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Staff at Jewish Care's Gary Smorgon House say thank you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our fantastic supporters! We had a wonderful response to our 2017 Annual Appeal, which speaks volumes about our community's commitment Yarrralumla in the Australian Capital to caring for those in need. Donations received will help to support people in our community to lead active, independent and meaningful lives.

displays of unity, with representation across all age groups. Supporters responded from as far away as Territory, Kuranda, Queensland and Sandy Bay, Tasmania!

We are grateful to all our supporters! Your commitment to caring for those less fortunate continues to drive the vital work of Jewish Care.

Jewish Care's Annual Appeal continues to be one of our community's greatest

Perhaps the most heart-warming message came from the following supporter, who wrote, "I can't give as much as I would like, but I will always give what I can."

Warm regards,



Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care

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FEELING GOOD ABOUT GIVING



Howard and Michele Kiel, volunteers and treasured benefactors.

For Howard and Michele, giving to Jewish Care is a family tradition. Howard's late mother Rae Kiel had included a gift in her will to Jewish Care as her way of saying thank you for the care she received when she was a resident of Montefiore Homes Community Residence.

Howard's family were always supporters of Jewish Welfare and then later, Jewish Care. Howard explains, "Growing up, there was this unspoken understanding that being part of the Jewish community meant sharing responsibility for it as well".

Now Howard and Michele are including a gift in their will too.

Howard says that it is important that we all do our part so that our community can continue to provide support for everyone who may need it.

Michele and Howard are not only bequestors. For many years, they have also been donating their time as Jewish Care volunteers. "Volunteering give you a reason to get out of bed in the morning and makes you feel good about yourself as you go off to sleep each night, " Michele explains.

By volunteering and also by including a gift to Jewish Care in their will, Howard and Michele are certainly doing their part. They both agree, "It give us a good feeling."



Howard and friend at a Volunteer Working Bee.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!



As a supporter of Jewish Care, we value your feedback! Please look out for our 2017 Supporter Survey which you will be receiving soon.

By completing our survey, you can help us to continually improve our services so that we can deliver better outcomes for our community. Survey participants are eligible for our prize draw, generously sponsored by Classic Cinemas, St Johns Gifts and Kraus Foods.

FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN'S SAKE



THANK YOU FOR CARING!



Inge Ruben, bequestor and Gold Member of Circle of Care, and her grandchildren.

It was a privilege to share Inge Ruben's story about how her family was saved by Jewish Welfare in 1938. Inge's story struck a chord with many people, judging from the many responses we received.

We are grateful to know that so many of our supporters are considering including a gift to Jewish Care in their will or have already done so.

Thanks to our many generous and foresighted benefactors, our community can look forward to a brighter future for all. Legacy gifts to Jewish Care are carefully set aside and managed, ensuring our organisation's future sustainability. By including a gift to Jewish Care in your will, you can be assured that you are helping your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, should they ever need our support!

For information about gifts in wills, contact Feygl Cylich on 8517 5602 or fcylich@jewishcare.org.au

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THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING?

This past financial year, 196 jobseekers secured employment through Jewish Care's Employment and Education Centre.

If you are seeking a fulfilling volunteer role, you might like to assist our professional staff as a Volunteer Job Coach, providing jobseekers with valuable follow-up and support. Training is fully provided, rewards are great!



For more information, contact Employment and Education Centre 8517 5912 or eec@jewishcare.org.au

PLANNING FOR AGED CARE



CALLING ALL HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS



The first-hand testimony of Holocaust Survivors is one of the cornerstones of the March of the Living experience. This annual educational journey to Poland and Israel has impacted thousands. Holocaust Survivors are now being invited to express their interest in participating in the March of the Living 2018, coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the state of Israel.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Cedric Geffen, Co-President March of the Living Australia, 0451 150 239 or cedric@motl.com.au

Planning for the next stage in life is a topic of interest, as demonstrated by the overwhelming attendance at Jewish Care's recent "Transitioning to Aged Care Forum", held 16 May 2017.

When planning for aged care, each person's situation is unique. Here are some key points to keep in mind:

"LEHITRAOT", FOR NOW



The synagogue at Montefiore Homes Community Residence has provided a space for staff, residents and their families to offer prayers and seek consolation. The synagogue was dedicated to the memory of the late Sol Green, whose generous bequest in 1957 assisted in its construction. This past May, after 60 years of service, the synagogue was given a heartfelt send-off as construction gets underway at the St Kilda Road site.

The magnificent stained glass windows designed by Adela Shaw in 1988 and donated in memory of her husband, the late George Shaw, are being safely stored. The windows will be rededicated when the new Hannah & Daryl Cohen Family Building opens in mid-2019.



Jewish Care staff with guest speakers Jeffrey Appel OAM, SBA Law (2nd from left), Rodney Horin and John Rawling, Joseph Palmer & Sons, (2nd, 3rd from right) at our "Transitioning to Aged Care Forum".

For more information about Jewish Care's services, contact our Front Door on 8517 5999 or email at info@jewishcare.org.au

- Involve family in decisions
- Communicate your priorities and preferences
- Identify who will be responsible for:
 - Financial decisions
 - Medical decisions
 - Living arrangements
- Locate important documents
- Get professional advice from an accredited financial advisor, accountant and solicitor to suit your particular needs and circumstances.



If you wish to order our new Rosh Hashanah cards featuring the Montefiore Synagogue windows, please contact Margaret Langley on 85175693. Donations gratefully welcomed.

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FRIENDS & FACES ANNUAL APPEAL LUNCHEON

A festive afternoon was enjoyed by supporters at our 2017 Annual Appeal Luncheon held at Brighton International on 6 June 2017.

From left to right, (top row) Helen Schon, Tobcia Blicblau, Luba Olenski; Ester Braitberg, Pola Hoppe, Elka Ekstein; Eddie & Rena Komesaroff,

(middle row) Tony & Rosalin Levy, Geoffrey Simpson; Gizella Frayman, Christina Stasiak; Jadwiga Wiener, David Prince,

(bottom row) Mark Joel, Danielle Charak, Bill Appleby; Margaret Langley, Henry Buch; Janet Bromberger, Beverley Brand.

OUT AND ABOUT

A change of scenery envigorates the mind, body and soul. Here are some events that will warm up a winter's day.

SHIR MADNESS



This toe-tapping music festival will have you dancing in the aisles. Featuring 30 acts on multiple stages with the best of Australian and international Jewish performers and composers. Sunday 3 September 2017 at 76 Alma Road, St Kilda from 12 noon – 10 pm. Tickets online at Housing. Contact Rebecca Tuszynski shirmadness.com

GENERATIONS OF WOMEN



Hear Fiona Grinwald's inspiring story of resilience at Jewish Care's Generations of Women bruncheon, 18 October at Brighton International. The brunch is a great way to catch up with friends while supporting Jewish Care's Social on 8517 5786.





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Circle of Care is a social group of Jewish Care supporters who enjoy celebrating our work and values. We hold a variety of events throughout the year. Individuals who advise they have included a gift to Jewish Care in their will are honoured as Gold Members of Circle of Care.

For further information or invitations to future events, contact Feygl Cylich on 8517 5602 or



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CARERS NEED TIME OUT, TOO



It can sometimes be challenging to look after someone at home. Jewish Care can organise respite so that you can look after yourself. If you or someone you know is caring for an older person or someone living with a disability, we can assist.

Contact our Front Door on 8517 5999 for more information about respite options.