from Israel, and her daughter Barbara Belfer, Sadie spoke

of her youth, raised in the small shtetl of Nasielsk near Warsaw. Born in 1922, Sadie was the oldest of four siblings. As the dark clouds of 1938 began to gather, Sadie emigrated to Australia under the insistence of her Melbourne-based aunt, while the rest of her family waited for their papers to arrive. Sadie was 15 when she undertook the ocean

crossing alone; she never realised that it would be the last time she would ever see her beloved family.

Sadie met her husband, Arthur (Nosson Yitzchok), at a Kadima dance in Lygon Street, Carlton. A fellow immigrant, Nosson left his hometown of Lublin when he was 17. Together, they imbued their family with a love of Yiddishkeit, education, and commitment to one another. Nearly fourteen years after his passing in 2005, Sadie reflects on their 62 nachas-filled years of marriage.

Despite the challenges of her early life, Sadie radiates positivity. She relishes the Jewish atmosphere of Gary Smorgon House, fondly referred to by her family as "Super Bubba's house". We are grateful to Sadie for sharing wisdom accumulated over a lifetime. Surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, Sadie is testimony to a life well-lived.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Thank you to all those who contributed to the renovation of our Community Housing in Fulton Street. Spacious and full of light, the 38 units provide safe accommodation for people in our community experiencing housing distress, including single parents with children.

For information on naming rights opportunities, please contact Orlee Schneeweiss on 8517 5647 or email [orlee@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:orlee@jewishcare.org.au)

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Would you like a copy of our latest Annual Report?

Contact the Development Team on 8517 5602. Or view it online at [www.jewishcare.org.au](http://www.jewishcare.org.au) by visiting our News & Media page.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



We would like to acknowledge our Jewish Care sponsors Erase Aesthetic, Fella Hamilton, Statewide Home Health Care, and Telstra Elsternwick for generously supporting our Circle of Care events. We encourage you to support their business!

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

GOING UP!



Construction of The Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building has passed the halfway mark.

The state-of-the-art facility will feature 14 houses spread across levels three through nine. Each house will consist of 16 rooms around a shared lounge, kitchen and outdoor balcony courtyard, supporting an active and heimish lifestyle for residents as they age. The

lower two floors will offer allied health services, cafes, shops and offices.

Made possible by funding from capital donations and gifts from wills, the new facility is expected to open in February 2020.

For enquiries, contact Joanne Cochrane, Operational Commissioning Coordinator, 8517 5697.

BETTER PARENTS, HAPPIER FAMILIES



Did you know your support helps us run our popular Parenting Workshops? Now in its fifth year, these workshops have been assisting parents – and grandparents – to become more knowledgeable, skilful and confident. Admission is with a gold coin donation.

Keep a lookout for our upcoming session, **Prince Boofhead Syndrome: Surviving Adolescent Boys** with Dr. Micheal Carr-Gregg on Thursday 26 April.

For information, contact Cassie Barrett, Team Leader, Healthy Communities, at 8517 5999 or [cbarret@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:cbarret@jewishcare.org.au)

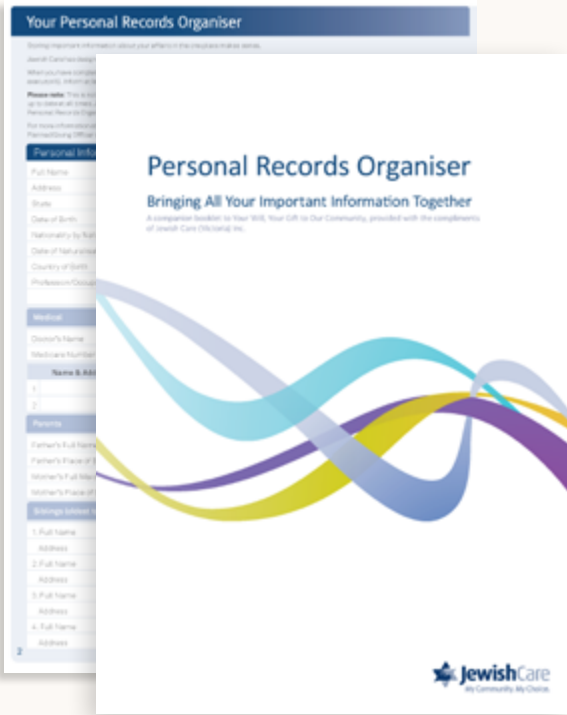
DID A LOVED ONE LEAVE A BEQUEST?



Once a month, the shul service at Beit Shlomo at Gary Smorgon House includes a tribute to all past bequestors whose yahrtseits fall in that month. If you have a family member or a loved one who left a bequest to Jewish Care, please let us know so that we can invite you to join us in honouring them.

For more information, contact Feygl Cylich, Planned Giving Manager, on 8517 5602 or [fcylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:fcylich@jewishcare.org.au)

GETTING ORGANISED



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 [fcylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:fcylich@jewishcare.org.au) or 8517 5602.

YOUR ESTATE



Have you made distributions in dollar amounts? Bear in mind that the total dollar value of your estate can fluctuate considerably over time.

Financial advisers recommend considering your estate in terms of proportions, so that your intentions withstand the test of time.



## FRIENDS & FACES

Brett Kaye and accompanist Tamara Vasilevitsky were the guest entertainers at Circle of Care's end of year tea at Brighton International.



Peter Martin, Darren and Tamara Lipton, Tim Cohen, Allan Snyder, Geoff and Susan Lipton



Jack Morris and Sylvia Portek



Beryl Nirens, Myra Fisher



Fela Harbig, Lady Anna Cowen AM



Dina Webb, Jenny Webb, Fillis Conway



Natascha and Alec Daniels, Margaret Langley



Pola Hoppe, Helen Schon, Elka Ekstein



Tony Levy, Luba Olenski



Sarah and Bernard Vallon

## FRIENDS OF MONTE



Kristy Manning, author of *The Jaded Lily*, will be telling the story of the Jewish community of Shanghai at this year's Friends of Monte luncheon on 30 April 2019. Tickets start at \$65. All proceeds go towards supporting people in need in our community.

Contact Rebecca Tuszynski at [rtuszynski@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:rtuszynski@jewishcare.org.au) or 8517 5786.

## CELEBRATE PESACH



Are you looking for a Pesach seder? Limited spots are available at Gary Smorgon House, 4-8 Freeman Street, Caulfield, Friday evening 19 April 2019.

For information, contact Rabbi Yoseph Nerenberg on 9209 1288 or [ynerenberg@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:ynerenberg@jewishcare.org.au)

## 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, Planned Giving Manager, on 8517 5602 or [fcylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:fcylich@jewishcare.org.au)

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