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ABOUT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA

The Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) is the peak representative body for Victorian Jewry, Australia's largest Jewish community. With fifty-five major communal organisations as its affiliates, the JCCV represents the mosaic of political, cultural, welfare, educational, religious and social associations operating in Victoria.

The Victorian and Federal Governments, their agencies, the media, and ethnic and religious groups have long recognised the JCCV as the representative body of the Victorian Jewish community, speaking on its behalf on all matters affecting its status, welfare and interests. The JCCV provides leadership and a voice for Victoria's 52,000+ Jewish community members and to the broader Victorian community. Through consultation, advocacy and working with government, Victoria Police, other faith and ethnic communities, the media, service providers and the general public the JCCV seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Facilitation of harmony and positive relationships across the Victorian Jewish community and between our community and the broader Victorian community
- Greater understanding of and respect for the Jewish way of life
- A thriving local Jewish community
- A safer local Jewish community
- Zero community tolerance of racism and religious intolerance in general and antisemitism in particular

- Wider knowledge and appreciation of the Shoah (Holocaust) and its lessons
- A positive perception of Jews in Victorian society
- Continuing and enhancing the Victorian Jewish community's contribution to social justice and social inclusion for all community members
- A better society by promoting understanding and cooperation between all faith
- And in partnership with Zionism Victoria:
 - A more sophisticated public understanding of Israel's efforts to achieve peace and security
 - Effective counteraction of misinformation on Israel, the Middle East and the Arab/Israeli conflict
 - A greater understanding of Israel in relation to contemporary Jewish identity

The JCCV's priorities are:

- Community security and safety
- Representation and advocacy to government and police
- Shoah remembrance
- Social justice
- Youth engagement
- Media/public relations;
- Interfaith and multicultural dialogue
- Professional development for community organisations
- Community events
- Ensuring a fair voice for Israel

Our constituent organisations nominate delegates as members of the Council which meets at regular Plenum meetings. The Executive meets monthly.

Honorary Officers

President:	Jennifer Huppert
Vice-President:	Anton Hermann z'l
Treasurer:	Ricci Steckoll

Our Vision

A society in which members of the Victorian Jewish community are able to live as Jews in peace and security, participating fully and without prejudice.

Our Mission

To be the recognised and responsible peak body and voice of Victorian Jewry through advocacy, representation, networking and collaboration, both within the Jewish and wider communities.

Our Values

- *To be inclusive and representative of the diversity of the Jewish community*
- *To be independent and objective*
- *To support Jewish continuity and the Jewish way of life*
- *To support Israel.*

JCCV EXECUTIVE 2019

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Governance & Fundraising

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Interfaith & Multicultural

Frances Prince

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Bram Presser

Co-opted – November 2017

Dean Cohen

Co-opted – March 2018

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Co-opted – November 2018

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Member of Executive – Ex Office

Zionist Council of Victoria

Sharene Hambur

Professional Staff

Executive Director

Judy Fetter

Business Manager

Hilary McMahon

Project Manager

Anat Aloni

Community Security Group

Security Director

Ricky Pearl

PRESIDENTS

Presidents of the Victorian Jewish Advisory Board, Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies and the Jewish Community Council of Victoria Inc

As at 2019, 28 people have served as President of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria and its predecessor bodies, the Victorian Jewish Advisory Board and the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies, since its beginnings in 1938. Maurice Ashkanasy served on three non-consecutive terms as President Mr Robert Zablud served for six and half years, making him the longest serving President and Mr Isi Leibler AO CBE served for four and a half years. The Victorian Jewish Advisory Board officially changed its name to the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies on 7 May 1947. It had become an affiliate of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry when the body was formed in August 1944. On 10 October 1988 the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies officially changed its name to the Jewish Community Council Victoria. In 2000, the Jewish Community Council Victoria became an incorporated entity.

VICTORIAN JEWISH ADVISORY BOARD

Isaac Herbert Boas	1938 - 1939	Dr Jacob Jona	1940 - Dec 1942
Archie Michaelis, MLA (later Sir Archie Michaelis Kt)	1939 - 1940	Alex Masel	Dec 1942 - Nov 1946
		Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1946 - 7 May 1947

VICTORIAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

Maurice Ashkanasy	7 May 1947 - Oct 1950	Trevor Rapke	Dec 1956 - Oct 1958
Ben Green	Oct 1950 - Aug 1951	Nathan Jacobson	Nov 1958 - Dec 1961
Bernard Cowen	Aug 1951 - Dec 1951	Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1961 - Dec 1962
Maurice Ashkanasy	Dec 1951 - Dec 1954	Leon Lasky	Dec 1962 - Dec 1966
Nathan Hirsch Beller OBE	Dec 1966 - Dec 1969	Phil Symons OAM	Feb 1980 - Apr 1980
Walter M Lippmann MBE AM	Dec 1969 - Dec 1972	Robert Zablud	April 1980 - Dec 1986
Isi Joseph Leibler AO CBE	Dec 1972 - March 1977	Phil Symons OAM	Dec 1986 - Dec 1987
Arnold Bloch AM	Mar 1977 - Feb 1980	Shmuel Rosenkranz	Dec 1987 - Oct 1988
Abraham Samuel Leibler	Dec 1954 - Dec 1956		

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC

Shmuel Rosenkranz	Oct 1988 - Dec 1990	Grahame Leonard AM	Mar 2001 - Mar 2003
Joe Gersh AM	Dec 1990 - Mar 1993	Michael Lipshutz OAM	Mar 2003 - Nov 2005
Leon Rosen	Mar 1993 - Aug 1994	Anton Block	Nov 2005 - Nov 2008
Geoffrey Green OAM	Sept 1994 - Dec 1996	John Searle	Nov 2008 - Nov 2011
Nina Bassat, AM	Dec 1996 - Dec 1998	Nina Bassat AM	Nov 2011 - Nov 2014
Dr Philip Bliss OAM	Dec 1998 - Nov 2000	Jennifer Huppert	Nov 2014
David Klein	Nov 2000 - Mar 2001		

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Jennifer Huppert
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Isabella Polgar
Dr Andre Oboler
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PLENUM MEETING DATES FOR 2020

3 FEBRUARY	8 PM
2 MARCH	8 PM
4 MAY	8 PM
1 JUNE	8 PM
3 AUGUST	8PM
7 SEPTEMBER	8 PM
16 NOVEMBER	8 PM Annual General Meeting





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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Jewish Community Council of Victoria on another successful year.

Since its establishment in 1947, the Council has served as a dedicated voice on behalf our state's Jewish communities.

From health to heritage, the arts to education, this leadership has ensured the needs of Jewish Victorians are afforded the respect and recognition they deserve.

In undertaking this work, not only have you helped to strengthen Victoria's proud Jewish communities – you've helped to strengthen our state.

Like the Council, our Government is committed to ensuring that every Victorian can practice their faith and celebrate their traditions with pride.

We believe that our diversity is our greatest asset – and that we are made infinitely stronger by the countless contributions of our multicultural and multifaith communities.

On behalf of our Government and our state, I'd like to thank you for your ongoing efforts and wish every member of the Council a year full of happiness, peace and hope.

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier





HON. Michael O'Brien MP

Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the Liberal Party
Shadow Minister for Small Business
Member for Malvern

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

On behalf of the Liberal Nationals, I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) and our entire Jewish community as you come together for this year's annual general meeting.

For years the JCCV has forged a reputation as one of the most prominent organisations in Victoria, steadfastly advocating for the interests and needs of those it represents and championing the cause of Victoria's Jewish community.

This year has been no exception. The leadership and commitment shown by the JCCV in inter-faith and cross-cultural engagement within our community continues to be the nucleus of our successful, diverse and harmonious multicultural society.

The Liberal Nationals recognise that the success and strength of our society lies within our many diverse faiths, cultures and experiences. We can achieve greater unity within our society by sharing our differences and learning about other cultures faiths and traditions.

On behalf of the Liberal Nationals, I congratulate the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV) on its achievements this year and wish everyone the best for the year ahead.

THE HON. MICHAEL O'BRIEN MP
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Jennifer Huppert
President
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12 September 2019

Dear Jennifer

It is with pleasure that I extend, both personally and on behalf of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, my congratulations to you, your Office-Bearers, members of the Executive, Councillors and staff on another year of exemplary service to the Victorian Jewish community.

Some of the highlights of the year for the JCCV included:

- Jewish Cultural Awareness Days with Victorian State Politicians and City of Glen Eira
- Jewish-Muslim Comedy Debate
- Jewish-Catholic and Jewish-Vietnamese Friendship Dinners
- Shavuot Reception with Victorian Council of Churches
- Conducting a joint project on Islamophobia and Racism, holding several sessions during 2019
- Co-hosting a Rosh Hashana Lunch with Victorian State Politicians

These highlights were in addition to the JCCV's Shoah commemorations, Yom Ha'atzmaut and other Israeli celebrations, and other interfaith and inter-communal events all of which require considerable organisational effort and have an immensely positive impact for the Jewish and wider communities.

We also commend the JCCV for its constructive contribution to the ECAJ's policy discussions at a national level and to the ECAJ's National Working Group on Child Protection. We wish you continuing success in your endeavours and look forward to working with everyone at the JCCV in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Anton Block
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President of Zionism Victoria to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria 2019

On behalf of Zionism Victoria it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria on the occasion of its Annual General Meeting.

The year that is coming to a close has been a challenging one for the Victorian Jewish community as we have seen increased incidents of racist behaviour within the State and with these has come increased reports of anti-semitic behaviour. The JCCV under the Presidency of Jennifer Huppert has been in the forefront of standing up for our community wherever antisemitism has manifested itself - through its public statements, representations to Government and its support of affiliates who work within this area it has provided leadership to our community and represented us with great skills within the wider Victorian community. It is distressing to have to acknowledge the increased need for activity by the JCCV in this area but we know that we are well represented in this sphere.

Notwithstanding the need to expend additional resources in the area of anti-semitism, over the last year the Jewish Community Council of Victoria has continued its work in the interfaith and intercommunal areas hosting a number of events with other ethnic and religious groups within Victoria. Each of those occasions has represented an opportunity for members of the Victorian community to come together, share their experiences and learn from each other. These are extremely valuable events for all involved.

The JCCV has also continued to work within our own community through programs such as its Youth Alcohol Program and Governance courses it has provided valuable support to the Jewish community and its affiliates.

Zionism Victoria and the JCCV continue to work closely together both on occasions such as the annual Yom Ha'atsmaut Cocktail Party at Parliament House and our annual Politicians Rosh Hashanah luncheon and, this year, through our "Talking About Israel" program where we joined with the Australian Union of Jewish Students to bring to our community a series of presentations on Israel. We look forward to continuing to work with both organisations in the year to come.

On a personal level, Jennifer and I continue to work together on many issues - we speak often and I appreciate and thank her for her advice and friendship. I have also had the opportunity to interact with many members of the JCCV Executive over the last year and congratulate each of them on their dedication and hard work on behalf of the organisation. I am also delighted to welcome Judy Fetter as the new Executive Director of the JCCV and wish her well in her new position.

Zionism Victoria congratulates the JCCV on a successful year and wishes it hatzlacha raba for all your endeavours.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2019 has been over-shadowed by the tragic loss of JCCV Vice President and friend, Anton Hermann z"l, who was killed in a cycling accident on 6 July. Anton joined the JCCV Executive in May 2013, and was appointed Vice President in November 2014. Anton was a strong advocate for promoting Jewish values, assisting those most vulnerable and improving dialogue across diverse cultural groups. A quiet achiever of the highest integrity, Anton's passing has, and will continue to be, felt across the Jewish and wider Melbourne community.

Judy Fetter joined the JCCV as Executive Director in July. Judy brings many years of experience both within and outside the Jewish community, and I am looking forward to working with her, particularly in strengthening our profile and connecting meaningfully across all generations of the Melbourne Jewish community.

Many members of the community have expressed concern about the increase in reports of Antisemitic incidents in Victoria, including the daubing of swastikas and the recently reported Antisemitic bullying experienced by Jewish students. While we are fortunate that we have not experienced the virulent and often violent Antisemitic attacks seen in some places in the world, including attacks on Synagogues which have seen the loss of life, we cannot take this for granted. The JCCV is committed to working to reduce Antisemitism, and

ensuring that Victoria remains a socially cohesive society where members of the Jewish community can feel secure.

REPRESENTATION – Political, Police, Interfaith and Multicultural

Political

November 2018 saw the re-election of the Andrews Labor Government, and the appointment of new ministers to a number of portfolios which impact of the Jewish community in Victoria, as well as a new leader of the Opposition. These changes have not affected the strong bipartisan support for the Jewish Community and the State of Israel which has long been a feature of the Victorian political landscape.

During the year the JCCV has held meetings with a number of Victorian Ministers, Shadow Ministers and senior bureaucrats to discuss topics of concern to the Jewish community, including Antisemitism, racism, social cohesion and security.

During September, ECAJ President Anton Block, ZFA President Jeremy Leibler, ZV President Sharene Hambur and ADC Chairman Dvir Abramovich and I attended a meeting with Premier Daniel Andrews and Attorney-General Jill Hennessy. This meeting was prompted by a planned Neo-Nazi concert Victoria, but topics covered included the increase in reports of Antisemitism in Victoria, as well as the possibility of reform to the legislation dealing with hate crimes, which is currently subject of a parliamentary inquiry.

In October, UJEB President Gabi Crafti and I met with the Minister for Education and Deputy Premier to discuss the reported Antisemitic bullying in Government schools, as well as the role of UJEB in providing culturally relevant programs to Jewish students in Government Schools.

The JCCV also engages with Federal Politicians based in Victoria, in particular those who represent electorates with large Jewish populations, and we acknowledge their support.



We have also had the opportunity to meet with the Hon David Coleman MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs, and to participate in the community consultation program regarding the proposed Religious Discrimination Bill.

The Annual Parliamentary Cocktail Reception in honour of Yom Ha'atzmaut, jointly hosted with Zionism Victoria and sponsored by the State Government of Victoria through its Office of Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, was a great success. Both the Premier and Leader of the Opposition spoke warmly of their relationship with the Jewish community and their support for Israel. The reception, held at the Queens Hall in the Victorian Parliament, was well attended by many members of Parliament, consular corps

and representatives from many faith and ethnic communities. The JCCV was also represented at an Interfaith Ceremony to mark the 59th Parliament of Victoria in Queens Hall.

Other key events held during the year included the annual Politicians' Jewish Immersion Day, attended by State and Local Politicians representing the ALP and Liberal Party, which included visits to Jewish Care, St Kilda Hebrew Congregation, the Jewish Museum of Australia and the Jewish Holocaust Centre (JHC), and the return of the Rosh Hashana Lunch, co-hosted with Zionism Victoria, under the auspices of the Parliamentary Friends of Israel.

The JCCV has held Immersion Days for staff of Glen Eira City Council, which is home to approximately 56% of Victoria's Jewish community.



Session included speakers from a variety of Jewish communal organisations, as well as visits to the JHC and Caulfield Hebrew Congregation.

The JCCV is grateful for the support of the co-chairs of the Victorian Parliamentary Friends of Israel Group, David Southwick MP, and Paul Hamer MP, both of whom attend many of our events.

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Police

JCCV has a strong relationship with Victoria Police. JCCV is a member of both the Victoria Police Multicultural Portfolio Reference Group and the Victoria Police Interfaith Council, and the JCCV Business Manager, Hilary McMahon continues to regularly participate in the Community Encounters program for police and PSO recruits. We also have a representative on the Victoria Police Multifaith Youth Council.

The JCCV, and the Community Security Group, continue to strengthen relationships with members of Victoria Police, through both briefings with relevant officers, attendance by members of Victoria Police at community briefings, and events such as the annual "Schmooze with the Blues" lunch,



held before Rosh Hashana.

The JCCV's direct work with Victoria Police provides increased understanding of real life demands and how to best

interact on a number of levels with members of the Jewish community. In addition, this trusted bond allows for input into policy settings and positively influences decision making at the highest level.

Multicultural and Interfaith

Victoria has a strong multicultural society, with

support from all major political parties. The JCCV plays an important role in maintaining this through its work with interfaith and multicultural groups, in both the Government and NGO sector, and with individual faith and ethnic groups.



The JCCV has also been invited to participate in many events and programs aimed at developing Victorian policies in the area of Multiculturalism, including consultations with the Victorian Multicultural Commissioner and the Victorian Human Rights Equal Opportunities Commissioner.



JCCV is an active member of the Victorian Government's Multifaith Advisory Group, and we have a strong relationship with the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion.

As well as developing bilateral ties with other faith based and ethnic communities, the JCCV is a sponsoring organisation of the Jewish Christian Muslim Association (JCMA), and an active member of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) and the Faith Communities Council of Victoria (FCCV). Executive member Frances Prince

sits on the boards of these organisations and ensures that the views of the Jewish community are heard in these forums.

Frances was one of the leaders of the Women's Joint Journey to Jerusalem in 2019, a program of the JCMA, in which Jewish, Christian and Muslim women travelled together to Jerusalem to visit each other's holy places, learn about each other's faith, and experience interfaith activities taking place in and around Jerusalem.

Last year I reported that a partnership between the JCCV, AUJS and 2 Muslim community organisations, the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) and Benevolence had received funding to hold Active Bystander



Training Workshops, to give participants the tools to respond to racist incidents. The program was launched on 10 December by Minister Wynne at the Immigration Museum, and was followed by the first session. Subsequent sessions have been held at a variety of venues, and the response has been very positive. The program has also received positive coverage in the media, including 2 spots on ABC Radio in Melbourne.

The 4th Not So Holy Comedy Debate was held on 19 August at Melbourne Town Hall. The JCCV partnered with the Australian Intercultural Society (AIS) in what was a very successful event. The topic for this year's debate was "Laughter is the Best Medicine. Father Bob Maguire was a masterful moderator, introducing the affirmative

team of Michael Safer, Annie Louey and Sam Ebresalassie and the negative team Justine Sless, Cemil Hildiz and Jabob Sacher. The event was supported by Victorian State Government and the City of Melbourne. The JCCV hosted or co-hosted a number of dinners with other faith and cultural groups. In May the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne addressed the Annual Jewish Catholic Friendship Dinner, co-hosted by the JCCV and the Ecumenical and interfaith Commission of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. In June the JCCV and the Victorian Chapter of Vietnamese Community of Australia (VCA) held a dinner. The VCA is in the process of establishing a museum, and the evening focused on the role of community museums. A very successful Shavuot/Pentecost reception with the Victorian Council of Churches was also held in June.

During the year I and other members of the JCCV executive have represented the Jewish Community at a number of events, including:

- a multifaith memorial service for the Victims of the Christchurch Massacre organised by the Islamic Council of Victoria;
- a memorial service for the victims of the Sri Lanka massacre organised by the Anglican Archdiocese of Melbourne;
- JCMA Friendship walks in Melbourne and Ballarat;
- Iftar dinners held during Ramadan, including the Premier's Iftar and the Parliament of Victoria Iftar;
- a round table discussion on freedom of religion jointly hosted by the Victorian Human Rights Commission and The Australian Human Rights Commission;

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- networking events organised by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC);
- a reception held by the Egyptian Consul General and the Turkish Consul General to celebrate their respective national days;
- the annual dinner of the Islamic Council of Victoria; and
- a forum against racism hosted by Glen Eira City Council and the Anti-Defamation Commission entitled "Together We Stand".

The JCCV's multicultural and interfaith activities build relationships and create coalitions against racism and discrimination, and in doing so, strengthen our community.

The role of the JCCV has been clearly recognised by the Victorian Government which has continued to be a key financial supporter of our multicultural and interfaith activities.



COMMUNITY

Social Justice, Inclusion and Community Well-being

One of the JCCV's key aims is to ensure that we build a Jewish community which is both open and accepting, and which is focussed on the well-being of its members. One means of doing this is through participation in broader community networks, such as the Alcohol Policy Coalition and Spiritual Health Victoria.

One of the JCCV's key programs is the Youth Alcohol Project (YAP), an educational prevention program which comprises sessions for both parents and students, aimed at educating Year 6 and 7 students regarding issues surrounding alcohol and other substance abuse, and delivering techniques on how to handle peer pressure.

The JCCV works with teachers and child psychologists and Victoria Police's Priority Communities Division and Alcohol & Drugs Strategy Unit to develop a structure which accommodates each particular audience.



In 2019 the JCCV again joined with Jewish Care, Tzedek, National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, Unchain My Heart, Maccabi, Progressive Judaism Victoria, Impact, and the Rabbinical Council of Victoria at the Annual Walk Against Family Violence, sending a clear message from the Victorian Jewish community that violence against women and children is not acceptable.

In February the JCCV hosted approximately 50 community members at a training session on Victoria's Child Safety Standards and Reportable Conduct Scheme delivered by the Commission for Children and Young People, and was designed to improve understanding of the Standards and Scheme so that organisations are able to meet their legal obligations. The JCCV has continued to provide information to community organisations regarding their obligations in the area of child protection, including Victoria's Child Safe Standards and the Federal Government's National Redress Scheme.

At its April Plenum, the JCCV passed a resolution apologising to the members of the LGBTI+ community who were impacted by the rejection of the Aleph Melbourne membership application in May 1999 and for the unacceptable homophobic views expressed during the debate, and recommitted to welcoming and embracing LGBTIQ+ Jew.

The JCCV is also a member of Spiritual Health Victoria, the peak body enabling the provision of

quality spiritual care in all health service settings, and we are now ably represented at that organisation by Rabbi Gabi Kaltmann.

Community engagement and affiliate support

With over fifty major communal organisations as affiliates, the JCCV represents and unites the mosaic of Jewish associations operating in Victoria.

The JCCV provides a forum where members of the Victoria Jewish community from across the spectrum can exchange ideas and learn from each other's experiences. Publications such as the JCCV Diary and Directory, and the "What's Nu" newsletter, provide information about Jewish community events and organisations.

The JCCV's professional development program provides opportunities for both staff and volunteers of affiliates to improve their skills and knowledge. This year training sessions offered by the JCCV included a Grants and Fundraising Course for affiliates and other interested members of the community. Feedback from these sessions has been very positive.

Executive members and staff also attend many of the events held during the year by our affiliate organisations, and this forms a vital part of our engagement with the community.

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The JCCV office provides assistance to Shoah survivors with restitution applications and certifying Life Certificates, and the JCCV is represented on the Jewish Care Restitution Committee.

Youth engagement

Early in 2019 JCCV and Zionism Victoria met with representatives from AUJS and Jewish Youth groups to exchange ideas and discuss ways in which our organisations can support the younger members of our community. As always there was a lively discussion regarding the challenges facing these organisations, including anti-semitism on campus, and how to engage the next generation of Jewish leaders.

The contribution made to our community by young people is recognised each year by the JCCV Young Leader Award.

JCCV events

The JCCV's community events are an important feature of the Jewish community calendar.

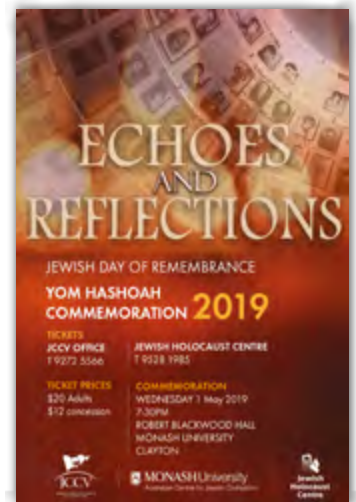
One of the key objectives of the JCCV is to perpetuate the memory of the victims of the Shoah, and to promote understanding of the Shoah in the community.

About 1,000 people attended this year's community Yom Hashoah commemoration, held on 1 May at Robert Blackwood Hall. With the title "Echoes and Reflections", the program focused on the 80th anniversary of outbreak of World War 2.

The highlight of the evening was a moving and powerful testimony given by survivor Vera Friedin. Randi Grose produced the event and was ably supported by the organising committee comprising Hilary McMahon, Bram Presser, Nina Bassat AM, Michael Cohen, Ariella Leski and Lena Fizman.

The JCCV and the Jewish Holocaust Centre hosted an event to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27 January at Glen Eira Town Hall. The keynote speaker was Professor Marcia Langton, and survivor Joe de Haan spoke movingly of his experiences. We also heard from some of the younger members of the community, representing the Fourth Generation. The event was well attended by Politicians, Diplomats and leaders of Jewish community organisations.

JCCV was one of the sponsors of "Walking Together: Remembering William Cooper", an event held on 6 December 2019, in which about 600 people walked through the streets of Melbourne in order to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the date on which William Cooper, Yorta man and secretary of the Aboriginal Advancement League, walked from Footscray to deliver a petition to the German consulate protesting about the events of Kristallnacht. The walk through the city included a stop at the site of the German consulate and ended at Peppercorn Park on the banks of the Yarra River, where there



was a smoking ceremony, as well as the lighting of a Chanukiah.

The JCCV joined with Zionism Victoria and AUJS to present "Talking about Israel", a five session educational program aimed at providing members of the community with the tools to discuss political issues regarding Israel in an informed and educated manner. This was followed by a number of "hands on" advocacy sessions.



The JCCV co-hosted a number of events with Zionism Victoria, aimed at strengthening ties between the Victorian Jewish Community and Israel. In addition to the Yom Ha'atzmaut Parliamentary Cocktail Reception, the JCCV participated in the Yom Hazikaron Commemoration at Robert Blackwood Hall.

JCCV Plenums, held regularly during the year, bring together JCCV affiliates to discuss issues of importance to the community. One of the highlights was a forum on Antisemitism and Racism held at the April Plenum. J-Air's Gary Max moderated a panel comprising the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner Kristen Hilton, ECAJ Research Director Julie Nathan, AUJS Chairperson Josef Wilkinson and JCCV Executive Member and Managing Director

of Online Hate Prevention Institute Andre Oboler. Other topics addressed at Plenums this year have included issues affecting the LGTTI+ community, climate change, family violence in the Jewish community and Holocaust commemoration.

Community Recognition

Each year the JCCV Executive presents the General Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Service to the Jewish Community to a person who has demonstrated an exceptional and outstanding commitment to the Victorian Jewish Community over a long period of as well as the newly named Sylvia Gelman Young Leader Award. This year these awards will be presented at the AGM. Last year's awardees were community stalwart Danielle Charak OAM and Ali Davis, Morgan Lincoln and Jainie Mills (co-founders of the NCJWA Vic Jam Program).

COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

The community is well served by a number of media outlets, including The Australian Jewish News, J-Air and J-Wire, each of which provide extensive coverage for the activities of the JCCV and its affiliates. I have appeared on a number of J-Air programs to speak about the JCCV's activities and items of concern to the community. We are grateful for the support of these organisations.

The JCCV uses a variety of media platforms to engage with the community. While the JCCV Directory and Diary continues to be an important resource for both the Jewish and broader community, the JCCV e-bulletin "What's Nu", and the JCCV website, jccv.org.au, in particular the Media Centre and Online Community Calendar,

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provide up to date information regarding the activities of the JCCV and its affiliates, as well as links to other communal sites, throughout the year.

COMMUNITY SECURITY GROUP

The CSG works closely with the Jewish Day Schools, Synagogues and other communal organisations, keeping them informed as to the threats facing our community and providing valuable advice and support.



I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of the CSG volunteers, both those who work directly with the CSG, and the synagogue members and parents at Jewish day schools who volunteer who devote countless hours to the security of their organisations.

The CSG continues to build on the strong relationships with both Victoria Police and the Australian Federal Police. The CSG held a number of briefings for community organisations during the year at which representatives of Victoria Police provided updates to community leaders.

Mark Gandur and the CSG Advisory Board continue to ensure that the CSG has funding to carry out its important work.

The Jewish community in Victoria owes a debt of gratitude to the staff and volunteers of the CSG for the time they give to ensure the protection of the community.

Last year I reported that the JCCV received a grant of \$3 million from the Victorian Government to be applied towards Project Fortify, a project under the auspices of the JCCV and CSG, which assists certain Victorian Jewish Institutions to strengthen the security measures at their facilities.

Stage 1 of Project Fortify is well under way, with construction being carried out at a number of facilities across Melbourne.

The CSG has also assisted community organisations with applications for funding for security upgrades to the Federal Government's Safer Communities Fund.

CEO Ricky Perl will be leaving CSG at the end of 2019, and I take this opportunity to thank him for his dedication to the wellbeing of the Victorian Jewish community, and wish him well with his future endeavours.

JEWISH COMMUNITY EMERGENCY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Crisis Manager Nicole Matejic, supported by the JCCM committee has developed an updated crisis management plan for the Victorian Jewish

Community, and through her regular sessions with Emergency Service Organisations, has worked to ensure that the concerns of the Jewish community will be taken into account.

JCCV FUNDING

Patrons and Major Donors

The achievements of the JCCV outlined in this report would not be possible without the continued generosity, support and encouragement of our Patrons and major donors, including Gandel Philanthropy, the Estate of Jacob Frankiel and the Estate of Sylvia Gelman. This funding guarantees the financial viability of the organisation and ensures that the JCCV has the resources to deliver its program of events and activities.

Victorian Government

As mentioned above, the JCCV has received significant funding from the Victorian Government which facilitates our interfaith and multicultural activities, and we are grateful for this support.

Appeals

Members of the community continue to give generously to the JCCV Community Appeal and the Kol Nidrei Appeal, and I thank the community for its continued support it gives to the JCCV through its donations, evidencing the trust the community places in the JCCV and its work.

The Council for Jewish Education in Schools (CJES) is the entity which provide tax deductibility for donations for Jewish education in schools and on University campuses. The CJES is administered by the JCCV, and oversight is by the CJES Committee, comprising Alan Samuel OAM JP, Hilary McMahon and myself. The Council for Jewish Communal Security (CJCS) enable tax deductibility for

donations for communal security, for both the operations of the CSG, and security for communal facilities.

The CJCS is administered by the CJCS sub-committee, comprising Ricci Steckoll, Jack Lipson, Graham Goldsmith and myself.

The JCCV administers the Trude Weiss Foundation for educational support and The Marion and Kurt Lippmann Foundation, which provides scholarships for community professionals. The administration is carried out by Hilary McMahon. My appreciation goes to all those involved in the administration of these funds.

ECAJ

The JCCV has worked closely with the ECAJ in areas which affect the whole of the Australian Jewish community. The ECAJ provides strong representation for the Jewish Community within Australia and abroad. ECAJ meetings also provide an important forum for the exchange of ideas with leaders of Jewish communities around Australia.

I congratulate outgoing ECAJ President Anton Block on his term in office. During the past 3 years Anton has provided valuable support and advice to the JCCV, ably supported by the ECAJ staff, led by Co-CEO's Peter Wertheim AM and Alex Rychin.

STAFF, OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION

As reported last year, during 2018 the JCCV made a difficult decision to reduce its staffing levels to maximise functionality and reflect budgetary demands. During that time we were without an Executive Director, and Business Manager, Hilary McMahon and Project Manager, Anat Aloni stepped

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into the resulting gap, ensuring that the JCCV continued to operate effectively and deliver its program.

In the few short months since Judy Fetter joined the JCCV she has had a significant impact on the operations of the organisation, and made great progress in developing relationships with our stakeholders, including affiliates and interfaith and multicultural organisations.

In addition to her oversight of the finances of the JCCV, CJCS, CJES and the various Foundations administered by the JCCV, Hilary is a key member of the Yom Hashoah committee, and ensures that JCCV functions and events run smoothly.

As mentioned above, Hilary makes a significant contribution in her role at the Victoria Police Community Encounters Program. She also represents the JCCV at events, both within and outside the community.

In addition to her work with JCCV projects, including YAP and the Active Bystander Training Workshops, which I have outlined above, Anat Aloni has responsibility for managing our website and publicising JCCV events and programs.

I would like to thank the volunteers who devote time to work of the JCCV, in particular Mervyn Chait, Rebecca Pillai and Diane Rose.

EXECUTIVE

As I mentioned in the introduction, the operations of the JCCV and its executive have been impacted

by the loss of Vice-President Anton Hermann. I am fortunate to have the backing of a dedicated executive, who have provided support in difficult circumstances. Members come from diverse backgrounds, representing the breadth of the Jewish Community, and with their mix of experience and youth, bring a variety of skills and perspectives to the JCCV.

Two new members joined the executive at the end of 2018. Ricci Steckoll took on the difficult role of treasurer, and Frank Greenstein was co-opted as an executive member without portfolio

They join Frances Prince (Multicultural & Interfaith), Doron Abramovici (Social Inclusion & Community Engagement) and Dr Andre Oboler (Online engagement) and Dean Cohen (Strategy), Jack Lipson (Security Liaison) and co-opted executive members, Bram Presser and Isabelle Polgar.

I also work closely with the President of Zionism Victoria, Sharene Hambur, who is a non-voting member of the executive, ensuring that there is a strong working relationship between the two organisations.

LOOKING FORWARD

As I enter the final year of my term as President, the JCCV will continue to focus on providing representation for its affiliates and the members of the Victorian Jewish community and on:

- maintaining bipartisan support for the Jewish Community from all levels of Government
- ensuring that Victoria remains a socially cohesive society where members of the Jewish community can feel secure; and

- providing services and programs which meet the needs of our diverse affiliates and community members, in particular the younger members of our community.

This would not have been possible without the support of the many people and organisations referred to in this report, in particular the JCCV executive and staff, and the many members of the Jewish community who have participated in our activities during 2019.

Jennifer Huppert
President



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The JCCV has a long and proud history.

Since 1938 the JCCV has advocated for the rights and security of all Jewish people in our state, and today, the Jewish way of life and shared values remain central to our mantra. Since commencing at the JCCV in July 2019, I have been incredibly impressed by the energy, engagement and reach of the organisation, both within the Jewish community and more broadly across Victoria.



I recognise the benefits of collaboration with affiliates, inter-cultural and inter-faith organisations, together with local, state and federal government to advance our reach.

Working together with leaders in their field strengthens our message, encourages proactive initiatives and promotes innovative outcomes to issues impacting our community.

Positive engagement is critical to our success as an organisation.

Today, issues faced by the JCCV are becoming increasingly complex. Therefore in 2020, I plan to work closely with the Executive Team and affiliates to identify key priority areas, adapt to socio-economic and international influences, to offer support and add value through communicating regularly with our members and broader community. I recognise many

of our supporters are active volunteers and their dedication and expertise is exceptional. They truly bring to life many of the services provided by our affiliates and their feedback is invaluable to assist with evaluation and quality improvements for the future.

Funding is central to our sustainability and growth.

The JCCV is extremely thankful to our Patrons, Major and Private Donors together with State and Federal Government financial support, through targeted grants and sponsorship programs. My shared mission with the JCCV Executive is to expand our sponsorship program, to identify interested families, individuals or corporate contacts and link their passion with a specific JCCV program or initiative for the advancement of our goals.

The JCCV is best placed for advocacy with Government Representatives, Staff and Departments.

In the past few months I have experienced firsthand how our professionalism and network is positively received. This level of recognition and influence should not be underestimated or taken for granted by the community. A diligent Executive Team from JCCV and ECAJ represent your concerns at the highest levels to safeguard Jewish traditions and values, combat anti-semitism, foster social cohesion dialog, inspire Jewish youth through education and wellbeing programs and proudly support Israel and the Jewish people.

Meaningfully connecting with individuals and community personnel unified by shared values whilst representing the JCCV is a wonderful aspect of my role.

I have had the pleasure of attending and contributing to a number of key JCCV events and meetings between June and November 2019 at Victorian Parliament House; Victorian Multicultural Commission; Victoria Police; Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Association (JCMA), Department of Home Affairs, Zionism Victoria, Spiritual Health Association, Glen Eira Council Jewish Immersion Day and held focused discussions with several affiliate organisations.

As a roof body, the JCCV is a valuable resource.

The new decade brings new opportunities for our community to work more cohesively together, to adapt to change, whilst honouring the ideals and vision of our founders. This is the challenge which I will embrace in the year ahead, with the guidance and support of Jennifer Huppert and the JCCV Executive Team.

Judy Fetter Executive Director



JCCV MULTICULTURAL & INTERFAITH PORTFOLIO REPORT



Over the past year I have continued to represent the Jewish community on a number of multicultural and interfaith Victorian boards. In this capacity I have attended a wide variety of events and have spoken at a number of them. In addition, I have been able to make introductions to, and connections between, members of the Jewish community and members of other communities

As the Co Vice-President of the FCCV (Faith Communities Council of Victoria) I regularly attend and participate in the Management Committee meetings. The FCCV is Victoria's umbrella multifaith body committed to promoting positive relations between people of different faiths.

This year's annual Victorian Interfaith Networks Conference, that takes place under the auspices of the FCCV, was hosted by the Interfaith Network of the City of Greater Dandenong. Topics addressed included refugees and asylum seekers, faith and the creative arts and Child Safe Standards and the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

I continue to serve as JCCV Liaison on the JCMA (Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia) Board. Over the past year JCMA has been very ably led by Mr Ramzi Elsayed. The Women's Committee has been re-invigorated. The Schools Program continues its reach into a variety of schools, explaining and modelling the benefits of interfaith co-operation and dialogue. The annual JCMA Friendship Walk- from a mosque to a synagogue to a church- was successful and enjoyable.

Without doubt the highlight of the year was JCMA's Women's Joint Journey to Jerusalem. In April,

twelve women from Melbourne, four each from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths, spent nine days together in Jerusalem. We visited sites of importance to each of the three faiths (guided by tour guides from each of the faiths). We immersed ourselves in each other's 'Holy Days'. We met with organizations in Jerusalem where women of all three faiths work together harmoniously in a variety of fields, including the health, education, and political sectors of across our three faith communities.

This has been my second year on the Board of the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV). The ECCV is committed to empowering people from culturally diverse communities and advocating for a socially cohesive and inclusive Victorian society. Each year the Walter Lippmann Memorial Oration is held, to honour the memory and vision of the founder of the ECCV. This year's oration was delivered by Professor Marcia Langton AM in commemoration of the United Nations Year of Indigenous Languages.

A few other events of significance included attending the annual ICV (Islamic Council of Victoria) dinner, visiting leaders of the Islamic community in the wake of the Christchurch Mosque massacre and speaking on an interfaith panel at Ilim Girls Secondary College.

I'd like to thank Jennifer Huppert for her leadership and direction and all Executive members for their teamwork, brainstorming and advice. In addition, I would like to express my personal sadness at the passing of Anton Hermann (z"l). I miss his comraderie, wisdom and support.



Frances Prince
Multicultural & Interfaith Portfolio



SOCIAL INCLUSION REPORT

2019 marks 10 years of advocacy for the JCCV for LGBTIQ+ equality and inclusion.

The JCCV through the LGBTI Reference Group instigated initiatives over the last decade including:

- The release of a report into the discrimination and vilification of LGBT individuals within our community;
- Participation in the No to Homophobia Campaign;
- Holding community and wellbeing forums;
- Contributions to the Australian GLBT Multicultural Council publication – Living with Diversity and World Congress of GLBT Jews publication – Kol Koleinu;
- Release of the JCCV's LGBTI Directory;
- Launch of the Youth Video Competition;
- Issuing a statement in conjunction with Jewish Care condemning conversion therapy;
- Admitting the 1st Jewish LGBTI organisation as an affiliate of the JCCV – Keshet Australia;
- Ratifying a motion for civil marriage equality in 2017;

This year's advocacy commenced with pride march celebrations being a huge success with affiliate organisations Jewish Care, Keshet Australia, TBI, Habonim, Hashomer, Leo Baeck, SKIF, as well as the Jewish Lesbian Group of Victoria and Aleph proudly marching in solidarity.

I was privileged to be asked to deliver the keynote presentation at the annual Temple Beth Israel Pride Shabbat Service and welcoming Ro Allen, Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality for the Victorian Government to deliver the keynote presentation at the March plenum for the first time.

March continued a busy 2 months having represented the JCCV and the ECAJ at the World Congress of GLBT Jews in Sydney, which was held in Australia for the first time.

In April, the JCCV acknowledged and apologised to Aleph for being denied membership 20 years ago commencing a process of healing for LGBTIQ+ members involved at the time.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work done by the Late Anton Hermann, JCCV Vice President who tragically passed away in an accident a few months later.



The poster features a rainbow background with a white flame icon on the left. The text 'tbi pride' is in a light purple font, and 'Weekend' is in a bold yellow font on a black background. Below this, the event schedule is listed in black text on a white background.

FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY
5.15PM PRE-SHABBAT DRINKS CELEBRATING PRIDE SHABBAT
6.15PM PRIDE SHABBAT SERVICE
Guest Speaker: Doron Abramovici
Doron is an Executive Member at JCCV and leads their Social Inclusion & Community Engagement initiative. Doron will be reflecting on the successes and achievements of the Jewish Community in this project.

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY
10.30AM PRIDE MARCH
Join the TBI Community for the annual Pride March. Meet at Ian Johnson Oval, Cnr Lakeside Drive & Fitzroy Street St Kilda. For more information please visit: tbi.org.au/pride.

We hope you can join us to celebrate our diverse community and continue to advance inclusion and equality.



Anton Hermann was a true leader and mensch in our community.

Jewish Care embarked on Rainbow Tick accreditation; an imperative initiative that will strengthen the organisation's commitment to inclusive access to services for the LGBTIQ+ Jewish community. Embarking on this initiative is a testament to Jewish Care's leadership and commitment to the LGBTIQ+ community.

Finally, the JCCV would like to thank the Victorian State Government for maintaining its commitment to ban conversion therapy in the state.

Doron Abramovici
Director for Social Inclusion

SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT

RESPONDING TO ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

Showing Up - Bystander Intervention Program

As part of the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Action Plan, the Victorian Government is supporting key organisations to deliver community-led responses to Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

A collaborative initiative by the Jewish Community Council of Victoria (JCCV), Australian Intercultural Society (AIS), Australian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) and Benevolence Australia, a united body aimed at addressing these issues has been formed and prioritised key sessions during the year.



The sessions were co-designed by its partners alongside The provider Polykala. Polykala, is a training organisation renowned for their leadership programs including 'Say no to racism' and their work with diversity and inclusion training.

World-wide, these forms of racist, anti-Semitic and Islamophobic attacks are on the rise. The Project was about development of a curriculum for bystander awareness training, as well as the delivery of a series of training courses and workshops to train bystanders to take a safe and active stance when observing incidents of Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

Delivered across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria between September 2018 – October 2019, our half day program:

- Provided community-led responses to Islamophobia and Antisemitism
- Support people who have been subjected to Islamophobia and Antisemitism
- Support bystanders to respond to situations
- Raised awareness of issues and promoted respectful behavior and interfaith understanding
- Main Achievements
- Community response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive, with a strong desire for additional sessions.
- Feedback from participants has focused largely on the non-intimidating, safe and respectful nature of the sessions including positive responses to the group-based style of the sessions, rather than presentations or role plays which can be intimidating.



- ***Initial surveys indicated that 72% of participants said they would now feel comfortable to engage someone who said or did something that was not inclusive, 84% reported feeling comfortable to participate during the session and 100% would recommend this training to others.***
- The initial workshop in January 2018 provided an opportunity for the formation of the partnership between JCCV, AUJS, AIS and Benvolence in 2019. This partnership has been a key asset to this program, setting an example of strong working intercultural relationships for participants, and showcasing to the broader community what can be achieved when groups come together to support and build positive models for multiculturalism.
- It was important to have a mixed group in the training sessions itself (cultural/faith), as this brings a range of perspectives and personal experiences to the discussion: a well-rounded exposure. Conclusions after running the program through the entire year were that there is much more work with the police, universities and front line staff – public transport and security personnel who are specifically interacting with that behaviors and target groups.



YOUTH ALCOHOL PROGRAM (YAP)

The Youth Alcohol Project (YAP) is an educational prevention program aimed to reduce underage drinking in the Victorian Jewish community. Based on persuasive anecdotal evidence, that 12 and 13-year old are exposed to alcohol in private social settings including bar / bat mitzvahs. It is JCCV's view that proactive education and awareness raising of youth - to alcohol issues, can lead to a reduction in binge drinking and related risky behavior in the following few years.

Since YAP was initiated in 2009 with a seeding grant from the Government, the JCCV have been working on developing a structured educational program that focuses on both students and parents. Based on harm minimization principles, the program has been developed in collaboration with drug and alcohol experts, Victoria Police Priority Communities Division and Alcohol and Drug Unit educators and medical practitioners.



Initially focused on Year 6 level 'pre bar/bat mitzvah' aged students and their parents but has since evolved and expanded to Years 7-12 and reaches Jewish students at Primary and Secondary, State and Independent Schools.

Programs are also delivered to Bar/Bat Mitzvah students in conjunction with the United Jewish Education Board, in addition to Jewish Day schools.

Parent sessions facilitated by drug and alcohol experts combined with members of the Victoria Police. Students interactive sessions: to educate students as well as provide techniques on how to handle peer pressure, specifically towards alcohol misuse. The sessions offer a safe, unique, challenging and creative atmosphere for students to learn, through fun activity.

An active Facebook page provides information and support to both parents and older students, to promote their messages and keep people connected. We would like to thank Gandel Philanthropy and Jakob Frenkiel Estate for their support of this project.



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