



# My Circle



*Jewish Care celebrates Purim - a day of great joy.*

## OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER IS OUR STRENGTH

Welcome to the first issue of My Circle for 2020!

With summer over, we want to thank the many members of our Jewish Care family who donated generously to the Bushfire Relief Appeal earlier this year. The response of our community was outstanding – a testament to our communal sense of duty.

Indeed, it is our commitment to one another that keeps us strong. In recalling the Purim story, we are reminded of what can be achieved when we band together, transforming a day doomed for destruction into one destined for joy.

With the Coronavirus pandemic upon us, Jewish Care acknowledges the challenges facing our community. We are taking all necessary precautions in accordance with the Department of Health requirements to ensure the safety of our Elders, staff, volunteers and clients. We understand the elderly are particularly vulnerable and therefore

strict infection control policies and procedures are in place across all Jewish Care facilities. As well, a special internal taskforce has been set up to monitor and respond swiftly to changes as they arise.

You will find enclosed a handy tip sheet of positive steps to reduce risk. We recommend the Australian Government website [www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts](http://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts) as a reliable source of daily updates. For more specific concerns, call your GP or contact the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For information about Jewish Care service provision, go to our website: [jewishcare.org.au/COVID19](http://jewishcare.org.au/COVID19)

During this difficult situation, look after your emotional wellbeing. "COVID-19: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" by Dr Jocelyn Lowinger, ([coachgp.com.au](http://coachgp.com.au)) points out that each of us has the opportunity to choose between hope or despair, to hoard or to share, to focus on what we lack or be

grateful for what we have. Our emotional stance might not stop the virus, Lowinger writes, "but it can defuse anxiety and panic and promote kindness and community mindedness. In displaying the best of our humanity, we can each play a small part in turning the worst of times into the best of times."

In the meantime, we share your hopes and prayers that a cure or a solution is just around the corner.

With sincere wishes for good health and a peaceful and joyful Pesach,

Feygl Cylich  
Donor Relationship Manager



## “WE’VE BENEFITTED IN SO MANY WAYS”

Dorothy Kovacs shares her story



*Dorothy Kovacs and her son Darren, Jewish Care's 'Man Friday' for over 30 years.*

“Jewish Care has been a life saver to the youngest and oldest members of my family. I first became involved with Jewish Care in 1989 when my son Darren, who was then a 20-year old with an intellectual disability, applied for a job as a “Man Friday” – sending and collecting the post, making deliveries, setting up rooms for meetings and

general office admin. Well, thirty years later and Darren is still there, and he still loves his job!

I am grateful to the many staff who over the years have given their time for Darren. They have mentored him and encouraged him. They have helped him through difficult patches which have

arisen. Darren was involved in new programs such as a leadership program in conjunction with the City of Glen Eira. He gained new abilities including office and IT skills. The kindness and support from so many people across Jewish Care has helped him to strive and to thrive.

My dear mother, Nina Kliger, was a resident of Jewish Care, where she spent her last 2 ½ years until her passing in 2015. The first class care she received from dedicated staff was untiring, kind and compassionate. I keep them in my prayers and I thank Jewish Care for making Nina's last years as good as they possibly could be and for walking with our family through a very difficult time.

Our family has benefitted in so many ways from Jewish Care. For this reason, we have made provision for a legacy gift so that Jewish Care can continue to help our community in need - the oppressed, the young, the unemployed, people with a disability and the elderly. The quality of a mensch is to be judged on how a person (or an organisation) treats their most vulnerable. Against that benchmark, I believe Jewish Care sets the gold standard.”

## TREASURED BENEFACTORS HONOURED



*Doodie Ringelblum and Ruth Boltman and family*



*Steven Casper and Ilana Wald and family*

Family and friends joined us at our annual Commemoration Event honouring Jewish Care's past bequestors. Now in its fourth year, this annual event acknowledges those who left a legacy gift to Jewish Care. Amongst those who attended were the families of treasured benefactors Jenny and Faye Burns, Eve Casper, and Pinchas Ringelblum - may their memory be a blessing.

## GOOD NEWS



Your support has made so much good work possible!

*See what you have helped to achieve by downloading our 2019 Annual Report at [www.Jewishcare.org.au](http://www.Jewishcare.org.au) or email [jbarnett@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:jbarnett@jewishcare.org.au)*



## THANK YOU, STATEWIDE



Tim Cohen, of Statewide Home Health Care

We are so grateful to our friends at Statewide Home Health Care for generously sponsoring both our Circle of Care End of Year event and also our monthly e-Donor Newsletter.

For more information about solutions for your home care needs, contact Tim Cohen at Statewide Home Health Care, 501 Nepean Highway, Brighton East or call 9591 6220.

## BOARDROOM LUNCHEON



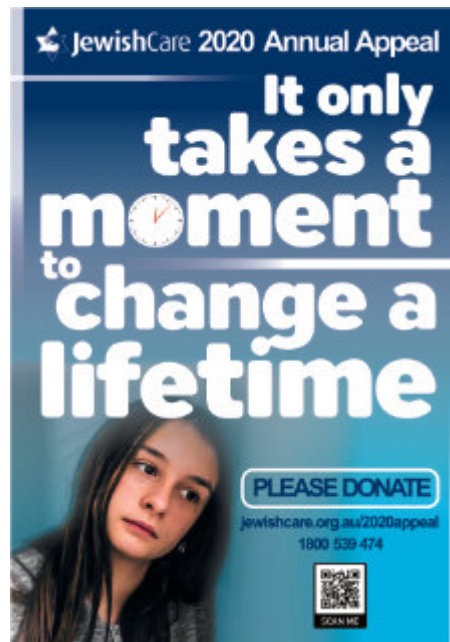
CEO Bill Apppleby, Rachel Kalman OAM, Eva & Tab Fried, Ines & Don Behrend, and Mark White

Jewish Care recently hosted a number of supporters to a luncheon at its St Kilda Road premises.

Guests were introduced to Bill Apppleby, Jewish Care's CEO, who shared plans for how Jewish Care's three new aged care facilities will cater to the diverse and growing needs of the Jewish community.

The luncheon concluded with a bird's eye view of the Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building, presented by Orlee Schneeweiss, Major Donor Relationship Manager.

## CHANGE A LIFETIME



Forced to leave home, teenage Ella\* was left with nowhere to live. Your donation today to Jewish Care's 2020 Annual Appeal can make all the difference to Ella and so many others.

To read Ella's story or to donate, go to [www.jewishcare.org.au/ella](http://www.jewishcare.org.au/ella)

*\*Name and image changed to protect privacy.*

## COMMUNITY SURVEY WINNERS



Thank you to everyone who responded so enthusiastically to our 2019 Community Survey. Your feedback will help us to serve you and our community better!

Thank you to our gift sponsors and MAZALTOV to the following prize winners:

**Don Wolf** - \$250 Coles Gift Voucher.

**Nathan Kamien** - \$50 Kraus Foods Gift Voucher.

**Pauline Rockman** - \$50 Sir John's Gift Voucher.

**Bernard Plotkin, Sabbie Berger, Mary Bryer, Jack Bloch, Judith Berman and Dorothy Graff** - Classic Cinema Film Passes.

## SUSIE IVANY OAM NEW PRESIDENT OF JEWISH CARE



Susie Ivany OAM is Jewish Care's new President. She replaces Mike Debinski who stepped down this past November after seven years at the helm. Susie has been a member of the Jewish Care Board for the past nine years, serving as Co-Vice President since 2015.

An active member of the Jewish community, Susie has served as President of the Victorian branch of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, Vice-President of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, and Vice-President of the International Council of Jewish Women. In 2014, Susie founded Unchain My Heart, supporting women in the Jewish community seeking to obtain a religious divorce (gett). In 2016, she received the JCCV General Sir John Monash Award.

Like many children of the post-war generation, Jewish Care played an important role in the life of Susie's parents. She looks forward to supporting the provision of our services to the most vulnerable in our community.

## OPENING AUTUMN 2020

The Hannah & Daryl Cohen Family Building



*The Hannah & Daryl Cohen Family Building gets finishing touches.*

Excitement is mounting with the opening of the Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building at St Kilda Road only a month away. Overlooking the gateway to St Kilda Road, the spacious 156-room aged care home offers comfort and independence with beautiful rooms and personalised support. Spanning nine storeys, there will be seven levels of residential aged care and two levels of essential community services including a synagogue, health and medical services,

financial services, an employment centre as well as retail spaces for residents and visitors.

Construction was made possible thanks to capital donations and funding from gifts in wills.

*For accommodation enquiries, email Courage Monga, Engagement Manager, at [cmonga@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:cmonga@jewishcare.org.au) or call 8517 5748.*

## ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE OPENING SOON IN CAULFIELD



*The Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre, artist impression.*

Also opening later this autumn is the Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre. Linked by a walkway to Gary Smorgon House, this new facility will provide a range of therapeutic and allied health services to support the healthy ageing of Elders at Gary Smorgon House as well as those living independently in the community. A beautiful new shule, training and outreach programs, social

and recreational activities and consulting rooms will create a vibrant hub for the community. Level two community spaces and the entrance to Gary Smorgon House are being refurbished as well.

*Information about activities at the Anne & Eric Smorgon Active Living Centre will be made available soon.*

## CARNEGIE PRECINCT OPENING SPRING 2020



*Carnegie Senior Living Precinct upstairs foyer, artist impression.*

Members of the Jewish community living in the South-eastern suburbs can look forward to accessing Jewish Care aged care accommodation closer to home with the opening of the Carnegie Senior Living Precinct in September 2020. This double-storey home will include family-friendly senior living, a contemporary shule and secure landscaped gardens. Located in Wagoo Rd, Carnegie, the 120-bed facility will offer Jewish Care's unique hand-in-hand aged care model of service, supporting Elders to retain their self-sufficiency and autonomy as they age in place.

## TELL YOUR STORY



*Eva Zeleznikow, Activities Facilitator, with a fellow storyteller.*

Few things in life are more precious than memories of a life well-lived. A new program at Jewish Care's Active Living Centre takes participants on a journey through their memories, from their ancestral history until the present day.

Participants share thoughts and experiences in a group setting before recounting their stories one-on-one to a member of staff who will record their recollections in a special life book – creating a treasured legacy.

*For information about Jewish Care's Active Living Centre, contact Eva, [alcreception@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:alcreception@jewishcare.org.au) or call 8517 5401.*



## THANK YOU, DEANNA



*Len and Deanna Levin at our recent Circle of Care Luncheon*

Life Governor Deanna Levin has spent a lifetime supporting the work of Jewish Care. Recently, Deanna asked her friends to help her celebrate her 80th birthday by making donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts – and we are so grateful!

Deanna's association with Jewish Care goes back to the 1980's, when she was the driving force behind the Parents & Friends of Glen Eira House, established by the late Lily Weiss to support children and adults with disabilities. As Lily's successor, Deanna served as President for nearly two decades, raising funds through hostess luncheons, art exhibitions, bazaars and other activities.

Deanna was a member of the Board of the Jewish Welfare Society for many years, and also volunteered with the Friendship Group, which to this day runs afternoon outings for Elders of Montefiore Homes. Deanna continues to serve alongside Delysia Pahoff OAM on the Friends of Montefiore Committee, raising vital funds for much needed projects.



*Deanna Levin, John Furman, Lily Weiss, Peter Windholz, Livia & Imrich Neuhauser and Rita Gordon at the 1988 Parents & Friends of Glen Eira House Red Aces Competition.*

*If you would like to share your upcoming simcha with someone in need, contact Lauren Woolf at 8517 5622 or email to [lwoolf@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:lwoolf@jewishcare.org.au)*

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU



*Jewish Care's Donor Relationship Team: Feygl Cylich, Helen Mizrachi, Raye Sacks, Val Granat and Joelle Barnett*

Jewish Care's Donor Relationship Officers provide customer service to Jewish Care donors. If you require further information on any of our services, programs or events, or any other matter relating to Jewish Care, we are here for you.

*To contact our friendly team, email [feylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:feylich@jewishcare.org.au) or call Feygl on 8517 5602.*

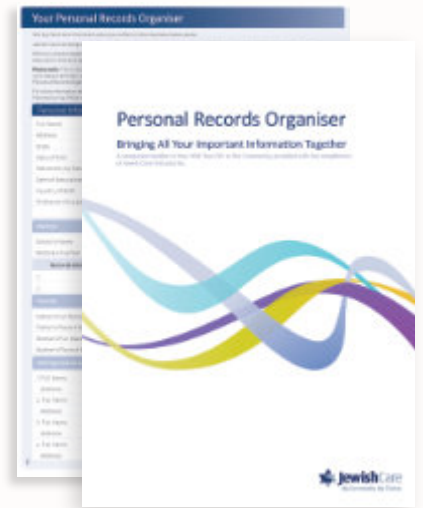
## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



We will be looking for kind-hearted volunteers to help our Elders pack up their belongings in preparation for their move into their new home in the Hannah and Daryl Cohen Family Building. If you think you might have a few hours to spare, our Elders would be so grateful!

*For more information, contact Hayley Bacher, Volunteer Manager, at [hbacher@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:hbacher@jewishcare.org.au) or 8517 5734.*

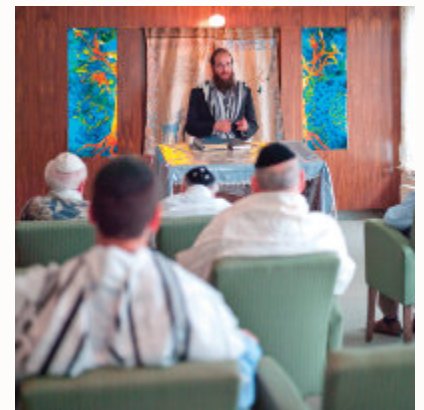
## GETTING ORGANISED



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, email [hmizrachi@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:hmizrachi@jewishcare.org.au)*

## DID A LOVED ONE LEAVE A BEQUEST?



*Beit Shlomo at Gary Smorgon House*

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 so we can be sure to honour them.

*Email [gfcylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:gfcylich@jewishcare.org.au) or call Feygl on 8517 5602.*

## FRIENDS & FACES

Jewish Care's Circle of Care enjoyed a delightful end of year luncheon at the Ivory in Elsternwick last December, thanks to our generous sponsor, **Statewide Home Health Care**. The event included a short audio-visual presentation of our latest projects and musical entertainment by Karen Feldman, Simon Starr and Gideon Preiss.



Nachum & Edna Buch



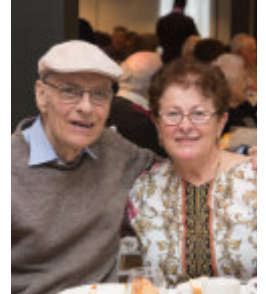
Jenny Bihary,  
Sylvana Layton



Floris Kalman,  
Janie Fixler



Stephen Schmideg,  
Helen Shiffman



Moyshe &  
Ann Morris



Karen Joel,  
Delysia Pahoff OAM



Maisie Dudakov, Gita Smorgon,  
Ruth Barton



Michael &  
Miriam Suss OAM



Lili Hampel, Raye Sacks,  
Manya Van Aken

## 170 YEARS IN PICTURES



**170 Years** is our new coffee table book marking Jewish Care's 170 years of supporting the Jewish community. To purchase the book, call 8517 5786 or [rebeccat@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:rebeccat@jewishcare.org.au)

## CHAG SAMEACH



Wishing all our friends and supporters a happy, healthy and peaceful Pesach!

## My Circle

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Circle of Care is a social group for dedicated 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 future events, contact Feygl Cylich on 8517 5602 or email [fcylich@jewishcare.org.au](mailto:fcylich@jewishcare.org.au)

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