



Helen Schon lights the menorah at our recent Circle of Care Chanukah afternoon together with Helen Guss, Event Manager, and Rabbi Yisroel Nerenberg, Manager Jewish Life.

WELCOME TO MY CIRCLE!

We've created this newsletter for you because you are part of a special circle of people who have helped to build our community.

Whether it is services for our seniors, respite homes for children with a disability, or counsellors and advisers for guidance and support – through your support of Jewish Care, you have helped to create better lives for people in need.

You are part of a circle that includes the leaders who laid our Almshouses' foundation stone at St Kilda Road in 1870.

It includes the visionaries who invested the first 10 guineas in our free loan society in 1888. It includes the welfare workers who welcomed our refugees on the wharves, founded children's homes for orphans and stood a generation of survivors back on its feet.

In these pages we will celebrate the values that make us who we are. We will remember the individuals and the institutions they built. We will honour the memory of past benefactors and how their generosity continues to strengthen and enhance our lives today.

We will share the achievements that your support has made possible and ways that you can continue to impact our future.

We hope you will be entertained and informed. Most importantly, we hope you will be inspired to help us keep our circle strong.

As it says in our tradition, "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise, I am planting for my children." (Talmud)

Welcome to My Circle. Enjoy the read.

ONE OF JEWISH CARE'S MOST COLOURFUL SUPPORTERS WAS LEGENDARY SOLOMON GREEN

Solomon Green (1868-1948), son of a London publican, set off for Australia when he was 15, becoming one of our most famous bookmakers and a renowned philanthropist.

He spent his first years working on Melbourne's wharves and buying and selling about the streets. He tried his luck at bookmaking when he was 19, but it was his mail-order doubles book for the Western Australia goldfields which launched his bookmaking success. By the turn of the century, he was operating the Melbourne Tattersall's Club and investing his profits in pastoral property and city and suburban real estate.

Sol enlivened the racing world. Sharp with his odds, he covered some huge doubles bets on the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups. Described as "a big man, always with his hats, spats and Havana cigar", he would arrive at race meetings in a gold-plated Rolls Royce.



Known for his dry wit and quick patter, Sol's reputation for philanthropy grew with his fortune. When his horse, Comedy King, won the Melbourne Cup in 1910, Sol donated £500 to local charities. He launched the iconic blanket appeal for Melbourne's poor, and supported a range of causes, including assistance for English World War II bombing victims, land for ex-servicemen at Sandringham and Black Rock and a children's playground in South Melbourne. He regularly gave to public hospitals and in 1947 donated £40,000 to the Royal Melbourne.



Husband to Rebecca Mendes and father of three sons, Solomon Green was a proud Jew and left a significant bequest to Jewish Care. His name adorns the synagogue at Montefiore Homes Community Residence.

DON'T HEDGE YOUR BETS – CHECK YOUR WILL

When did you last look at your will? Financial planners recommend a review every five years. Think how your assets and circumstances might have changed. If it's been a while, make a note to phone a professional and make sure your wishes are loud and clear.

For a list of independent estate planners, please contact Margaret Langley on 8517 5963 or mlangley@jewishcare.org.au

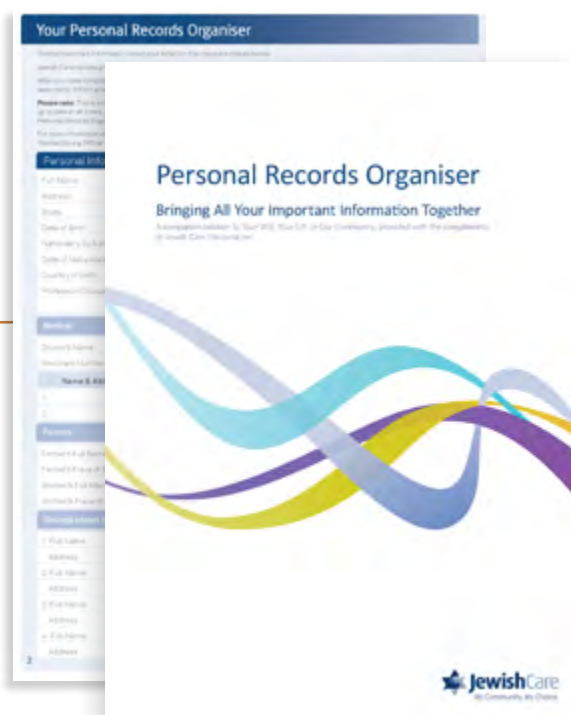


How Bequests Keep On Giving

Gifts from bequestors are primarily set aside in a special endowment fund which is carefully tended so that we can deliver improved age care, community and disability services for generations to come.

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

For your copy, contact Margaret Langley on 8517 5963 or mlangley@jewishcare.org.au





COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE NEW ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

The Active Living Centre has moved to Level 6, 619 St Kilda Road. What a view! There is also more space to enjoy gentle exercise, make friends and enjoy a range of fun activities. Therapy services are also available.

For your guided tour, contact Cate Molloy on 8508 6321 or cmolloy@jewishcare.org.au

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST THERAPY

Practice your Yiddish with a bellyful of laughter! Helen Mizrahi (also known as Bubbe Helen) takes centre stage at the Active Living Centre every Tuesday from 11am to noon. Tsum gezunt!



DISABILITY CENTRE READY TO LAUNCH

Jewish families and carers will soon benefit from our stunning new facility, the Coppel & Piekarski Family Disability Respite Centre at 476 Glen Eira Road. The Centre comprises separate children's and adult's wings, spacious outdoor areas and a community hub.

This exciting rebuild is possible thanks to the support received from bequests. For more information, contact Feygl Cylich 8517 5602 or fcylich@jewishcare.org.au

ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL!

The first sod of our stunning senior living precinct at 619 St Kilda Road is scheduled to be turned by in 2016. This spectacular development will include two levels of community and allied health services, shops, synagogue and community hub, plus seven levels of state-of-the-art residential aged care.

NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE

The Holocaust denied many members of our community the chance to celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in their youth. But this special milestone was finally celebrated by dozens of Jewish Care's residents in their 80s and 90s in a ceremony hosted by Jewish Care during Chanukah at Gary Smorgon House.

More than 150 family members watched as their elderly loved ones took part in the special Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration, which included a call-up for men and a candle lighting ceremony for women, followed by dancing and singing. It was the first such event ever held for seniors in our community.

FRIENDS & FACES

Our Circle of Care Chanukah afternoon celebrated another year working for our community together, sharing joy, memories and some of our favourite Broadway tunes.

Top row, from left to right: Helen Jacobs, Esther Braitberg, Elka Ekstein, Gita Smorgon, Yvonne Rosengarten, Eve Barton, Helen Szer, Chawa Kraner, (middle row) Myra Fisher, Delysia Pahoff, Val Granat, Sue & Colin Silver, Natalie & Reg Rosen, (bottom row) Irma Hayden, Shirley Zulman, Joelle Barnett, Howard & Michelle Kiel, Fay Winston, Inge Sommer.



OUT AND ABOUT

A change of scenery invigorates the mind, body and soul. Here are some terrific ideas for summer outings.



In One Voice

You are practically guaranteed to run into someone you know at the Jewish community's In One Voice festival, which returns to Gordon Street, Elsternwick on Sunday 20 March 2016. Check out the community stands, listen to a stellar concert and sample from delicious food trucks and stalls.



Flower & Garden Show

If you're a gardener, you'll love the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, featuring the best in Australian landscape and floral talent. At the Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. 16 - 20 March, 2016. Tickets \$27/\$23 general/concession.



CARERS NEED TIME OUT, TOO

Outings can sometimes be hard when looking after someone at home. Jewish Care can organise respite to help you catch up with a friend, do the shopping or simply rest. If you or someone you know is caring for an older person or someone living with a disability, we can assist. Contact our Information and Access Team on 8517 5999 for more information about in-home or facility-based respite options.

My Circle

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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 become honoured Gold Members of Circle of Care, with invitations to special events and additional benefits.

For further information or to be included in future events, contact Feygl Cylich on 8517 5602 or fcylich@jewishcare.org.au

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