



**MINUTES OF THE PLENUM OF THE
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC
Jewish Holocaust Centre
8.00 pm, 6 May 2013**

Members in attendance	There were 35 Members of the Executive, Delegates and Deputy Delegates representing 23 Affiliates.
AGENDA ITEM	DECISION / DISCUSSION / ACTION
1. Welcome	Nina Bassat welcomed the Plenum
2. Apologies	Recorded in the Register Book
3. Farewell to Mr Antun Babic - Consul General for the Consulate General of the Republic of Croatia	<p>Prior to the Plenum, the Consul-General, his wife and members of the Croatian community toured the Jewish Holocaust Centre, guided by Warren Fineberg and Abe Goldberg.</p> <p>Nina Bassat, welcomed the ConsulGeneral, Antun Babic, and his wife Janja Ninic Babic, the Hon David Southwick, Member for Caulfield representing the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, Jamie Hyams, the Mayor of Glen Eira, members of the Croatian community and Plenum delegates.</p> <p>Pauline Rockman OAM, President of the Jewish Holocaust Centre (JHC) welcomed guests and Plenum delegates to the JHC.</p> <p>Warren Fineberg, Executive Director explained the role and functions of the JHC and how the JHC expected to have 25,000 students come to the JHC in 2013, from Primary and Secondary through to Tertiary students. He explained the JHC's role in education, publishing, and research with respect to Holocaust remembrance.</p> <p>John Searle, Past-President of the JCCV, explained Antun Babic's role in building close relations between the Croatian and Jewish communities and how their own personal friendship had blossomed. He outlined the Consul General's achievements and the importance of the friendship built between the communities.</p> <p>Antun Babic, ConsulGeneral for Croatia, thanked the JCCV, John Searle and Nina Bassat for the farewell function, and commented that this was the same day that Raoul Wallenberg became an honorary Australian, and the partnership in building close and friendly relations between the communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View Antun Babic's Farewell Speech

	<p>Nina Bassat thanked Antun Babic and said Mr Babic was responsible for helping to create a strong and close relationship between the Croatian and Jewish communities in Victoria during his tenure as Consul-General. “We aim for this special friendship to continue into the future.” “Learning to understand each other is a vital aspect of our multicultural community. What brings light to the darkness both communities have lived through are the simple things; it is getting to know each other and the one-on-one acts of kindness.”</p> <p>David Southwick MP, Member for Caulfield, thanked Mr Babic and spoke about the importance of multiculturalism in Victoria and praised the cross-cultural that had been built between the communities. He highlighted the importance of inter-community dialogue as well as our own organisations’ community work.</p> <p>Nina Bassat thanked the Consul General, the speakers and the guests for coming and announced a break for the room to rearrange for the formal Plenum meeting.</p>
4. Adoption of Minutes	<p>Plenum Meeting held on 4 March 2013</p> <p>Moved by Nina Bassat Seconded by John Searle Carried</p>
5. Matters Arising	No Matters Arising
6. Correspondence	Circulated prior to plenum
7. Co-option	<p>Atida Lipshatz to the JCCV Executive portfolio of Affiliate Support</p> <p>Moved by Nina Bassat Seconded by John Searle Carried</p>
8. President’s Report	<p>KYNNNECTIONS The Kynnections Project works with African Muslim, Jewish and Christian youth. Nina praised Mount Scopus for their excellent planning and warm welcome of the Kynnections participants at the recent meeting.</p> <p>COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING Nina Bassat spoke about the presentations which took place at the Council of Presidents on security, child protection and affiliation fees and thanked Simon Glynn, Andrew Blode and Ian Jones for their excellent presentations.</p> <p>AJDS The AJDS and the JCCV Executives will meet prior to the June Plenum, on 23rd May, so that a full discussion can take place at the next Plenum.</p> <p>CHILD ABUSE INQUIRY Nina Bassat advised that David Marlow and she had given evidence, by invitation, at the Victorian Inquiry into the handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other non-Government Organisations.</p> <p>MOTIONS BEFORE THE PLENUM The motions on the agenda regarding the ‘No to Homophobia’ campaign and Child Protection were actually recommendations to the JCCV affiliates and not motions which needed to be voted upon. Nina Bassat read the recommendations to the</p>

	<p>Plenum on the 'No to Homophobia' Campaign and the offer from the Child Protection Reference Group.</p> <p>Nina Bassat requested that Affiliates advise the JCCV if they sign up to the 'No To Homophobia' campaign, and requested that Affiliates respond to the questions in the Child Protection Briefing Paper prepared by Andrew Blode and presented at the Council of Presidents.</p> <p><u>ANNUAL JEWISH CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER</u></p> <p>Nina advised that the annual Jewish Catholic Friendship Dinner would take place at the Adele Southwick Hall on Sunday 30 June.</p> <p><u>JUNE PLENUM</u></p> <p>Nina confirmed that the next Plenum Meeting would be held on 3 June 2013 at the Jewish Museum of Australia, as part of JCCV policy to hold some Plenums each year at Affiliates' venues.</p>
<p>9. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Previously Circulated</p> <p>Moved by Ian Jones Seconded by Dr Helen Light Passed</p>
<p>10. General Business</p>	<p>Glynis Lipson raised concerns about the number of events in the community and the problem of events overlapping with each other. "We need organisations not to do events over the top of everyone's events." Glynis called for cooperation across the community and requested that the JCCV be careful in monitoring conflicting events in the communal calendar.</p> <p>David Marlow advised that the JCCV would not put events into the diary where they conflicted with major communal activities, such as Yom Hazikaron or Yom Haatzmaut, and were careful not to list fundraising events that conflicted with an organisation's agreed appeal period.</p> <p>Andrew Rajcher suggested that the appeal period system was on a cliff and that big players needed to cooperate or we could move to a communal appeal like in Sydney. He also suggested that the JCCV should come out and name and shame organisations that trampled over other organisations' appeal periods.</p> <p>Nina Bassat agreed that we needed to revisit options. Mrs Bassat said that NSW had a communal appeal and therefore the JCA controlled the purse strings, which gave the JCA greater control over activities.</p>
<p>11. Next Meeting</p>	<p>6 May 2013 at the Jewish Holocaust Centre</p>