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Not a member yet?

What is FOSCA?

Fosca, is the Friends of Shalom Court Association. Are you member? If not, you need to join and learn about all of the happenings at Shalom Court through these newsletters, from great speakers, shared meals, and being part of this wonderful community.

So how do I become a member?

Follow this link <https://shalomcourt.co.nz/supporting-shalom-court/#donate> and join us today

Already a member?

Have you paid your annual subscription? Not paid in a while? Not is your chance, contact Esther at operations@shalomcourt.co.nz

What are you waiting for? Come and support your local providers of top, quality care for those in need.

From the Chair

It is with great pleasure that we are sending out the first newsletter for 2023. Shalom Court continues to operate at full capacity, and since December we welcomed Gloria Alder into Albert House, and most recently, Betty Mills (Deborah and Brian Bookman's mother/mother-in-law) into Phillip House. Two lovely ladies who add to our wonderful residents. We lost Valentina Kanaykina in late January at the age of 90 and she has been with us for a little over 2 years. Our condolences to the family.

We recently celebrated Sybil Cornell's 100th birthday and it was a beautiful affair, with Sybil's family coming from Australia to enjoy. We now have 2 residents 100+, with Betty Adams due to celebrate her 100th later this year. Thanks to Ana (activities), our birthdays are always enjoyed by all the residents and their families.

I had the pleasure to be part of Friday night services on 10th February where Rabbi Rube lead the Kiddush. The residents that joined on Friday, thoroughly enjoyed his singing and you can see a photo of that lovely occasion. Rabbi Rube will be staying in one of our units temporarily as we are close to the new Synagogue in Remuera Rd. We hope he will participate in future Friday night Kiddush services.

After an amazing year with HBH as our full management team, we have decided to ease back, and just retain them as clinical backup. They have been exemplary in their assistance with the running of Shalom Court, and I'd like to personally thank Juliette who has been amazing. Jasper has been her right-hand man and continues to ably assist us. Their expertise has been second to none.

On that note, we are thrilled and delighted to welcome Marlene as our new Nurse Manager. Marlene comes to us from Gulf Views, and after just a few short weeks, is making a huge impact on Shalom Court. Her professionalism, calmness, warmth and positive interaction, as well as being a team player and natural leader, has made her ease naturally into our environment. Marc has gone to an HBH facility and we will miss him, but wish him all the very best. If you are visiting Shalom Court, do say hi to Marlene.

Roberta has returned to work with us in the role of part time General Manager. Roberta stepped in when Marion (accounts) was off on sick leave, and it is a natural progression to have her return in this position. I will be working alongside Roberta in a shared role, though mine is voluntary, as it has been since I became Chair two years ago.

Rhoda (maintenance) continues to amaze everybody with her energy and hard work. We are so very thankful to have her back working with us. Michal (admin) has increased her work hours, and her duties encompass administration, culture and now some maintenance to assist Rhoda. Michal's passion is a delight to experience, and her laughter and compassion is clear. She also has taken up some catering (recent Succot lunch and then Leon Weissberg's visit) at Shalom Court and we are all loving her wonderful cooking skills.

The staff in general work extremely hard to give our residents a wonderful home, and that is proved by our waiting list which is continuing to grow.

The refurbished units are looking fantastic and the Trust Board has invested wisely in this venture. As mentioned in the December newsletter, we are aiming for retirees to rent them. George Erdos is overseeing the rental and continued supervision of these units. If you know of anyone that would be interested in them (and I anticipate they will go quickly once advertised for rental), then please contact George or ask at Shalom Court for his contact details.

With these refurbishments, we also had a complete revamp of the gardens by the cottages. Christine Hanley and her team, (who did the front gardens and herb garden) spent many hours firstly getting rid of all the old shrubbery, then replanting. Lavender and rosemary will permeate from these gardens, and the cottages will once more, after many years of silence, be vibrant again

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Esther Haver, Chair



From the Chair cont...

Adele Hirsh and her team from the Entertainment committee, are planning an afternoon tea for residents and their families. This is no small feat, and it should be a lovely affair. Our next newsletter will feature this. All family members will be notified for this event in early March.

Presently we are in the midst of the cyclone, and fortunately Shalom Court has weathered this well, with just a tree that will need some maintenance and a tad of flooding downstairs in Rhoda's maintenance room. So we are very pleased about that.

Shalom Court continues to be an excellent place to live, and we now have 11 Jewish residents, with a 12th on our waiting list. The success of our facility is due to a combination of an amazing Trust Board, excellent Governing Board, first class staff and of course, people like yourselves who continue to support us. Thank you for your faith in us.

Esther Haver
Chair – Shalom Court Governing Committee

Welcome to our new staff members and read more about them below



Esther Haver, Chair



Welcome to a new and welcome back staff members



Marlene Marais Nurse Manager

I am originally from South Africa and immigrated to NZ in 2008 with my small family. My parents and rest of my family still reside in South Africa. I enjoy working in aged care and have remained passionate about our elderly. As one of New Zealand's leading Eden Alternative associates,

I am passionate about creating care environments that empower and encourage growth, meaning and connection for all, and leading our team to provide sustainable and innovative care services. My role involves working with staff who have a key role in service delivery. I have been a registered nurse for 32 years of which 14 yrs have been with HBH in a clinical leading role.



Roberta Tills General Manager

I am a born and bred Aucklander and have strong connections to the Jewish community throughout my life. Recently, I co-owned a backpackers in Ponsonby and I have experience in Health & Safety / Maintenance requirements in managing a property. For ten years, I was the Finance / Business Manager for Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design. You may also remember me when I filled for Marion for five months.

In my spare time I am an active godmother to eight, aunt & great aunt and a Trustee for the Ponsonby Community Centre and ArtSpace Aotearoa. I enjoy travelling to interesting countries including volunteering as an accountant in Rwanda, most sports, visual & performing arts and politics.

Around Shalom Court



Thank you for brightening our day "You are an inspiration because of your persistent, positive attitude." "Your positive attitude and hard work are what make you great!" "Thank you for having a positive attitude and a great work ethic!"

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To our Shalom Court Staff, enjoying their Christmas Celebration



Lesley Mack's garden on his terrace in fisher house



Rabbi Rube came for a visit on 10 February

Keeping Active

GAMES TIME



Thank you!

Ilalina Tamatoa and her beautiful voice and guitar playing in sing along and Thank Maxin De Jong for popping in.!

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MUSIC TIME



Learning from the past

It was a privilege to hear Leon speak to a small, intimate crowd of 25 people at shalom court on Sunday the 5th of February. He imparted just a small amount of the vast knowledge he has on WWII and specifically the Holocaust. The guest list included many second generation survivors and a couple third generation survivors (being my sister and I). The room collectively knew a lot about wartime Europe, but I think we all learnt at least a couple new facts thanks to Leon. He started by reminding us about how Hitler and the NAZI party rose to power. Then he touched on their systematic attempt to complete their 'Final Solution'. Leon told us about his parent's harrowing survival of the war, and how he himself was born in the Displaced Person camp in Lanceberg. Here is a personal connection to my family as my grandfather and Leon's father both served as policemen at the DP camp. Wouldn't it be amazing if they knew each other? Further, Freda Narev was in Lansberg DP at that same time. It's a small world.

The 45 minute talk seemed to pass by in minutes, and if it wasn't for Leon's wife gently nudging him to 'wrap it up', we easily could've remained captivated for hours listening to him. The room was invited to ask questions, some of which were even challenging about the use of definitions. For example, saying that someone 'died' in a camp, rather than was 'murdered'. Leon articulated that for many educators using softer words made it a more palatable a subject to teach to young minds. However, there is no mistaking what really happened during the Holocaust. The entire room agreed unequivocally.

Even though Leon spoke on what is the darkest part of our modern history, he remained good humoured and warm throughout his talk. It was a pleasure to be able to hear Leon. He reminded us that it is our responsibility as second and third generation survivors to 'never forget'. To be 'up standers' and not 'bystanders'. I know I will endeavour to never forget and be just that, an up stander.

Daniella Parker



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JOKE CORNER



Waiting

Two men, a Jew and a Gentile, were marooned on a desert island. The Gentile immediately got to work, dragging rocks to spell out "SOS" in huge letters on the beach, gathering driftwood to build a bonfire, and thinking about ways to build a boat.

The Jew, however, merely sat on the beach and waited.

"What's the matter with you?" the Gentile exclaimed. "Don't you want to be rescued?"

The Jew said calmly, "Look, I live in a city with a big Jewish Federation. Last year, I donated a million dollars to them. The year before, I donated a million dollars to them. This year, wherever I am, they'll find me!"

Definitions

What's the difference between a schlemiel and a schlamazel?

A schlemiel is the waiter who spills the soup on the tray as he gets to the customers' table.

A schlamazel is the hapless person who gets the soup spilled on him/her!

Telling everyone

Jewish man in his nineties goes to confession. He confesses to the priest that he is having relations with a woman in her twenties. The priest says, "But you are Jewish. Why are you telling me?" The man says, "I'm telling everybody."

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY



SYBIL



100 YEARS!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

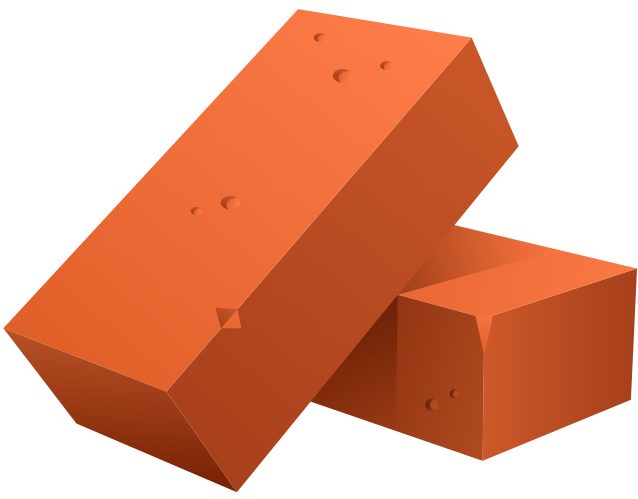


(Left) Wonderful helpers who made the Christmas celebration possible



Happy Birthday JANET





BRICK DONATIONS

For Hilda Gosling...in honour of her 101st birthday...from Dian and David Ross (101 bricks).

For Natalie Miller....wishing her a happy birthday....from Brenda Shenken (15 bricks).

For Allana Robinson....wishing her a happy birthday....from Brenda Shenken (15 bricks).

For Shelley Elkinson....wishing her a happy birthday....from Brenda Shenken (15 bricks).

For Sybil Cornell....on the occasion of her 100th birthday....from Brenda Shenken (50 bricks).

*Thank
You*

**I have found that among its
other benefits, giving
liberates the soul of the giver. .**

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