

**MINUTES: August 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7.30 pm**  
**Australian Jewish Genealogical Society (VIC)**  
**Venue: ZOOM**

**Apologies:** Nil

**Present:** Ian Samuel, Heshy Adelist, Rene Eisner, Allan Jankie, Max Wald, Helen Gardner, Liz James, Rodney Eisfelder, Terry Ashton, Aaron Blicblau, Bernie Kuran, Louise Shostak

**Minutes of Last Meeting – June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023**—these were accepted

**Issues discussed:**

**Rene:**

- Welcomed Louise Shostak who as a member, has joined our committee. Louise told us about her background and how her interest in genealogy was sparked. Note that Louise has been a member since 2000.

**Terry**

- AGM topic-waiting confirmation from Jason Reeve of Ancestry
- Terry will send out nomination forms re positions on the AGM for all members. These need to be completed, and returned to us by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The current committee will be renominating for their positions.
- The AGM will now be an online event, starting at 7.30 p.m. Jason will speak on “Using Ancestry.com for Family History & An Introduction to AncestryDNA.” The talk will begin around 7.45 p.m.

**Reports:**

**MARRIAGE DATABASE-RODNEY**

No Change

**JOWBR-MAX**

Static

**FINANCIAL & WEBSITE REPORTS-RENE**

- Annual Reports received from Max, Terry (Secretary and Meetings), Liz (Roots and Resource Room), Helen, (DoJR)
- Waiting on the balance of the reports. Required before 31<sup>st</sup> August the latest
- Rene presented both the current and annual financial reports. There have been 5 new members this month.

**ROOTS PROJECT REPORT-LIZ**

Bernie, Liz & Bubbles ran a 'Roots Session' for a group of 12 girls in grade 6 from UJEB as part of their Batmitzvah program. Bernie suggested getting in touch with other organisations running batmitzvah projects. Bernie and Liz will discuss this with each other a little more and report to the committee.

**DoJR-HELEN**

Helen explained DoJR's aims and said that Victoria is the only state adding data so far.

**FACEBOOK – HESHY**

Nothing to report

**FUTURE PRESENTATIONS**

Discussion ensued as to possible future talks e.g;

- A talk about Jewish sites at the St. Kilda cemetery
- Ian suggested a speaker on Sephardi Jewry based on a UK speaker—could this person be approached to talk to our members? Ian will investigate further.
- Aaron suggested a presentation on how to start researching Genealogy. We have done this before and Rene will send Bubbles' book on this to members of the committee.
- Bernie will see if Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz from the Santa Cruz genealogical society,

would speak to our members on Polish resources for 2024.

<b>FUTURE PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
AGM & talk (topic to be confirmed) via Zoom	10-9-2023
Michael Tobias and Paul Gardner, will present a joint Zoom presentation, @ 7.30 p.m. with Michael with talking about how he found the parents of a Kindertransport child	12-11-2023

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Rodney and his wife were recently in Broken Hill and photographed Jewish headstones. He spoke with Peter Philipson and others who represented other historical and genealogical societies.
- Rene asked Helen if an email for DoJR was happening. Helen said it is in the process of being resolved.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** 3/10/2023 at Bernie's home: 98 Carlingford St, Caulfield South VIC 3162

**MEETING ENDED AT:** 8.37 p.m.