



My Circle



Purim festivities were a source of laughter and delight throughout our many facilities

JOINING IN THE PURIM FUN

Dress-ups and noise makers, hamentashn and lollies – it was Purim at Jewish Care! We enjoyed a non-stop parade of kings and queens, princes and princesses across our facilities – there was more royalty at St Kilda Road than Buckingham Palace! There were school groups and dancing groups, grandparents and grandchildren, family and friends – and many talented Megillah readers! What better way to celebrate the festival of national survival than by sharing the joy together.

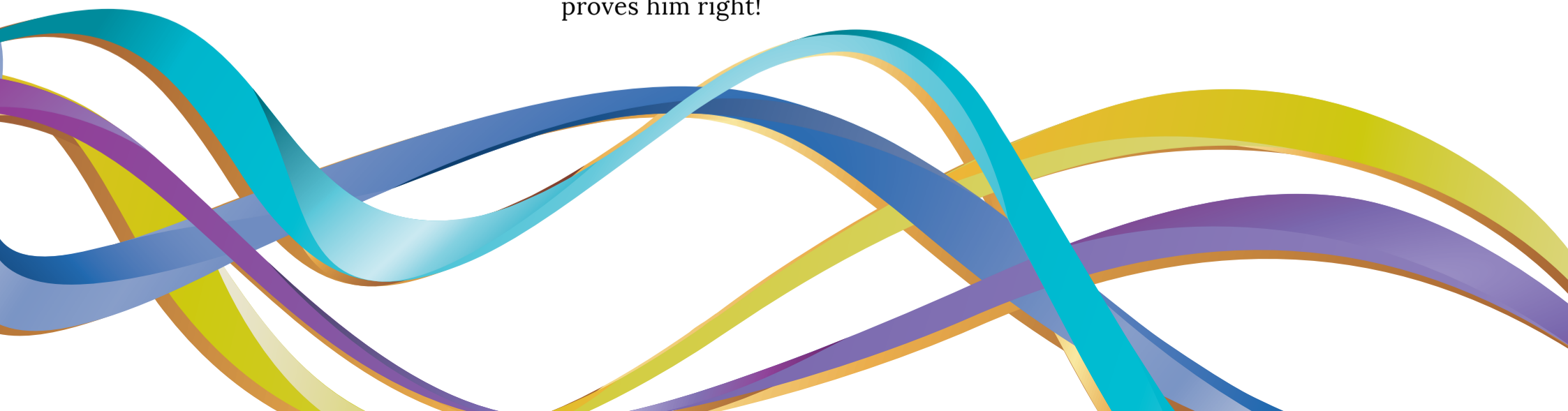
There was something for everyone – donning a fancy hat, exchanging a food parcel or drowning out evil Haman's name. Our staff joined in the fun – even our Chief Operating Officer was spotted in a fluorescent mohawk, joining a mask-making activity in Montefiore Plaza.

With all the costumes and silliness, much laughter was shared. As noted by Sholem Aleichem, the famous Yiddish humourist, “laughter is the best medicine” and modern science proves him right!

How rewarding it is for all of us to be part of such joy and togetherness. Thank you to everyone who made our Purim day so special.

Warm regards,

Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care



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EMPOWERING OTHERS

For more than 100 years, our community has helped generations of Jewish individuals to achieve their financial dreams through Jewish Care's Empower Interest Free Loans. A luncheon at the home of Rosie Lew on 10 December 2017 paid tribute to cherished committee members past and present, and highlighted the vital role the loan program plays in helping people to help themselves.

Empower's premise is simple: loans are provided without charging interest, but with the expectation that every loan will be repaid. A 99% repayment rate – unmatched by any other financial lender in Australia – ensures the program's lending capacity will continue in perpetuity. Empower receives funding from legacy gifts and community donations.



The family of former committee member Lorraine Topol obm at the Empower Loans celebration

YVONNE ROSENGARTEN - A LIFE OF GIVING



Yvonne Rosengarten, Victorian Volunteer Awards Winner and Circle of Care Gold Member

A cherished Gold Member of Circle of Care, Yvonne Rosengarten has lived the better part of her life giving to others. One of Jewish Care's longest-serving volunteers, Yvonne has volunteered for over six decades – first with Jewish orphans and foster children and then with the elderly.

Inspired by her late father, Yvonne started volunteering at the Australian Jewish Welfare Society's Frances Barkman Homes for Jewish Orphans while raising three children of her own. Yvonne says the work was gratifying but at times heartbreaking. Many Frances Barkman children were child Holocaust survivors. Some had disabilities or were the children of single mothers, many of them orphans themselves. Yvonne gave in whatever way she could to restore their spirits and fill their hearts with hope.

Yvonne also assisted with Jewish Welfare's Foster Care Program, and once fostered a newborn baby in her own home until the baby's mother was healthy enough to care for her child herself.

Yvonne continued volunteering well into her 90's as a friendly companion to lonely residents at Jewish Care's Gary Smorgon House.

Awarded Jewish Care's Volunteer of the Year in 2012, Yvonne was subsequently recognised for "Outstanding Individual Achievement" by the Victorian Health Awards for her lifetime of service. Yvonne admitted, "Winning the award is a great honour but I never volunteered for myself. I always did it for the benefit of others, especially worthy causes like the Jewish Welfare Society and now Jewish Care."

By including a gift to Jewish Care in her will, Yvonne ensures that her lifetime of giving is perpetuated for generations to come.



Jewish Care's Frances Barkman children



Frances Barkman children arriving home to Larino House, circa 1958.

PROVIDING FOR OUR FUTURE



Legacy gifts to Jewish Care are set aside and managed for our community's future. By remembering Jewish Care in your estate planning, you can be assured that future generations will enjoy the benefits of your thoughtfulness for years to come.

ST KILDA ROAD CONSTRUCTION



Building works at St Kilda Road resumed in the new year with the demolition of Slutzkin Wing. Named in honour of Sholom Slutzkin, past President and Board Member, the two-story structure was first opened in 1957 and housed the shul, the Morris Plotkin Music Room, Walter's Kiosk and administrative offices.

The demolition makes way for the new Hannah & Daryl Cohen Family Building, set to open in mid-2019 with generous financing from our major capital donors and the many foresighted benefactors who have remembered Jewish Care in their wills.

MOVING DAY



Moving Day at Jewish Care's social housing units in East St Kilda

The first group of residents at Jewish Care's social housing were delighted to move back into their units following completion of refurbishment works in early February. The work has been financed by legacy funds from gifts in wills as well as community donations and generous support from the Pratt Family Foundation.

The refurbishment includes a complete makeover of the kitchen and bathroom areas and removal of an internal wall, infusing the units with light and spaciousness.

Built in the 70s and 80s, the 63 one-bedroom units provide safe, subsidised accommodation for individuals in the Jewish community experiencing homelessness. Ten units are being refurbished at a time; the next group of residents are planning to move back into their newly renovated apartments just before Pesach.

SHARING THE SIMCHA



Franya Bruell with daughters (l to r) Marni Meydan and Alana Khare

Franya Bruell recently celebrated her 70th birthday by requesting donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts. A regular visitor at Gary Smorgon House, Fran says, "We all get old. Some of us will be lonely. Forming a bond with someone is as important as food, shelter and medicine. I get back more than I give!"

If you have a birthday, anniversary or a special simcha coming up, spread the joy by requesting donations to Jewish Care in lieu of gifts.

For more information, contact Lauren Woolf at lwoolf@jewishcare.org.au or 8517 5622.

ELDER RECITAL



Adele Justin surrounded by her family at the "On One Stage" event at Gary Smorgon House

Elders took to the stage at Gary Smorgon House on 13 December for an afternoon of wit, wisdom and talent. Performances included favourite melodies by vocalist Moshe Fried, a piano recital by Harry Engel and a keynote speech by Adele Justin about her newly discovered enjoyment of Torah learning.

GETTING ORGANISED



One of the basic steps of any estate planning is setting out all the details of your financial assets and obligations. Our Personal Records Organiser helps you list all your important information in one place.

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

FRIENDS & FACES

Supporters and friends attended Circle of Care luncheons in August and October.

From left to right, (top row) Sandra & Henri Korn, Bill Appleby; Estelle Nessen, Goola Lewis; Cesia Goldberg, Hania Goldberg, Elka Ekstein, Toni Blicblau;

(middle row) Freda Salter, Denise Seymour; Lea Wolf, Karen Joel, Sue Silver; Mark Joel, Mira Lester;

(bottom row) Paula Bialek, Helen Schon, Chana Rubin, Bess Hymans; Pauline Rubinstein & Lala Miller; Helen Sokolski, Sue Appel, Sara Raboy.



OUT AND ABOUT

A change of scenery refreshes the mind, body and soul. Here are some wonderful upcoming events.

PESACH SEDER



Are you looking for a Pesach seder? Limited spots are available at Gary Smorgon House, 4-8 Freeman Street, Caulfield, Friday evening, 30 March 2018.

For more information contact Rabbi Yoseph Nerenberg on 9209 1288 or ynerenberg@jewishcare.org.au

FRIENDS OF MONTE



Rita Panahi is an American-born Iranian Herald Sun opinion columnist with a reputation for telling it like it is. Hear her address Jewish Care's Friends of Monte luncheon, 24 April 2018. Tickets start at \$65 .

Contact Rebecca Tuszynski at rtuszynski@jewishcare.org.au or 8517 5786

SUPPORTING YOU AT HOME



Looking for some extra support at home? Jewish Care can help you to remain living independently. We can also assist you in registering with My Aged Care.

Contact our Front Door team on 8517 5999.

My Circle

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Circle of Care is a social group for supporters of Jewish Care. Events are held throughout the year to thank our treasured supporters and celebrate the values we share.

For further information or invitations to future events, contact Feygl Cylich at fcylich@jewishcare.org.au or 8517 5602.

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