**Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (Vic) Inc.**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of Management**

**held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 7.30 pm**

**via Zoom**

**Present**

Allan Jankie, Max Wald, Rene Eisner, Bubbles Segall, Bernie Kuran,

Helen Gardner, Liz James, Rodney Eisfelder, Terry Ashton, Ian Samuel.

**Apologies**

Nil

**Minutes of Last Meeting – 27 July 2022**

Accepted

**Issues Arising**

Nil

**Resignation – Clive Kaicer**

Email sent to Clive from Bubbles Segall and Allan Jankie thanking him for his

participation on the committee.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income and Expenditure statement circulated by email by Rene Eisner. Cash Book balance $10,018 as of 7 September 2022.

**New Member/s**

Monique Percy

**Website – Rene Eisner**

The links for the response section for the AGM is not working.

The links need to be tidied up.

**Projects**

See reports

**Mitzvah Day – Sunday 20 November – Photographing Memorial Plaques – Max Wald**

* Major synagogues on board.
* Leo Baeck will be photographing their plaques on Mitzvah Day between 3 and 5pm under our guidance. Max is suggesting that other synagogues do the same as they are familiar with their records.
* Already has East Melbourne.
* Many from Toorak from Liz James – some need to be redone.
* Max has acquired a full spreadsheet of photos from the Holocaust. Museum.
* Time consuming task entering the information onto a spreadsheet.
* Will require some assistance once all the photos have been taken.
* Helen Gardner volunteered to assist Max.
* Ian Samuel to approach Rae Bower at Mizrachi.

**Feedback – Terry Ashton – Zeev Sharon**

Terry met with Zeev. He belongs to the Israeli Jewish Genealogical Society and the World War One Historical Association. Discussed various ways our society can be of assistance. He often gets queries from Israelis who have connections in Australia. Terry provided him with resources which can assist with research. He is happy to assist us with Israeli research.

He has given Liz James resources on Sephardic research which will be helpful with the Roots Projects.

**Future of the Society’s Library**

The Lamm Library finds itself in a position where it can no longer offer us free board in our room. If we wish stay we must pay rent. Discussion now revolves around what we require now, not what we required five years ago. Once we have decided what we require, we can decide what we need to do to acquire such a home.

Liz James outlined what we require.

* A lockable facility for microfilms and boxes with sensitive information.
* Don’t require a meeting room.

Being followed up by Allan Jankie.

**Facebook – Heshy Adelist**

Facebook is growing really fast and is very popular.

We have started a segment called *Did you Know?*

**Presentations**

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**IAJGS Liaison Officer AGM**

On 12 August Allan Jankie received an email from Ina Getzoff, the new chair of the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Liaison Committee letting him know that Eli Rabinowitz is the Society’s assigned Liaison Officer and that he will be in contact shortly. No contact has been made.

**Date of Next Meeting**

26 October 2022

**Any Other Business**

Nil

**Matters arising from Meeting**

**Liz James**

Contact Tom Reisner’s partner on behalf of the society.

**Helen Gardner**

Contact Aron Blicblau to see if he is interested in assisting with the DoJR Project.

**Ian Samuel**

Unsure whether Ephraim Finch still has our scanner and if so, is he still using it. To be followed up by Ian Samuel.

Find contact for Mizrachi for Max Wald (Rae Bower).

**REPORTS**

**RODNEY EISFELDER**

Since the last report, we have added some small updates from Elwood,  
Caulfield and Coogee synagogues bringing the database to 34,100 records.

I have completed proofreading of the recent additions for the Great  
Synagogue, South Head, Macquarie Street, Maroubra, Chabad Malvern, and St. Kilda, but still have to do the latest additions. There is still some purging of duplicates from Temple Beth Israel to be done.

**MAX WALD**

Pleased to announce completion of inserting Fawkner images onto the Melbourne Chevra Kaddish database. I will begin with the easier Adass images next week, then Melbourne General etc.

I have completed photographing Chevra Kadisha's Memorial plaques.

Continuing with Rodney Eisfelder and Ian Samuel with marriage records.

Prepared recorded session for the DoJR presentation by Helen Gardner, Bubbles Segall & Liz James for the IAJGS Conference.

**HELEN GARDNER**

Liz James, Bubbles Segall and I presented our findings to the IAJGS 2022 conference. Title of talk “A Treasure Trove of Records Hidden in Plain Sight”. It will be available on the IAJGS22 conference website until Oct 25. Feedback will not be available until after then, when access to the sessions closes.

We have written a draft script for contact with organisations which will follow from an initial email with an invitation to organisations participate. Liz is working on getting some help with this second phase of the project. Hopefully, when we present to the AJGS, this will help recruit more volunteers.

Bubbles is working on a revised version of our presentation to the IAJGS conference, which will be more suitable for our AJGS audience.

We will go into recess until after the Yomim Noraim, resuming on Oct 21.

**DoJR Report – Request**

The team would like another volunteer to assist Helen Gardner in visiting organisations. Max Wald suggested that Helen approach Aaron Blicblau to see if he is interested.

Other suggestions: Ephraim Finch and Yossi Aron. Helen Gardner to follow up.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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| **SPEAKER** | **DATE** |
| **Annual Lionel Sharpe Memorial Presentation and AGM**  **Bubbles Segall**  Organising and Preserving your Genealogical Information. | Sunday 18 September  Glen Eira Town Hall & Zoom |
| **Bubbles Segall, Helen Gardner & Liz James**  DoJR Project | 23 October  Caulfield Cup Room, Glen Eira Town Hall |
| **Bubbles Segall & Committee Members**  A Beginners Guide to Jewish Genealogy. (Face-to-Face at North-Eastern Jewish Centre, Doncaster) | Date to be decided – November or possibly Feb next year |