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Annual Report

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# Chairperson's Report

In last year's Annual Report I talked about the strategic imperatives of innovation, collaboration and leadership that underpin the AJF and that had been the primary drivers for the year and as I reflect on the last year gone, I find that these have again been front and foremost in the AJF journey but with increased depth and an even broader reach.



2016 was undoubtedly one of the most successful and busiest years yet for the Australian Jewish Funders. The range, variety and functions hosted by the AJF for our members was diverse as we strove to cater to the needs of all our members. As we harnessed guest speakers from across the international community for our local program I was many times humbled by the vision, passion, courage and resilience of the stories of these inspirational individuals, while, at the same time, I was also delighted by their achievements and progress. The opportunity for our members to meet with such extraordinary people fosters vigorous and challenging debate and really nourishes our members' own vision and commitment to contribute to the creation of a better world.

In parallel to our local engagements, we have also maintained our commitment to the AJF international program of events by hosting the second AJF Member Road Trip to California and our second international conference, Singapore 2015: Asia and the Jewish World, A Global Leadership Conversation. Both of these events were very successful and provided invaluable and unique insights, learnings and networking opportunities that increase our capacity and enormously benefit our own work.

The AJF continues to be the umbrella for a number of initiatives and our events and functions during 2016 have aimed to preserve the momentum and sharpen our focus. In addition to the existing AJF activities which include Giving Circles and LaunchPad that encompass LaunchPad Retreat and LaunchPad Dave Grants, 2016 saw the introduction of The LaunchPad Hub, a co-working space that brings together amazing, hard-working and inspiring change-makers actively working on new ideas to build a strong, connected and engaged Jewish community.

This year the AJF also introduced the Jewish Teen Giving Initiative. We welcomed Stacey Dodge, Program Manager and Andrea Lipshutz, Program Officer to the growing AJF team. Stacey and Andrea are inspiring and engaging a new generation of Jewish philanthropists through a thoughtful and intentional process of collective giving. They spend the year learning and discussing Jewish and philanthropic principles that lead to effective and meaningful giving.

The rapid growth of the AJF requires strong guiding principles blended with flexibility to adjust to changing circumstances, new social issues and opportunities to improve our effectiveness and the impact of

# Chairperson's Report

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what we do. It is also of essence to invest in the ongoing training, growth and development of our key staff. Nurturing our talent and ensuring that Professional Development for staff is an ongoing process is essential if we plan to remain a key player on the national and international platform.

Our focus on Professional Development has seen our CEO, Tracie Olcha, undertake a number of opportunities for growth both nationally and internationally and, as a result, Tracie continues to play a significant role in strengthening and building the capacity of the philanthropic sector. Tracie has been involved in a number of sector initiatives and I commend her for her passion, professionalism, energy and enthusiasm.

In addition, our Project Manager, Natalie Rathner, was given the opportunity to participate in a Moishe House International learning retreat and Andrea Lipshutz in the Jewish Teen Philanthropy Summit. Both were overwhelmed by the opportunities and learnings presented by these experiences. As we continue to invest in and nurture our staff, I am confident that we have established a solid platform to support further growth and development.

Our respected reputation reflects the strength of our leadership provided by our Directors and our wonderful CEO and her growing team as they inspire us all to be innovative and bold in our pursuit of excellence. My heartfelt appreciation goes to all our Board Members for their generous service and continued commitment in 2016. We are so very fortunate to benefit from the involvement of such highly committed and knowledgeable individuals. The past year saw some changes to the Board as we welcomed Romy Katz and Belinda Bardas as Board members. Both Romy and Belinda have brought new dimensions to the Board that extend the skill set of our leadership team.

I have heard it said that sometimes there are just too few words and, in an extension of this, I feel that there are just too few superlatives that speak to the accomplishments of our CEO, Tracie Olcha, and her remarkable, talented and committed leadership. Tracie's passion and belief in the vital role of the AJF remains unwavering and it is this strong and inclusive leadership that embraces and inspires our members to strive for excellence.

In addition, we have been so very fortunate to have the involvement and support of a great many remarkable people. We are grateful for the ongoing commitment of the AJF by our pro bono solicitors, Arnold Bloch Leibler, and we must thank in particular Joey Borensztajn for his considered and expert advice. We also greatly appreciate the dedication of our pro bono auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in particular Eugene Berkovic.

I look forward to another year ahead as we continue to strive to inspire and share best practice, to increase our reach and membership base and to contribute to transformational change in philanthropy and in our community. I have been the Chair of the AJF since its inception and over the years I have been immensely proud to watch it evolve from an organisation that hosted several local meetings a year to an organisation with a respected, meaningful and sought after presence on the local and international platform.



**Debbie Dadon**  
Chair

# CEO Report

It is a privilege and honour to share reflections of the last year. Through continued growth in membership and increased organisational development, the AJF has inspired and supported strategic and impactful giving amongst our network, the Jewish community of Australia and beyond.



There are many highlights of this busy year showcased in this report. Our work has empowered and enabled our members' philanthropic effectiveness through the provision of information, educational resources and networking opportunities.

Throughout the year, ongoing updates of the AJF's work are provided to members in our monthly eNewsletters. We inform members about upcoming events, educational opportunities in the philanthropic sector and articles about trends in impactful philanthropy.

In recent years, the AJF has stepped up as a leader in the philanthropic sector both here in Australia and around the Jewish world. We have a reputation for collaboration, innovation, and strong leadership – the three pillars that are the foundation for all our work.

The AJF has facilitated powerful international and local collaborations. Strategic partnerships with US foundations and organisations have provided valuable programmatic direction, educational resources and funding. These partnerships arose as a direct result of the connections we have made and fostered over the last few years, while attending annual JFN conferences and educational missions, carefully crafted to connect AJF members with international, like-minded funders.

This year the Schusterman Foundation, Jewish Teen Funders Network (JTFN), Natan Fund and Moishe House provided knowledge resources and matching grants to inspire local funders from both Victoria and NSW to build capacity for the Australian Jewish community. We are proud to give global Jewish collaboration a very real and practical meaning.

These collaborations have enabled the AJF to be innovative in the Australian Jewish landscape. We successfully sourced creative and impactful US programs and infused them with the Australian Jewish spirit and energy. LaunchPad and the Jewish Teen Giving Initiative are examples of such programs. LaunchPad, is a platform designed to help members of our community to explore innovative ways of impacting the community collaboratively. The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative is a program that teaches teens to engage in a thoughtful, intentional and strategic process of collective giving, with Jewish values at the core.

Programs such as these build Jewish identity, community engagement, philanthropy and nurture future leaders. The AJF are philanthropic leaders as well as playing an important role in searching for programs and collaborations that enable strong community.

I would like to recognise the support and insight of the Board of Directors, in particular Board Chair Debbie Dadon AM, who represents all that is good and noble about Jewish leadership and respectful philanthropy. The entire Board's commitment to the AJF, their vision for growing and scaling the organisation is appreciated by staff and members alike.

# CEO Report

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Thank you to our passionate and hard working team; Natalie Rathner, Stacey Dodge and Andrea Lipshutz. The success of the AJF is testament to their enthusiasm and dedication. A special thanks also to Arechea Hounsell from the Besen Family Foundation for her constant support and tireless efforts with all things AJF, so greatly appreciated.

The team at AJF admire and respect the thoughtful leadership and wonderful professional relationships we have with Andres Spokoiny (CEO and President Jewish Funders Network USA and Israel), Sandy Cardin (CEO and President Schusterman Foundation), Seth Cohen (Senior Director, Schusterman Foundation), Justin Korda (Executive Director ROI Community), David Cygielman (CEO and Founder Moishe House) and Marcus Frieze (Program Officer for Technology, ROI Community).

We value and deeply appreciate the pro bono legal services of Arnold Bloch Leibler, in particular Joey Borensztajn, Partner and the accounting services from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu led by Eugene Berkovic, Partner in Taxation, Deloitte Private.

In 2015, at the launch of a new campaign for the Australian Charities Fund, then Federal Minister for Communications, the Honourable Malcolm Turnbull, shared his theory on philanthropy. He spoke about the culture of giving in Australia including his view on “the extraordinary philanthropy of the Jewish community.” He then stated, ..if you took the Jews out of philanthropy in Australia it would leave a huge hole. Why are the Jews so generous? My theory is that it is because there is no top down hierarchical body, and so the Jewish community has had that sort of grassroots approach which inculcates a tradition of philanthropy.

As the peak body representing Australian Jewish philanthropy, the AJF must continue to lead the way in inspiring philanthropy and community through collaboration, innovation and leadership.

Warmest



**Tracie Olcha**  
CEO AJF

# Our Purpose

The Australian Jewish Funders (AJF) is a network of mindful funders, driven by Jewish values, who believe that greater impact can be achieved collectively. Through the tools of innovation, collaboration and leadership our network is committed to creating a strong future for the Australian Jewish community, wider Australian society and global Jewish world.

## Vision

Our vision is to inspire and enable vibrant, meaningful, and sustainable Jewish life in Australia and beyond, by encouraging philanthropic excellence and community investment.

## Mission

Our mission is to lead and collaborate with Jewish funders, at the individual and collective levels, to improve the quality of their giving, encourage Jewish innovation and maximise impact.

## Goals

The AJF goals leverage the successes of the past whilst harnessing the power of innovation to move forward into the future.

*#1 To become a centre for Jewish philanthropy excellence –*

To grow AJF membership, increase our focus on networking and collaboration, develop top-quality philanthropic enterprise, and ultimately make the AJF a pivotal organisation where funders discuss major societal issues and challenges – and address them.

*#2 To create a strong future for the Australian Jewish community and wider society –*

To be a vector of change in the local community, empowering our network to strengthen both the wider society and the Australian Jewish community in exciting and innovative ways. We want to encourage and support the igniting of passion and power to create positive change by harnessing our time, treasure and talents.

# AJF Impact 2015 - 2016

Here's what we've been up to...



## LaunchPad



LaunchPad, a partnership between Schusterman Foundation and AJF, unites Jewish change makers by giving them the skills, networks and opportunities to connect, think, create and lead to enhance Jewish life in Australia.



**\$60,000**

Sowed 10 new grassroots projects with **LaunchPad Give Grants**, seedling over \$60,000 since 2012



Love for 1 x **LaunchPad couple**, 24 months on



**1st International LaunchPad Retreat**, LaunchPad goes global, Capetown September 4-6, 2016



Hosted 3 international guests from the **RNU Community at LaunchPad Retreat 2016**, 2 from South Africa, and 1 from South America, inspired by the LaunchPad model

**362**

Introduced LaunchPad 362 **opportunities for the 362 days** a year when not on the annual LaunchPad Retreat

## LaunchPad Hub

The LaunchPad Hub in Melbourne is the first Australian Jewish co-working space to support Jewish innovation.



**Hosted 4 LaunchPad Locals projects** (LaunchPad Locals are projects based out of the LaunchPad Hub, they work in the space daily and have their own private desk)



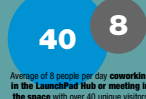
1 x round of LaunchPad & B'nai Brith Victoria **microgrants funding 4 projects** from organisations that work in the LaunchPad Hub



9 x LaunchPad Hub **co-working events**



Creation of the **LaunchPad Blog** for start up advice





# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings

### Pop up event with Australia's Ambassador to Israel, Dave Sharma

**July 22, 2015**

**Inspire9, Melbourne**

**Guest Speakers:** His Excellency, Dave Sharma, Australia's Ambassador to Israel, Nathan Cher, Australian Director of OurCrowd & tech entrepreneur, Holly Ransom, CEO HRE Global & young superstar entrepreneur and Jan Owen AM, CEO, Foundations for Young Australians.

At the sold out event in Melbourne, AJF members, together with LaunchPadders, leaders and game changers in the start-up ecosystem, enjoyed an impressive and interesting panel discussion. Chaired by Jan Owen, CEO, Foundation for Young Australians, the panel included His Excellency Dave Sharma, Australia's Ambassador to Israel, Nathan Cher, AJF Director, Australian Director of OurCrowd & tech entrepreneur and Holly Ransom, CEO HRE Global & young superstar entrepreneur. They shared insight into the Australian start up sector and lessons learnt from the Israeli entrepreneurial spirit and 'chutzpah' attitude. This was followed by a live pitching event, where we heard from three young innovators and entrepreneurs. The event began to shift conversations and attitudes about Israel to focus on it's many amazing innovations and ground breaking initiatives.



*Left-right: Ronen Heine, Tracie Olcha, Dave Sharma, Amanda Miller & Adam Milgrom*

# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings continued...

### Impact Investing in Israel

**Melbourne, August 18, 2015**

*Host: Danny Almagor*

*Venue: LJCB Investments*

**Sydney, August 20, 2015**

*Host: Jeremy Dunkel*

*Venue: Pengana Capital*

**Guest Speaker:** Lital Slavin, Beyond Family Office

Over lunch in both Melbourne and Sydney, Lital Slavin, co-founder of Beyond, a multi family office, manager and advisor in impact investing in Israel, mapped out new ways of combining philanthropy and investing, with a focus on the Israeli outlook and landscape. Highlighting specific examples of some current investments, Lital discussed arising challenges and opportunities in the sector, and facilitated an interesting discussion about how to have greater impact, whilst still gaining a return.

Lital was visiting Australia as part of a road trip to promote impact investing in Israel in partnership with Small Giants, the family office of Berry Liberman and Danny Almagor.

*Left-right: Belinda Bardas, Debbie Dadon, Tracie Olcha, Lital Slavin, Danny Almagor & Wendy Kozica*



# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings continued...

### AJF Member Meetings with Chemi Peres

#### **Melbourne, November 20, 2015**

*Host:* AJF Chair, Debbie Dadon

#### **Sydney, November 24, 2015**

*Host:* Bridge Summit 2016

*Venue:* Telstra Customer Insight Centre

It was an honour to meet with Chemi Peres, Managing Director and Founder of Israel's leading venture capital fund Pitango Venture Capitalist - with US \$1.6 billion under management and investments in over 180 companies and interests throughout Asia. Chemi is the son of former Israeli President and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Shimon Peres. He is Chairman of the Peres Centre for Peace based in Tel Aviv/Jaffa, an organisation set up by his father, to promote peace building activities and civil dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians.

At these intimate gatherings exclusively for the AJF network, Chemi shared ideas on innovation and entrepreneurship learnt from the Israel experience and discussed what this could mean for Australia and our region. In both sessions Chemi shared many accounts of how business can be used to strengthen ties and offer avenues to promote peace in the region. He invites everyone from AJF to come and visit him at the Peres Peace Centre.

*Melbourne photo caption: Tom Krulis, Chemi Peres, Lorelle Krulis*

*Sydney photo caption: Mark Rahold, Robert Gavshon, Jeremy Dunkel, Chemi Peres, Jonathan Gavshon & Jamie Thurin*



# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings continued...

# AJF AGM 2015: How to Have Large Scale Impact

**November 25, 2015**

Venue: Moishe House Melbourne

**Guest Speaker:** Adam Rossano, Regional Director of Global Communities at Moishe House International

This year's AJF Annual General Meeting was held in the living room of Moishe House Melbourne, together with Moishe House residents. Adam Rossano, Regional Director of Global Communities at Moishe House International to Australia provided insight into the innovative method of Moishe House and how their approach has enabled the existing 83 houses worldwide, to engage more than 92,000 in total attendance a year. However, the night truly belonged to the three residents living in Moishe House Melbourne, they blew us all away with their commitment and devotion to creating meaningful and interesting Jewish experiences for peers in their 20's. In Melbourne alone this past year, over 2,097 people attended Moishe House Melbourne programs. The evening provided a unique opportunity to meet the residents and learn about the incredible work they do and learn how a small idea was scaled into a global phenomenon.

Bill Appleby, CEO Jewish Care Victoria joined us to discuss the partnership between AJF and Jewish Care Victoria in facilitating Moishe House Melbourne, and also share some highlights and exciting developments for JCV, and their incredible work for the community.

The evening concluded by welcoming two new board members to the AJF, Romy Katz and Belinda Bardas. We are thrilled to have them as part of the AJF leadership team, they both bring exciting new perspectives and ideas that will help strengthen our organisation's reach and impact.

*Photo caption: AJF Chair, Debbie Dadon providing the Chairpersons Report*



# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings continued...

### Inspiration by Rachel Cohen Gerrol and Carrie Hammer

#### **Sydney, March 6, 2016 For young adults**

*Host: AJF & JCA*

*Venue: The Sheaf Hotel*

#### **Sydney, March 8, 2016 For All In Giving Circle**

*Host: Andrew & Taryn Boyarsky*

**Guest speakers:** Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-founder and Curator of Nexus  
Carrie Hammer, Designer, Carrie Hammer and Founder, Role Models Not Runway Models

Together with JCA, the AJF hosted the incredible Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-Founder of Nexus Global Youth Summit and Carrie Hammer, Founder of Role Models Not Runway Models. The event gathered a mix of young AJF members, JCA young donors and guests, and was an opportunity to inspire the next generation to connect and collaborate. Rachel shared her very personal journey of discovering her Jewish identity, and how this drove her to create a space for people to pursue their passions for social change, Nexus. Carrie blew guests with her dreams to transform the fashion industry and empower women, and the many ways she is already achieving impact.

These two phenomenal women then spoke again to the AJF inspired ALL IN Giving Circle hosted by members Andrew and Taryn Boyarsky. The women's stories stimulated an inspiring discussion with the group, and pushed guests to consider 'how can I do more to better the world?'

*Top Photo Caption: Rachel and Carrie inspire a room full of young adults in their 20's and 30's*

*Bottom Photo Caption: Rachel and Carrie addressing members of ALL IN Giving Circle*



# Activities 2015 - 2016

## Member Meetings continued...

### Gen16 Survey – A Discussion with the AJF Network

**April 13, 2016**

*Venue:* LaunchPad Hub

**Guest Speaker:** Professor Andrew Markus

After announcing that the Gen16 survey will be taking place later this year, Professor Andrew Markus invited AJF members to meet and discuss planning for the survey. The conversation was truly fascinating, focusing on the power of data and future strategy for the Australian Jewish community. Professor Markus sought our advice and counsel about what priorities of questions and issues should be included. It was an incredible opportunity to be part of an interesting and important conversation.

### Bridges Israel

**Sydney, May 23, 2016**

*Hosts:* Jeremy Dunkel and Russel Pillemer

*Venue:* Pengana Capital

**Melbourne, May 24, 2016**

*Host:* Suzi Carp

*Venue:* River Capital

**Guest speakers:** Gal Hayut and Sandrine Montsma from Bridges Israel.

Partnering with Impact Generation Partners and Israel Trade Commission, we were very fortunate for the special opportunity to meet with Gal Hayut and Sandrine Montsma from Bridges Israel.

The investment strategy of Bridges Israel, co-founded by Sir Ronald Cohen, is to focus on opportunities that generate competitive investor returns through helping meet pressing social or environmental challenges in Israel and beyond.

In an intimate discussion, Gal and Sandrine shared their dreams for Bridges Israel and gave a few examples of the different projects in their portfolio, proving both impact and financial return.

The presentation gave a solid introduction to impact investing, and sparked an interesting debate amongst attendees, with a focus on tech investments and educational impact.

*Photo Caption: Melbourne, back row: Ethy Levy (Israel Trade Commissioner), Gal Hayut, Debbie Dadon, Sandrine Montsma, Quentin Miller; Front row: Tracie Olcha, Amanda Miller & Hannah Schwartz*



# 2015 Annual Evening Forum: The Jewish Social Network

**November 11, 2015**

*Hosts:* Danny Almagor and Berry Liberman

*Venue:* Small Giants

The 2015 Annual Evening Forum was a highlight of this year's AJF calendar. The theme for the evening – The Jewish Social Network – explored how peoplehood has the potential to be a powerful force for change and how we can leverage this to strengthen the global Jewish community, during these rapidly changing and challenging times.

It was a privilege to welcome keynote speaker **David Zackon, Executive Director of Strategic Direction for JDC, USA**. David shared the plight of different Jewish communities around the world, and gave an incredible and heart-wrenching overview of the current state of global Jewry. David challenged the audience to rethink the antiquated concept of Areyvut – the responsibility to care for other Jews, and encouraged us to explore our own unique definition Jewish community.

Continuing the theme of global Jewish Peoplehood, we were introduced to three grassroots young leaders and activists from the ROI Community from Israel, France and London, via video.

The first of these videos was **Ari Sprung** from Israel. Ari is an app developer who created the mobile app “RedAlert”, which helps thousands of residents in the South of Israel by notifying them when rockets hit Israel. Ari shared what drove him to step up as an agent of change to help the Jewish people. Next up was **Jeremy Navon** from France, who founded Nevatim, a network of young Jewish entrepreneurs in Paris. Jeremy explained how he helps entrepreneurs take their businesses onto the cloud as a precaution for Jews living in modern day France. The third address for the AJF was by **Miri Michaeli Schwartz**, European Correspondent for Israel's Channel 10. As a journalist for an Israeli news station, Miri shared how she stands up to anti-Semitism daily across Europe, where she continues to report the news despite constant harassment and abuse.



# 2015 Annual Evening Forum: The Jewish Social Network Continued...

The final video was a personal address from the incredible **Lynn Schusterman**, who shared what drives her to invest in the future of global Jewry. Lynn closed the forum urging the AJF network to join her in her philanthropic journey to enable agents of Jewish change shape, and ignite the passion and possibility of Jewish life. Thank you to **Amanda Miller**, **Ronen Heine** and **Tracie Olcha** for introducing and framing each video presenter, and illustrating the power and inspiration of global networks.

Each speaker's honesty and insight conjured so much thought and discussion amongst guests, and was a true highlight of the year. The evening concluded with an address from **Tracie Olcha**, CEO, Australian Jewish Funders, who shared the AJF's successes over the last year, and mapped out the exciting road ahead for the organisation utilising the tools of **innovation**, **collaboration** and **leadership**.

We would like to acknowledge and thank **Danny Almagor** and **Berry Liberman** and the team of **Small Giants** for hosting the AJF 2015 Forum.



*Photo caption: David Zackon, Romy Katz & Ricci Swart*



# Singapore 2015: Asia and the Jewish World, A Global Leadership Conversation

Sunday 15 November – Tuesday 17 November

After the success of our inaugural international conference in 2014 in Hong Kong, together with The Jewish Funders Network and thanks to the vision of The Pratt Foundation, we facilitated our second Jewish Asia engagement gathering in Singapore. The conference enabled us to extend and strengthen our worldwide Jewish ties, to leverage our unique position as a “global tribe”, and find innovative solutions for the difficult challenges facing contemporary Jewry.

This year we welcomed influential communal and philanthropic leaders from Israel, the US, Australia, Europe, Hong Kong, Macau, and from Singapore’s small but vibrant Jewish community. With an incredible 39 attendees from across the world, the conference centred around Israel’s relationship with Singapore and Asia, and how private philanthropy can be used to promote Israel, the Start-Up Nation and a booming economy to the rest of the world.

Highlights included a cocktail party at 1Altitude Bar, at the highest point in Singapore with an address by Jon Medved, CEO and Founder of OurCrowd, an overview of the relationship between Singapore and Israel with Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore and Ambassador Yael Rubinstein, Ambassador of Israel to Singapore, and an address by Bill Foo, Former Vice Chairman, ANZ Bank Singapore and South East Asia. With many more guest speakers, sessions and conversations, the gathering created powerful connections between attendees and sparked ideas for the future. We look forward to continuing these conversations in Shanghai in October 2016.

We thank The Pratt Foundation for their vision and foresight initiating and convening such a thoughtful and timely global gathering. Special thanks also to local partners in Singapore, the Jewish Business Forum and Jewish Welfare Board.



# AJF Member Road Trip 2016: Exploring Possibilities of Innovation in Jewish life

Wednesday March 30, 2016 - Friday April 1, 2016

*"I was inspired by the depth and breadth of the international relationships forged by the AJF in the international Jewish philanthropic arena. These relationships have facilitated Australian exposure to the world's most creative Jewish life initiatives, which will in turn help ensure that Australian Jewry remain one of the world's benchmark Jewish communities."* - **Simone Szalmuk Singer**

Starting in Los Angeles, the AJF Member Roadtrip 2016 was a jam-packed, inspiration-filled three days on the road down the Southern Coast of California. Exploring best practice innovation and philanthropy in the region, the road trip was the marquee event for the Australian Jewish Funders.

L.A proved to be an incredible networking and learning opportunity, beginning with a welcome dinner at Moishe House Venice Beach, a tour of the new NuRoots site and, of course, a kosher taco truck. After visiting Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation, the Hillel at University of Southern California and the rehabilitation centre Beit Tsheuva, our L.A stay concluded with a party held in collaboration with ROI Community, meeting the best young Jewish change-makers in the city. Day two took us back to our agricultural roots, where we spent the day at the incredible Leichtag Foundation property in Encinitas. Here, we learnt about Jewish agricultural innovation, the vision behind the foundation and met the many projects working at their North County Hub. The final day of the road trip took us to San Diego, where

we met with the federation, learnt about intergenerational philanthropy with the Next Gen program participants and were inspired by the teens behind their Community Teen initiative. The roadtrip closed with a spiritual Shabbat dinner with local funders and members of the Jewish Funders Network.

It was an incredible and unique opportunity to meet and network with enterprising leaders, like-minded funders and change makers, visit disruptive innovations and come home inspired and energised.

The roadtrip finished just in time for the annual Jewish Funders Network International Conference, which took place in San Diego. The calibre of speakers and topics were truly mind blowing.

*"There were some amazing keynote speakers, two of whom were absolute standouts for me. Firstly, Andres Spokoyny, President and CEO, JFN, spoke about Empowered Humility in Philanthropy; how understanding that only collaboration can create true change and the importance of ethical approaches to philanthropy including respecting the expertise of professionals and grantees. [Andres mentions AJF as partners with our Asia engagement and the importance of collaboration]. - **Debbie Dadon***

We are planning AJF Road Trip 2017 exploring innovation in Jewish life from NY to Washington DC leading up leading up to 2017 JFN Conference in Atlanta, very exciting plans in motion – join us there!

**Photo caption: Visit to the Leichtag Commons & Coastal Roots Farm:**  
**Charlene Seidle (Executive Vice President, Leichtag Foundation), Belinda Bardas, Daron "Farmer D" Joffe (Director of Agricultural Innovation & Development), Simone Szalmuk-Singer, Tracie Olcha, Debbie Dadon, Odelia Shpitalni, Jim Farley (President & CEO, Leichtag Foundation)**



**Photo caption: Dinner at Moishe House West Los Angeles**

# AJF Special Projects

## The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative

The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative (Giving Initiative) is the first Jewish teen funders program in Australia, and is a unique opportunity for teens to engage in the thoughtful, intentional and strategic process of collective giving, with Jewish values at the core.

The program commenced in April 2016, and consists of a board of 18 students in Year 9, who participate in monthly board meetings. The teens run a real foundation; fundraising and allocating money to causes they care about. The program incorporates leadership training, learning about the Jewish values of giving, and gaining experience and knowledge in the grant-seeking and grant-making journeys. This includes fundraising, researching not-for-profits, evaluating grant proposals, and allocating funds.

The program launched thanks to generous support of local funders and AJF members **Gandel Philanthropy, Pratt Foundation, Jennifer and Tony Smorgon, Szalmuk-Singer Family** and **River Capital** who strongly believe in this very exciting initiative. We are proud to also partner with the Jewish Teen Funders Network, (USA), Laura Lauder, the Maimonides Fund to create The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative and for providing their generous three year matching grant.

*jewishteen*  
Giving Initiative 

# LaunchPad 2016



LaunchPad is a platform for Jewish community innovation in Australia.

Following the success of the inaugural 2014 LaunchPad Retreat and 2015 LaunchPad Retreat last year, the 2016 LaunchPad Retreat enabled 50 Jewish leaders from Victoria, New South Wales and Northern Territory to gather for three intensive days to reimagine Jewish life in Australia and around the world. Jewish professionals, change makers, activists and philanthropists harnessed the tools of networking, creative thinking and Jewish entrepreneurship to workshop new, innovative ways to transform the community.

The program included; a session with the inspiring Holly Ransom, CEO Emergent Solutions, Co-Chair UN Y Women Entrepreneurs Coalition, and Director Port Adelaide Football Club, a Masterclass with Peter Thurin on leadership and personal growth, a panel featuring numerous local and global community organisations, peer-led skill sessions on start-ups, social media marketing and presentation and finally, a pitching session with prominent community funders, AJF members and investors.

This year, the LaunchPad Retreat had a global outlook, with the team being joined by 'International Change-Makers in Residence' Aron and Kristy Turest-Swartz from Cape Town, South Africa, and Diego Goldman from Buenos Aires, Argentina in preparation to bring the LaunchPad model to their local communities. LaunchPad Capetown and Lazos in South America will be taking place later this year.

Issues raised by participants at the Retreat included the relationship between Australia and Asian Jewish communities and connection to Israel, mentoring and skill sharing opportunities, utilising creative arts and social media for mental health, a Rabbi support network, professional networking and storytelling events, a volunteering matchmaking platform and a one stop shop search engine for Jewish community organisations.

LaunchPad is a collaboration between the Australian Jewish Funders (AJF), the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation (Schusterman) and ROI Community. The 2016 LaunchPad Retreat is made possible with financial and programmatic support from JCA (NSW) and The Shalom Institute.

*"LaunchPad challenged us to think outside of the box, face our fears and to rethink the power of collaboration and Jewish social innovation to maximise impact and better the world."* - **Meg Edelman**

*"It was inspiring to be around such a diverse group of people. The experience, expertise and creativity in the room was electrifying - I can't wait to see what comes from this."* - **Gideon Heine**

**Photo caption 1: LaunchPad 2016 Participants**

**Photo caption 2: LaunchPad 2016 Team**



# The LaunchPad Hub

2015 saw the opening of The LaunchPad Hub, a co-working space that brings together amazing, hard-working and inspiring people so that their start-ups, social enterprises and not-for-profits will thrive.

The hub has been the home of countless gatherings, meetings, skill sessions and professional development opportunities since opening in August 2015.

Highlights include Booze & Brainstorm Co-working nights, a series of #GetShitDoneSessions, midday yoga classes, a LaunchPad blog to provide quick tips to start ups and much more.

We are also excited to partner with B'nai Brith Victoria to provide LaunchPad Hub Microgrants for projects and people who work in the space. Grant recipients include:

- Barefoot Shabbat – monthly Shabbat dinners and services held in the host's living room
- Merge – an initiative aiming to feature videos from Jewish events to watch, be inspired and connected anytime, from anywhere
- Fruit2work – a social enterprise working with Jewish Care and Taskforce, employing former offenders to pack and deliver fruit boxes
- Jewish Women Of Words, a blog and writing support structure for Jewish women

The LaunchPad Hub is growing and expanding every month, creating an incredible, skilled and inspired hub community. We graciously thank our supporters for having the vision to Dream Big with us.

*Photo caption: Dalit Kaplan facilitating on the power of effective storytelling*





# Moishe House

From the period of July 2015 through March 2016, Moishe House Melbourne hosted 54 diverse Jewish programmes engaging 1,429 Jewish young adults in collective total attendance.

All programming was spearheaded by the group of 3 residents, facilitated from their rented home and fitted into four broad categories – Jewish Culture and Holidays, Jewish Learning, Social and Repair the World. Some examples of program highlights from that period are as follows:

31st July 2015 // Shabbat Dinner at Moishe House // 38 in total attendance.

30th August 2015 // A Night of Discussion, Reason and Art // 35 in total attendance.

23rd September 2015 // “Yom Kippur in the Park” Jewish Learning programme // 50 in total attendance.

3rd October 2015 // Sukkot and Shabbat Lunch // 37 in total attendance.

8th December 2015 // Exploring the Light – Channukah Learning with Petichta // 19 in total attendance.

28th February 2016 // “Hebrew off the hook” learning workshop // 17 in total attendance.

23rd March 2016 // Purim Celebration // 150 in total attendance.

Moishe House Melbourne partnered with another group or organisation for 43% of programmes held in the above stated period, creating established links with a host of local Jewish groups within Melbourne. Examples of programmatic partners include: Kehilat Kolenu, Shir Hadasha, Marom, Petichta Open Beit Midrash Community, Jewish Care Victoria and Habonim Dror, amongst others.

Further, the residents of Moishe House Melbourne engaged in various Jewish Learning and Leadership Development opportunities throughout the year. In October 2015, one resident from Moishe House Melbourne attended the International Resident’s Training Conference held in Budapest with residents from 14 different cities across the globe. The Conference provided in-depth community building training, networking and best practice sharing. Further, in November 2015, all 3 residents of Moishe House Melbourne attended the first-ever Moishe House Australasian Resident Training Conference, held in Sydney. This training, supported by the Australian Jewish Funders and the Shalom Institute, brought together residents from Moishe House Auckland, Melbourne and Sydney to engage in visioning, training and coaching, while establishing a network of pluralistic, young adult leaders in Australasia.

While the group ceased programming in March 2016, the organisation is actively recruiting a new group to re-open Moishe House Melbourne, and anticipates re-opening the house by early 2017.

*Photo caption: training day for residents of Moishe House Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland with Tracie Olcha & Brandon Srot, Director at Shalom Institute.*



# Giving Circles

A giving circle is a group of people who pool their charitable donations and decide together where to allocate money. A Jewish giving circle focuses on giving to Jewish or Israeli causes, or on giving that is explicitly inspired by Jewish values and motivated by Jewish change-makers from around the world. Giving circles are a simple but powerful way to bring people together to give. They provide anyone, at any giving level, in any place, giving to any kind of cause, with a way to come together and leverage the groups money, skills and creativity.

This year, **ALL IN**, a giving circle from Sydney, entered its second year with ten families from both within and beyond the AJF network. ALL IN was originally facilitated by the AJF, but founded and brought to life by AJF Members Andrew and Taryn Boyarsky. ALL IN showed great leadership by inspiring their peers to explore strategic philanthropy. The participants of ALL IN are passionate about making a difference in their local community (greater Sydney region) in the fields of education and alleviation of poverty. Collectively they pledged \$500,000 to causes of which \$250,000 was granted as part of the giving circle. ALL IN have created a meaningful, educational, uplifting, social and rewarding experience of strategic and thoughtful giving that has yielded positive results for the families involved and the community.

At the end of 2015 the AJF was extremely grateful to receive a grant from Amplifier (U.S.A) to stimulate and grow Jewish Giving Circles across Australia. We are currently seeking a matching grant, and are excited to prioritise the growth of AJF Jewish Giving Circles in 2016-2017.



# Members

Our **Leading, Strategic** and **Sustaining members** demonstrate a strong belief in the vision of the Australian Jewish Funders, not only making it possible to build capacity of the organisation, but also support our 'Big Dreams'.

Our members are key to the success of the organisation's pursuit for innovation, strong leadership, and strategic and effective philanthropy.

We sincerely thank our Leading, Strategic and Sustaining members for their ongoing support and to all our members who provided sponsorship and advertising on our website in order to support and strengthen the AJF.

## Leading Members

Pratt Foundation

## Strategic Members

Debbie Dadon

Gandel Philanthropy

Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation

## Sustaining Members

Bardas Family

Besen Family Foundation

Lorelle & Tom Krulis

Spotlight Charitable Foundation

Victor Smorgon Charitable Trust

## Supporters and Sponsors

Alan Kozica and Wendy Kozica

Anka Management

Mahlab Family

NCN Investments

Small Giants

Taurus Capital Pty Ltd

Werdiger Family Foundation

# Governance

## Board of Directors

Since 2014-2015 AJF AGM, the AJF Board of Directors has welcomed Belinda Bardas and Romy Katz as Directors. They joined:

Debbie Dadon, Chair (April 2007)  
Ian Allen (as an alternate to Samuel Lipski) (October 2009)  
Daniel Almagor, (October 2013)  
Nathan Cher, (October 2013)  
Jeremy Dunkel (March 2011)  
Samuel Lipski (April 2007)  
Jennifer Smorgon, (October 2013)  
David Werdiger, Secretary, Public Officer (April 2007)  
Belinda Bardas (November 2015)  
Romy Katz (November 2015)

## Staff

Tracie Olcha  
Chief Executive Officer

Natalie Rathner  
Special Projects & AJF Innovation Coordinator

Stacey Dodge  
Program Manager, Giving Projects

Andrea Lipshutz  
Program Officer, Jewish Teen Giving Initiative

# Our Board



## Belinda Bardas

Belinda Bardas has spent a life time enriched by family, business and community. First developing her skills within the family fashion retail business (15 yrs 1982-1997) learning from the ground up encompassing; sales design, product development and group management, and later in running her own business.

Belinda then spent a further 11 years in the wellness industry after retraining as a naturopath, coach and wellbeing facilitator. Her background and experience has led her to work in diversified roles for 25 years in both sectors. Belinda is currently a Non-Executive Director and Trustee of the Victor Smorgon Family Group of companies whose focus is on retail, property, equities and philanthropy.

Belinda's general interests include holistic health and wellbeing, art and impact philanthropy. Belinda is passionate about creativity and innovation and starts with the premise "what if".



## Daniel Almagor

Daniel Almagor OAM is CEO of Small Giants, a impact investment company he started with his wife Berry Liberman to effect social and environmental change through business, and Australia's first B Corporation.

He was the inaugural Social Entrepreneur in Residence at RMIT, the founder and former CEO of Engineers Without Borders Australia, and is currently Chairperson of Jewish Aid Australia, on the Board of Smiling Mind and on the wisdom council for Hub Australia. His contribution to the community has been acknowledged many times including as the Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year, RMIT Alumnus of the Year, a Churchill Fellowship, and an Australian Leadership Award from ADC.

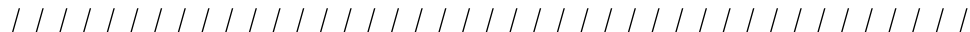
He has degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Business Administration, a certificate IV in outdoor education and he did a half day beekeeping course a few years ago. He loves to read, talk about philosophy, garden, travel and jump on the trampoline with his kids.



## David Werdiger

David Werdiger is a founding director of AJF, a past director and current committee member of JewishCare, and active in a variety of other not-for-profits, including his family's Jewish education grant scheme.

He has founded and owns several technology businesses. David is also an active commentator, and is regularly published by Galus Australis and the Times of Israel. He also runs a commentary blog, a blog on communal issues, and a blog on philanthropy.

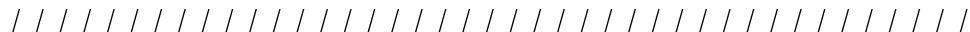


## Debbie Dadon

Debbie Dadon AM is a member of the second generation involved in the Besen Family Foundation which was founded 35 years ago. Raised in a philanthropic environment and holding the position of Executive Officer and Trustee of the Besen Family Foundation for the past 17 years, Debbie has developed an acute and insightful awareness of the issues and needs of local communities.

A particular interest of Debbie's has been that of intergenerational philanthropy and a significant part of Debbie's role as Executive Officer of the Besen Family Foundation is the sensitive task of guiding and nurturing the involvement of the third generation of the Besen family in philanthropy. Her commitment and contribution to the community is evidenced through her involvement in many organisations.

A Founding Member of the AJF, Debbie has held the position of Chair since it was established in 2007.



## Ian Allen

Ian Allen OAM holds a Bachelor of Economics and Master of Administration from Monash University. He spent over 30 years in personnel development, executive secretariat, marketing, customer policy and service including the development of wide ranging customer policy initiatives that impacted on more than a million electricity customers throughout Victoria with significant policies introduced Australia wide.

In the early eighties Ian lead an international marketing strategy to attract energy intensive industries to Victoria. He was seconded to the Victorian government to deliver this strategy, which brought major investment to Victoria creating many hundreds of jobs.

More than 20 years ago Ian commenced with Pratt Holdings and has been involved with a range of activities including the performing arts, philanthropy, corporate citizenship, investment projects, major corporate entertainment, family entertainment and events, recycling, cost reduction, property management, aviation, publishing and Government relations.

Ian is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Institute of Management. He was awarded an Order of Australia in 1998.



## Jennifer Smorgon

Jennifer Smorgon is a Co-Founder of Dream Catcher. She is a Co-Founder of 1 Giant Mind, a non-profit organization that is undertaking a global initiative to inspire 100 million new regularly practicing meditators in the world by 2020. She serves as Executive Director at Trimantium Capital Pty Ltd.

Jennifer is also a meditation guide and teacher. In the United States, she is a Director of the Chopra Foundation, the Manhattan Jewish Experience (MIE) and Jewish International Connection of New York (JICNY). In Israel, she serves on the board of the Mem Foundation. She is a board member on the Jack and Robert Smorgon Families Foundation, which is a non-profit organization committed to Australian and world wide philanthropic pursuits.

She also works at an international level to foster stronger strategic regional and global relationships for Israel. Jennifer completed her Post Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Program at Columbia University and has a B.A. in Art History from Brandeis University.



## Jeremy Dunkel

Jeremy Dunkel is the Executive Director of the Orion Foundation, a charitable fund established over 25 years ago that supports a wide range of educational, scientific, and welfare organisations predominantly in Israel.

Jeremy is responsible for the portfolio management of the Foundation's endowment, as well as for sourcing and managing the Foundation's charitable projects and liaising with NGO's and other Foundations worldwide. Jeremy's past experience includes working for Chemical Bank and Price Waterhouse. He is a Non Executive Director at Pengana Capital Ltd and has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of NSW and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance from the Securities Institute of Australia.

Jeremy Dunkel is also a Director of Education Heritage Foundation, which supports a wide range of educational initiatives throughout NSW. He is a Director of AJAC and a Member of its Rambam Committee, as well as an advisor to the JCA. He is a Director of the Moriah College Foundation. Jeremy is married with four children, and lives in Sydney.





## Nathan Cher

Nathan Cher is co-founder and director of a number of companies (listed and unlisted) in the areas of InfoTech and Property. Nathan pursues industry niches where improvement in customer-service through leveraged-technology & systems translates directly into increased shareholder value.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Nathan has been on the Executive of the Mizrahi Organisation in Melbourne for 10+ years, and together with his wife Camit supports a wide range of charities and causes.



## Romy Katz

Romy Katz is a mother of three young children who is motivated to make her children's future a happy one, where they can be proud to be Jewish and living in a community that cares for one another. Romy is a teacher by profession and taught in a private school in Melbourne for many years.

After this, she worked in Philanthropy and set up her family's foundation and currently runs it. Romy is passionate about education, children and social change. In 2014 Romy started a business called Agents For Change where she runs workshops in schools with an aim to promote social change, empathy and philanthropy in the next generation. Romy also sits on the board for Kids In Philanthropy (KiP), AJF, Twelve and Thirteen and is an adviser to Next Step.



## Sam Lipski

Sam Lipski AM, BA and LLD (Hon), is the CEO of The Pratt Foundation, the philanthropic trust for the Pratt family and Visy, which funds charities in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Israel.

With a background in journalism, editing and publishing in Australia and internationally, he has also served on many community and cultural boards. A former President of the State Library of Victoria (2000-2006), a Member of Council at Swinburne University of Technology (1995-2005) and a Trustee of the Refugee Foundation of Australia, his other roles have included Chair of the Advisory Board of Monash University's Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Chair of the Advisory Board of Melbourne University's Centre for Advanced Journalism, and board member of the Schizophrenia Research Institute.

# Our Team



## Andrea Lipshutz

Andrea has always had a strong passion for Jewish education. Growing up in this vibrant community has enabled her to take on many opportunities. For the past 2 years she was a passionate leader in Hineni Youth and Welfare, taking on numerous roles and tasks and immersing herself in every way possible. This experience inspired her further to educate and instil a passion for Jewish values in the youth of our community. Since coming back from her gap year with Hineni in 2013, she has also been undertaking a Bachelor of Arts/Education focusing on Jewish Studies and Drama and Performing Arts.

Andrea began working as the Program Officer for The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative this year, a new program launching in our community. This program combines her love of Judaism with her passion for changing the world and philanthropy. She is honoured to be a part of a big change in our community and in fostering the future change-makers.



## Natalie Rathner

For as long as she can remember, Natalie has had a passion for education, empowerment and entrepreneurship, and strives to help transform the world through these avenues.

After spending a year in Israel in 2010 learning at the International College for Informal Education in Jerusalem, Natalie volunteered and worked in informal education for a Jewish youth movement Habonim Dror (2011-2013) and in the student wellbeing departments at Mount Scopus Memorial College (2011-2012) and Bialik College (2014), facilitating Jewish educational processes and youth empowerment for students across all year levels.

Over the last three years Natalie has worked with the Australian Jewish Funders (AJF). Natalie manages LaunchPad – A Platform for Jewish Community Innovation in Australia, and the co-working space, The LaunchPad Hub, where she has helped co-ordinate, facilitate and envision how to connect, inspire and support the best Jewish change-makers, innovators and social entrepreneurs in their journeys to change the world.

Natalie graduated with a Bachelor of Health Science (Anatomy & Physiology) in 2014, and hopes to pursue further study in the coming years.





# eNewsletters

The monthly eNewsletter continues to be a valuable communication tool, not only to inform about upcoming AJF activities but also to share interesting articles and events from both here in Australia and around the global philanthropic world.



## Upcoming Events

### Small Giants

[Read more here](#)



**Small Giants Journey to Impact event**  
**September 9 - 11, 2016**



**AJF launches Giving Circles**  
**Tues 13 September, 2016**  
7:45 - 9:15pm  
Location: We Are Digital, South Yarra



**AJF 18th Annual Asia Conference**  
After two very successful gatherings in Hong Kong 2014 and Singapore 2015, we invite you to Shanghai, China  
**20 October - 1 November, 2016**

[Register your interest here](#)



**Lior Shoham Initiative**  
**November 2016**  
Below is information on the types of workshops Lior runs:

- It's All about People
- The Power Of Presence
- Rules of Engagement



**Philanthropy Australia 2016 National Conference: Evolution or revolution: is philanthropy future ready?**  
**Wed 21 September & Thurs 22 September, 2016**  
Sydney, Australia

[Register here](#)



## Recent News



### Funders & Powers: Principles for Honorable Conduct in Philanthropy

Funders & Powers: Principles for Honorable Conduct in Philanthropy By Jewish Funders Network lays out, in broad strokes, principles that will help Jewish funders to align our philanthropy to our values, and to be good citizens within our communities. It will help us maintain an ongoing conversation about how to be a mentor in philanthropy.

[Read more](#)



### LaunchPad Lands in SA - and is Here to Stay

LaunchPad Lands in SA - and is Here to Stay By Kim Feldman recounts the first ever LaunchPad in South Africa. LaunchPad is an Australian initiative whereby a group of young, dynamic changemakers come together to look at issues surrounding the Jewish community and try to come up with innovative new approaches and solutions.

[Read more](#)



### How Your Investment Can Make Positive Change

How Your Investment Can Make Positive Change By Daniel Matheson explores the idea of ethical investing. It is a fast gaining momentum, with new ideas surrounding purpose being just as important as generating profits.

[Read more](#)

Screenshots of upcoming events and recent news attached to illustrate

# The Year Ahead

We plan to continue to be the centre for Jewish strategic philanthropic services in Australia. Some planned activities for the coming year include:

- Member interviews with all AJF members, to create programming designed specifically to offer **support to members with their giving** that will provide added value to their membership, including **intergenerational giving consulting**
- A series of philanthropy talks engaging experts from Australia and overseas to provide tools to support philanthropic journeys for members
- The growth of **AJF Jewish Giving Circles** to continue to inspire collective and strategic grant-making
- The graduations of the first cohort of **The Jewish Teen Giving Initiative**, and the formation and kick off of the second cohort, beginning 2017
- Further **developing relationships** with other peak philanthropic bodies; Philanthropy Australia, Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network (AEGN), Women's Donor Network, JCA (NSW) to name a few
- The **AJF 2017 Roadtrip U.S.A** which will expose attendees to the incredible innovations, professionals and foundations engaging the Jewish community from Washington to New York City. The aim is to inspire more innovative funding, learn about the power of making larger grants and make invaluable connections with funders from around the world for collaboration and greater impact. This will be followed by the Jewish Funders Network 2017 International Conference in Atlanta
- **2017 LaunchPad Retreat** with follow-up activities and support for the growing LaunchPad Community
- The continued growth of **The LaunchPad Hub** in Melbourne, and creation of a similar project in Sydney together with our program partners JCA
- Awarding \$20,000 in **LaunchPad Dave Grants** to new initiatives that impact Jewish life seeded at the 2016 LaunchPad Retreat
- **Asia and the Jewish World: A Global Leadership Conversation, 2016** in Shanghai together with the Jewish Funders Network, USA, and thanks to the vision of the Pratt Foundation
- The **2016 Moishe House Learning Retreat** in Australia together with partners from Moishe House International and the Shalom Institute, to amplify the potential and success of Moishe House programming. Participants of the retreat will join the Moishe House Without Walls program to engage young and disconnected Jews living in suburbs isolated from the central Jewish community. **Open Moishe House Melbourne RSJ** for Russian speaking Jews in their 20s, thanks to the generous support of the Genesis Philanthropy Group
- Continuing to facilitate programs under the banner of **AJF Special Projects**, including new initiatives like **Slingshot Downunder**

And much, much more...





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