



Families, loved ones and friends joined us in honouring past benefactors at our recent commemoration event at The Coppel & Piekarski Family Disability Respite Centre. Front row, left to right: Irma Hayden, Paulette Erczmann, Ronald Gilbert, Sue Fisher, Joelle Barnett, Philip Best, Lillian Movitz, Ivan Movitz, Tomi Kalinski, Harvey Stern, Isaac Rozental, Paul Rozental, Rochelle Rozental. Back row: Peter Erczmann, Marina Erczmann, Ron Erczmann, Sid Barnett, David Popper, Jacqueline Best, Braham Pitt, Clive Sondheim, Frances Sondheim, Ron Popper, David Baer, Steven Stern.

SAYING THANK YOU

Our community is part of a proud tradition, passed on to us by generations of benefactors, dedicated to supporting those less fortunate. Their vision guides and inspires us. The important work of Jewish Care continues on through their spirit of generosity.

Thanks to the many gifts received from wills, we have been able to undertake our visionary program of building and redevelopment, which will lead us and our community into the future. Through our benefactors' generosity, the community is supported and our

shared values - of kindness, family, respect and tzedakah - are perpetuated and passed on to future generations.

In acknowledgement of this valued support, during the auspicious days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, a special gathering was held to commemorate some of the treasured benefactors to whom we owe so much. In the presence of family members, loved ones and friends, we expressed our gratitude and explained how their loved one's generosity ensured the ongoing work of supporting our community.

It is our intention that this very meaningful occasion becomes an annual event. We look forward to making contact with those whose family member has supported our community in this special way.

Warm regards,

Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care



My Circle

REMEMBERING AUNTIE ELSIE

About 20 years ago, Jewish Care received a generous gift from the Estate of Elsie Ehrenfeld.

Elsie was one of the first residents of Jewish Care's social housing units in East St Kilda. Although she never had children of her own, she was well-loved by her neighbours, who fondly nicknamed her Auntie Elsie.

Auntie Elsie was fortunate to have migrated to Australia shortly before the outbreak of WWII but her remaining family tragically perished in the Holocaust. She and her husband Paul did their best to build a new life here for themselves. After Paul's death, Auntie Elsie continued to lead a life filled with caring for others. She was a committed Jewish Care member, supporter and financial contributor.

In 1997 following Elsie's passing, Jewish Care was notified that it had been gifted a sizable sum from Elsie's Estate: \$200,000 – a massive amount back then. Unbeknownst to Jewish Care, Auntie Elsie had been accumulating the funds by setting aside her monthly reparation payments from Germany. The gift was accompanied by Auntie Elsie's express wish that it be used to support elderly people in the Jewish community in need of housing.

With these funds, the first housing workers were hired and thus was born Jewish Care's Housing Program. The program still continues to this day, as Auntie Elsie's enduring gift to people in need in our community.



Elsie Ehrenfeld's generous legacy gift helped to establish Jewish Care's Housing Program.

LET US KNOW...



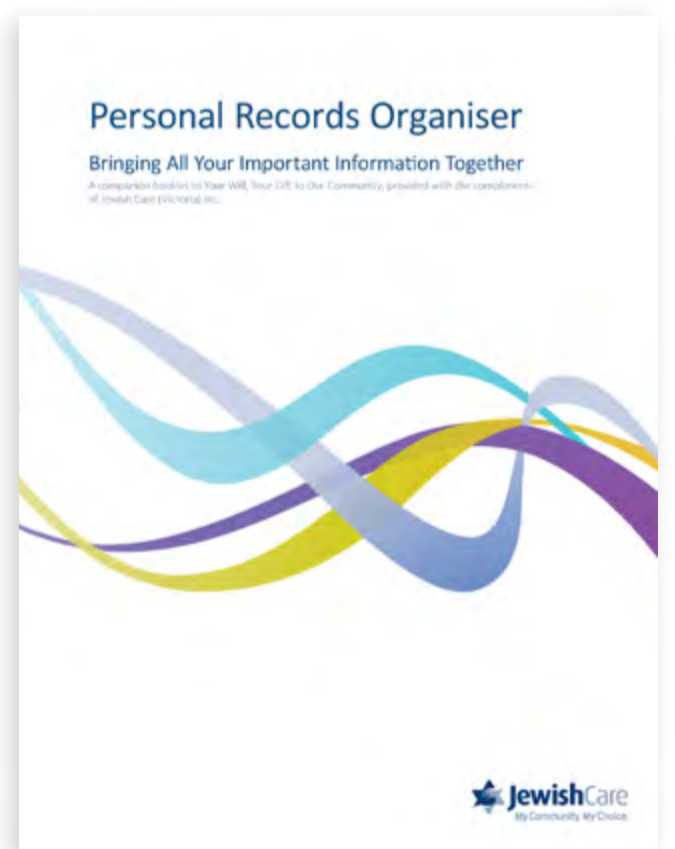
If you are thinking of including a gift in your will to Jewish Care, we hope you will let us know so that we can share with you our heartfelt gratitude. Whether large or small, you can be assured that

your generosity and support will have an important and enduring impact on the future wellbeing of our community, helping to ensure our tradition of care is carried on.

HOW BEQUESTS KEEP ON GIVING

Gifts from wills are carefully set aside and managed, so that we can deliver vital services to our community for generations to come.

NEED SOME HELP GETTING ORGANISED?



Our *Personal Records Organiser* is a helpful booklet for recording all your important information.

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

A FACE LIFT FOR SOCIAL HOUSING



Jewish Care's social housing units in East St Kilda are being refurbished.

Jewish Care's social housing units are being refurbished in the first stage of Jewish Care's social housing upgrade. Running between Fulton Street and Alma Road in East St Kilda, there are 63 1-bedroom units in total.

Originally designed as independent housing for the elderly, the units provide safe, subsidised accommodation for hundreds of individuals in the Jewish community experiencing housing stress. The wrap-around support provided by Jewish Care enables many of our tenants to eventually gain permanent residence in the public or private housing market,

thereby freeing up these highly sought-after units for others on the waiting list. The refurbishment is made possible in part thanks to our recent Hand Up for a Home crowdfunding campaign, generously matched by the Pratt Family Foundation, as well as legacy funds from gifts in wills.

A rolling program of refurbishment will ensure a maximum number of units remain operational at any one time.

Each unit costs \$72,000 to refurbish and funds are still needed.

WANT TO TEACH THE CHILD IN YOUR LIFE ABOUT THE JOY OF GIVING?



Tzeddy's First Adventure, newly published by Jewish Care, takes children on a wonderful journey of giving, helping them to experience the joy they can bring to someone less fortunate. It's a wonderful way to teach about giving tzedakah. Price: \$25.

All proceeds support people in need in our community. Contact marketing@jewishcare.org.au or call us on 1800 539 474.

DO YOU LOVE ART?



Lola Borowick-Cooper and Ludevit Ehrenreich at the Active Living Centre's art studio.

Join the friendly *chevra* at the Active Living Centre's art studio, located on the sixth floor of Jewish Care's head office at St Kilda Road. Whether you are a master or just beginning your artistic journey, you will be warmly welcomed – and getting here is easier than you think!

For more information, contact Active Living Center's Acting Manager Janet Francis on 8517 5402.

ARE YOU A CARER?



Shirley Wise poses a question at a recent carer wellbeing forum.

If you are one of the hundreds of community members supporting a loved one at home, you might benefit from Jewish Care's Carer Support Program. Offering regular discussion groups and educational forums on topics of interest, the program provides the opportunity to connect with others in similar circumstances – an important factor in maintaining your health.

For more information, contact Active Living Centre's Social Support Coordinator on 8517 5400.

View videos from previous forums at:
www.youtube.com/user/JewishCareVic/playlists

FRIENDS & FACES

Some of Jewish Care's special supporters were guests at a Circle of Care luncheon in September.

Top row, left to right: Karen & Jack Joel, Lisl Singer & Dr Maurice Slonim, Colin Silver & Nathan Fink, (Middle row) Russell & Jacqueline Korn, Sonja & Lorraine Cowan, Eva Stein & Margaret Langley, (Bottom row) Val Granat & Sue Rosenwax, Eva & Hartley Saunders, Helen Mizrachi & Paula Rosin.



OUT AND ABOUT

A change of scenery invigorates the mind, body and soul. Here are some great ways to welcome summer.



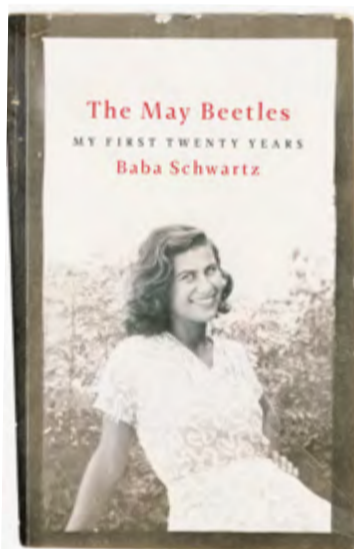
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CHANUKAH IN THE PARK

Chanukah at Caulfield Park is one of Melbourne's traditions - community displays, food stalls, live music, children's rides. From 4:30pm, menorah lighting at 8:30pm, followed by fireworks. Sponsored by the Chabad House of Caulfield. Tuesday 27 December.

THE MAY BEETLES

If the heat is keeping you indoors, you might consider travelling back in time with Baba Schwarz's newly released memoir, *The May Beetles*.



Her story traces her first 20 years from an innocent childhood in a small eastern Hungarian town, through the horrors of the Holocaust and her eventual liberation. Baba tells her story full of love amidst hatred, hope amidst despair. Available at the Avenue Bookstore, 434 Glen Eira Road, Elsternwick and other fine bookstores.

My Circle

A publication of Jewish Care's Circle of Care.

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, with invitations to special events and openings.

For more information about Circle of Care, contact Feygl Cylich on 8517 5602 or fcylich@jewishcare.org.au

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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.