



My Circle



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The first graduates of Jewish Care's Yesod leadership program. From left to right: Romy Grace, Eyal Genende, Jonathan Shafir, Mike Davis, Sasha Kliger, Nicci Grace, Romy Davidov, Paul Naphtali.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

If the participants in Jewish Care's Yesod leadership program are an indication, the future looks very promising indeed.

Yesod (Hebrew for "foundations") is an exciting new initiative fostering our next generation of Jewish leaders. Open to young professionals in the Jewish community, the 10-month program provides a solid understanding of the professional duties and responsibilities of not-for-profit board directors. Run in partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the program includes interactive

workshops with key note speakers, firsthand experience with Jewish Care's Board sub-committees, and one-on-one mentoring opportunities for participants and Board members – matched according to their interests and skills.

Our first participants graduated in November 2016 and the feedback from both participants and board members was very positive. One guest speaker said she was heartened to see such bright, thoughtful and enthusiastic young people committed to achieving

meaningful outcomes with their talents. Yesod demonstrates Jewish Care's commitment to building a sustainable community for our future. Our second year is off to a flying start.

Warm regards,

Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care



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SUPPORTING SURVIVORS THROUGH GIVING



Doreen Kenmar, treasured benefactor and long-time supporter of Jewish Care.

Long-time supporter of Jewish Care, Gold Member of Circle of Care, donor and volunteer, Mrs Doreen Kenmar is in the business of giving.

As a third generation Australian raised in a secular environment, Doreen had no idea what her Jewish brethren were enduring in Nazi Europe. It wasn't until she turned 16 that she first met young men from Europe, themselves Holocaust survivors, who recommended she read "The Scourge of the Swastika" by Lord Edward Frederick Langley Russell. "That book changed my life and was the catalyst of my perception of myself as a Jew and part of an extraordinary community", Doreen recalls.

Since then, Doreen's admiration and esteem for Holocaust survivors has only continued to grow. By giving to others,

Doreen demonstrates her gratitude at the luck of the draw that allowed her to grow up in relative peace and comfort in Australia, as compared to the horrors experienced by many of her contemporaries.

"What Jewish Care is doing for Holocaust survivors, people with mental and physical disabilities as well as people who are experiencing financial difficulty, makes me proud to be a Jew," Doreen says. "Jewish Care covers the spectrum of difficulties and needs faced by the community, and that's why I support it".

In addition to being a lifetime supporter, Doreen has also included a gift to Jewish Care in her will. "People want to make a contribution in their lifetime, but also want to leave a legacy of continued giving after their passing," she explains. "This was the perfect vehicle to ensure that funds will be available in the future to continue to care, protect and nurture the vulnerable in our community."

It's the best example to my children and grandchildren to be charitable."



Doreen's admiration and esteem for Holocaust survivors began as a teenager when she first encountered young Jewish emigres who had escaped Nazi Europe.

PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU

Many people think that leaving a charitable gift is something only those with great wealth can do. However, most legacy gifts received by Jewish Care over the years have been made by hard-working, everyday people who want to make our world a better place.

Many people find that after providing for their family and loved ones, they can still contribute towards our community's future by including a charitable gift to Jewish Care.



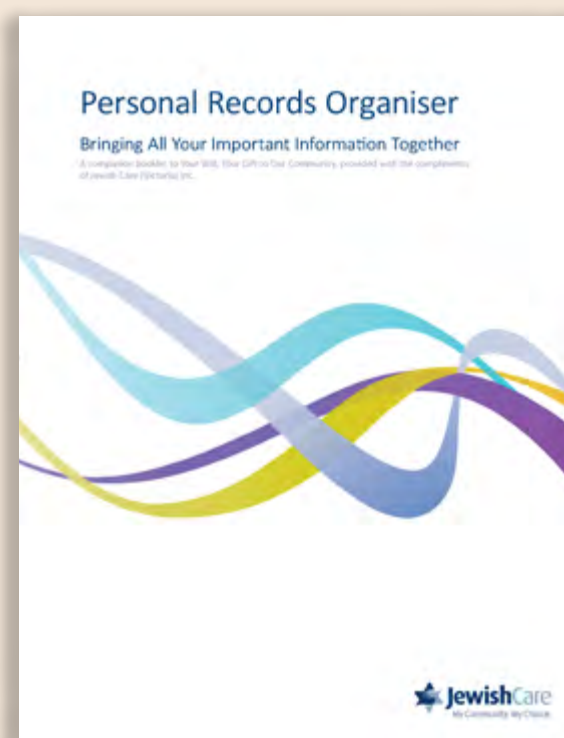
LET US KNOW

We sincerely wish we could express our appreciation to all our benefactors during their lifetime.

Therefore, we are embarking upon a new initiative. In a few weeks' time, you will receive a special letter inviting you to "Let Us Know" if you are considering or have already included a legacy gift to Jewish Care – so that you can receive the *nachas* and *kavod* you so richly deserve.



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

HOUSING STRESS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY



Front page headlines have highlighted the plight of Melbourne's homeless. The lack of affordable housing is widespread and many individuals in the Jewish community are struggling as well. Rental accommodation is out of reach for more than 18% of Jewish householders. On any given night, it is presumed that 220 Jewish people in Victoria are

homeless and another 130 are at risk of homelessness.

Jewish Care manages and oversees 88 community properties, providing fixed term, affordable accommodation for more than 165 people. Our services, such as employment and financial counseling, support many of our tenants to eventually gain permanent residence elsewhere.

Once a tenant vacates a Jewish Care property, someone else on our social housing waiting list is able to move in. There are at present more than 20 eligible applicants on our social housing waiting list.

Jewish Care's plan to construct an additional 33 two and three-bedroom social housing units in St Kilda will help address our community's housing shortage. Construction is scheduled to commence as soon as adequate funds have been secured.

For more information on Jewish Care's capital campaign, contact Orlee Schneeweiss on 8517 5647 or orlee@jewishcare.org.au

ARE YOU A LANDLORD?



If you are a landlord, you may be able to help provide safe, secure housing for people in our community.

For more information, please contact Mel Kidgell, Program Manager, Client Services at mkidgell@jewishcare.org.au

GEN17 SURVEY SEEKS YOUR INPUT



Jewish Care is working together with Monash University to better understand the views and needs of Jewish Australians. Your input is keenly sought! Your participation in the Gen17 survey will help community leaders undertake informed decision-making and understand the specific challenges we face for our future.

As the survey is anonymous, confidentiality is assured. As an added bonus, you may win a \$400 shopping voucher.

Complete the survey online at www.monash.edu/gen17 or if you prefer a paper-based survey, please phone 9903 5004.



LOVABLE TZEDDY TEACHES CHILDREN TO CARE



Our favourite Tzeddy has been doing the rounds lately, spreading the message of tzedakah to the young and the young at heart.

If you would like a Jewish Care tzedakah tin for the young person in your life, please contact marketing@jewishcare.org.au

AGED CARE FORUM: HOLD THE DATE!

Considering aged care for yourself or a loved one? Join Jewish Care's free information session, "Financially Savvy Strategies to Transition to Aged Care" on Tuesday, 15 May at Blake Street Hebrew Congregation, 868 Glen Huntly Rd, Caulfield South.

RSVP by 11 May 2017 to 8517 5999 or egoldberg@jewishcare.org.au



FRIENDS AND FACES

Jewish Care's special supporters came together for Circle of Care's end of year afternoon tea on 7 December 2016.

From left to right, (top row) Inge Sommer, Maisie Dudakov & Gita Smorgon, Tamara & Alex Grossman, Geoffrey Green, Yvonne Rosengarten & Leonard Levy (middle row) Esther & Roy Barton, Diana & Sam Elfman, Lorraine & Gerald Shapiro (bottom row) Sheila Leigh, Ros & Hal Levy, Len & Deanna Levin, Helen Granek & Freda Pitt.



OUT AND ABOUT

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

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS BUS TOURS



The Garden Explorer is a relaxing way to discover the beauty of Melbourne's magnificent Royal Botanic Gardens. Hop on and off as you enjoy the live commentary and stunning views. Tours depart daily from the Oak Lawn on the hour from 10am - 3pm. Enter at Gate F. \$10 adults/\$8 concession. Bookings 9252 2429.

FOOKS HOUSE ON DISPLAY AT GLEN EIRA COUNCIL



Viennese architect Ernest Fooks produced 390 houses across Melbourne, infusing Melbourne's streets with European modernism. See some of his work on display at Glen Eira City Council Gallery, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield. From 3 March - 2 April 2017. Free floor talk by Professor Alan Pert, 31 March 2017 at 12:30pm. Bookings 9524 3333.

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.

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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 so they can receive the *nachas* and *kavod* they so richly deserve.

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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