

Inside Emmy



Emmy Monash
Aged Care

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CEO'S MESSAGE

Every year seems to go faster than the year before. As 2023 nears the end I want to reflect on the year that was and all we have achieved.

This past month has been filled with some beautiful intergenerational connections with our 'Together we are Stronger' community event in Caulfield Park. We wish to thank everyone who attended this event, it meant a lot to our residents to see community support.

Our much-loved Safta program has been incredibly successful once again, bringing light and love into so many little lives who each bring even more joy into our Safta's lives.

We are so grateful for the partnership we have formed with the Jewish Museum of Australia who visited twice presenting the Chagall exhibit, a brilliant outreach program.

You might see some new little faces in our lounges every Friday night to help us bring in Shabbat. We are so grateful for our newest volunteers Racheli and her four children. They are one of a few families who have joined to volunteer, as a family on a regular basis. Amazing community spirit which is welcomed warmly particularly in today's environment.

With Chanukah approaching I wish Chag Sameach to all of you, we all pray for miracles, light, and peace more than ever before. I hope you all have a safe and restful summer break.

I have no doubt 2024 is going to bring many exciting things to Emmy Monash

Tanya Abramzon,
Chief Executive Officer



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

Emmy Monash residents including Holocaust survivors joined with the Jewish Community Council of Victoria and community members in Caulfield Park for a "Together We Are Stronger" event on 9 November, marking the 85th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

The emotion-fuelled event emphasized unity, resilience, and remembrance for those hostages not yet returned to their homes. There were 239 teddy bears on the grounds, symbolizing each Israeli hostage in Gaza. Each teddy wore a ribbon with the name and age of each person. Residents held signs that boldly stated, "Never Again is Now," and called for the release of hostages and an end to ongoing anti-Semitic threats.

Emmy resident and Holocaust survivor Esther Wise shared a powerful message, that was shown on SBS news that evening: "we hope to God that nothing like this can ever happen again. Never forget. Teach your children, your grandchildren, don't let something this cruel and sick, like in Europe, happen again."



SAFTA PROGRAM

The much-loved Safta program is coming to a close for 2023, at Gandel Besen House, Safta Bella, Irene and Esther have built some beautiful intergenerational connections with kinder students throughout the year, making unforgettable memories for both parties.

The program includes many wonderful activities including sing-alongs, baking sessions and book reading, just to name a few. We can't wait for the Safta program to bring new energy, and enthusiasm to the lives of our residents and students in 2024.

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STAFF



BABY NEWS!

We are thrilled to hear that the Emmy team has gained another member with the news of the safe arrival of baby girl Kiara, daughter to Gunjan our Payroll Accountant.

Mazal Tov to Gunjan and her husband Abhishek on this wonderful news, we wish them and their family all the best with their new bundle of joy.



HAVE YOU MET JEFF?

If you have, the chances are he knows your coffee of choice. An experienced barista with a background in hospitality, Jeff has worked in the Felder Family Café on and off for the past 10 months now and will continue to work four days a week, including Sundays.

Jeff says his favourite part about working at Emmy is the people and how friendly everyone is when visiting the café. Jeff has lived in Melbourne for the past seven years and originates from Fujian, China.

Make sure to stop and say hi next time you visit our cafe!

RESIDENTS



CHAGALL PART TWO!

We were lucky enough to have the Jewish Museum of Australia return and continue their discussion on the life and works of Marc Chagall, as their exhibition draws to a close.

Naomi Dascal had such a great time presenting to everyone in July, that she wanted to return to nurture our community and bring some Jewish joy to everyone!

Residents were able to hold samples of Chagall's work, analyse them and have an open discussion on each piece.

VOLUNTEERS



NEW VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to welcome our newest family volunteers, Racheli Arber and her children Kira, Ella, Ari, and Zac who will be visiting every week to bring in Shabbat with our residents, lighting candles together, singing and chatting and wishing all a Shabbat Shalom.

Racheli's grandparent was a resident of Emmy previously, and her father supported our Shabbat Services for many years. We love intergenerational connections within the Emmy family!



EMMY'S ANNUAL REPORT IS OUT NOW

Highlights our achievements of 2022 – 2023, the Emmy Monash Annual Report is now available.

Pick up your copy when you next visit us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Friday 1st
Special Community Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 6th
Staff End of Year Celebration

Thursday 7th – Friday 15th
Chanukah candle lighting



REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

We would like to wish a long life to those Emmy families who recently lost a loved one. We miss these residents and remember them fondly:

Jacob Szwarcbord z"l
Gabriel Nozick z"l

CHAG SAMEACH
to all our residents, staff, families and community.