



Australian Jewish Funders



AUSTRALIAN Jewish Funders

Annual Report 2014-2015



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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.



Debbie Dadon

Chairperson's Report

During the past year the Australian Jewish Funders has continued to build on the dreams of its Founders and further expand its horizons. It has been a year of both challenge and opportunity and I am so extremely optimistic about our future and so immensely proud of our achievements to date.

It is my very great pleasure to present to you the Annual Report for the Australian Jewish Funders for the year 2014 / 2015. Please enjoy this report as a summary of our activities and financial records.

There are many compelling aspects to the AJF story that are central to our philosophy and key to our success: the commitment and passion to remain at the transformational leading edge of effective, innovative philanthropy; the diversity of topics and guest speakers at the meetings, events and functions; the engagement with the international Jewish community; the focus on intergenerational philanthropy; all of which sit alongside youth and member engagement programs such as Giving Circles, Moishe House and LaunchPad which focus on broadening our reach, strengthening and growing relationships, harnessing our youth, maximising our impact and ultimately, engaging in passionate, innovative and meaningful philanthropy.

The strategic imperatives of collaboration, innovation and leadership have underscored the AJF's vision since inception and continue to do so. A major aspect of leadership is about building a community of leaders and innovators at all levels of society and the AJF continues to inspire and develop potential leaders and innovators. The establishment of AJF Innovation and the evolution of LaunchPad to an initiative that now encompasses not only the Retreat but also LaunchPad Hub and LaunchPad Dave Grants, provides a platform where we can back the ideas of innovative individuals and give them a voice. Our seeding grants provide the opportunity to harness all the energy, brains, imagination and talent that young people can bring to bear down on life's challenges. The extraordinary growth in participation in these programs clearly demonstrates the thirst for knowledge and involvement in this area.

The primary focus of the AJF continues to be our members. Throughout the year we have again hosted functions for our members with both international and national guests, profiling new ideas, movements and organisations that are doing amazing work that is at times confronting but always inspirational. The resultant conversations and collaborations are tremendously rewarding.

Impact Investing has arrived on the world stage heralded as a transformative tool with the potential to reshape global capital markets in the years to come. In the words of Victor Hugo, the famous French poet, "there is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come." The AJF has embraced the opportunity to accelerate this movement and mainstream impact investing as an imperative to meet the global challenges of extreme poverty and environmental degradation.

Chairperson's Report continued...

The inaugural Global Jewish Philanthropy conference in Hong Kong has been a very exciting development in the AJF international program of events deepening the AJF presence in the world arena and opening the door for many possibilities in collaboration and engagement. Coupled with the AJF Mission to Israel with its focus on Impact Investing, these international events provide invaluable and unique insights, learnings and networking opportunities that increase our capacity and enormously benefit our own work.

The truly commendable growth in the AJF initiatives previously seeded and implemented have come as the result of the tireless dedication, commitment and leadership of our AJF team as it focuses on developing these initiatives and maintaining the momentum. I am truly grateful for my fellow board members and I thank them all for their support, professionalism and vision throughout the year. Collectively the board is committed to reviewing and adapting strong governance to best provide for the current and future needs of the AJF and I thank them all for their strategic governance, wise counsel and direction as we navigate our way into the future. I was also pleased to welcome Romy Katz as an observer to our Board during the year.

I am honoured to be working with our CEO, Tracie Olcha, and I send to Tracie an enormous thank you. Tracie works with an inspirational passion and purpose that is exceptional and manages the many challenges with great skill, dedication and humour. The acknowledgements the AJF continues to receive are a direct reflection of Tracie's tireless work, her vision and her connections across the international sector. Tracie's foresight and tenacity in forging ahead with plans for the future is a testament to the depth of her passion for and belief in the crucial role the AJF has to play in the global philanthropic community.

My thanks also to Natalie Rathner who's AJF role has expanded as she continues to be a dedicated and valuable member of our AJF team with her strong belief in the importance of creating a vibrant and dynamic Jewish community.

In addition, we have been so very fortunate to have the involvement and support of a great many remarkable people. The ongoing commitment and support of the AJF by our pro bono solicitors, Arnold Bloch Leibler and our pro bono auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, is greatly appreciated.

Once again I look to the year ahead with excitement and enthusiasm. We have many plans for 2016 which you will read about in the following pages. As our membership continues to grow so does our momentum and reach and together we are creating change; we are influencing people positively; and we are encouraging extraordinary performance. We continue to learn, unlearn and relearn in our commitment to keep the AJF at the cutting edge of effective, meaningful, transformational philanthropy.

I look forward to sharing with you the next instalment of the AJF story.



Debbie Dadon
Chair

Activities 2014 - 2015

Member Meetings

15th July 2014 & 18th August 2014

Impact Investing: An Opportunity to Increase Your Impact

Sydney Host: Jeremy Dunkel

Melbourne Host: Philanthropic Services of the Myer Family Office

Guest Speakers: Jessica Roth and Amanda Goodman, Impact Investment Group, Sydney



In both Melbourne and Sydney, AJF members and guests were inspired by the possibilities and potential of impact investing presented by Jessica Roth and Amanda Goodman, Impact Investment Group (IIG). IIG is one of Australia's leading impact investment fund managers and investors, seeking to generate financial returns alongside positive social and environmental impact. Debunking some of the myths about impact investing and learning about current IIG investments, the discussion explored how impact investing aligns with Jewish values such as *tikkun olam* and *derech eretz*.

At the Melbourne meeting, AJF Member, Cathy Truong, Executive Officer at Trawalla Foundation shared their foundation's experiences and insights in impact investing, providing real-life examples of how impact investing and traditional philanthropy can work together hand-in-hand.

Both meetings provided members and guests the opportunity to gain a deeper awareness of impact investing and it's potential to achieve bolder outcomes for some of our most pressing social and environmental challenges, whilst also generating a financial return. The take home message - 'Do good by doing well'.

21st July 2014

A Conversation with Ruth Messinger, President and CEO, American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

Host: Spiritgrow

Guest Speaker: Ruth Messinger, American Jewish World Service



The American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is the world's leading Jewish organisation working to end poverty and realise human rights in the developing world. In an intimate discussion with Ruth Messinger, AJF members and guests discussed innovative methods to solving issues relating to women, recovery from conflict and oppression, and access to food, land and livelihoods, all with Jewish values at the core. It was so inspiring to learn about the many connection points between Jewish traditions and beliefs, and the incredible work of programs that the AJWS advocate for and support. Under Ruth's leadership and guidance, AJWS grant over \$50 million to some 500 programs that are committed to *Tikkun Olam*, justice and elevating poverty in the developing world. Ruth is one of the most remarkable change-makers of our time, and it was a privilege to hear her story, motivations and dreams.

29th October 2014**The Global Movement of Young Change-Makers****Hosts: Arnold Bloch Leibler****Guest speaker: Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-founder and Curator of Nexus**

“Each of us has something we can do as a Jew, and you don’t need to know what that is – you just have to keep on looking”

At the final member meeting of 2014, Rachel Cohen Gerrol, Co-founder and Curator of Nexus and Executive Director of PVBILIC Foundation, shared her personal story of how one connection point to Israel and Jewish values transformed her life which in turn inspired her to creating a global movement. There was not a dry eye in the room as Rachel shared her love for Israel, Jewish values, heritage and culture. Rachel also described how she founded Nexus - a global movement of 2000+ young investors, social entrepreneurs and allies who work to increase and improve philanthropy and social impact investing. Rachel also shared the history and driving force behind the creation of the PVBILIC Foundation, an innovative grant-making organisation, and The Survivor Initiative, a volunteer-led national effort that reaches across generations to raise awareness and funds for Holocaust survivors living in poverty in the US. It was truly inspiring to hear the link between her Jewish experiences her professional success, and her belief that “together, as a group, we can move mountains, split the sea and make real change”.

24th February 2015**A Global Phenomenon: The Shabbat Project****Hosts: Lisa and Simon De Winter****Guest speaker: Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein, Founder of The Shabbat Project**

Enjoying a delicious breakfast to learn about the The Shabbat Project, AJF members and guests were fortunate to hear from the Chief Rabbi of South Africa and founder of The Shabbat Project, Chief Rabbi Dr Warren Goldstein. Rabbi Goldstein was extremely impressive, sharing the phenomenon of how the Shabbat project took 465 cities by storm in 2014, connecting one million Jews in observing a single Shabbat, rejuvenating family and community life, and restoring Jewish pride and identity. Through launching and leading a number of revolutionary initiatives, Chief Rabbi Goldstein has changed the landscape of both his own community, and indeed world Jewry. A qualified Dayan, successful author, regular columnist for the Jerusalem Post and a doctor in human rights and constitutional law, Rabbi Goldstein is leading social change in his local community and building Jewish unity across the world. It was a privilege to hear from Rabbi Goldstein and learn about his journey, insight and vision for the global Jewish world.

2nd March 2015

Dragons' Den – Giving Budding Entrepreneurs a Forum for Growth

Host: Stacey & Joel Dodge



At an inspiring and thought-provoking event, the 2014 LaunchPad Dave Grant recipients; Camp Sababa, NextStep and Tribe, had the chance to pitch their innovative program ideas to the AJF network. All three projects, seeded at the LaunchPad Retreat, are already motivating peers, and stimulating positive and exciting change in the Australian Jewish community and beyond. With only five minutes to pitch and share their vision, the presenters did incredibly well, and were offered on-the-spot advice and mentorship from the crowd. It was exciting to see AJF members use their experience and expertise to challenge the pitchers thinking, provide critical feedback and offer support. By providing a platform for these inspiring individuals, we were able to build capacity through collaboration between our collective experience, wisdom and expertise and their youth, energy and drive.

19th May 2015 & 21st May 2015

Network Thinking

Host Melbourne: The Arts Centre

Host Sydney: Tarryn & Andres Boyarksy



At the completion of 2015 LaunchPad Retreat, Seth Cohen, Director of Network Initiatives at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, USA, joined AJF members in both Melbourne and Sydney for an exclusive and intimate discussion where he shared his insights about how to use networks effectively to create global change in philanthropy. Drawing on parallels to biblical characters, Seth discussed how to harness the power of different styles of leadership within a network to create sustainable, meaningful and transformative impact for the Jewish community and the world.

In Melbourne, Seth's presentation was followed by a very special performance by a few members of Dig Deep, an incredible project that uses hip-hop and urban music to mentor disadvantaged youth, aged 14 to 24, who otherwise may not have the opportunity to access the arts. We were also very lucky to hear from Dig Deep Youth Program Officer, Dan West.

11th June 2015

Women Collaborating for Change

Host: Arnold Bloch Leibler

**Guest Speaker: Hamutal Gouri,
The Dafna Fund**



Together with our friends at the Australian Women Donor's Network, AJF held an interesting and informative member meeting with Hamutal Gouri, The Dafna Fund about funding with a gender lens and the incredible role Israel is playing to promote women as effective leaders of social change. We discussed the power of collaboration in creating systemic change, how to use storytelling to alter the narrative around women and girls, and how to create a culture that encourages and promotes women in leadership roles across all institutions. Hamutal shared her belief that until we get women leaders participating in decision making we are not going to get lower level changes. It was an inspiring and interesting discussion about how there is a gender lens to everything that we do, and how if we use this with our giving, we can all advance the rights of women across the globe, and improve society.

2014 Annual Evening Forum & AGM

20th November 2014 5:45pm - 9:15pm

The Sussan Group HQ

The AJF Annual Conference was revamped this year as an Evening Forum, and proved to be an informative, engaging and exciting highlight for AJF members, staff, board and guests. The theme of the Forum was **'Innovating & Grant-Making: Risks Worth Taking'**. The conversation explored strategies, philanthropic trends and best practice in calculated risk taking when funding, methods for greater impact and ways to inspire others to create transformative change.

Eli Nossbaum, Vice President, Credit Suisse, Private Banking was MC for the event. Eli brought his passion and energy to the room that motivated and inspired guests, and also conveyed meaning and pertinent connections throughout the proceedings, reflecting on his own experiences and personal values. We thank Eli for his time, efforts, preparation and entertainment!

It was a privilege to welcome world-class expert in philanthropy and keynote speaker, **Andres Spokoyny, CEO and President, Jewish Funders Network, USA and Israel**. Andres shared his insights on 'What Drives Innovation in Philanthropy', explaining how funders today are increasingly seeing themselves as investors rather than donors, and are seeking personal connections to the causes they support. Andres encouraged the AJF network to look for innovative ways of giving that challenge traditional style philanthropy, and demand a greater voice in how their funds are being used.

Following on from Andres was a series of three succinct and captivating 10-minute inspirational talks focused on philanthropic innovation. First up was **Andrew Boyarsky**, telling the incredible story of **'All In: The extraordinary power of giving circles'**. Andrew shared how the creation of a giving circle encouraged his peers and children to give in an impactful, collaborative and



meaningful way, and created real, long-lasting connections between organisations and funders.

Nechama Bendet and Leah Balter then spoke about their experience of **'Solving Big Problems with Innovation'**, sharing the transformative method of the CAPS program to address Jewish day school affordability and sustainability. By capping school fees for families, the program shows how new ways of operating and collaborating may be essential in creating a strong and vibrant community for the future.

Nathan Cher concluded with his presentation, **'Philanthropy and Calculated Risk'**. Nathan evoked much thought amongst attendees, showcasing how to align professional skills with one's philanthropic vision, values and impact. By using calculated risk taking, Nathan illustrated how philanthropic dollars can have a larger influence, make transformative change and encourage innovation.

The presenter's honesty and insight conjured so much thought and discussion amongst guests, and was a true highlight of the forum. 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 **The Besen Family Foundation** and **Sussan Group** for hosting the AJF 2014 Forum, in particular **Debbie Dadon** and **Naomi Milgrom**, we truly value their partnerships.

Andres Spokoiny Visit, November 2014

The AJF was privileged to host **Andres Spokoiny, CEO and President, Jewish Funders Network USA and Israel** in Melbourne and Sydney November 2014 thanks to the generous support of Wendy Kozica and Alan Kozica. Andres had a vast and jam-packed schedule while in Australia.

Aside from the AJF Annual Forum, Andres provided two professional development opportunities in Melbourne for organisations in the local Jewish community, together with the JCCV, titled 'The New Paradigm in Leadership & Changing Patterns in Giving'. At both the session for board leaders and the session for professional staff, Andres shared his knowledge of the changing landscape of philanthropy, and provided tips on how to harness this change to inspire funders to engage with and support an organisation's work. Andres unpacked these 'new realities', and gave hands-on and practical advice to attendees.

In Sydney, Andres spoke to the next generation of givers who are seeking different avenues of involvement in the Jewish community, as well as at an event for major donors in the community around the needs and interests in philanthropy of the next generation. Andres challenged CEO's of JCA's constituent organisation's to think outside traditional ideas of leadership and beyond organisational boundaries to create flexible, innovative and creative structures that support the builders of change. His Sydney visit concluded with a strategy session with JCA Executive exploring the opportunities and scenarios a community may face looking forward in regards to structure, planning and vision.

It was an incredible few days with such a generous, impressive and articulate global leader in philanthropy.



Hong Kong 2014: Global Jewish Philanthropy & The Asian Future



Thanks to the foresight and vision of the Pratt Foundation, together with the Jewish Funders Network USA and Israel, the AJF convened a conversation about global Jewish philanthropy and community building. The inaugural conference brought together a select group of business leaders, donors, and foundations to review the changing world of strategic giving, connect invited guests from Asia, Australia, the United States and Israel, and consider the role that Asia is increasingly playing in the global Jewish conversation. What a privilege to spend two days learning about the Hong Kong Jewish community, their challenges and successes, their hopes and vision for a rapidly growing community in the center of the Asian century.



The program included a cocktail party on one of the oldest Junk's on Hong Kong Harbour with the local Hong Kong Jewish community leaders, as well as an address by keynote speaker **Justin Rockefeller**, Co-founder, The ImPact. Other guests speakers included **Abbie Jung**, co-founder of Synergy Social Ventures and **Alice Mong**, Executive Director of Asia Society Hong Kong Center. Also joining the speaking list were participants **Neil Hyman** and **Erica Lyons**, two local Hong Kong Jewish community leaders and change-makers.

Eight Australians joined thirty-two participants from Hong Kong, Israel, France and the US. So many possibilities going forward, the connections have been made, and we look forward to deepening these relationships and creating opportunities for collaboration and engagement at our upcoming conference in Singapore, November 2015.

AJF Mission to Israel 2015: Investing in the Future of Israel – From Strategic Philanthropy to Impact Investing



Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2015 Tel Aviv & Jerusalem

For an incredible, inspiring and jam-packed 5 days, AJF mission attendees explored the changing landscape of philanthropy, met with leading social entrepreneurs and learnt from experts in the fields of impact investing and Israeli politics. Highlights included a journey through Tel Aviv and Jaffo, where we explored the complexities of the region and had a very personal conversation with the inspiring **Mehereta Baruch Ron, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv**. After an incredible dinner at the home of **Dave Sharma, Australia's Ambassador to Israel**, we made our way to Jerusalem to meet with **President Reuven Rivlin**, where we were so grateful to have a private and very special conversation. In Be'er Sheva we visited the **Rashi Foundation** and **Ben Gurion University**, learning all about upcoming agricultural technology and opportunities in the area. In Jerusalem we

debated Israeli democracy with **Supreme Court Justice Daphne Barak-Erez** and had lunch with **Nir Barkat, Mayor of Jerusalem**. After visiting some incredible social enterprises and organisations in Jerusalem, eating hummus with the **Mayor of Abu Gosh Issa Jaber** and learning about impact investing, we had a very special Shabbat dinner to close the 5-day journey.

The connections formed and lessons learnt were strengthened in the days following, with a cohort of AJF members at the 2015 JFN International Conference.

Special thank to Mission leaders Debbie Dadon, Chair of AJF, and Danny Almagor, CEO of Small Giants and AJF Director, and to Naomi Milgrom for providing a generous scholarship to enable four young social entrepreneurs to join the Mission.

LaunchPad 2015 & Dave Grants



LaunchPad, an initiative of AJF is a platform for Jewish community innovation in Australia.

Following the success of the inaugural LaunchPad Retreat in May 2014, the 2015 LaunchPad Retreat offered two parallel tracks for thinkers, activists, entrepreneurs, change-makers and dreamers:

'LaunchPad Y' for 22 - 35 year olds and **'LaunchPad X'** for 36+ year olds. Both tracks had programming tailored to each group's unique innovation, dynamism, experience and ambition, with opportunities to meet up and connect, think, create and lead together. Through workshops, incubators, skill sessions and inspiring guest speakers, participants had a forum to cultivate relationships and sow the seeds for the creation of meaningful Jewish experiences for themselves, their peers and the entire Australian Jewish community.

This year also saw the opening of the **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 June 2015.

In memory of Dave Burnett z"l \$20,000 was granted to three incredible new programs seeded

and created by a collaboration of Launchpadders from LaunchPad Retreat 2014. The successful programs were:

Camp Sababa - Camp Sababa runs camps for children with a disability supported by young adult volunteers from the Melbourne Jewish community.

Next Step - A 10-month program revolving around an initial retreat, designed to engage 18-21 year olds in the Jewish community, through exposure to existing community organizations, professional development, skills training, networking and on going support. The retreat focuses on innovation and entrepreneurship, with the aim of creating tangible projects for participants to develop and work on following the retreat.

Tribe - A national mobile application and website that enables users to curate their own Jewish journeys.

LaunchPad is powered by a partnership between the AJF and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, as part of the AJF's commitment to creating a strong future for the Australian Jewish community. With our encouragement, support and training, we believe that the LaunchPad Community will transform Australian Jewish life and beyond. We thank JCA in NSW for their partnership with LaunchPad Y and look forward to LaunchPad Retreat 2016.

Moishe House & Moishe House Without Walls



About Moishe House: Moishe House, a pluralistic international organization, provides meaningful Jewish experiences to young adults in their 20s. Moishe House's innovative model trains, supports and sponsors young Jewish leaders as they create vibrant home-based communities for themselves and their peers. Moishe House now has 83 houses worldwide, and engage more than 82,000 in total attendance a year.

Moishe House Melbourne entered its third year in March 2015, and continues to be a space for home-based Jewish exploration and connection. As pioneers of Moishe House Australia, the AJF are proud to present a program summary from the period of 1st July 2014 - 30th June 2015.

Number of programmes: 86

Total attendees: 2094

Average attendance number per program: 24

Partnered with a local organisation or group for: 30% of all programs

Regular programmes include:

- Cultural Humanist Kabbalat Shabbat services
- Yoga classes
- Music jams and concerts
- Jewish ecological/gardening/fresh produce programmes.

Moishe House Without Walls Ignite Summit

Moishe House Melbourne is proudly supported by **Cher Family Foundation, Jennifer and Tony Smorgon, Scott Winton Insurance, Debbie Dadon, Anonymous**

Moishe House Without Walls Ignite Summit

leadership retreat was held December 5th - 7th, 2014 for young Jews in their 20's from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Auckland. For three days, summit participants explored big picture perspectives on the Jewish future, learnt skills about how to step up as community leaders and explored how to strengthen their passions and their Jewish identity, and inspire their peers to do the same. Following from the retreat, participants had the ability to apply for micro-grants to run events in their homes through the Moishe House Without Walls program. The retreat was facilitated by lead AJF staff, Moishe House International and Shalom Institute NSW.

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 the AJF inspired and helped facilitate **All In**, a giving circle from Sydney made up of 7 families from both within and beyond the AJF network. 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. They pledged \$350,000 to causes of which \$175,000 was granted as part of All In. All In created a meaningful, educational, uplifting, social and rewarding experience that yielded positive results for the community.

We are excited to prioritise the growth of AJF Jewish Giving Circles in 2016.

AJF Impact 2014 - 2015

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

40%



Increase in **AJF Membership**



Hosted **6** International guest speakers at AJF events



AJF Member Events

\$350,000

Inspired and supported the first **'All In' Jewish Giving Circle of 7 families** granting a total of \$350,000 in Sydney



14 attendees at the second **AJF Mission to Israel**



8 AJF representatives at the **2015 Jewish Funders Network International Conference** in Israel & 3 sessions with AJF panelists

The first **AJF & JFN Jewish Global Philanthropy Conference** in Hong Kong, thanks to the support of the **Pratt Foundation**, which included:



10 young Australian Jewish change-makers participated in global professional development and leadership opportunities in partnership with **The Schusterman Family Foundation**



4 Aussies attended the **2015 International ROI Summit**



Collaborated with **16 local and global organisations** in the philanthropic and not for profit sectors



Enabled AJF staff to be the **first and only Australian trained by 21/64** in intergenerational giving and family philanthropy support

Moishe House Melbourne

Moishe House in partnership with Jewish Care Victoria provides meaningful Jewish experiences to young adults in their 20s

34

Attendees on the **Moishe House Without Walls Learning Retreat** from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Auckland

2,097

351 First time attendees

Total programmes

92

Total number of people attending

Social

Programmes by type

Jewish Culture and Holidays

Jewish Learning

Repair the World

LaunchPad

A Platform for Jewish community innovation in Australia



200% Growth

LaunchPad Community of 150 people (200% growth since 2012)

Engaging over **100** young adults and children in programming

'Dave' seed fund grants awarded to 3 innovative grassroots Jewish projects

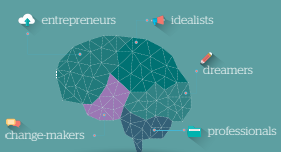


2 LaunchPad incubators engaging **60** new people in Melbourne and Sydney

\$3,780

granted to 4 grassroots Jewish projects through **Australia's Largest Jewish Giving Circle** at the 2015 LaunchPad Retreat

Infinite connections and collaborations between Jewish...



LaunchPad Hub

LaunchPad established The LaunchPad Hub in Melbourne - the **first Australian Jewish co-working space** to support Jewish start-ups

eNewsletters & Website

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. All past eNewsletters are available exclusively to members in the Member Dashboard section of the AJF website.

The newest addition to the website is the **Online Funding Gallery**. The gallery provides an opportunity for funders to learn about exceptional and innovative programming in the community, as well showcase the projects that they are supporting to inspire others to give. We encourage you to use the gallery as a tool to explore the new and diverse programming that exists in the community.

The AJF website also includes:

- Opportunities for members to interact and communicate, including personal messages and the forum
- Up-to-date AJF events calendar
- Relevant national and international articles about giving and social change
- Backdated newsletters with a tag cloud - to easily locate articles of interest
- Information about all AJF Innovation and programming
- Links to our international and local partners

Members

Our Leading, Strategic and Sustaining members demonstrate a strong belief in the vision of the Australian Jewish Funders, not only making it possible for the daily running's 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.

2014 – 2015 Leading Members

Pratt Foundation

2014 – 2015 Strategic Members

Debbie Dadon

Gandel Philanthropy

Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation

Small Giants

2014 – 2015 Sustaining Members

Besen Family Foundation

Education Heritage Fund

Lorelle & Tom Krulis

Mahlab Family

NCN Investments

Spotlight Charitable Foundation

Victor Smorgon Charitable Trust

Werdiger Family Foundation

Sponsors

The Pratt Foundation

Small Giants

Taurus Capital Pty Ltd

NCN Investments

Alan Kozica and Wendy Kozica

Anka Property Group

ROI Community

Schusterman Foundation.

Governance

Board of Directors

Since 2013-2014 AJF AGM, the AJF Board of Directors has welcomed Romy Katz as a Board Observer. She joins:

Debbie Dadon

Chair (April 2007)

Ian Allen

(as an alternate to Sam Lipski)
(October 2009)

Jeremy Dunkel

(March 2011)

Sam Lipski

(April 2007)

David Werdiger

Secretary, Public Officer (April 2007)

Danny Almagor

(October 2013)

Nathan Cher

(October 2013)

Jennifer Smorgon

(October 2013)

Romy Katz

Board Observer (November 2014)

We acknowledge and thank Laurence Joseph for his dedicated service to the AJF until he stepped down as director in October 2014.

Staff

Tracie Olcha

Chief Executive Officer

Natalie Rathner

Special Projects & AJF Innovation Coordinator

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:

- The Year Ahead - 2015 Conference in Singapore Asia and the Jewish World: A Global Leadership Conversation together with our partners Jewish funders Network USA and Israel and thanks to the vision and support of The Pratt Foundation. After the success of our inaugural international conference last year in Hong Kong, now is the time, with the Asian region at the centre of our conversation, 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, together with Jewish philanthropists and leaders from around the world.
- The AJF 30 March - 1 April 2016 Philanthropic Mission to the USA, which will expose attendees to the incredible innovations, professionals and foundations engaging the Jewish community along the South Coast of California. 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 2016 International Conference in San Diego 3-5 April, 2016.
- The growth of AJF Jewish Giving Circles to continue to inspire collective and strategic grant-making
- The first cohort of The Giving Initiative, a Jewish teen funders program aiming to create a unique opportunity for teens to engage in the thoughtful, intentional and strategic process of collective giving, with Jewish values at the core.

- A visit from David Cygielman, CEO and founder of Moishe House and the 2015 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
- 2016 LaunchPad Retreat with follow-up activities and support for the growing LaunchPad Community
- Continue to search for and implement interesting and challenging services and activities that support members with their giving and that will provide added value to their membership, including intergenerational giving consulting
- 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
- Continuing to facilitate programs under the banner of AJF Innovation, including new initiatives like 36 Under 36, Slingshot Downunder and PJ Library
- Continue to incubate new programs and support Jewish change-makers through the LaunchPad Hub. Planned activities include a day-long storytelling workshop, a 6-week start up incubator in February, fortnight yoga classes, skill sessions on event management, mindfulness sessions and tech hackathons. The LaunchPad Hub will also offer mentoring opportunities, co-working 'Booze and Brainstorm' nights and a collaborative working space open every day. We invite the whole AJF network to come and visit the space!
- 2016 Moishe House Learning Retreat.

And much, much more...



Financials - June 30, 2015

The amounts disclosed in this financial information are for the period of 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. Full financial statements will be available for members to download within the member dashboard section of the AJF website in the coming weeks.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are in the opinion of the Directors, appropriate to the need of the members and are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Australian Jewish Funders as at June 30 2015
- That there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian Jewish funders will be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

We acknowledge and thank Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for their ongoing support and tireless efforts preparing the AJF's financial statements and reports.

Summary of Financial

INCOME STATEMENT 2015

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Revenue	333,595
Other income	160
Consultancy fees	(94,701)
Website development expenses	(593)
LaunchPad	(122,706)
Professional development expenses	(14,560)
Event expenses	(7,421)
Conference expenses	(65,796)
Other expenses	(24,732)

PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX 3,246

Income tax expense -

PROFIT FOR THE YEAR 3,246

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents 60,894

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Plant and Equipment 2,089

TOTAL ASSETS 62,983

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Trade and other payables 46,426

NET ASSETS 16,557

EQUITY

Retained earnings 16,557

TOTAL EQUITY 16,557



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