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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN : SEPTEMBER 2011 ELUL 5771

I am pleased to present my Chairman's Report for the past twelve months.

Although my professional commitments over the last year have forced me to spend considerable time travelling both interstate and overseas, I am both pleased and grateful that several members of the Executive Committee have ensured that the smooth operation of the Congregation at Executive level has not been compromised.

The past twelve months has witnessed **Rabbi Avrohom Jacks** settle into life in Melbourne and our expectations continue to be positive.

As mentioned in last year's report, the strategy of appointing a Rabbi Sheini to get to know our membership and get to be known within the wider Jewish community with the focus on building our membership, will commence paying dividends within the ensuing twelve months.

The Congregation continues to provide religious services and secular activities for those members who may wish to avail themselves of the benefits in attending services and participating in our activities that are available to the wide demographic of our membership, and of course all would be well aware of the changes in such activities that reflect the active involvement of Rabbi and Rebbitsen Jacks.

OUR CLERGY

All members of our clergy are widely respected and warmly received – within the Congregation and the wider Jewish community, and if anything their talents at times are underutilised by our members.

Often I read Rabbi Rubinfeld's weekly e-mail in which he encourages members to make contact – if for no other reason than an informal chat and a coffee.

Members should not take for granted the advantage of being able to enjoy unfettered access to all members of the clergy who are always pleased and willing to be able to provide advice and moral support and guidance – regardless of the circumstances.

Rabbi Dovid Rubinfeld continues to delight members and others with his fine chazanut. His

innovative approach to enabling those who attend our Shule to enjoy our services, reflects his ability to extend his fine repertoire of cantorial intonation in a manner that is a delight to most. Though not one to compromise the ceremonial nature of our Shule services, Rabbi Rubinfeld's relaxed manner and friendly disposition have endeared him to many Congregants as well as other attendees of our services.

Rabbi Rubinfeld continues to contribute beyond the Congregation and is a regular visitor to the Victoria Police Academy, speaking to new police recruits and others. This past year has also seen him being involved in communal events including the Yom Hazikaron commemoration and the B'nai Brith Q&A session that raised funds for The Jaffa Institute in Israel.

His success and amazing response to the initial **You Tube Yom Tov Greetings** he launched last year has continued, with releases to coincide with Chanukah and his most recent Pesach message that was supported by Baron Herzog Wines in the USA.

Rabbi Rubinfeld and his Rebbitsen continue to be able to visit their family overseas and attend important life cycle events and I certainly acknowledge that notwithstanding the numerous demands of a growing family overseas with children and grandchildren ever wanting them to visit, Rabbi Rubinfeld has always considered the Congregation first and not allowed such overseas visits to compromise his ability to continue to loyally serve the Congregation.

During the year Rabbi and Rebbitsen Rubinfeld were blessed to witness the birth of two more grandchildren – to their younger daughter Zisi and their eldest son Yossi.



I know I express the sentiments of all our members in wishing them much naches from all their family.

Rabbi Rubinfeld has recently assisted in the establishment of a young adult's singles group – with the sole purpose of enabling single young Jewish men and women to informally meet in the relaxed surroundings of the Amber Room at the Royce Hotel. The response to the initial function was positive and plans have already been confirmed to continue to promote this event on a regular basis.

Rabbi Avrohom Jacks has now been with the Congregation for twelve months and during this time he and his family have needed to settle into a completely new social environment on a different continent far from family and close friends, and experience the joy of the birth of a new child – Devora Leah born in April 2011. From all reports this has been successful and both he and his Rebbitsen together with their children are now part of the Melbourne Jewish communal landscape.

Rabbi Jacks delivered numerous fine sermons over the high holyday period last September and garnered together children

for services or discussion groups in the Herscu Shule that received an emphatic endorsement by merely the show of numbers and the positive response post the event.

He has received positive feedback in his ability to deliver, on Shabbat and during other services, a meaningful address and one that most will remember and that has a message. Those who meet with him personally find him warm, personable and engaging, and no stranger enters the Shule without being greeted by Rabbi Jacks.

He has initiated an education programme that has seen members and others attend lecture evenings and discussion groups and his **Kabbalah and Chicken Soup** sessions in particular have seen interest by way of younger members of the congregation.



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As part of his plans to promote the Congregation, Rabbi Jacks has actively gone out beyond MHC speaking at numerous communal venues – as a means of alerting others within the wider Jewish community to the new face at MHC and at this stage the dividends to this strategy are yet to be realised however we look forward to dividends flowing from this strategy. There is no doubt the strategy has further strengthened both the profile of the congregation and Rabbi Jacks amongst the wider Jewish community.

Of course it's both positive and most warming to see the creation of programmes for children and I acknowledge the input of **Rebbitsen Racheli Jacks** in initiating the **Mummy and Me** group as well as the **MHC's Ten Year-Old group**. Catering for and engaging the younger demographic of the Congregation is a sign that Rabbi Jacks and the Executive understand the importance in encouraging involvement by our younger members and their families.



Rabbi and Rebbitsen Jacks have actively set about extending hospitality to members and visitors to the Shule after services on Friday evening and Shabbat morning and as well as enabling Rabbi Jacks to get to informally meet with members, this is an ideal avenue for our members to get to know Rabbi and Rebbitsen Jacks. I encourage members to accept such invitations when extended.

Rabbi Jacks initiated the idea of themed Shabbat sermons on those Shabbatot when there was to be no simcha celebrated in Shule – which he delivered after the Kiddush (following the conclusion of the service). These were promoted via e-mail and the website and the Shule's graphic designers were engaged to prepare appropriate graphics for the same.

Regrettably, I don't believe the numbers in attendance for Shabbat services increased due to this innovative approach. The consensus

of opinion from most is that our Shule services are enjoyable – providing first class chazanut and thought provoking comment with most Shabbat services taking no longer than 2 hours. During the winter months we have continued with our tradition established a couple of years ago of serving a vegetarian Cholent at our Kiddushim and judging by the empty pot each week the Cholent is appreciated by most worshippers. It is unfortunate that not more members and others afford themselves the opportunity to enjoy these services.

In November last year Rabbi Jacks suggested that weekly Shabbat mincha services should be initiated and suggested that such could be held in his home. He expressed the need for a portable Ahron Hakodesh (ark) in which to keep a sefer torah for the Saturday afternoon laining (torah reading). In response, Peppy Sherr and her brother Gary Danby presented a specially manufactured timber storage unit to the congregation in memory of their late father Peter F Danby. Although these Saturday afternoon services did not commence, immediately Rabbi Jacks has assured me these services will commence shortly.

Rabbi Jacks has created a three to five year plan with ambitious ideas to increase membership and develop demographic specific programmes for our existing members. We are hopeful that these plans will be successfully realised and provide the positive results that he has proffered.

Ronny Kowadlo is now a familiar face to all our members and in his multiple roles of Public Relations and Outreach Manager, Baal Koreh and Baal Tefillah he provides an invaluable service to the Congregation.

As an approved Pastoral Care officer, he visits Cabrini Hospital on a weekly basis and is a fine advertisement for the Congregation – visiting both MHC members and other members of the Jewish community who maybe patients at the time.

He continues to provide instruction to boys, their fathers and in some cases grandfathers to assist in the recitation of haftorot in Shule and involves himself in the planning of all social functions that are held to recognise the various festivals of the Jewish calendar.

Only recently he and his wife Natalie arranged the **MHC Trivia Night** and the success of this event is a reflection of his commitment and dedication.

He continues to receive voice training from Dr Joseph Talia OAM, Artistic Director of the Melbourne City Opera and those who are regular Shule attendees will be aware that his davening and chazanut only add to the fine ceremony of our Shule services.

Ronny has also accepted responsibility for the re-vamped weekly **NER TAMID** that's distributed in Shule each Shabbat and Yom Tov.

During the year Ronny and Natalie became proud parents of baby boy Benji and we wish them only continued naches from their three beautiful children.

I also acknowledge Ronny's assistance in the office late last year following on from Jackie Somerville's accident in mid October, in assisting where necessary and ensuring the necessary administration functions were not neglected. Members would be aware over the past 12 months Ronnie's father Michael has confronted serious health issues. I am pleased to report that I have been informed by the family that Michael is well on the road to recovery and we wish him continued health bis 120.

Rabbi Michael Mandel, our Rabbi Emeritus has once again not enjoyed a year of good health. Now a resident of Gary Smorgon House in South Caulfield, he certainly would welcome visitors by those members who fondly recall his service to the Congregation.

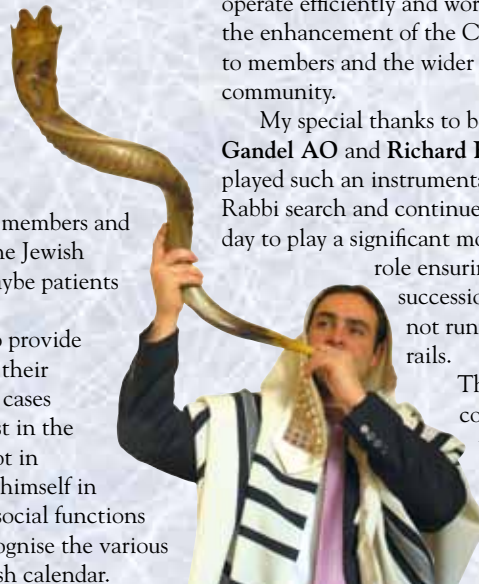
LIFE GOVERNORS

Our four Life Governors have continued their interest and commitment to the Congregation and all are well aware of the need for the Executive and the clergy and staff to operate efficiently and work towards the enhancement of the Congregation to members and the wider Jewish community.

My special thanks to both **John Gandel AO** and **Richard Rogers** who played such an instrumental role in the Rabbi search and continue to this very day to play a significant monitoring

role ensuring our succession plans are not running off the rails.

They have continued to provide valued input in the path forward



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for Rabbi Jacks and I again extend to them my personal thanks and that of all members of the Executive, for this assistance and wise counsel.

Alan H Goldberg AO has continued his life long involvement with the Congregation by chairing meetings of the Executive Committee and being an indispensable source of advice and assistance. Despite his professional commitments and bouts of ill health during the year, Alan has not let up in monitoring and guiding both the Executive Committee and the clergy, and the Congregation are indebted to him for his ongoing commitment and prudent and wise counsel at all times.

During the year, Life Governor **Eric M Cohen OAM** advised that he wished to relinquish the reins of the archive sub-committee and it is disappointing that at this time, we have been unable to find a replacement for this important aspect of our general operations.

Eric is a regular Shule attendee and I thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Congregation. He continues to provide guidance and invaluable advice in all matters pertaining to the archive collection of the congregation.

Our Shule services that visitors invariably favorably comment on reflect not only the input of all members of the clergy, but the attention to ensuring the ceremony of services is maintained. **Leonard Yaffe** continues to act as Gabbai and whether Shabbat or Yom Tov services, minor festivals, Rosh Chodesh or weekday morning services, Leonard is the guiding force that ensures that what all members and others take for granted occurs and in the manner as is the custom of the MHC.

In December 2010, Leonard was the recipient of a JCCV award during a ceremony at which he was acknowledged for his dedication and commitment to the Jewish Community of Victoria and especially through his involvement with the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation. May Leonard be blessed to enjoy good health and together with Ruth and his family continue to be an invaluable and well respected member of the Congregation.

I extend sincere thanks to **David Sherr** who deputised for me during my absences and who devotes a significant amount of time on a daily basis to Shule matters. It would not have been possible for me to have continued in my role as chairman without the support and assistance he has provided.

His attendance at most Shule services and assistance to our Gabbai,

Leonard Yaffe is also much appreciated.

David has indicated that after thirty years of continuous involvement, he wishes to retire from the Executive in 2012. I extend a collective thank you on behalf of the Congregation, for his many years of active involvement. My sincere thanks also to David's long suffering wife Peppy for allowing David to continue his long hours of communal involvement.

Stephen Stern Honorary Legal Counsel for the Congregation has continued to provide advice and valued input on a range of matters of importance pertaining to the Congregation and its staff, and I acknowledge his ongoing assistance.

During the year a recent barmitzva boy, **Naphtali Meltzer** accepted the position of shammash and I am pleased that he joins Rabbi Rubinfeld and Ronny Kowadlo in walking from Caulfield on many Shabbat and Yom Tovim and being able to regularly attend services and provide assistance to our Gabbai and members of the clergy.



Dr David Bernshaw our musical director together with members of the MHC choir is in attendance on those occasions when a simcha is being celebrated and on all of the Yom Tovim. David continues to conduct weekly rehearsals at his home and as always, impart melodious choral accompaniment to enhance the fine chazanut of Rabbi Rubinfeld. He also continues to tutor pre-barmitzva boys with the recitation of the English prayers that are recited on the day of their barmitzva and this too only enhances the ceremony of our services.

In October 2010, our secretary **Jackie Somerville** sustained a serious foot injury and although hospitalised for some time and forced to remain at home recuperating, she assisted in completing those administrative functions that she could discharge out of the office. It's pleasing to have her back in the office and I again acknowledge her input and cooperation.

Our aging building and the aftermath of the flood damage sustained in early 2010, has continued to challenge our multi talented caretaker **Anthony Swingler** and I acknowledge his cooperation and assistance that is always so willingly provided. He also continues to please those in

attendance at Shule services with his culinary 'offerings' for the kiddushim, and his input and versatility is never taken for granted and always much appreciated.

Communal cooperation is important for the very strength and fabric of any community and I formally place on record thanks to the Jewish Museum of Australia and the Jewish Holocaust Museum for their provision of professional advice when required.

Executive Committee members **Bennie Borenstein** and **Daniel Leighton** together with **Gordon Silverman** continue to pursue avenues of grant funding and I acknowledge their ongoing efforts in this area.

I note once again the importance of the Congregation gaining a greater amount of grant funding to assist going forward – more so now that Rabbi Jacks has some ambitious programmes that he wishes to launch that require ongoing and ever increasing funding.

During chol hamoad Succot **Tony Lupton MLA**, the former State Member for Prahran, attended a breakfast that traditionally follows our chol hamoad shacharit services and presented the Congregation with a grant in the amount of \$1,000, being part of the modest Multi Cultural funding allowances that the Congregation receives, generally on an annual basis. I am pleased to report that the new State Government via the V.M.C. is to continue this means of funding to the Congregation.

Malcolm Brown has kindly represented the Congregation at several communal events and has continued to be our delegate to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria. He also acts in a mentoring capacity to both Ronny Kowadlo and Rabbi Jacks, and I acknowledge his valuable assistance.

The ongoing requirements of an aging building coupled with the extensive rectifications pursuant to the flood damage the Shule building sustained in March 2010, have seen an onerous work load directed the way of **Norman Faifer**, our Chair of the House sub-committee.



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I extend most sincere thanks for his ongoing efforts – and the demands on his time that sometimes occur on a weekly basis due to building service breakdowns.

Norman has indicated that after a long period of ongoing involvement with the Congregation, **his substantial professional commitments will prevent him from continuing in his position as Chair of House and his dedicated efforts over so many years must be acknowledged by all.**

I cannot underplay the invaluable contribution made by **Russell Harrison** and all members of the Security sub-committee. Over the Yom Tovim, Russell and his dedicated assistants spend time late at night and early in the morning ensuring the safety of the building and our members are always a priority above all else and on behalf of all members of Congregation I thank them sincerely – one and all. **Russell has indicated that after more than 15 years as head of security he will retire from the position during 2012.** On behalf of our congregants I offer our sincere but inadequate thanks.

This year as members will have already been advised parking restrictions in the vicinity of the Shule will be regularly policed, and although the Melbourne City Council have acceded to our request, for safety reasons, for the cordoning off of Arnold Street and the parking area immediately opposite the synagogue building, it is regrettable that no consideration will be given to members who park in areas close to the Shule.

At the time of going to print the executive through Daniel Leighton with assistance received from Temple Beth Israel is trying to organise car parking some 2 blocks away from the synagogue on St Kilda Rd. Should our overtures be successful we shall notify members of the arrangements.

Diane Jacobson continues to act in her role as Wedding Convenor, assisting in the preparation of documentation prior to weddings and is always willing to attend wedding rehearsals in the Shule.

A regular DESTINY contributor and roving reporter, her involvement and dedication to the Congregation is acknowledged with many thanks.

Louis Segal has continued to head our Refuah sub-committee and despite personal bouts of ill health during the year is never one to allow any member laid up due to ill health, to miss out on receipt of get-well wishes. I again thank Louis and his wife Raie for the invaluable service they provide to the Congregation.

Dr Victor Wayne has continued to provide his valued input and advice. He has in particular continued to liaise with the Shule staff in regard the website monitoring and upgrades.

During the year, he was elected President of the Friends of the Tel Aviv University (Victoria Chapter). A serving member of the Board of Governors of the University, we are pleased that Victor has accepted the task of further enhancing the communal standing of this internationally respected organisation.

Once again **Ariel Weingart** has fulfilled the important role of assisting on the bimah during the laining of the torah. Ariel is one of a small group of Executive Committee members who by their presence and dedication ensure the liaison with our clergy and the conduct of our Shule services is always first rate.

The raison d'être of any orthodox congregation is the conduct of Shule services and I once again acknowledge the attendance of those regular members and friends of the Congregation who without fail attend our early morning shacharit services. Whether Thursday morning, Rosh Chodesh, Chol Hamoed or Selichot services, this group ensure that the conduct of a public service can take place. I therefore acknowledge the following gentlemen –

Bennie Borenstein, Eric M Cohen OAM, Egal Cohen, Henry, Yitzchok and Yossi Frenkel, Hillel Gar, Danny Hammerschlag, Harry Krause, Henry Leighton, Robert Mense, Farel Savitz, Danny Schwartz, David Sherr and Nathan Simon.

Of course the breakfast that follows each service (except on fast days !) and the conduct of the service is always arranged by Leonard Yaffe and to him I express again sincere thanks and the gratitude of all members.

The Congregation is part of the wider community of Melbourne and as such, we do from time to time, have reason to call upon those in public office for assistance and advice. I am pleased to acknowledge the support, recognition and assistance willingly provided by our local members.

These include; **Michael Danby MP**, the Federal Member for Melbourne Ports, our former local State Member **Tony Lupton** and his successor, **Clem Newton Brown MLA**, the Member for Prahran.

I also acknowledge **Kerry O'Dwyer MP**, Federal Member for Higgins and **David Southwick MLA**, State Member for Caulfield who kindly avail themselves to the Congregation when any matter pertaining to their constituents may arise.

Notwithstanding my role as editor of our biannual magazine **Destiny**, I am both proud and delighted that this publication continues to be so well received – not only by members of the Congregation but an ever increasing readership in the wider community.

As always much time and significant effort goes into producing

this publication and the final product that is mailed out prior to Pesach and Rosh Hashanah each year reflects the professional approach and dedicated effort of our Assistant Editor, **Stephen Reynolds**. He together with **Stephen Freeman** of Photosynthesis spend much time researching topics, liaising with contributors and advertisers alike and sourcing photographs and items of interest. I also acknowledge our group of overseas contributors and those members of the Congregation who are always willing to act as roving reporters or assist in the sourcing of articles of interest. To that end I also acknowledge the ongoing efforts of **Eric M Cohen OAM, Diane Jacobson, David Sherr, Freda Kaufman and Leonard Yaffe.**

The **Gandel Group** have been the Platinum Sponsor of the magazine for the past year and I thank them for their invaluable contribution. Likewise my thanks to the many advertisers who continue to support the magazine. Without such support it would be difficult to continue with our publication at the high standards we strive for.

This year has seen a revamped version of the **Ner Tamid**, the accompaniment to our Shabbat and Yom Tov services and once again I acknowledge the efforts of Ronny Kowadlo and Stephen Reynolds for ensuring these changes have been effectively realised and that the weekly edition is always available.

I also take this opportunity of thanking the Gandel Group for acting as a major sponsor of the **Ner Tamid** during the year.

An ongoing and popular means of communication to members and friends is Rabbi Rubinfeld's weekly e-mail entitled **From The Rabbi's Desk**. This provokes comment



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and dialogue at Shule services and elsewhere, and as well as providing a weekly Torah thought or two from Rabbi Rubinfeld, promotes activities organised by all members of the clergy

I also wish to acknowledge and thank our auditor of many years **Mr Mark Crew** who has consciously kept our audit fees as a low as possible whilst still undertaking a professional independent audit of the Congregation's financial statements.

Not unlike most other institutions with a large and diverse membership, an effective and reliable IT communication system is essential and I also acknowledge **Rick Thomas** and the staff of Maverick Computers who continue to ensure our computer systems remain as trouble free as possible, whilst always cognisant of costs to the Congregation.

I take this opportunity to thank the community's caterers who all continue in some way to support the Congregation. This year as we have in the past we will continue to distribute the **Break the Fast Kits** at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

As an important part of the wider Jewish community of Melbourne, we also support and maintain membership of the Council of Orthodox Synagogues of Victoria and encourage members to honour the voluntary levy we charge that is directed in its entirety to the vital activities of this communal roof body that represents orthodoxy in our state.

I am pleased to also acknowledge the Rabbinical Council of Victoria of which both Rabbis Rubinfeld and Jacks are members. We continue to support the Jewish Community Council of Victoria and the Zionist Council of Victoria by our ongoing affiliation of both organisations. Although our Congregation is the only large mainstream Shule that has relied on its own security team, headed by Russell Harrison, I do acknowledge the Community Security Group who provide the Congregation from time to time with security services and assist Russell and his team when necessity dictates.

I note the sad passing during the year of three highly respected members of the Congregation – **Ronald Krongold**, a former member of the Board of Management and a member of the recent Rabbi Selection Committee, **George Weinberg** a dedicated Past President of the Congregation and only very recently, **David Mandie AM OBE** a highly respected doyen of industry and philanthropist of note. Individually these three gentlemen provided valued and ongoing input to

the Congregation and the sad passing of all three has certainly left a void within our ranks.

I extend to each of the grieving families and to all members who have suffered the loss of a loved one during the year, sincere condolences, and extend the age old greeting – **'May the Almighty console you amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem and may you know no more sorrow'**

Members are reminded that yahrzeit plaques are a fitting way to honour the memory of a dear departed family member or friend and ensure an eternal flame is lit on the anniversary of their passing.

I remind our members that our **Yahrzeit Boards** are filling fast and that we are actively seeking a sponsor for a new Yahrzeit Board.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As is our custom in this report, I am pleased to present the year in review of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation. Our activities have been varied and numerous and once again acknowledge the input and involvement of members and friends of the Congregation who by their participation and support ensure the ongoing vitality and relevance of our institution.

Our midnight selichot service continues to attract many members of the wider orthodox community of Melbourne who are always impressed by the Rabbi Rubinfeld's operatic intonation of the Selichot service that is accompanied by the MHC Choir under the direction of Dr David Bernshaw.

As in previous years, this was preceded by an address from a respected orator and on this occasion we were pleased to have our own Rabbi Avrohom Jacks speak on the topic, **'Jewish Pathology'** – an inspirational, anecdotal and at times humorous tale on the unique dynamics of Jewish identity and our fascinating historical relationship with our heritage.

All in attendance were then treated to a catered supper that followed, with the Shule auditorium suddenly coming alive at 11:55pm in readiness for the always spiritually uplifting midnight Selichot service.

Prior to Succot we received a delivery of the new summer edition of the **Melbourne Minyan Finder**, from the initiator, **David Havin** and as a gesture of communal cooperation, we arranged for distribution of designated quantities to all orthodox congregations and communal organisations, and I thank Ronny Kowadlo for spear heading this exercise

Congregational stalwarts, **Marian Joseph** and **Diane Jacobson** together with **Rebbitsen Racheli Jacks** decorated our succah in a manner that as usual promoted favourable comment.

The festival of Succot saw as is an established custom now, **Henry and Miriam Greenfield** generously sponsor a special Kiddush in honour of Henry's late parents. I again acknowledge their continuing support of this tradition.

During chol hamoed Succot, communal identity and respected barrister **Norman Rosenbaum** addressed a large group who gathered for a light luncheon in the succah to hear Norman's perspective on **'Jews Don't Control The Media, just look at all the anti Semitism in the Press – Effective and meaningful responses to Anti Semitism in the media'**. This thought provoking and at times disturbing take on parts of the media certainly aroused the interest of all in attendance.



I extend sincere thanks to **Dr Harvey Rotstein** and **David Sibel** who graciously accepted the honours of Chatan Torah and Chatan Bereshit. As is the custom our Simchat Torah service concluded with a delightful Kiddush that the chatanim sponsored for all who were present in Shule on the morning.

The idea of a businessmen's board room lunch introduced by Rabbi Rubinfeld some time back, was held in November 2010 with Rabbi Jacks meeting a diverse range of young shule members and delivering a well received talk entitled **'Big People Small Cages'**. Thanks iis extended to **Toby Krasenstein** for hosting this event.

On 29th November the Congregation hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Council of Orthodox Synagogues of Victoria (COSV) and to which Rabbi Jacks delivered a dvar torah to the lay representatives of most of the orthodox shules of Melbourne. This meeting coincided with the anniversary of the inaugural meeting of this organisation that was held in the Shule boardroom many decades earlier.



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Chanukah saw the Congregation celebrate in several different formats.

On the first night of Chanukah, a children's party entitled the World's First Chanukah Party, saw a delighted group of children and adults enjoy the lighting of candles for first night of Chanukah. Rabbi Jacks the master story teller shared his ever interesting tales and in addition to the vocal contribution from Rabbi Rubinfeld & Ronny Kowadlo, all were spellbound by the flame-twirling entertainer. The BBQ meal only added to the enjoyment of all in attendance.



At the request from a representative of **Chabad of Melbourne**, we undertook to partner them at the annual Menorah Candle lighting at Parliament House. This took place in Queen's Hall in Parliament House and was the most well attended since the inception of this event. Members of our Congregation together with many from the wider Jewish community were present to hear consummate MC Leonard Yaffe introduce newly elected **Premier Ted Baillieu MLA** who gave a warm and very sincere maiden public address. The event also featured an enlightened address by Rabbi Jacks and the as ever fine chazzanut of Rabbi Rubinfeld.

As we have for a number of years, a Chanukah celebration was arranged for the residents of the **Jewish Care Special Accommodation Units**. The morning was well attended by both the residents and their families, and at the conclusion, gifts to recognise this event were presented to the representatives of each of the Accommodation Units.

To recognise their relocation to their first home in Melbourne, Rabbi and Rebbitsen Jacks hosted a Chanukah candle lighting and house warming, and to which a cross



section of our members were invited. Rabbi Jacks welcomed everyone, Life Governor **John Gandel AO** acknowledged the important journey that the Congregation and the Jacks family had embarked on together, David Sherr recited the appropriate prayer prior to affixing the Mezuzah and Rebbitsen Jacks thanked all for their attendance.

This event was complimented by the delicious supper that was provided and the as always exceptional chazzanut provided by Rabbi Rubinfeld who was harmoniously joined by Ronny Kowadlo.

The shule auditorium downstairs was a sea of smiling faces when on Sunday morning 12th December 2010, our annual **Bat Mitzvah Ceremony** was held. After a nine month period of weekly tuition by their much loved teacher **Yehudit Kazatsky**, our B'not Mitzvah each presented a dvar torah to the large gathering of family and friends. The morning was particularly special with MHC member and guest of honour the **Hon. Justice Linda Dessau AM**, who addressed the girls, noting that she herself when a young teenager, also celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Toorak shule.

The message of her meaningful and insightful address will I have no doubt, remain with the four B'not Mitzvah for many years to come. With our ever professional MC Leonard Yaffe in charge, we were also treated to fine chazzanut from Rabbi Rubinfeld and an address to the girls from both Rabbi Rubinfeld and Rabbi Jacks. After the official presentation to each of the girls, it was their turn to recognise with flowers, their mothers and grandmothers and this warm and very special service concluded with musical accompaniment and expressions of delight from all the proud families.



The beginning of 2011 saw the **Opening of the Legal Year** being held at the synagogue. This was well attended by a large number of members of the legal fraternity and the event proved to be extremely well received. The good turnout and quality presentation – from the programme through to the address by Rabbi Jacks and the chazzanut from Rabbi Rubinfeld and Ronny Kowadlo, I believe will stand us in our stead to host the function in future years. I acknowledge the very professional assistance and support provided by Melbourne Barrister **David Klempfner** in organising and scheduling of this event.

Early February 2011 saw **Eddie Kutner** provide his boardroom for a businessmen's boardroom lunch. Once again a capacity group were challenged with an insightful address from Rabbi Jacks, entitled "**Radical Forgiveness**".

On February 13, the MHC Bowling Team under the captaincy of **Leon Diamond** participated in the **Annual Jenny Goldberg Memorial Tournament**, missing out this year unfortunately on being back to back champions.



Rabbi Jacks after consultation and discussion with his recently formed Education sub-committee, launched his first formal lecture programme on 22nd February entitled "**The Tourist Guide to the Afterlife**". With the Herscu (minor) Shule as the venue, this three part series saw a great response from a cross section of attendees – members and non members alike.

In late May, this was followed up with a further well promoted lecture entitled "**Medical Ethics for a Modern World**". Those who attended these lectures commented favourably and I again urge those members who do not avail themselves of our services to please do so.

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Rabbi Jacks has also become quite a communal celebrity in delivering his lecture entitled “**Kabbalah 101 – an introduction to the mysticism and intrigue of Kabbalah**”.

At private homes and elsewhere in the community, this lecture has received much favourable comment from Kabbalah devotees.

In late February we had the rare occasion when a regular Shabbat morning service saw the Shule have in excess of 900 in attendance. This was due to the barmitzvah that was celebrated by **Jacob Waislitz**, and to which we were pleased to host a visit by the **Chief Rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich**.



The service was special indeed and both the Jewish and non Jewish guests in Shule were impressed with what was offered by MHC. The Congregation hosted a Shabbat evening dinner in the boardroom, in honour of Rabbi Schudrich’s visit and following the Shabbat morning service, a special luncheon was held at the home of Rabbi Jacks, for selected members of the Congregation.

To begin an active campaign to forge improved dialogue with our post b’nei and b’not mitzvah, all 13-15 years olds were invited to attend a social get-together on Sunday 13th March, at the Sidetracked Entertainment Centre. All 18 young teenagers who attended enjoyed themselves immensely and I commend Ronny Kowadlo and Rabbi Jacks for undertaking this first of what I anticipate will be regular and varied social events for some of our younger members.



A successful Sunday afternoon event was held on 20th March at the home of **Bennie and Jeanine Borenstein**, to recognise the joyous festival of **PURIM** with an African theme. With perfect autumn weather prevailing, the entertainment, the food and the abundant numbers in attendance all contributed to a memorable time being enjoyed by all. Ronny Kowadlo spent considerable time and effort in encouraging members and friends to attend and together with our rabbonim ensured this festival was celebrated in style.

A successful communal Seder was held on the 2nd night of Pesach and both Rabbi Jacks and Ronny Kowadlo conducted what has been indicated, was a warm, informative and successful evening.

During the month of May 2011, **Freda Kaufman** arranged for a visit by representatives of the **Council of Christians and Jews**. Rabbi Rubinfeld greeted all in attendance in his usual relaxed albeit informed manner and explained many aspects of the synagogue interior and the ceremony of Jewish prayer.

This is but an adjunct of the ongoing visits by Probus, schools and other groups keen to learn about Judaism and I acknowledge all members of the clergy, together with Diane Jacobson and Freda Kaufman who avail themselves to address such groups.

At the suggestion once again of **Jackie Somerville**, the Congregation participated in the nationwide campaign to raise funds for and awareness of cancer research, by participating in the widely promoted – **Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**.

A catered morning tea was held on 26th May 2011 at the home of Rabbi and Rebbitsen Jacks during which Melbourne socialite, grande dame and MHC member, **Lillian Frank AM MBE** was a guest speaker, enlightening



all with her topic – “**Life at its Fullest**”.

I acknowledge all involved with this function, including the MC for the morning **Freda Kaufman**. The event attracted around 60 and raised in excess of \$2,000. I also acknowledge **Tova Wurzel** of Reneetov Skin Care who provided cosmetic hampers that were used as prizes for a raffle, the proceeds of which also went to the **Anti Cancer Campaign**.

Rabbi Rubinfeld initiated the idea some years back now, of providing a special evening kiddush following the service on **first night Shavuot** – with milchig fare being the order of the menu.

This year, to elicit comment and interest, Ronny Kowadlo and Rabbi Jacks came up with the theme of “**David Letterman’s Top 10 Reasons for Attending Toorak Shule’s Shavuot Ice-Cream Party**”.



This proved a great success and following our mincha and Yom Tov maariv services on 7th June, children galore with parents and friends in tow, adjourned to the Winton Hall to partake of the milchig delicacies on offer. This was certainly celebrating Shavuot in style!

We have re-introduced the tradition of inviting the **Freemasons of Victoria** to attend a Shabbat morning service and this year on 25th June, Shabbat Korach, it was a pleasure to welcome the Grand Master of Freemasons Victoria, **W. Bro. Vaughan Werner** together with a large number of members of Freemasonry in Victoria and their partners.

Rabbi Jacks delivered an erudite message and at the Kiddush that followed the service, the Grand Master acknowledged the importance of such visits and their goal of working towards harmony and understanding among all. I acknowledge MHC member and **V. W. Bro Israel Rosenfield** for



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being a driving force behind this event becoming a regular item on the MHC biennial calendar.

On an inclement July evening the Congregation, together with our hosts, **Goldie and Irving Birch** hosted a lecture, in association with Friends of Likud, given by **Motti Isaak** – entitled “**A Settlers Point of View**”.



Publicised widely via electronic means, a large group listened intently to Motti Izaak's story of his aliyah to Israel from Copenhagen and watched the interesting slide show and video presentation. Although a point of view not shared by all, this lecture is part of our aim to provide an eclectic variety of education and lecture programmes for all our members.

Our beautiful synagogue is often on the tourist's list of buildings and places of interest in Melbourne and in late July when **David Harris** Executive Director of the USA based AJC and his colleagues visited Melbourne as guests of AJJAC, (Australia/Israel Jewish Affairs Council) **Helen Brustman OAM** ensured that a visit to MHC was their first view of Jewish Melbourne.



As with almost all visitors to the Shule, they were suitably impressed, and with the sun shining brightly into the Shule through the multicoloured lead glass windows, our visitors and the interior of the Shule auditorium were bathed in a sea of multicoloured light.

I also acknowledge the commitment of a grant from the **Pratt Foundation** in late July to support the Congregation providing services expected by our long-standing members, while at the same time developing programmes and strategies to encourage and attract young people to be involved in the Congregation's activities.

As I pen the final paragraphs of this report, the efforts of **Ronny Kowadlo** and **Stephen Reynolds** have been successfully realised with the staging on Saturday evening 27th August, of the first **MHC Trivia Night**.

A capacity crowd of 90 joined in a light hearted and thoroughly enjoyable

social get together and it was pleasing to know that the efforts of these two gentlemen were acknowledged by the numbers in attendance.

IN CONCLUSION

I am pleased to report that in recognition of his wise counsel and ongoing support, the honour of **P'sicha Neilah** (on Yom Kippur afternoon) has been offered to **John Gandel AO** who has graciously accepted.

The chatanim for the forthcoming Simchat Torah are, I am pleased to report, **Mark Wasbutzki** (who has accepted the honour of **Chatan Torah**) and **Trevor Friedman** (who has accepted the honour of **Chatan Bereshit**) and I extend mazeltov to both the chatanim.

I cannot conclude my remarks without referring to several issues that are certainly beyond the sphere of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, but of course have an effect upon us all as proud Australians of the Jewish faith.

The residents of both Christchurch in New Zealand from where I have just returned, and those living in the vicinity of the Pacific coast of Tohoku in Japan, have suffered terribly as a result of natural disasters that have befallen both countries. The devastation I witnessed firsthand on the ground was far more horrific than any photo or news report could impart. May Hashem in His infinite wisdom return to health those injured and provide both solace and safety to all the survivors.

The ongoing insidious nature of those promoting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) in Australia and elsewhere around the world cannot be understated and I acknowledge the efforts of my communal colleagues and many of our politicians at State and Federal level and friends in speaking out against this blatant, poorly disguised form of Anti-Semitism.

The term “Arab Spring” has come to signify the removal of dictators within the Arab world. I share the concerns of many however that the euphoria of democracies around the world to the initial overthrow of these dictatorships, may well herald political disharmony and oppression of another kind, and pray that peace and tranquility will finally settle on the countries of the Middle East and provide the State of Israel and all its citizens, with a safe and secure country that can flourish and continue to be a beacon of democracy and economic success.

I conclude my report by acknowledging the loyalty, cooperation

and dedication of all members of the clergy who have and continue to provide our members with spiritual guidance and assistance and are truly the cornerstone of our fine Congregation.

As in previous years the tasks of balancing my professional commitments and obligations to my partners and our clients, and the ongoing demands of the MHC is not an easy one. September 2011 will mark 7 years since I have been at the helm and 16 years of Board or Executive involvement with the Synagogue.

Certainly without the assistance of my “Five Musketeers” Alan Goldberg, David Sherr, Russell Harrison, Norman Faifer and Stephen Reynolds, this extended term in office would have been impossible. **I did advise back in 2010, that this would be my last two-year term and I remind all members of the Congregation that after a stint of eight years, I will retire from leading the Executive Committee during 2012.** I thank all my fellow Directors at Sothertons for allowing me considerable latitude to ensure I could effectively undertake my role as Chairman.

I am very pleased to announce that **Malcolm Brown** has agreed to take over as Chairman once I retire. It is anticipated that at the 2012 AGM the Congregation will revert back to a Board format. Malcolm, together with current Executive Member **Daniel Leighton**, will nominate for the position of President and Vice President respectively and will ensure that they gather a group of younger members around them who will nominate for various Board positions. During this transitional period both I and my current Executive will ensure the new team is involved in all aspects of the Synagogue helping to ensure they will be as well equipped as possible to take over the mantle of leadership.

Perhaps my biggest disappointment during my time in office has been the fact that my time with my wife Karen and our family has been all too often compromised by issues of importance pertaining to the MHC, and I again publicly acknowledge her understanding and support during this time.

Together with Karen and our family, I wish all members of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation, the clergy and staff, together with the Life Governors and my fellow Executive Committee members, a **kitiva v'chatima tova – may the New Year bring peace and happiness to our people in Eretz Yisrael and to Klal Yisrael.**

David A Lissauer, Chairman

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OBITUARIES

We record with sorrow the passing of the following members this past year:-

Mr Alfred Gottlieb	Mrs Pearl Kaufmann
Mrs Anita Boymal	Mr George Weinberg
Mr Maurice Baron	Mr Walter Lowen
Mrs Rachel Smith	Mr Maxymilian Fayman
Mr Ivor Leisor	Mrs Bronia Laitman
Mrs Kay Kaufman	Mr John Selwyn
Mrs Rose Kornan	Mrs Klara Lane
Mr Ron Krongold	Mrs Sima Gottlieb

MARRIAGES

Marriages conducted in Shule this past year are listed below: -

Lila Galperin & Yaniv Mashta	Anna Machlin & Leon Hechtman
Lila Raskin & Josh Gottlieb	Ilana Lauk & Vadim Taube
Julia Granek & Ben Gibb	Kira Ostrovska & Alex Khodakovsky
Nicole Jacobs & Zac Jacobs	Graziela Lima Buscarin & Aaron Eidelson
Fiona Rotstein & Ryan Solomons	Stephanie Bunning & Ilan Oosting
Renata Voldman & Sasha Smirnov	Romy Susskind & Joe Cohen
Johanna Holman & Ben Muller	Jessica Witenberg & Simon Merrick

NEW MEMBERS

During the year under review the following new members have joined our congregation: -

Judy Ravech	Leon Pratt
Robert Opat	Heloise Waislitz
Ilana & Vadim Taube	Alex Waislitz
Leon & Anna Hechtman	Jacob Waislitz
Irving Birch	Joseph Waislitz
Tony Aufgang	Milly Waislitz
Denise & Andre Zalchender	Fiona Geminder
Margit Korn	Ruffy Geminder
Rodney Goldbloom	Annabel Geminder
Shane Lipton	Ben Geminder
Henri Goldin	Samantha Geminder
Jeanne Pratt	Georgia Geminder
Anthony Pratt	Jonathan Isaacs
Claudine Revere Pratt	Bella Gilovitz
	Miriam Mendes da Costa
	David & Kylie Abrahams

B'NEI MITZVOT

The following young men have celebrated their Barmitzvah this past year.

Bradlee Friedman	Josh Wasbutzki
Jesse Shustin	Dakota Lipton
Jess Flicker	Jake Waislitz
J J Miller	Kyles Hilton
Joshua Sakajiou	

B'NOT MITZVOT

The following young ladies have celebrated their Batmitzvah this past year.

Lucy Zilberman	Stella Silverstein
Sarah Zilberman	India Mcleod

NON MEMBERS

The following non-members have made contributions to the Shule during the past year.

Max Baumwol	William Machlin
Albert Ben Danon	Yechezkiel Mieri
Adam Blakney	Ben Muller
Phillip Borden	Rubin Muller
Harry Brown	Ilan Oosting
Mervyn Cass	Arthur Oppenheimer
Egal Cohen	Steven Rose
Kevin Davidson	Danny Rubenstein
Mark Davis	David Rubenstein
Ron Feiler	Elliot Rubenstein
Bill Finkelstein	Mark Ruttner
Ian Fishman	Ronald Sack
David Fried	Mark Sakajiou
Jack Frydman	Steve Sandor
Mark Garkawe	David Shustin
Robert Goldsmith	Deszu Stern
Danny Gorog	Simon Swarc
Joe Gottlieb	Theo Sweet
Eli Green	Ben Szmerling
Ken Hamer	Eric Taft
Aaron Hechtman	Jonathan Taft
Aby Hechtman	Adam Tugenhaft
David Kaplan	Barry Walter
David Klein	Hans Wasbutzki
Michael Klooger	Yossi Weidenfeld
Igor Kotliarski	Adrian Weinberg
Michael Kowadlo	Larry Weinberg
David Langer	David Yaffe
Ari Lederman	Jeremy Yaffe



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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2011



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I am pleased once again on behalf of my Executive Committee, to present the financial statements to members for the year ended April 2011.

The Congregation's ongoing financial position remains sound despite recording a loss during this financial year.

As reported in last year's Treasurer's Report, as the Congregation moves forward over the coming years we will be forced to utilise some of our past accumulated surpluses and thereby tap into the financial reserves of the Congregation.

A number of costs will continue to rise – some of which will be reflected within the ensuing year as significant cost increases.

I have as in past years endeavoured to present a detailed Chairman's Report which includes all aspects of the operation of the Congregation, however, as a number of issues have a significant financial effect upon the financial reserves of the Congregation it is only proper that a summary is included within this report.

As part of the succession planning for our clergy and as was reported in last year's report, the Executive Committee agreed to undertake the task of seeking to appoint a second Rabbi and as members are aware, following worldwide advertising and an extensive due diligence process, the Congregation appointed Rabbi Jacks in late June 2010.

The costs of the due diligence process were not insignificant which in part are reflected in this year's financial statements. We have dipped into our reserves due to the above process and will continue to do so as we expand our efforts in the area of outreach.

The increase in costs associated with the activities necessary to effectively targeting new members will increase our operating overheads. As was reported last financial year an injection of new members and an ongoing aim of increasing our membership across all demographics is critical to our very survival as a viable Congregation.

Our building is now 81 years young. Ongoing routine repairs and maintenance are critical if we are to avoid substantial deterioration of the building.

I thank our members for their generous contributions to last year's annual building fund appeal and would ask that you again support this appeal over the High Holiday Period.

Security for our members and the building is a necessary cost that we continue to monitor, however we are aware this is something that must be maintained at a level commensurate with our specific needs.

In line with movements in the marketplace and coupled with our need to ensure our levels of insurance cover are adequate, we have been alerted to the fact that this expense will reflect a large increase over the previous year's premiums. These costs to the best of our ability have been factored into our future budgets.

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing generosity of many of our members who continue to provide funding for special activities. It must be noted that without the generous support of these members such projects would not have been possible. Whilst being cognizant of the anticipated increases in costs that are a fact of life, we will continue to maintain the current costs of our seat rentals as long as possible.

The Executive is aware that many of our many members make a special effort to retain their membership and honour their seat rental accounts when they fall due, and we will continue to ensure that seat rental increases are kept to an absolute minimum.

Aside from continuing to scrutinise all aspects of our expenditure to ensure they are contained at a reasonable level, a critical factor is the time within which seat rental charges and pledges to the Congregation are honoured by our members.

Once again I remind all that it is important to pay such accounts to the Congregation on a timely basis, thus helping to ensure future fee increases are kept a minimum.

As I have for the past seven years, and as good corporate governance dictates, I have continued to supply both the Executive Committee and the Life Governors with full financials, budgets and detailed notes during the course of the year.

It is once again my pleasure to thank our auditor Mr Mark Crew and his staff of W.F Titchner and Co for the manner in which they have worked with our staff to ensure the audit can be completed in an efficient and timely basis.

I also once again thank Mr Peter Pryn and the staff of Sotherton's Chartered Accountants for their assistance in the preparation of budgets and financial statements during the course of the year and for the preparation of the notes and financial accounts for the auditors. Their help is also greatly appreciated.

As was reported in the Chairman's report, four years ago we were in the process of making an application to the Federal Government to obtain "Deductible Gift Recipient Status" for our building fund.

During 2010 our application was rejected by the Federal treasury. We continue to work towards this application becoming a reality. I would also like to acknowledge the continued assistance of Mr Eddie Kutner. His ongoing help is greatly appreciated.

During the last financial year we continued to seek Government assistance where possible but in the current economic climate, this form of assistance has resulted in limited success.

In conclusion I reiterate my thanks to those members who continue to support the Congregation and underwrite the necessary expenditure to ensure our building and the services we supply can be maintained for future generations and that we can at the same time continue to provide an exemplary level of service to both our members and the wider Jewish community, as our charter mandates.

**David A Lissauer,
Chairman / Treasurer**

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

Your Executive members submit the financial report of The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc for the financial year ended 30 April 2011. The names of the Executive Members in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year and their attendance at Executive Meetings over the past 12 months are:

David A. Lissauer	4	David H Sherr	4
Daniel G Leighton	3	Diane L Jacobsen	2
Stephen M Stern	1	Norman A. Faifer	4
Russell A Harrison	3	Victor Wayne	2
Ariel Weingart	2	Louis Segal	4
Benjamin Borenstein	3	Malcolm Brown	4

Principal Activities: The principal activity of the association during the financial year was religious worship.

Significant Changes: No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result: The loss after providing for income tax amounted to \$46,156.93. Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:



David A. Lissauer Norman A. Faifer

Dated: 2nd September 2011



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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Revenue	2	1,054,862.18	913,275.10
Employee benefits expense		(584,356.81)	(454,743.92)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(16,655.46)	(14,836.00)
Audit fee		(3,000.00)	(3,500.00)
Affiliation expense		(227.00)	(4,817.00)
Insurance expenses		(46,153.00)	(49,610.00)
Kiddushim and special events		(27,185.00)	(50,659.00)
Religious and high holy day expenses		(44,739.00)	(41,913.00)
Repairs and maintenance costs		(18,124.00)	(12,892.00)
Other expenses		(360,578.84)	(276,393.54)
Profit (loss) before income tax expense	3	(46,156.93)	3,910.64
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit (loss) for the year		(46,156.93)	3,910.64
Profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity		(46,156.93)	3,910.64

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Profit (loss) for the year		(46,156.93)	3,910.64
Other comprehensive income:			
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year		(46,156.93)	3,910.64
Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to members of the entity		(46,156.93)	3,910.64

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	361,776.34	384,029.09
Trade and other receivables	7	222,640.70	237,468.30
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		584,417.04	621,497.39
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	12,687,473.85	12,680,139.49
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		12,687,473.85	12,680,139.49
TOTAL ASSETS		13,271,890.89	13,301,636.88

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	148,066.91	125,126.97
Short-term provisions	10	163,318.00	169,847.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		311,384.91	294,973.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES		311,384.91	294,973.97
NET ASSETS		12,960,505.98	13,006,662.91
EQUITY			
Reserves	11	11,983,573.00	11,983,573.00
Retained profits		976,932.98	1,023,089.91
TOTAL EQUITY		12,960,505.98	13,006,662.91

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30 APRIL 2011

	Retained Earnings \$	Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 May 2009	1,019,179.27	11,983,573.00	13,002,752.27
Profit attributable to members	3,910.64		3,910.64
Balance at 30 April 2010	1,023,089.91	11,983,573.00	13,006,662.91
Balance at 1 May 2010	1,023,089.91	11,983,573.00	13,006,662.91
Profit (loss) attributable to members	(46,156.93)	(46,156.93)	
Balance at 30 April 2011	976,932.98	11,983,573.00	12,960,505.98

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Advertising and Promotion		33,720.00	36,310.00
Barmitzvahs, Batmitzvahs and Weddings		10,787.00	10,488.00
Donations and Offerings Received		299,646.00	171,820.00
Fees, Hall Hire and Kiddushim		1,325.00	6,335.00
Interest Received		19,802.00	26,258.00
Grants & Sponsorship		1,500.00	1,000.00
Building and Lift Fund Appeals		16,079.00	27,860.00
Receipts from Members		669,872.00	600,294.00
Sundry Receipts		2,131.00	2,131.00
Payments to Suppliers & Employees		(1,053,423.00)	(996,502.00)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		1,439.00	(114,006.00)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment		(23,692.00)	(26,913.00)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(23,692.00)	(26,913.00)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(22,253.00)	(140,919.00)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		384,029.00	524,948.00
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	15	361,776.00	384,029.00

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The financial statements cover The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc as an individual entity. The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The financial statements were authorised for issue on 30 April 2011 by the members of the association.

(a) Income Tax

The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc. is a religious institution as defined in Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997) (as Amended) its income is deemed to be exempt from Income Tax.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of property, plant and equipment are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the statement of comprehensive income and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

DEPRECIATION

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Class of Fixed Asset:	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	15-40%
Furniture and fittings at cost	10-20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(d) Financial Instruments

INITIAL RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost plus transactions costs, where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transactions costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

CLASSIFICATION AND SUBSEQUENT MEASUREMENT

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value or cost. Fair value represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties.

Cost is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short term profit taking. The association has not held any financial assets at fair value through profit and loss in the current or comparative financial year.

(ii) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(iii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity.

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

IMPAIRMENT

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(e) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include considering external sources of information and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount.

(f) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

(g) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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(h) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(i) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at cost.

Interest revenue is recognised when monies are received.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straightline basis over the financial year.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(j) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(l) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(m) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods and which the association has decided not to early adopt. A discussion of those future requirements and their impact on the association is as follows:

AASB 9: Financial Instruments and AASB 2009-11: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 10 & 12] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2013). These Standards are applicable retrospectively and amend the classification and measurement of financial assets. The association has not yet determined any potential impact on the financial statements.

AASB 2009-12: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 5, 8, 108, 110, 112, 119, 133, 137, 139, 1023 & 1031 and Interpretations 2, 4, 16, 1039 & 1052] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2011). This Standard makes a number of editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, including amendments to reflect changes made to the text of IFRSs by the IASB. The amendments are not expected to impact the association.

AASB 2010-4: Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Annual Improvements Project [AASB 1, AASB 7, AASB 101 & AASB 134 and Interpretation 13] (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2011). This Standard details numerous non-urgent but necessary changes to Accounting Standards arising from the IASB's annual improvements project. Key changes include:

- clarifying the application of AASB 108 prior to an entity's first Australian-Accounting-Standard financial statements;
- amending AASB 7 to add an explicit statement that qualitative disclosures should be made in the context of the quantitative disclosures to better enable users to evaluate an entity's exposure to risks arising from financial instruments;
- amending AASB 101 to clarify that disaggregation of changes in each component of equity arising from transactions recognised in other comprehensive income is required to be presented, but is permitted to be presented in the statement of changes in equity or in the notes;
- adding a number of examples to the list of events or transactions that require disclosure under AASB 134; and
- adding sundry editorial amendments to various Standards and Interpretations.

This Standard is not expected to impact the association.

AASB 2010-5: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 101, 107, 112, 118, 119, 121, 132, 133, 134, 137, 139, 140, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 112, 115, 127, 132 & 1042] (applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011). This Standard makes numerous editorial amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, including amendments to reflect changes made to the text of IFRSs by the IASB. However, these editorial amendments have no major impact on the requirements of the respective amended pronouncements.

AASB 2010-7: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010) [AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127] (applies to periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013). This Standard makes amendments to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations as a consequence of the issuance of AASB 9: Financial Instruments in December 2010. Accordingly, these amendments will only apply when the entity adopts AASB 9. As noted above, the association has not yet determined any potential impact on the financial statements from adopting AASB 9.

The association does not anticipate early adoption of any of the above Australian Accounting Standards.



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Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
2. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		
Sundry income	4,755.00	2,131.36
Interest received	2(a) 19,802.63	26,257.94
Grants and sponsorship	1,500.00	1,000.00
Advertising & promotion	33,720.00	36,310.00
Seat rental and security levy	653,399.82	647,868.30
Operating income	25,960.18	27,887.73
Offerings and donations	315,724.55	171,819.77
Total Revenue	1,054,862.18	913,275.10
(a) Sundry income from: Other corporations	4,755.00	2,131.36
(a) Interest received from: Other corporations	19,802.63	26,257.94

3. PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR – EXPENSES

Rental expense on operating leases: Minimum lease payments	3,663.00	3,663.00
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4. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Short-term benefits	590,717.22	399,536.98
Post employment benefits	-659.00	33,046.85
Total compensation	590,058.22	432,583.83

5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditing	3,000.00	3,500.00
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6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	108.00	108.00
Cash at bank	2,140.79	10,813.12
Cash on deposit	359,527.55	373,107.97
361,776.34	384,029.09	

7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT		
Memberships and offerings due	218,432.16	212,337.10
Less provision for doubtful debts	(6,000.00)	(6,000.00)
	212,432.16	206,337.10
Good and services tax	3,275.54	1,131.20
Sundry debtor	6,933.00	30,000.00
222,640.70	237,468.30	

8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Synagogue & furnishings - Toorak Road	12,000,000.00	12,000,000.00
Religious & historical items at valuation	569,720.00	569,720.00
Total land and buildings	12,569,720.00	12,569,720.00
Plant and equipment	134,973.03	124,763.49
Less accumulated depreciation	(83,617.00)	(75,424.00)
	51,356.03	49,339.49
Furniture and fittings at cost	141,967.82	130,083.00
Less accumulated depreciation	(75,570.00)	(69,003.00)
	66,397.82	61,080.00
Total plant and equipment	117,753.85	110,419.49
Total property, plant and equipment	12,687,473.85	12,680,139.49
(a) Movement in carrying amounts For disclosure on movement in carrying amounts please refer to note 16(a) in the end of this financial report.		

9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
CURRENT		
Sundry creditors	23,026.85	9,236.33
Trade creditors	18,595.11	9,445.69
Prepaid seat rental income	106,444.95	106,444.95
148,066.91	125,126.97	

10. PROVISIONS

Provision for employee entitlements:		
Opening balance at 1 May 2010	66,529.00	
Additional provisions raised	(6,529.00)	
Balance at 30 April 2011	60,000.00	
Provision for building maintenance:		
Opening balance at 1 May 2010	53,318.00	
Balance at 30 April 2011	53,318.00	
Provision for security costs:		
Opening balance at 1 May 2010	50,000.00	
Balance at 30 April 2011	50,000.00	
Total Provisions		
Opening balance at 1 May 2010	169,847.00	
Additional provisions raised	(6,529.00)	
Balance at 30 April 2011	163,318.00	
Analysis of Total Provisions		
Current	163,318.00	169,847.00

11. RESERVES

Asset revaluation	26,595.00	26,595.00
Property revaluation	11,811,856.00	11,811,856.00
Capital levies	145,122.00	145,122.00
11,983,573.00	11,983,573.00	

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluations of non-current assets. Under certain circumstances dividends can be declared from this reserve. The general reserve records funds set aside for future expansion of the association.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Transactions with related parties:

a) During the year ended 30 April 2010, Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc entered into a contract with Sothertons Melbourne for whom David Lissauer acts as managing director, to provide accounting, taxation and consulting services.	15,920.00	13,751.00
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13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The association's financial instruments consist of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, accounts receivable and payable.

The main purpose of non-derivative instruments is to raise finance for association operations.

Financial Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	361,776.34	384,029.09
Total Financial Assets	361,776.34	384,029.09

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The association's Treasurer is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The Treasurer monitors the association's transactions and reviews the effectiveness of controls. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held quarterly and minuted by the committee of management.

The Treasurer's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the association meets its financial targets, while minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

SPECIFIC FINANCIAL RISK EXPOSURES AND MANAGEMENT

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit rate risk, liquidity risk and market risk relating to interest rate risk.

(a) Credit Risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures (such as the utilisation of systems for the approval, granting and removal of credit limits, regular monitoring of exposure against such limits and monitoring of the financial stability of significant customers and counterparties) ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the finance committee has otherwise cleared as being financially sound.

Credit Risk Exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period, excluding the value of any collateral or other security held, is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the statement of financial position.

The association has no significant concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

Trade receivables that are neither past due or impaired are considered to be of high credit quality.

The association has no significant concentrations of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables are provided in Note 7.

(b) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in setting its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

The tables below reflect an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities.

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analyses in relations to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- monitoring un-drawn credit facilities;
- maintaining a reputable credit profile;
- managing credit risk, related to financial assets; and
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflect the earliest contractual settlement dates.

(c) Market Risk

(i) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows.

14. INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc
Cnr Toorak Road & Arnold Street, South Yarra 3141
PO Box 372 South Yarra 3141

15. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
(a) Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash		108.00	108.00
Cash at Bank		2,141.00	10,813.00
Cash on Term Deposit		359,527.00	373,108.00
		361,776.00	384,029.00
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit			
Profit after income tax	(46,157.00)		3,911.00
Non-cash flows in profit:			
Depreciation	16,655.00		14,836.00
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:			
Decrease (Increase) in Receivables	16,972.00		(60,879.00)
Increase (Decrease) in Payables	22,940.00		(71,881.00)
Increase (Decrease) in Provisions	(6,529.00)		(93.00)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		3,881.00	(114,106.00)

16. (a) MOVEMENT IN CARRYING AMOUNTS

Movements in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment.

	Synagogue and Furnishings – Toorak Road \$	Religious and historical items at Valuation \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Furniture and Fittings at cost \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 May 2009	12,000,000.00	569,720.00	41,946.49	56,499.00	12,668,165.49
Additions	-	-	16,537.00	10,273.00	26,810.00
Depreciation expense	-	-	(9,144.00)	(5,692.00)	(14,836.00)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2010	12,000,000.00	569,720.00	49,339.49	61,080.00	12,680,139.49
Additions	-	-	12,105.00	11,884.82	23,989.82
Disposals	-	-	(148.46)	-	(148.46)
Depreciation expense	-	-	(9,940.00)	(6,567.00)	(16,507.00)
Carrying amount at 30 April 2011	12,000,000.00	569,720.00	51,356.03	66,397.82	12,687,473.85



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial statements as set out on pages 13 to 17:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc as at 30 April 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Standards Board;
2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

David A. Lissauer Norman A. Faifer

Dated: 2nd September 2011

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF THE MELBOURNE HEBREW CONGREGATION INC

We have audited the accompanying financial report of The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc (the association) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2011 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 in Victoria. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due

to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 in Victoria including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 April 2011 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 in Victoria.

Mark D Crew
W F Titchner & Co
Fitzroy, Vic, 3065
Dated: 2nd September 2011

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, David A. Lissauer and I, Norman A. Faifer certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of the association.
- (b) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) The annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

David A. Lissauer Norman A. Faifer

Dated: 2nd September 2011



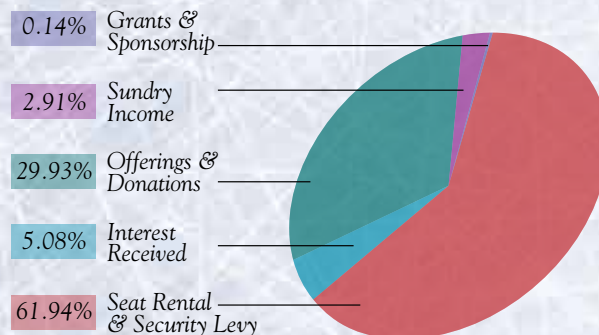
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**PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2011**

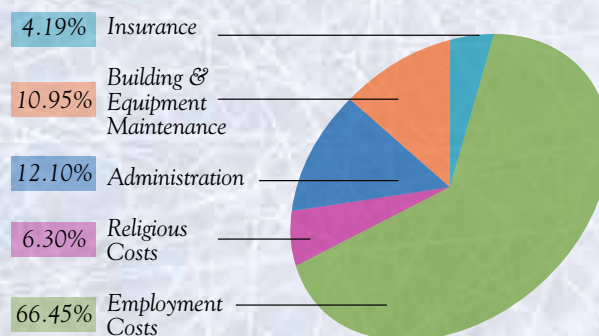
Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
INCOME		
Grants & sponsorship	1,500.00	1,000.00
Sundry income	4,755.00	2,131.36
Interest received	19,802.63	26,257.94
Offerings & donations	315,724.55	171,819.77
Operating income	25,960.18	27,887.73
Advertising & promotion	33,720.00	36,310.00
Seat rental & security levy	653,399.82	647,868.30
	1,054,862.18	913,275.10
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Advertising + promotion	300.00	1,330.00
Affiliations	227.27	4,817.28
Auditors' remuneration	3,000.00	3,500.00
Bank charges	8,694.43	10,053.49
Caretaking	35,987.50	31,059.53
Cleaning	15,874.57	15,719.39
Computer expenses	10,570.88	8,126.62
Consultancy fees	2,650.00	7,000.00
Depreciation	16,655.46	14,836.00
Donations	6,725.00	17,123.00
Electricity & gas	8,686.23	7,848.24
Employees entitlement	(6,529.00)	(93.01)
Employees' amenities	-	117.27
General expenses	934.49	1,455.81
Insurance	46,153.22	49,610.13
Kiddushim & refreshments	24,592.81	28,223.12
Leasing charges	3,511.52	3,679.09
Legal costs	150.00	1,146.60
Magazine	37,029.41	28,825.81
Postage	4,583.12	5,962.77
Printing and stationery	31,324.17	36,806.78
Professional fees	15,920.10	12,751.13
Property Rates and Taxes	968.40	530.85
Rabbi Recruitment	146,919.98	62,018.36
Religious requisites & high holy day expenses	44,739.39	41,913.03
Repairs and maintenance	18,123.72	12,891.57
Salaries Wages & reimbursements	590,885.81	454,836.93
Special events	2,593.09	22,436.33
Security costs	18,157.69	14,729.20
Staff training	409.09	-
Subscriptions	212.27	157.27
Telephone	10,060.80	7,122.87
Travelling expenses	907.69	2,829.00
	1,101,019.11	909,364.46
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	(46,156.93)	3,910.64
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	1,023,089.91	1,019,179.27
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	976,932.98	1,023,089.91
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	976,932.98	1,023,089.91

This page does not form part of the audited financial statements.

PERCENTAGE BREAK UP OF INCOME



PERCENTAGE BREAK UP OF EXPENDITURE



COMPILATION REPORT TO THE MELBOURNE HEBREW CONGREGATION INC

On the basis of information provided by the Executive of The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc we have compiled in accordance with APES315 'Compilation of Financial Information' the detailed Profit & Loss of the Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc for the period ended 30 April 2011.

The additional financial data presented on page 19 are in accordance with the books and records of the Incorporated Association which have been subject to auditing procedures applied in a statutory audit for the financial year ended 30 April 2011. It will be appreciated that the statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than The Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Inc) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the detailed Profit and loss and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to summarise the financial information, which the committee of management provided, when compiling the detailed profit and loss.

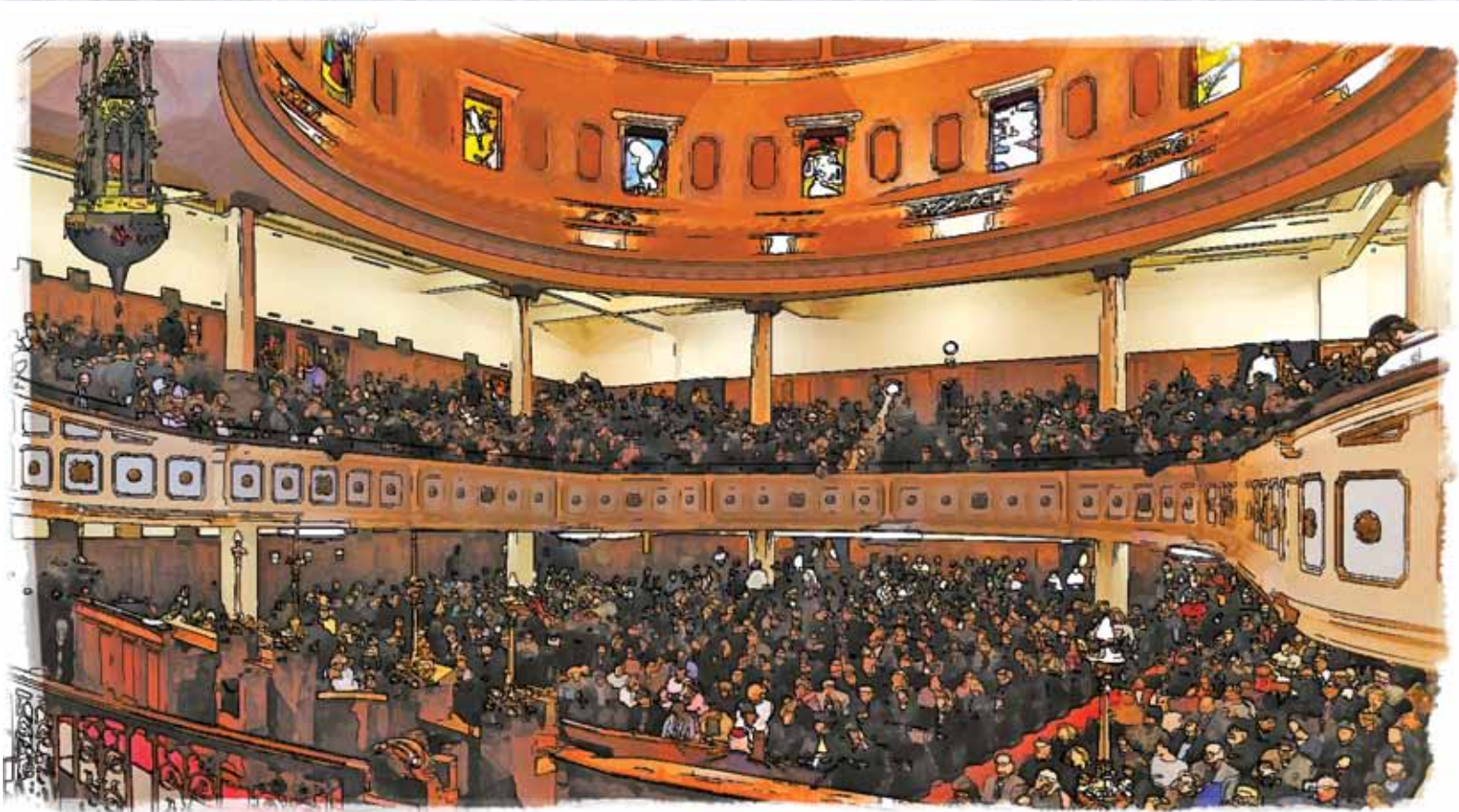
To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the trust may suffer arising from any negligence on our part.

Mark Lipson
Mark Lipson
Dated: 2nd September 2011

Sothertons
Chartered Accountants
Level 6, 468 St Kilda Rd,
MELBOURNE VIC 3004.



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Past Presidents & Chairmen

5601-1841	Michael Cashmore	5654-1893	Jacob Bernard Kaufman	5716-1955	Ivon M Sage
5603-1843	Asher Hyman Hart	5655-1894	Cr Edward Hart	5718-1957	Kalman Rogers
5607-1846	Solomon Benjamin	5658-1897	Cr Jacob Marks	5720-1959	Morris Sharpe JP
5608-1847	Asher Hyman Hart	5662-1901	Leon Crawcour	5722-1961	John Mense
5610-1851	David Benjamin	5663-1902	Cr Moses Alexander	5724-1963	Jack Bercove JP
5614-1854	Hon Edward Cohen	5664-1904	Hon Nathaniel Levi MLC	5726-1965	Nathan Goldrich
5615-1854	Michael Cashmore	5665-1905	Moss Marks	5728-1967	Leon Lasky JP
5616-1855	Hon Edward Cohen	5667-1906	Samuel Ackman	5730-1969	Frederick R Winton
5617-1857	Michael Cashmore JP	5668-1907	Alderman Jacob	5732-1971	Leon Lasky JP
5619-1859	Elias Ellis	5669-1908	Levi Isaacs JP	5734-1973	Moss J Davis
5620-1860	Hon Edward Cohen	5672-1911	Phillip Cohen JP	5736-1975	Kassel Lasky
5621-1861	Isaac Lyons	5680-1919	Moses Alexander	5737-1977	George Weinberg
5622-1862	Edward Isaacs	5681-1920	Joseph David Joseph	5739-1979	Isidor Solomon
5624-1863	Henry Horwitz	5683-1923	Louis S Benjamin JP	5741-1981	Leonard Yaffe
5625-1865	Samuel Lazarus	5686-1926	Albert E Jones	5743-1983	Alan H Goldberg QC
5626-1866	Hon Edward Cohen	5690-1929	Louis S Benjamin JP	5745-1985	Raymond D Joseph
5628-1869	Benjamin Benjamin	5691-1930	Phillip Cohen JP	5747-1987	Eric M Cohen
5635-1875	Simon Cohen JP	5696-1935	Alfred A Mendoza	5749-1989	Richard N Rogers
5637-1876	Lewis Myer Myers	5698-1937	Dr Jacob Jona JP	5751-1991	David H Sherr
5639-1879	Alderman Benjamin	5701-1940	Alec Masel	5753-1993	Stephen M Stern
	Benjamin MLC JP	5703-1942	Samuel Frieze	5755-1995	David L Jaffe
5641-1880	Hon Nathaniel Levi JP	5705-1944	Walter S Joseph	5756-1996	David A Lissauer
5643-1882	Mark Marks	5706-1945	Leslie Abrahams	5758-1998	Victor S Wayne
5644-1883	Ephraim Laman Zox	5708-1947	Gotal Movitz	5760-2000	Norman D Faifer
	MLA JP	5710-1949	A Newton Super	5762-2002	Leonard Yaffe
5646-1885	Hon Sir Benjamin	5711-1951	Alec Masel	5764-2004	David A Lissauer &
	Benjamin	5712-1951	Sydney A Cohen		David H Sherr
5652-1891	Jacob Abraham Cantor JP	5714-1953	Moss J Davis	5767-2007	David A Lissauer